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■ A housebreaker is active in the Grosse Pointes. Police have a description and ask residents to report suspicious activity. Page 9A

■ The party's on to honor Grosse Pointe Woods volunteer commissioners. Page 3A

■ Harper Woods students will have a safer walk to school after the crosswalk at Woodland and Littlestone is given a new striping configuration and additional warning signs are put in place. Page 10A

■ The Farmer Jack on Harper at Moross will not be left vacant but replaced by a Food Basics. Page 10A

■ Regina High School students welcomed Bishop Earl Boyea to the school on Wednesday, Jan. 7. Page 10A

## WEEK AHEAD

### Saturday, Jan. 17

Harper Woods residents are invited to recreate their favorite story book characters with a free program from Arts & Scraps at the Harper Woods Public Library from 2 to 4 p.m.

### Monday, Jan. 19

City offices in Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Park, all branches of the U.S. Postal Service, and all Secretary of State offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Rubbish will be collected as scheduled in all of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Get to know your fitness profile at the Girls Fitness Night at Assumption Cultural Center at 7:30 p.m.

There will be demonstrations in aerobic dance, yoga, tai chi, pilates-like mat work and personal training. Wear comfortable clothing.

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The City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods city councils meet at their respective city halls at 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, Jan. 20

The Grosse Pointe Shores Village Council meets in the village hall at 7 p.m.

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Photo by Brad Lindberg

## Shoplifters' warehouse

Lt. James Fox, a detective with the City of Grosse Pointe, spends Sunday afternoon cataloging swag allegedly stolen from Village merchants by a family of shoplifters from Southfield. See story, Page 3A.

## Auto thefts surge in Park

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

In the past few months, the hot cars in Grosse Pointe Park have been Dodge Caravans and Intrepids and Jeep Grand Cherokees.

Of the 79 cars stolen in Grosse Pointe Park in 2003, 56 have been Chrysler products, and 47 of those 79 cars have been stolen between October and December. Four cars, three of which were Chrysler products, have been stolen out of the Park since the beginning of 2004.

The Chrysler products have been targets because that's what interviewed theft and attempted theft suspects said they've been taught to steal, according to David Hiller, public safety director.

"They" according to Hiller, have tended to be Detroit youths.

"What we're finding is that they don't want to take a bus home; they're stealing cars. Often, they ride them until they run out of gas."

Because most of the suspects are juveniles, Hiller said the Wayne County Juvenile Court has been reluctant to prosecute.

"Unless we catch them in the act, we can only charge them with possession of a stolen vehicle, and Wayne County won't take those cases," Hiller said.

In the past few weeks, the Park has stepped up patrols with plain clothes officers posted in areas and times of day with the highest theft rates. The department has also been sharing auto theft information with nearby law enforcement agencies.

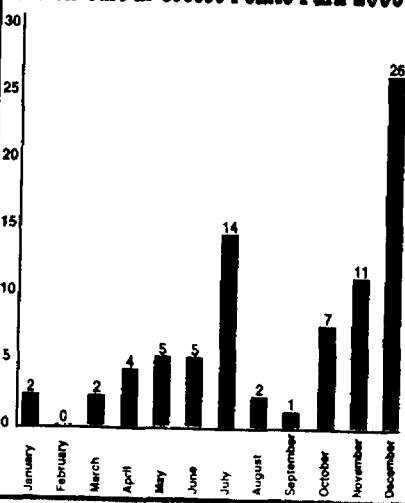
Most of the stolen vehicles have been returned to their owners.

"We've been recovering these cars within two to three days," Hiller said. "We've had a 90-plus percentage recovery rate, and we're getting these cars back with minimal damage — usually punched door locks and ignitions. At least we're not getting total strip jobs."

Hiller recommended the following tips to prevent auto thefts:

- Put your car in the garage.
- Make sure your car has an alarm system.
- Don't leave items like sporting equipment and cell phones in cars.

### Stolen Cars in Grosse Pointe Park 2003



## Special election for sinking fund tax set for March

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

The age-old conflict of the burden of taxes versus the need for revenue for services has erupted over a measure called a sinking fund supported by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education.

The measure would impose a levy of 1 mill to raise \$2.8 million for each of six years to pay for mid-range repairs such as roofs, flooring, ceilings and parking lots. At its Monday, Jan. 12 meeting, the board approved a move to call an election on the matter for Tuesday, March 16.

Residents already pay 6.7 mills for hold harmless millage, which includes 5.7 mills for a general fund and 1 mill for technology. This millage has decreased, however, since 1995 when it was 8.4 mills. Additionally, Pointers will pay 1.15 mills per year for 25 years for the \$64 million capital improvement bond passed in September 2002.

Local leaders and residents say the added tax from the sinking fund will dissuade people from moving to the Pointes. Opponents further question the millage vote being held in March when many seniors are not back from their winter homes.

Grosse Pointe board members, administrators and some residents countered these assertions by arguing the fund is essential in a climate of state budget cuts for schools and diminished local control of how to raise revenue. Grosse Pointe schools have to make mid-year budget cuts totaling \$900,000. The sinking fund is needed, they say, to maintain the excellence of Grosse Pointe schools.

At a meeting of local leaders on Thursday, Jan. 8, Grosse Pointe Park Mayor

Palmer Heenan said while he embraces the school system, the tax would dampen home values.

"I love our school system. It is one of the reasons we have such high values," he said, but then added, "If we keep raising taxes, the (home) values will eventually go down. No one can come into the community and buy."

"It is unnecessary and unwise," echoed Park resident Theresa Klaassen at the board meeting on Monday, Jan. 12. "Property values will not be sustained."

Other leaders and residents, like council member Louis Theros and Shores resident Chris Kaczanowski, say the election is a surreptitious way to get revenue, and the community will be averse to it.

"They're going to look at this as a sneak attack," Theros said.

"The timing of this is terribly wrong," said Kaczanowski.

Board members and residents say the money is needed to maintain the quality programs of schools.

"I'm very mindful of comments of not pricing ourselves out of the housing market," said board president Joan Dindoffer but then argued, "If we want to maintain a competitive edge, we want to maintain our programs. If we have to cut those programs, we won't be a destiny of choice. It's a delicate balance."

"We have cut enough. We need to be proactive in look-

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## POINTER OF INTEREST

### Susan Roubal

Home: Grosse Pointe Park

Age: 47

Family: husband, Dennis; and son, Ken

Occupation: Pastel painter, member of Grosse Pointe Artists Association

Quote: "When pros ask me what art school I went to, I say the 'Larry Blovits School of Three-Day Workshops.'"

See story, page 4A



Susan Roubal

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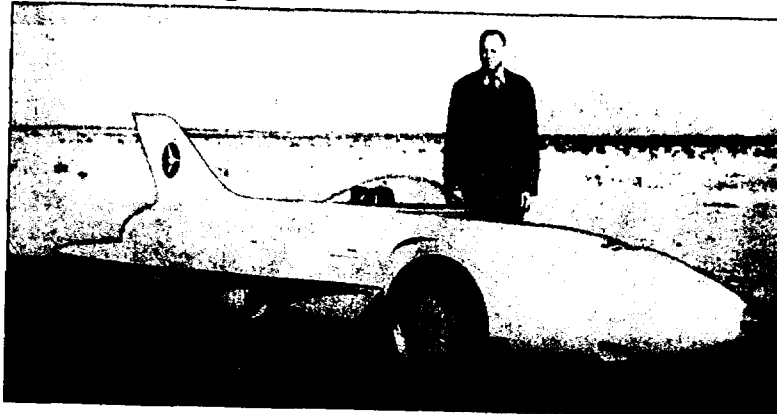
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## 50 years ago this week



## Newest creation of Pointe's genius of auto design

Harley J. Earl of Touraine Road in Grosse Pointe Farms, General Motors vice president in charge of the styling staff, stands beside the XP-21 Firebird, GM's gas turbine car. Earl designed the car's glass fiber-plastic body with a design theme inspired by the Navy's experimental fighter aircraft, the Skyray. The first gas turbine car in the United States, the Firebird was built to test commercial possibilities of turbine power in a ground vehicle. Earl also created the LeSabre, a familiar sight on Pointe streets after being on exhibition all over the world. (From the Jan. 14, 1954 Grosse Pointe News.)

## yesterday's headlines

## 50 years ago this week

■ The toughest sentences ever meted out for cigarette smuggling in Michigan are handed to six members of a criminal ring headed by a 41-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man. He got three to five years in prison.

Members of his gang received two-year sentences from Recorder's Court Judge Paul Krause.

Krause says the ring is the same one caught in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1951, which didn't make a bit of difference, as they kept right on working.

■ School Board President Bert Wicking turns the first spadeful of earth at the site of long-awaited groundbreaking for the auditorium-gymnasium at Grosse Pointe High School.

Student David Belfore turns the second shovel of dirt. Superintendent Dr. James Bushong attends the ceremony.

■ The fifth of the stained-

glass windows to be installed in the nave of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods will be dedicated this Sunday by the rector, the Rev. Edgar H. Yeoman.

This window is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bennett, in memory of her parents, Charles Mervine Mumford and his wife, Margaret Isabella. It was designed by the Willet Standard Glass Company of Philadelphia.

## 25 years ago this week

■ "The Tower," Grosse Pointe South High School's top-ranked student newspaper, wins the Pacemaker award for the second consecutive year.

The award is given to the nation's best weekly high school newspaper.

■ Cottage Hospital administrators order a new roof for the old nurses residence at 158 Ridge Road while awaiting state approval to spend up to \$500,000 to renovate the building in Grosse Pointe Farms for office use.

■ Donations by the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club allow resumption of "Operation Identification" in Grosse Pointe Park.

With the arrival of new etching equipment provided by Rotarians and local branches of National Bank of Detroit, police can etch numbers on valuables and appliances for ready identification in the event of burglary or theft.

## 10 years ago this week

■ Claiming that he is unemployed and needs money, a 21-year-old Detroit man explains in District Court why he accepted an offer to steal campaign signs of Grosse Pointe Park municipal Judge Kirsten Frank.

The defendant and a partner admit being offered \$150 for every 100 signs stolen. Both defendants are found guilty. Each are sentenced to pay \$300.37 in fines and restitution.

■ Grosse Pointes' state representative William Bryant Jr., a Republican, criticizes Michigan's school financing process that does away with the funding

mechanism involving property taxes.

"It's a nightmare," Bryant tells the Eastside Republican Club. "Our communities exist because of our schools. Without that, property values will go down."

■ The Grosse Pointe school system continues its quest to become the first public entity in the Pointes to broadcast its board meetings on cable television.

"We think (broadcasting meetings will promote) greater citizen participation and awareness of what is going on in the school district," says Joe Callahan, a Grosse Pointe Shores resident and spokesman for a citizens group, Concerned Citizens of Grosse Pointe, advocating broadcasts.

## 5 years ago this week

■ Members of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club present a detailed plan of the proposed harbor expansion.

Facing the prospect of a facility having crumbling seawalls, fairways that are hard to navigate and old-fashioned boat slips that are difficult to reach with emergency vehicles, Jim Anderson, chairman of the club's harbor modernization committee, displays a photograph of the Detroit Boat Club on Belle Isle.

He asks, "See what happens when you don't take care of what you have?"

■ According to SEMCOG's demographer, the Grosse Pointes can expect their populations to decline by 6 to 8 percent during the 1990s.

"The decline is the result of demographic factors that have been happening for decades," says SEMCOG's Jeff Nutting. "Factors include decline in birthrate, aging of the baby boomer population" and a strong economy that allowed singles to move from renting to home owning faster than in previous years."

■ The community's public safety departments deploy officers to clear snow from around fire hydrants.

If last week's 10 inches of snow isn't kept away from hydrants, officers could be delayed hooking up hoses in response to a fire.

— Brad Lindberg

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## School board adopts policy on library board vacancies

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe school board passed a new policy for library board appointments at its Monday, Jan. 12, meeting that will open up the selection process as well as give board members more control over it.

In the past, library board members screened and nominated library appointments. School board members appointed the library board members, but there was no direction regarding the selection process. Under the new policy, vacancies will be posted in the library and newspaper, and the board of education will announce candidates and after reviewing their qualifications, select the right ones.

Library board president John Bruce said the policy

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change was beneficial.

"We can make it more open," he said. "I think it's a good policy, and we will try and make it work."

Residents and board members expressed support for the policy change. "This comes closest to accountability to voters," said Woods resident Ann Kondak. "I commend the school board for meeting this responsibility."

"Our interest is to make this as open as is possible," said board member Jack Ryan.

## School tax

From page 1A

ing for additional revenue," said Farms resident Pat Burke. "If the sinking fund can help us, then I'm all for it."

In a presentation at the board meeting, Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business affairs and support services, said the March election date is important for planning purposes with respect to staff layoffs, curriculum changes

and budget organization. Board members say they do not take the issue of higher taxes lightly, and only after much wrangling did they decide to pursue the idea of a sinking fund.

"No one likes to raise taxes. We have been very good stewards of the beautiful old buildings, but they have to be maintained," said board member Jack Ryan. "The buildings need these funds."

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## Going to Disney World!

Twenty-eight sleeps. That's how our nieces track time until an important event. In this case, it is our annual spring trip to Disney World.

For those who don't know, 28 sleeps means we leave in four weeks. Using sleeps is the best idea of keeping time I ever heard.

If you tell someone you are leaving in four weeks, what does that mean? Do you include today in that count? Or the day you leave, which really isn't a day because you've already left?

As we count down the sleeps, we know that with one sleep left, we will be leaving for Florida when we

wake up! How cool is that?

Of course, they are already asking for an itinerary. We are not sure when we began making itineraries. We did it as a way to get the kids excited. In fact, the kids' mother, who used to go with us to Florida before she in turn had kids that we take to Florida, used to say that counting the days, the anticipation, was a big part of the fun. Now her kids, our nieces, agree.

Day one we leave work early and drive to Florence, Ky., just south of Cincinnati and visit my brother, his wife and their daughter, another niece. We have dinner with them and spend the night.

The next day, we drive to Atlanta, stay at a Courtyard by Marriott in Marietta and have dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse next door.

Day three is an easy,



**I Say**  
John Minnis

eight-hour drive to Orlando. We can't get in our condo until 4 p.m.; so we'll probably celebrate Mass at Mary, Queen of the Universe Catholic Shrine first.

The next day, the first full day in Orlando, is

devoted to the Magic Kingdom from opening to about 3 p.m. We have to do it's a Small World first. It's a rule. After the Magic Kingdom is pool time for the kids, sunbathing for Aunt Terry and golf for Uncle John.

The next day is MGM, Tower of Terror, Aerosmith Rockin' Roller Coaster and the 1950s Prime Time Cafe. Those who have had lunch with "Mother" and the cousins know what I'm talking about. Elbows off the

table!

Day three at Disney will be at the Magic Kingdom with a light lunch of chicken tenders (do they eat anything else?) at the Rainforest Cafe there. (It's usually not as crowded as the Downtown Disney restaurant.)

More golf in the afternoon and fine dining in the evening. It gives the kids a chance to dress up before eating their, you guessed it, chicken tenders.

Day four is an off day, devoted to the Belz Outlets Mall and more pool time, sunbathing and, you guessed it, golf.

We finish up the Disney experience with Epcot. It is the kids' least favorite, but we force them to do it. Of course, with "Honey I Shrunk

the Audience," Mission: SPACE, Body Wars and Test Track, there's plenty to get sick on.

Then the aunt and uncle get to circle the World Showcase. We especially like the Japanese pavilion for shopping, sushi and tempura.

We always see the "American Adventure" at the U.S. pavilion, but I'm not sure whether I've ever stayed awake for the whole thing.

On the last night, we make our final visit to Downtown Disney and go somewhere fun to eat. We try not to get too down. Then we have two grueling days up I-75 with every other family from Michigan.

We get home exhausted, but it's worth it. See you there!

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# The Op-Ed Page



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

## Streetwise

### Question of the Week:

With the North American International Auto Show in town, what is your dream car?



Eric Krefeld

"A Mazda Miata, because it's little and sporty."  
Eric Krefeld  
City of Grosse Pointe



Richard Roberge

"I'd like to have that new Ford Thunderbird convertible. It's sleek, powerful and makes a statement."  
Richard Roberge  
Grosse Pointe Park



Dave Nierman

"A brand new Grand Prix GTX. It's an all-around good car, and you get what you pay for."  
Dave Nierman  
Royal Oak



Bruce Bargo

"The Hummer 2. I was in the military, and I'd like to have the civilian version."  
Bruce Bargo  
Eastpointe



Ann Cobau

"A Corvette. It's sporty, fast, and it's not a mini-van."  
Ann Cobau  
Grosse Pointe Farms



Jamie Flanagan

"A Ferrari. I love fast, Italian sports cars."  
Jamie Flanagan  
City of Grosse Pointe

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)

## fyi

by Ben Burns

### News hit

My mother-in-law, Betty Hall, sent along this "Puppy Training Tip" during the holidays:

"A rolled up newspaper can be an effective tool when used properly. For example, if your puppy chews something or has a housetraining accident, take the rolled up newspaper and hit yourself on the head as you repeat this phrase, 'I wasn't watching my puppy.' This is the only time a rolled up newspaper should be used in training. If your puppy laughs at you when you do this, praise him."

She appended the question: "Are you going to try this, Ben?"

I'm afraid it really doesn't apply. My puppy is 3 years old and weighs 125 pounds and would probably take the rolled up newspaper away from me. Besides, being inordinately tall, I limit myself to hitting my head on doorways.

### Surprise gift

Steve McMillan, who is sort of a Rotarian's Rotarian, has been hosting a foreign exchange student, Felix Johnk, from Hamburg, Germany, these past months in his Park home. On Christmas Eve, which is when most Europeans open gifts, Felix wished his mother, Cornelia, and brother, Stefan, a "Merry Christmas" by telephone.

Then Mrs. Johnk surprised Stefan with an additional gift in Hamburg — a small box containing a toy airplane, his passport and an airline ticket to visit his brother in America. The pair got on a plane and headed to the United States.

Since McMillan and his family run a big office furniture store in Royal Oak, whose motto is "Taking Care of Unfurnished Business," Steve has access to large boxes.

So on Dec. 26, Steve and his wife, Sharon, announced to Felix, who goes to South, that there was one more gift in the garage that they hadn't had time to wrap.

When Felix opened the giant box it contained Cornelia and Stefan, as a giant gift imported directly from Germany. Lest you think the German visitors spent the night in the box, they only spent two or three minutes as they were alerted by cell phone.

McMillan's children, Alex, 14, and Peter, 12,



German exchange student Felix Johnk got quite a surprise from his host family, Steve and Sharon McMillan of Grosse Pointe Park. When Felix opened his big, wrapped Christmas present, inside were his mother and brother all the way from Germany.

were armed with a camera and a video camera to record the big surprise.

Rotary Clubs around the world sponsor about 8,000 exchange students a year to live and study abroad to promote peace and international understanding by exposing 16- to 18-year-olds to different cultures.

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# School tax request begs questions

Last September, voters in the Grosse Pointe Public School System approved 1.15 mills for 25 years to pay for a \$64 million capital improvement bond. In March, taxpayers will be asked to approve another mill for smaller improvements.

If voters approve in a special election March 16 a 1-mill levy for six years, the school district will have an additional \$2.8 million a year for a so-called sinking fund to pay for smaller, or mid-range, capital improvements, such as roofs, parking lots, ceilings and flooring within the school district.

Some municipal leaders, including Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer Heenan, fear the schools are going to tax the Pointes out of the market for home buyers and owners, who would seek lower taxes in other communities.

# Opinion

The schools argue that, since Proposal A, they are not only living on a fixed income but also a shrinking one. State mid-year budget cuts will cost the district nearly \$1 million (\$900,000) this year.

However, one could argue, why didn't the school board include these repairs in its \$64 million capital improvement plans? Perhaps scaled-down performing arts or other non-essential facilities could have paid for these mid-range repairs.

We are sure the school district and board members had good reasons why they planned things the way they did, and we don't doubt the need for or their sincerity of their decisions.

But that does not mean hard questions cannot be asked. Are we taxing ourselves out of the housing market? Are we making the Pointes a less

desirable place to live, tax-wise? Is the school district's belt tightened as much as it could be? Can these repairs be deferred?

As Mayor Heenan and other city leaders point out, they work hard to keep costs down. Their goal is to provide more services with fewer tax dollars. Sure they would like to pass a millage for many projects around their cities, but they know that would not be the fiscally responsible thing to do.

We love our schools. When told about the latest millage request by the schools, one resident said, "Great. They deserve it. People will vote for it."

There is the threat though, as we warned following passage of Proposal A, that all the property tax savings we realized then could be eaten up

over the years by many small taxes.

These small taxes include those for Wayne County parks and jail taxes, a Wayne County Community College District millage and the intermediate school district.

The school district maintains that its tax rate has been reduced since Proposal A from 8.4 mills to a current 6.7 mills. But the tax was rolled back due to rising property values, not the generosity of the school board.

Also included in school taxes is 1 mill for technology. Add to that the 1.15 mills passed in 2002 and another 1 mill if passed by voters in March, then school district taxpayers will be paying 8.85 mills for schools.

Heenan and others also question the need for a special election in March when a regular school board election is scheduled for June.

Critics say a March election means many seniors, who traditionally object to school taxes, will not be back from their winter homes and therefore not be here to vote. The school district says it needs the earlier vote in order to plan the budget.

The schools may very well need the money, but taxpayers have to decide how much is enough.

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## Library board more open

It is still not a directly elected library board, but it is the next best thing.

The school board, which used to be the library board before the library was spun off, will now take a more direct approach to appointing library board members.

In the past, the library board came up with its own nominees to fill vacancies and forwarded them to the school board. Without having been part of the selection process, the school board had little choice but to rubber-stamp the library board's recommendations.

But it has become apparent that the library board, with a 1.6-mill levy and a \$3.1 million budget, is a major spender of tax dollars and should be accountable to voters.

Because of the complexities of the school district's initial ownership and then oversight of the libraries, it appears that direct election of library board members may require action by

the state Legislature.

If that is the case, then we think state Rep. Ed Gaffney should be looking into such a move, if he isn't already doing so.

Barring direct election, the school board's policy adopted last Monday night is a good measure. Under the policy, the school board will solicit candidates for library board openings and will interview the candidates before making appointments.

This will at least prevent the appearance of the library board being a self-perpetuating body. Further, since school board members are directly elected, they become responsible should voters decide the libraries are not being run as they should.

All in all, it seems to be a good move by the school board and the library board, which also favors the policy. We commend Library Board President John Bruce for his farsighted backing of the policy.



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## Party on in the Woods

Patricia Chylinski and new members to the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council made a good first step in controlling city costs. They cut the cost of the city's annual party for volunteers in half.

The city had originally projected \$11,387 for the annual party at the Hunt Club. With 40 percent of the 320 people on the guest list expected to attend, that equates to \$88.96 a plate. The tab included smoked salmon, hors d'oeuvres, a sumptuous meal, pastries and premium booze.

The scaled down party, led by Chylinski, will cost the city about \$5,165 and will feature appetizers, a full menu and well brands of alcohol. The guest list was pared to 226, and with 90 percent expected to attend, the cost per plate would be "only" \$57.38.

We congratulate Chylinski and the new council members who had the courage to question the expenditure of the party. They merely did what businesses have done for the past several years during the slow economic times.

Many holiday parties were cut completely at businesses throughout southeast Michigan and the nation. The parties were simply extravaganzas the companies could not afford — no matter how valued their employees and vendors.

Another trend in business is to ban

alcohol from all parties, but for more reasons than just cost. The liability of company-sanctioned alcohol consumption is just too great, not to mention the fear of someone getting injured in a traffic accident as a result.

One would think the city also would be mindful of the consequences of mixing municipal business and alcohol.

True, volunteers are the backbone of the city and many organizations. Nowhere is this more true than in the schools, but you don't see the school district feting its volunteers with Stoli or Chivas.

We were also dismayed with the criticism we received for merely reporting the debate aired over the party last week. In the news story, we offered no opinion. We simply quoted much of what was said.

But some council members did not like the way their and others' quotes "sounded." They said it sounded as if they did not appreciate the volunteers.

We do not think that is the way the news story "sounded." On the contrary, we think the debate was a healthy one about fiscal restraint. It really had little to do with volunteers.

Anytime we or fellow citizens are criticized for questioning tax dollar spending, no matter how small, then we are all in serious trouble.

And if volunteers are merely doing it for the free meal and a drink, then get them gift certificates.

from Kenya that the well had been successfully drilled. There is now fresh water flowing throughout the entire 10-acre school campus. Everyone is overjoyed! This water will enable hundreds more children to be brought to the safety of this miraculous school.

Many more current and former Grosse Pointers gave generously of their time and resources to make this dream a reality for these children. Asante sana (thank you very much in Swahili) for your belief and support of this effort to truly make a difference for these children and this community.

I couldn't be more proud of my community.

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## Yoga class is beneficial

To the Editor:

I knew that sooner or later after I spotted Margie Smith in yoga class at Mason Elementary School, I would see an article in the Grosse Pointe News about the class.

I read her observations in her I Say column of Dec. 11, "Yoga For Dummies."

While I have to agree with some of her perceptions of the class, I must also look back to my first experience with yoga some 20 years ago.

It was in the first class that I took at Mason that I met teacher Ann Ingalls, a kindergarten teacher by trade.

We met in Mason's library because there was another function taking place in the

gym. The lights were low and her first words were "let us begin."

There was no introduction, no explanation. We simply did yoga as she demonstrated the breathing and poses. There was no judgment and no commentary about students on their performance.

In subsequent weeks we moved to the gym which was darkened. I could not get enough of this class.

After Ann suffered a broken ankle, Lorraine Sowersby took over the class. Her style was similar to Ann's. She was soft spoken and did not make judgments about students' stances.

Recently I learned that she felt that her age kept her from demonstrating postures that would be beneficial to class members. She did not sign up to teach the fall 2003 semester of yoga for Grosse Pointe Community Schools.

I, however, signed on the line for Tuesday nights at Mason.

What I encountered was a teacher much as described in the column. She was young. She was slender. She did not demonstrate all of the asanas. She touched us during practice. The room was not dark. She provided Eastern music during relaxation.

I was not used to her style. At the end of the evening, however, I appreciated her yoga benedictions. The next day I felt the benefit of our practice. (And I slept well on Tuesday nights.)

What does all of this add up to? I will sign up for a new yoga course in January, and of course, I will still ask my husband to pick up carryouts from Big Boy or

National Coney Island after class on Tuesday nights.

Yes, I am starving too, but I hope to see Margie in Mason's gym in the New Year.

Karen McLeod  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## More moderates needed in D.C.

To the Editor:

My patriotic pride in our military for the capture of Saddam Hussein has given way to concern for the future of our federal courts.

I believe that Al Gore's unwise endorsement of Howard Dean could lead to a Bush landslide in 2004, including capture by the Republicans of enough Senate seats to assure approval of dogmatic right wing federal judges.

American government seems to work best when it is divided — Republicans controlling part and Democrats the rest.

When one party controls the presidency and both houses of Congress (as in the Lyndon Johnson era), there is a probability of bad results.

After the 2004 election, it is quite possible that a Republican Senate may confirm such troglodytes as Priscilla Owens, Charles Pickering and Miguel Estrada as Bush appointees to our federal courts.

Even more seriously would be the prospect of the elevation of conservative ideologues in the following years to Supreme Court vacancies.

There's a good reason why such individuals have not been confirmed by the Senate during Bush's first

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### Community generosity

I graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1978 (and Brownell in 1974). In 2003, I came back to my community with a

request for help in funding a project to build a plumbing system and drill a water well at a school in the remote town of Molo, Kenya.

You responded with incredible enthusiasm. I would like to specifically

thank the students, teachers, administrators and parents at Brownell Middle School (Jar Wars 2003) and the Grosse Pointe News for helping to make this possible.

On Dec. 15, we got word



Angela Kenyon arranges photographs for the Presidents Gallery in the landing of the rear stairway at Grosse Pointe Shores village hall. Photo by Brad Lindberg

## Calling all Shores presidents

By Brad Lindberg

Angela Kenyon, defacto curator of the presidents portrait gallery at Grosse Pointe Shores Village Hall, has some empty frames to fill.

Of the village's 13 presidents who have held office since the Shores charter was passed in 1911, Kenyon has accumulated nine portraits for the photo display.

A search for images of the Shores first four top officeholders has come up short.

"I've been looking for the past three or four years," said Kenyon, the village's

executive administrative assistant.

She's published requests for photographs in "Shorelines," the community's monthly newsletter. She's posted notices on the village cable television channel. She's mentioned the need at village council meetings.

"I've tried Wayne County death records — nothing," she said.

Kenyon's wish list includes:

- George Osius, the village's first president who served from 1911 to when

the community was incorporated in 1927. Shores' municipal park is named in Osius' honor;

- Fred Behr, 1928 to 1931;

- Clarence White, 1931 to 1939;

- Clarence Campbell, 39 to 43.

If someone has a photo, Kenyon said the village would like to copy it — at no cost to the donor.

"We'll have a professional duplicate it at our expense," she said. The donated image will be returned.

## Southfield trio keeps shoplifting all in family

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A clan of shoplifters wound up hanging their Christmas stockings from the food slot of a jail cell.

But the only holiday tidings they received from Grosse Pointe merchants was good riddance.

City of Grosse Pointe police caught the trio in the Village during the buildup to the holiday shopping season. Suspects include Veda Renee Dickerson, 49, of Southfield and her 16-year-old, runaway daughter.

Also arrested was Detroit resident Shanniqua Nivoka McGowan, the 19-year-old girlfriend of Dickerson's son. All suspects have criminal histories.

During a hearing Dec. 29 in City Municipal Court, Judge Russell Ethridge found sufficient evidence to have the defendants tried in Wayne County Circuit Court. Dickerson, whom police called a habitual offender with arrests dating to 1972, couldn't post Ethridge's \$10,000 cash bond.

Ethridge denied requests from about five of Dickerson's friends to reduce the bond. Until she posts the money, she'll await trial in Wayne County Jail. McGowan, who has one prior conviction, was freed on \$500 cash bond.

It took a while for police to learn the 16-year-old had escaped from a juvenile facility.

"When we finally got the truth out of her, we sent her back to the County Youth Home," said Lt. James Fox, a City detective. "That's where she is now."

At about noon Friday, Dec. 12, police arrested the trio. A store clerk had recognized them from an alleged shoplifting the preceding Wednesday. Three coats worth a total \$2,494 were stolen.

The next evening, Saturday, Dec. 13, officers raided Dickerson's Southfield apartment.

"Closets were full of clothes," Fox said. Fox and fellow officers entered the apartment upon Ethridge's signing a search warrant.

Police said they recovered scores of items traced to at least four Village stores and boutiques.

Fox spent most of the following Sunday afternoon in a back room of police headquarters inventorying recovered clothing. Dresses, skirts, blouses, shoes and handbags were spread on a large wooden conference table. An overflow of loot hung from coat racks, mirror frames and a portable easel normally used to illustrate briefings.

Fox logged a size-10 \$198 red suit, \$54 black leather gloves, size-six gray sweater dress, numerous pairs of shoes fitted with stiletto heels, mostly size nine. There was a copper-colored sleeveless sweater dress, a suede skirt, tan leather purse, \$159 brown leather

jeans, linen and designer perfume.

"They admitted they try to steal approximately \$10,000 in clothes per week," Fox said. "They either sell it to friends or a fence."

Fox said Dickerson recently served a nine-year prison term for retail fraud.

"She's kind of hardened," Fox said. "The 19-year-old (McGowan) has been involved with drugs, unarmed robberies and retail fraud."

Fox couldn't detail the daughter's record because she's a juvenile.

The trio's arrest caused a logjam during a busy preholiday weekend at cramped City police headquarters. While awaiting arraignment, the mother was detained in one of the City's two holding cells. A man arrested on unrelated shoplifting charges occupied the other cell.

McGowan was transferred to the Grosse Pointe Park jail. Her daughter was sent downtown to county juvenile authorities.

Fox hopes to seize Dickerson's red Ford Explorer under Michigan's forfeiture statute against using vehicles for ongoing criminal enterprises.

"The mother has a very long criminal history," Fox said. "We were happy to get her off the streets and protect our merchants. If they charge her with habitual fourth degree she's looking at life."

## The party's on! Woods council scales down menu, guest list

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

The party's on for Grosse Pointe Woods volunteer commissioners.

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council voted unanimously at a committee of the whole meeting on Monday, Jan. 12, to hold the city's Commission Appreciation Reception on Feb. 6.

The council unanimously passed a motion that would shave \$5,165 off the anticipated \$11,387 party budget.

"We did this by cutting back on the menu and eliminating some guests," said Councilwoman Patricia Chylinski.

Partygoers won't be nibbling on smoked salmon, barbecue meatballs, pasta, buffalo wings and pastries, nor will they be downing those edibles with premium liquor and coffee. However, the council decided to keep Swedish meatballs, sesame chicken, crab stuffed mushrooms, mini quiches, sea scallops, ham and asparagus rolls, fruit, cheese, vegetables and shrimp on the menu. The premium liquor drinks will be replaced with regular liquor drinks.

The valet service and coat check will remain on the city's tab.

Also, former city council members, administrators, attorneys and staff will not be getting invitations to this year's party in a move that cuts the guest list from 320 to 226 invitees.

A suggestion made at the council's Jan. 5 meeting to not invite members of the Beautification Commission, which hosts a party to honor beautification award recipients, was not considered.

"The night of that event, most of the commission members pay attention to details such as greeting guests, running the slide projector, coordinating the show and presenting awards," said Beautification Commission member Lisa Gaglio, who attended the council's work session. "We are not guests of that (Beautification

Commission) party; we're the workers."

Gaglio added the Beautification Commission raised about \$2,400 of the \$3,036 spent on last year's award reception held at the Lochmoor Club through its annual flower sale held in May.

Chylinski, who presented the motion to scale back on party plans, said the council had to hold a party since the city already had a contract with the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club to hold the party.

"There are changes that are happening, and the party has not been discontinued," Chylinski said. "Some people think we're micromanaging, but there are different attitudes about how things need to be done."

"My position is not to get rid of parties or to make them seedy parties; I'm just trying to make them man-

ageable and reasonable," Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos Howle said.

Councilman Darryl Spicher, who backed the move to explore party spending priorities last week, commented on an informal survey in which Councilwoman Vicki Granger polled cities in and out of the Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods area on how they honor their volunteers.

"We were by far the most extravagant," Spicher said.

Council members Dona DeSantis Reynolds and Allen Dickinson said they were offended by the way last week's council discussion of the Commission Appreciation Reception and other city parties were portrayed in the Grosse Pointe News.

Reynolds, who voted last week to discuss alternatives to throwing the budgeted

\$10,700 party at a work session, said, "I read that article and was very offended by it, and I wondered how many volunteers were offended by it. Volunteers are important. Volunteers are our back bone. We need to honor them for what they do."

"I think irresponsible statements were made on the floor that gave a false impression of how our city is being run," Dickinson said. "In all my years on the Tree Commission, (I've felt) if we didn't have all that work on the Tree Commission to select the tree sites, put on a tree sale, and put on the memorial tree program, then city employees would have to be doing that."

"I'm hopeful the new council members, once they attend some of these commission meetings and

become familiar with what they do, will soften their views on what these people contribute. Our city has benefited so much by the work of these commissions."

Dickinson did not support last week's motion to consid-

er alternatives to the commission party as originally presented.

Mayor Robert Novitke and Granger reserved comments on the party issue at the committee of the whole meeting.

### Points about the Pointes

The GP Woods Party Fund...how about using the money to make our pool more accessible?

Last year, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council approved spending in the neighborhood of \$30,000 for parties. The parties included a Holiday party for the staff, a Beautification Commission Awards Dinner and a City Commission/Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Council member Patty Chylinski protested the volunteer party spending, ultimately being the only Council member to vote against the spending and not attending last year's party.

Fast forward a year to last Monday's Council meeting. Now, Patty has company on the "party pooper" list. New Council member Lisa Howle questioned the party spending, suggesting they be scaled back to save our tax dollars.

As a taxpayer, I appreciate Patty and Lisa's efforts to cut back on this spending. There are far better places to spend our tax dollars and other equally appreciative ways to say "thank you" to our hard working staff and volunteers.

How about if we take a few years worth of party money and spend it on making the Park pool accessible with some dignity to our often forgotten residents with special needs?

Put yourself in the shoes of the senior dad who needs a helping hand from his daughter or the mom of the special needs teenage boy who just isn't going to be welcome with mom in the Ladies Locker Room. A few mini "Family" Locker Rooms much like the family restrooms smart businesses are installing would help make our pool accessible to ALL of our residents without embarrassment and not just to those of us who have been blessed with good health.

Block party style appreciation parties in our Community Center with appreciative residents bringing a dish or non-alcoholic drink would allow ALL of us (and not just a chosen few) to say "thank you" to our volunteering neighbors without using any of our tax dollars.

I have a feeling that the very people for whom the parties are being given would be the first ones to say, "Let's make our City better for everyone" instead of "Let's party". After all, that's why they volunteer and work to beautify our City as hard as they do in the first place!

...Ahmed Ismail (ahmed.ismail@comcast.net)

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# From radiology to painting: Park native is inspiration

By Michael Shelton  
Staff Writer

In a short amount of time, Susan Roubal has gone from an amateur pastel painter to winning an honorable mention in the Pastel Journal 100.

"The list includes the top 3 percent of pastel artists in the world," the Grosse Pointe Park native said.

"It was a picture my brother, Michael Neiger, took at his solo camping trip to the Arctic Circle. To even make the 100 was incredible."

What's even more incredible is that she accomplished this a few years after rheumatoid arthritis forced her early retirement from pediatric radiology.

"Radiology was very hard for me to give up, but my talents weren't totally wasted," Roubal said. "I had to pay attention to detail, and it shows in my work."

Her works have won recognition from the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, the Detroit Society of Women Painters, and the Great Lakes Pastel Society.

"I paint because I need to paint," she said. "There's always something I can learn."

Roubal considers herself a colorist, realist, and expressionist.

"I'm all about the intensity of color and expressing what I feel about on a landscape or view," she said.

Born in Petoskey and raised in Marquette, Roubal said she had a lifelong interest in art, but it took a backseat to her other passion.

"When I was younger, I had an absolute drive to be a physician," she said.

Roubal graduated with honors from Northern Michigan, majoring in premed.

"Roubal then started as an intern at Lansing General Hospital and eventually moved up to a position in the ER."

"I would look at all the X-rays from all the centers. If I saw anything suspicious, I would send it back to the radiologist," Roubal said. "I

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would look forward to getting feedback."

She then teamed up with her friend Betty Wei to open their own urgent care center in Lansing; the Delta Medical Center.

"We went from interns to learning how to set up a business," Roubal said. "We were interviewing people and ordering equipment. It was exciting."

Roubal admits there were rough times, but the business eventually expanded to include three more centers.

Today, Roubal remains one of nine owners of the Delta firm.

But she eventually grew bored and decided to try something new.

"I was offered a spot in a new radiology residency, so I went back to school," Roubal said.

After attending Michigan State University from 1988-92, Roubal served a 1 1/2 year fellowship at Children's Hospital in Detroit.

"It was perfect. It was detail-oriented and challenging and very intellectual," she said.

She was then hired as a full-time pediatric radiologist at Children's Hospital in 1993.

"What I ended up specializing in was neuro and body imaging," Roubal said.

"I interpreted the images, did interventions, and helped diagnose congenital defects and cancers of the body."

She also detected child abuse and sometimes appeared in court to testify, which she felt very strong about.

She credits the resiliency of the kids at the hospital for inspiring her.

"The kids were amazing," Roubal said. "I really loved the job. But it was also very stressful."

In 1993, just as she was hired, Roubal was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis.

It is defined in the dictionary as a chronic disease marked by stiffness and

inflammation of the joints, weakness, loss of mobility and deformity.

"I started having problems in my hand. At first I could handle it," she said. "The mental and emotional stress is what provoked relapses."

After periods of difficulty, the disease finally caught up to Roubal in 1998 and confined her to a wheelchair.

She then made a choice to give up her job at Children's, a choice she says was pretty devastating.

"I couldn't walk, use my hands, or hold a book. It was really difficult," Roubal said. "But I chose health over money."

Slowly, but surely, she started to recover.

Roubal would be steroid dependent for seven years, but then she started taking the bio-engineered drug Embrel.

"I've been on all kinds of medications, but Embrel was a miracle," she said. "I would take injections twice a week."

Eventually, she regained control of her body and freedom from the wheelchair.

"Slowly, I learned to manage my health and listen to my body," Roubal said. "I started taking yoga classes and water aerobics, which helped my flexibility."

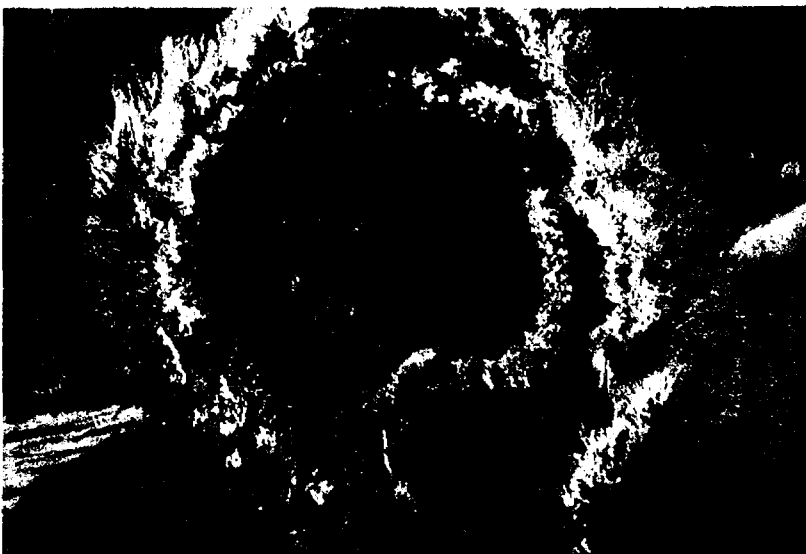
Even though she was back on her feet, she still wasn't well enough to endure the stress and rigors of being a radiologist.

Roubal said she needed something else to fill the void, and she would find it her other passion.

In 2000, Roubal attended an arts exhibit at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and saw a painting that she said changed her life.

"I saw a picture by Chuck Bigalo. I remember looking at that and saying 'That's what I want to do,'" Roubal said.

Pastel painting involves using a pencil-like stick comprised of pigment powder combined with a binding



One of Susan Roubal's best works, "53 Below," won her an honorable mention in the Pastel Journal 100. The image came from a photo her brother, Michael Neiger, took while camping near the Arctic Circle.

agent, or oil.

The paintings are comprised on paper with a strong grit, such as art sandpaper, which holds the pastel intensely without having to dry.

It wasn't long before Roubal started attending a series of three day workshops with professional pastelist Larry Blovits.

"My first painting was a calendar page, and it turned out beautifully," she said. "I thought to myself, this is not a fluke."

She took one challenge after another, painting likenesses of animals, an Indian woman, and even her own son, Ken. Her quick learning and early success surprised even herself.

"I went from zero knowledge to where I am today," Roubal said.

Then Blovits invited her to attend another workshop, in Umbria, Italy. It was then that she realized, pastel painting was to be her vocation.

"I loved the light, the atmosphere, and the food was just incredible," she said.

"We spent a lot of time going to these ancient cities, and the landscapes there

really got my interest."

Roubal turned to the rugged landscapes of Michigan's upper peninsula, and Canada for some of her later works.

She says that southern France would be next on her list of visits.

Overtime, Roubal was rewarded for her hard work and passion.

She received 1st place awards at art fairs sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, the Midland Center for the Arts, and the "Art on the Rocks" fair.

She would usually beat out competitors that were directors of art schools or chairmen of university art departments.

"I was a little intimidated, but my artwork seems to hold its own," she said.

"When pros ask me what art school I went to, I just say the 'Larry Blovits School of Three-Day Workshops.'"

Roubal is currently attending classes up in Mt. Clemens with Romeo pastelist August Gloss.

She remains involved with the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, which her husband Dennis, a certified financial planner,

serves as president.

"We've gone to a group that has a new exhibit a month. We also have classes and a really busy schedule of art events," she said. "Artists can now have individual shows and sponsored shows."

The association is planning to hold its annual fair out on the Hill this summer, and Roubal is preparing an exhibition that will take place in June.

Also this summer, her son Ken will graduate from Grosse Pointe South and head up to Northern Michigan University.

Roubal and her husband will then follow suit and move back up to Marquette, the place she has called home for so long.

But she will not forget the memories and friends she gained during her 10 year stay in Grosse Pointe Park.

"We have a huge network of friends that we'll really miss, but I'll always come back for the art festivals," she said.

For more information on the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, call Susan MacDonald at (313) 343-0327.



## Justice Markman to speak to Eastside Republicans

Stephen Markman, justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, will be the featured speaker at the Eastside Republican Club Forum on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"We invite the public to attend and hear a synopsis of current issues before the Michigan Supreme Court," said Ed Joseph, chairman of the Eastside Republican Club. "Justice Markman will bring his personal insights

on the workings of the court."

Markman is the 103rd Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. He was appointed in 1999 and reelected in 2000. Prior to serving on the Michigan

Supreme Court, Markman served as judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals. He was elected to the Court of Appeals in 1996 and 1998. Markman has an extensive record of public service. He served as U.S. attorney in Michigan from 1989 to 1993 pursuant to nomination by President George W. Bush.

In his position, he was responsible for one of the largest federal prosecutor's offices in the country. His office received national attention for his efforts in combating violent street crime and public corruption.

Markman previously served as an assistant attorney general of the U.S. under President Ronald Reagan.

In his position, Markman headed the Justice Department's Office of Legal Policy.

Markman also served as chief counsel of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution, and as a deputy Chief Counsel of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee.

He has also been in private practice with the law firm Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone in Detroit.

Markman is a professor of constitutional law at Hillsdale College. He also serves as a Fellow of the Michigan Bar Foundation, a Master of the Bench of the American Inns of Court, and a member of the One Hundred Club. He is a frequent speaker at youth and civic organizations throughout Michigan. He coaches Little League baseball and basketball. He is married to Mary Kathleen. They have two children, James and Charles.

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A pair of sapphire and diamond earrings valued at \$1,000, several silver dollars, and a coffee can full of pennies went missing from a house in the 1100 block of North Oxford in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between Dec. 29 and Jan. 7. The items were discovered missing after the family returned from vacation. Two bracelets were also reported missing but were returned to the family.

## Park stolen cars

A 2002 Pontiac Grand Am parked in the street in the 800 block of Barrington in Grosse Pointe Park was stolen during the night of Sunday, Jan. 4.

A green 1997 Plymouth Breeze was taken from a parking lot in the 15000 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between 5:20 and 11:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 5.

A 2001 Jeep Cherokee parked in the street in the 1400 block of Three Mile Drive in Grosse Pointe Park was taken sometime between 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6, and 1:44 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

## Car theft fails

Somebody tried but failed to steal a 1999 Dodge

Caravan in the 15000 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between 5:45 and 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 5.

The steering column of the minivan was damaged and could not be moved.

## Prada pinched

A tan leather Prada handbag was taken from a 1995 Jeep parked in the area of Mack and Somerset sometime between 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 5, and 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

## Hit & run

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers are looking for a silver Subaru with a missing bumper.

A witness saw the car hit a tree and a pile of garbage and then take off in the 1400 block of Torrey at 5:19 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The car lost the bumper in the collision. The tree sustained minor damage.

## Dishwasher fire

Grosse Pointe Park firefighters put out a dishwasher fire with a dry chemical extinguisher at a house in the 900 block of Lakepointe at 10:15 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10.

— Bonnie Caprara

## Alcohol, drugs

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

### and driving

On Saturday, Jan. 10, at 2:20 a.m., a 24-year-old man and 20-year-old female companion from Grosse Pointe Woods were arrested in Grosse Pointe Farms on alcohol and drug charges.

Police had seen the man's white 1995 Volvo swerving on eastbound Mack near Bournemouth.

While investigating, officers found a plastic bag of marijuana on the passenger seat occupied by the female. Officers also found a multi-colored glass pipe.

The man and woman registered blood alcohol levels of .12 percent and .98 percent, respectively.

### Intrepid stolen

At 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 7, a resident of the 200 block of McKinley in Grosse Pointe Farms parked his white 2002 Dodge Intrepid on the street. By 8:45 p.m., it had been stolen.

"The victim states the vehicle was left open, but the keys were out," police said.

### Home burgled

A house in the 300 block of Moran in Grosse Pointe Farms was discovered broken into on Saturday, Jan. 3, at noon. The crime occurred while the homeowners were

absent.

Police said a rear door had been forced open.

"The door jam (was) busted and wooden stripping (was) on the floor," said an officer. An undetermined amount of property was taken from numerous ransacked drawers.

### Busted

A drug-abusing 15-year-old Grosse Pointe Park began a five-day suspension from a Farms high school on Monday, Jan. 5. Discipline stemmed from her reported Dec. 19 overdose on what was described as prescription or over-the-counter medication.

Three of the girl's classmates took her to a local hospital. Police said the girl was transferred to a larger facility in Detroit and admitted.

### Lewd behavior

On Monday, Jan. 5, two Grosse Pointe Park residents were about a mile into their evening walk along Kercheval when, exiting the upper Hill in the Farms shortly after 7 p.m., they noticed a suspicious man tailing them in a black Ford Focus hatchback.

The man was "scruffy and creepy-looking," they later told police.

The man parked his car at

the side of the road. As the pedestrians approached, they saw him smile and masturbate. The walkers hurried across Kercheval to Cottage Hospital where security personnel called police.

Minutes later, a woman walking alone on Beaupre near Moran in the Farms lodged a nearly identical complaint.

Officers from the City of Grosse Pointe, who were monitoring Farms radio broadcasts, stopped the man as he drove on Waterloo near Lincoln. The 30-year-old man said he was driving home to Grosse Pointe Park. He couldn't account for his whereabouts during the time of the reported indecent exposures.

A Farms lieutenant informed the man he was suspected of indecent exposure.

"How could they see I was masturbating? I was in my car," the man reportedly answered.

The lieutenant asked the man if he'd been behaving in such manner "for a long time."

"No, this was my first time," the man allegedly answered.

"The suspect was informed of possible charges and released," police said.

### Outmatched

A terrier bit off more than it could chew last week when attacking a bull mastiff being taken for a walk on Radnor Circle in Grosse Pointe Farms.

On Saturday, Jan. 10, the mastiff's owners had their dog on a leash when the terrier darted from a rear yard. The bout ended as expected. The overmatched terrier had recently been adopted.

The mastiff, owned by a family from the City of Grosse Pointe, was licensed. "The person responsible said she let the dog out (in) the rear yard, forgetting the gate was open," said Farms police.

### 50 CDs stolen

Two men in an older model black Mercury are suspected of stealing approximately 50 compact disks from a store in the 16800 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The theft occurred on Saturday, Jan. 10, at about 2:45 p.m.

Police from the City and Park chased the suspect vehicle on northbound Cadieux into Detroit. Pursuit was terminated at East Warren.

### Theft fails

Two male juveniles were seen Friday, Jan. 9, at 2:03 p.m., trying to break into a vehicle parked behind offices in the 17900 block of Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe. The suspects fled the area in a white van of unknown make driven by a third person.

### GPC car theft

A 1992 Plymouth Acclaim was stolen between 4:30 and 7:20 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8, from the 500 block of Rivard in the City of Grosse Pointe.

## Police

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A 2001 Chrysler was recovered at Redmond and Faircrest in Detroit Sunday, Jan. 11, at 6:24 p.m. Harper Woods police discovered the vehicle along with damage to the ignition and front end. The vehicle was referred to Detroit Police Department's auto recovery, and the owner was notified.

A resident of the 19200 block of Woodcrest observed his red 2003 Chrysler Caravan being driven out of the driveway and traveling westbound on Woodcrest toward Kelly, at 3:36 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 30.

The vehicle was being followed by a newer model of a Caravan.

A woman witnessed an attempted auto theft Sunday, Jan. 11, at 5:05 p.m. on the 20000 block of Roscommon.

The witness observed four black males in a green Intrepid drive up to a burgundy 1998 Ford Expedition and attempt to enter the vehicle.

The Intrepid then circled the block and traveled southbound on Balfour.

Damage was discovered on the driver's side door handle, which was reported as new damage to the vehicle, but nothing was reported missing.

A Harper Woods resident reported her car had been broken into during the night of Saturday, Jan. 10, between 11 p.m. and 7:45 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 11.

The woman stated she parked in the carport of an apartment complex in the 20600 block of Balfour, and at the time, there was no damage to her vehicle.

The next morning, she discovered damage to the left and right front outside door locks. The vehicle was still locked.

A Harper Woods resident in the 20300 block of Beaconsfield reported that her maroon 2002 Chrysler Concorde had been broken into sometime between 9 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10, and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 11.

She noticed fresh damage to the driver's side door handle and the steering column. Nothing was reported missing.

### Thermal image

On Thursday, Jan. 8, at 9:28 p.m., City of Grosse Pointe public safety officers used their department thermal imaging camera to detect a burning motor inside the furnace of a home on Elmleigh Lane.

Officers turned off the furnace and advised residents to call a repair company.

— Brad Lindberg

## LTS

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17, 1993, with \$1.7 million initial capital. (LTS and family are not investors.)

At year-end 2003, HP posted a 70 percent net return after all expenses and the general partners' incentive fee. It now has total capital in excess of \$50 million. Its benchmark, the S&P 500 Index, only returned 26.4 percent last year!

Leonard credits his 10-year success to picking investments in companies that might be acquired by buyout offers. During 2003, eight of his portfolio companies were bought out, providing windfall gains because the acquiring company usually offers substantial price premiums.

HP subscribes to various research services that provide resources to help identify public companies that are "ripe for acquisition." Over the past 10 years, HP has averaged over seven buyouts per year.

Invested limited partners are thrilled by the tax-efficiency of HP's profits. Since HP is a long-term investor, not a short-term trader, its

2003 long-term realized gains exceeded short-term realized gains by 8-to-1!

One of HP's investors provides LTS with a copy of its quarterly Partners Newsletter; this one dated Jan. 1, 2004.

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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.

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## Borer to cost DTE trimming customers

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Property owners will be responsible for the safe disposal of ash wood trimmed during Detroit Edison's line clearance program.

Utility crews have begun pruning trees within 10 feet of power lines in Grosse Pointe Shores, Woods and St. Clair Shores. Work is expected to continue through February.

Edison's tree contractors normally haul away the bulk of trimmed material.

The revised policy was prompted by the emerald ash borer infestation and a state-mandated ban on transporting ash wood outside 13-counties clustered in southeast Michigan.

The quarantine includes Wayne and Macomb counties.

Given the rapid spread of the borer, all ash within the quarantine zone is subject to infestation.

"It's the most responsible thing we can do because of the quarantine," said Len Singer, DTE spokesman. "Our service territory includes areas outside the quarantine area."

Edison's tree contractors, assigned to clear power lines within the quarantine region, are subject to unexpected deployment beyond southeast Michigan.

"In an emergency situation, such as if a storm hits outside the quarantine area, contractors taking (ash) logs with them (to storm-damaged areas) would be moving lumber outside the quarantine area," Singer said.

Crews will continue their practice of hauling away small branches trimmed from other tree species. Logs

will be cut to firewood length and left behind for customers to use as they see fit.

"Customers appreciate having wood for heating purposes," Singer said.

Sue Shock of Shock Brothers Tree Care said it's impossible to give a standard price for hauling trimming residue.

"In all practicality, if we were called to a residential site, we start at a minimum haul-away price of \$75," Shock said. "Depending on size and quantity, we price accordingly."

She said the most affordable option for homeowners is to use ash trimmings for firewood, as long as it's not transported out of the quarantine zone.

"It's an ideal way of disposing of ash wood," she said. "It's not illegal because wood isn't leaving the quarantine area."

Homeowners have the option of hauling ash wood to an approved recycling center. In April, state agricultural officials activated four, no-cost disposal sites for ash wood.

The site closest to eastside suburbs is Mid Michigan Recycling Yard, 24935 21 Mile Road. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The yard is just west of Gratiot Ave., between Nursery Street and Erb Drive.

For liability reasons, Shock Brothers won't let individuals dump wood at their site for recycling.

Emerald ash borer appeared in western Wayne County about five years ago.

The bug, native to Southeast Asia, has killed an estimated six million ash

trees in and around a zone emanating from metropolitan Detroit. Large colonies of borers have been confirmed in neighboring states and Ontario, Canada.

Wind tunnel tests at Michigan State University revealed the half-inch, metallic-green insects as good fliers. But researchers trying to protect Michigan's 700 million ash trees say containing the pest depends on compliance with the quarantine.

People have spread borers by transporting contaminated tree limbs, firewood, logs and untreated ash lumber.

Last summer, MSU ento-

mologists found an outbreak in Lenawee County. The infestation was caused, scientists suspect, by the movement of firewood prior to the quarantine. More recently, a Michigan nursery violated restrictions and shipped infected ash trees to mid-Ohio.

During Edison's winter trimming campaign, borers are in their larvae stage. Bugs are living inactive in a layer of wood just under the bark of infected trees.

In spring, according to observations by MSU and federal forestry researchers, larvae awaken and begin gorging themselves on their

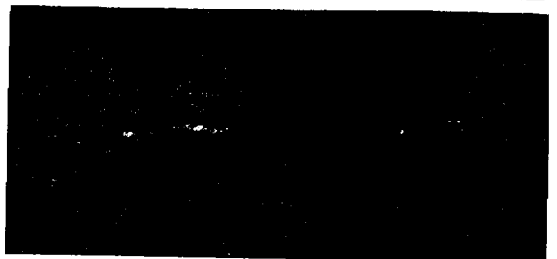


Photo by Brad Lindberg

An emerald ash borer larva emerges from a piece of ash wood that came from a tree in Grosse Pointe Shores. Observers stripped the wood of bark, revealing serpentine patterns created when larvae eat through the tree's outer layer of wood.

hosts' cambium layer of wood. Cambium acts as a tree's circulatory system.

Larvae then change into winged insects, fly away, mate, lay eggs and start the

life cycle all over again.

Experts studying the borer said larvae can survive in ash trimmings unless the wood is chipped to about one-inch or less.

## B&Es tied to man with red sports car

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A burglar who likes other people's jewelry is invading Grosse Pointe homes. But the thief may have become too bold for his own good.

On Sunday, Jan. 4, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., he broke into a house on Vernier a few doors down from the Grosse Pointe Shores police station. Officers were able to canvass the neighborhood and gather witness statements before time dulled memories.

"We've been in contact with the State Police to put a composite (drawing) together," said Shores PSO Scott Rohr. Police will use the rendering to target a 30ish, white male seen driving a red sports car. Farms and Park police are hunting an unknown man of the same description.

The man is suspected in about a half-dozen B&Es in

the Pointes. Before breaking and entering, he knocks on front doors to make sure occupants are gone.

"We've had several sightings of a possible subject that range from a white to a Hispanic male, late 20s to late 30s, with a pockmarked face, dark hair, sideburns, possible mustache and wearing an earring," said Farms Detective Mike McCarthy. "The subject may be responsible for home invasions in Bloomfield Township."

On New Year's Eve sometime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., a man driving a red sports car is believed to have broken into a home in the 300 block of Mary, about one block from Farms police headquarters.

A reliable witness affiliated with the department saw a suspicious man peering over a fence at the property. The man wore a dark baseball cap and jacket. Items

stolen from the house included a key to the City of Detroit and Wayne County medal belonging to a deceased man's estate.

McCarthy spent last Saturday afternoon patrolling the Farms in an unmarked vehicle looking for suspects.

"The subject generally strikes from noon to 4 p.m.," he said.

As with the Vernier break-in, neighbors of a home burgled two weeks ago on Merriweather in the Farms remembered seeing a red, mid-sized sports car parked in the driveway during the time of the crime. Statements pooled from additional sightings describe a Ford Probe, Mustang and Escort, Chevrolet Camaro and Pontiac Firebird.

A bulletin distributed to Farms officers described the car as "low to the ground."

"We believe it has a facto-

ry-installed spoiler," McCarthy said.

A Park officer may have recorded a grainy image of the suspect vehicle on an in-car video shot while answering an unrelated emergency.

"The subject may knock on your front door to see if anyone's home," McCarthy said.

"If you answer the door, he comes up with a fictitious story about looking for a certain address or family."

The scenario matched the experience of a man living near the home burgled on Vernier.

"The best way for us to catch somebody like this is for people to call us if they see something or somebody who doesn't belong," Rohr said.

Tipsters can contact Grosse Pointe Farms police at (313) 885-2100, Shores police at (313) 881-5500, or Crimestoppers at 1 (800) SPEAK-UP (773-2587).



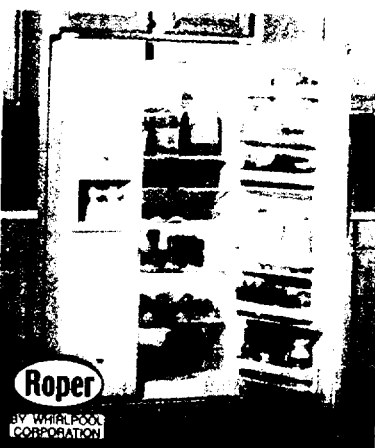
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# City alters crosswalk based on AAA study

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

Harper Woods City Council is attempting to make the walk to school safer for students, after a AAA study was conducted at Woodland and Littlestone.

"There was an accident there back in the fall," City Manager Jim Leidlein explained. "A child was crossing the pedestrian bridge on his bicycle and rode into the path of a car."

Although he said only one other accident has occurred at this intersection during his 19 years in the city, "there have been concerns of the safety of that crossing."

Two crossing guards were hired to man the intersection several years ago. There are also signs that declare the area a school crossing zone. Residents were still dissatisfied; so Leidlein requested the AAA study.

"After the accident, parents were very concerned," Leidlein said, adding that most are asking for stop signs be added. "I think stop signs would make the situation worse. It gives pedestrians a false sense of security."

At Leidlein's request, AAA sent a traffic engineer out on Dec. 5 to conduct observations of traffic patterns at the school crossing.

"They believed that the crossing is quite well marked," Leidlein said, adding that the engineer agreed with him that a stop sign was not necessary. But several recommendations were made to improve the

safety of that area.

First, AAA recommended that a crosswalk be painted on Littlestone.

"The walk route that students follow requires them to cross Littlestone prior to crossing Harper," wrote traffic engineer Jeffrey Bagdade in a letter to the Harper Woods Police Department. "Therefore, a crosswalk on Littlestone will make drivers more aware that students will be crossing."

AAA also recommended the crosswalks be restriped, to a brighter and more conspicuous configuration.

"I noticed in Grosse Pointe they have the wider-striped pedestrian crosswalks, and we will be doing that in the spring when the weather permits," Leidlein said. "They're also recommending a sign to be placed on the crosswalk along the service drive that is a warning sign advising motorists to stop for pedestrians within the crosswalk."

This portable sign, which reads "Stop for pedestrians within crosswalk," will replace the current portable school crossing sign.

"These signs will help further draw attention to the crossing pedestrians," Bagdade wrote.

"Additionally, on the pedestrian bridges, we've already put up 'Walk Your Bicycles' signs, and we will be adding small ones, similar to what you see on bike trails, saying stop, caution, and watch for traffic."

Leidlein said he did not

hesitate when recommending to the board the AAA suggestions.

"We want to make it as safe as possible," he said.

Council members agreed that the suggestions should be made, and that stop signs were unnecessary.

"I had the opportunity to speak with several crossing guards," said council member Vivian Sawicki. "I spoke with one who crosses children regularly at a stop sign for the Grosse Pointe Public School System and asked him if the stop sign works up there; if it were a noticeable improvement. He did not feel that a stop sign made any benefit. He did recommend that improved striping would probably benefit the area. I found it interesting, after I talked to him, to see that is exactly what AAA is recommending."

Leidlein explained that most of the striping will take place in the spring when the weather improves, and that he will request a return visit from the AAA traffic engineer to take a second look.

## Library program

The Harper Woods Library is accepting reservations for independent listeners from age 3 1/2 to 5 years who are ready for adventure and new experiences with stories, songs and activities. The first session begins Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 11:45 a.m. Call (313) 343-2575 to register.



Photo by Jennie Miller

## Farmer Jack to become Food Basics

With the news of 13 Farmer Jack stores closing in southeastern Michigan, Harper Woods residents were left in the cold and frantic to find a new place to purchase groceries. But residents need not worry, as the store on Harper at Moross will not be left vacant, but transformed into a Food Basics, according to Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter.

"This is great," Poynter said. "We won't have a loss of jobs. It's still going to serve those loyal Farmer Jack customers well, and we're not going to have an ugly, vacant store on Harper."

Farmer Jack announced the closings last week, a move that leaves hundreds of employees without work. But some of the stores might see a similar conversion as the Harper Woods store. Like Farmer Jack, Food Basics is under the parent company of A & P.

"It's a no-frills store," Poynter said. "The current Farmer Jack will continue as is until February and then will be closed for remodeling for approximately 6 to 8 weeks. We won't have a vacant eye sore. It's still going to be a viable food store."

The update came as good news to Poynter, who was initially disappointed about the loss of jobs and the possibility of having a vacant building. He praised all the developments that have been taking place in Harper Woods over the last few months.

"So many good things have been happening in Harper Woods: the opening of Sears and Lowes; Vegas Food Market is in the process of expanding its market, and we've got plans to revamp Kelly Road," he said.

— Jennie Miller

# Regina encouraged by Bishop's visit

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

Last week, Regina High School students were graced with a visit from its auxiliary bishop, Earl Boyea, who was recently appointed.

"The Cardinal asked every auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Detroit to visit the schools in each territory," said Regina's principal, Sister Mary Leanne Leszczynski. "He wants to know the Catholicity of the school in all areas of education and human development."

Bishop Boyea has been traveling all over Macomb

and St. Clare counties and stopped into Harper Woods for this most recent visit.

He performed a Mass with the entire school on Wednesday morning, Jan. 7, took a tour of the building, visited classrooms, observed interactions in the hallways, held an open forum with the senior class and enjoyed lunch with the faculty. During the open forum, the Bishop took notes as he asked the students questions about the school atmosphere.

"I want to encourage their Catholic education and let them know how much the

Cardinal values young adults," Bishop Boyea said. "I'm here to see what their strengths and concerns are of the school. We want a strong school which encourages good human beings, good Catholics, intelligence and concern for others."

The students responded positively to the Bishop's visit and appreciated his interest in how they felt.

"It was nice to have a forum where you could talk

about the school," said senior Mary Esler. "He asked us good questions about the things that are important to us. We got the chance to speak our minds."

Regina students also felt privileged to listen to Bishop Boyea's Mass that morning.

"I really enjoyed what he talked about at Mass — that we're the future of the Catholic church. It really put things into perspective for us."



Photo by Jennie Miller

Pictured with Bishop Earl Boyea are Regina High School seniors Danielle Strace, Danielle Rubino, Anna Kaczmarek, Elissa Viviano, Mary Esler and Sarah Thomas.

## CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 5, 2004

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

ROLL CALL: All Council persons were present.

### MOTIONS PASSED

1. To receive, approve and file the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on December 15, 2003.
2. That the agenda of the Regular City Council Meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

### RESOLUTIONS PASSED

1. To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 69298 through 69453 in the amount of \$567,291.21 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
  - b. Approve payment number three to Grosse Pointe Farms in the amount of \$37,591.18 for our annual lease payment for the radio system.
  - c. Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$8,500.05 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of November 2003.
  - d. Approve payment in the amount of \$7,468.00 to Versivo, Inc. for the annual software and hardware maintenance agreement renewal for 2004.
  - e. Approve payment in the amount of \$6,722.00 to the Michigan Municipal League for membership dues covering the period February 1, 2004 through January 31, 2005.
2. To approve payment to Galus Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$45,276.14 for Progress Payment No. 4 on the 2003 Concrete Pavement Repair Program, #180-076.
3. To receive and file the report from AAA regarding the pedestrian crossing at Woodland/Littlestone at Harper and direct the administration to implement the recommendations contained therein.
4. To accept the proposal dated December 29, 2003 submitted by Plante & Moran for auditing services with the following base fee: 2003, \$32,300; 2004, \$33,300; 2005, \$34,300 and other additional professional fees as set forth in their proposal for additional auditing services related to GASB 34 and SAS 99.

Kenneth A. Poynter,  
Mayor

Mickey D. Todd,  
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 01/15/2004

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**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Harper Woods will be accepting bids for the Towing and Storage Contract for the Harper Woods Police Department.

Bid documents and specifications can be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Telephone: City Clerk, 313-343-2510.

Bids must be received by 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 29, 2004 in the Office of the City Clerk, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 at which time they will be opened and publicly read aloud. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids must be submitted in a sealed opaque envelope marked as follows:

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**Mickey D. Todd,**  
City Clerk

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SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 15, 2003

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

ROLL CALL: All Council persons were present.

**MOTIONS PASSED**

1. To receive, approve and file the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on December 1, 2003.
2. That the agenda of the Regular City Council Meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED**

1. To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 69175 through 69297 in the amount of \$233,465.90 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
  - b. Approve the payment to Suburban Library Cooperative in the amount of \$5,798.00 for the Library's proportionate share of five GaleNet online information databases.
  - c. Accept the bid submitted in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the purchase of the Fire Department's 1971 American Ladder truck.
  - d. Approve payment to Honeywell, Inc. in the amount of \$5,109.00 for the annual maintenance contract for the heating and cooling system at City Hall.
2. To adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution related to the City's Annual Permit to Work on State Highways.
3. To approve the agreement with David Milling & Associates/Consultants in the amount of \$267,100 for professional services related to the Library Renovation Project, and further, to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.
4. To approve a water/sewer rate increase to \$10.50 or \$1.50 per thousand cubic feet (MCF) for all water billed after January 1, 2004.

**Kenneth A. Poynter,**  
Mayor

**Mickey D. Todd,**  
City Clerk

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## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

### Police recover stolen car

A green 1993 Plymouth Voyager, reported stolen in Roseville, was recovered Monday, Jan. 12, at 1 p.m., on Canton, north of Hampton. The vehicle, which belonged to a St. Clair Shores resident, had a punched rear hatch, passenger side door and ignition. The front grill, left headlight and battery were missing.

### Eye witness

A 26-year-old resident of the 18700 block of Roscommon couldn't just sit back and watch his 2001 Chrysler being stolen Sunday, Jan. 11, at 2:50 p.m. After hearing screeching tires outside his house, the victim observed his vehicle driving west at a high rate of speed, with two males occupying it. He followed the perpetrators northbound on Kelly in another vehicle.

Officers observed the vehicle driving across the northbound Kelly lanes and onto the southbound Kelly lanes at a high rate of speed, with two black males in the front seat of the vehicle. The last reported location of the vehicle was on southbound Kelly at Shakespeare. Officers did not pursue the car.

### Attempted theft

After shopping for groceries at a supermarket in the 19700 block of Kelly, on Saturday, Jan. 10, a Harper Woods resident noticed damage to her white 2004 Dodge Caravan, which had been parked in the store's south parking lot. The driver's side door handle was damaged, and the ignition was punched.

### Credit card fraud

A local retailer's loss prevention officer reported \$2,549.90 in credit card fraud on Saturday, Jan. 10. The incident took place on Saturday, Jan. 3, when a black female purchased two computers, using a credit card number inscribed on a piece of paper. The woman stated

she was an authorized user of the card, which had been opened earlier than the cardholder's attempt was to verify the card. The purchase was granted, and two black females took the merchandise to a maroon Aurora, and were assisted by a black male to load it into the vehicle.

The cardholder, a resident of West Bloomfield, was notified and stated that no one other than his wife was authorized to use the credit card.

### All gassed up

While its driver paid for gas and purchased a coffee, a blue and silver 1998 Mercury Villager was stolen. The driver had left the keys on the passenger seat while inside the station. After the transaction was completed, the woman noticed the car was gone. Inside were her purse and wallet, with approximately \$200 inside, and a Sprint cellular telephone.

### Night theft

A Harper Woods resident of the 18900 block of Woodside reported her purple 1999 Chrysler 300M was broken into during the night of Saturday, Jan. 10, between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7:45 a.m. The vehicle was parked in the woman's driveway, and she noticed the ignition had been punched, and her briefcase was missing, containing an IBM computer.

### Double-duty

On Tuesday, Dec. 30, Harper Woods police officers were searching for people involved in a car theft when they discovered a fire in progress in an unoccupied house on the 15000 block of Coram in Detroit. The officers alerted the Detroit Fire Department and evacuated members of neighboring houses. Family members visited the Harper Woods Police Department last week to thank Sgt. Robert Hunter and officer Christopher Schaft for their efforts.

See POLICE, Page 16A

## South science class values health after visiting meat plant

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

The body is a temple students in Greg Heffner's environmental science class at Grosse Pointe South High School have learned.

As part of a unit on different kinds of food, the body and diseases like mad cow disease, Heffner's students traveled to Cornbelt Meat Co. in Detroit. They saw with their own eyes how cows are transformed into meat we eat. Via the field trip, they were able to ponder the meaning of health and issues associated with the kinds of food we put into our bodies.

"These kids were really mature about it," said Heffner. "They not only saw it, (but also) they were able to ask questions."

Students mused on the sanctity of the body after visiting the plant.

"The things you eat have an effect on everybody," said student Elizabeth Martin. "If you don't want to be healthy for yourself, do it to enjoy being with others."

"If you're not helping yourself, you have no respect for others," added student Whitney Hughes.

Heffner hoped the visit would make students think about their role among all living creatures on earth.

"Kids think meat grows on a shelf. As an environ-

mentalist, you have to come to grips with other animals on earth," he said.

Students saw how some 250 cows travel through Cornbelt each day. The cows were appealing to the students.

"They seem pretty nice and docile," said student Ben Beutel-Gunn.

Students witnessed the manner in which the company, owned by Sam Flatt, processes meat and sells parcels to nearby restaurants and markets.

The company has never had to recall any of the meat it has sold. While mad cow disease has recently surfaced in Washington, nothing of this sort has showed up at Cornbelt.

Many needy people work at the meat processing plant, and Flatt often gives free meat to these workers.

"It was really nice to give them meat because that's his livelihood," said student Peter Hrtanek.

Heffner said that in past field trips to the plant some of his students vowed to stop eating meat after they saw how animals were slaughtered. One student, Richard Ray, in Heffner's current class is a vegetarian.

"I would rather not kill something," Ray said. "I can get protein from other sources of food."

Deciding whether or not



Students in Greg Heffner's environmental science class at Grosse Pointe South High School visited Cornbelt Meat Co., where they learned about the kinds of food humans put into their bodies. Above from the left are students Whitney Hughes, John Raguse, Ben Beutel-Gunn and Richard Ray.

to eat meat or not is part of the question of how to relate to other animals on earth, Heffner said.

Heffner is a carnivore himself, but he doesn't

hunt. "I don't have a problem with animals that are raised for food purposes, but I don't hunt. They are not put on earth for my

benefit," he said. Traveling to the plant was a great way to teach students about the vagaries of food, the body and human beings' place on

Earth. "You can never go wrong by getting out of the classroom and experiencing things," said Heffner. "That's real education."



Photo by Kath Usitalo

### Star graduates 15th D.A.R.E. class

The mood was serious yet hopeful as 43 sixth-grade students at Our Lady Star of the Sea School in Grosse Pointe Woods pledged to say no to drugs, alcohol and cigarettes at the graduation ceremony culminating their 10-week D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program on Thursday, Jan. 8.

Star of the Sea has made D.A.R.E. a part of its middle-school curriculum for 15 of the national program's 20-year history. It is the only school in Grosse Pointe Woods to participate in D.A.R.E., which is conducted at no charge by the Woods public safety department.

Officer Sally Beghin told the audience of parents, students and siblings that leading the D.A.R.E. program is one of the most rewarding experiences an officer can have.

Pictured in the front row, from left, are students Jessica Warfield of Detroit, Eva AbiRagi of St. Clair Shores, Beatrice Tepel of Grosse Pointe Farms and Katie LeVan of Grosse Pointe Park. In the back row, from left, are Zachary Kowalczyk of Harper Woods, Eric Stano, Danielle Hartman and Stephen DeLorenzo, all of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Caroline Cueter of Detroit.



Photo by Carrie Cunningham

### Moving Monopoly

Students at Poupard Elementary School enjoyed a morning of fitness on Friday, Jan. 9, while playing the physical education version of Monopoly. Teachers Cheryl Gawai and Deb Raab developed the game with their imaginations. Gawai stands above with students in the midst of playing the game.

Students moved to the roll of large die and exercised at properties such as Push-Up Place, Lunge Lane, Jump Rope Way or Sprint City.

They learned how to buy and sell properties with intermittent stops at Free Parking, the jail, Community Chest and Chance. Using math skills, students tallied their assets at \$3 per house and \$12 per hotel.

Poupard principal Penny Stocks said the game was a great way to combine different elements of the curriculum and that brain research shows the meshing of physical activity with reasoning enhances education.

"You learn better," she said.

Fun, fitness and math were combined into one productive activity.



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## Trombly teachers cut harmonious CD Defer helps build library at Detroit school

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Respect is a wonderful quality, and at Trombly Elementary people are singing about it.

Three Trombly instructors — fifth grade teacher Lois Handy, fourth grade teacher Eric Frakes and second grade teacher Steve Buckman — have cut a CD of the song "Don't Laugh at Me." Traditionally sung by the folk group Peter, Paul and Mary and written by Steve Seskin and Allen Shamblin, the song describes people who are disparaged and calls for everyone to get along.

Handy played around with lyrics, changing some of them to fit her audience of Trombly students. One verse she edited reads:

Don't laugh at me; Don't call me names.

Don't get your pleasure from my pain

For it's true; we're all the same,

Bridging peace and harmony.

Don't laugh at me.

The creation of the CD was a total effort among Trombly staff.

"Everybody is so willing. The staff at Trombly is



Photo by Shelly Buckman

Trombly teachers Lois Handy, Eric Frakes and Steve Buckman cut a CD of the song "Don't Laugh at Me," with the hopes of promoting peace among students. Buckman, above left, and Handy work on recording equipment in Buckman's home.

always ready to help each other," said Handy. "It was a nice collaboration among all of us."

"There are so many abilities on this team," added Buckman.

Handy, Frakes and Buckman performed the song with their voices and guitars and recorded the song with Buckman's equipment at his home. Handy

was a music major at Indiana University, and Frakes and Buckman are both able singers and guitar players. Frakes even plays in a band called the Rosetta Pebble.

"Eric has a wonderful melodic voice, and he's fabulous on the guitar," said Handy. "Steve does a lot of ostinato (playing above or below melody)."

Computer assistant Jane McCaughrin printed the labels of the CD, which includes a picture of the trio. The song was played on the Trombly television station, WTRO, in the morning.

Reaction among students was incredibly favorable. Of the 300 Trombly students, 174 students selected the CD.

"Parents come out of the blue and say, 'My daughter plays this all the time. This is her favorite CD,'" said Buckman.

"Kids would say, 'I really like your CD. I really like your voice,'" said Handy.

Handy came across the lyrics of the song in a book she was reading. A member of an anti-bullying committee, which was established as a way to work toward North Central Accreditation (NCA) standards, Handy thought the performance of the song would underscore the value of mutual tolerance. The teachers could tap into their love for music and help Trombly reach its improvement goals at the same time. As the students relish the upbeat melody of the song, they are also hearing lyrics that emphasize peace and love.

"It promotes respect and mutual understanding," said Frakes. "I've heard adults who had difficult childhoods who said they wish there had been greater mention of understanding (in their childhoods)."

Kids played the song in school many times, Handy said.

"We hope the message of the CD will be driven home," she said.

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

Defer Elementary School students discovered the power of reading during the holiday season.

Realizing the value and importance of a library full of books, the students, led by the PTO, helped build a library at a school less than a mile away.

Detroit's Clark Elementary School received more than 6,000 books as a holiday gift from Defer students, who had cleaned out their shelves and purchased new books to fill the school's new library.

For more than 10 years, the library stood empty, but Clark students can now enjoy the gift of reading.

"This gift has been a blessing to our school," said Mrs. Brown, Clark's school secretary.

Every Defer classroom participated in the drive, and each student learned the value of helping others less fortunate and to appreciate the things they have.

"The students realized how important it is to give to others who don't have as much as we have," said Carol Smith Cross, whose fifth-graders embraced the spirit of giving. "They knew how important a cause this was; they know how lucky we are to be able to go to the library and see stacks of books everywhere. They really stepped

up to the cause."

Cross herself was affected by the book drive and did everything she could to encourage her students to help.

"It is always such a shock to me, as a teacher, to hear that an elementary school doesn't have a library," she said. "It is so important."

The book drive was encouraged throughout the school and promoted as a competition. Each classroom won a popcorn party for donating more than 50 books. Several classrooms took the cake by collecting more than 500 books, two of which totaled 760 books each. A first grade and a fifth grade class tied the competition, each receiving an ice cream sundae party for their efforts.

But the reward was just one positive outcome of the book drive.

"Books can make you laugh; they can make you cry; they can help you to see different parts of the world," said Allison Baker, PTO vice president who helped organize the drive. "The students recognized that we gave these kids the power of reading."

Librarian Tammy Ivers spearheaded the drive, having attended Clark when she was in elementary school. Also instrumental were John Smith, Kelly Kramer, Rick Rothenbuhler, Chris Flynn and Alan Letkowski.

### Budget discussion

The budget deficit and how it will affect the Grosse Pointe School District will be discussed in detail at a public forum to be held Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Ferry Elementary School gymnasium at 748 Roslyn Road in Grosse Pointe Woods. State Senator Martha Scott, State Representative Ed Gaffney and Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Klein will be present.



Photo by Carrie Cunningham

Eric Frakes, Lois Handy and Steve Buckman.

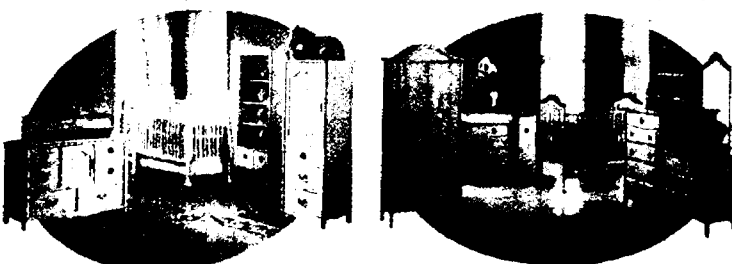
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## Joey Cavanaugh

Los Angeles resident Joey Cavanaugh, 60, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2003 in Los Angeles.

Born in Grosse Pointe in 1943, Mr. Cavanaugh graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1961.

He worked for many years as a commercial artist at "Off the Wall Antiques" in Los Angeles.

Mr. Cavanaugh is survived by his mother, Ruth K. Wendell, and sister Suzanne Roncka, (Jack).

## Jean Keyes Cooper

West Bloomfield resident Jean Keyes Cooper, 93, formerly of St. Clair Shores, died on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004.

Mrs. Cooper taught in Detroit Public Schools for 30 years and was a world traveler.

She is survived by sons Richard, Jack and Tom; grandchildren Eric, Kelly, Jacqueline, Amy, Rebecca, Seth, Loren and Gabrielle; and, great-grandchildren Gillian, Meghan, Sarah, Jessica, Jack, Margaret, Zoe, Jordan, Ava and Luci. She was preceded in death by sister, Firth Keyes and her husband, Frank.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions to Lakeshore Presbyterian Church, St. Clair Shores, and Jewish Hospice and Chaplaincy Network, Southfield are appreciated.



## Richard Morton Mayday

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Grosse Pointe Park resident Richard Morton Mayday, 82, died on Friday, Jan. 9, 2004 at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe.

Born in Detroit in 1921 to Walter and Leona Mayday, Mr. Mayday was educated in London, England.

He served as a manufacturing engineer at the Chrysler Corp. for 42 years and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Mayday had many hobbies, including hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Marion; daughter Colette; son Richard (Ruth); grandchildren Meghan and Michael; and sisters Rita Jarvis and Natalie Fox.

A funeral mass was at St. Clare of Montefalco Church on Monday, Jan. 12. Interment is at Elmwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen.



## Frederick S. and Kathryn R. Neumann

Grosse Pointe resident Frederick S. Neumann, 86, died on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004.

Born in New Baltimore, in 1917, Mr. Neumann attended Southeastern High School in Detroit and the University of Michigan, where he received a degree in electrical engineering.

In 1939, he married the

love of his life, Kathryn R. Neumann.

Mr. Neumann served as executive vice president of Fruehauf Corp. and after he retired, acquired a small machining company, Walter Machine & Screw Co., with his son, Rick, where they worked together for 30 years.

Mr. Neumann devoted much of his life to charitable and educational organizations. He was a lifetime member of the advisory board of the Salvation Army and recipient of the Salvation Army's William Booth Award. He was a member and chairman of the Albion College Board of Trustees and received the Distinguished Service Award from the institution as well as an honorary doctorate.

He was a member of the Detroit Athletic Club and the Country Club of Detroit.

Earlier in his life, he was president of Fine Arts of Grosse Pointe and member and former chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Favorite hobbies of Mr. Neumann included woodworking, hunting and fishing, bird watching and golf.

He is survived by his son Rick (Kathy); his grandchildren Jeff Feikens, David Feikens (Eileen), Kristin Jorgenson (Jason), Katy Neumann and Jenny Neumann (Andrew Frahm); great-grandchildren Emma Feikens, Julia Feikens and Jack Feikens; and brother Edward R. Neumann (Barb). He was predeceased by his daughter Nancy Feikens (who is survived by Jon Feikens (Beth)).

## Kathryn R. Neumann

Grosse Pointe resident Kathryn "Kay" R. Neumann, 86, died on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004.

Born in Detroit in 1917, Mrs. Neumann attended Michigan State University Normal College and earned a degree in education. In college, she wrote for the school newspaper and was a member and two-year president of the Kappa Mu Delta sorority.

In 1939, she married the love of her life, Fred. S. Neumann.

Mrs. Neumann was an avid painter and longtime member of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association. She also loved playing bridge and golf.

She volunteered extensively with the Bon Secours Assistance League and the Junior Goodwill. She was also a member of Theater Arts, the Grosse Pointe Audubon Society and the Grosse Pointe Farm and Garden Club.

She is survived by her son Rick (Kathy); her grandchildren Jeff Feikens, David Feikens (Eileen), Kristin Jorgenson (Jason) Katy Neumann and Jenny Neumann (Andrew Frahm); great-grandchildren Emma Feikens, Julia Feikens and Jack Feikens; and sister Margaret Schwaderer (Clark). She was predeceased by her husband Fred and her daughter Nancy Feikens (who is survived by Jon Feikens (Beth)).

A joint memorial service for Kay and Fred Neumann will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 11 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Nancy Feikens Memorial Fund, North Hills Child Care Center, 3150 N. Adams Rd., Troy, MI 48064; the Fred S. and Kathryn R. Neumann Endowed Scholarship, Albion College, 611 E. Porter Street, Albion, Michigan 49224; or to a charity of one's choosing.

## Barbara Ann Sawaya

St. Clair Shores resident Barbara Ann Sawaya, 51, died on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at Harper Hospital in Detroit after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer.



## Barbara Ann Sawaya

Born in Detroit on July 10, 1952, Mrs. Sawaya graduated from Dominican High School and attended Eastern Michigan University, University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

Known for her love, compassion, kindness and generosity, she loved cooking for her family and hosting picnics at the Farms Pier Park. She shared a unique bond with her daughter, Andrea.

Mrs. Sawaya worked for the State of Michigan for over 20 years. Her area of expertise included the Family Independence Agency Office of Child Support.

Devoted to raising awareness of ovarian cancer, she was an active member of Karmanos Cancer Institute's Blooms for Tomorrow Gynecological Cancer Support Program as well as chairman of the Third Annual Gynecology Oncology Awareness Dinner at the Detroit Yacht Club in October 2003.

Her family would like to thank Dr. Adnan Munkarah and his staff at Karmanos Cancer Institute for their care and support for the past two years.

Mrs. Sawaya is survived by daughter Andrea (John) Ferguson; mother Dorothy Lisuk; sister Mary Lou (Richard) Ostrowski; brother Robert (Mary Lou) Lisuk; nephews Karl (Pam) Ostrowski and Adam Lisuk and niece Amy Lisuk. She was predeceased by her father George Lisuk.

A funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 10, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. Interment is at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by Chas. Verheyden, Inc.

Memorial contributions may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute, Blooms for Tomorrow, 18831 West 12 Mile Rd., Lathrup Village, MI 48076.

## Bernetta M. Scherer

Detroit resident Bernetta M. Scherer, 96, died on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe.

Born in Jackson County, Iowa, in 1907, Mrs. Scherer was an enthusiastic volunteer throughout her life. She was a member of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church and their LOGOS group and a 50-year member of PEO, a women's philanthropic sorority. She volunteered at Kerby school, St. John Hospital, Cottage Hospital Blood Bank and the Grosse Pointe Library.

She served 23 years as a sales lady at Jacobson's in Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Scherer is survived by daughter, Joan Schoettley (Jay); sons Dr. Robert and John (Barbara); 10 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and two adopted great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Ernest.

A memorial service will be held at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church in Grosse Pointe Farms on Saturday, Jan. 24.

Memorial contributions to a charity of the donor's choice would be appreciated.

## Robert David Sicklesteel

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Robert David Sicklesteel, 81, died on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at Belmont Nursing Home in Harper Woods.

Born in Detroit in 1922, Mr. Sicklesteel attended

Grosse Pointe High School and Michigan State University.

He worked in sales for Michigan Bell Yellow Pages and was an ensign in the U.S. Navy.

His favorite hobbies of his included golf and bridge, and he was a member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; sons Robert Jr. and Steven; grandchildren Julianne, Kathryn, Lauren and Christina; and brother Donald.

A memorial service was held at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

## Richard Marshall Stevenson

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Richard Marshall Stevenson, 85, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, at St. John Hospital in Detroit.



## Richard Marshall Stevenson

Born in Detroit in 1918, Mr. Stevenson graduated from Cooley High School and took post-graduate courses at Grosse Pointe High School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree with honors from the Detroit Institute of Technology and a master's degree in organic chemistry from Wayne State University.

Mr. Stevenson used his degrees in chemistry in a myriad of ways. He worked at Parke Davis and Co. and served as a manufacturing chemist for Dorothy Rogers Hospital and Riverside Clinic. At Difco Laboratories, he was an analytical and research chemist and at GM's Cadillac Motor Car Division, he also served as an analytical chemist where he developed the Cass Test for corrosion of electroplated materials. At the Udylite Corp., he received many patents and was the co-inventor of the world-known "UBAC" electroplating process for plating copper.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and served in the Marine Air Station Hospital (M.A.S.H.).

He was a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Institute of Chemists, American Electoplatters Society.

For his achievements, he was included in the Marquis Who's Who in the World, Seventh Edition in 1984.

Mr. Stevenson was an avid bridge player and achieved Gold Life Master Status in the American Contract Bridge League. He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club.

He is survived by his wife, Marion, of more than 60 years; his sons, Michael and Mark; his grandchildren Sean, Ryan, Erik and Renee; and his sisters, Constance and Helen Jean.

He loved spending time with his family and always enjoyed a good laugh.

A funeral service was held



## Ruth Ellen Toolin

at A.H. Peters Funeral Home on Thursday, Jan. 8.

## Ruth Ellen Toolin

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

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

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

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

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



## William C. Van Tassell

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

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

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile, Southfield, MI 48076.

Please note with your donation "In memory of William C. Van Tassell," with acknowledgement to Alice F. Van Tassell, 1606 Bournemouth, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

## Mary MacIvor Wilcox

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mary MacIvor Wilcox, 88, died peacefully in her home on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004.

Born in Detroit in 1915, Mrs. Wilcox graduated from the Kingswood School, Cranbrook and the University of Michigan, where she was affiliated with the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Though Mrs. Wilcox was blind for the last 25 years of her life, she continued to read prolifically because of the books on tape provided by the Wayne County Library for the Blind.

She was an active member of The Pointe Garden Club and Friends of Vision as well as a longtime member of the Grosse Pointe United Church.

She traveled extensively with her husband Rolo Wilcox, who preceded her in death. After his death, she shared her love of travel with her family. Her most recent trip was last December with her family to Antigua.

Mrs. Wilcox is survived by daughters Mary Lee McNaughton (James), Claire W. Perry (Kenneth) of Grosse Pointe Farms; and Ann W. Mullen (Donald); and grandchildren Katherine R. Perry, Kenneth C. Perry, Kristen M. Perry, Gregory O. Mullen, Brendan J. Mullen and Alexander R. Mullen.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 10:30 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe United Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wayne County Library for the Blind, 3055 Michigan Ave., Westland, MI 48186.



## Mary MacIvor Wilcox

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### OBJECTIVES AND PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS - 2004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2004 AT 7:30 p.m. by the City of Grosse Pointe City Council in the Council Chambers, 17145 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230 (telephone 313-885-5800) to review the proposed Community Development Block Grant projects for submittal to the Wayne County Office of Economic and Community Development. Funding of \$76,000 (estimated) will be available for approved 2004 projects. The City invites comments on proposed Community Development Block Grant projects.

Projects are selected to meet specific Community Development Block Grant objectives. Some of the projects being considered for inclusion in the 2004 grant application are:

- Minor Home Repair
- Senior Transportation
- Clearance of Buildings/Structures
- Administration

Julie E. Arthurs.

City Clerk

G.P.N.: 01/15/2004

# Dow's rally last week almost erased on Friday

The bulls were running early last week, with the Dow gaining 134 points on Monday, Jan. 5. After meandering midweek, it gave back the 134 points Friday after bad employment news. Overall last week, the Dow rose a net 49 points, closing at 10,459.

Almost as usual, the Nasdaq moved ahead 80 points, or 4 percent, to close at 2,087.

Last Friday night's "Rukeyser's Wall Street" on CNBC at 8:30 p.m. was still missing Lou, who is recovering from surgery at Mayo's.

His special guest, Horsch Cohen of Smith Barney's Appreciation Fund (a part of Citigroup), said stocks are presently driven by 1) earnings, 2) interest rates and 3) investor psychology. Cohen said that these days, hedge funds, mutual funds and day-traders were overly speculative.

Among stocks, Cohen likes insurance stocks, especially Berkshire Hathaway (BRKA, about \$85.974 per share last Friday) and the St. Paul Companies (SPC, about 40.32) with their pending acquisition of Travelers Property Casualty Corp. (TAPA, about 17.15).

He sees upcoming elec-

tion risks as including 1) U.S. currency vs. Asia and 2) the Democrats desire to repeal 2004 tax cuts.

But, Cohen said, the two biggest unseen risks are 1) terrorists and 2) 10-year T-Notes yields increasing above 5 percent.

## Efficient markets?

The Efficient Market Hypothesis (EMH) was first put forth by Eugene Fama in his landmark doctoral dissertation in 1964.

According to EMH, "prices in a stock at any given time fully reflect all relevant information."

For the past 40 years, traders, money managers and research analysts have been arguing whether EMH is still meaningful in today's marketplace.

Suzanne Trammell, CFA, wrote a challenging, five-page article about EMH in the November-December 2003 CFA (Charter Financial Analyst) magazine for investment professionals.

Burton Malkiel, author of 1973's "A Random Walk Down Wall Street," has just published another book, "The Random Walk Guide to Investing: 10 Risks for Financial Success."

Malkiel says, "When you look for the evidence, you

## Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden

find that consistently, from year to year, two-thirds of professionally managed portfolios are beaten by a low-cost index fund."

And "the top portfolio managers of mutual funds in 1997, 1998 and 1999 ... who beat the market had returns almost twice the market return during that period."

EMH's Fama concludes, "Active management only helps make the market

more efficient when it results in superior returns. But there is no evidence that active managers produce superior returns."

"As markets become more efficient, they tend to be less predictable," writes John Allen Paulos, math professor at Temple University, in his "A Mathematician Plays the Stock Market."

Paulos continues, "What will move stock prices in

the future are truly new developments (or new shadings of old developments), news that is, by definition, impossible to anticipate."

Suzan Trammell concludes, "The EMH forms the basis for many of the theories. It does so now, and it will continue to do so in the future."

## Highwood partners

LTS last reviewed Highwood Partners (HP), the Bloomfield Hills hedge fund, last May 22. Jim Leonard, CPA, the general partner, was supervisory analyst at First of Michigan when he resigned in November 1992 to start Leonard Capital Management.

## Stock Market at a Glance

Friday Close, 1/9/04

Dow Jones Ind.....	10,459
Nasdaq Comp.....	2,087
S&P 500 Index.....	1,122
\$ in EURO.....	1.2843
Crude Oil (Bbl.).....	34.31
Gold (Oz.).....	426.80
3-Mo. T-Bills.....	0.85%
30-Yr. T-Bonds.....	4.96%

With few funds of his own to invest, Leonard looked to his broker friends to provide the seed money for HP, which was founded on June

See LTS, page 16A

## Worthless (but fun) conversation trivia

Once in while you need something snappy to cover a pregnant pause in a conversation. It can't be something you learn from watching the History Channel.

After all, who cares how many elephants Hannibal took with him when crossing the Alps?

Once in while, you need to be silly, drawing out your inner child to help make snow angels with the kids or ride a sled down a too-steep hill.

But what can you do to be silly, and inside, during a Michigan (shiver) winter?

Let's see what we've got from the Internet.

The space between your eyebrows is not your nose. It's called the glabella.

How many golf balls are there on the moon? Three (and none of them was driven there by Tiger Woods). How did they get there?

Did you know the dial tone of a normal telephone is in the key of "F"?

Did you know that the most dangerous job in Sweden, statistically, is reindeer herding? I guess all the name-calling drove Rudolph postal.

Speaking of Rudolph, did you know that behind him, pulling the sleigh, there are 40,320 ways to arrange the other reindeer?

Did you know surveys show that 90 percent of men want to have children? (Of course, none of them can, but I'm just being silly.)

So far, I've given you

most of the answers, but now we get tough. And we'll also tell you where to go on the Internet to find this silliness.

What was Jimmy Hoffa's middle name? This is a doozy, and spooky.

There is only one palace in the United States. Do you know where it is?

Giraffes have no vocal cords and, consequently, cannot make sounds. They also sleep less than any other critter on Earth. Do you know how much?

How many people on good, old planet Earth are vegetarians?

This reminds me of the old joke about vegetarians. They also eat living things, but theirs are easier to catch.

Now for the payoff. All the previous material came from a Web site called Dribble Glass (www.dribble-glass.com), one of my favorites when I need spiritual uplifting in the form of a good belly laugh. I believe I mentioned it before.

Besides trivia, they have funny photos, billboards we'd like to see and some very funny, bad jokes. Oh, and there is my favorite, Real Strange News.

Here is a sample from 2003. Dateline Iowa: A woman bought a bag of potato chips at a convenience store but discovered more than she paid for in the bag.

Lois Campbell, 42, of Des Moines, opened the small sack of Uncle Ray's garlic-flavored chips and found another bag inside.



"We were eating a few of the chips, and I was about to give some to my 3-year-old," Campbell said.

"I thought it was a little bag of seasoning inside. When I saw what it was, I called the police."

A police report said the contents of the heat-sealed bag smelled like marijuana. The leafy substance was seized as evidence. (And, hopefully, burned all at once, right?) The store where Campbell bought the snacks has taken the rest of the Uncle Ray's chips off its shelves. (And destroyed them, right?)

If I'm not mistaken, there are about 20 to 30 "munchies" jokes here.

Here is a late reminder for all who want to join the computer age.

St. Peter's Senior Lifelong Learning Center computer classes are starting up again, beginning next week, Jan. 19. St. Peter's is located on Anita, just north of Vernier, and two blocks west of I-94. The classes run through Easter. They have three levels for beginners, including one for those who don't know where the On/Off switch is located. They have classes on

Microsoft Word and greeting card construction. Depending on the subject, the classes cost from \$35 to \$55. They have all-new Dell computers, and class size is limited to seven. I don't have a telephone number, but you can call St. Peter's parish house to hook up with the center.

I was told the lifelong learning center's aim is "to have fun while entertaining your brain!"

Sounds a bit like this column.

Finally, can anyone tell me how to get the song, "I want a Hippopotamus for Christmas," out of my brain?

I made the mistake of seeking its origin on the Internet. I found a Web site with the words, the recording and the life story of the singer. All I typed into my Google search was the name of the song.

Either the folks who created the Web site or I have way too much time on our hands.

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.

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January 22, 2004 Thurs. 7:30 PM	OEDIPUS. COLONUS & THE TEMPEST Dr. Ralph G. Williams Professor of Literature, U of M
February 26, 2004 Thurs. 7:30 PM	DANTE & THE VISUAL ARTS Dr. Ralph G. Williams Professor of Literature, U of M
March 25, 2004 Thurs. 7:30 PM	PROMETHEUS UNBOUND & ROMANTICISM by Shelley Dr. George Bornstein, Professor of Literature, U of M
April 22, 2004 Thurs. 7:30 PM	POETRY & MODERNISM by W.B. Yeats Dr. George Bornstein, Professor of Literature, U of M
April 29, 2004 Thurs. 7:30 PM	POETRY by R. Frost Dr. John Whittier-Ferguson Professor of Literature, U of M
May 12, 2004 Thurs. 7:30 PM	THE SUN ALSO RISES by E. Hemingway Dr. John Whittier-Ferguson Professor of Literature, U of M

### Admission & Registration

The series is free to all members of the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library and students. Non-members may attend for a fee of \$10.00 per lecture.

Attendees may register by telephoning (313) 343-2074 ext 204. Prior registration is not mandatory but strongly advised due to limited seating.



To join the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library and attend any or all of the lectures at no charge, you may obtain an application at any Grosse Pointe Library Branch or just prior to any lecture at the registration table. In addition to the free Classics Books lecture series you will be notified and invited to participate in additional Friends sponsored library events. Membership donations support unique programs and purchases for the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

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## North students contribute with fervor to tv production

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Clever camera work. Informative interviews. Colorful topics illuminated.

These were the facets of the Detroit Public Television's production "Straight to the Point," a product of the Student Producers Project in which twelve high school students from the tri-county area produced eight minute segments on topics ranging from athletics to sexuality to diversity.

Four students from Grosse Pointe North — Sarah Kurtz, Michelle Rollins, Pietro O'Rourke and Jim Petkowitz — were selected for the project. Part of the program focused on educating the students via lectures about the television industry, and the rest of the class centered on producing segments to be broadcasted. The students worked three days a week, four hours a day. The show was an hour long and aired Wednesday, Jan. 7, on WTVS Channel 56.

"I was really happy when I got selected. There were

long days, (but) it was worth it," said Kurtz. "It was cool to be able to produce something."

Kurtz's segment was titled "The True Athlete." She interviewed three students from Grosse Pointe high schools — a rower, a swimmer and a multi-talented soccer, ice hockey and baseball player — and talked about different themes significant to their performances. Ideas about dedication, competing and pure love of sports were discussed.

"It was kind of interesting to me because I was just coming out of tennis season," said Kurtz. "I was like this is amazing that they can be so successful."

North student Michelle Rollins produced a segment dubbed "Personal Questions" in which she talked to a doctor about sexual issues teens face.

Pietro O'Rourke, another North student, examined different ethnicities through the lens of food in a segment entitled "Taking it to the Streets."

Other issues students

explored included technology, crime and stress.

"There are rough edges, but the passion burns through those rough edges," said Jeff Forster, vice president of production at Detroit Public TV, about the show. "If we had produced it ourselves, it would have been slicker, but it wouldn't be theirs."

Charles Mercado, executive producer of "Straight to the Point," said the project showed the students how to work as a team. They performed many different tasks like editing, camera work and audio.

"They came from different areas and philosophies. They helped each other. That's like the real world," Mercado said.

Kurtz said the excellence of her television classes at North, taught by Brian Stackpoole, prepared her for the project, and she said she was used to working with others on activities like North's daily broadcast.

Mercado hopes the project will inspire students to continue in the field of tele-



Photo courtesy of Detroit Public Television

Four Grosse Pointe North High School students produced segments for the show "Straight to the Point" under the direction of executive producer Charles Mercado. From the left are Jim Petkowitz, Sarah Kurtz, Mercado, Michelle Rollins and Pietro O'Rourke.

The success of "Straight to the Point" has prompted Detroit Public TV to continue the project if it can get the funding. This year's production was paid with funds from the Radio and Television News Directors Foundations, the local chapter of National Academy of Television Arts

and Sciences and Detroit Public Television. Forster said he didn't know if he could have achieved the production feats the twelve students displayed when he was their age. "It's a tremendous accomplishment. I'm proud of them," he said.

## Deeb receives accolades from school district



Ed Deeb

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Ed Deeb, who is moving from Grosse Pointe to Bloomfield township, received a distinguished community volunteer award from the Grosse Pointe Public Schools for his 30 years of service to the schools and library.

"He has been an extraordinary volunteer in the schools," said Superintendent Suzanne Klein. "He's a very well known figure, and we appreciate the service he's given to the district."

Deeb's children, George and Jennifer, went through the Grosse Pointe school system, and Deeb was very involved in the schools they attended. He was PTO president of both Barnes and Parcels and president of the North Parent Club.

He served on the Grosse Pointe PTA/PTO council and was on the Board of Canvassers for 20 years. He also was president of the Board of the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library.

Deeb is modest and appreciative about the recognition from the district.

"I did not expect any reward for doing what I love. I was grateful. It's just wonderful," he said.

He says he will miss Grosse Pointe and its school system, a town and district he cherishes but plans to come back often to visit friends.

"I've been proud to be part of the Grosse Pointe community," he said. "We're one of the top school systems in the country. (Students) work hard to get a good education. It helps them in their life."

Deeb works at the Michigan Business and Professional Association. His daughter works for the same entity, and his son

George has his own company in Chicago. He has a wife, Joanne, with whom he happily is moving from a large colonial home on Lochmoor to a new ranch home in Bloomfield.

## Festive Santa's attic

Kerby Elementary School had its annual Santa's attic on Saturday, Dec. 6. The event was very festive, with the children shopping for friends and family members. Santa even made a stop to visit with the children and to check on his workshop. Fun was had by all who attended. Top left are Nick Sultzman, Cassandra Morse and Gordon Post. Bottom left are Nolan and Abigail Passamini.



## Defer information night

Parents are invited to an information session in room 203 at Defer Elementary, 15425 Kercheval, on Tuesday, Jan. 27, from 7 to 8 p.m. To find out residency requirements, call 432-4000. For a kindergarten information letter from Defer, call the school's office at 432-4000.

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# Plan your garden with easements in mind

Last spring, as I anticipated the growth of my backyard plants, I looked out my back window to see a man walking through my yard. He turned out to be the Cable Guy walking back and forth, up my drive, through the yard and back to his truck. I wasn't too concerned until he began tromping on an area where my peonies and other up-and-coming plants would soon make their way through the ground.

Incensed, I called the cable company to complain and threatened that they'd be replacing my plants if they failed to grow.

You should also know that we don't have cable.

That was the day I learned about easements.



My husband came home and as I shared the story, he informed me that there was a space in our yard where these guys could dig, cut down objects from, or, in our case, simply stomp about on.

As a gardener, you might want to consider some of this information as you make plans to landscape your yard.

In talking with all the folks responsible for easements in the Grosse Pointe communities, Harper Woods

and St. Clair Shores, here's what I learned about sewers, gas lines, street lights and how they might affect your landscape.

- Public and private utilities have the right to access this area without written permission.

- The average space these easements take is 10 feet, or 6 to 20 feet, which is generally 6 feet on each side of the property line. If there's a drain, it could be larger. Some extend 6 feet behind the garage.

- Permanent structures are not allowed in the easement area.

- Easement areas are generally built into the plan when subdivisions are created.

- The easement area behind the property (in the backyard) generally has no restriction for planting. However, in the front yard, according to Christon Reimel, Director of Public Services in Grosse Pointe Park, any special growth is discouraged from the sidewalk to the street.

## What does all this mean for the gardener?

In many yards, it seems we're planting backwards. Instead of fostering our

favorite flowers close to where we spend most of our time, we border them along fences. They're often too far to see, and as I now know, too dangerous for their long-term well-being.

If a utility needs to access your easement for a sewer problem and digs up your grandmother's prized iris bulbs, don't count on a replacement.

Reimel said they would try to replace what was damaged if they could. Terry Brennan, Director of Public Services in Grosse Pointe Farms said they would restore the landscape like the rest of the yard. If 70 percent of your yard is grass, that's what they would replant.

While these utility visits might not be a frequent occurrence, you might want to consider how your garden is planted. If you must have a tree in that location, consider a smaller ornamental tree that might mature at 15 feet. That way, the utility can work around it, above ground.

Below ground would be another matter. In your backyard, perhaps plant it just outside of the easement location. Brennan also recommended avoiding a tree with a root system that could go into the storm sewer utility.

Gene Tutag, building inspector in Grosse Pointe Woods, also reminded me that the utilities have the right to trim trees and often are not the skilled arborists we want taking a chainsaw to our shade giver.

If you live in Harper Woods, Bill Snyder, superintendent of public works, provides a list of trees to avoid planting in the boulevard (between the sidewalk and street).

The trees were chosen because they tend to come down more easily during storms and may also infiltrate sewer lines. The list includes box elder, American elm, silver maple, poplar, willow, northern catalpa, and Austrian or Scotch pines.

"We've got to have trees," Snyder said. Believing

## What's Going On?

Local garden co-hostess of WMTV's "Pointes of Horticulture," Mil Anthony, will offer two courses at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The first, "Basic Garden Design," will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26. The second, "Small Gardens," will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2. To register, call (313) 881-7511 or fax (313) 884-6638.

intensely in this premise, he mentioned that the city planted 150 trees, free, to residents this past fall.

Another consideration, according to Tutag, are the folks living over where the Milk River made its way. There are few properties in the Woods that are affected, but the gardeners in that particular area should be aware of it.

I'm now really glad we pulled up our back lawn last year. There will be plenty of space to plant away from the easement area. Be sure to consider what and where you'll cultivate this year.

## Congratulations

Kudos to the Junior League of Detroit for urging legislation to give parents 48 hours notice before pesticides are applied on school or day care grounds.

State Representative Edward Gaffney of Grosse Pointe Farms introduced House Bill 5154 that is backed by both sides of the political fence. Many commonly used pesticides can cause debilitating illnesses in children and have been linked to asthma, cancer and learning disabilities.

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

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# Don't make shoveling a marathon event

While the metro-area has experienced a mild winter so far, soon area residents will break out their snow shovels and salt to clear out driveways and sidewalks.

The American Heart Association warns that for most people, shoveling snow may not lead to any health problems; however, the risk of a heart attack during snow shoveling increases for others.

"In people who are normally inactive with known or hidden heart disease, snow shoveling can trigger heart attacks and even sudden cardiac death," notes Barry Franklin, Ph.D., director of Cardiac Rehabilitation and Exercise Laboratories at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and co-author of the book, "Take a Load Off Your Heart."

One of the reasons heart attacks can occur during snow shoveling is the combination of colder temperatures and physical exertion which increases the workload on the heart.

As a result, too much strain on the heart during these conditions can cause a heart attack.

"Researchers have found that the heart rate and blood pressure responses to

shoveling heavy, wet snow often approached and exceeded the same responses during maximum exercise testing," said Franklin. "Within two minutes, most subjects had already exceeded their upper heart rate limit for aerobic exercise training."

"It is no wonder that each year many middle aged and older individuals experience cardiovascular complications during snow shoveling."

A local study, conducted by Franklin and Perth Chowdhury, MD, through Beaumont, showed a dramatic rise in fatal heart attacks during and after major snowstorms.

The researchers reviewed medical examiner records in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties and found that in the week prior to two major snowstorms, there was only one fatal heart attack related to snow shoveling.

In the week during the snowstorms, the number of fatal heart attacks climbed to 22. In the week after the snowstorm, there were 13 fatal heart attacks.

Of the 36 fatalities, only three were women. Moreover, four of the 36 vic-

tims had been using an automated snow thrower rather than shoveling.

To help make snow removal safer, the association has compiled a list of practical tips.

- Consult a doctor. If you have a medical condition or don't exercise on a regular basis or are middle aged or older, schedule a meeting with your doctor prior to the first anticipated snowfall.

- Give yourself a break. Take frequent rest breaks during shoveling so you don't overstress your heart. Pay attention to how your body feels during those breaks.

- Don't eat a heavy meal prior or soon after shoveling. Eating a large meal can put an extra load on your heart.

- Don't drink alcoholic beverages before or immediately after shoveling. Alcohol may increase a person's sensation of warmth and may cause him to underestimate the extra strain his body is under in the cold.

- Be aware of the dangers of hypothermia. Heart failure causes most deaths in hypothermia. To prevent hypothermia, dress in layers of warm clothing, which traps air between layers

forming a protective insulation. Wear a hat because much of your body's heat can be lost through your head.

- Use a small shovel or consider a snow thrower. The act of lifting heavy snow can raise blood pressure acutely during the lift. It is safer to lift smaller amounts more times, than to lug a few huge shovelfuls of snow.

When possible, simply push the snow.

- Listen to your body. If you feel the warning signs for heart attack, stop what you're doing immediately and call 9-1-1.

The warning signs of a heart attack include:

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest that lasts for more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back.

- Pain spreading to the shoulders, neck and arms.

- Chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath.

For more information, call the American Heart Association at (800) AHA-USA1 or visit online at americanheart.org.

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## Devin's world — and moon

News anchor & author spins tales from the Oklahoma panhandle to the moon in 3 books

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park resident, WDIV news anchor and children's book author Devin Scillian has been on an ambitious journey with the release of three new children's books in the past three months.

Those three books — "Cosmo's Moon," "P is for Passport: A World Alphabet" and "S is for Sooner: An Oklahoma Alphabet" — released in October, November and December respectively by the Chelsea-based Sleeping Bear Press, are the fruits of three of five manuscripts written in 2003.

"Cosmo's Moon" came from the movie, "Moonstruck," Scillian said. "I thought it was neat that someone would take ownership of the moon."

Instead of being the patriarch of an Italian-American family in a comedy, Cosmo is a little boy who loves the moon. He has moon pajamas and a moon night light and feels as if the moon actually listens to him every night and follows him.

"Cosmo's Moon" also touches on the phenomenon of when the moon and the sun share the sky at the same time.

"There's no great folk tale to describe that," Scillian said.

Illustrator Mark Braught, who is also the artist for the Warner Brothers' Harry Potter movies, complements Scillian's story and tone of "Cosmo's Moon" with a touch of mysticism.

Like his first published children's book, "Fibblestax," released in 2000, the story of "Cosmo's Moon" was conceived from the title.

"P is for Passport" was released a bit sooner than expected, mostly because the publisher commissioned 24 different illustrators for the book.

"A month after I sent out the manuscript, the book was done," Scillian said. "I didn't have to wait for one person to do all of the work."

Much of "P is for Passport" draws upon Scillian's background growing up in a military family and as a journalist in being able to describe people, language, cultures, geography, monuments of many lands in an educational and unbiased way.

"There is so much in our world, it's like walking through a huge buffet," Scillian said.

Scillian's nonjudgmental views of different cultures became most pronounced when he was on assignment after the fall of communism in Russia in 1990.

"It was the first winter of democracy and it was a historic time to be there," Scillian said.

"When I was there, I made friends with a man named Alexander. As we got to know each other, we became great friends. Russia was no longer the enemy; it was where my friend lived. It completely changed my perspective."

"Travel has changed my perspective on the world. That's why this book not just talks about diversity but also the things that unite us."

"S is for Sooner," slipped out a month after "P is for Passport."

After having lived in Oklahoma for six years and having worked as a news anchor at KFOR in Oklahoma City, Scillian said, "I thought I knew everything about Oklahoma. I did a lot of research for that book."

Like "P is for Passport," "S is for Sooner" delves into the past and present and the good and the bad.

"Writing about Oklahoma was terribly complicated because of what the Westward Expansion



Photo by Bonnie Caprara

Grosse Pointe Park resident, WDIV news anchor and children's book author Devin Scillian has been covering a lot of ground in the past three months with the release of three books, "Cosmo's Moon," "P is for Passport: A World Alphabet" and "S is for Sooner: An Oklahoma Alphabet."

did to the American Indians, but you have the pioneering spirit that makes it what it is today," Scillian said.

The 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building is also handled delicately in "S is for Sooner."

"I knew I had to address the bombing," said Scillian, who covered the story from ground zero. "As awful as it was, it was a real lesson in love and kindness."

Scillian did, however, take a risk at paying homage to the Sooners in the title of the book.

Although he meant to refer to those who got into Oklahoma early in the days of the 1889 Land Rush, he was afraid of alienating the Oklahoma University Sooners' rivals, the Oklahoma State University Cowboys.

"Enough people convinced me I did the right thing and covered the history well," Scillian said.

"P is for Passport" and "S is for Sooner" are the second and third alphabet books Scillian has had published by Sleeping Bear Press. "A is for America" was released in

2001. He also wrote "One Nation: America by the Numbers" in 2002.

"At first, I thought of alphabet books as being this great exercise in alliteration," Scillian said. "My wife, Corey, said, 'This book needs to be more than that. It needs to be more than a parlor trick.'"

Like "A is for America," Scillian's two follow-up alphabet books have followed the Sleeping Bear Press formula of highlighting each letter in clever word play

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Carolyn E. Krieg and  
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## Krieg- Chapie

Lynne Krieg of Grosse Pointe Farms has announced the engagement of her daughter, Carolyn E. Krieg, to Kenneth B. (Duffy) Chapie, son of Diane Chapie Meyers and Kenneth Chapie of Bloomfield Hills, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods. Krieg is also the daughter of the late Dr. E. Michael Krieg. A June wedding is planned.

Krieg earned a Bachelor of Science degree in human resource management from Michigan State University and a J.D. degree from MSU-Detroit College of Law. She is a lawyer.

Chapie graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in international relations and a J.D. degree from the University of Detroit Mercy Law School. He is a lawyer with Cox Hodgeman and Giarmarco.



Abigail Maureen Heck  
and Corey Adam Siegrist

## Heck- Siegrist

Henry and Barbara Heck of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Abigail Maureen Heck, to Corey Adam Siegrist, son of Howard and Carole Siegrist of Farmington Hills. A September wedding is planned.

Heck earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from Michigan State University.

She is a college recruiter with LaSalle Bank in Chicago.

Siegrist earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance from Michigan State University.

He is a mortgage banker with Wilmington Finance in Chicago.

## Sissen- Zimmer



Andrea Sissen and  
Frank Zimmer Jr.

Anne and Richard Sissen of St. Louis, Mo., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Sissen, to Frank Zimmer Jr., son of Judi and Frank Zimmer Sr. of Grosse Pointe Woods.

A May wedding is planned. Sissen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication management from the University of Dayton.

She is a sales representative with Nydic Open MRI. Zimmer earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication management from the University of Dayton.

He works for Aon Risk Services Inc.



Carey I. Gardella  
and Scott G. Main

## Gardella- Main

Ardis and Raymond Gardella of Ann Arbor, formerly of Grosse Pointe Shores, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Carey I. Gardella, to Scott G. Main of Chicago.

A June wedding is planned.



Timothy Brian Gallagher  
and Jennifer Dahl

## Dahl- Gallagher

Dr. and Mrs. Andrew W. Dahl of Farmington, Conn., formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Dahl, to Timothy Brian Gallagher, son of Michele Gallagher and Joseph Gallagher of Crystal Lake, Ill. A May wedding is planned.

Dahl graduated from Ohio State University. She works for Jive Records in New York City.

Gallagher also graduated from Ohio State University. He works for Morgan Stanley in New York City.

## Catallo- Swegles



Heather Catallo  
and Matt Swegles

Sherry and Dennis Day of Grosse Pointe Farms and Thomas Catallo of Singapore have announced the engagement of their daughter, Heather Catallo, to Matt Swegles, son of John E. Swegles III of Grosse Pointe Park and Nancy Morello of Shelby Township. A September wedding is planned.

Catallo attended Syracuse University, where she studied broadcast journalism. She is a reporter and anchor with WXYZ-TV.

Swegles earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Michigan University. He is an assistant vice president and financial consultant with Comerica Securities.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey  
B. Paige

## Piecha- Paige

Beverly Piecha of Westlake Village, Calif., married Jeffrey B. Paige of

Oxnard, Calif., son of the late Louis and Mary Jane Paige, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, on Nov. 28, 2003.

The Rev. Jeffrey Avery officiated at the ceremony. A reception will be held in February.

Elena Samogen was the maid of honor. Tony Samogen was the best man.

## Schmitt- Horst

Katherine Elizabeth Schmitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Schmitt III of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Geoffrey Paul Horst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Horst of Plymouth, on July 26, 2003, at St. Paul Catholic Church.

The Rev. John Wynnycky officiated at the 2:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The bride wore a gown of white duchess satin that featured a light blue silk taffeta sash. She carried a bouquet of white roses, white sweet peas and blue tweedias.

The bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Jennifer Horst of Plymouth; and Samantha Walsh of New York City. Sara Crandall of Grosse Pointe Farms was a junior bridesmaid.

Flower girls were Emma Froschauer of Elkhart, Ind., and Carolyn LaLonde of Westland. The ring bearer was Jack Froschauer of Elkhart, Ind. The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from the University of Michigan. She teaches algebra in Valencia, Calif.



Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey  
Paul Horst

Attendants wore tea-length strapless silver blue dresses made of silk taffeta. They carried bouquets of white roses and blue hydrangeas.

The best man was Rob Lampman of White River Junction, Vt.

Groomsmen were the bride's brother, Joseph E. Schmitt IV of Chicago; Bryan Caldwell and Brian Niebert, both of Canton; and Andy Nester of Chicago.

The ring bearer was Jack Froschauer of Elkhart, Ind. The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from the University of Michigan. She teaches algebra in Valencia, Calif.

The groom graduated from the University of Michigan, with honors, in oceanography. He is a graduate student in marine biology at California State University in Northridge.

The newlyweds traveled to Kauai, Hawaii. They live in Valencia, Calif.

# Macbeth reigns at Hilberry Theatre

Treachery, bloodlust, fantasy and murder — Shakespeare's up to his old tricks.

The Hilberry Theatre reaffirms its classical roots with "Macbeth," William Shakespeare's tale of treachery, bloodlust and ambition, through March 4.

Starring in the title role is Eddie Collins, whose Shakespeare credits include Edgar in "King Lear." Carly Germany, who has performed Titania in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," plays the ambitious firebrand, Lady Macbeth.

The Hilberry production is directed by the award-winning British actress and director, Gillian Eaton.

Eaton's English roots are evident by her historical perspective of Shakespearean drama.

"In 1603, Elizabeth I died after an extraordinary 45-year reign," Eaton writes. "Her ambition for England had created such wealth and culture that her reign is still seen as a golden time in English history. Shakespeare, of course, was her most famous subject."

Eaton suspects Elizabeth inspired some of Shakespeare's greatest female characters, such as Portia in "Merchant of Venice" and Kate the shrew.

"After (Elizabeth's) death," Eaton continues, "the depiction of women in his plays changes. Suddenly we find virgins under threat, women accused of

adultery, women killed or exiled unjustly, callous, cruel women and women who are downright scary."

Including Lady Macbeth.

"We have said goodbye to the intelligent, witty women of the Elizabethan era and welcomed the tortured and tragic ladies of the Jacobean dramas — Othello, King Lear and of course, Macbeth," Eaton writes.

Eaton says Shakespeare's later writing was influenced by his new patron, James I, son of Mary Queen of Scots.

"(James I) was known to be a conceited misogynist who believed in witchcraft, the supernatural and especially the divine right of kings," Eaton writes. "His book, 'Demonologie,' was a tract about witchcraft. Shakespeare's choice of Macbeth was the perfect story to delight this particular monarch."

The retelling of Scottish history, with a few deft changes to flatter the monarch, the use of witchcraft in the downfall of a tyrant — these were perfect food for a paranoid like James.

The Hilberry's "Macbeth" is cast with every member of the 19-member company. Some actors play multiple roles.

Ticket prices range from \$12 to \$20. Student tickets are available at 50 percent discount the day of the performance.

The Hilberry Theatre is located at the corner of Cass

and Hancock at the southern edge of the Wayne State University campus. Lighted parking is available at two commercial lots nearby.

For tickets and more information, call the Wayne State University box office at (313) 577-2972.

For Shakespeare buffs who can't get enough, the Hilberry's intimate Studio Theatre presents "Desdemona: A Play About a

Handkerchief" on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 15-16 and 22-23.

A theater publicist describes the play as a "devastating re-imagining of the world of Shakespeare's Othello."

In this "comic deconstruction of Shakespeare's play, Desdemona is hardly the quivering waif we've come to imagine."

Studio Theatre tickets cost \$8.



Photo by Ameen Howrani

Eddie Collins and Carly Germany portray Macbeth and Lady Macbeth in William Shakespeare's tragedy at the Hilberry Theatre through March 4.

## BSC offers rehab programs

As part of its ongoing pulmonary and cardiac rehabilitation programs, Bon Secours Cottage Health Services offers the following classes for strengthening muscles and endurance training. For information about either of the following programs, call (313) 640-2582 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

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## DSO presents program of seldom-heard works

Music Director Neeme Järvi returned to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's podium last weekend with a program of masterworks that are rarely heard; undeservedly so.

The Maestro himself speculates that the reason the two serenades that made up the first half, one by Richard Strauss and another by Johannes Brahms, are rarely performed is that they are scored for less than full orchestra. Many conductors, he suspects, are reluctant to do a concert with a reduced complement.

The Strauss is scored exclusively for wind instruments, giving the entire string section a break, and while the Brahms piece does include strings, they are only the violas, cellos and basses; no violins.

In truth, it was a special opportunity to savor the

rich sonorities of the winds and to be amazed at their wondrous effect in Orchestra Hall's acoustics. Strauss' Serenade is an early work in one movement that already shows his engaging style. It was performed with the utmost grace and tender feeling in the expressive phrasing at which Järvi excels.

Particular treats in the score were a resounding passage for the four French horns and the unique timbre of the contrabassoon.

Brahms' Serenade, almost symphonic in its four movements, is also an early work but is already rich in the lush harmonies, distinctive bass pizzicato and melodic shifts that identify his music. Here again, Järvi's tempos and phrasing were right on, bringing out the inherent romantic feelings that imbue the work. The performance moved effec-

### State of the Arts



By  
Alex  
Suczek

tively from the energy of the dance-like scherzo and the dreamy quality of the adagio to the infectious lilt of the minuet.

The Alpine flavor of the Rondo Allegro conjured images of a mountain village. The music moved through its varying moods and imagery in a well-paced, gracious flow, culminating near the finale in a dazzling piccolo passage with the player appropri-

ately seated up front in the concertmaster's location.

After a first half of music that was exquisitely beautiful and easy listening, Järvi demonstrated his sense of dramatic contrast with two works that made the audience sit up and listen with care.

Unfortunately, the program did not explain the form of the Grosse Fuge by Beethoven that was being performed. As originally composed, it was intended as the final movement of the B-flat Quartet, Op. 130. Due to its length and complexity, Beethoven was persuaded to write another finale. The original Grosse Fuge was then published separately after the composer's death, with the opus number 133.

Recognizing the depth and sophistication of this music, several composers have felt it deserved a big-

ger treatment and so boldly rescored it for full orchestra. One of these, by the otherwise obscure Juan Hidalgo, was the version Järvi chose and it displayed many unusual features. They were evident from the start as it opened with thunder from the timpani and the introduction of the fugal theme by the harp. Dense scoring, glaring textures and discordant tonalities seemed almost to anticipate modern music that was to come a century later. How much that could be attributed to Beethoven or to Hidalgo, however, was not so easy to perceive.

The violin section made a welcome return, especially in the melodious second phase of the fugue and as it progressed, the music increased in complexity, fulfilling its reputation for having greatly confused its first listeners who were unprepared for Beethoven's continuing exploration of new musical idioms. But Järvi was highly effective at bringing out the interwoven line of development, with moments of suspense and dramatic pauses.

Whereas Hindemith's Symphonic Metamorphoses, which ended the concert, might have been expected to be the most challenging listening of the evening, it was relaxing after the Beethoven/Hidalgo experience.

Using themes from Carl Maria von Weber's opera version of "Turandot" (later redone far more romantically by Puccini), Hindemith has created a catchy rhythmic set of four movements with a distinct Oriental flavor, at least in terms of western musical values.

Piercing flute sounds and tinkling chimes create the atmosphere and provide an episode of the kind of music with which Järvi always gives the audience a good time. There were syncopat-

ed licks on the trumpets that were almost jazz-like and a fancy riff with real flair on the timpani.

To round off the performance, Järvi even played Weber's "Overture to the Opera" as an encore. Then, after enthusiastic applause, he started the orchestra in a little march from the opera and, marching in tempo, left the stage while the orchestra played without him.

It's a game he has played occasionally before, much to everyone's delight, including the musicians who take pride in his show of confidence in their ability to carry on.

It was a special evening highlighted by the intellectually challenging Beethoven. But the Hindemith was the golden ring, a piece of 20th century music whose style has grown not only familiar but genuinely appealing.

This week's performances on Friday morning and Friday and Saturday evenings feature young Russian conductor Andrey Boreyko, music director of the Winnipeg Symphony.

The possibility that such a guest may be a future contender for the Detroit post adds interest to attending his concert.

Soloist is pianist Vardan Mamikonian who will play the ever-popular Rachmaninoff "Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini," followed by a related "Variations on a theme of Paganini" by the contemporary Witold Lutoslawski. There is even more interest in the program which opens with a world premiere of a Sinfonia by George Walker and ends with a Suite from Bartok's ballet, "The Miraculous Mandarin." Call (313) 576-5111 for tickets.

## This bean, spinach soup is low in carbs

I turned to one of the newest cookbooks in my growing collection for a healthy recipe to jumpstart good eating habits in 2004. The Good Housekeeping Light & Healthy Cookbook is loaded with tried-and-tested recipes and lots of colorful pictures to bring a visual to the meal you're preparing.

This week's recipe, Italian White Bean and Spinach Soup, had no picture. It just sounded good and looked easy to make. And it was.

### Italian White Bean and Spinach Soup

1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1 celery stalk, chopped  
1 garlic clove, finely

chopped  
2 15-oz. cans cannellini (white kidney) beans, rinsed and drained  
2 cups water  
1 14.5-oz. can chicken broth  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
1/8 teaspoon dried thyme  
1 10- to 12-oz. bag baby spinach, coarsely chopped

1 14-oz. can stewed or diced tomatoes, drained (optional)  
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice  
Salt and additional pepper to taste  
Fresh grated Parmesan cheese (optional)

Heat the oil in a 3-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and celery and cook until the celery is tender, 5 to 8



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By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

minutes. Add the garlic and cook and stir for another minute.

Add the beans, water, broth, pepper and thyme. Stir well and bring the mixture to a boil. Lower to a simmer and cook, covered, for 15 minutes. Remove from heat and cool, uncovered, for 5 minutes.

Using a slotted spoon, remove 2 cups of the bean mixture and set aside. Working in small batches,

puree the remaining soup in a blender or food processor. Return the pureed soup to the saucepan and add the reserved bean mixture.

Bring the soup back to a boil over medium-high heat and stir in the spinach. Cook for a few minutes, just until the spinach has wilted. Add the tomatoes and the lemon juice. Lower the heat and keep warm until serving.

Ladle the soup into individual bowls and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Italian white bean and spinach soup is similar to minestrone. Carb counters will be glad there is no pasta in this rich and hearty soup.

Remember, soup makes a perfect winter meal when paired with a salad. My choice? Wilted spinach.

## Friends of Library's lecture series begins Jan. 22

Dr. Ralph Williams, a professor in the Department of English, Language and Literature at the University of Michigan, will kick off the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library's Classic Books lecture series at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at the Grosse Pointe South High School Library.

His topic will be: "Oedipus at Colonus" by Sophocles as related to "The Tempest" by William Shakespeare.

Williams specializes in Medieval and Renaissance literature, Shakespeare, literary theory, comparative literature and Biblical studies. He served as associate chairman of the department of English from 1999 to 2002 (for a second time) and was instrumental in creating the Royal Shakespeare Company Residency program at the University of Michigan. He is currently working with the university to develop a new arts program.

Williams will also speak at the second Classics Books lecture on Thursday, Feb. 26. His topic will be "Dante and the Visual Arts."

Presented by Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library in conjunction with the University of Michigan, the Classics Books Lecture Series lecture schedules are available at Grosse Pointe's Central Library, as well as the Park and Woods branches.

Lectures are free to mem-

bers of Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library. Non-members may purchase admis-

sion tickets at the event for \$10. Attendees may register for the lecture by calling (313) 343-2074, ext. 204. Preregistration is suggested, but not mandatory.

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9:30 am Pointes of Horticulture

Horticulturist Co-hosts Mil Anthony & Jim Farquhar share tips, give advice and interview local authorities on gardening. Repeated: 9:30 PM, 12:30 AM

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10:30 am Things to do at the War Memorial

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LouAnne Warrick and Emmett Hynous Co-host an informative look at what's happening at the War Memorial. Repeated: 7:30 PM, 1:30 AM

11:00 am Musical Story Time Jamboree

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12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit

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Luncheon speaker talks on a variety of topics of interest to the men and our community.

1:30 pm Inside Art

Guest: Harvey Thompson - Jazz Singer. Explore the artist's creative process and medium with host Robert Maniscalco. Repeated: 10:30 PM, 4:30 AM

2:00 pm The Legal Insider

Guest: John Conway, Attorney - Personal Insurance Issues. Host attorneys, David Draper and Douglas Dempsey, take an inside look at current legal issues. Repeated: 6 PM, 5 AM

2:30 pm The John Prost Show

Guest: Beth Chappell - Economic Club of Detroit. Timely topics are discussed with Detroit and Grosse Pointe guests by long time host John Prost. Repeated: 10 PM, 5:30 AM

3:00 pm Things to do at the War Memorial

Guest: Mil Anthony - Basic Gardening & Frank Bunker - Astronomy

LouAnne Warrick and Emmett Hynous Co-host an informative look at what's happening at the War Memorial. Repeated: 7:30 PM, 1:30 AM

3:30 pm Musical Story Time Jamboree

Miss Paula, the Merry Music Maker and Miss ReadAbook, offer a half-hour of stories and music for children. Repeated: 6:30 AM

4:00 pm Vitality Plus

A half-hour of step or kick boxing exercise. Repeated: 9 PM, 7 AM

4:30 pm Young View Pointes

Upbeat youth show featuring middle school students reporting on a variety of educational topics. Repeated: 8:30 PM, 7:30 AM

5:00 pm Positively Positive

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## Recreation therapy makes the healing process fun

By Bruce Ogilvy, CTRS  
Special Writer

Many patients require some form of rehabilitation after surgery, stroke, an extended illness, joint replacement or motor vehicle accident. Physicians and other healthcare professionals work closely with rehabilitation team members to help these individuals regain their ability to perform the functions of daily living as close to normal as possible.



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Common forms of rehabilitation include physical, occupational, speech and recreational therapy.

Physical therapists help patients restore the use of muscles, bones and the nervous system through exercise and various treatments.

Occupational therapists help patients regain the ability to do everyday tasks by restoring old skills or by teaching new skills to adjust to limitations or disabilities.

Speech therapists help patients restore speech.

Recreation therapists work to maintain the physical, mental and emotional well-being of patients using a variety of techniques, including arts and crafts, animals, games, music and community outings.

### Leisure activities important to well-being

Recreation therapists assess their clients' needs based on physician referral, medical records, the therapist's own observations and input from the patient's family. They then develop a therapeutic plan with input from the patient's physician, social worker and nursing team that is consistent with individual patient needs and interests.

In inpatient settings, many patients referred for recreation therapy are senior citizens recovering from a joint replacement or stroke. In both of these situations, the goal of the recreation therapist is to help patients overcome any physical or emotional barriers that may prevent them from returning to their leisure interests. The ability to perform hobbies and favorite activities after an extended illness or injury is a critical part of the recovery process and can have a significant impact on a person's sense of well-being.

### Refocus from performance to enjoyment

There are adaptive golf programs to help avid golfers refocus their goals from performance to simply enjoying the game and the social event. Simple craft projects that can be done one-handed can help build confidence in a person with limited use of one hand. Music therapy and visits by friendly dogs are calming and uplifting to persons who may feel anxious or depressed.

Activities typically are done in a group setting, drawing energy from the camaraderie that develops.

For persons who require the use of a wheelchair or adaptive device such as a walker, field trips to places like the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Belle Isle Conservatory or fishing at Pier Park are scheduled.

These "out trips" are designed to help individuals work through possible embarrassment of being seen in public with their device and to familiarize them with using special access areas in public facilities.

A patient's family member or other caregiver is welcome to join in on therapy sessions or even on field trips, if space allows.

The presence of a familiar face may give some patients a degree of comfort, and it also will familiarize the visitor with certain activities so that they can be continued in the patient's home setting.

Recovering from an extended illness or a devastating injury requires the expertise of a diverse team of healthcare professionals plus the willingness of patients to work hard.

The recreation therapist's role in the healing process is valuable in helping patients develop and use their leisure time and activities in ways that enhance their health, independence and well-being.

Bruce Ogilvy is a certified recreation therapist in the Cottage Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit, Bon Secours Cottage Health Services, (313) 640-1000.

## Is it too late for a New Year's resolution?

By Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan  
Special Writers

If you are a parent, family member, friend, teacher or neighbor of a child with special needs, consider adding another resolution to your 2004 list.

Here are a few suggestions. We created them with parents in mind, but they could be for anyone who knows and loves a child with special needs. And who doesn't fall into that category?

Join Partnership for Different Learners (PDL). It is a Grosse Pointe district-wide organization for parents, teachers and administrators. Its goal is to build a partnership to promote educational excellence for all students in our public schools. Be more involved and attend PDL meetings.

Become an active member of The ARC Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods. This local organization serves



The Coutilish family

various needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

Attend an educational conference or symposium such as the Wrightslaw Special Education Law Conference on Saturday, Feb. 28, in Troy; or a Parent/Educator Symposium, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe

## X-tra Special Advice

for Parents of Special-needs Children

Department of Student Services and PDL, on Saturday, March 27, at Parcels Middle School.

Organize or coach a Special Olympics team, or do the important job of cheering on the teams once they are in motion.

Contact your state and federal representatives. Tell them about your situation. Choose one of the many issues on which to focus: education, health insurance, genetic research, etc. Give them a photo and a story to consider when voting on legislation that may impact your child.

Help others learn more about your child's special needs. Give someone the knowledge he or she may

not have. Educate them as only you can because you live with the challenges and joys of your child every day.

For more details regarding any of these suggestions, please contact us.

We wish you well on all of your 2004 New Year's resolutions. We will be here working on ours.

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 (go to [fragilex.org](http://fragilex.org)). Send your questions, comments or ideas to [tcoutilish@mac.wayne.edu](mailto:tcoutilish@mac.wayne.edu) or [mbangan@hotmail.com](mailto:mbangan@hotmail.com).

## Bon Secours Cottage offers support groups

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services offers a variety of support groups to the community. Meetings take place at Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms; Bon Secours Hospital, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe; or the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center, 26001 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Meetings take place at 1 p.m. Sundays in Connelly Auditorium at Bon Secours Hospital. For more information, call (313) 885-1888.

**Al Anon:** Meetings take place from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday in Conference Rooms 1-4, first floor, at Cottage Hospital. For more information, call (888) 425-2666.

**Alzheimer's/Dementia,** Bon Secours Nursing Care Center: Community caregivers are invited to attend monthly sessions that focus on coping with these debilitating conditions and place emphasis on caregivers "caring for themselves." Meetings are held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month in the In-Service Room. For information, call (586) 779-7032.

**Bereavement** Bon Secours Cottage Hospice: Staff from Bon Secours Cottage Hospice facilitates evening and afternoon meetings that are for any adult who has experienced the death of a loved one. An evening Spousal Support Group also is offered for people whose spouses have died. For information on specific meeting dates and locations, call (313) 343-6051.

**Bon Secours Hospital:** Any adult who has experienced the death of a loved one is welcome to attend free monthly afternoon or evening sessions at Bon Secours Hospital. For more information or to register, call (313) 343-1656.

**Younger Adults:** Individuals between 20 and 50 years of age who have experienced a significant loss, or an accumulation of losses over an extended period of time, are invited to listen, share and validate the grief and bereavement processes. The free program takes place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of

each month in the first-floor chapel at Cottage Hospital. For information, call (313) 343-1656.

**Perinatal Loss Support Group:** Bon Secours Cottage Perinatal Bereavement Support Group meetings are a grief support group for patients and families who have experienced the adverse outcome of a desired pregnancy such as a missed abortion, miscarriage at any gestation, intrauterine fetal demise, still birth, traumatic or any other pregnancy loss.

The group meets the second and fourth Monday of each month (except holidays) at 7 p.m. at Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, in the

chapel located in the main lobby. For additional information, contact Marie Borsa at (313) 343-1656.

There is no charge or need to register.

**Breastfeeding Connection:** The Breastfeeding Connection is a Bon Secours Cottage free support group for mothers who breastfeed. Call the Women's HealthCare Line at (586) 779-7909 for meeting times and dates.

In addition, the LaLeche League meets from 7 to 9:30 p.m. every third Monday at Bon Secours Hospital.

For more information, call Mary Ann Godzwon, (313) 343-1705, or Deb Scallen, (313) 343-1777.

## Key to meningitis prevention is awareness

According to a recent article in the New England Journal of Medicine, parents should be better educated about potentially fatal bacterial meningitis and the vaccine that helps prevent it.

To help educate parents and teens against bacterial meningitis, a disease that affects 2,400 to 3,000 Americans annually, the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan has begun its second annual awareness campaign, making immunizations and information available to schools and to individuals.

If not treated early, meningitis can lead to swelling of the lining around the brain and spinal column.

In as few as two to 10 hours, meningitis can cause severe and permanent disabilities such as hearing loss, brain damage, seizures, limb amputation and death.

Grosse Pointe Denise Copp knows the devastating loss first hand with the 1999 death of her 19-year old son, Trevor, that occurred within just seven hours of his flu-like symptoms.

On Jan. 2, this year, a teen from a Macomb County high school died from meningitis.

During the last six years, at least six students at Michigan colleges have contracted bacterial meningitis; three of them died.

"It's important for parents and their children to know their options and minimize their risk, particularly for college-bound high school seniors, because their risk is three times greater," said

Kay Renny, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan manager of community programs. "Don't wait to vaccinate. Once students go off to college, it's too easy to forget about getting the shot."

More information about bacterial meningitis and the vaccine is available by calling VNA of Southeast Michigan at (248) 967-8751 or visiting [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org).

Meningitis vaccinations are available by appointment at the VNA's office, 25900 Greenfield, in Oak Park, for \$85. Schools can call for a meningitis information kit or to host an on-site clinic.

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**Reader's Question:** My mom won't wear hearing aids because she says that everyone will know she has a hearing problem. Is this true?

Many people fail to use hearing aids in the false belief that it draws attention to their problem. In fact, most hearing aids are quite inconspicuous. They blend in with one's appearance even better than eyeglasses. The individual whose hearing loss is really conspicuous is the one who says "what?" or "huh?" all the time. He/She often misunderstands and has a straining-to-hear look on their face. If hearing aids can eliminate the need to do these things, the problem will be less noticeable, not more obvious. In almost all

cases, friends will welcome the use of hearing aids. It will spare them the painful necessity of having to shout and repeat.

Believe it or not, some people used to be self-conscious about wearing eye-glasses. Today, with the fancy frames and contact lenses nobody minds. Similar advancements have been made in Audiology. The new hearing aids are almost as difficult to detect as contact lenses.

If you have further questions, please contact Dr. Ginette Lezotte at Grosse Pointe Audiology, 313.343.5555.



Dr. Lezotte



## The dreaded electric bill

By Debbie Farmer  
Special Writer

As we all know, there are a lot of stressful issues you have to deal with after the holidays that you don't have to deal with the rest of the year: getting on the scale, finding matching snow boots, trying to get the fake Christmas tree back into the box and so on.

But there's nothing as shocking and mind-boggling as the arrival of the first winter electricity bill.

You might think this is just a column of sour grapes. Well, it is. But I bet, unless you're the type who lives off the land or in a nice Amish community, you know exactly what I mean.

It's not as if we haven't tried to cut back on our energy consumption. Believe me, we've switched off extra lights and have not run appliances during peak hours and all that. But, really, there's only so far you can go before you find yourself walking around the house wearing a snow suit and mittens and heating up soup with a stress-free aromatherapy candle.

Don't get me wrong. I have nothing against the power company. After all, we all know it's just a gigantic helpless monopoly trying to do its job. But the truth of the matter is, the whole issue of energy rates is fairly complex. It's a mysterious mathematical process having to do with therms and tiers and percentages. It's sort of like figuring out how much you'd have to pay for a knock-off pair of Prada shoes on the double markdown clearance table at Nordstrom.

But worse. Much, much

### Family Daze

By  
Debbie  
Farmer



worse.

A friend of mine who works for the power company, once tried to explain the rate system to me. I'm sure he was very eloquent, but it sounded something like, "The rate is calculated by finding the number of base therms, then dividing it by the total daily kilowatts, then adding 10 percent of the third tier and then multiplying the whole thing by the number of hours it takes to walk from New York to California."

Of course, maybe I misheard him.

So this year, after I got our first winter bill, I did what any concerned consumer would do: I called the power company and explained my situation in a calm and intelligent manner.

Our conversation went something like:

Me: Help! This is an emergency!

Big Power Company: Just remain calm, Ma'am. Is it a gas leak? A blown transformer?

Me: No, my bill is way too high!

Big Power company: But...

Me: I mean, you can't expect a family of four to pay that amount. Clearly there's been some kind of horrible miscalculation!

Big Power Company: But we...

Me: I suspect that some numbers were inverted or added or multiplied, or your machinery is faulty. And don't even try to pin it on the one light-up reindeer I had in the front yard last month. I demand a recount! This is robbery, I say! Robbery!

Big Power Company: Mrs. Farmer, is that you?

That's the thing about big power companies. There's really no way around them. Face it, as unbelievable as it seems, they don't care if you have to skip buying mocha lattes and fresh fruit just to pay your bill.

Things could be worse. You could be like my friend Shirley, whose husband, after a particularly shocking statement, spent thousands of dollars re-insulating the attic, replacing the windows and upgrading all of the appliances.

Expensive? Yes. Unreasonable? Maybe. But, hey, so is having to pay a bazillion dollars a month for something you can't even see.

I think I'm going to take a more Zen-like approach. From now on, whenever I get the electric bill, I'm going to breathe slowly and, in the words of my friend Linda, "open my inner chakra," whatever that may be.

Then I'll unplug all of the appliances and hope for an early spring.

*Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother holding down the fort in California, and the author of Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat. She can be reached by writing family-daze@oasisnewsfeatures.co*



## Auto Show Preview

Children's Services of the Northeast Guidance Center's Assistance League was well-represented at the recent Charity Preview of the North American International Auto Show. The Northeast Guidance Center was one of 11 charities that benefited from the preview. The one-night event raised a record \$7 million.

Among those who attended, were, from left, Beth Moran, event chairman; Helen Boyer, co-president of the Assistance League; Paul Alandt, honorary chairman; Rashetta Williams, child ambassador for Northeast Guidance Center; Lynn Alandt, honorary chairman; Denise Cara, co-president of the Assistance League; and Cheryl Coleman, executive director of the Northeast Guidance Center.

## Cold weather car care

### Even your car can get the flu

Are you and your family ready for the cold and flu season? How about your car?

"The same snowy, freezing, damp weather that brings on the sniffles for people lowers the resistance in cars," said Joel Burrows, a.k.a. "The Car Doctor" and vice president of training/R&D at Precision Tune Auto Care.

"Motorists are more likely to face car trouble in winter than any other time of year," Burrows said. The American Automobile Association reports that of the 21 million emergency road service calls it receives, most are in the late fall and winter. Of those calls, 40 percent involve vehicles that wouldn't start, and 34 percent are for major mechanical failures requiring towing.

In light of those statistics, the Car Doctor suggests making sure "your car is healthy with a complete physical exam. Just as a cough is the signal for an oncoming cold, rough idling, hard starts, stalling or diminished power are signs of pending car trouble.

"A thorough inspection and analysis by a trusted professional assures that your car is running at maximum efficiency and provides insight to potential problems. Pay special attention to replacing dirty filters for air, fuel and crankcase ventilation when necessary."

In addition to the basics, Burrows identifies critical areas that cause car owners the most headaches during winters. He advises giving special attention to:

**Oil** — Oil changes should be more frequent in winter. As temperatures drop, oil

thickens and provides less efficient lubrication. Use lighter oil (5W-30 or 10W-40) or try synthetic oil, which flows better in extremely cold weather, offering more protection at start-up. For specific recommendations for your vehicle, always refer to the manufacturer's service schedule.

**Antifreeze** — "Permanent" does not mean forever; most antifreeze requires changing every 24 months. Antifreeze prevents ice from forming in the engine block, and it inhibits rust and corrosion. Dirty antifreeze contains sediments that may plug radiator passages and cause overheating.

**Battery** — At 32 degrees, a battery may have only 50 percent of its summer output but twice the need for starting power. Check connections to assure a tight fit. Remove corrosion from posts and cable connections. And have your auto care service provider perform a load test on your vehicle's battery.

**Hoses** — Hoses should be inspected every year and changed every three years. They wear from the inside out; so defects are not always visible. Squeeze to detect loss of elasticity. Look for cracked, bulging, brittle or limp hoses. Check overall condition and tension on the belt. Too tight a belt can ruin an alternator; too loose can result in a dead battery. Look for cracks in serpentine type belts.

**Tires** — When the temperature drops, so does the air pressure in tires. Improper inflation causes premature wearing which, in turn, can cause an acci-

dent. Check tire pressure when the tires are cold, not after driving. Also check for cuts, abrasions and uneven wear.

**Brakes** — Road contamination and moisture can affect your braking ability. This is especially true in winter due to salt and other materials used to battle snow and ice. A thorough brake inspection, particularly of friction materials, like pads and shoes, is just what the doctor ordered.

**Heater/defroster** — The heater and defroster provide warmth and comfort as well as good visibility for safe driving. A screeching sound when you turn on the heater or a stiff control lever can mean trouble. Have it checked out.

**Fuel** — In cold weather, keep your gas tank full. Pour a bottle of fuel de-icer in the tank once a month to prevent moisture from freezing in the fuel line.

**Windshield** — Invest in rubber-clad winter blades that can help prevent ice and snow build-up. Wipers work harder clearing snow, frost, ice and road salt.

**Exhaust system** — Have a qualified technician check your exhaust system on a lift for leaks, soft exhaust pipes, small holes in trunk and floorboards and cracked rubber hangers or broken clamps. Failure to replace faulty components could be deadly.

"Each car, just like each person, is a little different," Burrows said, adding: "Learn about the needs of your own car. Everyone should begin a car preparedness inventory for each season by reading the owner's manual."

## Meetings

### Windmill

#### Pointe Questers

The Windmill Pointe Questers will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at the Children's Home of Detroit. Hostess for the meeting will be Sophia Fotopulos.

### Women's

#### Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at a private club in Grosse Pointe.

The speaker will be

Marlene Harle, who will discuss fashions for the years 1860-1940. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. For reservations or more information, call Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855 or Marcia Pikeleak at (313) 884-4201.

### Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 21, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The speaker will be Mark Huston from the Department of Philosophy at Wayne State University.

Guest reservations must be made by Saturday, Jan. 17. Call (313) 881-6251.

### G.P. Audubon

Grosse Pointe Audubon will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, in the Community Room of the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Wayne State University professor Bill Moore will give a lecture on "What Genes Can Tell Us about the Origins of Birds." The free lecture is open to the public. For more information, call (313) 885-6502.

## Scillian

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and loads of facts.

"I think all great kids' books and movies work on different levels," Scillian said. "As a kid, I would watch Bugs Bunny cartoons with my dad. We'd both laugh, but we were laughing at different things. When writing for elementary school kids, I want the books to be as accessible for first-graders as they are engaging for fifth-graders."

Along with his wife, Scillian also got input on writing his books from his

children: Griffin, 15; Quinn, 12; and twins Madison and Christian, 7.

"The kids aren't listed on the cover, but they should've been listed as editors," Scillian said. "They've become very discriminating barometers. I'll try story ideas on them, and if they like them, those are the ideas I tend to pursue."

Promoting three new releases has been a challenge for Scillian, who visits about one to two schools and book stores each week.

"Channel 4 is still my main employer," Scillian

said. "I am where I need to be most of the time. And family still comes first. Actually, writing books has opened up a lot of opportunities for my kids."

There won't be much rest ahead for Scillian in 2004 as the two other manuscripts he completed in 2003 will be published. "Kerby Cane and the Memory Train" is a story about a boy who often forgets to do what he is told. "S is for Sunflower," his fourth alphabet book, is a condensed children's guide to Kansas and will also be illustrated by Braught.

## Tuesday Musicales presents concert Jan. 20

The Tuesday Musicales of Detroit will present "Brahms, Beethoven and Jazz" at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 20, at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit.

Guest Artist Michael Zaporoski will head his group, Future Visions, in a

musical tribute to his student, the late Zelda Keil Miller. Andrew Lloyd (bass); Karen Tomalis (drums) and Nicholas Fehr (bandoneon) will perform with Zaporoski.

Brahms' Trio for Clarinet, Cello and Piano will be performed by Norma Keil (clarinet), Timothy Nicolai (cello)

and guest artist Lana Shulman (piano).

Beethoven's Sonata No. 10 in G for Violin and Piano will be performed by Gail Aiken (violin) and Carole Dolan (piano).

Admission is free. For more information, call (248) 848-9930 or (586) 739-5707.

## Diabetes education at Bon Secours Cottage

The Bon Secours Cottage Adult Outpatient Diabetes Education Program was awarded education recognition by the American Diabetes Association and certification by the Michigan Department of

Community Health. This award is given to education programs that demonstrate quality through a rigorous and detailed peer review process.

The diabetes education program is offered to non-

pregnant adults who are referred by their physicians. Learn how to eat well while staying on individual meal plans; exercise; and prevent problems; control and monitor blood sugar.

Call (586) 779-7900.

## Girls' Fitness Night is Jan. 19 at Assumption

An evening devoted to improve your personal well-being will be begin at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 19, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter.

Get to know your own fitness profile with exercise, aerobic dance, Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates-like mat work and personal training.

Wear comfortable clothing.

Pat Peabody, Mary Ann Kashef, Carolyn Kaselitz and Diane Ryda will instruct, along with speaker Mary Petersen, who will help you meet your daily challenges with a better spirit.

Call Assumption Cultural Center, (586) 779-6111 to register.



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## Annual Inventory Sale

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday

January 15, 16, 17 and 19<sup>th</sup>

**25% OFF** Your Total Purchase<sup>\*</sup>

In-store items only

Excluding: Bakery, Special Orders  
Classes, UPS, All Clad and J.A. Henckels

## The Pastor's Corner

My times  
are in your handBy Pastor Emeritus Gustav Kopka, Jr.  
St. James Lutheran Church

"My times are in your hand."  
Good times and also bad times  
As well as in-between.  
Times and seasons are meet  
Right and salutary for  
"You who wait for the Lord."

Psalm 31. And three  
From Ecclesiastes,  
New Year's promise to us.  
"A time to plant . . . uproot,"  
Time when memories fail.  
Take nothing for granted.

The ancient Hebrews were  
Never afraid to cry.  
Their sacraments of love  
Flowering from a deep spring.  
Life touched them more deeply.  
"My cup runneth over."

"A time for tears" (verse four),  
To pick up our tear Cup,  
A way to save our tears  
Because tears are precious.  
God does prefer our tears  
To our cool and cold mind.

Verse seven: "A time for  
Keeping silent." I prefer  
"I'm fine!" to speak to those  
who glibly ask: "How are you?"  
For I don't want to ask  
When I don't want to know.

"A time for peace" (verse eight).  
Shalom! Salem! At peace  
With awe and gratitude!  
And thanks to Forrest Church  
Gifting us with "Life Lines:  
Holding On . . . Letting Go."

## 'The DaVinci Code' is LTA topic

The Lay Theological Academy will present a class, "The DaVinci Code," at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. The presenter will be the Rev. Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon. The cost is \$5.

"The DaVinci Code," a current bestselling novel by

Dan Brown, is about several theological and historical questions about the Holy Grail, Mary Magdalene and Jesus. To register or to get more information, call (313) 881-6670.

The Lay Theological Academy is a coalition of 12 local churches and institutions. It offers ecumenical educational opportunities.

## First English chooses Woman of the Year

The Women of the Church at First English Ev. Lutheran Church will be represented at the 16th annual Katy York Honoring Women Luncheon by Carol Sauter, a 25-year church member and a lifetime Lutheran.

The luncheon will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, at St. Mary's Cultural & Banquet Center, 18100 Merriman in Livonia.

Sauter is a member of Peace Circle, past chairman of the board for Social Action and currently Women of the

Church stewardship secretary, LSSM ACTION representative and a member of the building committee for the Family Life Center that is under construction. She has been in charge of the summer flower gardens on the church property for the last 10 years.

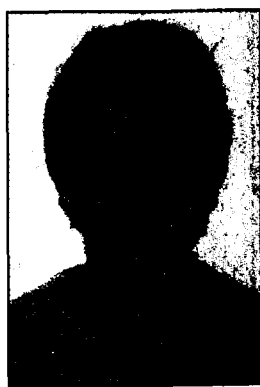
She is chairman of the Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission, on the board of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, a member of the Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club and the Grosse Pointe

Woman's Club, a volunteer in the gardens and in the Junior Master Garden Program at the Children's Home of Detroit and an active member of the Fox Creek chapter of Questers International.

Sauter loves reading, gardening and travel. She is a wife and mother of three grown children and grandmother of five.

The cost for the luncheon and program is \$18.

To make a reservation, call the church office at (313) 884-5040 before Sunday, Jan. 18.



Carol Sauter

## Babies

## Alexander Michael Tigges

Bret and Carrie Tigges of Harper Woods are the parents of a son, Alexander Michael Tigges, born Dec. 15, 2003. Maternal grandparents are Sandra and Milton Osgood Jr. of Traverse City, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Dwight and Pamela Tigges of Naples, Fla., and Put-in-Bay, Ohio.

Great-grandparents are Milton and Evelyn Osgood of Harsens Island and Largo, Fla.

## Hayden Kenneth Kaspzyk

Kathryn Pierce Kaspzyk and Jason Kaspzyk of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, Hayden Kenneth Kaspzyk, born Dec. 26, 2003. Maternal grandparents are Sis and Don Pierce of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Paternal grandparents are Kathy and Jerry Kaspzyk of Rochester.

## Megan Grace Verbiest and Trevor Scott Verbiest

Stacy and Jon Verbiest of Manhattan Beach, Calif., are the parents of twins, a

daughter, Megan Grace Verbiest and a son, Trevor Scott Verbiest, born Nov. 10, 2003.

Maternal grandparents are Kathleen and Frank Brannen of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.

Paternal grandparents are Sue and Tom Verbiest of Grosse Pointe Park.

## Patrick James Seagram

Jon and Denise Seagram of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, Patrick James Seagram, born Dec. 1, 2003. Maternal grandparents are Lou and Louise Jacobell of St. Clair Shores. Paternal grandparents are Jim and D'Ann Seagram of St. Clair Shores.

## Sean Michael Kent

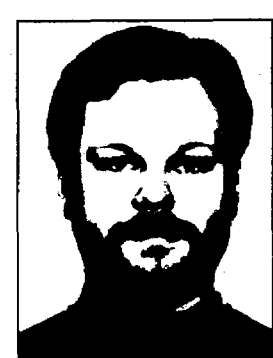
Kimberly and David Kent of Cincinnati, Ohio, are the parents of a son, Sean Michael Kent, born Dec. 15, 2003. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gari Kersten of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kent of Cincinnati.

## Memorial welcomes ecumenical minister

The Rev. Nikolai Ozolin of Karelia, Russia, will arrive on Thursday, Jan. 15, for a two-week visit as Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's 2004 Ecumenical Minister.

From Tuesday, Jan. 27, to Saturday, Jan. 31, Ozolin will present the popular Ecumenical Institute lectures (formerly "elderhostel") as part of the Lay Theological Academy at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. The lectures are from 9 to 11 a.m.

He will discuss Russian history and culture, the history of the Orthodox Church in Russia, the presence of other Christian churches in Russia, the music of Russia and the foods of Russia. He will teach volunteers in the group how to prepare a Russian lunch for all participants.



Rev. Nikolai Ozolin

through an endowment provided by the late Ester Porter, in memory of her parents.

## FELC offers organ CD

First English Ev. Lutheran Church members have produced a compact disc featuring an organ recital by Robert Foster. Foster is celebrating his 20th anniversary as First English's organist.

The CD, "Bob's Favorites," contains more than 77 minutes of music, including the works of Bach, Dupre, Young, Franck, Boellmann, Beethoven, Mulet, Liszt, Barber and Widor.

A donation of \$20 for the CD is tax exempt. For more information, call the church at (313) 884-5040.

WORSHIP SERVICES			
<b>Christ the King Lutheran Church</b> Mack at Lochmoor 884-5090 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School & Bible Classes Supervised Nursery Provided www.christtheking.org Randy S. Boelter, Pastor Timothy A. Holzerland, Assoc. Pastor	<b>Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church</b> "Forgive--And Remember" 10:30 a.m. Worship 17150 MAUMEE 881-0420 Rev. John Corrado, Minister	<b>Eastside Community Church</b> A Caring Community of Many Cultures Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. in the Harper Woods High School Auditorium Rev. Samuel D. Jackson, Pastor (313) 647-0000 www.eastsidecommunitychurch.com "To Know Him and Make Him Known"	<b>ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> 20475 Sunningdale Park near Lochmoor Club Grosse Pointe Woods Sunday 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:15 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist (Nursery Available) 884-4820
<b>St. James Lutheran Church</b> 170 McMillan Rd., near Kercheval Grosse Pointe Farms • 884-0511 9:00 a.m. Education Time 9:45 a.m. Refreshments and Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion Nursery Provided Wednesdays Noon: Service of Word and Sacrament The Reverend Gerald A. Spore, Pastor The Reverend Gustav Kopka Jr., Ph.D., Pastor Emeritus	<b>GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 1175 Lakepointe at Kercheval Grosse Pointe Park 822-3823 Sunday - Worship 10:30 a.m. Tuesday - Thrift Shop 10:30 - 3:30 Wednesday - Amazing Grace Seniors every second Wednesday at The Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park 11:00 - 3:00 COME JOIN US Pastor: Rev. Henry L. Reinewald	<b>Saint Ambrose Parish</b> Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses at 8:30 & 11:15 a.m. St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park One block north of Jefferson, at Maryland	<b>ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 375 Lothrop at Chalfonte 881-6670 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:10 a.m. Education for All Nursery Available Rev. Frederick Harms, Pastor Rev. Morsal Collier, Assoc. Pastor
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<b>Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church</b> Seeking to serve Christ in the midst of the City Sunday, January 18, 2004 10:30 a.m. Worship Service In Remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Peter C. Smith, preaching Church School: Crib - 8th Grade Save the Date: Sunday, February 1st, 10:30 a.m. Family Communion Sunday 8625 E. Jefferson at Burns, Detroit Visit our website: www.japc.org 313-822-3456	<b>THE GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH</b> Established 1865 The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) We Welcome You In Worship, Service, Fellowship FATHER NIKOLAI OZOLINE, preaching Ecumenical Minister from Russia 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services - Sanctuary 10:10 a.m. - Christian Education for Children, Youth & Adults 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Crib/Toddler Care 4:00 p.m. Service for Wholeness - Barbour Chapel Ecumenical Men's Friday Breakfast STEPHEN MINISTRY and LAGOS Congregation 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms • 882-5330 www.gpmchurch.org		

## Local seniors learn, thrive at St. Peter's Learning Center

Get up. Get out. Get involved. As the new year swings into mid-winter and spring, St. Peter's Learning Center is offering several new programs for seniors who want to keep their minds and bodies active and productive.

On the menu starting Tuesday, Feb. 10, from 10:45 a.m. to noon, a "Chew & Chat" sandwich seminar is scheduled in the St. Peter's Parish House. During these tasty and entertaining sessions folks will learn about different sandwich treats, ingredients for a nutritious, healthy handful and get a chance to sample the sandwiches prepared.

Understanding today's "musical" selections doesn't have to be a waste of time. It can be fun and interesting. Over the years as the world of music has evolved, it has worn many faces — from the classics and mellow big band sounds to jazz, swing, bebop, rock and hip-hop. Often, we wonder whatever

happened to the leisurely sounds of days long gone. During the "Be-Bop, Hip-Hop, or Harry James" sessions on Tuesdays, Feb. 17 and 24, from 10:45 a.m. to noon in the Parish House, the diverse changes in music will be discussed in order to open doors of better communication and understanding between the "I-just-don't-understand-it" adults and today's toe-tapping youth, who wouldn't think of trading a Mick Jagger rock album for a collection of Frank Sinatra ballads.

Twinges of stress and depression can take their toll during the aging process, but in order to overcome those pangs, St. Peter's Learning Center has planned a special program, "Mind Over Matters," to demonstrate how the way one feels and reacts to life are interconnected. One can ultimately alter the way he or she feels about the large and small stresses in life by changing thinking patterns

and the approach to everyday problems. Adding to the quality of life begins with a positive attitude. "Mind Over Matters" is scheduled for Tuesdays, March 9, 16, and 23, from 10:45 a.m. to noon in the Parish House.

Also available at St. Peter's are the ongoing computer classes that include the following: basic beginner, introduction to Excel, introduction to Word, making greeting cards and more. For those who want to start an exercise regime, the classes at St. Peter's are designed for the mature adult to help develop muscle toning, balance and stamina while increasing cardiovascular strength. Ongoing exercise classes are now in session on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., in the school gym.

For more information about St. Peter's Learning Center programs for adults, call Marion McCarthy at (313) 343-0771.

## Support group helps cancer survivor

By Jan Duster  
Special Writer

An attorney, wife and mother of two Grosse Pointe South High School students, Linda Galante was surprised to discover a tumor in her left breast during a routine self-exam. After all, it hadn't shown up on her mammogram only four months prior.

"I underwent a mastectomy and TRAM reconstruction in October 1999," she said, "then four treatments of chemotherapy."

But before having a port inserted for the chemotherapy, Linda's doctor suggested having a mammogram done on her right breast, since it had been six months since the last one.

To her total disbelief, a biopsy on what appeared to be microcalcifications indicated early stage ductal carcinoma.

At the time of her diagnosis, Linda could find no breast cancer support group on the east side to help her through these difficult and uncertain times.

The plastic surgery staff at Henry Ford Medical Center — Pierson Clinic recognized the need and helped to organize and provide a place for women to interact and support one another on their survivorship journeys.

Working in partnership with the Edith McNaughton Ford Center for Radiation Oncology, the Grosse Pointe Breast Cancer Support Group meets from 6 to 8 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month in the lower level boardrooms at Cottage Hospital.

The group is open to any breast cancer survivor, no

matter where she received her care or at what stage of treatment. Spouses, family members and other support people also are invited to attend.

The group is facilitated by registered nurses from both Bon Secours Cottage Health Services and Henry Ford Health System.

"The object of the support group is to bring women together to share experiences, learn and gain support from one another," said Laura Kapuscinski. "It's a place where they can openly express their feelings, a place to unload worries and celebrate successes."

Kapuscinski interacts with breast cancer patients as a Henry Ford Pierson Clinic nurse working with plastic surgeons Dr. Herman Houin, Dr. Donald Ditmars, Dr. Kenneth Moquin and Dr. Aamir Siddiqui.

She coordinates the support group along with Pam Sharrow, a breast care coordinator at the Bon Secours Cottage Women's Diagnostic Center and staff from the Edith McNaughton Ford Center for Radiation Oncology at Cottage Hospital.

The meeting format is informal discussion with occasional expert speakers arranged. Speakers may be genetic counselors, nutritionists, physicians, psychologists, massage therapists, pharmacists and make-up and hair consultants.

"We go with whatever the group wants to do," Kapuscinski said. She has been working with newly diagnosed breast cancer patients for several years.

"I found these women

often are emotionally devastated and need someone to talk to, someone who understands exactly what they're going through. And I've seen the difference it makes in them when they have someone to talk with about their cancer, their medical treatment, and their fears."

For Kapuscinski, the group fills a role that is unique to cancer survivors. "It's a place where we can come and go as we need, a place to seek advice from women who know what it's like to look breast cancer squarely in the eye, a place to share our fears without always burdening those we love and a place to give comfort to other women whose pain we recognize so clearly."

She added, "That is probably, for me, the best part — to know I can help someone else, at least a little, in getting through this challenge we call cancer."

Kapuscinski encourages anyone considering attending the breast cancer support group "to go at your own pace, based on your needs — not anyone else's. And always remember that the people in a breast cancer survivor group are there because they care not only about themselves, but about other cancer survivors."

For more information about the Grosse Pointe Breast Cancer Support Group that meets at Cottage Hospital from 6 to 8 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month, call Kapuscinski at (313) 343-6153.

Cottage Hospital is located at 159 Kercheval Avenue, one mile south of Moross, in Grosse Pointe Farms.

## SOC Options

### SOC plans trips every Thursday

By Sharon Maier

SOC Executive Director

It is time to start thinking about ways to get out and about even though it is freezing outside.

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) offers affordable local trips every Thursday. The trips are taken on heated buses, and you get dropped off so close to the door of our destination that you will hardly remember it is winter outside.

The trips fill up fast and new trips are added each week. To keep posted on what trips are open, call the SOC office at (313) 882-9600 or stop into the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, in the City of Grosse Pointe.

P.F. Chang's

Thursday, Jan. 22;

\$23 residents; \$26 nonresidents

Enjoy an authentic meal at the famous P.F. Chang's. The menu features traditional Chinese offerings and innovative dishes that illustrate the emerging influence of Southeast Asia on modern Chinese cuisine.

Chefs are respectful of the culture and traditions that are behind the dishes they prepare. Working in a dramatic exhibition kitchen, they use Mandarin style wok cooking.

Depart SOC at 11 a.m.; return to SOC at 2 p.m.

Trip includes transportation, lunch and a box lunch to take home.

Casino Windsor

Thursday Jan. 29; \$10

Come along as we journey to the Windsor Casino. Your price is only \$10. With this you also receive a \$15 meal voucher or a \$10 gaming voucher. The cost of the trip, then, is \$0. Register early because this trip fills up fast.

Tour Package includes round-trip transportation

via deluxe motorcoach from SOC, a \$15 casino food voucher or a \$10 gaming voucher, all taxes and gratuities and a box lunch to take home.

Pine Ridge Senior Village —

Plumbrook

Thursday, Feb. 5; \$9

Join us for a day of touring Pine Ridge Senior Village — Plumbrook. Pine Ridge Senior Village is a unique community. It offers freedom from the everyday worries of meal preparation, housekeeping, laundry and home upkeep. Brand new in fall 2003 we will be one of the first groups to tour this facility. In addition to the tour, a delicious lunch will be created especially for us by the Pine Ridge — Plumbrook chefs and a fun bingo game with prizes will be available.

Tour Package includes round-trip transportation, lunch, a tour of the facility, bingo and a box lunch to take home.

"Annie" at the Masonic Temple Theatre

Thursday, Feb. 12

Residents, \$46; nonresidents, \$49

The family classic, "Annie," returns to Detroit packed with unforgettable characters and show-stopping tunes like "It's a Hard Knock Life" and "Tomorrow." Don't miss this heartwarming, feel-good musical for young and old.

Tour Package includes round-trip transportation, a ticket for the play and a box lunch to take home.

American Polish Cultural Center

Thursday, Feb. 19

\$19 for residents; \$22, nonresidents

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### SOC to explore China during January

Services for Older Citizens will explore a different country each month.

In January, the topic is the Orient.

A Chinese travelogue and a talk about Taiwan by George Guo is slated for Tuesday, Jan. 20.

On Wednesday, Jan. 21, SOC will celebrate the

Chinese New Year and on Thursday, Jan. 22, SOC will sponsor a trip to P.F. Chang's for lunch.

On Friday, Jan. 23, participants will discover Chinese puzzles and prizes.

All activities begin at 11 a.m.

For more information, call Susan Kopf at (313) 882-9600.

### SOC offers tax assistance

Services for Older Citizens is offering free tax assistance for all Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods seniors through mid-April.

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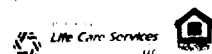
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January 15, 2004

## Norsemen make a statement with OT win over Country Day

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

After beating Grosse Pointe South last week, Grosse Pointe North basketball coach Matt Trombley was looking forward to playing Detroit Country Day in a couple of days.

"I think if we can beat Country Day it would send us on our way," he said. "We've had enough moral victories. We're playing to win."

That was also the mindset of the North team.

"Marcell (Maxwell) stood up in the locker room and said, 'losing is not an option.' That was the attitude we wanted going in," Trombley said. "We really fought the whole way."

And it paid off in a 58-56 overtime victory over the Yellowjackets, who were ranked No. 1 in the state in Class B.

It was the most important

win for the Norsemen since Trombley became coach before the 2001-02 season.

"No question," Trombley said. "It's not often you even get a chance to play a team the caliber of Country Day."

The first half was all Country Day, and the Yellowjackets held an 11-point lead at the break.

"It wasn't that we played a bad first half," Trombley said. "They just executed on offense and were aggressive

defensively, and we had an offensive lull."

Country Day's big front line (6-feet-7 and 250, 6-8 and 220, and 6-5) caused problems for the Norsemen.

"They used a post-to-post screen," Trombley said.

North began cutting into the lead in the second half, and got it down to six or seven points, but whenever the Norsemen got within striking distance, Country Day would hit a key shot and boost the lead back to nine or 10 points.

"We did a good job of lock-

ing down on them defensively in the second half and we made them do some things they were uncomfortable with," Trombley said.

"We went to the glass offensively and Marcell got some big rebounds. And our big guys started to go the perimeter and forced their big people to come out. In the second half our big guys hurt them like they hurt us in the first half, only from a different perspective."

David Klein, Maxwell and Michael Bramos each made some slick moves to the bas-

ket. Bramos, who finished with 25 points, scored 13 in the fourth quarter, and had all of the Norsemen's points in the overtime.

North trailed by six points with 2 1/2 minutes left when Andy Bennett hit a three-point basket to cut the margin in half.

"Andy gave us some quality minutes and that big three against their zone was a huge basket," Trombley said.

After Country Day hit a

See NORTH, page 3C

## South swimmers roll past North

Grosse Pointe South's swimming team showed last week that it deserves to be ranked No. 4 in the state.

The Blue Devils won all but one event as they defeated crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North 129-57 in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet.

South swam some excellent times in the meet. The Blue Devils achieved state qualifying times in seven events, including the 100-yard freestyle where both Luke Richard and Ben Jenzen made the cut.

Richard won the event in 48.94, while Jenzen was a close second in 49.47. Teammates Jeff Tompkins was third, giving South one of its three sweeps.

The Blue Devils also took the first three places in the 50 freestyle with Mike Dunaway, who had a state cut of 22.99, Ryan Gunderson and Wilson Holm.

South's other sweep came in the 100 backstroke. Robby Browning was first with a state-qualifying time of

56.19. He was followed by teammates Gunderson and Holm.

South's other state cuts came from Jon Sax, 2:03.50 in the 200 individual medley; Casey Browning, 4:46.21 in the 500 freestyle; Pete Stevens, 1:03.27 in the 100 breaststroke; and the 400 freestyle relay team of Casey Browning, David Richardson-Rossbach, Richard and Jenzen, who had a winning time of 3:21.79.

South also won the other two relays. The team of Casey Browning, Waseem Ksebat, Andrew Graham and Dunaway won the 200 medley relay in 1:48.14, and the 200 freestyle relay team of Sax, Tompkins, Graham and Dunaway had a winning time of 1:35.61.

Stevens also took first in the 100 butterfly with a time of 57.14, nosing out North's Larry Briski, who finished a strong second in 57.72.

South's other first came from Justin Linne, who won the diving with 222.45 points. North's Matthew

Doak was second with a score of 201.25.

North's best showing came in the 200 freestyle, which was won by the Norsemen's Michael Van Beek in 1:53.00. North's Stephen Cornillie was third behind South's Tompkins.

North had several season-best times as the Norsemen fell to 1-1.

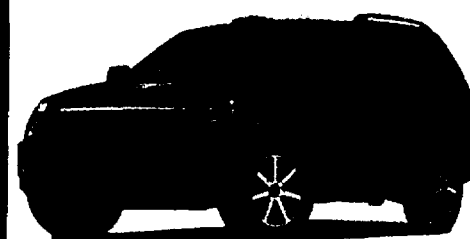
Van Beek's winning time in the 200 freestyle was a season best, as were the times posted in the event by Cornillie, Mike Walton and John Sattler.

Other season bests came from Briski, Karl Tech, Chris Blunden and Matt Lane, 50 freestyle; Van Beek, Blunden, Ryan Boury and Evan Marshall, 100 freestyle; Cornillie, Roy Lucier and Sattler, 500 freestyle; Scotty Moore, Brian Cornillie and Ed Gumeretz, 100 backstroke; Andrew Fly, 100 breaststroke; Briski, Mike Kedzierski, Boury and Brian Cornillie, 100 butterfly; and Fly, Boury and Moore, 200 individual medley.



Grosse Pointe North's Michael Bramos (40) battles Grosse Pointe South's Eddie Beal (20) for a rebound.

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Grosse Pointer Leo Diegel was one of the premier golfers on the early PGA Tour.



## Former City resident in golf Hall of Fame

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

There's a Grosse Pointe connection in the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Leo Diegel, grew up in the City of Grosse Pointe and was inducted last fall along with Nick Price, Annika Sorenstam and Chako Higuchi in ceremonies at St. Augustine, Fla.

Diegel, who was born in 1899, was one of nine children of Elizabeth and William Diegel. Leo's father was the city clerk when the Village purchased the property that is now known as Neff Park.

The family lived on St. Clair, where former Michigan Open champions Clarence Gambee and Walter Burkemo also resided.

The golf bug bit Leo at an early age. He began caddying at the Country Club of Detroit when he was 10, and three years later he won the Detroit City Caddie Championship.

He became assistant pro at the Country Club at 15, and when he was 17, Diegel won the Michigan Open. By 1921 he was the golf professional at the Lochmoor Club.

Virginia Koerber, recalled her uncle's last visit to Grosse Pointe in 1949, when he stayed with her mother.

"He came with his wife, Violet Bird, a former silent movie actress," she said. "They stayed with his sister, Mary Gouin, who was now the owner of the family home."

"After a two-month visit, Leo and Vi returned to their home in California. Soon after, Leo was diagnosed with cancer and died in 1951. His life was exciting and he had a great love for his family."

Diegel won 31 times on the early PGA Tour. Among his victories were the 1928 and 1929 PGA

Championships. He was also a member of the first four United State Ryder Cup teams from 1927-33.

However, because he played in an era when Bobby Jones, Gene Sarazen and Walter Hagen stole the spotlight, Diegel became something of a forgotten man.

"Leo Diegel was one of the premier players of his era," said Jack Peter, the chief operating officer of the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Diegel and Hagen were among the first American golfers to make a living solely as a player.

Hagen had won four straight PGA Championships and 22 consecutive matches in the tournament, when Diegel defeated him in the semifinals of the 1928 event.

That year, Diegel defeated Al Espinosa 6 and 5 in the final. In 1929, Diegel beat Jimmy Farrell 6 and 4 in the PGA final.

A hand injury forced Diegel retirement in 1935, but he remained close to the game and because one of its most respected teachers.

He wrote an instructional book called "The Nine Bad Shots of Golf," and dedicated it to the many struggling golfers whose swings need help.

Diegel's passion for the game and his amiable nature made him one of the most popular players during the Tour's formative years.

"In all my years of golf, I have never seen anyone whose devotion to the game could match Leo's," Sarazen said.

"Between courses at the table, Leo used to get up and practice swings. Every night he went to bed dreaming theory and every morning he awakened with some hot idea that was going to revolutionize the game."

Some thought that Diegel's passion for the

game hurt him at times, especially when one of the major championships was on the line.

Seven times he placed in the top four at the U.S. and British Opens, but he never was able to win.

In the 1925 U.S. Open, Diegel lost nine strokes to par over the last six holes to finish five strokes back. At the 1933 British Open, Diegel needed to shoot one over par over the last five holes, but three-putted on the 18th hole to miss a play-off by one stroke.

"They keep trying to give me a championship, but I won't take it," Diegel said after one of the heartbreaking defeats.

Diegel tried everything to calm his nervous temperament, which affected his putting.

He walked slower to fight a tendency to rush, and even had himself psychoanalyzed. Exasperated at missing a number of short putts, he changed his putting stance, devising a stiff-wristed, bent over, elbows out style that was so distinctive that it became known as "Diegeling."

"There are fewer nerve centers in the elbows than the wrists so there's less chance of me stabbing a putt under pressure," he explained.

Although he struggled with his putting, Diegel's iron play was so precise that he was the envy of his peers.

Noted golf writer Herbert Warren Wind said, "Diegel could put his second shots closer than any other golfer of his day."

One of Diegel's rivals on the tour, Wild Bill Mehlhorn, was effusive in his praise of Diegel's shot-making.

"Leo Diegel was probably the finest shotmaker the world has ever seen," Mehlhorn said. "He had a peculiar style in taking the

club back but from the top of the swing down and through the ball he was as good as anybody that ever hit the golf ball."

In Diegel's era, most tournaments were match play and he excelled.

He lost only one match in his four Ryder Cups. In the 1929 event, Diegel defeated Abe Mitchell 9 and 8, while playing 28 holes in 10 under par.

Diegel was 17 when he turned pro in 1916, the year that the PGA was formed.

In 1925, he won five events, including his second of five Canadian Open victories.

After his competitive career was over, Diegel became a club pro. Among his students was actor Douglas Fairbanks.

While working as a club pro in Philadelphia during the 1940s, he worked with the U.S. Army promoting golf as a psychological and therapeutic aid for servicemen wounded in World War II.

## Woods-Shores Little League to meet Jan. 20

The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League board of governors will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Woods city hall council chambers.

Agenda items for the meeting include presentation and approval of the league's financial report, preparation for the celebration of the league's 50th anniversary, discussion of offseason field improvements and facility upgrades, and planning for the 2004 season.

Preparation for the District 6 9-10-year-old tournament, which will be held at Ghesquiere Park in July, will also be discussed.

Election for the board of governors will also be held at the meeting. In addition to those who have expressed an interest in serving on the board, nominations will be accepted from the audience.

Board members serve two-year terms, governing the league and performing individual duties such as player agents, registrar, try-out coordinator, safety officer, special events planner and grounds/facilities and equipment management.

The meeting is open to the public and participation from the Woods and Shores communities is welcome.

The Woods-Shores Little League provides a program for any youth between the ages of 6 and 12, who live in the Woods or Shores. There is T-ball for 6-year-olds, an instructional level program for 7- and 8-year-olds and Major and Minor programs for players 9-12.

Registration will begin in February.

## North spikers take second in Port Huron

Grosse Pointe North's volleyball team reached the championship match of the Port Huron Invitational last weekend before losing to Lake Odessa Lakewood, a strong team from the Grand Rapids area.

Lakewood won 25-13, 25-

20. During the tournament, North defeated Utica Ford II, Troy, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Detroit Cass Tech and Birmingham Seaholm.

Several North players did well in the tournament.

Danielle Zohrob had 40 assists, 30 digs and six ace serves. Melissa Watz led the Norsemen in digs with 44, while Liz Andary was the team leader in kills (42) and blocks (18).

Jessie Koitun had 37 kills and 14 blocks. Jenny Gaitley had a solid day with 44 digs, 25 kills, some outstanding serve receptions and nine aces.

## ULS girls have their best week on ice

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Last week was a good one for University Liggett School's girls hockey team, but the best is yet to come for the Knights.

"We're getting there," said coach Laura Owczarski. "We're improving every time we step out on the ice. It's a young team — only two seniors — and we're getting into a groove."

The week started with a 4-0 victory over Livonia Ladywood in the Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League and ended with a 6-4 loss to Regina.

However, Owczarski was just as pleased with the way her team played against Regina as she was with the effort against Ladywood.

"That was a complete team effort, probably our best game of the year," Owczarski said of the game against Regina.

"The fact that we were down 4-1 and 5-2 and never gave up is what made me the proudest as a coach. A lot of teams might have gotten discouraged, but we never stopped fighting and I think we had them a little worried at the end."

The performance was especially satisfying for Owczarski, who was an assistant coach for the Saddlelites last year and coached the team during its summer league at ULS's McCann Rink.

Jordan McIlroy had two goals and an assist for ULS, while Alex Houghtalin had a goal and an assist and Kimmy Dickinson scored the Knights' other goal.

Caitlin Hanly, Sarah Hughes, Elizabeth Palmer and Monique Squiers also

collected assists.

ULS got an outstanding defensive performance in its victory over Ladywood, which earlier handed Regina its only loss of the season.

"The whole defense was outstanding," Owczarski said of the corps that was led by Hanly, Julie Borushko and Erin Deane.

Allison Jones recorded her third win of the season, all by shutouts.

"This is first time she has played goal in hockey, but she has a good goalie coach and she's learning fast," Owczarski said.

Jones also is a goalkeeper in soccer.

Inga Moss and Houghtalin each had a goal and an assist for the Knights, while Dickinson and Palmer scored a goal apiece.

Hughes, Squiers and McIlroy picked up assists.

## Local coaches to speak at lacrosse meeting

Grosse Pointe South coach John Fowler and Grosse Pointe North coach Rob Dameron will be the featured speakers at the Grosse Pointe Lacrosse Association's meeting at 2 p.m. on Jan. 18.

The meeting will be in the boys gym at South.

All Grosse Pointe-area middle school students who are interested in joining a GPLA team for the spring travel season are urged to attend with a parent or guardian.

The 2004 season begins in April and runs through early June. Practices start in early March.

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## Experience makes a difference for North

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

The core of Grosse Pointe North's basketball team is in its third season at the varsity level.

Grosse Pointe South, meanwhile, has many players in their first year of varsity competition.

That was one of the big differences when the crosstown rivals met in a Macomb Area Conference crossover game last week.

South scored the first basket of the game but North answered with an 8-0 run and the Norsemen rolled to a 73-52 victory.

"We don't have the maturity that they have," said South coach George Petrouleas. "And because of our inexperience we don't have the same level of toughness."

"We knew that we had to match their intensity or we'd have problems. We didn't and you saw what happened."

Matching North's intensity was one thing that Petrouleas told the Blue Devils before the game. The other was to take care of the ball.

That didn't turn out well for South, either.

"I'd guess that they scored a third of their points off our offense," Petrouleas said.

North coach Matt Trombley knew that the Blue Devils have been hav-

ing trouble getting the ball up court.

"We wanted to pressure them as much as possible," Trombley said.

Three of North's four baskets in its early 8-0 run came as a result of South turnovers.

The Norsemen led 39-27 at halftime, then scored the first 10 points of the second half. Late in the third quarter, North held a 33-point lead.

None of North's starters played in the fourth quarter as South outscored the Norsemen 16-6.

Trombley said that he was glad to get back into the normal practice routine after the Christmas break.

"We had a good practice on Monday," he said. "During the holidays when school is out it's a different ritual. Now we can get back to normal."

Michael Bramos led North with 16 points and David Klein had 10. Twelve of the 15 Norsemen who played broke into the scoring column.

Bramos also led North with seven rebounds.

Andy Wolking had a season-high 12 points for South, while Christian Conroy scored nine and Eddie Beal added eight.

Nate Jones had six rebounds, one more than Kyle Bruen pulled down.

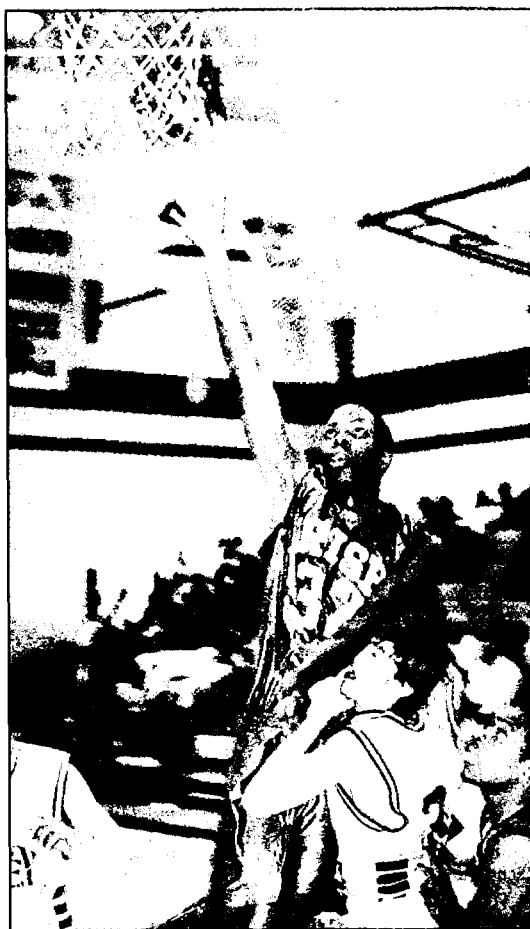


Photo by Bob Bruce  
Notre Dame junior Darryl Clements, No. 32, soars to the hoop for two of his 21 points in the Fightin'

## Irish beaten by King to end non-conference season

By Michael Shelton  
Staff Writer

The year 2003 ended on a sour note for Notre Dame's basketball team with a 62-40 loss to Detroit Martin Luther King.

"We had to play out of a hole, and you can't do that against a team like King," head coach Don Sicko said. "We need to make better decisions."

The Crusaders were led by Bernard Daniels and Romar Smith. Daniels had 23 points, including three pointers.

Smith had 17 points, including an alley-oop dunk in the first half that got the crowd excited.

The Irish were led by Darryl Clements, with 13 points, and Seth Quarenta, who had 10 points and came up big on the rebounding front.

"They're our captains, and we expect them to lead us."

They had some bright moments, but they came too late," Sicko said.

Both teams struggled to gain an advantage in the first quarter with King holding onto an 11-6 lead.

But in the second, the Crusaders turned up the heat with a 26-11 run and gained a 35-17 halftime lead. The Irish were not able to recover from the deficit.

"We didn't want to get into a running match with them. We wanted to keep it more our tempo, and we semi-accomplished that," Sicko said.

"We've got to improve our offense and rebounding and do a better job of expecting sets."

## MAC White Division powers are tough on Blue Devils

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's basketball team got a first-hand look at the two top contenders for the Macomb Area Conference White Division championship and the Blue Devils discovered that you can't slip up against either one.

After a 21-point loss to Grosse Pointe North on Tuesday, South played Warren Fitzgerald on Friday in a MAC crossover game and fell 62-36.

"They're both very talented teams," said Blue Devils coach George Petrouleas. "We can't afford to make mistakes against teams like that. We're just not good enough at this point to overcome our mistakes."

The first quarter was a disaster for the Blue Devils.

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Maybe it was a good thing that Marine City Cardinal Mooney canceled its non-league basketball game with University Liggett School this week.

An extra day's rest might have been good for the Knights, who were forced to work overtime in both of their games last week.

ULS beat Ann Arbor Greenhills 71-67 in overtime, then lost a three-overtime heartbreaker, 87-86, to Lutheran Northwest in the Metro Conference opener for each school.

The Knights had a lot of adversity to overcome in the Northwest game, including a large and vocal crowd at the Rochester Hills school, and foul trouble from start to finish.

A year ago, ULS beat the Crusaders 103-53, so Northwest was determined to avenge the defeat.

"Dean (head coach Dean Ristovski) did a good job of getting the kids ready to play in front of a tough crowd," said assistant coach Maurice Taylor. "Usually we start out kind of sluggish, but in this game we came out hard from the opening tip."

What Ristovski and Taylor hadn't planned on was the foul trouble. The Knights had committed 13 team fouls by the two-minute mark of the second quarter.

Point guard Maurice Taylor picked up his fourth foul early in the second half, and eventually got his fifth in the first overtime period.

By that time, Adam Heaney, who provides the Knights with a defensive presence and strength on the boards, had also fouled out.

"When Maurice fouled out, Dean and I looked at each other, and I think we both were afraid it might be over," said the elder Taylor, "but the kids weren't scared at all. They just kept battling."

The game was tied at 60-all after regulation. It was

still deadlocked at 68 after the first overtime, and the second extra period ended at 76-76.

"We got their best game," Taylor said of the Crusaders. "But that's the way the Metro Conference looks this year. Outside of Harper Woods, everybody seems to be evenly-matched."

Jonathan Wright led the Knights with 27 points and 11 rebounds before fouling out in the third overtime. Barré Mackie had 25 points and Taylor scored 17 points and dished out nine assists.

Gary Davis-Headd added 10 points and six rebounds for ULS.

In the Greenhills game, the Knights trailed 20-13 after one quarter. They tied the game on a layup by Wright with eight seconds remaining in regulation.

It was another outstanding game for Wright, who had a career-high 30 points and 15 rebounds. Mackie finished with 22 points and Taylor added 12 points and 10 assists.

The performances of Heaney and Davis-Headd were also instrumental in the ULS victory.

"Gary played great defense against (Greenhills) best scorer, especially in the fourth quarter when he was checking him man-to-man," Taylor said. "And Adam Heaney had seven rebounds, a couple of big putbacks in the fourth quarter, and he also played strong defense."

ULS trailed by 14 points late in the third quarter and Greenhills still had a 10-point advantage with four minutes remaining in regulation.

"Once again, the kids didn't look scared," Taylor said. "Dean told them, 'you can't make a 10-point basket,' and they listened. They didn't try to do too much, passed the ball around for the good shot, and worked hard on defense."

"Playing close games like this is going to help us in the conference, because we figure to have a lot of close ones."

## South gymnasts top Ann Arbor Pioneer

Grosse Pointe South's gymnastics team improved to 2-0 with a victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"We went against a very strong team and came out victorious," said assistant coach Kim Hepner.

Last year the Blue Devils lost their meet with Pioneer.

Regan Wedenoja scored at least 8.0 in each of the four events to lead the way for South. Melissa Loveley and Lindsay Holder also provided excellent performances in all events.

Other highlights for the Blue Devils were a 7.6 on vault by Kristin Zens, and an 8.0 on floor exercise by India Wilson and a 7.95 on floor by Liz Davison.

Madelyn Mollison and Jackie Madison also had strong performances.

"I was very pleased with the performances from all the girls," said head coach Kelly Darlington. "Ryan Wedenoja and Lindsay Holder performed exceptionally well in all four events."

Wedenoja and Holder are both freshmen.

## North

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free throw, Bramos made a three-pointer with a hand in his face to bring North within one point. Bramos then stole the ball when the Norsemen went to a half-court trap, was fouled and made one free throw with 28 seconds left to tie the game.

The Yellowjackets had a chance to win the game, but Bryan Bennett's defensive work forced Country Day to take a bad shot and the teams remained tied at 52-all at the end of regulation.

"Country Day has an all-state caliber point guard in Brandon Bradford, and Bryan did a great job of containing him," Trombley said. "People talk about how good we're going to be next year because we have a lot of people coming back, but we're going to miss Bryan's defense, especially against the good, quick guards."

North jumped ahead quickly in the overtime on a basket by Bramos. On the Norsemen's next possession, Bramos scored again, was fouled, and completed his third three-point play of the game.

In addition to his 25 points, Bramos had seven rebounds and six assists. Maxwell finished with 11 points and five rebounds, and Klein added 10 points and six rebounds. Bryan Bennett had six steals.

North also got a strong game from sophomore Jacob Bloomhuff.

"He did a good job, although he didn't have a lot

to show from a statistical standpoint," Trombley said. "He took the ball right to them a couple times in the fourth quarter. It was a big game for him because his uncle played at Country Day when Chris Webber was there."

Earlier, North beat University of Detroit Jesuit, 52-45, and Utica Ford II, 72-38, before losing to Detroit Renaissance, 67-50.

"The U-D game was similar to our Harper Woods game," Trombley said. "They're both very athletic teams."

North led for most of the game, but the Cubs rallied in the third quarter. Then North's Bryan Bennett took over.

"Bryan had a great fourth quarter," Trombley said. "He had three steals in a row, hit a three and had a nice assist to set up a three-point play."

"With three minutes to go we were up by four, then the next time I looked it was 11."

Maxwell led North with 18 points and Trombley said, "he was a monster on the boards."

Bramos finished with 14 points and Bennett had 10.

In the Ford game, North pulled away in the second half.

"We had a shaky first half, but we outscored them 19-7 in the third quarter and 19-8 in the fourth," Trombley said.

The teams were tied 14-14 after one quarter but North pulled ahead 34-23 at halftime, thanks to the efforts of Bramos.

"Michael had 19 points in the first half," Trombley said. "He was our only bright spot in that half."

Bramos finished with 23 points. He was the Norsemen's only double-figure scorer, but all but one North player who dressed scored.

"I was especially pleased that our second and third groups outscored them 19-8 in the fourth quarter," Trombley said.

Although the Norsemen suffered their first loss of the season against Renaissance, Trombley wasn't disappointed with the performance against a team that is considered by many to be the best in the state regardless of class.

"I was really pleased," he said. "We led 12-9 after the first quarter and it was tied in the second quarter until they closed the first half with an 11-0 run."

That gave the Phoenix a 31-20 advantage at the break, but North didn't let up, and the Norsemen outscored Renaissance by one point in the third quarter.

Bramos, who finished with 19 points, hit eight of nine free throws during North's 21-point third quarter.

"We had so many compliments after that game, about how we never backed down," Trombley said. "There aren't many teams who'll play them man-to-man but we played them man-to-man full court the whole game."

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Photo by Lori Wilson

## South sinks North

Grosse Pointe South's swimming team swam to an impressive victory over Macomb Area Conference Red Division rival Grosse Pointe North last week.

## Farms manager's boxers go undefeated

Grosse Pointe Farms attorney and fight manager John Carlisle's boxing foursome comprising Team Detroit went home undefeated last Friday night, Jan. 9, at DeCarlo's Convention Center in Warren.

Headlining the Four Corners Productions event was Carlisle's Rubin "Mr. Hollywood" Williams, now 22-1. He suffered his only defeat in June via a lucky punch by Epifanio Mendoza just 42 seconds into the fight. It was an embarrassing defeat in front of millions in a nationally broadcast event at Joe Louis Arena.

However, Williams redeemed himself Oct. 17 at the DeCarlo's center with a skillful ninth-round defeat of Tony Menefee. In Williams' corner that time around was legendary Kronk trainer Emanuel Steward. Williams collected the NABF (North American Federation of Boxing) Super Middleweight title that night.

Steward was again the Team Detroit's corner last Friday night as Williams dispatched Anton Robinson with an exciting, second-round KO at 1:42.

The semi-main event on the card was Team Detroit boxer Obed Sullivan, 40-8-2. "The Fighting Marine" went to 1:52 into the fourth round before he earned a TKO over Ken Murphy, now 22-13.

Team Detroit's newest member, Jonathan "Real Dawg" Reid outclassed his opponent, Ron Martinez. In his Detroit debut, Reid earned his new boss' respect with a decisive second-round TKO. Reid's record improved to 34-1, while Martinez fell 20-10.

Filling out the Team Detroit card was young Marlon "Push" Davis, undefeated at 6-0. He was able to maintain his unbeaten streak by finishing off opponent Abdul Blackburn by a sixth-round, unanimous decision. Davis is now 7-0. Team Detroit's newest member, Jonathan "Real Dawg" Reid outclassed his opponent, Ron Martinez. In his Detroit debut, Reid earned his new boss' respect with a decisive second-round TKO. Reid's record improved to 34-1, while Martinez fell 20-10.

## City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS JANUARY 5, 2004

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor James C. Farquhar, Jr., Councilmembers Douglas F. Roby, Jr., Peter W. Waldmeir, Therese M. Joseph, Joseph T. Leonard, Charles S. "Terry" Davis III, Louis Theron.

Those Absent Were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Solak, City Manager; Reeside, City Clerk; Brennan, Director of Public Service; Tolliver, Assistant Director of Public Service; Ferber, Director of Public Safety; Jensen; Deputy Director of Public Safety; Modzinski, City Controller.

Mayor Farquhar presided at the Meeting.

The Council approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 8, 2003, as corrected.

The Council approved the Minutes of the Closed Session held December 8, 2003, as submitted.

The Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals approved the Minutes of the Public Hearing held December 8, 2003, as submitted; and further, denied the appeal of Mr. & Mrs. Sherer of 427 Lothrop; granted the appeal of John & Carol Brooks of 294 Stephens.

The Council approved the fence permit appeal for 203 Moran.

The Council accepted the Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003, as presented by the City's Audit Firm of Plante & Moran.

The Council confirmed the appointment of Mr. Matthew Tepper as Assistant City Manager.

The Council scheduled a Public Hearing for Monday, February 9, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. to consider the formal adoption of the proposed Auxiliary Generator Ordinance.

The Council approved the following from the Consent Agenda:

- Appointment of Mary Ellen Mooney and Sandra Gillespie to the City's Board of Canvassers, each to serve a 4-year term.
- Received the Public Safety Department Report for November, 2003 and ordered it placed on file.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236, ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

James C. Farquhar, Jr. Mayor  
Shane L. Reeside, City Clerk

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## South skaters win twice on Midland trip

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

If this is the last trip to Midland for a while for Grosse Pointe South's hockey team, the Blue Devils have a couple of victories to remember in their farewell.

South ended its three-game losing streak with a 5-1 victory over Midland High, then followed that effort with a 2-0 shutout of Midland Dow.

"It isn't easy to go to Midland and win two games, but we went looking at these as 'must-win' games," said coach Bob Bopp.

South played well in both contests.

"In both games it was really a team effort," Bopp said.

Bopp said that he is considering some changes in the schedule next season, and eliminating the annual trip to Midland is one of the possible changes.

"We've been going there for 12 years," Bopp said. "That's probably enough. There are some other teams that I'd like to get on our schedule."

South got off to a good start against Midland, which beat the Blue Devils 6-0 last season.

"We had a great first period," Bopp said. "We were moving the puck well and made few mistakes."

The Blue Devils finally got on the scoreboard with 5:49 left in the period when Nick Andrew scored, assist-

ed by Robbie Barrett.

"We had a number of good chances and couldn't finish so it was great to see Nick finally get one past their goalie," Bopp said.

It was the beginning of a fine weekend for Andrew, who also collected a pair of assists in the two games, in addition to playing well at the other end of the ice.

"Nick is a good up-and-down player who works very hard, and it paid off for him this weekend," Bopp said.

Midland tied the game on a rebound that South goalie Mark Grignon had little chance to stop.

Although South had played as well as it could, the game was tied. However, the Blue Devils didn't get down emotionally. Some teams start trying to do too much when the puck isn't going into the net, but South doesn't stray from its system.

"They don't get discouraged when they play a strong period and don't have a lot to show for it on the scoreboard," Bopp said. "They don't get away from playing the way they're supposed to play."

The Blue Devils broke the tie on their first shift of the second period. Barrett took the puck over the blue line and beat the goalie. Brian Gatiliff and Andrew picked up the assists.

South outshot the Chemics 13-3 in the second period but the Blue Devils

had only a one-goal lead.

In the third period, South broke the game open with three goals. Gatiliff made it 3-1 with an unassisted goal at 1:35 of the third period and Tom Porter completed the scoring with a pair of goals late in the period.

Porter's first goal, a shot from just inside the blue line, was also unassisted, while his second was set up by Mark Diebel.

"Brian Gatiliff had his best period of the season in the third," Bopp said.

"It was great to see Tom Porter get those two goals. He has had limited ice time but just keeps working hard and waiting for a chance to contribute. He came up with a great period, too."

Grignon had another solid performance in goal, making 19 saves.

The following day against Dow, Bopp cautioned his team about having a let-down and the Blue Devils

heeded the warning.

"We picked up where we left off on Friday," he said.

South scored both of its goals in the first period, and left the rest of it up to the defense and goalie David Hollidge, who made 17 saves in posting the shutout in his second varsity game.

"He had to make a few key saves to get (the shutout)," Bopp said.

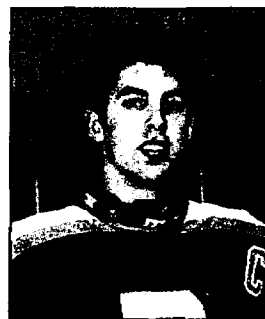
One of the saves came on a breakaway after a Chargers player left the penalty box.

Diebel opened the scoring at 8:45 of the first period, and Gatiliff made it 2-0 at 13:37. Brandon Krajniak and Anthony DeLaura assisted on Diebel's goal, while Sean Daudlin and Andrew had the assists on Gatiliff's.

The two victories improved the Blue Devils' overall record to 8-3.

"I really like this team," Bopp said. "I don't know if they realize how good they are, but if they keep working as hard as they've been doing in practice, they can win a lot of games, even with our schedule getting tougher."

South returns to Michigan Metro High School Hockey League action on Thursday when the Blue Devils play Riverview Gabriel Richard at Southgate. They follow that with a home game Saturday at City Sports Arena against Grosse Pointe North at 7:25 p.m.



Brian Gatiliff

## Norsemen get a spark from their captain

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Captains are supposed to be leaders.

That's exactly what Grosse Pointe North's Peter Baratta was last week when the Norsemen tried to regain their winning ways after a disappointing week-end in Marquette.

"He inspired us," coach Scott Lock said of Baratta, who had a goal and an assist in North's 4-1 victory over Brother Rice in a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey

League game.

"He went out and hit people, worked hard and the others followed suit. That's what you want your captain to do — lead by example."

North started slowly and trailed 1-0 when the Warriors scored a late first-period goal.

"The first period was kind of sluggish, but we played much better in the second," Lock said.

"The effort was there. We still have to work on some things to get better as a

team, but the main thing we wanted to see was an improved effort, and we had that."

North scored three times in the second period and added its final goal in the third period.

Bobby Scarfone and Julian Horrie also collected a goal and an assist for North. Andrew Tignaneli, Jon Tibaud, Sean Fulton, Jim Moran and Jim Solomon had the Norsemen's other assists. Jordan Zielke made 19

saves for North, which moved into first place in the league with a 4-2 record.

The Norsemen play Grosse Pointe South at City Sports Arena on Saturday at 7:25 p.m., then visit Trenton on Wednesday, Jan. 21.

Both teams are ranked in the latest state poll, as is North.

"Our schedule continues to be tough," Lock said. "The only break we get is when we don't play — like last Saturday."

## South girls have an offensive explosion

Grosse Pointe South's offense was clicking on all cylinders last week as the Blue Devils scored 19 goals in a pair of victories against Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League rivals.

Katie Gilbride recorded her first career hat trick in South's 10-0 victory over Bloomfield Hills, while goalies Whitney Hughes and Maggie O'Brien combined for the Blue Devils' third shutout of the season.

Gilbride started the scoring deluge on the first shift of the game, assisted by Amanda Palffy and Amelia Altavina. The next South goal was an all-freshman production as Shami Entenman scored five min-

utes later with Palffy and Caitlin Lariscy getting the assists.

After a goal by Amanda Marsh, Gilbride scored her second and third goals of the game 13 seconds apart to give South a 5-0 lead, and Altavina capped the first period scoring in the final minutes of the period.

Linda Stanek and Altavina also had two assists in the first period, while Gilbride and Marsh collected one apiece.

South's onslaught continued in the second period with goals from Emily Shefferly, Sarah Parker, Amanda Palffy and Megan McCaughey.

Second-period assists were picked up by Marsh, McCaughey, Stacy Campbell, Jessica Palffy, Gilbride, Entenman and Altavina.

A league mercy rule allowed the teams to complete the second period, but South's last three goals were not officially recorded. The game ended after two periods.

South's defense, which was led by Jessica Palffy, Michelle O'Donoghue, Emily Gilbride and Stanek, allowed only three shots on goal.

South's 9-4 win over Port Huron featured hat tricks by Campbell and Shefferly.

The victory kept the Blue Devils in a first-place tie with Cranbrook Kingwood and Regina.

Campbell opened the scoring with a quick wrist shot past goalie Kristina Walker. The goal was set up by passes from Marsh and Shefferly.

Shefferly scored four minutes later, assisted by O'Donoghue and Marsh. Port Huron's Erica Bailey made it 2-1, but South

regained its two-goal lead when Parker passed from behind the net to Hilliary Inger, and she poked the puck past Walker.

The Rebels cut the Blue Devils' lead back to one with a goal from Meg Quinn late in the first period.

South scored four straight goals in the second period to take command of the game. McCaughey started the outburst, then Shefferly scored on a rebound, Campbell scored a shorthanded goal and Hilliary Inger scored off an assist from her sister

Kristin.

Other assists in the second period came from Marsh, Kristin Inger, McCaughey, Katie Dosch and Campbell.

Shefferly and Campbell each scored third-period goals for South with Hilliary Inger and Campbell collecting assists. Quinn and Bailey each scored for Port Huron in the final two minutes of the game.

Lauren Stanek made 23 saves to record the victory for South.

## North wrestlers bring home medals

Grosse Pointe North's wrestling team had more quality than quantity at last weekend's Dearborn Fordson Invitational.

North took eight wrestlers to the tournament and all of them won medals, including seven who finished among the top four.

Mike Kurdziel (112 pounds) led the way as he won his second tournament of the season.

"Mike was very dominant," said coach Joe Pantaleo. "He pinned three opponents and won 15-5 in the finals."

Three Norsemen placed second. Mike Czarniecki was runner-up at 130 pounds, David Trupiano at 145 and sophomore Scott Gavel at 189.

Spencer Channell (215) and Ryan Stephens (160) were third, and Brenden Russo (135) was fourth.

Mike Murphy finished sixth at 171, and North was sixth in the team standings. Earlier, North dropped a 44-30 decision to L'Anse

Creuse in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

"There were a lot of close matches that came down to the end," Pantaleo said.

The highlight match of the night was at 189 pounds. It featured Gavel, who placed third in the Macomb County Invitational, and the second-place finisher from L'Anse Creuse.

"Scott came away just shy, losing 5-0," Pantaleo said.

North's wins, all on pins, came from Kurdziel (112), Trupiano (145), Murphy (160), Stephens (171) and Channell (215).

North's junior varsity wrestlers also had a good week.

The freshmen competed at Canton last weekend and freshman Dan Evola had the best showing as he finished third. Also placing were Zade Beasi, Anthony Kanakri and Dan Scarfone.

In the L'Anse Creuse match, North got JV wins from Kanakri, Jason Koch, Scarfone, Andrew Hanlon and Jack Todd.



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**1 MONTH FREE**  
2 bedroom with den.  
Totally renovated,  
central air, all  
appliances.  
\$530 per month  
313-640-1700

1019 Maryland - 2 bed-  
room lower, living  
room with fireplace,  
dining room, modern  
kitchen with appli-  
ances, separate base-  
ment. \$750. Shown by  
appointment. Jim  
Soros Agency, 313-  
884-6861

1037 Lakepointe, Grosse  
Pointe Park. Spacious 2 bedroom  
upper, living room,  
dining room, stove &  
refrigerator included.  
separate basement  
storage. \$700. Shown  
by appointment, New  
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(313)884-6861

128 Muir, 2 bedroom, 2  
full bath townhouse.  
Completely renovated.  
\$780. 313-510-  
0579

1333 Somerset, 2  
bed-  
room upper, beautiful  
custom oak kitchen,  
new carpet & paint. All  
appliances, garage.  
No smoking/ pets.  
\$775 plus utilities.  
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1444 Beaconsfield -  
Newly renovated, 1  
bedroom upper flat,  
with balcony. Fully  
carpeted. Garage,  
laundry. \$650/ month.  
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17201 Kercheval in the  
Village. Beautifully  
renovated, large first  
floor flat. New kitchen  
and appliances, up-  
dated bathroom, 2  
bedroom, 1st floor  
laundry, family room.  
Central air, fireplace,  
garage. \$1,450. 313-  
303-4063

2 bedroom lower unit,  
separate basement &  
utilities. All appli-  
ances, off street parking.  
\$600/ month.  
(313)822-2673

2 bedroom upper, Mary-  
land. Beautifully de-  
corated. New appli-  
ances, hardwood floors,  
leaded windows, liv-  
ing, dining, washer/  
dryer, separate base-  
ment. \$750. Free first  
month's rent. Free  
pizza & pop, coffee,  
and donuts on moving  
day! (313)886-5899

472 Neff - Lower, six  
rooms, \$950/ month.  
Security deposit.  
(313)885-2808, after  
6pm.

492 Neff - 3 bedroom, 2  
1/2 bath. Townhouse.  
Air, garage, deck.  
\$1,350. 313-882-1001

526 St. Clair, completely  
renovated upper 2  
bedroom. \$850. New  
kitchen, all appli-  
ances, hardwood floors.  
Call Bill, (313)882-  
5200

556 Neff, large 3 bed-  
room flat, central air,  
natural fireplace,  
hardwood floors, new  
windows. \$1,295/  
month. John.  
(313)407-4300

**LOWER & upper** spa-  
cious 2 bedrooms  
Grosse Pointe Park.  
870 Nottingham. Re-  
finished hardwood  
floors, appliances,  
storage available.  
\$625/ month. 1st  
month - rent free!  
(586)212-0759

819 Beaconsfield - 2  
bedroom lower flat.  
Available immediately.  
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709 Harcourt. Located  
just off Windmill  
Pointe, this spacious  
upper has 2 bed-  
rooms and 2 full  
baths. Living room  
with fireplace, family  
room. Separate base-  
ment utilities and stor-  
age. Appliances in-  
cluded. 2 car garage.  
Tenant to pay all utili-  
ties & water. Immedi-  
ate occupancy.  
\$1,100 per month.  
Bolton-Johnston,  
313-884-6400

772 Harcourt, 3 bed-  
room lower, kitchen,  
living room, dining  
room, sunroom, air,  
appliances, base-  
ment, garage.  
(313)882-2772

894 Neff - two bedroom  
lower, \$925. Appli-  
ances, laundry, central  
air, fireplace, sun-  
room, garage, newly  
decorated. (313)886-  
8510

914 Beaconsfield, 2  
bedroom apartment.  
Appliances, \$625/  
month heat & water  
included. Plus securi-  
ty. (313)822-0040

**AFFORDABLE** town-  
house rental in  
Grosse Pointe  
Woods. 2 or 3 bed-  
room, clean, well  
maintained, central  
air, cable ready. No  
pets. Call for appoint-  
ment. (248)846-1150

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room, living room, din-  
ing room, remodeled  
kitchen & bath. No  
pets. \$600. (313)822-  
6970

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bedroom. Laundry,  
storage. \$750. Heat/ water in-  
cluded. (313)550-  
8233

**BEACONSFIELD** south  
of Jefferson. Redeco-  
rated 2 bedroom. No  
dogs. \$575. (313)331-  
7330

**BEACONSFIELD**, 1084,  
2 bedroom upper,  
newer carpeting/  
hardwood/ windows,  
off street parking, re-  
decorated. No pets/  
smoking. Includes  
heat. \$675/ month  
(313)882-8448

**BEACONSFIELD**/ Jef-  
ferson. Recently re-  
modeled spacious 2  
bedroom lower. Rea-  
sonable rent!  
(248)882-5700,  
(248)344-9904

**CARRIAGE** house,  
Grosse Pointe City.  
Large 2 bedroom/ 6  
room includes 1 car  
space, all appliances.  
Shows beautifully.  
\$1,250. 313-402-7125

**CARRIAGE** house -  
Lakeshore Drive. No  
pets/ smoking. Single  
occupancy. \$2,200/  
month. 313-884-5374

**EXCELLENT** location, 2  
bedroom upper. New  
kitchen/ bath, hard-  
wood floors, off street  
parking, all appliances  
included. \$650.  
(313)408-0818

**FINISHED**, Rivard  
not term available. 2  
3 bedroom upper,  
equipped with  
cable, all appliances.  
\$1,200/ month. 1st  
month - rent free!  
(586)212-0759

**GROSSE** Pointe City,  
Rivard near Jefferson.  
5 room upper, \$700.  
Mabarak, (313)881-  
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### 700 APTS./FLATS/DUPLEX POINTS/HARPER WOODS

GROSSE Pointe Farms  
carriage house. Love-  
ly private wooded set-  
ting. Beautifully fur-  
nished 2 bedroom.  
\$1,200/ month.  
(313)882-3965

GROSSE Pointe Park  
apartment, 2 bed-  
room, 1 bath, huge  
storage. Includes  
heat/ water/ laundry  
facilities. \$675/ month.  
By appointment,  
(248)543-4566

GROSSE Pointe Park,  
three bedroom lower.  
Natural fireplace, fin-  
ished basement, park-  
ing. air. (313)886-  
0191

HARCOURT, large 3  
bedroom, 2 1/2 bath  
townhouse. Living  
room with fireplace,  
new kitchen. \$1,250.  
313-884-0501

KINGSVILLE, Harper  
Woods - 1/2 bedroom  
apartment. New ap-  
pliances, washer, dry-  
er. No pets. 313-881-  
9313

LAKEPOINTE, 1377, 2  
bedroom, no pets/  
smoking. \$625. Call  
Attorney McBrearty,  
(313)823-2378

**LARGE** 2 bedroom up-  
per, Wayburn, off  
street parking. \$650  
month plus security.  
Immediate occupancy.  
(313)884-9060

NEFF Lane Apartment -  
2 bedroom, 1 bath,  
central air, close to  
Village, carport, base-  
ment, lease, no pets.  
\$725/ month.  
(313)882-9972

NEFF - Nice 2 bedroom  
duplex. Dishwasher,  
parking, air, garage.  
\$900. (313)884-5616

**NOTTINGHAM** below  
Jefferson. Clean, 2  
bedroom lower, many  
extras. \$625/ month.  
No pets/ smoking.  
Leave message  
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**NOTTINGHAM** south  
of Jefferson, 2 bedroom  
upper, hardwood  
floors, parking. No  
dogs. Lease. \$575.  
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**NOTTINGHAM**, beauti-  
ful upper 3 bedroom,  
1 1/2 bath, 1500 sq.  
hardwood floors,  
fireplace, kitchen,  
bath, all appliances.  
(313)882-8448

**NOTTINGHAM**, com-  
pletely remodeled 3  
bedroom, dining & liv-  
ing rooms, new kitch-  
en & appliances, new  
bath, new carpeting,  
new windows, air. No  
pets. \$900. 2 months  
security. (313)822-  
6970. Must see.

**SOMERSET** - 2 large  
bedrooms, 1 bath du-  
plex. \$775/ month,  
plus security. Great  
location. (313)881-  
9257

**ST. Clair Shores**, Jef-  
ferson. 10 1/2, 1 bed-  
room, heat, water in-  
cluded. (586)757-6309

**TROMBLEY**, 3 bed-  
room/ den, 1 1/2  
baths, sun porch, sepa-  
rate basement, 2 car  
garage, fireplace, cen-  
tral air, all appliances.  
\$1,050. (313)881-  
1811

**UNIQUE** loft-like 2 bed-  
room. Exposed red  
brick walls, high ceil-  
ings. Good kitchen.  
Hardwood floors.  
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**WELL** priced beautifully  
furnished upper 2  
bedroom. Fireplace,  
laundry, garage, stor-  
age. (313)886-1324

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1,200 square foot lower  
flat, East English Vil-  
lage. Many features,  
must see. \$750/  
month. (313)882-6076

903 Alter, modern du-  
plex, 3 bedroom.  
Fireplace, all appli-  
ances, parking. \$675.  
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**ALTER/** Jefferson.  
Pointe Manor Apart-  
ments. Studios, \$360.  
All utilities included.  
(313)331-6971

**CADIEUX/** Mack area, 1  
bedroom upper, se-  
curity. (313)885-0877

**CADIEUX/** Mack, Blue-  
hill, 1 bedroom, extra  
large, quiet area,  
laundry facilities.  
\$485. (313)882-4132

**CHALMERS/** Waverly  
apartment, quiet. Se-  
cure 2 bedroom. De-  
corated. Security de-  
posit. \$450. 313-516-  
5059

**EAST** English Village, 2  
bedroom upper/ low-  
er. \$700. \$800/  
month. Rent to buy!  
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**Upper Drive** in  
Grosse Pointe Park.  
Upper flat. Sepa-  
rate front/rear entry.  
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place, kitchen, bath.  
Call for details. (313)882-8448

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bedroom duplex with  
basement. Cozy,  
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month. (313)300-4921

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room flats in Alter/ Je-  
fferson area. Hard-  
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parking. Starting at  
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upper & lower apart-  
ments with living  
room, dining room,  
kitchen with appli-  
ances, walk out sun  
deck, large walk in  
closets. Includes  
shared use of base-  
ment/ garage. \$475/  
month includes heat  
and water. No pets.  
Excellent  
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heat & water. Private  
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8 OK. (313)530-5481,  
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1 bedroom flat style  
apartment with base-  
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Call for Senior dis-  
counts. (313)350-3147

**9 Mile/ Harper**, Quiet  
1 bedroom 1st floor  
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**One Bedroom**  
Apartments  
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Well maintained,  
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included. (313)885-0877

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apartment, appli-  
ances, central air, no  
pets. \$545/ month, 1/3  
Little Mack. (810)459-  
7851

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bedroom, heat & wa-  
ter included. \$635/  
month. (586)675-1126

### 702 APTS./FLATS/DUPLEX S.C.S./MACOMB COUNTY

**ROSEVILLE**, 1 bed-  
room apartment,  
stove, refrigerator,  
washer, dryer. \$550/  
month. No pets.  
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**ST. Clair Shores & Clin-  
ton Township**, 1st  
month free. Quiet,  
clean 1 bedroom from  
\$520. No pets. 586-  
484-3650

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bedroom. New carpet,  
new appliances. \$575.  
free heat. (313)884-  
2141

**ST. Clair Shores**, Martin/  
Jefferson. Efficiency  
apartment. Heat, wa-  
ter, electric included.  
\$400/ month.  
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**UPPER** flat, St. Clair  
Shores, Grosse  
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ment is bright, spa-  
cious with tall ceilings,  
living room, bedroom,  
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large closets. All utili-  
ties included. \$750/  
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0226

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POINTS/HARPER WOODS**  
1259 Wayburn, Grosse  
Pointe schools. 3 bed-  
room, 2 car garage, 2  
1/2 bath, air, all new  
upgrades, water in-  
cluded. \$1,250/  
month. 313-402-8302

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1 bedroom, hot/cold  
Great room with fire-  
place, stove & refrig-  
erator included, gar-  
age, walking distance  
to Village. \$795.  
Shown by appoint-  
ment, New Clam In-  
vestment Co.,  
(313)884-8861

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Roslyn. Fireplace,  
fenced yard, all appli-  
ances included. \$750/  
month. (313)642-1410

**DUPLEX** - 2 bedroom,  
1st floor, basement,  
shared use of base-  
ment. Section 8 OK.  
(313)343-0622

**GROSSE** Pointe Park-  
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bedroom rear cottage.  
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washer, dryer, carpet,  
air. No pets. Credit  
check. Lease. \$550/  
month. Security \$600.  
(313)864-4666

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3 bedroom, 2 full  
baths. Central air,  
great kitchen, fenced  
yard with new deck.  
All amenities. 2331 Al-  
lard. \$1,150. 313-492-  
6217

**GROSSE** Pointe  
Woods, 1899 Beau-  
fait, 2 bedroom, 1 1/2  
bath. 2 1/2 car gar-  
age. Basement. Ex-  
cellent condition.  
\$1,200. 586-498-5772

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Woods, 2 bedroom,  
fenced, garage. \$700.  
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Ready now.

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Woods, lovely house,  
3 bedroom ranch, all  
amenities. Quiet cul-  
de-sac in the best of  
the Woods. \$1,825/  
month. (313)492-6217

**HARPER** Woods, 2  
bedroom, 1 bath,  
washer, dryer, fenced  
yard. \$775/ month.  
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**HOLLYWOOD** - 1 bed-  
room with den. Appli-  
ances, \$850. 734-  
368-3805

**NEWLY** remodeled  
home, air conditioned,  
Grosse Pointe  
Schools. \$1175.  
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15834 Coram, 3 bed-  
room, basement, cen-  
tral air, clean. \$725/  
month plus security.  
(586)292-8239

4079 University - 3 bed-  
rooms, 2 full baths,  
finished basement.  
Stove, refrigerator. No  
garage or backyard.  
No section 8. \$750/  
month, \$700 security.  
\$2,200 to move in.  
Mike/ Karen (313)882-  
9085

4147 University. Beauti-  
ful 3 bedroom, new  
kitchen & bath, etc...  
\$1,000/ month plus  
first & last. (586)775-  
2259, (586)899-8380

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bedroom.  
\$1,000/ month. Vary  
clean! (313)822-4514

**CADIEUX**, Kelly, 2 or 3  
bedrooms, 1 1/2  
baths, garage. \$550-  
\$775. (313)882-4132

**CADIEUX/** Mack, 3 bed-  
room ranch, section 8  
welcome. \$900/  
month. (313)885-0877

**MOROSS** & Harper  
area, 2 bedroom, 1  
bath, no pets. \$700/  
month plus utilities. 1  
1/2 months security.  
(313)881-2689

**707 HOUSES FOR RENT/  
S.C.S./MACOMB COUNTY**  
Newly renovated, 2  
bedrooms, 2 full  
baths, central air, all  
new upgrades, water in-  
cluded. \$1,250/  
month. 313-402-8302

**ST. Clair Shores** - 2-  
bedroom, newer car-  
peting, paint, bath &  
kitchen. Garage, pri-  
vate yard. 21513 Eliza-  
beth. Just reduced!  
\$745. 586-772-9070

**UPDATED** 3 bedroom  
brick, garage. Lease  
with option to buy.  
\$895 - \$1150.  
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CONDOS FOR RENT**  
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air, coin laundry, non-  
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**NAUTICAL** Mile - 3 bed-  
room home, central  
air, \$900/ month plus  
1 month security.  
(586)805-9031

**AFFORDABLE** 2 bed-  
room townhouse.  
Free heat & water.  
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Gratiot, 3 bedrooms,  
basement, family  
room, fenced yard, no  
garage. Immediate.  
\$895. (313)885-0197

**SPOTLESS** 3 bedroom  
brick ranch. Garage,  
all appliances. \$1,050  
plus utilities. 313-690-  
9360

**ST. Clair Shores** 2 bed-  
room on Avalon with  
washer & dryer. \$825/  
month plus security,  
references required.  
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**ST. Clair Shores** 3 bed-  
room, garage, appli-  
ances, central air,  
hardwood floors.  
\$915. (313)885-0197

**ST. Clair Shores**, 2 bed-  
room, 2 car, Comer/  
fenced double lot.  
\$700. (586)294-4854

**ST. Clair Shores**, 2 bed-  
room, garage, new  
windows, stove, refrig-  
erator. \$750, \$750/  
deposit. (586)415-  
8276

**ST. Clair Shores**, 3 bed-  
room bungalow,  
fenced yard, base-  
ment, appliances. 9  
Mile/ Greater Mack  
area. \$985/ month.  
(586)468-9986

**ST. Clair Shores** - 2-  
bedroom, newer car-  
peting, paint, bath &  
kitchen. Garage, pri-  
vate yard. 21513 Eliza-  
beth. Just reduced!  
\$745. 586-772-9070

**709 TOWNHOUSES/  
CONDOS FOR RENT**  
2 private offices availa-  
ble on Mack & Sev-  
ern. Take 1 or both.  
Call John or Bill,  
(313)882-5200

**20390** Harper, upper  
suite, 2 rooms, 390  
sq. ft. total. \$425/  
month includes heat.  
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## Letters

From page 6A

term.

Their views are so far from mainstream that more than forty Senators have resisted appointing them (while confirming virtually all of President Bush's other judicial nominees).

We need moderate voices on our courts. Extreme conservatives (e.g., those in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond) and extreme liberals (e.g., those on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco) wreak havoc with their aberrational decisions.

Since Al Gore didn't have the good taste or judgment to support his own mainstream running mate, Senator Joe Lieberman, I think we Democrats might be wise to view the 2004 election as a reprise of Nixon vs. McGovern, con-

cede the presidential election to Bush and devote our energies to retaining Senate seats as a firewall against judicial extremism which could last for decades.

William D. Hodgman  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Praise for Ruth Cain

To the Editor:

Three cheers for Ruth Cain, who actually put in words what a lot of intelligent seniors were thinking about the shameful Medicare bill (Dec. 11, "Disillusionment").

I reacted as she did to the latest mailing from the AARP. Here's to electing Ruth Cain president of the Independent Chapter of the AARP, or of the "Let's Boycott the AARP By Refusing to Pay Our 2004 Dues Chapter."

Congratulations to our wise Senior Scene writer.

Rosemary Flanagan  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Take alcohol use seriously

To the Editor:

I have been an admirer of the reporting and features in the Grosse Pointe News since moving here in 1990. However, there has been one aspect of your paper which has concerned me and which now leads me to write.

In my 30 years of serving children and families I have seen the devastating effects of alcohol and drug use. While our attitude about alcohol use is slowly changing, we continue to be rather cavalier about its use and abuse.

I have talked with countless parents who explain their children's alcohol use with the dismissive that they drank when they were kids and turned out just fine.

Well, indeed, many have turned out fine. But, many others haven't.

The Public Safety Reports

in your newspaper I believe often minimize the very real problem we have with alcohol use by the children and adults in our community.

Some banners from the Public Safety Reports on Dec. 4 are illustrative... "Too boozed up," about a 15-year-old girl recovering from alcohol poisoning.

Another banner read

"Lights out" about a 23-year-old Farms man driving while drunk in his car with the headlights out.

And, the banner "Dead drunk" about the 21-year-old Shores man arrested for drinking and driving. These are serious events and potentially tragic for those involved.

Alcohol abuse is epidemic

and a serious public health problem, even in our community. I would ask the editor of your fine newspaper to examine such descriptions of serious and often deadly behavior.

Mike Horwitz  
Executive Director  
Children's Home of  
Detroit

## FYI

From page 7A

## No tips

I've had no tips on the whereabouts of David L. Morrison, who it is believed graduated from a Grosse Pointe High School in the mid-1950s, joined the Air Force and later went to Michigan State and would be 67 or 68 now.

An old friend from Morrison's Air Force service days at Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino, Calif., is trying to renew his acquaintance.

Morrison, a jazz enthusiast, might have gone to school with or may have been a cousin of Larry Bielat, who played quarterback for Michigan State during that period. If you know anything about the missing Morrison drop me an e-mail, and I'll link him up with Eric Hughes, his long-lost

friend.

Bielat is co-author of "Spartan Football: 100 Seasons of Gridiron Glory" and is a color analyst at MSU football games.

## Footnote

Presumably Michigan State's recent dismal performance at the Alamo Bowl won't make the next edition of Bielat's book. The Spartans ran their mouths rather than the football in the 17-3 loss to Nebraska, embarrassing themselves, Coach John L. Smith and MSU alums. Their motto for 2004 should be: "Forget the Alamo."

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## Acetone ignites basement fire in Woods

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods residents Jerry Gadette and Janet Pepler now have a bigger basement remodeling project than they anticipated.

The Gadette-Pepler house in the 1600 block of Oxford caught fire around 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8, after a family friend knocked over a container of acetone, which he was using to remove glue from the basement floor. The acetone was then ignited by an unknown source in the basement.

"It flashed over quickly," said Corporal James Lafer, the Woods' fire inspector. "Acetone is highly flammable and there was a great deal of paper under the basement stairs."

The friend rounded up two cleaning ladies, took them out of the house, and then flagged down a passing motorist to call the public safety department.

The public safety department was alerted by the house's alarm system.

"This was a case when time was of the essence," Lafer said. "Because of the alarm, we were able to pre-

vent a total loss."

The fire traveled inside a wall and through a duct.

"Our guys found the fire and stuck a nozzle down the wall," Lafer said. "They did a great job in knocking out the fire."

Firefighters from the Woods and Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores fought the fire for about two hours and kept a special watch on the house through the rest of the day and following night.

Most of the fire damage was confined to the basement, although smoke damage extended to the house's

second floor. Lafer did not know the financial cost of the damage.

Also, two cats hiding in the family room were saved by firefighters.

Pepler, who owns an insurance agency, the Pepler Agency, said, "With 5,000 clients, I go through this every day. This is the first time I've been through this myself."

Public Safety Director Michael Makowski added: "Do not store any unnecessary flammables in the basement."

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