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**Sunday, Dec. 14**

The Grosse Pointe Theatre holds its holiday festival at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial beginning at 1 p.m. Funds raised benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, St. Joseph Mental Health, the Northeast Guidance Center, Wellness House, the Salvation Army and Haven.  
 For more information, call (313) 640-0306.

**Monday, Dec. 15**

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

**Tuesday, Dec. 16**

The Grosse Pointe Shores Village Council meets at the Shores municipal building at 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 17**

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets at 12:30 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for its Christmas Luncheon. The program will feature Frederick Clark and the Senior Men's Club Chorale.

Those who attend should bring a wrapped gift for a mother or a child. Write on the package who it is for. Gifts will be donated to the Salvation Army Evangeline Center. Guest reservations must be made by Saturday, Dec. 13. Call (313) 884-1905 or (313) 881-6251.

The choirs of Grosse Pointe North High School will present their first of two holiday concerts at First English Ev. Lutheran Evangelical Church at 7:30 p.m.

Advance tickets for this and the Thursday, Dec. 18, shows are \$8 for general admission and \$5 for seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased at the North office, Wild Birds Unlimited or by calling (313) 881-1027. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

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## Park cop saves 3 lives on vacation

By Bonnie Caprara  
 Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park public safety Sgt. James Armbruster never knows when his training will be put to the test on the job — or on vacation.

While vacationing with his family in Cancun, Mexico, the week of Nov. 23, Armbruster, a certified Emergency Medical Technician, saved three people from threatening beach conditions in two separate occasions.

Despite the red "danger" flags on the beach the morning of Sunday, Nov. 23, Armbruster was cooling himself from the 91 degree heat in waist-high water in the Gulf of Mexico. From about 50 yards away, Armbruster heard a cry for help.



Sgt. James Armbruster

A fellow resort guest, a man in his 40s, was flailing to stay above the rough seas. Armbruster went to pull the man out of the water and onto the beach. The man collapsed on the beach.

"He swallowed quite a bit of salt water," Armbruster said.

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## Farms hosts Show House twice in a row

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

Up to 15,000 people are expected to tour the Junior League of Detroit's 2004 Designers' Show House, which will be located in Grosse Pointe Farms for the second consecutive time.

The League will set up its next biennial homage to home decorating in a two-story brick mansion at 114 Lothrop, two lots off Kercheval.

League members and Farms police will consult area residents to arrange traffic control and parking strategies.

Strategies will likely be based on what worked successfully when the Show House drew thousands of visitors to Provençal in 2002.

"Basically, we had no problems," said Robert Ferber, director of public safety.

Based on a Dec. 3 meeting with residents, Ferber proposed a "No Show House parking" zone in the first block of Lothrop. A permit process will be established for residential parking.

Show-goers will be directed to park on both sides of Kercheval between Moran and Touraine. Parking on Grosse Pointe Boulevard will be limited to League members who are volunteering at the House, and residents.

"We will work with neighbors to address all their concerns," said Carrie Maliszewski of Grosse Pointe Woods, Show House co-chair. "We are very much willing to do that. We want it to be a success. We want it to be as good an experience as it can be."

"We're willing to do whatever the neighbors want," Ferber said.

The League needed city

council approval to schedule the Show House, which will be open for regular visits during May. But the house will be the center of often frenzied activity for a much longer duration.

In January, designers will start previewing the home. Workers and supplies arrive thereafter in delivery trucks and work vehicles.

The pace of decoration quickens in mid-February.

By April, the house will be dolled up enough for preview events, including the League's 90th anniversary black tie gala. There will be Sneak-a-Peek Weekend, corporate and neighbor previews and a larger preview cocktail party.

Preliminary events could involve 300 to 700 people.

Despite making the short list to a special preview party, several Lothrop residents shunned the prospect of relinquishing their quiet neighborhood to waves of visitors.

Elaine Schweitzer was concerned about privacy and traffic safety on the narrow street. Jeff Smith considered whether fire trucks and ambulances could navigate through a traffic jam.

Wally Riley said the project was "beyond the scope of a residential community. Ten-to-15,000 people descending on Lothrop? The police department will be busy the whole month of May just to enforce parking."

Of 12 Farms residents who addressed the council Monday night, eight took the podium in opposition, sometimes more than once.

None, however, had anything bad to say about the League.

The nonprofit women's volunteer group has about

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## Woods woman decks halls at White House

By Bonnie Caprara  
 Staff Writer

Sue Stewart hasn't quite started decorating her Grosse Pointe Woods house, but she did spend two long days decorating the country's most famous house.

Stewart and her sister, Rosemary Casaceli of Marine City, were invited by their brother, Robert Scanlan, White House florist and one-time owner of the former Scanlan's Fisher Road Florist in the City of Grosse Pointe, to help decorate for the holidays. About 50 volunteers in all were enlisted to help the White House florists and electricians and employees of the National Park Service decorate.

This was Stewart's second trip in six years to decorate. She and her sister rotate the responsibility of volunteering to deck the White House halls and rooms among their 12 other siblings.

"The theme is centered around story books," Stewart said. "First Lady Laura Bush loves her story

books."

Stewart worked in the East Room, where papier-mâché statues of Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women," Harry Potter, Frog and Toad, the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew adorn the four fireplace mantles. She also helped decorate four trees in the East Room.

"We had 12 people assigned to the East Room," Stewart said.

Stewart also worked on the storybook sleigh in the Visitor's Hallway.

Work began on Monday, Dec. 1, when the volunteers unloaded five truckloads of ornaments.

"Each one of the ornaments had to be wired," Stewart said. "That's what we did all day on Monday."

After they finished decorating, Stewart and the other volunteers were invited to a reception hosted by the First Lady.

"Laura Bush is very gracious, but I really didn't get to talk with her other than meeting with her very briefly

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Grosse Pointe Woods resident Sue Stewart and her sister, Rosemary Casaceli of Marine City, were invited by their brother, Robert Scanlan, one-time owner of Scanlan's Fisher Road Florist and now White House florist, to help decorate the White House for Christmas. They are pictured with the gumball tree in the Green Room.

## POINTER OF INTEREST

### Roselie Bellanca Posselius

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms

Age: 44

Family: Daughter,

Giovanna, 8 1/2

Occupation: President

of Detroit Actors Guild

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performance."

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Roselie Bellanca Posselius

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## 50 years ago this week



### Enlarged parking lot attracts plenty of customers

Despite the fact that Grosse Pointe Farms recently acquired additional land to take care of some 50 more cars, parking spaces are still often at a premium in the big lot to the north of Kercheval, between MacMillan and Muir roads. Enlargement of the lot was made possible when the board of education agreed to let the city take over a portion of the Richard School playground. (Photo by Fred Runnels, Dec. 10, 1953, Grosse Pointe News.)

## yesterday's headlines

### 50 years ago this week

Pointers suggest a way to make Christmas happier for soldiers stationed at the two anti-aircraft artillery camps located here.

When it was learned that the servicemen are inviting 30 underprivileged children from the Detroit Emergency Shelter to be their guests for Christmas dinner, it is proposed that the community pitch in and make the event a merry one for both soldiers and kids.

Col. Walter Allard, head of the Veterans' Committee at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Center, and a director of the Alger Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, is the clearing agent for contributions.

Shops in the Village are deluged by males on the eighth annual Men's Night.

Stores are jammed from counter to counter. Display windows shake with reverberations of the shoppers milling within.

John Hannah, general

manger of Jacobsons, looked at the crowd and said, "How could we handle any more? Imagine if they were all women!"

Grosse Pointe Woods voters reject overwhelmingly a pay proposal for city council members and the mayor.

The proposition would have given council members \$15 for every regular and special meeting, with an additional \$200 given to the mayor.

The measure lost 619 to 253, with 10 percent of voters going to the poles.

### 25 years ago this week

The Grosse Pointe Farms city council rejects a proposed ordinance limiting hours of operation for places of entertainment. If the measure had passed into law, opponents feared it would spell the end of the Punch and Judy Theater.

The proposal, which had been amended to allow entertainment establishments to remain open until 1 a.m., had been drafted in response to complaints by residents living near the Punch of late-night noise caused by roadies "loading out" musical equipment after live concerts. Other complaints concerned scheduling midnight movies, including "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

Contributions totaling more than \$18,300 are presented to the widow of fallen City of Grosse Pointe fire fighter, Richard Tucker.

Tucker died fighting last March's blaze at the Helin mansion on Windmill Pointe Drive in the Park.

An 88-day investigation by Park and State Fire Marshall officers has concluded the fire was set deliberately. Although a 13-year-old Pointe youth has been questioned as a possible suspect, Wayne County prosecutors refuse to pursue the case, saying there is a lack of evidence.

The Grosse Pointe school board plans to once again address the politically touchy issue of school closings this month in light of new census data compiled recently by administrators.

Trustees are expected to vote this month to keep all 15 of the district's instructional buildings open for at least two more years, through 1981.

Census figures show the Pointe's current enrollment of 9,860 students may drop to approximately 9,000 by 1981. The figure represents a loss of about one-third of the school population since the high enrollment mark of 10,530 students in 1971.

### 10 years ago this week

University Liggett School's first double's team of Nicky Dalal and Allison Rider are named to the Class C-D girls' tennis all-state team by the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches

Association.

Eight new members are elected to serve three-year terms on the Services for Older Citizens board of trustees.

They are Christine Bremer, Susan Davies, Marianne Endicott, Jack Gajewski, Jeff Mueller, Marion Leigh Smith, Richard Solak and Al Thomas.

Representatives of the five cities served by Grosse Pointe Cable will be hard-wired to the company's management under a proposal which would make them members of the board of directors.

In related news, the cable company plans to lay fiber optic cable that will increase channel capacity.

### 5 years ago this week

A telephone survey conducted on behalf of Grosse Pointe Farms elected officials indicates that 64 percent of residents polled throughout the five Pointes like the idea of having a community recreation center in their midst.

What the \$18,000 survey didn't ask residents was how they felt about the facility's proposed location at Mack and Moross and that costs have not been addressed.

Representatives of Waldenbooks, located in the City of Grosse Pointe at the corner of Kercheval and Notre Dame, are unfazed by the appearance in the Village of Borders books in the former Jacobson's Home Decorating Store.

"At this point, we have no information that the Grosse Pointe store will be closing," said a Waldenbooks representative from company headquarters in Ann Arbor. "It's currently our intention to keep it open. This situation may shift next year. But at this point, the Grosse Pointe store will remain open."

Grosse Pointe South and North high schools are among sportsmanship award winners for the Macomb Area Conference's fall athletic season.

South won in the Red Division for golf and girls' swimming. North won in the White Division in football, girls' cross country and boys' cross country.

South and North are among only 10 schools to win awards in more than one sport.

— Brad Lindberg

## White House

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and having photos taken with her," Stewart said. "The President is very personable."

Stewart also got to meet some of the authors whose characters were featured in the decorations, including the author of the Clifford books, Norman Birdwell, and his wife, Norma.

"I have quite a bit of interest in them because their story and their art is the same as my father-in-law's," Stewart said. "He (Birdwell) started out as a letterer many years ago, and like my father-in-law, he tried to get cartoons published in newspapers."

Scanlan worked on the Clifford display in the White House.

"They were excited to meet my brother," Stewart said.

Upon returning to the Woods, Stewart said, "It was nice to see that my husband started decorating the house."

See the White House holiday decorating in progress on "The White House Christmas 2003" on Home & Garden Television on Thursday, Dec. 11, at midnight; Sunday, Dec. 14, at 9 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 15, at 1 a.m.; Friday, Dec. 19, at 9 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 21, at 5 p.m.; and Thursday, Dec. 25, at 1 p.m.

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## Burglary suspect in City far from clueless

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A clumsy cat burglar, whose clattering 2 a.m. break-in of a senior couple's home roused his victims like a one-man band, littered the crime scene with fingerprint evidence prosecutors plan to use as his ticket back to prison.

Scott Daniel Robinson, 42, of Detroit, has been bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court on charges stemming from his Nov. 22 arrest for home invasion and possession of burglary tools in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Robinson will remain in the county jail on \$250,000 cash bond until the case resumes Dec. 18 with arraignment in circuit court.

A chronic criminal on parole for breaking and entering, he faces up to life in prison if convicted under Michigan's habitual offender laws.

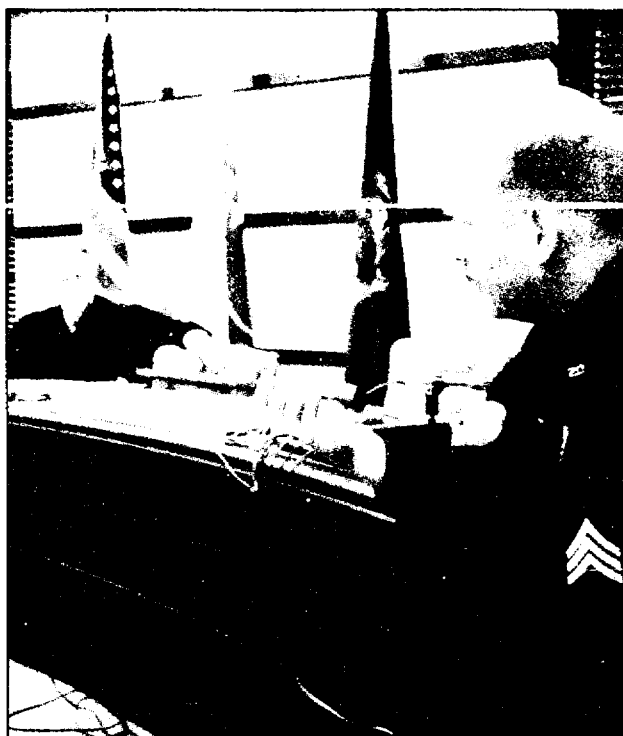
At a preliminary hearing in City Municipal Court on Dec. 4, Judge Russell Ethridge found sufficient evidence to try Robinson for what could be his fourth B&E conviction since 1991.

Evidence included police discovering the defendant walking alone on Mack a half-block from where a house had been burgled minutes earlier in the 900 block of Washington.

"He had an extremely



Mark Bernardi, a Wayne County Prosecutor, points to Scott Daniel Robinson, 42, of Detroit, arrested for breaking and entering in the City of Grosse Pointe. John Brusstar, Robinson's attorney,



sits next to his client. Municipal Judge Russell Ethridge bound over Robinson to Wayne County Circuit Court based on evidence such as a pry bar, below. Sgt. Tony Railling found in Robinson's knapsack.

startled look on his face," said Sgt. Tony Railling. "We asked him where he was going. The story he was giving wasn't adding up."

Robinson's suspicious behavior prompted police to search him and his knapsack for weapons. Officers searching the bag found a pry bar, hammer and a tele-

phone cord detectives said could have been used to bind his victims.

Police arrived at the burgled house "almost immediately, thank God," said the 80-year-old homeowner. The homeowner and his 74-year-old wife were awakened when Robinson pried open a locked kitchen window.

Robinson clambered through the window and sent Jell-O molds and similar knickknacks clanging into the sink and on the floor.

"It was like a canon went off," said the homeowner said.

"I heard my dishes, glass and stuff," said his wife. "I nudged my husband. I said,

'Oh, somebody's in the house. Call 911.' While he was on the phone, I heard footsteps and the front door open."

Robinson realized he'd been detected. He ran out the front door carrying nothing but the bag of tools with which he'd entered, according to police.

Detective Lt. James Fox arrived on the scene 15 minutes after being called from home.

"I took numerous photographs and dusted for fingerprints," Fox said. He personally delivered four "lifts" to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab in Sterling Heights.

Tracee McIntosh, a forensic scientist with the state police, latent print unit, scanned an impression taken from inside the kitchen window frame.

"(The print) was identified as having been made by the left thumb of Scott Robinson," McIntosh concluded.

John Brusstar, Robinson's

court-appointed attorney, will try to keep prosecutors from presenting evidence obtained prior to Robinson's being arrested and read his Miranda rights.

Railling said Robinson wasn't read his rights before being padded down and his bag searched for weapons.

"At that point he was not under arrest," Railling said. "We were just investigating."

"There's no warrant for the bag?" Brusstar asked.

"No," Railling said.

Fox questioned Robinson at police headquarters.

Fox said Robinson admitted entering the dwelling, but not to steal anything. He was there to buy drugs, he allegedly said.

"When I asked him to make a written statement, he requested an attorney," Fox said. "At that point, I ceased all questioning."

"The defendant may have motions to suppress evidence based on the evidence in the bag," Brusstar said after the preliminary hearing. "At this point, we'll either have a deal before trial or take it to trial with a few motions."

Police said Robinson's 12-page criminal history includes three convictions for unlawful entry with sentences totaling 13 years in prison.

Legal experts said threat of a Michigan's life sentence for habitual criminals could be used to broker a guilty plea to a lesser charge.

The victimized homeowners have taken action to guard against burglars.

"I fixed the (kitchen) window," the husband said.

"There are six stainless steel bolts in it."

"It will never be opened," said his wife.

The couple plans to buy a cellular telephone to call for help.

Last week's hearing was the second time the homeowner's wife has testified in court.

"A wallet was taken out of my house," she said of an incident in another community. "Police got him, too."

## Deputy from Woods killed by drunk

A St. Clair Shores man has been arraigned on three charges stemming from the Saturday, Dec. 6, death of a retired Macomb County Sheriff's Deputy and the serious injury of his wife.

According to St. Clair Shores Traffic Lt. Michael Wallerman, James M. Fedora, 48, was arraigned before 40th District Court Judge Joseph Oster on Monday, Dec. 8, for drunken driving causing the death of Ronald R. Fencyk, 46, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and drunken driving causing serious injury. The latter stemmed from the injuries sustained by Fencyk's wife, Marnie,

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drunken driving incident, the third charge.

Wallerman said Fedora's Ford F 150 struck the driver's side of Fencyk's 1998 Cadillac Seville on Nine Mile and Alice at 1:28 a.m. Both Fencyk and his wife were taken to St. John Hospital in Detroit. There he was pronounced dead.

Fencyk had retired from the Macomb County Sheriff's Department in January.

Sheriff Mark Hackle said, Fencyk was an experienced deputy the new deputies enjoyed being partnered with because of his knowledge.

"He knew how to handle a situation. He was extremely hard working," Hackle said.

Fencyk began his career with the county in June 1977 as a corrections officer. He was also assigned to the road patrol and worked undercover.

Fencyk is survived by his wife and a son.



Ret. Deputy Ronald Fencyk

## Park cops help close 3 Detroit drug dens

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park detectives and members of the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods Special Response Team helped put a halt to business in three suspected Detroit drug houses on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

The detectives, along with the Detroit Police Department Violent Crimes Task Force, had been surveilling two of the three houses after hearing area youths were purchasing drugs at those locations. The task force is a multi-jurisdictional unit which investigates violent crimes with the assistance of the FBI, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, the Michigan State Police and local law enforcement agencies.

"We were amazed to see

"We were amazed to see how many kids were going in there."

Park Public Safety Director David Hiller

how many kids were going in. That's what we noticed the Detroit Police Department Violent Crimes Task Force," said David Hiller, the Park's director of public safety.

Two of the houses are on Kilbourne near Hayes. The third house, which was not identified, was discovered during the course of investigation and is under further investigation.

A special operations team arrested and questioned youths from the Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods, St. Clair Shores and Chesterfield Township after they were

seen purchasing drugs at the houses on Dec. 2. Four vehicles were seized under the state's forfeiture law, which allows law enforcement departments to return cars used in public nuisance crimes after a \$900 fine is paid.

Purchases by undercover officers and other arrests of area youths making drug buys were conducted during the four-week investigation.

To date, none of the youths have been arraigned.

The Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods Special Response Team then executed a search warrant on the three houses where they found a pound of marijuana, some

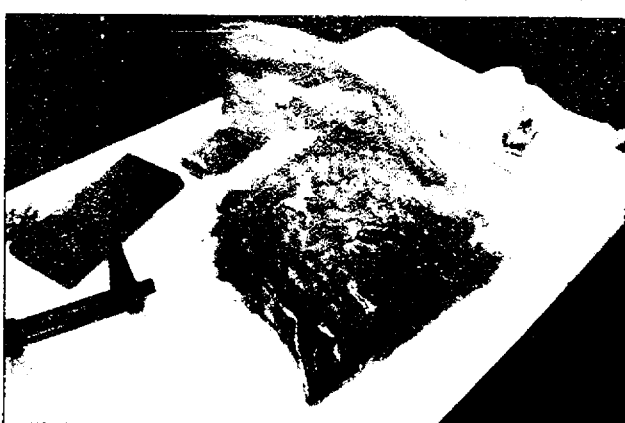
cocaine, a bag of various pills, two 12-gauge shot-guns, a 30.06 rifle with a scope and a loaded AK-47 machine gun.

None of the suspected drug dealers were in the houses at the time of the search. They will be pursued by the Detroit Police Department.

"Our guys did an excellent job," Hiller said. "A lot of time and planning went into this and it's taken some serious weapons off the street. The potential for danger out there is unbelievable. These people don't play by the rules, and our kids have no concept of what they're getting into."

This is the second such bust in the past year.

"If our kids are buying dope, we're going to work with Detroit to shut these houses down," Hiller said.



These drugs and weapons were obtained by the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods Special Response Team in a search of three suspected drug houses on Detroit's east side. The search was a result of an investigation by Grosse Pointe Park detectives and the Detroit Violent Crimes Task Force.

"If our kids are buying dope, we're going to work with Detroit to shut these houses down," said David Hiller, director of the Park's public safety department.

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## Farms woman continues dream with 'Tony n' Tina's Wedding'

By Patti Theros  
Special Writer

The bumps in life can either energize a person to reach new heights or keep them down. In Roselie Posselius' life, a very unexpected event resulted in her reaching unimaginable achievements.

"About 11 years ago, I had a very long and debilitating illness," says Posselius. "I had to quit my job at a commercial art studio. While I was recovering, my father had been working on the idea of bringing off-Broadway theater to the area commercially. He was passionate about theater and wanted to work with the numerous talented theater professionals he had met over the years."

So she and her father, the late Peter J. Bellanca, a lawyer and actor, created their own production company. They worked out an agreement with the Forbes family to co-produce off-Broadway productions at the Gem Theater.

"Our first production was 'All Night Strut — Holiday Show,' and it was a great experience." Other productions included "Shear Madness" and "Beehive," to name two.

"I started out selling tickets in the box office. It taught me that in show business, the audience's first experience is on the phone with a ticket sales representative and that this call could be fundamental to the

success of a show."

Later, she helped with all aspects of a production, including the set up and painting of stage sets, hanging up posters around town, and finding props. She calls it "the perfect learning experience."

"Producing is just putting the right people together. It's about collaborating. That is my favorite part of the job. I enjoy finding the right creative people, investors, product and venue. It's about putting the right box office people with the right marketing people. It's about creating a team that comes together with different perspectives and creative ideas. I enjoy seeing them work together, from sketches and designs to ads and auditions, until finally we get to our opening night. The energy that permeates the creative process and then culminates with a performance in front of an audience is unparalleled to me," says Posselius.

After a few years at the Gem Theater, the Detroit Actors Guild Productions moved to Trappers Alley's Alley Theater in Greektown. They were there for about six months, and then her father died in February of 1998.

"Shortly after my father's death, I had a dream about him. In my dream, my dad and I had been talking about 'Tony n' Tina's Wedding.' It was such a vivid dream filled with details about the

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show. He strongly encouraged me to do the production," she recalls.

Two weeks after her dream, David Nederlander, a theater producer, called and asked her to do the production. "My dad had prepared me. I met with the Nederlanders, and it all came together in December of 1998. We mounted the production for two years in Pontiac. In the fall of 1999, I took the project over on my own. In 2000, we moved the show to Harmonie Park and played for another season," says Posselius.

Posselius continues to do special engagements of "Tony n' Tina's Wedding" for companies, such as Greektown Casino and fundraisers for churches and organizations.

"I really love the show. DAG's production of 'Tony n'

Tina's Wedding' has performed over 400 times to over 100,000 people in the Detroit area alone. The reason it is so successful is in part due to the fact that it is environmental theater. The audience can participate in all of the events that occur; they become an integral part of the play," says Posselius. "It's not Shakespeare, but it is changing peoples' concept of theater. I believe we are getting people to go to the theater who wouldn't normally go. It's a great audience builder. The 'guests' at the wedding interact with all of the crazy characters. They dance, eat dinner and get to know the family and friends of Tony and Tina. It is a lot of fun. We're in our sixth season."

In addition to the successful "Tony n' Tina's Wedding" production, Posselius has

recently been involved in a successful New York production called "Café a Go Go," which is currently preparing to go on a national tour. Last month, she produced the award-winning "Antipasto!" at the Mirage in Clinton Township. She is also considering pooling some of her resources together to sponsor a summer theater camp for children.

Posselius juggles a successful business while raising her young daughter, Giovanna.

"I have a very supportive family. Their support has allowed me to continue this work and still be available for Giovanna," Posselius says. "After running 'Tony n' Tina's Wedding' for several months, my daughter began going through that stage most 3-year-olds experience. She would cry when I had to leave for work and begged me to stay home. One night I cried all the way to work because I felt so bad leaving

her. When I arrived at the theater, I started talking to the costume designer. She asked me what was wrong, and I told her. The next day, she had sewn a flower girl costume and told me the next time Giovanna starts to cry when you leave, bring her along; she can be a part of the production. Needless to say, I did, and Giovanna loved it. She often comes with me to 'work' and is very comfortable around the theater. It makes my work all that much more enjoyable, and she's a pretty good critic."

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding" will be at the Eastpointe Manor on Dec. 11 and 13. Tickets are \$60 and include a generous supper, wedding cake and champagne toast. Call (313) 885-3032 or (586) 778-2240 for reservations. The Eastpointe Manor is located at 24611 Gratiot in Eastpointe. Show time is 7:30 p.m.

## Farms unloads 2nd house on McKinley

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms has arranged to sell a house at 163 McKinley it was forced to buy through a court order.

A family relocating to the Farms has given the city a \$5,000 good faith purchase deposit which will be forfeited if they don't buy the home in nine months. In the meantime, the party will lease the property for \$1,500 per month.

"They would have through July 31, 2004 to exercise the purchase option," said William Burgess, city attorney. "The city will maintain a combination of rental payments until the option is exercised."

The selling price will be \$280,000, according to Rich Solak, city manager. Lease payments will total \$13,500. The city purchased the

house for \$290,000.

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

"The council looked at the possibility of purchasing one house; then the second house became available," said Solak, referring to 163 McKinley. "Both property owners came to the council soliciting it to buy their properties."

The council intended to buy the first two homes on McKinley nearest the Punch. The homes would be razed and turned into parking space. Nearby homeowners, however, opposed encroachment of commercial activity into their neighborhood.

The deal died when Burgess discovered deed

restrictions limiting the properties to residential use.

"The council backed off on buying the property," Solak said.

## G.P. Park bags meters

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park residents and merchants have told the city to "bag it" during the holidays — at least at the parking meters.

For the first time, the Park will halt meter enforcement at all of its meters during the holiday season.

According to David Hiller, the Park's director of public safety, the residents approached the public safety department with the idea. After a survey of merchants,

The then-owner of 163 McKinley felt otherwise. He went to court, convinced a judge the city had made a legitimate purchase offer, and forced the sale.

it was decided to suspend collecting meter fees for just over two weeks.

"The Kercheval Avenue businesses are looking forward to trying it," Hiller said.

Hiller did not know how much revenue the city would lose during the holidays but said, "It's not a monumental figure we can't live without."

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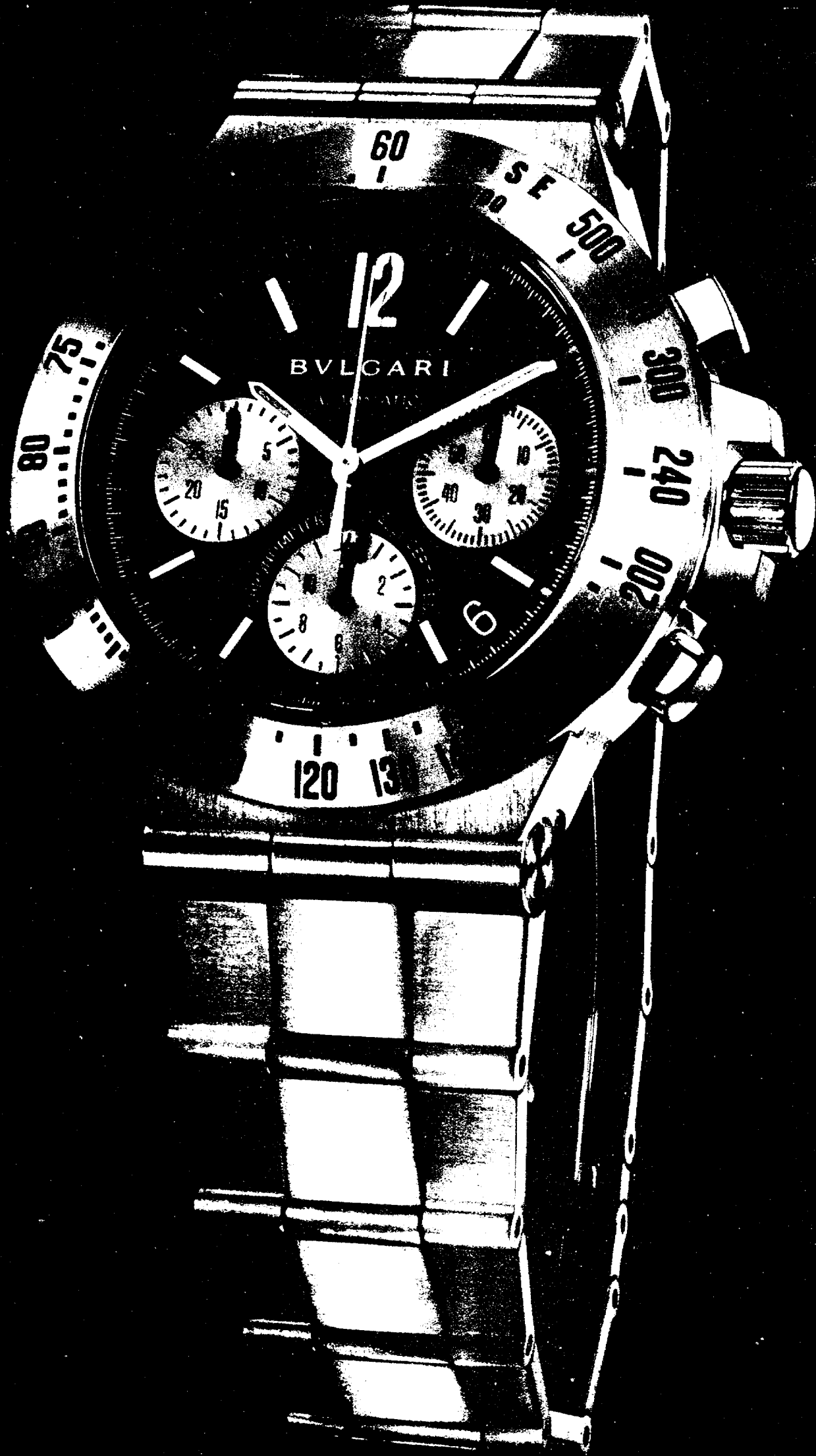
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**Stanley A. Erjavac**

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Harper Woods resident Stanley A. Erjavac, 84, died on Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at St. John Hospital in Detroit.

Born and raised in Ahmeek in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Mr. Erjavac moved to Detroit and joined the Gratiot Township Police Department as a patrolman in 1938. He continued with what became the Harper Woods Police Department until his retirement in 1979.

Throughout his career as a police officer, Mr. Erjavac demonstrated a devotion to duty that earned him wide-ranging respect and admiration from the public and his professional colleagues alike. Upon his retirement in 1979, Mr. Erjavac was honored with a special tribute from former state Sen. John C. Hertel, expressing appreciation and congratulations for more than 32 years of service.

Mr. Erjavac and his wife Joanne were active residents of Harper Woods, where they lived for 51 years. Their 1950 marriage ceremony was the first held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, then located in the elementary school on Bournemouth. The Erjavacs celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 15, 2000, by renewing their vows at the church.

Mr. Erjavac maintained a long-term commitment to the community, serving as a school trustee at St. John School, formerly Bishop Gallagher, Father's Club, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Knights of Columbus and the East Side Members Pigeon Club.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne; his daughter, Gayle McMurry (Michael); his sons, John (Kimberly) and Stanley (Amy); his grandsons, Benjamin and Samuel; his sister, Frances Mueller; his brother, Matthew (Maxine); and his sister-in-law, Julia. He was predeceased by his brother, John.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, Dec. 5, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinity Catholic High Father's Club.



**Ronald Richard Fencyk**

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Grosse Pointe Woods resident Ronald Richard Fencyk, 46, died on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, at St. John Hospital in Detroit.

Born in Detroit in 1957, Sgt. Fencyk earned his Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Wayne State University in 1989. He retired in January of 2003 as a sergeant for the Macomb County Sheriff's Department, where he worked on the Sheriff's Selective Enforcement Team, the Wayne-Macomb Auto Theft Task Force, and the Car-Jacking Task Force.

Sgt. Fencyk was a member of the AmVets Post No. 121, a gold member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Central Macomb Lodge No.

187, and a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. He enjoyed cooking, gardening and reading.

Sgt. Fencyk is survived by his wife, Marnie; his son, Ronald; his sisters, Barbara (Dennis) Lex and Rose (Mark) Andreovich; and his brothers, Edward (Geraldine), Thomas (Marsha) and Gerald.

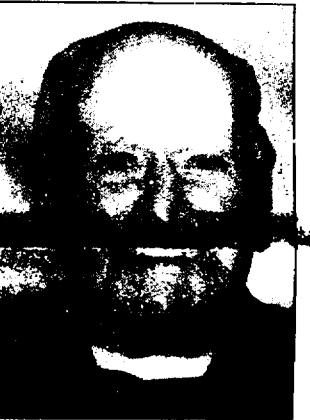
Visitation will be held on Thursday, Dec. 11, from 4 to 9 p.m., and Friday, Dec. 12, from 1 to 9 p.m., at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 10:15 a.m., at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

**Margaret Keena Gillis**

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Margaret Keena Gillis died on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, at St. John Hospital in Detroit. Born in 1916 on Bob Lo Island in Ontario, Mrs. Gillis was a member of the Detroit Institute of Arts, was a member of the Junior League of Detroit, and was a retired board member of the Garden Club of Michigan.

She is survived by her husband, Gaylord W. Gillis Jr.; her children, Mrs. Sibley Classen, Mrs. Linda Roeckelein, Richard W. Jackson, Gaylord S. Gillis and Bonnie Dugan; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Monday, Dec. 8, at Christ Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48202.



**Rev. Zanos Gougoutas**

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Detroit resident the Rev. Zanos Gougoutas, 99, died on Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at St. John Hospital.

Born in Greece in 1904, the Rev. Gougoutas was a graduate of the Greek Orthodox Seminary at Ayion Opos in Greece. He served as parish priest for 35 years at St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Mansfield, Ohio, from 1938 to 1973; and as assistant priest for 24 years at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores, from 1973 to

1997. Rev. Gougoutas devoted his century of living to scholarship and serving others; authorizing numerous books and articles about religion and philosophy.

After he retired (but not "flat-tired," as he often quipped), he spent the rest of his life consoling, encouraging and brightening the lives of patients at St. John Hospital and St. John Senior Community.

Rev. Gougoutas was founder and lifelong patron of the library and theater in his home village of Agiasos, Lesvos, Mytiline, Greece.

He is survived by his daughter, Dr. Bess Kypros (Dr. George); his son, Dr. Jack Gougoutas (Linda Hattman Gougoutas); his grandchildren, George Kypros Jr., Dr. Paul Kypros, Dr. Christina Gougoutas, Katharine Gougoutas and Alexander Gougoutas; and his great-grandson, Jack Julian Fong Gougoutas.

He was predeceased by his grandson, Christopher Kypros. Visitation will be held on Friday, Dec. 12, from 2 to 9 p.m., at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 11 a.m., at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rev. Zanos Gougoutas-Christopher Kypros Scholarship Fund, c/o Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

**Jeffrey Hall**

A burial service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 4 p.m., at Sacred Heart Cemetery, for Jeffrey Hall, a 2000 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, who died on Nov. 13, 2003.



**Ralph J. Ladd**

**Ralph J. Ladd**

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Ralph J. Ladd, 88, died on Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, at St. John Hospital.

Born in Utica in 1915, Mr. Ladd graduated from Olivet College, earning his bachelor's degree in 1931. He was employed at Amerisure Insurance Co., formerly Michigan Mutual Insurance Co. He served as president and chief executive officer.

Mr. Ladd was a past president of the Detroit Athletic Club board, director of the Northern States

Bancorporation (formerly City Bank and First of America), director of the Detroit Golf Club, director and past chairman of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, director and president of the YMCA of Detroit and trustee and past chairman of the Michigan Colleges Foundation. Mr. Ladd enjoyed golf and bowling and was a fan of the Detroit Tigers and Lions.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Lane Ladd, his daughter, Judith "Judy" Ladd Sutton; his grandchildren, Clyde (Nancy) Sutton, Amy Sutton Adelson and Barry Sutton; his great-grandchildren, Kimberly, Stephanie, Dylan and Cole Hunter Adelson; his sisters, Erlene Trevethan and Virginia Lamphier. He was predeceased by his sister, Norma Hillman.

A funeral service was held on Monday, Dec. 8, at Grosse Pointe United Church. Interment is in White Chapel Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

**Paul J. Schwanitz**

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Paul J. Schwanitz, 78, died on Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at Bon Secours Nursing Care Center.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Schwanitz earned his bachelor's degree in marketing from Wayne State University. He formed Paul J. Schwanitz & Associates, a manufacturer's representative company. He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club and the Gowanie Golf Club. He enjoyed golf and bridge.

Mr. Schwanitz is survived by his wife, Marie; his sons, Thomas (Kathy), Richard (Laura) and Joseph (Gai); his stepson, Charles (Joy) Lobaito; his grandchildren, Tracie, Amanda, Andrew, Brian and Anabella; and his brother, Jack (Mary Jo).

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Dec. 11, from 2 to 9 p.m., at A.H. Peters Funeral Home. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, Dec. 12, at 10:30 p.m., at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Interment is in Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Twp.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

**Marjorie Esther Smith**

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Marjorie Esther Smith, 89, died on Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, at St. John Hospital in Detroit. Born in 1914 in Grand Rapids, Mrs. Smith graduated from Denby High School in 1932. She did clerical work for the Hudson Motor Co. in Detroit.

Mrs. Smith was a Cub Scout den mother from 1944 to 1950. She was a member of the Knit-Wits, Questers

and Grosse Pointe United Church. She loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and enjoyed playing bridge, reading, gardening and boating.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her daughter, Gail L. Smith; her sons, Kurt R. and Gregg R.; her grandchildren, Scott, Michael, Jen and Stephanie; her great-grandchildren, Charlotte and Samantha; and her brothers, Russell Barnes and Ed Barnes. She was predeceased by her husband, Stanley C. Smith.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, Dec. 7, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Stroke Association.



**Marjorie Esther Smith**

**Therese V. Bartos Taylor**

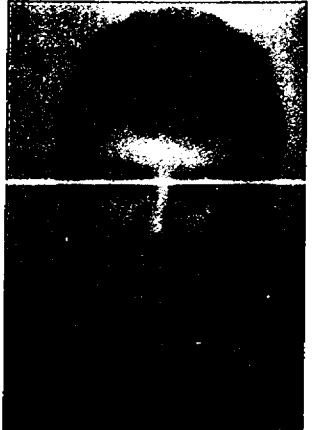
St. Clair Shores resident Therese V. Bartos Taylor, 78, died on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003, at home. Born in 1925 in Detroit, Mrs. Taylor graduated from Marygrove College. She worked as a dental assistant and office manager for many dentists on the east side of Detroit.

She was a member and past president of Detroit Dental Assistants Society, a member of Slow Spokes of Macomb and Easy Riders bicycle clubs, a Eucharistic minister for St. John Senior Community and Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, and a volunteer of Meals on Wheels. She enjoyed biking, needlepoint, traveling and reading.

She is survived by her daughters, Marianne (Jack) Fleming, Beth (Wally) Van Cleave, Patsy (Steve) Stefani and Sue (Mike Carr) Bartos; her son, Rick (Pat) Bartos; her grandchildren, Peter, Brad, Amalie, Sarah, Anthony, Lindsay and Eric; her sister, Eleanor Henneberger; and her brothers, Dr. Arthur Seski and Richard Seski.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Edward R. Bartos; her second husband, David A. Taylor; her sister, Ernestine VandenBossche; and her brother, Dr. Joseph Seski.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 6, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Foundation, 18831 W. 12 Mile, Lathrup Village, MI 48076.



**Jean Hyde Watkins**

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Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Jean Watkins died on Friday, Dec. 5, 2003, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Born in Detroit in 1926, Mrs. Watkins graduated from Northern High School in 1944 and received a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Michigan in 1948. She was a member of the Delta Gamma sorority. In 1950, she married John B. Watkins. She was active in the Junior League of Detroit. After retiring in 1977, the Watkins moved to Leland, where Mrs. Watkins was president of the Leland Township Library and the Little Garden Club and an active volunteer. She was a founding member of ShareCare of Leelanau.

Mrs. Watkins was active in genealogical societies and researching her family history. She served as national parliamentarian for the Colonial Dames of America, and president for the state of Michigan chapter of the Dames. In 1988, Mrs. Watkins was elected national president and retired in 1991. She is survived by her husband, John; her three sons, Warren (Ann) of Grosse Pointe Farms, John Jr. (Shelley) and David (Maureen); seven grandchildren; and her sisters, Mrs. Robert G. Swanson of Grosse Pointe Farms and Barbara Hyde.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, Dec. 15, at 11 a.m., at the Community Church in Leland. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leelanau Conservancy, P.O. Box 1007, Leland, MI 49654; the Leland Township Library, P.O. Box 736, Leland, MI 49654; ShareCare of Leelanau, P.O. Box 217, Northport, MI 49670; or to the charity of one's choice.

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# Drug plan will sink Medicare

The new Medicare prescription drug plan signed this week by President George W. Bush and earlier approved by Congress simply does not add up. Under the plan, the very people it is supposed to help — those without any drug coverage — may be better off without it.

Our understanding is that the legislation that won congressional approval in November would allow seniors to buy prescription drug coverage for an estimated monthly premium of \$35, for a total annual cost of \$420. (The \$35 premium is not a given. It could be more.)

There is also a hefty deductible. Seniors would have to pay the first \$250 of their prescriptions. After the deductible is met, the Medicare drug plan, effective in 2006, would pay 75 percent of the seniors' drug costs.

The average senior without any drug benefits pays \$590 a year for pre-

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scription drugs, according to the AARP, which supported the plan. Let's do the math:

The senior has to pay the first \$250 in drug costs. Subtract that from the \$590 average, and the senior has a remaining \$340 to pay for drugs. The Medicare plan will pay 75 percent of the balance, leaving the senior with \$85 due.

Add to that the \$250 deductible and the \$35/month, \$420/year premium, and that average senior without drug coverage would pay \$250+\$85+\$420=\$755 a year.

So instead of paying \$590 out of pocket for drugs, under the Medicare plan, the average senior without drug coverage would pay \$165 a year more!

Further, the Medicare plan only covers 75 percent of drug bills beyond \$250 and \$2,250. The plan

would not kick in again until the beneficiary's drug bills hit \$5,100, leaving a \$2,850 gap the senior would have to pay, along with 5 percent of anything over \$5,100.

These cases of huge drug costs would be rare. Affecting the average senior more, though, would be escalating deductibles and premiums. After the first year, the \$250 deductible is expected to rise to \$445.

The estimated \$35/month premium in 2006 is expected to increase 65 percent to \$58/month by 2013.

If our math is correct, the average senior would be better off not getting on the Medicare drug plan at all! Of course, every senior needs to evaluate his or her own prescription drug usage to determine what is beneficial.

But worse than the average cost to seniors is the effect the drug plan will

have on Medicare. It will be a millstone around Medicare's neck. It will drown the already struggling Medicare system.

Cynthia Tucker, editorial page editor of the *The Atlanta-Journal Constitution*, says forget about the \$400 billion over 10 years that plan is supposed to cost. By some estimates, the drug benefit is expected to cost \$1.5 trillion between 2014 and 2023.

All this talk about the drug plan ignores the fact that Medicare's hospital coverage is expected to run out of money by 2026, smack in the middle of the baby boomers' golden years.

Citizens Against Government Waste calls the plan a "fool's paradise" that fails to address fundamental Medicare reform.

Citizens for a Sound Economy urged Congress to reject the measure. Already Medicare is losing participating doctors due to payment-for-services cuts, and fewer doctors are willing to see Medicare patients. For years now, hospitals have been expected to treat Medicare patients at below cost.

We fear the Medicare drug benefit signed by President Bush may very well be the iceberg that sank the Titanic, in this case, Medicare.

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## Catholic reform misplaced

While still reeling from and trying to come to terms with sexual predators among its own clergy, the Roman Catholic Church in the United States has decided to focus on minutiae.

Taking up time at every Mass throughout the country are instructions on such important details as when to nod, bow, genuflect, stand, sit, kneel, sing and not sing.

The reason for these changes among Catholics is that a new edition of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, originally published in Latin in 2001, has now been translated into English and is working its way into American parishes.

Some of the suggestions seem harmless, such as a slight nod of the head before accepting the bread and wine. But we have found that there is not a good piece of advice that will not be exaggerated to the point where it becomes a fault.

Slight nodding becomes bowing, which becomes genuflecting, which becomes kneeling, which becomes lying prostrate.

Also changing is when to kneel, stand or sit. Talk about Mass confusion.

In some churches, everyone stands throughout the Mass (Communion). In others, Catholics start standing, then kneel, then stand for the Lord's Prayer, then kneel, then stand and proceed to the altar to receive Communion, and then return to their

pews to kneel in prayer and meditation.

It varies slightly from church to church.

Apparently, the Vatican would like to make all churches uniform. That's not a bad thing. But each church has established its variations, and the parishioners have become comfortable with them.

However, even without the current reform, Catholic churches are more alike in their services than many Protestant denominations. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Probably more important than a slight nod during Communion is whether the recipient should be receiving the sacrament at all.

It used to be that the majority of parishioners did not take communion. That was because taking part in the Eucharist was a serious matter. One did not accept the body and blood of Christ unless one was fully prepared through confession, prayer and contrition.

Today, nearly everyone accepts Communion every week. Private confession is almost a thing of the past in many churches.

The Catholic Church has far more important things to worry about than nodding, kneeling and singing. One Catholic author and theologian has said the Church faces a crisis in leadership.

It appears so.



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## Wizards wanted

I will never refer to those who know how to operate electronics as geeks. To me, they are wizards to be admired and lauded.

Over the weekend I was talking with our daughter in Vermont about Christmas lists, and it soon became apparent that most of the gift items wanted today were way beyond our comprehension.

To say that I am technologically challenged would be a giant understatement. I should probably be ashamed to admit the extent of my ineptitude concerning items that most second-graders have mastered.

From downloading material from my computer to the varying remotes and different ways of programming the many machines in our home, I am totally dysfunctional. We have four old VCRs, and no one in residence knows how to hook them up properly. Some of our TVs are digital; others not, and each has a different set of instructions.

Consider today's routine holiday gift list: digital camera, DVD player, wireless phone with picture capability, PlayStation and Game Boy, to name some.

What on Earth are we supposed to do with these things once they are in our possession? Forget reading the instruction manuals. They are written by people with advanced degrees from MIT! There should be a course given just for comprehending the majority of that gibberish.

For several years, I have maintained that many of the latest techno offerings were more trouble than they were worth. For instance, I can look up a phone number or address faster than it takes to enter all that information in a palm pilot and push all those buttons.

Another theory of mine is that these things were invented to drive us crazy or make us feel totally inadequate. In my case, they have succeeded.

Dumb me. Until about 10 years ago, I thought I was happy, but that was before we began to feel guilty if our home wasn't equipped with the very

latest electronic gizmo of the month. We tried to keep up.

We bought a computer, which we use mainly for e-mailing, word processing and Internet research. We have a digital camera, and I am now told that I shouldn't be satisfied with my meager 2.1 megapixel camera and should have nothing under a 3. I don't even know what a megapixel is.

Our son gave us a DVD player a couple years ago, and all I understood was that I could only see one-third of the movie going down the middle of our television screen. He explained that it was intended to be viewed that way, and I offered the player to him to use, as he is the one who appreciates the integrity of film-makers.

And who needs a phone with a camera in it? It's all overwhelming to those of us not trained to think in bytes and RAM and all that other foreign lingo.

This year, our gift list includes a DVD player, but it must also have a VHS slot! Somebody, please help me. The big stores with the so-called "deals" hand you a box and send you on your way. "Just read the instructions, Ma'm; it's real simple." HA!

My daughter made a wonderful suggestion for those who are seeking employment or those who just want to make some extra spending money at this time of year. There are zillions of us who need help. There are legions of us out here who would willingly pay a knowledgeable person to come into their homes to teach them what plugs into what and how not to blow up the house.

Our wants are fairly simple. Our tutor would be dealing with people who are thrilled and fascinated that their garage door goes up at the push of a button and that a sprinkler waters their lawn each summer.

There must be someone out there who wants to help, and there's still time to put an ad in the paper advertising your services. I'll be the first one to call!

— Offering from the loft

## Letters

### Volunteers make parade a success

To the Editor:

Oh the weather outside was frightful, but the parade was so delightful! The Grosse Pointe Village Association and the Grosse Pointe Hill Association would like to thank all the dedicated volunteers who helped make the 2003 Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade the best ever! They include:

City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department  
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To all 130 soggy, cold community minded volunteers whom we couldn't have done without, we thank you!

Ellen Durand, Grosse Pointe Village Association  
Ed Russell, Grosse Pointe Hill Association  
Terri Berschback, Santa Claus Parade director  
Mary Wells, Grosse Pointe Hill Association  
Margaret Loomis, Grosse Pointe Hill Association

### Facts will suffice

To the Editor:

Wow, for a while there I thought that perhaps Steve Sholty had voted to have

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# Yoga for Dummies

I am more than halfway through a series of 12 Yoga classes. The brochure said it was for beginners. You'd think I would be getting the hang of it by now.

I'm not. Our instructor is a willowy, 20-something, rubbery-limbed woman on stilts. She's about 6 feet tall (five of those feet are legs), and she weighs about 105 pounds wringing wet, including big jangly earrings. She has long sleek dark hair wrapped up and pinned

to the top of her head with something that looks like a spring-loaded clothespin, a dazzling smile, an aura of serenity and competence, and she can squat, sitting on her heels, indefinitely.

Really. She crouches, knees bent, feet flat on the floor, arms wrapped around her knees. She seems perfectly comfortable, poring over our class list and chatting affably.

She brings her boom box to class and plays lovely, chanty music. She dims the lights. She drifts around the gymnasium, sylphlike, speaking (verry softly, mind you) about relaxing our muscles and feeling our own bodies; about breathing deeply.

"When you inhale," she

# I Say

Margie Smith



says, "inhale deeply. Take three or four times longer to inhale. Exhale slowly, deeply.

"Close your eyes and gaze inward," she whispers. "Yoga is individual. It doesn't matter what the person next to you is doing. Yoga is about you and what feels good for you, what your body needs. Your body will tell

you what it needs." I close my eyes and gaze inward and I see guts.

I see a stomach contorted with hunger, a slippery tangled jumble of liver and esophagus and spleen, a pancreas industriously pumping out insulin, some twisted coils of colon, a trachea and lots of frizzled nerve endings.

I sit crosslegged (sort of) on my \$24.95 specially-designed-for-Yoga cushioned exercise mat and try to follow directions. I try to relax; I try to release the tension that she tells us builds up in our bodies during the day; I try to breathe deeply; I try to clear my mind.

Instead, I feel like a huge bloated slug. And I'm hungry.

She wraps her left arm behind her waist, throws her right arm over her shoulder and actually clasps her hands together.

Come on. She tells us to be a table (both hands and both knees squarely on the floor, backs straight). She tells us to be a downward-facing dog (both hands and both feet

planted flat on the floor, head dropped down). She tells us to close our eyes and not peek.

I peeked. Most of the other people were peeking back. Grimacing, too.

My favorite part of the class comes at the end. We all stretch out on our backs on our \$24.95 specially-designed-for-Yoga cushioned exercise mats, arms at our sides, palms up, eyes closed, breathing deeply and evenly. She turns the lights off. She cranks up the shimmering music.

We lie there for what seems like 10 minutes. I love it. I go home greatly refreshed.

Sometimes I feel taller, too.

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## fyi

by Ben Burns

### Zoo book

A remarkable new history of one of Detroit's premier attractions is out just in time for the holidays.

"Wonders Among Us, Celebrating 75 Years of the Detroit Zoo," is a wonderfully crafted, written and edited 136 pages of entertaining information about the facility that pulls 1.5 million visitors a year.

The editor of the book was Eleanor Luedtke, a talented writer with an eye for an entertaining anecdote, and the designer was Sheila Young Tomkowiak of the City. The pair, who have collaborated on several books.

The project was headed by Detroit Zoological Society Chairman Ruth Glancy of the Farms, and there are a number of Grosse Pointers mentioned in its pages, such as Jim Kerwin, retired Detroit News reporter who covered the zoo for 30 years from 1960 to 1990. Kerwin was the winner of the first "Good Egg" award presented to conspicuous friends of the zoo.

One anecdote tells the story of Zoo Director Ron Kagan taking a small box with him to meet with the city's budget bean counters. Kagan explained the box contained a poison dart frog, a tiny animal with the power to kill. He then turned it loose on the table, and the creature started hopping as did the people in the room.

Kagan later explained that the frog had not been fed the appropriate diet to make it poisonous, but he got his budget, and the frog got a home in an aquarium in Kagan's office.

The book is a fundraising project and costs \$32.95 in hardback for non-members and \$22.95 for paperback. Zoological Society members get a \$3 break on the price. You may order the book on a credit card by calling (248) 541-5717

### Kiska's closing

Kevin Kiska, owner of Kiska's Jewelry in the Bank of Grosse Pointe Building on the Hill, says, "It's 30 and out."

He is closing the store — started by his father and mother, Ed and Mary Kiska in 1970 on Mack on the east side — at year's end or shortly thereafter.

Kevin took over in 1995 and says his future will involve some aspect of the jewelry business. After all, he has his family — wife, Dori, and 3-year-old twins, Emily and Molly — to feed.

### Oprah guest

The strangest request Kiska's got in 33 years of business? A widow brought in some of her husband's ashes and asked they be put into a locket. "We couldn't accommodate her needs," said Kevin, who is a quiet, formal type.

Meanwhile items are up to 70 percent off as he wraps up the business.

### Eastland

Eastland Center marketing director Denise DeSantis told Grosse Pointe Rotary members that Dunham's Sporting Goods will be the next big tenant to join the facility between Kelly and Beaconsfield on Eight Mile in Harper Woods. Sears, Roebuck and Co. recently opened there as did Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse and women's apparel store Charlotte Russe.

Right now the mall has been taken over by Santa Claus and the jolly old elf's associates as a "North Pole Winter Wonderland" with more than half a dozen attractions to entertain children and their parents.

DeSantis says they are working to once again make Eastland the destination mall for eastside shoppers. When it first opened in the 1950s, it was the destination mall for shoppers from as far away as St. Clair County.

The center plans to open its new food court on the west end of the building in May 2004.

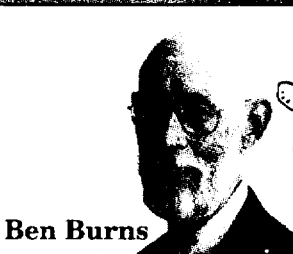
"This has definitely been a good year at Eastland Center," she said.

### Giving Tree

Watch for "Giving Trees" at area restaurants and stores that will give you a chance to provide gifts for needy children. More than 60 merchants are taking part in the ninth annual event sponsored by the Children's Home of Detroit, Michigan's oldest non-profit organization.

Gifts such as winter hats, gloves, mittens, ear muffs or scarves; books, games, puzzles and activity books; craft items; gift certificates; stuffed animals or baseball caps should be delivered to the place where you pick up your "Giving Tree" tag by Dec. 20. The list of locations is available at [www.childrenshomeofdetroit.org](http://www.childrenshomeofdetroit.org).

After the 20th, gifts or monetary contributions should be sent to the Children's Home Grosse Pointe Woods campus, 900 Cook Road. You may call Deborah Liedel (313) 885-3510 for more information.



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

## Letters welcome

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your Letters to the Editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters will be edited for length and all letters are subject to editing for content. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions.

The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Send letters to Editor, Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich. 48236; or fax them to (313) 882-1585. Letters may also be sent e-mail to: [editor@grossepointenews.com](mailto:editor@grossepointenews.com)

## Points about the Pointes

Questioning how our tax money is being spent... as taxpayers, aren't we entitled to know?

Sleepy Hollow is waking up...taxpayers are asking how their money is being spent in the Pointes!

At the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting last week, new City Council member Dona Reynolds questioned the City attorney about his bill, which apparently was much higher than his previous monthly billing. While I have every confidence that Attorney Don Berschback's billings are true and accurate, it sure was refreshing to see someone asking about why the bill had jumped up for the month.

Thanks to all for your calls on my concerns about Library Board spending. It's nice to know I am not the only one stymied by its "taxation without representation" and the net result of its fundraising efforts. Hopefully, the Library Board will hold a Town Meeting soon to clear the air on these important issues.

While making reprints of my SOC Auction photos (yes, they're finally done!) this past weekend, it dawned on me that the SOC Auction raised more net funds in one night (\$85,000) than the Library fundraisers did all year! Maybe the Sharon Maier and the SOC should help guide the Library's fundraising efforts?!

.....Ahmed Ismail ([tahmed.ismail@comcast.net](mailto:tahmed.ismail@comcast.net))

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all of the homes in Grosse Pointe painted in Colonial colors! And I wondered, did Larry Dowers vote against sign boards for the neighborhood stores? I mean, what the heck, they were "ousted from office!" They must have done something really controversial... really bad. But the reality of it was that they were simply defeated in the election.

Shame on you Grosse Pointe News for trying to sensationalize the news in a way that implies that these two councilmen were involved in negative actions. My husband Jim and I know both of these men to be outstanding citizens and family men. They worked hard for their city, our city.

Jim and I have always been proud to say that we live in the City of Grosse Pointe. Our mayor, Dale Scrace, and the council members have done an excellent job, as have past mayors and councilmen. I'm even confident that the new councilmen will continue the tradition of having a cohesive, effective council working in harmony toward goals that will better our already fine city.

We, the city residents expect that and aren't usually disappointed. If people aren't happy with certain issues, they only need attend the numerous meetings to voice their concerns. Not many meetings are closed door meetings. The council welcomes and appreciates citizen input.

I love my Grosse Pointe News and look forward to reading it each week. I've given many subscriptions as gifts to friends and family. But please remember that we are educated readers. It is not necessary to use sensational terms to grab our attention. The facts will suffice.

Welcome Mr. Clark, Mr. Stempfle and Mr. Stevens to our council. I wish you all the best. Welcome back Steve. Now, back to business as usual, for in the City of Grosse Pointe, that is something to be proud of.  
**Kris Hart**  
City of Grosse Pointe

## Show House

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700 members, 200 in the Farms alone, who depend upon Show House revenue to fund two year's worth of child-oriented community, health and educational projects.

The Show House will help the League raise money to improve the Montieth Branch of the Detroit Public Library on Detroit's east-side.

"They do an admirable job," said Peter Cross, a resident whose wife is a member. But Cross wanted city officials to provide more in-depth analysis of possible drawbacks before giving the go-ahead.

"The least the council should do is delay (approval) until January," he said. "The best you can do is choose another site."

Shane Reeside, city clerk and soon-to-be city manager

when Rich Solak retires at the end of this year, received 14 letters opposing the Show House landing on Lothrop. Three letters praised the idea.

"We had the same discussions two years ago with residents of Provençal," said Dan Jensen, deputy public safety director. "Once the project began, we had very few, if any, complaints. It went off without a hitch."

### Conditions

To help make this year a repeat performance, the council agreed with Ferber to require the League to do the following:

- Provide either valet parking or shuttle service to special events.
- Provide police a minimum one-week advance notice of special events likely to draw at least 200 people.
- Require contractors and

decorators to park on site or Kercheval.

• League volunteers will park on Grosse Pointe Boulevard (an estimated 25 cars total).

• Hold the Farms harmless on liability issues.

• Co-insure the Farms to an amount approved by the city attorney.

• Provide uniformed private security guards to traffic and pedestrian control if requested by the public safety department.

• Cooperate with fire inspectors.

• Reimburse the city for costs exceeding \$500 for signage, barricades and additional manpower for traffic control, and

• Any other reasonable conditions requested by the city manager or public safety director.

These conditions will be mailed to homes bounded by Kercheval to Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Moran to Touraine.

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## New column

To the Editor:

Many thanks for including a much needed new feature, "Welcome to our Wonderful World" in the Grosse Pointe News.

I have a son with autism and find that our biggest hurdles are almost always the result of other people's ignorance. Of course, prior to having my son, I would have been equally ignorant!

Having a child with special needs forces parents to enter an alternate universe, with new rules, new words and new social implications. This new feature in the Grosse Pointe News may increase the understanding of parents who remain in the "normal" universe.

Ignorance is not bliss. In an increasing smaller world, diversity is the norm and understanding is the key to peaceful relationships.

**Alice Kosinski**  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## Armbruster

From page 1A

Armbruster and another guest, a physician from Ohio, turned the man on his side to dispel the water from his lungs and performed emergency breathing.

Armbruster and the physician worked on the man, who refused hospital treatment, for about an hour to restore normal breathing.

"A half-hour after he was out of the water, he still thought he was drowning," Armbruster said.

Three days later, the same thing happened again. This time, Armbruster pulled a father and son from Great Britain out of the water in the same location as the first man.

"The second time, I thought, 'Oh, my God. I don't believe I'm doing this again.'"

Neither of the British men required rescue breathing but knew they were in trouble.

Although Armbruster never had to rescue a drowning victim before his vacation, he said, "I didn't think

twice; I just had to do it. It's nice to do something the right way and make a difference."

In a letter to David Hiller, the Park's director of public safety, Miguel Guerrero, the manager of Club Golden Shores, wrote: "We appreciate how well your employee is trained, but most importantly, is the fact these skills are well utilized, even off-duty."

## Barbershoppers' woes

After announcing it was unable to get a \$525 grant to charter a bus for a 12-stop nursing home concert tour on Sunday, Dec. 14, the Grosse Pointe Lakeshore Barbershop Chorus has managed to raise \$275. The company that charters the bus even agreed to knock \$25 off the price. But they are still \$225 short.

"Some of the people who sent us checks wrote notes saying how nice this was that we were doing this for the seniors," said John Wearing, chorus manager.

The resort also consulted with Armbruster for advice on how to make its lifeguard operations more efficient.

"We're extremely proud of him," Hiller said. "It shows the dedication our officers have on or off duty ... at home or on vacation."

"It was a very interesting vacation," Armbruster said. "Now, I need to go on another vacation."

Many of the 50-plus members of the chorus are senior citizens themselves.

"The barbershoppers have been coming here for ages," said Lorraine Rizk, an employee at Mercy Madonna Villa in Clinton Township. "The residents love them and can't wait for them to come. The men are such an inspiration."

Still, Wearing is not sure how the group will pay for the bus.

"We're going," Wearing said. "We don't know how, but we're going."

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### Attempted home invasion

Unknown persons attempted to enter a house in the 800 block of Barrington in Grosse Pointe Park at about 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 27. They fled after being observed by the resident.

### Thefts from vehicles

A Sony movie camera was taken from a 1983 Mercedes in the 1200 block of Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park sometime during the night of Monday, Dec. 1.

A child car seat, a Pioneer amplifier and compact discs were taken from a 2002 Chevrolet Blazer in the 1200 block of Wayburn during the night of Thursday, Dec. 4.

A Canon camera and change were discovered missing from a 2002 Ford Mustang on Hally Place in Grosse Pointe Park at 9:50 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5.

Three separate complaints of change taken from vehicles in the Maryland/Wayburn neighborhood were received by the Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety the night of Saturday, Dec. 6.

### Purse snatching

A Grosse Pointe Park woman unloading her car was grabbed and had her purse stolen in front of her house in the 1200 block of Wayburn on Monday, Dec. 1. Public safety officers say they're looking for a six-foot man in his late 20s to early 30s with a large build who was wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt.

### Malicious destruction

A tire was slashed on a 1998 Chrysler minivan in the 1100 block of Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe, Park sometime between 4:30 and 9 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 1.

Also in the Park, the outside mirror of a 1996 Saab was broken between 1 and 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3. It was parked in the 1300 block of Bishop.

### Car thefts

Sometime between 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 1, and 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2, a red 2001 Dodge Stratus was stolen from the 2300 block of Stanhope in Grosse Pointe Woods.

A 1999 Jeep Cherokee was taken from a parking lot at Mack and Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe Park between 1 and 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

A 1998 Saturn was stolen from the rear of a house in the 1000 block of Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park between 1:30 and 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

A gray 2000 Jeep Cherokee was taken from in front of a house in the 1800 block of Severn in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between 1 and 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

A neighbor said she saw a vehicle pull up next to the Cherokee during that time.

A 2002 Jeep Liberty was taken from a parking lot in the 16000 block of Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park between 7:40 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

A stolen 2001 Jeep was recovered at the same location.

A blue 2002 Jeep parked in front of a house in the 2000 block of Fleetwood in Grosse Pointe Woods was stolen between 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5, and 2:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6.

### Cell phone,

### cash stolen

A cell phone and \$169 cash were taken from a locker inside a boys' locker room at a school in the 1000 block of Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between 5:15 and 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

### Traffic arrests

Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers found a rifle in a 1990 Plymouth Voyager that was stopped for speeding in the area of Mack and Audubon on Wednesday, Dec. 3. A 29-year-old Detroit man and a 27-year-old Detroit woman were arrested.

On Sunday, Dec. 7, a vehicle was stopped for speeding on Jefferson and Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park. A 16-year-old Park resident and a 16-year-old City of Grosse Pointe resident were detained.

A 21-year-old Detroit man was arrested, and his car seized after Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers found narcotics in his car during a traffic stop for expired plates at Mack and Beaconsfield on Sunday, Dec. 7.

### Car theft suspects caught

Public safety officers picked up five Detroit males between the ages of 14 and 18 who are believed to have been involved in at least one car theft in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The males were apprehended after they abandoned a silver 2002 Chrysler in the driveway of a house in the 1000 block of North Brys on Thursday, Dec. 4, at about 8:34 p.m.

"In interviews with the juveniles, they said the kids at school were doing this as a prank to see how many cars they could steal," said Michael Makowski, director of public safety. "They made a little game of it."

Makowski believes the males may be suspects in other car thefts in the Woods and surrounding communities.

One of the suspects, an 18-year-old man, was charged and arraigned with receiving and concealing stolen property in Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Court. He was released on a \$100 cash bond.

The four other suspects, all juveniles, were remanded to their parents. The Woods detective bureau is petitioning hearings for them in the Wayne County Juvenile Court.

## POLICE BRIEFS

### Repeater

A 49-year-old Detroit woman made yet another unwelcome visit to Grosse Pointe Woods on Friday, Dec. 5.

The woman was stopped near Mack and Vernier for a broken brake light on her green 2000 Kia four-door at about 4:42 p.m.

It was discovered during the traffic stop she had failed to appear in the Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Court for a previous misdemeanor charge.

During processing at the station, officers discovered the woman also had two baggies of suspected marijuana in her purse.

### Stealing Christmas

While visions of sugar plums danced in the heads of Grosse Pointe Woods residents during the night of Friday-Saturday, Dec. 5-6, unknown Grinches stole Christmas at the following houses:

- An 8-foot inflatable Santa was taken from a house in the 800 block of Lochmoor.

- A decorative candy cane and two strings of lights were taken from the front porch of a house in the 700 block of Hampton.

- A four-foot high plastic Santa and Mrs. Claus were taken from a house in the 500 block of Coventry Lane.

### Larceny suspect arrested

Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers arrested a 34-year-old Park larceny suspect when they saw him on a porch in the 1000 block of Wayburn at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7.

— Bonnie Caprara

### Cocaine binge

A 59-year-old Shelby Township man whom Grosse Pointe Farms police found passed out in his car on westbound Mack at East Warren said he was on a "three-day bender" using crack cocaine.

On Tuesday, Dec. 2, shortly after 6 a.m., an officer discovered the man's black 2001 Cadillac Seville blocking traffic.

"(The) vehicle was in gear with the subject's foot on the brake," police said.

Officers found two rocks of crack cocaine on the driver side floorboards and a half-pint of brandy on the passenger seat.

Police impounded the

Cadillac for possible forfeiture under Michigan's drug laws.

### Washed up

An 18-year-old dishwasher from Hazel Park was arrested on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 1:38 a.m., for drug possession in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Officers pulled over the man's maroon 1984 Mazda pickup for ignoring a Right Turn Only sign at westbound Mack and East Warren.

The man said an odor of marijuana coming from his pickup stemmed from "spilling a bong earlier in the evening."

Officers found a bong on the floorboards, a tin of marijuana between the seats and a glass pipe containing drug residue in the glove box.

Officers also found a bag of marijuana in the shirt pocket of a 17-year old male passenger, also from Hazel Park.

### Hard luck Intrepid

During the night of Wednesday, Dec. 3, a black 2004 Dodge Intrepid was stolen while parked in the 200 block of McMillian in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"(The) same vehicle was stolen out of Detroit (on) Sept. 1 and found at the end of September in Detroit," said Farms police.

Also on Dec. 3, someone tried to steal a 2004 Chrysler Sebring from the 400 block of McKinley.

The car's driver-side door lock and ignition had been punched out.

### Hidden fire

Grosse Pointe Farms firefighters used their thermal imaging camera on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 a.m. to discover floorboards burning near a fireplace in the 300 block of Kercheval.

"The homeowner stated he had made a fire earlier in the evening. It was (his) first fire in the newly constructed second-story bedroom fireplace," an officer said. "It appears there is a construction flaw in or around the fireplace."

The homeowner was advised to consult the city building inspector.

### Local shoplifter

A City of Grosse Pointe man known to local police is suspected of shoplifting a compact disk from a store in

the 17100 block of Kercheval on Thursday, Dec. 4, shortly before 5 p.m.

Witnesses described the suspect as 30-something with brown hair. He was last seen wearing a leather jacket and riding a bicycle on southbound Kercheval to St. Clair.

Grosse Pointe. But she registered a .16 percent blood alcohol content when pulled over on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2:48 a.m.

A patrolman saw the woman's silver 2003 Jeep Cherokee weaving from lane to lane on eastbound Jefferson.

### Beer bottle toss Failed car theft

A 16-year-old City of Grosse Pointe male said he was just "screwing around" when someone mistook horseplay in the 800 block of Cadieux for a street fight. A neighbor was concerned because teens were seen throwing a beer bottle that broke in the street.

Nine male teenagers ages 16 and 17 were questioned in the incident on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 5 p.m. Police said the disturbance grew from an argument among the teens in the 1100 block of Berkshire in the Park.

Sometime between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 3, someone pried off the driver-side door handle of a 2002 Dodge Stratus parked in a lot off Jefferson near Cadieux in the City of Grosse Pointe. Police suspect a car thief was interrupted while trying to steal the vehicle.

### Drunken

On Saturday, Dec. 6, at 1:35 a.m., a 43-year-old drunken driving suspect from Grosse Pointe Park slurred his way through a failed field sobriety test before registering a .18 percent blood alcohol level.

Testing occurred on southbound Lakeshore near Provençal in Grosse Pointe Shores.

### Vandal brags

Grosse Pointe Shores police will give special attention to a home in the first block of South Deeplands where residents reported an egg incident at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

— Brad Lindberg

### CD fan nabbed

A 21-year-old Detroit man was arrested on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m., for stealing a Nelly compact disk from a store in the 17100 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

### Spontaneous intoxication

A 25-year-old St. Clair Shores woman denied drinking and driving in the City of

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## North's future doctors get advice from alumna

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

Suturing a pig's foot was small potatoes for a group of students who will witness an autopsy later this week.

Students in Randi Zwada's anatomy and physiology class at Grosse Pointe North High School have hands-on experiences to accompany the material studied in class. They were the ones wearing the gloves on Friday, Dec. 5, performing a physician's task with the assistance of Dr. Mia Taormina, a 1996 North graduate.

Taormina has visited her alma mater for the past three years, allowing her former teacher and a classroom full of aspiring doctors to watch her mature from a medical student to a full-fledged M.D.

"I would have loved something like this when I was in high school," Taormina said of the discussion topics and activities she chose to bring to the class. "It gives them a chance to see what I do on a daily basis. I teach them the things that I would have thought were cool when I was their age."

When students arrived in class on Friday, a sawed-off stump of a pig's foot was waiting for them in an aluminum tub on their desks. Taormina, dressed in scrubs, welcomed the class, introduced herself and spoke of her experiences in the medical field.

She has five more months of her residency at Mt. Clemens General Hospital before finally completing what has seemed like a lifetime of schooling.

"I have been in school forever. I have been waiting and preparing for this forever," she said with a laugh, remembering back in seventh grade at Parcels

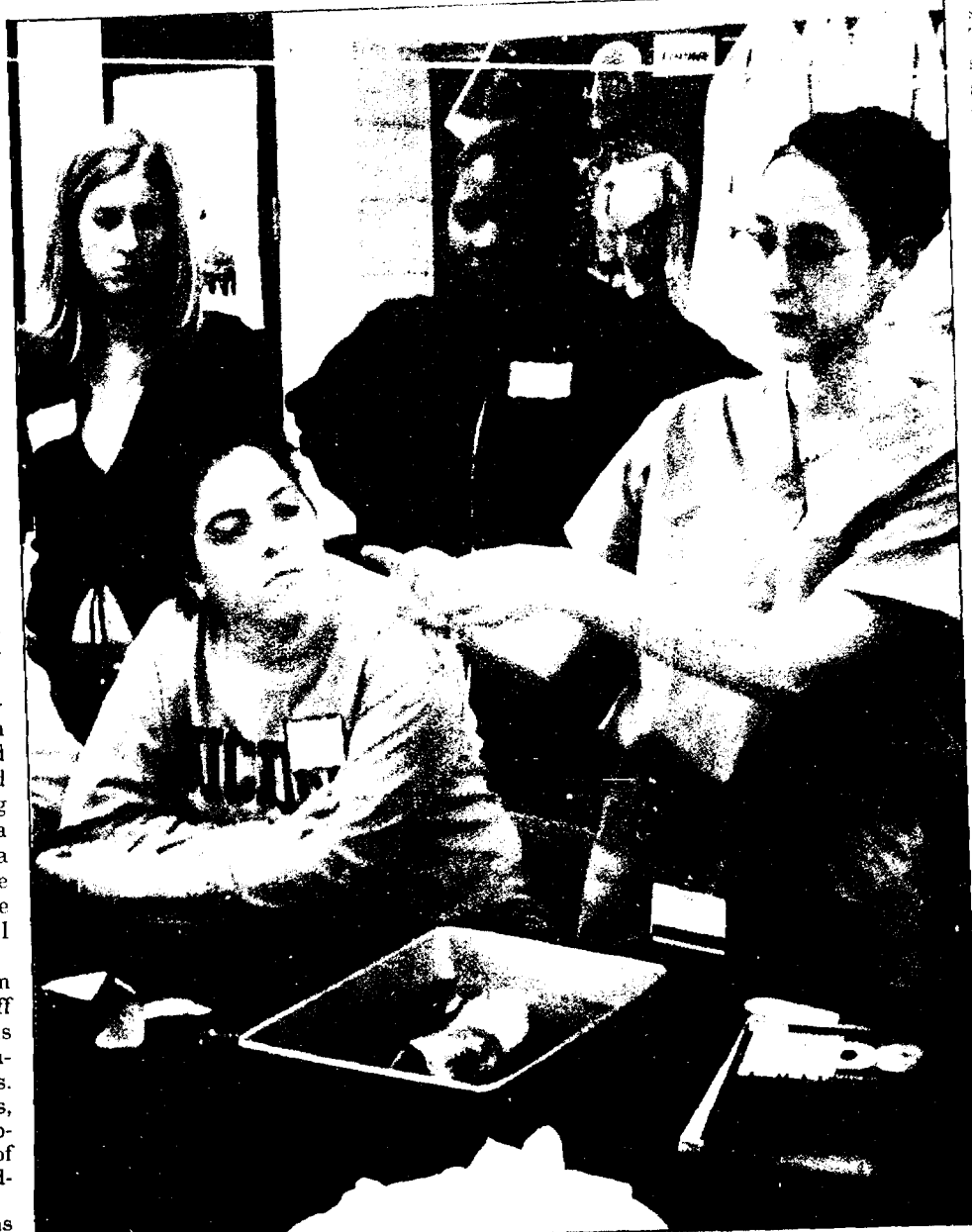


Photo by Jennie Miller

Pictured with Dr. Mia Taormina, as she demonstrates suturing a pig's foot, are Kristen McPharlin, Katie Killmas and Anjelica Garner, students in Randi Zwada's anatomy and physiology class at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Middle School when she dissected a frog and knew she wanted to be a doctor.

Now, nearly 15 years later, Taormina stood before a classroom of young and

eager students, this time with pig's feet instead of frogs.

In addition to the suturing lesson, the anatomy and physiology students were

also presented with five case studies of actual patients Taormina was presented with while in residency at Mt. Clemens General.

"I've been doing some

intensive care stuff," she said. "These cases are real. These are all patients that I saw in the hospital personally. The interesting thing was that every single one of them was not what he or she appeared in the first glance. It requires a lot of thinking power; you have to think quickly, especially in an emergency situation."

The cases included a mentally retarded woman who claimed to be suffering from painful burns on her face caused by spilling hot soup several days before. Taormina discovered she was suffering from Herpes Zoster.

"When you stand outside a patient's room, before you go in you must think of a number of different avenues," she explained to the class. "If you walk in thinking 'Burns to face, hot soup,' you're not going to be thinking about all the other things that could be going on that you might miss."

The class participated in developing theories and solutions to each of the case studies.

The second case was a suicide attempt; the third was a boy who had swallowed a quarter; the fourth was a teenager with Cat Scratch Fever. The final case study was an extremely unusual one; Taormina even brought in a copy of the patient's X-rays as proof.

A 35-year-old man came in saying he was having neck pains after visiting a prominent acupuncturist. After taking X-rays of the patient's neck, Taormina later discovered the patient suffered from schizophrenia and had inserted more than 100 sewing needles into his neck, back and shoulders during the past two years. She referred him to a surgeon and psychiatrist.

The students in the class were fascinated by the case studies and the suturing activity presented by Taormina.

"I am considering a career in medicine," said Regan Gibson, a junior at North and one of Zwada's lab assistants. This was Gibson's second time meeting Taormina; she had already taken the anatomy and physiology class but asked Zwada if she could sit in because she found Taormina's lectures interesting and beneficial.

"This is such a different experience from anything you can get in a normal classroom," said Thomas Cameron, also a junior at North and one of Zwada's lab assistants.

Zwada is proud of Taormina's success and is thankful to have her return to North year after year to talk to other students interested in the field.

"It's hard for kids to make career choices at 16 and 17 years old," Zwada said. "I think Mia's coming in here is a wonderful opportunity to bring her field of medicine as close as possible to the students and help them make those decisions."

The class of future doctors was full of questions for Taormina, from how to get into a certain field of medicine to the salaries one can expect.

She talked about the different fields — from anesthesiology and orthopedic surgery to plastic surgery and research — and discussed what it takes to succeed in each. She encouraged students to go for their interests and to not be discouraged, but also to understand that hard work goes hand in hand with becoming a doctor.

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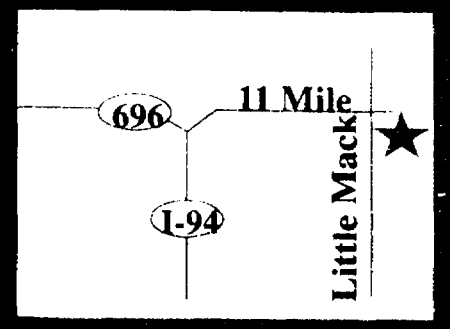
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# ULS teacher explores new English curriculum

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

Joe McGeary has high hopes for the future of University Liggett School's English department. With finances gleaned from one of the school's Faculty Venture Grants, McGeary aims to enrich the upper school's literature and writing curriculum.

"I am focused on discovering whether or not the curriculum that we now use is the best we can offer, given the times we now live in," McGeary said.

His first mission was to conduct comparative curriculum research. Since the fall, he has visited several independent schools comparable to ULS: four in New York City, one in New Jersey and one in Chicago.

"I chose schools that have

good academic reputations but also have a median between innovative and traditional curricula," he explained.

These visits have involved the observation of classroom lectures, interviews with teachers and administrators, and analysis of course offerings and content.

From these visits, McGeary hopes to discover ways to modernize the upper school English curriculum at ULS.

"I am looking for more of an awareness of a multitude of cultural perspectives; more of a world literature component as well as more of a focus on contemporary writers," he said of his hopes for the new curriculum. "Our English department does an excellent job of covering the classics of British

and American literature, and offers a number of rich electives to our seniors. But there are many areas of literary study that, in my judgment, we neglect. Our students have very little exposure, for example, to European writers (with a few exceptions), scant study of the literature of American ethnic minorities, and almost no exposure to writers from India, Africa, Latin America and Asia.

"With our increasingly diverse student population, which itself reflects a wider diversity in our national culture, and with many new innovations at the college level in the study of non-Western and post-colonial literatures, it would be appropriate for ULS's English department to become more engaged in

widening, opening and enriching our canon."

Also included in McGeary's mission is to institute a writing center at ULS. In addition, he hopes to include the teaching of rhetoric and argument in writing classes, to help fulfill the school's ongoing mission of preparing its students for college.

"If a vital component of our college prep mission is to help students to survive and excel once they have gained admission into college, then I think it behooves the English department to consider enriching the instruction in writing to include some substantive teaching of rhetoric, or in other words, the critical thinking skills that are expected in academic discourse at the college level," he said.

McGeary will spend the rest of the school year visiting several other independent schools across the country as well as researching new literary works to use in classrooms. He will then present his findings to a curriculum committee,

accompanied by a proposed revised English curriculum. "What I hope to do is begin to spearhead a renaissance within my department that will make it an example for independent school departments everywhere," McGeary said.

## Math competition finalists await scores

The following students from Grosse Pointe North High School have qualified as finalists in the 47th annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition: Robbie Barlow, Ruvani Fonseka, Paul Frick, John Hawksley, Steven Larue, Arnav Moudgil, David Secord, Matthew Vengali and Benjamin Wasmuth.

These students are among the top 1,000 from among 12,000 students in the first part of the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition. It was a multiple choice exam with 40 problems given at 261 high schools throughout Michigan on Oct. 8.

The students competed in the second part on Dec. 3, which consisted of five challenging problems in which the students must provide written explanations for their claims and mathematical proofs of their results. Delta College will host a grading session in January to score the students' work on the second part.

The students with the top 100 scores on the two parts will be invited to the awards day program next March at Delta College. The top 50 will be presented with scholarships ranging from the bronze awards of \$500 to \$2,600 for the first place gold medalist who will be designated the Ford Scholar in recognition of the donation of the award by Ford Motor Company.

## Anatomy

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"I'm not an A student," Taormina admitted to the students wondering if they could make it all the way through medical school. "I ended up having a lot of A's, and I'm about to become a doctor because I worked my tail off. I wasn't the perfect student, but I did a lot of hard work."

The class also looked up to Taormina for advice about its upcoming field trip. On Friday, students will have the opportunity to witness an autopsy at Oakland County Hospital.

"Some of it is going to be hard to watch, you're going to see some pretty gross things," she explained, passing around a book and forwarding them to a Web site which details the procedure.

Many of the students wondered whether they could handle viewing the autopsy.

"It's not the most embarrassing, tragic thing that can happen," she said of the possibility that someone might vomit or pass out.

To comfort the class, she told a story about her own experience in dealing with dramatic situations.

"I'm very nervous," she said. "I've seen and done everything. Last year, I was acting like the hot shot medical student. At the time, I had gotten to know a patient really well, and we became friends. He was going to have open heart surgery."

The patient asked Taormina to be there for the surgery, but she knew students were not allowed. She found out which doctor was performing the operation and asked for permission to pop in during the procedure.

"(The doctor) looked at me and said 'Pop in? You can scrub in and hold his heart if you want.' So I bragged to everybody. Everyone knew that I was going to go in and hold a heart the next day. I was the luckiest medical student on the face of the earth."

The operation, which usually takes six to eight hours, was intense. The patient was to have a triple bypass.

"For most of it, I was just sitting there watching," she said. "I felt great, I was so curious. I watched them open up his chest and saw the heart beating — it was awesome. Then they poured a bucket of ice water in the chest to make everything slow down. It was so cool."

"So then the doctor pulls up the heart and gets ready to do the first bypass, and he says, 'Dr. Taormina, get up here. I stood up on the stool. He told me not to move and to hold the heart still. I reached out and grabbed his heart, and in that one instant, I saw myself shake his hand before the surgery. I was thinking, 'I shook this man's hand three hours ago, and now I'm holding his heart.' I looked at the doctor and said, 'I can't do it.' He took the heart out of my hand, and I passed right out."

"I was so mortified. They took me out on a stretcher. We went to the ER and checked my blood sugar. I



Photo by Jennie Miller

Grosse Pointe North High School anatomy students Courtney Miller and Amy Kilima attempt to suture a pig's foot, in just one activity that teacher Randi Zwada uses to bring the field as close as possible to the students. The class will witness an autopsy on Friday.

slammed two pints of orange juice, he let me back up, and he went to watch the rest of the surgery."

The class was relieved by Taormina's story. One student had asked if they should reconsider becoming a doctor because they were nervous for the autopsy.

"All of my friends have passed out at one time or another," she said, admitting there are certain proce-

dures she doesn't enjoy performing, but that doesn't mean she won't be a good doctor. "The very first day of medical school when we had a tour of the lab, I can't tell you how many people walked two feet into the anatomy lab and turned right back out. They're all going to be doctors with me in five more months. It's just hard sometimes to get used to it."

She told the students to

remember to eat a sugary breakfast and to eat if they are feeling faint or nauseous. In this case, Taormina said to turn away or simply sit down.

"Chances are, you guys are going to be fine," she told the class.

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## Astronomy students make contributions

Astronomy students in Grosse Pointe are making a contribution to real scientific pursuits.

Through Ardis Maciolek's collaborative research program with astronomers at the National Optical Astronomy Observatory in Tucson, Ariz., two high school students from Grosse Pointe spent two full nights at Kitt Peak National Observatory.

Maciolek's program was enacted in 1997 through the Teacher Leaders in Research-Based Science Education program, which has generated an enthusias-

tic response from high school students every year since. The program has provided astronomy data for students to analyze, and findings have been published every year in an online publication.

A few months ago, the program launched an initiative for schools to apply for time on telescopes at Kitt Peak. Maciolek spearheaded a group of dedicated and passionate astronomy students to form an after-school research group. The objective of the research project was to find the first stars formed in the universe.

Nearly 30 hours of work went into preparing the proposal. The students contacted astronomers for help: Timothy Beers at Michigan State University, Donald Bord at the University of Michigan, and Connie Waiker at NAO. A proposal was written, following scientific protocols. The group's proposal was selected by a competitive review process from among seven that were submitted nationwide.

Seniors Amelia Altavena from Grosse Pointe South High School and Julie Krugler from Grosse Pointe North High School were selected as the lead researchers and accompanied Maciolek to Tucson on Nov. 5. Other team members were John Lattin, Ben Poupard and Margaret Walton, all North students.

Upon their arrival, they met with astronomer Steve Howell and were immediately at work becoming familiar with the telescope and spectrograph. Howell spent several hours training the girls on the telescope and spectroscopy set-up and operation, before letting them take over on their own.

Maciolek was amazed at the professionalism and readiness shown by Altavena and Krugler.

"I never touched the telescope," she said. "The girls did everything from calibration to data acquisition."

In all, the group observed 25 hours over two clear nights, capturing the spectra of 18 metal-poor stars. The research team is now awaiting the reduced data from Kitt Peak. Plans are to begin analysis immediately, with the first task being to identify the particular chemistry of each star.

All expenses for the group were covered by grant monies courtesy of TLRBE.



### South's Madrigal Dinner

On Saturday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m., the Grosse Pointe South High School cafeteria and Cleminson Hall will become the **Magical Kingdom of the Palace of Queen Elizabeth I**. The performance is under the direction of Ellen Bowen, and the Booster chairs are Pat Deck and Marian Manganello. Pictured above, in the bottom row, are **Queen Elizabeth I (Katie Sullivan)** and **Princess Anne (Julie Martin)**. In the top row are **King Phillip II of Spain (James Fox)** and **Prince Edward VI (Tim Pawlowski)**.

Guests at her majesty's grand feast and performance can call Cynthia Saelens at (313) 882-0540 or can email [julieartis@hotmail.com](mailto:julieartis@hotmail.com). Tickets are \$50 and include a full course dinner and the entire evening of comedy, Renaissance singing and dancing, a "play within the play," a guest Troubadour for a Renaissance sing-a-long and more.

### South holds informational night for eighth-grade parents

Parents of current eighth-graders, whose children plan to attend Grosse Pointe South High School next fall, are invited to a special information night on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium. This program is especially focused on the ninth grade curriculum at South. Parents of eighth-graders who are currently enrolled in public, parochial or private schools are also encouraged to attend. Administrators and counselors will highlight South's curriculum with a video followed by a short presentation on 9th grade scheduling procedures, class selections and the class of 2008 graduation requirements. The auditorium is located in the main building. Parking is available in both the Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Fisher Road parking lots. The program will conclude at about 8 p.m. Official enrollment begins in early February.

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# Village tree lights the way to holiday shopping

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Neither rain nor sleet nor an early dusk ushered under cement-colored clouds could keep the Christmas spirit from making its appointed rounds in the Village.

A handful of holiday

diehards sluffed off bad weather last Friday evening and celebrated the City of Grosse Pointe's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair.

"This has been a wet but joyous day," said Dale

Scrace, mayor. "The rain hasn't let up, but the wind has picked up."

A few hours earlier, Scrace concluded the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade by giving its namesake the key to the Pointes.

In addition to welcoming

Santa from the North Pole, the Village hosted two additional out-of-town guests. Allison and Hailey Osgood, 4 and 3, respectively, who are visiting their grandparents Denny and Peggy Osgood of the Park, helped Scrace light the Christmas tree.

The sisters are from North Carolina.

Their father returned to the United States recently from military service in Afghanistan with the Green Berets.

"He's on a trip with his wife," Denne Osgood said. "We have the girls as a special treat."

The tree lighting ceremony featured a concert by the Authentic Dickens Carolers.

Selections included a bebop version of "Let it Snow." If the temperature had been a few degrees lower, the song would have been on target. Carolers sang "I'll Be Home for Christmas" in honor of people who have relatives serving in the military overseas.

"The singers were marvelous," Scrace said. "Lisa Rennell, owner of our new business across the street, sponsored our singers."

"When I came to the Village," Rennell said, "I was excited about participating in all the holiday events they organize so wonderfully. I thought, what a perfect thing for the community — these great carolers. I hope to do it every year."

Scrace also praised the Grosse Pointe Village Association for sponsoring the lighting event. Association president Ellen Durand was on hand with board member Mike Kramer.

"Grosse Pointers love tradition," Durand said. "This is what we are providing. People are out here in the rain. It's because they love the tradition."

## Santa lights Shores' tree

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

It was five-alarm fun for Grosse Pointe Shores children on Sunday evening when Santa Claus arrived at village hall atop one of the community's fire trucks.

"Ho ho, ho. Hello boys and girls," Santa called to excited revelers as the pumper's sirens wound down.

Santa's long, white beard flopped up and down in a chilly breeze as he bounded off the truck like a pro.

Bells stitched to his knee-high boots jingled with each step into a crowd that a public safety officer estimated at 150 children and adults.

"A very merry Christmas to you all," Santa said. "I love coming to Grosse Pointe Shores because I always get such a warm welcome."

"We really appreciate you coming to our Village," said Dr. James Cooper, Shores president.

"Thank you, President Cooper," Santa said.

Santa timed his arrival so he could participate in the

11th annual Lighting of the Village ceremony.

"This is Grosse Pointe Shores' own kick-off to the holiday season," Cooper said. "It also allows us to come together and give thanks for the many blessings which have been bestowed upon us individually and as residents of this wonderful community."

"Whether children are from small communities or large cities, they are all wonderful," Santa said. "What do you say we light up the village so I can see some of my favorite children again?"

One of those children was Kevin Kelliher, 5.

Kelliher climbed on Santa's chubby knee and said, "I want a Power Ranger, race cars and a ninja."

"A real ninja? That's pretty big," Santa noted.

"A toy ninja," Kelliher said.

Santa and Kelliher's mother, Amy, must be on the same wavelength. She said

the odds are good for her son's Christmas wishes to come true.

"He's been pretty good," she said, then looked at Kevin. "But he has to keep it up, right?"

Kevin nodded yes.

"This is Santa's very special stop," said Christmas Carol. "He looks forward to doing this every year."

Claus' ride on a fire truck gave him an up-close preview of the decorated homes he'll be visiting on Dec. 25.

"This community has some of the most beautiful Christmas decorations I've ever seen," Claus said. "If you think they look nice going down Lakeshore, you should see them from 10,000 feet above."

The ceremony included singing Christmas carols, including "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," led by members of the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus. Rose Garland Thornton, Shores president pro tem, sang soprano.

Cooper thanked volunteers and village employees who helped coordinate the annual gathering:

"Master gardener Helen Bai, township supervisor Mary Matuja, park director Jim Cooke, grounds supervisor Harold Michaux; Bob Heckman, Tom Reinheart, Brian Urban, department of public works director Brett Smith and the entire DPW crew. Thanks for all that extra work."

Pointe Boat Club at Neff Park continued their holiday tradition of providing free hot chocolate as revelers kicked-off to the holiday

season. "This is good, very hot cocoa to warm you on a very nasty kind of night," said the Club's Don Smolenski.



Photo by Brad Lindberg

## Shores recruits toys

Rhonda Ricketts, a Grosse Pointe Shores administrator, is in her third year of overseeing the donation of Christmas toys for underprivileged children on behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves' Toys for Tots program. Donations of new, unwrapped toys can be placed in a box in the lobby of Village Hall. As the drop box fills, Ricketts shuttles toys to Marines stationed at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

"Toys will be distributed to children who would probably not normally receive a gift," Ricketts said. "Toys are distributed to local families."

Donations will be accepted through Dec. 22. "The Marines are grateful for anything anyone can do," Ricketts said.

## Farms Christmas tree draws a crowd

Hot chocolate and church singers helped keep residents warm during the Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Sunday in Grosse Pointe Farms.

About 50 people gathered at sunset in freezing temperatures to see the tree lit inside a gazebo on Kercheval between McKinley and McMillian.

"It's wonderful to see all the kids out here with adults," said James Farquhar, Farms mayor. "A local tree lighting — this is what makes our small community great."

Members of the Greater Glory Ringers of St. James Church, directed by Erika Markou, began and ended the ceremony with Christmas carols.

Hot chocolate was provided by the Grosse Pointe Hill Association.

"It's a wonderful way to start the holidays with little kids," said Mary Wells, association secretary.

Markou's singers, accompanying themselves with hand chimes, set a joyous tone for the tree lighting. "Jingle Bells" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" tied for audience participation.

Children too young to sing stood bundled by their parents' side or in strollers.

"Everyone have a happy and healthy Christmas," Farquhar said.

— Brad Lindberg

## Farms PSOs collect Toys for Tots through Dec. 19

There's still time to make sure a needy child has a present under the Christmas tree. Grosse Pointe Farms police will continue collecting Toys for Tots through Friday, Dec. 19.

"We're getting toward the crunch hour," said Detective Rick Good, who is administering the collection on behalf of U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

Drop boxes are set up in the lobbies of the public safety department and city hall at 90 Kerby. Good said typical donations are stuffed animals, kids games, toy fire trucks and money in the form of checks made out to Toys for Tots.

— Brad Lindberg

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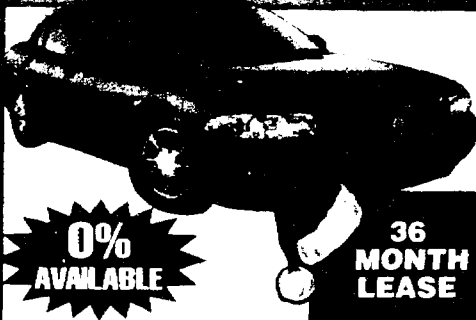
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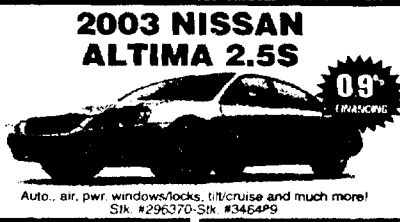
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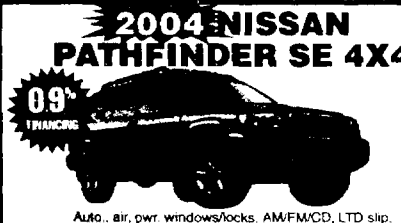
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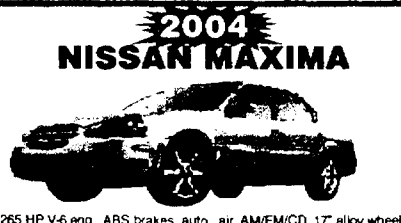
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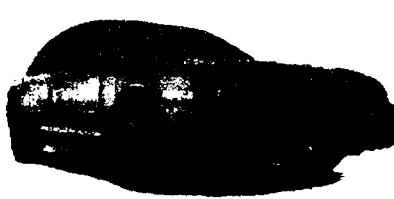


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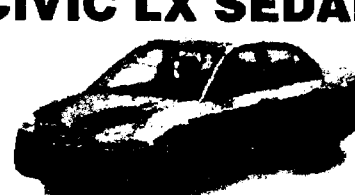
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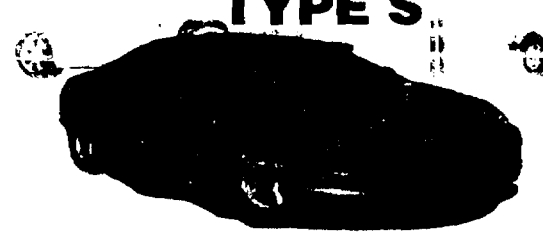
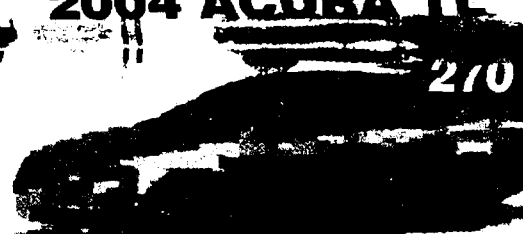
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## HW considering joining in water plant study

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Harper Woods has resolved to examine whether it wants to participate in a feasibility study to look at the value of building a new water treatment plant for cities in the area. The study would cost \$125,000 to \$175,000 with Harper Woods paying \$5,200 to \$7,300, or 4.17% of the share.

If the plant was built, it would cost \$243 million dollars and would provide water to the cities of Warren, St. Clair Shores, Roseville, Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Shores, Eastpointe, Centerline, Fraser and Harper Woods.

Spearheaded by St. Clair Shores and Warren, the plant would free participating cities from depending on Detroit for water.

"The benefit according to Warren is that we would control our own destiny," said city manager Jim Leidlein.

Leidlein points out, however, that there may be little benefit for Harper Woods to participate in the project. Harper Woods residents pay only 20 percent of their water bills on tap water with 46 percent going toward sewage costs and the remainder going for maintenance costs. The low percentage for tap water makes the need for a new water treat-

ment plant less than urgent, Leidlein said.

Moreover, estimates for water costs are slightly higher under the new water treatment plant than what city residents currently pay. With the new plant, residents would pay 10 cents per thousand cubic feet. Residents currently pay 7.64 cents per thousand cubic feet.

"I do not anticipate any significant savings, if any, were this rather substantial project to go forward," Leidlein wrote in a memo to Mayor Ken Poynter and members of the city council on Nov. 26.

Nonetheless, Leidlein and the council are still considering contributing to the feasibility study. They want to gather information and make a decision.

"I have discussed this with the two Grosse Pointe city managers, and they are supportive of the feasibility study. I have not yet come to a conclusion on this issue," Leidlein wrote in the memo to Poynter and the council.

Mayor Curt Dumas of St. Clair Shores and Mayor Mark Steenbergh of Warren estimate that if the study was conducted, it could be completed by January 2004.

The cities involved in the issue will meet Wednesday, Dec. 17 to discuss the concept of the water treatment plant.

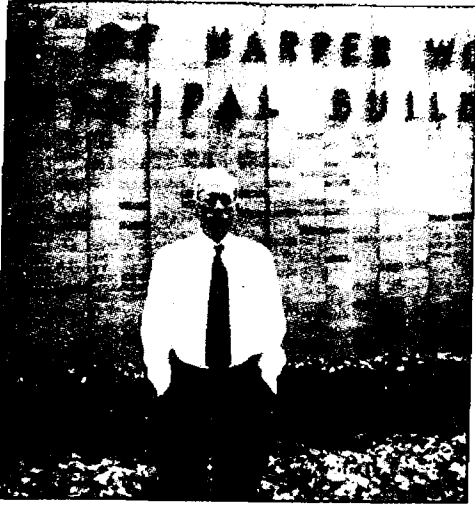


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Jim Leidlein, above, is leading the city's discussion of a potential water treatment plant.

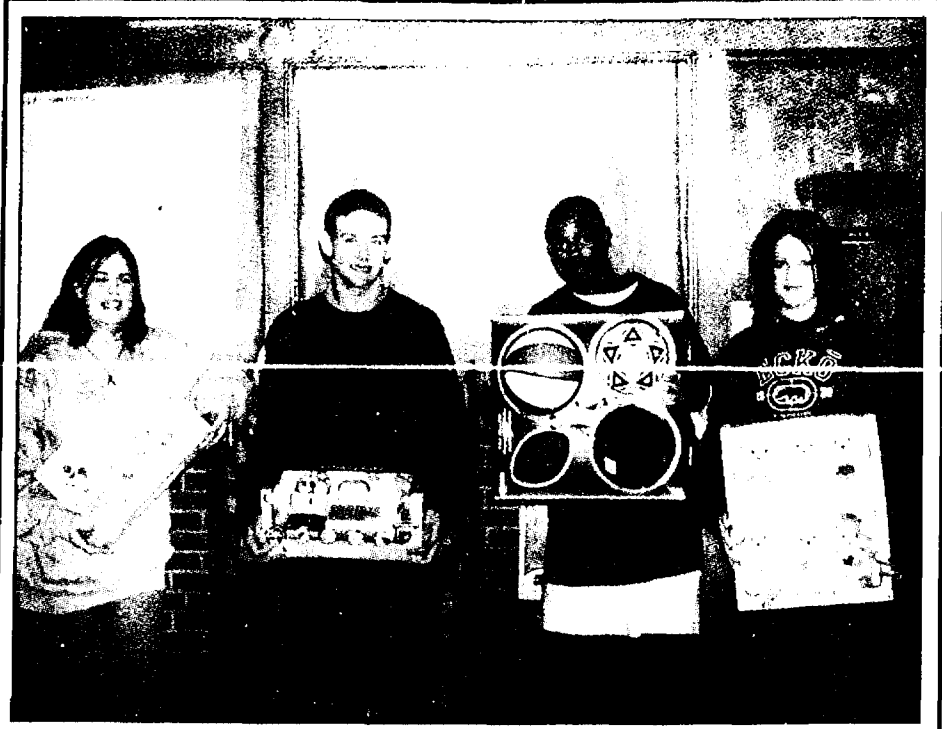


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## Toys for tots

Classrooms at Harper Woods High School are competing to see who can raise the most money in gifts for needy children in the Toys for Tots drive. Four participants — Renee Lopacki, Kevin Sparks, Bryan Guillory and Lisa Lopacki — stand above with some of the donated toys. News of the drive was broadcast over the school's television system.

Students remarked that they liked aiding children.

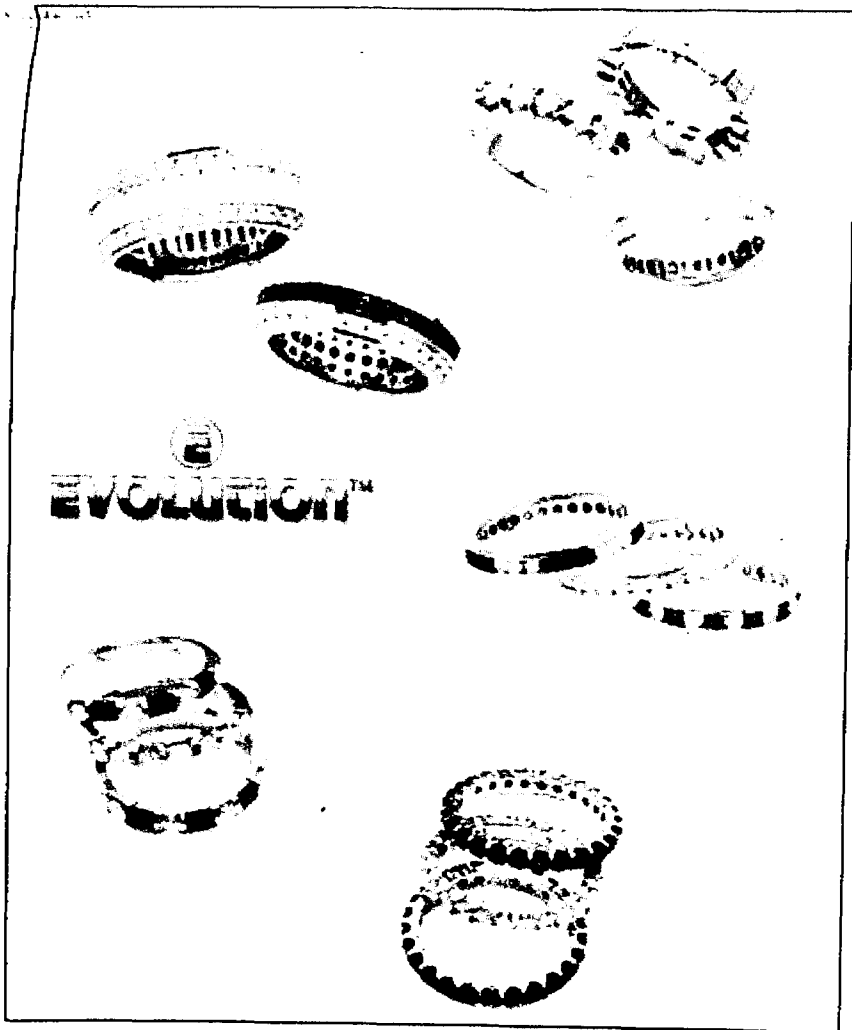
"You help kids that wouldn't have Christmas," said Guillory.

Games, stuffed animals and sports equipment are some of the material that have been donated. Faculty adviser Karen Striver said the drive is currently a bit slow, but she hopes it will pick up as the month goes on.

"I think it's really important for the kids to get the feeling of giving," said Striver.

The toys will be delivered to the Marines on Friday, Dec. 19, the last day of school before Christmas.

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## Police and fire briefs

### Movie theft

A man went into a video store in the 19300 block of Kelly on Thursday, Dec. 4, appearing to be intoxicated. He asked questions and seemed to be looking for a movie. The man then grabbed merchandise from the new release section and ran out the door. Police were informed at 10:50 p.m. the same day.

### Vehicle fire

A woman living in the 18500 block of Roscommon noticed smoke coming from her vehicle on Friday, Dec. 5. She thought it was merely overheated, but later her neighbor advised her that the car was on fire. The woman called 911, and the Harper Woods Fire Department extinguished the fire.

### Car fire

Police assisted the fire department in putting out a fire in a car on South Harper on Friday, Dec. 5. The fire appeared to have ignited under the hood of the car. No sign of arson was apparent.

### Breaking and entering

While a policeman was on patrol on Sunday, Dec. 7, he noticed two males running south in an alley from Kenosha and then through the back yards of houses on Washtenaw. Simultaneously, a report on the radio stated there was a breaking and entering at a store in the 19300 block of Kelly.

When the police officer reached the men, who jumped inside a car, he found one of them had business letters from the robbed store. At the store, the alarm had been broken off and a boot print was on the office door. The print matched one of the men's boots. The men were arrested.

## HW student educates school community about Islam

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Harper Woods High School sophomore Aiman Aziz is a fervent and fond believer in her religion, Islam, and she has been working on disseminating the tenets of her faith to teachers and her peers.

In a meeting in the school's media center a month ago, Aziz spoke about what is in Islam's bible, the Koran. She described how it says the world was created and talked about its message from the prophet Muhammad.

Aziz further illuminated the responsibilities, known as the five pillars, to which each Muslim has to adhere during his or her lifetime. They include making a pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia; saying daily prayers; performing zakath, which is giving to the poor; fasting during the holy month of Ramadan and bearing witness that there is only one

God, Allah, and his messenger is Muhammad.

Two holidays are important in Islam, Aziz said. They are Eid-al-Fithr, which celebrates the day the Koran came down to Earth and is commemorated by prayer and Eid-al-Adhan, which praises the challenges Ishmael faced for his son and is honored by the sacrifice of a lamb.

Aziz found her audience of teachers and students at Harper Woods High to be receptive to her description of her faith.

"I've seen a lot of support here," she said. "The teachers support you. Your friends support you."

Aziz believes in what the Koran says about the role of women, namely that they support men and take care of the house. She said the ill treatment of women in some places in the Muslim world is not condoned by the Koran.



Aiman Aziz

The belief that Islam is forced on people is a fiction, she said. Islam is often misunderstood in the world, and it needs to be expressed accurately, she said.

"I think Muslims can help all the people around the world if they try to educate them. In some parts of the world, they just go by what they hear," she said. "They might have one Koran per

family, and they might not understand what it's talking about. When they don't have finances, they can't set up community centers to talk about it. That's why they get misconceptions."

While Aziz believes in a traditional role for women, she is modern in the sense that she also wants to have a career. She loves studying science and hopes to become

a pharmacist. Her mother, a stay-at-home mom, encouraged her to be a doctor. Aziz was intrigued by medicine and thought being a pharmacist was the best way she could help people.

Aziz likes the diversity of Harper Woods, a community she has lived in for a year and a half. She is accompanied by her two cousins at the high school and knows some people from Albania in the community.

Having grown up in India, Aziz plans to stay in America for the rest of her life. She appreciates America's guarantee of freedom of religion and intends to work on the five pillars of Islam during

her lifetime.

The pilgrimage to Mecca is a daunting, albeit necessary, pillar for Aziz. She's seen tapes of people worshipping at Mecca on television and is in awe of the throngs of people praying in total obedience.

Aziz plans to conduct more meetings for the Harper Woods community about her faith. A member of the Diversity Club, she will also participate in an awareness week later in the year.

Aziz recommends two books for people curious about Islam: "Tell Me about the Prophet Muhammad," by Sani Yasain Khan and "In the Shade of the Tree," by Peter Sanders.

### CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 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

- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on November 3, 2003, and the Special Organizational City Council Meeting held November 10, 2003, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Board of Canvassers Meeting held November 4, 2003.
- That the agenda of the Regular City Council Meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

#### RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- To approve the following items in the Consent Agenda:
  - Approve the Accounts Payable Listing for Check Numbers 68890 through 69050 in the amount of \$440,668.39 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
  - That in accordance with Section 27-88 of the City Code of Ordinances, the following Industrial Waste Surcharge monthly rates be established effective January 1, 2004 for all commercial and industrial water customers: 5/8" meter \$5.96, 3/4" meter \$8.95, 1" meter \$14.91, 1 1/2" meter \$32.80, 2" meter \$47.70, 3" meter \$86.46, 4" meter \$119.25, 8" meter \$298.14.
  - To appoint the firm of Bidman, Longley & Dahling, LLP as counsel for the \$3.1 million bond issue for Library Improvements.
  - To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining matter.

Kenneth A. Poynter,  
Mayor

Mickey D. Todd,  
City Clerk

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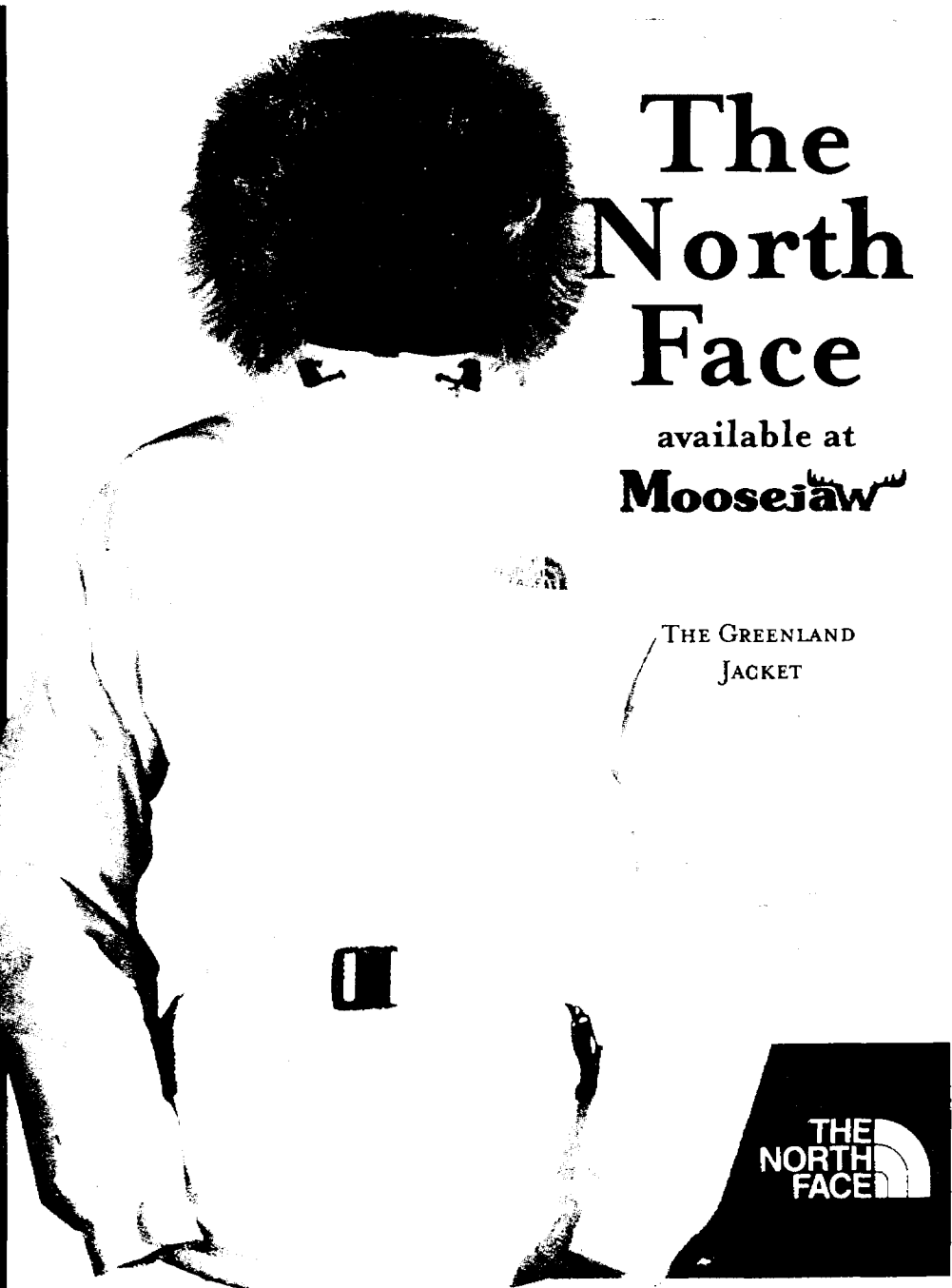
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### Sleigh fun

Harper Woods families gathered at Harper Woods High School for the annual winter school fun night organized by the city's recreation department. The Kubacki family, left, enjoyed a sleigh ride. Reindeer were present for people to gaze at or be pictured with, and a feast of hot dogs and nachos was available.

"The recreation department has done an excellent job," said Mayor Ken Poynter. "The families were together. It's always nice seeing parents and kids having fun."

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November 20, 2003	7:00 p.m.	Village of Grosse Pointe Shores 795 Lake Shore Road Grosse Pointe Shores, MI. 48236 313.881.6565
January 13, 2004	7:00 p.m.	Village of Grosse Pointe Shores 795 Lake Shore Road Grosse Pointe Shores, MI. 48236 313.881.6565
March 9, 2004	7:00 p.m.	City of Harper Woods 19617 Harper Avenue Harper Woods, MI. 48225 313.343.2500
May 11, 2004	7:00 p.m.	City of Grosse Pointe Woods 20025 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. 48236 313.343.2440

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## Bargains at no-reserve classic-car auction block

By Richard A. Wright

Dean Kruse, founder of Kruse International, the largest classic-car auction company in the world, is in charge again of the Auburn (Ind.), firm and one result was a new "No-Reserve" sale at the Kruse International Auctionpark complex just outside of Auburn, Ind.

Kruse had sold the auction firm in 1999 to eBay but reacquired it earlier this year. One of his first acts was to double from two to four the number of auctions at the company's huge auctionpark by adding a sale of hotrods and the no-reserve auction.

"The first no-reserve auction sale was a great success," said a Kruse spokesperson. "It's great for



both buyers and sellers because all the cars offered are guaranteed to sell.

"We were very pleased with the event, which was held on Nov. 1. The No-Reserve sale is already scheduled for next year on Nov. 6. We were definitely satisfied."

Seventy-five cars were auctioned with no-reserve

at this year's first such event. Having no-reserve on all the cars offered changes the dynamics of the sale and makes it more exciting to more people. A reserve is a price floor on a car offered for sale under which the seller will not sell it.

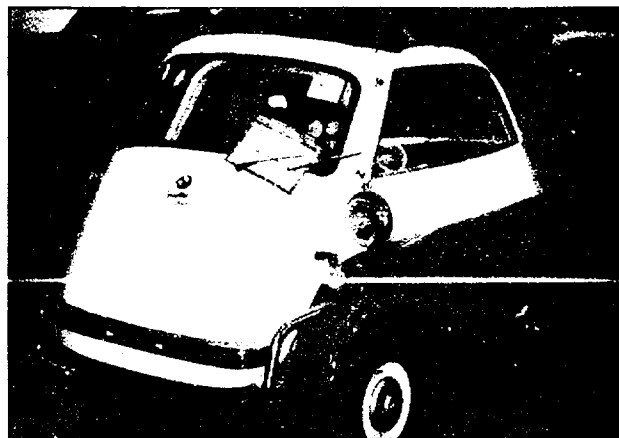
The result was that the bidder section was full and active. It is much more of a

buying and selling event and less of a big car show, compared with the giant Labor Day auction.

Prices on desirable cars tend to be as high or higher than with reserves, while bidders hunting for bargains of lesser special-inter-

See AUCTION, page 24A

Unusual 1958 BMW Isetta 300 coupe was sold for \$8,500. Only 35,000 Isettas were built in 1958 and 1959.



Rare 1941 Volvo Army Command Wagon, the only one known to exist in the United States, was reportedly used by the Swiss Army to patrol the border with Germany during World War II. The four-wheel-drive vehicle, with each wheel able to function independently, was sold for \$9,100.



This 1965 KVA GT 40 Mark III coupe, a replica of the famous Ford GT 40 that dominated European racing circuits in the 1960s, was sold for \$23,000. As a KVA car created overseas, it has many performance parts from various vehicles and features a high-performance V-6. Ford Motor Co. recently revealed that it is considering reviving the GT 40.

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est cars anticipate paying a minimum for them.

For example, the biggest sale of the day was for a 2003 Chevrolet SSR pickup truck used by the Doobie Brothers for a tour the past

summer. It was sold for \$60,000, a strong price. Prices as high or higher than might be expected were paid for a 1909 E-M-F Model 30 touring car, which sold for \$29,000, and \$23,000 for a 1965 KVA GT40 Mark III coupe replica of a Ford Formula One that dominated the European racing circuit in the 1960s.

A 1957 BMW Isetta 300 coupe was sold for \$8,500 and a 1967 Morris Minor coupe was sold for \$8,000. An unusual entry, a rare 1941 Volvo Army Command Wagon, the only one known to exist in the United States, was sold for \$9,100. The four-wheel-drive vehicle, with each wheel able to function independently, was

reportedly used by the Swiss Army to patrol the border with Germany in World War II.

Among bargains were a 1982 Cadillac Seville four-door sedan with rebuilt diesel V-8 and leather interior

which was sold for a mere \$600 and a 1973 Triumph Stag convertible which was sold for \$375.



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# The Ark sets sail

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

A new development has finally set sail in the far end of Grosse Pointe Park.

St. Ambrose Catholic Church's new gathering center, known as the Ark, opened its doors just a little over a month ago to parishioners and the community.

The 84-year-old parish had been without a gathering center since it razed the original frame church, last located in the parking lot behind the Grosse Pointe Park building complex, in 1989.

Plans were originally developed about 10 years ago, but didn't come to fruition until about five years ago when church leaders persuaded the city to close the block of Wayburn between Hampton and Jefferson. They needed the land not just to make room for the modern, below-ground building, but to expand parking and connect the main church campus to its school on Alter in Detroit.

"It's an urban site," said the Rev. Timothy Pelc, pastor of St. Ambrose. "Every square inch of land is valuable. We had a limited amount of property, and by taking the building under, as a bonus, we were able to use the roof of the building as a plaza, thereby maximizing the use."

There were other reasons for creating a below-ground building.

"We wanted a building that would be reasonably humble," Pelc said. "It's humble in the sense that it supplants itself to the structure next to it. You always know which is the more important building of the two."

The 7,000-square-foot modern building is almost invisible to the peaks and spire of the church, yet blends into the architecture and landscape of the campus. From underneath the east skylight, the church's spire towers above. Even

the two skylights that poke out of the plaza floor of water blue slate tiles mimic the cathedral design in a minimalist way.

The skylights also provide a flood of natural light that illuminates the Ark's main banquet room — during rain and shine.

"You hardly get the feeling that you're 14 feet below ground," Pelc said of the lighting.

The old and the new styles of architecture also coexist in a symbolic way as well.

"This is who we are in the 21st century," Pelc said, as he walked from the nave of the church, with its stained glass and carved wood moldings, into the Ark's glassed-in lobby. "At the turn of the last century, Catholics were very eager to prove their historical roots so that they would fit into the United States. One hundred years later, we don't have that same issue."

Pelc enlisted the help of friend and architect Gunnar Birkerts to design the new center. Birkerts had designed about eight other below-ground structures, including the University of Michigan law library, which is also surrounded by grander, classic style buildings.

The name of the proposed center arose almost serendipitously from the first drawings.

"When I saw the first drawings, they were upside down," Pelc said. "I told Gunnar it looked like an ark." Gunnar told me, "It is an ark." Between our language difficulties, we said, "Yes, it's both."

"I didn't think it was such a bad concept for a church gathering space because Noah's ark had always been one of the great images of the church. It's a place where people gather for safety and go back into the world refreshed."

"The diversity of the parish played into the ark theme as well.

At St. Ambrose, we have a wide variety of people inhabiting the Ark. We have two of every kind."

The Ark, of course, has a subtle nautical theme as well. The arced west wall is finished with a wood panel detail to resemble the silhouette of an ark. The Ark's ceiling is embellished with a grated steel sculpture resembling waves. A circular patterned blue carpeting gives the sense of being able to walk on water. Photographic reproductions of religious art depicting the story of Noah also adorn the building.

The Ark holds up to 400 people in lecture seating, or 270 at table seating. A catering kitchen also allows for luncheon and dinner events.

In all, the Ark took four years to build.

"There used to be a three-story high school on the site until the late 1970s," Pelc said. "They ran into a lot of heating tunnels and walls that weren't properly demolished. Also, when you're building above ground, you can be off by a foot or so. Underground, everything has to fit precisely. It's a very complicated building. It put every tradesperson to the best of his efforts."

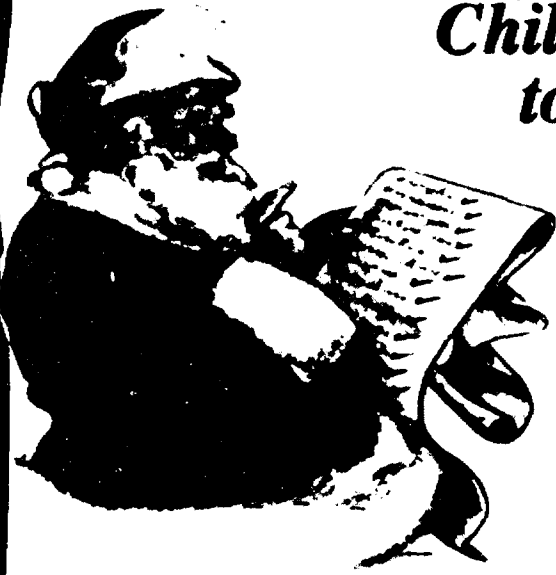
The Ark, so far, has been filling up slowly. After a grand opening dinner-dance, the Ark was the site and recipient of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission awards ceremony. Parish committee meetings and adult education are now held in the Ark as well as after Mass receptions. A family-friendly New Year's Eve party is planned as a reception for newly confirmed parishioners in January. The church will set policies for use by outside groups after the first of the year.

"It's working," Pelc said. "They're lingering and meeting new people."



Photos by Bonnie Caprara  
The Ark's gathering room has table seating and is illuminated by two skylights and features photographic reproductions of illuminated manuscripts depicting the story of Noah's ark.

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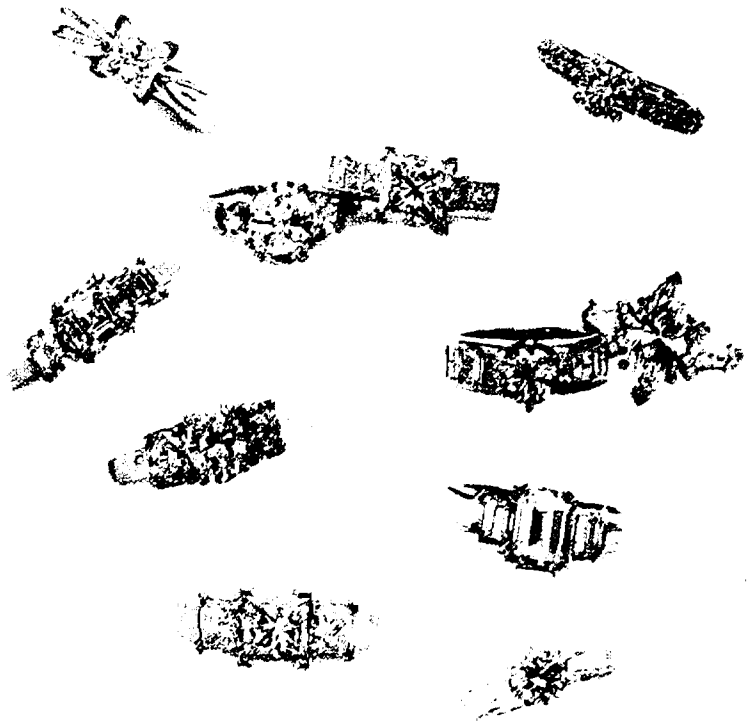


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## Safe-driving tips

Driving gives a sense of freedom and independence from the moment you get a license. But sooner or later, you might have to forgo those luxuries for the safety of others.

According to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), physical changes that happen to older people, such as loss of vision, hearing and physical strength, can go unnoticed

until a driving emergency arises. About 20 percent of people 55 and over have impaired hearing and about 30 percent of people 65 and over are hearing impaired.

The following tips are designed to help seniors stay safe on the road:

- Think ahead — map out your trip in advance so you don't have to take a test drive in the daylight. Try not to drive in heavy traffic during rush hour or bad weather.

- Keep your radio at a low volume or off. Minimize chats with passengers and don't daydream.

- Clean the inside and outside of your windshield and windows, as well as the mirrors. Turn on the lights in rain, poor weather conditions, a half hour before sunset and a half hour after sunrise.

- Use day/night settings on the rearview mirror to cut down on headlight glare.

- Keep wiper blades clean and replace them when they start to wear, streak or smear your windshield.

- Use mirrors to see what's around your car when parking, changing lanes or moving in reverse.

- Get annual eye exams to make sure you have the right glasses prescription. Take a driver refresher course to keep you on top of your skills.

It's enough to make you cynical. I'm talking about the AARP's support of the Medicare prescription drug bill, which was just passed by the U.S. Senate.

From what I had read about the bill, its major supporters were the insurance companies, drug companies, the medical profession, and, of course, the administration.

Most informed seniors were dead-set against it. They wanted prescription drugs included in Medicare, but not at the risk of gutting Medicare as a government program. Other elements in the bill were also of serious concern.

It seemed iffy whether the bill would pass. But over the hill, banners flying, came AARP saying that although not perfect, it was a good bill for seniors.

Congress, brain-washed for many years into accepting AARP as an advocate and representative of seniors, believed the bill, as written, was

## Concerts at GP North

The choirs of Grosse Pointe North High School will present two holiday concerts at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 17 and 18, at First English Ev. Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier (across from the school).

Choir alumni are invited to join current choir members at the close of the concert for Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." Director is Mandy Mikita Scott. Holiday cookies will be served after the concert.

Tickets may be purchased before the concert at North's office, at Wild Birds Unlimited, or by calling (313) 881-1027. Early purchase ticket prices are \$8; \$5 for seniors and students.

## Disillusionment

OK with seniors.

I, too, was one of those naive enough to think that AARP was a fighter for senior issues, even though there have been warnings that AARP had more important things on its mind.

First was the name change from the American Association of Retired Persons to simply AARP.

Then, the strange inclusion of articles in its magazine, *Modern Maturity*, on how to make your sex life better, along with growing emphasis on seniors who were marathon walkers, skiers, mountain climbers and, of course, lovers. I thought the editors were losing their minds.

But in the past few weeks, we're learning things we never knew about AARP, indicating it is a sharp institution more interested in growth and money than in the best interests of seniors 65 and older.

William D. Novelli, chief executive officer of AARP, recently defined AARP as part business, part senior citizens' advocate and part lobbying group. Of its 35 million members (comprising one-tenth of the U.S. population), one-third are under 60, one-third are 60-69, and the other third 70 and older.

Another Novelli statement, "Boomers are the future of the AARP," explains why AARP backed the bill. It found baby boomers would support an experiment with private competition in the government-run Medicare program, a provision that many elderly people, AARP's traditional constituency, bitterly opposes.

Introducing private competition into the Medicare

### Senior Scene



By  
Ruth  
Cain

program could also be a boon to AARP. Its member health insurance program, administered with major insurance companies United Healthcare and MetLife, reaped at least \$161 million for AARP last year.

When it comes to selecting private insurance companies to participate in the pilot programs specified in the bill, the administration will undoubtedly remember its debt to AARP for getting the bill passed.

AARP also went along with the ban on government negotiating with drug companies on prices. The drug industry put the kibosh on that by insisting such negotiations could lead to price controls.

As for the re-importation of U.S. drugs, the bill says it's OK only if the Department of Health and Human Services first certifies that these drugs are safe. Tommy Thompson, head of HHS, says absolutely, he won't do that.

Rubbing salt into the wounds was a four-page letter I received from AARP last week, plus petitions to my senators and representative for me to sign and return to AARP, who would then bundle them up and send them to the appropriate legislators.

In case I wanted to write my own letter, AARP included mailing labels

with the names and addresses of my legislators.

The AARP letter included such phrases as "And thank you for helping AARP give your voice the added power of millions more. Together, we are 35 million votes strong, and no politician or special interest can ignore that kind of grassroots strength."

Then there's this sentence: "Your financial support will help AARP keep the media spotlight on urgent needs for today's over-50 population of Americans." (Emphasis is mine.)

Yes, there were boxes to check for my financial contribution to "help AARP grassroots advocates continue its important work on behalf of older Americans including getting Congress to secure Social Security, pass meaningful pension reform, provide affordable long-term care, and finally a real prescription drug benefit under Medicare."

I remember the fairy tale from my childhood about not putting the fox in charge of the hen house. So I am sending these unsigned petitions to my legislators (using AARP's labels) with a note emphasizing that AARP does not speak for me on this bill or any similar future legislation.

I hope others will do the same.

I think it's time that AARP understands that if seniors 65 and older drop out of AARP, its power and influence will be considerably reduced.

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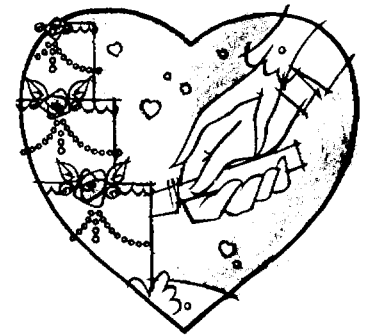
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Sarah Gibson and Ryan Boyd

## Gibson-Boyd

John W. and Toni M. Gibson of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Gibson, to Ryan Boyd, son of Paul L. and Lois Boyd of Negley, Ohio. A July wedding is planned.

Gibson is a student at Groves City College, majoring in music education.

Boyd is a student at Groves City College, majoring in communication.

## Kramer-Grant

Susan Kramer of Grosse Pointe Woods has announced the engagement of her daughter, Patricia Marie Kramer, to Brian Carter Grant, son of Dennis and Carole Grant of Troy. Kramer is also the daughter of the late B. Michael Kramer. An August wedding is planned.

Kramer earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a master of arts degree in social work, both from the University of Michigan. She is a child and family therapist.



Patricia Marie Kramer and Brian Carter Grant

Grant earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Western Michigan University and an MBA from Purdue University. He is a buyer of environmental vehicles for Ford Motor Co.



Russel Benjamin Woodruff and Heather Nadine Mercer

## Mercer-Woodruff

Chryll Brown of Grosse Pointe Park and Rodney Mercer of St. Clair Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Heather Nadine Mercer, to Russel Benjamin Woodruff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Croskey of Grosse Pointe Farms. An October wedding is planned.

Mercer attended

Washtenaw College. She is an executive assistant with Rubicon Genomics in Ann Arbor.

Woodruff attended Eastern Michigan University. He is the athletic director at Connor Creek Academy in Roseville.



Nicholas James Terpstra and Sarah Elizabeth Sudnick-Fox

## Sudnick-Fox-Terpstra

Tim and Patty Fox of the City of Grosse Pointe and Peter Sudnick, also of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sarah

Elizabeth Sudnick-Fox, to Nicholas James Terpstra, son of Kathy and Jim Terpstra of Holland. A June wedding is planned.

Sudnick-Fox earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hope College. She is the regional supervisor for MHT Housing Inc.

Terpstra graduated from Holland Christian High School. He is president and owner of True Reflections Glass Co. in Holland.

## Sherwood-Backman

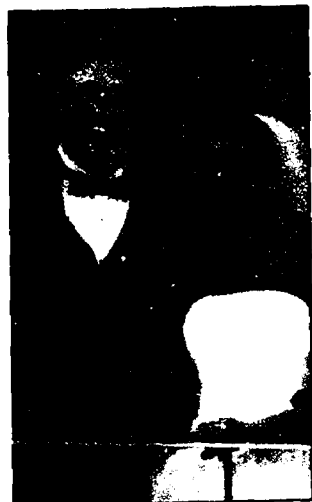
Amanda K. Sherwood, daughter of Michael Sherwood of Grosse Pointe Park and Beverlee Crigger of Warren, married Andrew Backman, son of Patricia Backman of Grosse Pointe Farms and the late Ignatius Backman, on Sept. 20, 2003, at the Players.

Beverly A. Curran officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Players.

The bride wore a sleeveless two-piece organza gown and carried a bouquet of white roses, berries and lemon leaves.

The maid of honor was Karen Richardson of Detroit.

Bridesmaid was Christina Elwart of Detroit. The



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Backman

flower girl was Jacqueline Sheehan of Brighton.

Attendants wore sleeveless floor-length dresses.

The best men were the groom's brothers, Michael Backman and David Backman, both of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The usher was the bride's brother, Robert Ivan of Detroit. The ring bearer was Johnathan Sheehan of Brighton.

The bride is an orthopedic technician.

The groom earned a master's degree in education. He is a teacher.

The newlyweds live in Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Meetings

### Grand Marais Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for its Christmas luncheon.

The program will feature Frederick Clark and the Senior Men's Club Chorale. Those who attend should bring a wrapped gift for a mother or a child. Write on the package who it is for. Gifts will be donated to the Salvation Army Evangeline Center. Guest reservations must be made by Saturday, Dec. 13. Call (313) 884-1905 or (313) 881-6251.

### G.P. Questers

Grosse Pointe Questers' annual Christmas auction will be held on Friday, Dec. 12, at the Children's Home of Detroit. Suggested items are baked goods, plants, gift baskets, gift certificates or any disposable item.

Lisa Gandelot will coordinate the event with co-hostesses JoAnn Krueger and Danielle DeFauw.

### Bridge Club

The Pointer Bridge Club will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Alger House for a Christmas lunch and bridge. Call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566.

The program will feature Frederick Clark and the Senior Men's Club Chorale. Those who attend should bring a wrapped gift for a mother or a child. Write on the package who it is for. Gifts will be donated to the Salvation Army Evangeline Center. Guest reservations must be made by Saturday, Dec. 13. Call (313) 884-1905 or (313) 881-6251.

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The program will feature Thomas D. Watkins Jr., Michigan's superintendent of public instruction, who will discuss future plans for public education. The cost is \$33.

### LWV

Members of the League of Women Voters, their spouses, neighbors and friends will meet at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for a wine reception and dinner.

The program will feature Thomas D. Watkins Jr., Michigan's superintendent of public instruction, who will discuss future plans for public education. The cost is \$33.

Send a check payable to League of Women Voters-Grosse Pointe (LWVGP) to Fran Higbie, 316 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, 48236; or call (313) 884-9436.

## Babies

### Ryan David Reynaert

Anne and Michael Reynaert are the parents of a son, Ryan David Reynaert, born Oct. 15, 2003. Maternal grandparents are John and Joann Rea of Potomac, Md. Paternal grandparents are Don and Pat Reynaert of the City of Grosse Pointe. Great-grandparents are E.C. and Eleanor Rea of Lake Jackson, Texas.

### Jolie Rose Slack

Stuart and Marlisa Miller Slack of San Jose, Calif., are the parents of a daughter, Jolie Rose Slack, born Sept. 22, 2003. Maternal grandparents are James and Marti Miller of Grosse Pointe Woods. Paternal grandparents are Susan

Livingston of Sacramento, Calif., and Bruce Slack of Pineville, La.

### Avery Elizabeth Sikora

Daniel and Stephanie Sikora of Sterling Heights are the parents of a daughter, Avery Elizabeth Sikora, born Oct. 18, 2003. Maternal grandparents are Susan Kramer of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late B. Michael Kramer. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Terry Sikora of Warren. Great-grandparents are Leonard and Ann Schim of Grosse Pointe Woods, George and Nora Kramer of Grosse Pointe Shores, Margaret Sikora of Macomb Township and Helen Addy of Warren.

### Katherine Grace Hazen and Alexis Victoria Hazen

Christina and Brian Hazen are the parents of twin girls, Katherine Grace and Alexis Victoria Hazen, born Sept. 16, 2003. Grandparents are Chrsanthy and George Volis of Grosse Pointe Woods and Patty and Jack Hazen of Grosse Pointe Woods. Mothers are Nina Volis of Grosse Pointe Shores and Mildred Hazen of Potsdam, N.Y.

### Harrison Patrick Wai Kan Fobare

Tamara and Greg Fobare of Royal Oak are the parents of a son, Harrison Patrick Wai Kan Fobare, born Oct.

27, 2003. Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Kim Lie of Grosse Pointe Park. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Marty Fobare of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Jack Fobare.

### Andres George Borrego

Tania and Fernando Borrego of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a son, Andres George Borrego, born Nov. 22, 2003.

Maternal grandparents are Chrsanthy and George Volis of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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## The Pastor's Corner

### The season of Advent

By the Rev. Thomas F. Rice

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church  
"Why don't we sing Christmas carols beginning the first Sunday after Thanksgiving?"

"Why does the Christmas tree in our sanctuary look so ridiculous at the beginning of December? The lights are up, but just a few ornaments — all purple — make it look as if someone began decorating it, but quickly got distracted and stopped work!"

"Why don't we begin celebrating Christmas right now, and really enjoy the whole month of December?"

Let me try to explain.

Have you read the book "Skipping Christmas?" It's by John Grisham, but it is not a legal adventure novel. It's actually a very funny story about an accountant who finds himself with little to do one evening, so he decides to calculate how much he spent last Christmas.

He begins to think that skipping the financial expenses of the holiday season, as well as all of the stress, might not be such a bad idea.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not interested in skipping Christmas, but I do wonder about postponing Christmas and simplifying Christmas.

A study was done of people who were told that they were going to watch a funny movie. Half watched it right away. The other half waited a few weeks and then watched it.

The results were fascinating. Researchers found that waiting for something positive — something people looked forward to — was very

good for one's health.

As a result, scientists recommended scheduling enjoyable things in advance, allowing for some time to look forward to them.

I look at the season of Advent (or Coming) this way. It is a time of preparing, a time of looking forward to what lies ahead. It is built into our spiritual year.

And I think that if we can postpone Christmas until Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and the Twelve Days of Christmas (Dec. 25 through Jan. 6, the Day of Epiphany), two important things are happening.

First, we are preparing ourselves for the rebirth of Christ in our lives. Our youth group met recently and each youth set goals for improving his or her prayer life in the coming weeks. What a great Advent activity.

Second, these days before Christmas are a time to prepare for the return of Christ. It is a time to reorient our lives around preparing for Christ to come again.

We have something to look forward to in a few weeks, but we also have something to look forward to on the cosmic and eternal scale.

Francis of Assisi was once working in a garden when a companion asked him, "What would you do, Brother Francis, if you knew that Christ would return today?"

Francis replied, smiling, "I would keep hoeing."

Francis was ready, and even praising God as he worked. May we all be ready, too, and may this season of Advent be helpful to us in the process.



### Living Nativity

Christ the King Lutheran Church will present its 18th annual Living Nativity from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, rain or shine. The church is located at 20338 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Live animals, Christmas carols and stories will be featured. There is no charge. For more information, call (313) 884-5090.

Shaun Brown, Sarah Fresard, and Madelyn Fabry were angels in last year's Living Nativity.



### Spanish Mass

Advanced Spanish students at Our Lady Star of the Sea School will prepare a Mass featuring the Spanish language and including a Mariachi band. The Spanish Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. The service is open to the community.

## Community Chorus sings

The Open Door series at First English Ev. Lutheran Church will present the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the church, 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Chorus director is Anna Speck. Organist is Robert Foster. Refreshments will follow the concert. Adult admission is \$10; children 12 and under, \$3.

## St. Paul Church plans concert

The music department of St. Paul Catholic Church will present "Beautiful Sounds of Christmas" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the church, 157 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The St. Paul Festival Orchestra will be under the direction of organist and music director Lawrence R. Przybysz and Patricia Fletcher.

## Cooky Mart

The women of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church will hold their annual Christmas Cooky Mart from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 13, at the church, 211 Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms.

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## AAA Party Guide recipes are 'berrylicious'

By Jeff and Debra Jay  
Special Writers

Mango Mambo, Burdick's Tropical Retreat, and Al's Port-of-Call Fruit Punch are just a few of the non-alcoholic party drinks in this AAA holiday must-have — "The Great Pretenders Party Guide." The guide helps party planners keep the occasion festive and safe by moderating alcohol consumption and offering imaginative alcohol-free alternatives.

Each establishment contributing a recipe has earned the coveted AAA Diamond Award for quality. Our favorite drink recipe is Coco Manila from The Lark, a four-diamond restaurant in West Bloomfield.

### Coco Manila

- 3 oz papaya juice
- 3 oz mango juice
- 1 1/2 oz cream of coconut or Coco Lopez
- 1/2 tsp orange zest
- 2 oz heavy cream
- 2 scoops French vanilla ice cream

Blend all ingredients together until desired thickness. Top with whipped cream and two mandarin orange slices.

Mixing and serving these recipes add fun to your parties and help prevent guests from overimbibing. Guests who prefer not to drink alcohol have festive and creative options, rather than just the standard colas and lime sodas.

As the party winds down, you can eliminate alcohol service entirely and substitute one or more of these alcohol-free drinks.

"Food for Fun Times" recipes are included in the guide. Try the beef and scallion rolls or melon and figs wrapped in prosciutto.

Good food makes a party. It also slows the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream.

AAA asks that we "be a friend first, then a host." Here are some tips:

- Slow down drinking with good conversation, games and exciting nonalcoholic drinks.
- Pour drinks for guests or have a bartender, so alcohol isn't overpoured; put less alcohol in second drinks.
- Provide plenty of food, especially foods high in protein.
- Close the bar when you open the dessert bar at the end of the party; offer coffee and the guide's Hot Buttered Cranberry Punch.
- Have a raffle at the end of the party. Ask people to drop their car keys in a box to be drawn for prizes. Once you have the keys, if someone is too impaired, don't give them back.
- Suggest that you or a sober friend drive the impaired guest home or pay for a taxi.

Nationwide, an alcohol-related traffic death happens every 32 minutes. Show your holiday spirit this year — keep it safe.

The Great Pretenders Party Guide is free and available at any AAA Michigan office. Call (313) 343-6000.

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are the authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction." Debra Jay is the co-author of "Aging and Addiction." Both books are published by Hazelden and are available at Borders.

See Jeff and Debra's Web site on intervention at [www.lovefirst.net](http://www.lovefirst.net). Jeff and Debra Jay are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. They may be contacted with your questions at (313) 882-6921 or [jeffjay@lovefirst.net](mailto:jeffjay@lovefirst.net).

## FELC's annual Christmas music Sunday is Dec. 14

First English Lutheran Church will hold its annual Christmas Music Sunday at the 11 a.m. service on Dec. 14. The Good News Singers will join instrumentalists for favorite hymns of the Advent and Christmas season. Music coordinator is Robert Foster. A free-will offering will be taken. Nursery service will be available for children 3 and under, and refreshments will be served afterward.

## Indian Village church slates Christmas concert Dec. 14

The Musicke Maykers will offer a free concert of voices and unusual instruments at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson in Detroit. "Singers and players will join in a concert we call 'Ye Olde Annual Christmas Ballyhoo of Sortes' — music from hither and yon," said Phil Micheal, music director at the Indian Village church and co-founder of Musicke Maykers. For more information, call (313) 822-3456.



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## Screening

Babies born at St. John Hospital and Medical Center — some 3,800 each year — undergo a routine hearing screening soon after birth. Newborn Luc Chevallier of St. Clair Shores sleeps peacefully while Holley Ear Institute volunteer Nancy Orr of Grosse Pointe Shores tests his hearing as Dad watches. More volunteers like Orr are needed.

## Learning attitude of gratitude for the holidays

"Last year I gave myself 108 celebrations — besides the ones they close school for — writes Byrd Baylor in her children's book, "I'm in Charge of Celebrations."

She pronounces an August day as "The Time of the Falling Stars." Feb. 6 is "Green Cloud Day," and March 11 is "Dust Devil Day." Baylor's New Year begins in spring. "That's when I feel like starting new . . . It always makes me think I ought to bloom myself," she declares.

All of us (especially those in recovery from alcoholism or other addictive behaviors) might do well to adopt Baylor's practice as we approach the more traditional holidays (the ones they close school for).

The holidays are often laden with unrealistic expectations that can add stress and threaten sobriety. Maybe this year we'll get through a family meal without fighting. Maybe this year, Uncle Ted won't get drunk. Maybe this year, Mom won't pressure me to eat and eat and eat.

Television specials broadcast idealistic portraits of happy and harmonious families gathered together in the spirit of love and charity. We forget that these are actors who get paid to emulate domestic tranquility. When our experience doesn't match their portrayal, we risk feeling letdown, anxious, depressed or lonely.

Worse yet, we might be tempted to take a drink, medicate our worries, overeat or engage in some other unhealthy behavior to dull our misery or emptiness.

People in Twelve Step mutual-help groups learn to adopt an "attitude of gratitude," an openness of heart and mind that allows them to notice and appreciate the gifts they are given each day.

Chief among these gifts is the gift of recovery. These presents — be they a soft winter's snow, the excited smile of a child on Christmas morning, the honest exchange of feelings at an AA meeting, or another

day of abstinence — make it easier to give unconditionally, without expecting anything in return.

In this way, gratitude doesn't become something reserved for a holiday present exchange. It is a way of being each day, every day.

Annie Dillard once wrote that "each day is a god." Recovering people learn to live in the moment, and they learn to trust that a Higher Power (which could mean God, a sacred spirit, nature or the energy of their mutual-help group, etc.) lives with them each day. It is easy to lose sight of our spiritual grounding in the glitter and commercialism of the holidays. Viewing each day as God-filled and thinking "holy days" instead of "holidays" could keep us better connected to our Higher Power when we most need that

connection.

And as lovely as some traditions may be, we do not have to be held captive by holiday routines that may make us miserable or threaten recovery.

Like Byrd Baylor, we can be in charge of our own celebrations. We can adopt new traditions such as serving meals for the homeless on Christmas or hosting an alcohol-free party. We can even opt out of a tension-filled family gathering and meet with friends instead or go to a mutual-help meeting. We can reduce the pressure of gift exchanges by creating new and fun practices. Friends could agree that no one spends more than \$5 on a gift and that the gift has to come from a second-hand store! Families could choose to donate money to a charity instead of giving expensive gifts to each other. Our

## Special Olympics

The Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods ARC and the Neighborhood Club are gathering information about offering some Special Olympic programs in 2004. Depending on interest, the groups may offer track and field activities, bowling, swimming, softball and soccer. Special needs kids 8 and older would be able to participate.

To fill out a survey form, add your input or find out more, call Jeanne Lizza at (313) 881-7575 and leave a message.

## Blood drive

St. Paul Catholic Church's Knights of Columbus Council No. 12121 and the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, in the St. Paul School, 157 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"New Year" could become our own or a loved one's sobriety anniversary instead of Jan. 1.

Call it a paradigm shift, or call it an opportunity. Instead of thinking of a holiday period, how about imagining 365 "holy days," each one ripe with the possibility of celebration, each day a precious gift to be treasured and shared?

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



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## Club Hispanos Unidos helps preserve Spanish language, culture

By Kathleen Ryan  
Special Writer

Cristina Caceres Garberding and Sandra Cavataio have several reasons to be friends. They both are engineers, wives, busy mothers and community volunteers.

But there is a stronger bond between the two, a bond of Spanish heritage and culture that they want to share with other Hispanics as well.

Garberding, a native of Colombia, and Cavataio, a native of Honduras, have come together with several other Grosse Pointe residents to form Club Hispanos Unidos, a group dedicated to preserving and promoting Hispanic language and culture in southeast Michigan through educational and social activities for adults and children.

"Though we come from many different countries throughout the world, we share a common heritage," Garberding said. "It's that heritage and our traditions that we want to strengthen and share."

Dr. Adonis Lorenzana, a Park resident, who now serves as the club's president, originally conceived Club Hispanos Unidos.

"Adonis brought together a group of Hispanics for a picnic a few years ago," Garberding explained. "It was an informal gathering with people who knew each other from work or community activities. There were some social events after that; then this past summer, we decided to come together in a more formal way and Club Hispanos

Unidos was formed as an official nonprofit Hispanic organization."

While there are many organizations of individual Hispanic countries such as Mexico, Spain or Honduras, Club Hispanos Unidos was formed to bring people from all these countries together to share their heritage and

make sure that doesn't happen with our children."

Viviana Bonafede, a native of Argentina and a Spanish teacher at the Grosse Pointe Academy, is seeing to it that language skills are developed and enhanced through a series of Spanish classes for children which are given on Saturdays.

Two different sessions are held, dividing the children by age and fluency. A recent Saturday found children from ages 3 to 7 helping Senora Bonafede, who was dressed for Halloween, cook up a witches' brew. The children identified the ingredients in Spanish. The class with older children, up to age 12, stresses fluency

in conversational Spanish.

Family represents the core of Hispanic life. Children are readily included in all activities, and those held by Club Hispanos Unidos are no different. The classes the children are taking with Bonafede help with that, as Spanish is the only language spoken at meetings and social gatherings.

And with members coming from so many different countries throughout Latin America and Europe, even speaking one language can present some challenges.

"We all speak Spanish the same way Americans all speak English," Garberding said with a laugh. "But people from different countries speak with different accents, so just as someone from Detroit sounds different from someone from Boston, someone from Argentina sounds different from someone from Mexico."

But no matter what

country someone is from, family remains the cornerstone of Hispanic life, and this is reflected in activities planned by Club Hispanos Unidos.

"Children are always included," Cavataio said. "That is very much in keeping with the Hispanic tradition. The nuclear Hispanic family includes aunts, uncles and cousins."

And parties given by Club Hispanos Unidos feature another strongly held Hispanic tradition, that of music and dancing.

"We don't call a party a party if there is no dancing," Cavataio said, with a laugh. "While food is often the centerpiece of American parties, dancing is the most important part of our parties."

Social activities are not the only focus of the club. A quarterly newsletter will provide information on Spanish cultural events that are being held in southeastern Michigan, such as exhibits at local museums or concerts featuring Hispanic musicians.

"We look forward to attending these activities as a group, not only for our entertainment, but also to strengthen cultural ties for our children," Garberding said.

The club hopes to put together a book club and forming a type of newcomer's club for people of Hispanic backgrounds moving to southeast Michigan. The club also hopes to include lessons for children in traditional Hispanic songs.

"By stressing our Hispanic heritage we're not becoming less American, but rather we're embracing the best of both worlds," Garberding stressed.

"Grosse Pointe is a well-educated community and is accepting of different cultures. We don't stress our differences, but rather our similarities."

Membership in Club Hispanos Unidos is not limited to those of Hispanic

See CULTURE, page 7B

### Bienvenidos

Algunos hispanos se reunieron en Grosse Pointe este verano para formar el club Hispanos Unidos. Todas las personas que comparten el amor por el castellano (o español) y las tradiciones de los países hispanos serán bienvenidos a nuestra asociación. Nosotros organizamos actividades sociales y culturales durante el año y también clases de español para nuestros niños. La próxima actividad será una fiesta de navidad para toda la familia. Se llevará a cabo el sábado Diciembre 13. Si desea más información por favor llame a Sandra Cavataio al (313) 642-0993, o envíe un mensaje electrónico a sjcavataio@msn.com. Esperamos conocerle muy pronto.

traditions and to pass these on to their children.

One of the main goals of the group is to instill in children pride in their Hispanic heritage and to educate them in their culture. One of the ways to do this is by encouraging them to develop a fluency in Spanish.

"We want our kids to be proud of their heritage," Garberding said.

"Oftentimes, after one generation, language and culture can be lost. We want to

## Warm potato salad heats up cold nights

The next few weeks are going to be brutal. The shortest day of the year has yet to come as we venture into the depths of holiday shopping 2003.

There was a time when money was the biggest budget issue. Budgeting time has become a close second. This week's feature is a new version of potato salad, something we usually associate with summer.

Warm German-style potato salad with kielbasa will heat your belly on a cold week night and leave you with time for your family (or for shopping).

### Warm German-style Potato Salad with Kielbasa

1 1/2 lbs. redskin potatoes, cut into 1/4-inch rounds

4 tablespoons olive oil, divided

Salt and pepper to taste

1/2 lb. smoked kielbasa, cut into 1/4-inch rounds

1/2 cup diced onion

1/2 cup diced celery

1/3 cup apple cider vinegar

2 tablespoons brown sugar

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves (or 1 teaspoon dried)

1 6-oz. package fresh baby spinach

Fresh parsley, chopped

Preheat oven to 450 degrees and coat a baking sheet with nonstick spray.

Toss the potatoes with 1 tablespoon of the olive oil and season with salt and pepper.

Spread the potato slices over the prepared sheet and cook at 450 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes, tossing the potatoes every 10 minutes or so.

Meanwhile, cook the kielbasa in a large skillet that has been heated with 1 tablespoon of the remaining oil. Saute until

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By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



brown on both sides, 5 to 10 minutes. Add the onion and celery. Stir in the vinegar, remaining 2 tablespoons oil, sugar, mustard and thyme. Simmer for a minute or two and add the spinach. Cook and stir just until the spinach has wilted. Turn off heat.

Remove potatoes from oven and carefully transfer to a large bowl. Top the potatoes with the hot kielbasa mixture, using a spatula to scrape the veggies and juices from the pan. Carefully toss the meat and potatoes together and transfer to a serving platter or individual plates. Garnish with chopped fresh parsley. It adds more flavor than you think.

The good news is that you can choose any variety of smoked kielbasa or sausage that you like.

Believe me, you will find a wide range that varies in flavor and fat content. After a long ponder (and since Kroger's was out of Kowalski) I settled for Jennie-O turkey smoked sausage.

It is much lower in fat than the others and it had a nice spicy zip. I'm hoping my husband won't notice that it's turkey.

This tangy meat and potato dish sits more like an entree than a salad. I doubled the recipe because kielbasa is sold in one-pound packages.

Serve leftover potato salad reheated with fried or scrambled eggs for a bone-warming breakfast.

You'll have this Cuisine At Home recipe on the table in about 45 minutes. Turn up the heat.

## Students play for Rose Society

The Grosse Pointe Rose Society members were entertained by a string quintet from Jefferson Middle School in St. Clair Shores.

Prior to the society's Dec. 3 Christmas-season dinner, society members heard music provided by middle school students. The troupe was comprised of violinists Bonnie Culhane and Lyndsey Reich, violist Jennifer Raymond, cellist Paige Fouty and bass player Justin Donoghue.

The event was held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and presided over by president Duane Dedene.

Pianist Jack Molloy provided the music during dinner.

## Correction

Last week's feature on Indian Village history that began on page 1B included a photo that was not identified correctly.

The top photo outline should have said it was the Allan Sheldon Home, which was designed by architect William B. Stratton, and built in 1916.

Also, the story should have said the Indian Village Association was founded in 1937 to eliminate the rooming houses and institute fair property taxation.

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**11:00 am Musical Story Time Jamboree**

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**2:00 pm The Legal Insider**

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**2:30 pm The John Prost Show**

Guest: **Pete Waldmeir - Good Fellows**

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: **Jerry Nehr - The Power of Two & Bonnie Delsener - Fine Wine Group**

LouAnne Wattrick and Emmett Hynous Co-host an informative look at what's happening at the War Memorial. Repeated: 7:30 PM, 1:30 AM

**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**

Epical youth shows featuring middle school students reporting on a variety of educational topics. Repeated: 8:30 PM, 7:30 AM

**5:00 pm Positively Positive**

An uplifting half hour of positive attitudes and ideas, hosted by Jeanie McNeil and Liz Aiken. Repeated: 8PM, 8 AM

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## Shores resident creates new Christmas adventure

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

With a message of hope, St. Clair Shores resident Arthur Hoffmann brings a new kind of Christmas spirit in his children's book, "The Blue King."

Published in October, "The Blue King" tells the adventure of a young girl, her brother and a shaggy dog as they travel from the South Pole to the North Pole, interacting with Santa Claus and his cousin, the Blue King. Together, they spread a message of FUN, which stands for friendship, understanding and niceness.

"It's a very upbeat story," Hoffmann said of his work, a story he's been telling for years since his daughter was a little girl. Now all grown up, Hoffmann's daughter, Kimberly Blook of Grosse Pointe, published the book.

"My daughter was just a tiny little girl and had joined a junior soccer league," Hoffmann said of the first time he told the story. "She was frustrated because she could hardly kick the ball, being so small. To motivate her, I came up



Arthur Hoffmann and his dog

so hard, it took the back of the net. She and her brother and their dog chased the be spirited away on this great adventure."

But Hoffmann insists the book is not just an adventure story.

"It carries a positive message for females," he said. "It is also a great story of friendship and understanding."

with a story of this little girl who was on an all-boys soccer team and could run really fast. She kicked the ball

Hoffmann, who is also the owner of Team Resources Inc., an engineering company in Auburn Hills, has been

wanting to put his story on paper for years.

"I've been busy," he said of why it has taken so many years to write "The Blue King." "But now, I've had some time on my hands to go ahead and do it."

Hoffmann and his daughter organized the all-Michigan endeavor. Illustrator Lynn Morgan of Gladwin was brought on board to add colorful visual pieces to the pages. Also a songwriter, Morgan added a musical song to accompany the book, which also includes a narration read by Cameron Knowles, a mid-Michigan talk show host.

In addition to the work done by ASK Publishing, L.L.C., the CD was recorded at Big Bear Productions. Maestro Duplications manufactured the CD; and Millbrook Printing Co. was in charge of printing the book. All are Michigan companies.

"I think this is great for the state of Michigan," Hoffmann said. "It is very positive."

Since the book was published in October, Hoffmann has been traveling the metropolitan Detroit area to



By: Arthur W. Hoffmann, EAD  
Illustrated by: Lynn Morgan

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promote "The Blue King," and dives right in to the task.

"My wife made me a Blue King outfit with a fur-lined cape and a crown," he said. "I wear it when I do book signings."

The response has so far been quite positive, which Hoffmann attributes to the strong message the book carries.

"It's a very upbeat story, which is why I think people will like it," he said. "It's motivational. It kind of inspires children to do all they can do; that nothing is beyond their scope. They can dream; they can live in a make-believe world. Those things are good for children."

"The book also creates some new holiday Christmas characters such as the Blue King, the dog who is called Teddy Blue Bear, and Cecilia the seal. Everything in the book is blue — the snow, the houses. Santa and the Blue King are cousins, but they are opposites of one another. Santa says 'Ho, ho, ho,' but the Blue King says 'Hee, hee, hee.' Santa lives at the North Pole, but the Blue King lives at the South Pole. It's a fun, enjoyable story."

With plans to create a sequel, Hoffmann, who has a doctorate in educational leadership, is dedicated to the ideals he stresses in the book, the mission of FUN.

"The next book would again center on that mission to accomplish friendship and understanding," he said.

Hoffmann has made this mission an interactive one for the children who read his book. If they agree to spread friendship, understanding and niceness, children can join the club and be "ambassadors of FUN." Each child will have a membership card, and the Blue King will deliver a special present wrapped in blue for those children who practice FUN.

"I guess I'm interested in education and the future of mankind," Hoffmann said with a smile. "I feel good about finally writing this book. It has been a monumental task."

"The Blue King" is available on amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, and at bookshops in Dearborn and Rochester, and at Canterbury Village in Lake Orion. The St. Clair Shores library has copies in the gift shop.

## Shopping styles

By Debbie Farmer  
Special Writer

Let me just say that the No. 1 thing that continues to baffle me every December is the different shopping styles of men and women.

This is mainly because throughout the rest of the year most men don't even think about shopping. They could not care less if you bought the green couch or the wicker ottoman, just as long as they get to stay home and watch the game in peace.

But don't let this act fool you. Come December, they suddenly sit up and pay attention. And not only that, they now have a whole shopping philosophy — one that sends your entire gift-buying system lurching into disarray.

No one knows exactly why this happens, but whatever the reason, suddenly the malls are filled with men and women shopping together.

So what, you say? Granted, nothing is wrong with this on the surface, but the real trouble is that, deep down, most men and women have ver-r-r-r-y different shopping styles.

One group considers shopping more of an "experience," sort of like a long, drawn-out social opportunity. The other group con-

siders it more of a sport, with the goal being to spend the least amount of time and money as possible.

Gross stereotyping? Sure.

However, the real problem comes when you end



By Debbie Farmer

up giving people on your list — the very same people whom you consider friends, mind you — velour tank top sets and Chia pets because someone in the latter group found them on sale.

If you don't believe me, let's take a look at the discussion my husband and I had during last year's Christmas shopping trip.

**Me:** I can't believe they're out of the 14-karat gold pearl earrings I wanted to get your mother.

**Him:** Hey, what about a nice hibachi from the clearance table instead?

**Me:** I really don't think your mother...

**Him:** Or this steel cooler?

**Me:** But...  
**Him:** It's only \$12.99, including a thermos and a pack of blue ice.

And it's not just my husband. My friend Linda's spouse went Christmas shopping alone to buy gifts for their kids and came back with a digital cooking timer, a wine rack, and a George Forman grill. All 50 percent off.

And, OK, I admit I love a bargain as much as the next person does. But the problem with this particular shopping philosophy is that it never, ever applies to buying anything having to do with electronics. Trust me; it happens every year. Once we're among the televisions and computers, our conversation will go something like:

**Him:** Hey, we really should get this portable battery charger.

**Me:** But we hardly use the cell phone. Besides, it's not even on sale.

**Him:** Well, we might really need it one day, and then we'll be glad we have it.

**Me:** But...  
**Him:** And look, a leather carrying case for my CD player. It's only \$79.

**Him:** And Dolby headphones.

**Him:** And just look at that portable DVD system.

The change is mind-boggling. After all these years, I've come to the conclusion that the only way for men and women to get through Christmas is to not go Christmas shopping together.

Either that, or compromise. So, in the true holiday spirit of things, that's what we're doing. This year, we divided up the shopping list, and now, while I search rack after rack looking for a custom-made Angora sweater for my Aunt Ida in the exact color of blue that matches her eyes, my husband rushes around the store clutching the newspaper's sale insert.

Everyone will end up the happier for it. Everyone, that is, except half of the people on our Christmas list.

Who said gift-giving is the true meaning of Christmas, anyway?

Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother hounding down the fort in California. She's also an author. You can order her new book, "Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat," at Amazon.com or find it in your local bookstore. She can be reached at familydaze@oasisnewsfeatures.com.

## Culture

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descent. The club also welcomes people who have an interest in Spanish traditions and language.

The club also issues a special invitation to children who have been adopted from Latin American countries and their families, who would like to preserve their

children's Hispanic heritage.

Club officers know that there are many of Hispanic descent in the Grosse Pointe and southeastern Michigan area and urge them to contact membership director Sandra Cavataio at (313) 642-0993 or by e-mail at sjcavataio@msn.com for further information.

## Regina High School presents the musical 'Nun-crackers'

Regina High School will present a Christmas musical, "Nun-crackers," at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13; and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Book music and lyrics are by Dan

Goggin, and the director is Jeff Pageau.

The price is \$8. Regina High School is located at 20200 Kelly in Harper Woods.

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## St. James Lutheran installs new pastor

The Rev. Gerald A. Spice will be installed as the seventh pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, at 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14. A reception will be held in the church undercroft prior to the service at 4 p.m. The public is invited.

The Rev. Robert A. Rimbo, bishop of the Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will install the new pastor. Rimbo served as pastor of St. James for a number of years. He will also preach and preside at the celebration of Holy Communion.

Scott C. Weidler, associate director of worship and music for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will be the organist and the Lacorda Ensemble, a string quartet, will provide instrumental music. Erika Markou, director of music at St. James, will conduct the choir.

Spice comes to St. James from the Louisville, Ky. area, where he spent four years developing a mission congregation. Prior to that, he served as the senior pastor of a large congregation in Lancaster, Pa., for 12 years and in York, Pa., for 8 years.

He grew up in northeastern Wisconsin and attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. After graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, with a concen-



Rev. Gerald A. Spice

boards and has been active in ecumenical work. He has conducted workshops for congregations in the areas of worship and education in Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Florida.

Spice is currently serving with the Rev. Gustav Kopka Jr., who will be retiring from St. James at the end of the year.

During his leisure time Spice enjoys cooking, reading, theater, music and travel. He lives in Grosse Pointe.

## G.P. Classical Music League plans concert

The Grosse Pointe Classical Music League will present a Christmas brunch and concert on Saturday, Dec. 13, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The brunch is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.

The 64 musicians of the Macomb Symphony, with Thomas Cook as conductor, will offer pops and classical music.

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tration in brass instruments and choral conducting, he taught music for a time in northeastern Wisconsin.

Spice received his theological education at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, where he focused on liturgy and education, earning a Master of Divinity degree in 1975. He has also studied at Concordia Seminary in Exile and Pennsylvania State University, where he earned a certificate in business management.

In addition to authoring articles for various journals, Spice has written three worship handbooks that have been published by Augsburg Fortress Publishers.

He has served on a number of denominational



## Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club's annual scholarship fundraiser luncheon and fashion show was held on Nov. 19 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The club raises funds each year to award a scholarship to one student from Grosse Pointe North High School and one student from Grosse Pointe South High School. Awards are presented in May.

At the left, is Doris Streck, chairman of the luncheon. Pam Zimmer, at the right, is president of the Woman's Club.

## Glancy Trains Show is Dec. 27 at DHM

Model and toy train enthusiasts will gather at the Detroit Historical Museum between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 27, for the eighth annual Glancy Trains Show.

Organized by the Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, proceeds from the show support the museum's exhibit, The Glancy Trains.

The Glancy Trains Lionel O-gauge exhibit features a series of push buttons visi-

tors can use to blow whistles and horns, and lift crossing gates.

The Glancy Trains were originally the collection of real estate financier Alfred R. Glancy Jr.

After his death in 1973, the Glancy family donated the trains to the Detroit Historical Museum.

Sellers wishing to purchase tables can do so for \$15, payable to the Detroit Historical Society. For more information on the show or to purchase a table, call

(313) 499-3466. The Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward, is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Knights' No. 1 singles player thrived against tough foes

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Holly Huth's 23-5 record at No. 1 singles for University Liggett School's girls tennis team is pretty impressive by itself.

However, when the quality of competition Huth played is considered, it looks even better.

"She played the No. 1 singles player from five of the top 10 teams in Division I, and she played against several teams that were ranked in the top 10 in the other classes, too," said Knights coach Chuck Wright.

Huth's performance earned her a first-team berth on the Division IV All-

State team chosen by the Michigan Interscholastic Tennis Coaches Association.

She was joined by four teammates who comprised ULS's top two doubles teams — Gabby Milosic and Carly Croskey and Callie Shumaker and Chrissie Keersmaekers.

Huth, a sophomore, is an All-State selection for the second time after finishing runner-up in her flight at the state meet for the second year in a row.

"She's a better player this year," Wright said. "Her game has more variety. She's a more confident volleyer. Holly always had tremendous ground strokes.

She's learning how to work a point more. She's not always trying for a one-shot winner."

As much as Wright likes Huth's game, he likes her attitude even more.

"She doesn't like to lose, but two minutes later, she gets over it, and she's back cheering on her teammates," he said. "She hasn't lost very many matches, but when she has, she has handled it with class and dignity."

Huth posted several impressive victories this season, including wins over Jessica Seyferth of Ann Arbor Pioneer, Jessica

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University Liggett School's All-State tennis players are, from left, Carly Croskey, Gabby Milosic, Chrissie Keersmaekers, Callie Shumaker and Holly Huth.

## ULS senior played a key role

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

A lot of outstanding athletes have played soccer at University Liggett School.

Each year the Knights are represented on the All-State teams, but this year's All-Stater has a special place in ULS lore.

"I've never had a player who's played a more critical role on the team than Chris MacGriff," said veteran coach David Backhurst.

MacGriff, who was a third-team All-State selection last season, was one of two seniors on the Knights squad, and Backhurst shudders to think of where ULS would have been without him.

"Chris had a monster season," Backhurst said. "He did everything he could to lift our team."

MacGriff, who played center midfield, scored 23 goals and collected 16 assists. As a team, ULS scored only 53 goals so MacGriff had a hand in nearly 75 percent of the Knights' scoring.

But that wasn't all that MacGriff did to help the team.

"Chris kept it positive all season," Backhurst said. "He not only led on the field, but he was a leader off of it, too. There were several games where we hadn't played well in the first half and I was pulling my hair out wondering what to do.

"Then Chris would come up and say something positive. He'd pick up my spirits along with his teammates."

Backhurst would have liked to play MacGriff at forward — and at times he did — but he was more valuable

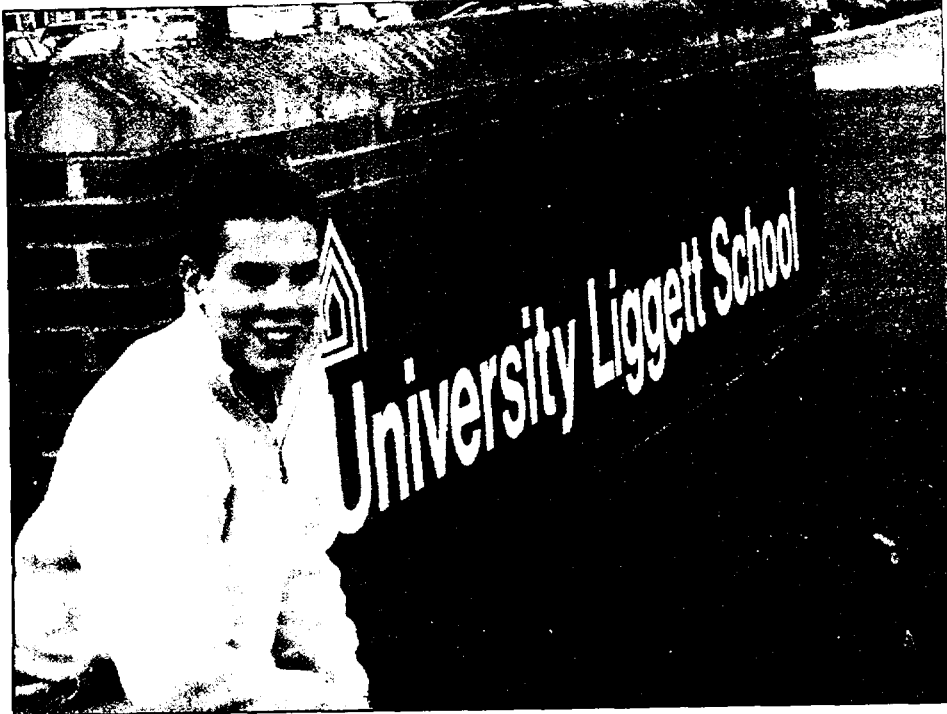
in the midfield. "He was able to generate our attack from the middle of the field," Backhurst said.

MacGriff wasn't able to prevent the Knights' first losing season since Backhurst became coach in the early 1980s. ULS had several freshmen and sophomores playing key roles, and Backhurst hopes that they can develop like MacGriff did.

"Chris wasn't very big when he was a freshman, either," the coach said. "But he spent a lot of time in the weight room and had a workout routine that he followed religiously.

"He got stronger, quicker and faster and was able to dominate the center midfield. He came here with

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Chris MacGriff produced nearly three quarters of University Liggett School's offense this season.

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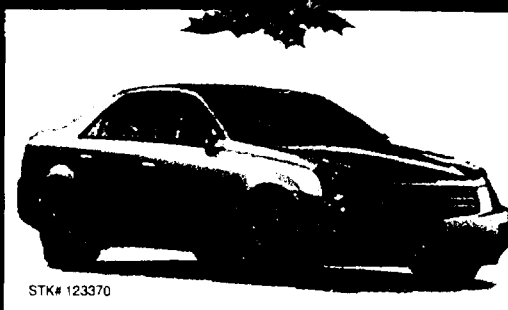
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Justin Bosley of Grosse Pointe Farms, right, and Harvard rowing coach Harry Parker admire the NCAA championship trophy the Crimson won last spring.

## South grad thrives as student, rower

When Justin Bosley was a senior at Grosse Pointe South, a Detroit newspaper called him "one of Michigan's brightest and best."

Four years later, Bosley is still living up to those words.

In June, Bosley graduated cum laude from Harvard University, where he was an All-American rower and recipient of the John Harvard Scholarship.

Last summer he added to his list of accomplishments by winning gold and silver medals at the 2003 Pan-American Games.

Bosley rowed for four years at Harvard and finished his senior year by winning the NCAA Championship and was instrumental in Harvard's

first undefeated season in 20 years.

Following graduation, Bosley trained at the Princeton Training Center to compete for a spot on the United States Rowing Team.

A month later, he earned a seat on the straight four and eight to represent his country in the Pan-Am Games, which were held in the Dominican Republic.

Bosley graduated from Harvard with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology, and he was accepted to Oxford University in England where he'll work on a Master's degree in physiology.

However, he'll postpone his studies at Oxford to return to Princeton, where he'll compete for a spot on the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

## Penalty killers come up big for South

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Having a good penalty killing unit in hockey is like having good car insurance.

You hope you never need it, but when you do, you're glad to have it.

That's how Grosse Pointe South's hockey team felt last weekend when the Blue Devils skated to a 3-1 victory over Wyandotte Roosevelt in a Michigan Metro High School Hockey League game.

"Our penalty killing was at its best," said coach Bob Bopp. "We were very effective forechecking shorthanded and when Wyandotte did get in our zone, we gave them very few quality chances."

Joey Parke and Nick Andrew and Ben Morawski and Anthony Swancoat were the forward pairs that Bopp sent out to kill South's penalties. The defensive pairings on the penalty kill were Sean O'Brien and Trey Shield and Brandon Krajniak and Stefan Harris.

When the Blue Devils found themselves down two men, Mark Diebel was the forward with O'Brien and Shield on defense.

The only disappointment was that Wyandotte scored to spoil Mark Grignon's shutout bid. The Bears got their goal with 19 seconds remaining after they pulled their goalie while South was two men short.

The penalty killers were busy because South was whistled for 11 penalties, two more than were called on Wyandotte.

South got off to another good start, despite not playing for a week, but the first period was scoreless.

"We moved the puck well, but we were trying to make that extra move or a great pass, and not shooting the puck," Bopp said.

Finally, just over three minutes into the second period, Robbie Barrett put the Blue Devils ahead, assisted by Shield and O'Brien.

The goal came while the

teams were skating four aside. Barrett took a pass and used his speed to get around the Wyandotte defenseman.

South made it 2-0 at 11:39 of the second period. Parke made a perfect pass from behind the net to Swancoat, who beat the Bears' goalie. Andrew also assisted.

"That play showed what great players Joey and Anthony are," Bopp said. "The pass from Joey was right on Anthony's forehead, and Anthony got off a great shot with no hesitation."

"This is the second year that they have played together, and both have been playing so well for us in every game."

Bopp said that the two juniors would probably be together next season, too.

One of Wyandotte's penalties enabled South to score the clinching goal at 8:19 of the third period.

As soon as the penalty was called, Bopp called a timeout.

"We wanted to rest and

make sure that everyone knew what we wanted to do on this important power play," the coach said.

It took only 23 seconds for the Blue Devils to score. Parke shot the puck in from the side of the net with Shield and Swancoat assisting.

"That was a big goal," Bopp said. "I felt comfortable that three goals would be enough for us to win."

South finished with a 29-18 edge in shots.

"I really like the way our defense is coming along," Bopp said. "Brandon Krajniak and his partner, Stefan Harris, had another strong game together. Trey Shield picked up another two assists, and his partner, Sean O'Brien, was our best defenseman in the game."

South, which is 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the league, will play in the University Liggett School tournament this weekend. The Blue Devils' first opponent is St. Clair Shores at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

## Cleveland trip is good experience for North

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's weekend trip to Cleveland wasn't productive from a wins and losses standpoint, but the experience the Norsemen's hockey team gained by playing two strong teams should prove valuable.

"It would have been nice to get a win, but these games will help us become a better team," coach Scott Lock said after North dropped a 7-2 decision to Gilmore Prep and lost 5-1 to St. Ed's.

"I'd rather lose to a good team than win big against a weaker team. Gilmore is coming over here to play us later in the season and their coach said, 'we know you guys will be better than.'" North trailed 2-1 midway through the second period

after a goal by Eddie Tropp, but Gilmore scored four goals during a four-minute span late in the period.

"That's the best team we've ever played," Lock said. "Take away that four-minute letdown and it's a 3-2 game."

Colin Brown scored North's other goal.

The Norsemen had some key players missing for various reasons and Peter Baratta had to leave the

contest with a knee injury.

Sophomore defenseman Michael Cartwright got into the game for the first time and Lock said that he played well.

"We were pleased with his performance," the coach said.

The St. Ed's game was also close until the host team scored three late goals.

"We had a lot of chances but we couldn't put the puck in the ocean," Lock said.

"Their goalie played well and we missed the net with a lot of our shots."

North got strong performances from Shawn Hunter, Jarrett Solomon and Bimmy, who played despite a sore knee.

North, now 1-3 overall, returns to league action on Saturday when the Norsemen host Brother Rice at 7:30 p.m. at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena.

## South girls skate past Canton

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team overcame a slow start and some outstanding goaltending by Plymouth Canton's Amanda Watkins as the Blue Devils beat the Penguins 8-1.

South jumped out to a 2-0 lead on the first of Emily Shefferly's three goals, which was set up by Sarah Parker, who intercepted a Canton pass, and one by Hilliary Inger.

Late in the first period, the Penguins closed to within one on a goal by Stephanie Murray. The assist came from Kelli

Bargowski, who stole a clearing pass by the Blue Devils.

South's forwards came back to life with four goals in the second period. Shefferly scored on the rebound of Amelia Altavena's shot. Megan McCaughey sent a pass to McCaughey, who put the puck in the corner of the net at 5:12.

McCaughy scored South's next goal on a pass from Amanda Palffy, and Shefferly completed the second-period scoring on a

rebound from Parker's shot.

Stacie Campbell scored both of the Blue Devils' third-period goals. Parker and Shefferly assisted on the first, and Shami Entenman collected an assist on the second.

Goalie Whitney Hughes played a solid game and the South defense, led by Kristin Inger, Emele Williams and Kati Dosch, limited Canton's quality shots.

Hughes made 16 saves, while Watkins turned back 33 South shots.

## North rebounds from first loss

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team bounced back from its first loss of the season with a 4-2 victory over Livonia Ladywood.

Goalie Angela Lee recorded her fourth win of the season as she turned back 17 Ladywood shots.

Christy Sandmair and Emily Nelson each scored twice for the Norsemen, while Melissa Carron, Maria Feldpausch and Megan

Irving collected the assists.

"We have a strong group of young players and that has helped us tremendously after the loss of nine seniors from last year's team," said coach Tim Van Eckoute.

"We're able to run three lines regularly and that helps keep fresh legs on the ice. We also have set a goal for every game to keep our opponents to 20 shots or fewer. So far this season,

each time we've accomplished that we've won."

Chelsea Skorupski and Kelley Peers have also been offensive leaders as North opened the season with four straight wins before losing 3-2 to Regina.

Irving, Feldpausch, Liz Rabadoux and Stephanie Harlan have been strong defensively for the Norsemen.

## Cranbrook wins ULS tourney

The University Liggett School girls hockey tournament last weekend was a bittersweet one for Grosse Pointe North and ULS.

The Norsemen beat the host Knights 3-0 in the semifinals but lost 7-2 to Cranbrook Kingswood in the championship game.

ULS lost a heartbreaker in the consolation game when St. Clair Shores posted a 5-4 win on a goal by Caitlynn Demers in the second overtime period.

The lead changed hands several times before the Lakers tied the game late in the third period on a goal by Andrea Guilbault.

Autumn Wolff, Kelsey Benson and Caitlin Connor also scored for St. Clair Shores.

The ULS goals were scored by Inga Moss, Elizabeth Palmer and Caitlin Hanly.

North's offensive standouts were Christy Sandmair, Jessica Richardson, Kate Zemenick, Kelley Peers, Emily Nelson, Melissa

Carron and Chelsea Skorupski.

Angela Lee earned the shutout against ULS. She was helped by strong defensive play from Stephanie Harlan, Liz Rabadoux, Megan Irving and Maria Feldpausch.

## ND hockey drops two

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's hockey team is struggling as the inexperience is starting to show.

Last week the Fighting Irish lost 5-3 at Marysville and 6-1 at home to state-ranked Lansing Catholic Central.

"We're making mistakes on both ends of the ice," head coach Kevin McKay said. "The guys are working hard, but we can see how it's going to take time for all our kids to get comfortable playing on the same lines with their teammates."

One bright spot for the Irish has been freshman

goalkeeper Joe Savona, who made several top-notch saves in each game.

"Joey is holding his own, even though he is only a freshman," McKay said. "We need to get better defensively because Joey is being forced to make too many saves."

The Notre Dame hockey team fell to 2-3 overall.

Coming up for the Fighting Irish is the University Liggett School Tournament on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13, followed by an away game on Wednesday, Dec. 17, against Birmingham, Detroit Country Day.

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The Grosse Pointe Academy fifth- and sixth-grade boys team won its division at the 12th annual GPA cross country invitational. From left, are coach Cheryl Carroll, Matthew Stanley, John Stockmann, Andrew Broderick, Will Basse and Drew Brophy.

## Academy team is first in its division

The Grosse Pointe Academy recently hosted a 10-team cross country invitational, and the Academy's fifth- and sixth-grade boys team finished first in its division.

Will Basse, an Academy sixth grader, finished first on the 1.8-mile course with a time of 11:52.

Other Academy runners who won ribbons for finishing in the top 10 in the 5-6 boys division were sixth graders Andrew Broderick (fourth in 12:07) and John Stockmann (eighth in 12:59).

The GPA 7-8 girls team finished second in its division, which was won by Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Silver medalist Emma Brush finished .5 seconds behind the winner from Greenhills, who crossed the line in 11:32.

GPA's Ashley Thibodeau was third in 11:58 and

Claire Floord received a ribbon for a ninth-place finish in 13:31.

Academy fifth graders Taylor Bell and Mia Jefferson won ribbons in the girls 5-6 division, placing seventh and eighth with times of 13:58 and 14:12, respectively.

## North grad is academic All-District

Ryan Fried of Grosse Pointe Woods, a defensive lineman at Olivet College, was named to the Academic All-District College Division football team by the College Sports Information Directors Association (CoSIDA).

Fried, a graduate of Grosse Pointe North, carries a 3.895 grade-point average in business administration.

## Pointers help NYC swim program thrive

Several Grosse Pointers are contributing to the success of the Detroit Yacht Club's fall youth swimming program.

The year-round swimming program was established eight years ago by Grosse Pointe parents Lynn Sinclair and Gail Halliday.

This fall's team has 43 active swimmers. The head coach is Grosse Pointe South grad Scott Corbin. His assistants are Wayne State swimmers Jillian Curley and David Lutz.

The NYC is the only Detroit area program with its own indoor and outdoor pools.

One of the NYC Islanders' top swimmers during the fall is Roby Boggs of Grosse Pointe Park. In a recent meet at Lake Orion High School, Boggs, who placed in four events, qualified for state competition in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:25.13) and the 200 breaststroke (3:03.48).

Several other swimmers from the Pointes also placed in the meet. Andrew Pierce of the Park earned places in six events. Emma Mathews of Grosse Pointe Woods placed in four events, while Tim Denton of the City of Grosse Pointe and Lilly Boggs of the Park each

placed in three.

Placing in two events apiece were Carlos Padilla and Alex Padilla, both of Grosse Pointe Farms. Nicholas Lupul of Grosse Pointe Shores placed in one event.

The following week, 15 swimmers from the Pointes earned 59 medals and ribbons at the Utica-Shelby meet.

Roby Boggs had five first places and a second, while Lilly Boggs also placed in six events and had two firsts.

Joe Hessburg of the Park had four first places among the five events he placed in. Jack Hessburg and Luke Hessburg, both of the Park, placed in five and four events, respectively.

MarkEvan Auk and his sister, Sarah, combined for seven places, including a pair of firsts for MarkEvan. Emma Mathews won all

four events she competed in, and her sister Caitlin earned two places. Denton, who also wrestles at South, had another strong meet with five places.

Nicholas Lupul earned seven awards and his brother Roman placed twice. Alex Padilla had two first-place finishes among his three places.

The NYC Islanders will compete in the Ann Arbor Swim Club meet at the University of Michigan from Dec. 5-7, and early next year, the team will participate in the B.R. Ryall Invitational at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Any youth swimmers interested in NYC swimming should contact membership director Rosemary Tokatlian at (313) 824-1200 or e-mail her at membership@dyc.com.

## Scores, highlights from GPHA games

### PEE WEE

**Maple Leafs 8, Ducks 2**  
Goals: Matthew Peyser 3, Max Steiner 2, Adrian Gatzaros, William Decker, Eric Londo (Maple Leafs); Matt Halso, Michael Crowley (Ducks).

Assists: Gatzaros 4, Kathy Repicky 2, Max Hunt, Thomas Marowske, Andrew McCoy, James Palmer 2, Tripp Damman, Londo (Maple Leafs); Tommy Klimkowski, Halso, Justin Callert (Ducks).

Comments: The Maple Leafs scored three goals each in the first and third periods. Callert and Kurt Hollerbach played well for the Ducks.

### Warriors 2, Ducks 1

Goals: Eric Sandmair 2 (Warriors); Alex Bedan (Ducks).

Assists: Jack Pierick (Warriors); Bryce Gray (Ducks).  
Comments: Both teams played well defensively as the game was scoreless through two periods. The Warriors scored the winning goal with 25 seconds left. Jan Quinlan, who played a strong game in goal for the Ducks, made a glove save, but the referee ruled a goal because Quinlan's glove broke the plane.

### SQUIRT

**Bullfrogs 4, Habs 1**  
Goals: Austin Pettipren, Jack Guest, Tommy McShane, Danny Carron (Bullfrogs); Patrick Kuchta (Habs).

Assists: Carron, J.D. Andrews, Lorna Burns, Allison Daudlin, Nathan Erickson, Pettipren (Bullfrogs).

Comments: Ryan Newa blanked the Habs after Kuchta's breakaway goal in the first period. Habs goaltender Richard Borland played an outstanding game and kept the score close during a busy second and third period.

### Bullfrogs 3, Chiefs 2

Goals: Nathan Erickson 2, Jack Guest (Bullfrogs); Claire Boyle, David Gushee (Chiefs).

Assists: Danny Carron 2, Jordan Teets, Lorna Burns (Bullfrogs); Marty Moestra, Emily Cirocco (Chiefs).

Comments: The Bullfrogs scored three straight goals in the second period to snap a scoreless tie. Goalies Austin Pettipren of the Bullfrogs and Nathan Cagno of the Chiefs were both outstanding in the third period. The Chiefs pulled their goalie late in the contest, but Pettipren and the defense, led by Jonathan Andrews, preserved the Bullfrogs' slim lead.

## North does well in mat tourney

Grosse Pointe North's wrestling team made a strong showing at the recent Toys for Tots Invitational at Notre Dame High School.

The Norsemen were fifth in a field that included three state-ranked teams.

Mike Kurdziel led the way for North with a first place at 112 pounds.

Ryan Stephens was seeded seventh, but finished second in his weight class. Mike Czarnecki was third at 130 pounds, while Scott Gawel and Spencer Channell each placed fourth.

Coach Joe Pantaleo said that he was pleased with several other members of his team, including Brendon Russo, who won three of his four matches. Brandon Stopinski, Mike Murphy, Dan Scarfone, David Trupiano, Dan Evola, David Salazar, Dejuan Lamar and Jack Todd.

## Harper Woods has new coach for volleyball

Laura Bock is set to begin her first season at the helm of the Harper Woods varsity volleyball team.

Bock played volleyball at Dearborn Edsel Ford High School and at Albion College.

She also coached AAU volleyball teams the past few years.

The Pioneers struggled to find consistency a year ago, slipping to 4-14 overall and only 3-6 in the Metro Conference.

"It's tough for the juniors and seniors to come into a situation where they have to learn a new system for a new coach, but I have to say that our girls are doing a wonderful job," Bock said.

Bock is counting on seniors Becky Nanni, Crystal Norman, Angela Wierszewski and August Bragg, and juniors Jade King, Maria Mahon, Bridget Wagner, Ann Marie Solomon and Sally Smolinski to lead the Pioneers back into conference title contention.

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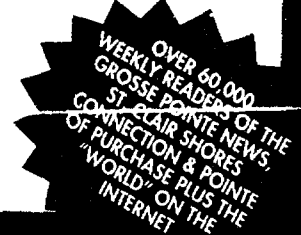
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<p>1037 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park. Spacious 2 bedroom upper, living room, dining room, stove &amp; refrigerator included, separate basement storage. \$750. Shown by appointment. New Clam Investment Co., (313)884-6861</p> <p>1081- 83 Maryland. Cozy 2 bedrooms, hardwoods, stove, refrigerator, off-street parking. \$655 plus utilities. (313)642-1309</p> <p>1137 Maryland, cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath, washer, dryer, garage, non-smoking/pets. \$750. (313)587-1185</p> <p>1234 Beaconsfield-Large one bedroom upper. \$650, includes cable, heat, garage parking, washer, dryer, storage room, furnished or unfurnished. (313)378-5345</p> <p>1241 Beaconsfield, upper. \$650. No pets/smoking. Call Jim O'Donnell, (313)-965-4384 ext. 6323 after 2p.m. weekdays.</p> <p>1266 Lakepointe. Beautiful 3 bedroom upper, hardwoods, fireplace, 2 sun porches, garage. \$875/ plus utilities. (313)642-1309</p>	<p>1300 Beaconsfield upper, 2 bedroom, den, garage, air conditioning. \$700 (313)822-8928</p> <p>1333 Somerset, 2 bedroom upper, beautiful custom woodwork, custom oak kitchen, new carpet &amp; paint. All appliances, garage. No smoking/ pets. \$775 plus utilities. (313)343-0149</p> <p>1444 Beaconsfield. Newly renovated, 1 bedroom upper flat, with balcony. Fully carpeted. Garage, laundry. \$650/ month. 313-882-1331</p> <p><b>*1447 MARYLAND-</b> 2 bdrm., living, dining, kitchen, fin.bsmnt., garage, \$575 rent, \$700 security.</p> <p><b>*1066 CADIEUX,</b> 1 bdrm-\$475, heat included.  <b>ANDARY REAL ESTATE</b>          313-886-5670</p> <p>17201 Kercheval in the Village. Beautifully renovated, large first floor flat. New kitchen and appliances, updated bathroom. 2 bedroom, 1st floor laundry, family room, central air, fireplace, garage. \$1,450. 313-303-4063</p>	<p>2000 block Vernier, 5 room lower, appliances, air, \$750. No pets, references. (313)881-3149</p> <p>472 Neff- Lower, six rooms. \$950/ month. Security deposit. (313)885-2808, after 6pm.</p> <p>492 Neff- 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Townhouse. Air, garage, deck. \$1,350. (313)882-1001</p> <p>526 St. Clair, completely renovated upper 2 bedroom. \$850. New kitchen, all appliances, hardwood floors. Call Bill, (313)882-5200</p> <p>556 Neff, large 3 bedroom flat, central air, natural fireplace, hardwood floors, new windows, \$1,295/ month. John. (313)407-4300</p> <p>819 Beaconsfield- 2 bedroom lower flat. Available immediately. \$600/ month. Laundry, water included. (313)417-3812</p> <p>874 Nottingham, 2 bedroom upper, all appliances including washer &amp; dryer, basement. \$600. (313)882-2688</p> <p>878 Neff duplex. \$850/ month. Newly decorated, new kitchen, central air, alarm, new carpet. Non-smoking. 313-407-9306</p>

**700 APTS/FLATS/DUPLX  
POINTES/HARPER WOODS**  
 894 Neff- two bedroom lower, \$925. Appliances, laundry, central air, fireplace, sun-room, garage, newly decorated. (313)886-8510

**AFFORDABLE** townhouse rental in Grosse Pointe Woods. 2 or 3 bedroom, clean, well maintained, central air, cable ready. No pets. Call for appointment. (248)848-1150

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**BEACONSFIELD,** 2 bedrooms, 1,100 sq. ft., hardwood floors, washer/ dryer. Free cable/ modem. \$650/ month. (248)249-6592

**BEACONSFIELD,** south of Jefferson. Clean upper 2 bedroom. \$575. 313-881-5618

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**BEAUTIFUL** Harcourt duplex, 1800 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, central air, all appliances, new kitchen, large family room. \$1,350/ month. (313)822-8186

**CARRIAGE** house-Lakeshore Drive. No pets/ smoking. Single occupancy. \$2,200/ month. 313-884-5374

**CLEAN** 2 bedroom upper, Wayburn. \$650 month plus security. Available January 1st. (313)884-9060

**DUPLEX-** Vernier. Nice 5 rooms, appliances, separate basement/ separate garage. \$860. (313)885-2909

**ELEGANTLY** furnished 2 bedroom flat. Available for holidays. \$150/ day. (313)886-1924

**700 APTS/FLATS/DUPLX  
POINTES/HARPER WOODS**  
**GROSSE** Pointe City, Lakeland/ Mack. Attractive one bedroom unfurnished condo. \$700/ month. Includes all appliances, washer, dryer, heat, air. Located near the Village. (313)640-8966

**GROSSE** Pointe City. First month free, 2 bedroom. \$750 includes water/ heat/ washer/ dryer. Plus security. Immediate occupancy. Short or long term. (313)886-3515

**GROSSE** Pointe Farms carriage house. Lovely private wooded setting. Beautifully furnished 2 bedroom. \$1,200/ month. (313)882-3965

**GROSSE** Pointe Park, 1042- 1048 Maryland. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1,000 sq. ft. Garage with opener. \$700-\$850. (248)592-9261

**GROSSE** Pointe Park, freshly painted upper, fireplace. Separate basement, parking. \$745. (313)886-0181

**GROSSE** Pointe Park, Nottingham, 2 bedroom apartment, \$595/ month, plus utilities. (586)524-3474

**HARCOURT,** large 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhouse. Living room with fireplace, new kitchen. \$1,350. 313-884-0501

**HEART** of the Farms-Charming 1 bedroom flat. Appliances, washer, dryer included. No pets. \$675/ month. 313-882-3756

**KINGSVILLE,** Harper Woods- 1 bedroom apartment. New appliances, washer, dryer. No pets. 313-881-9313

**LOWER & upper** spacious 2 bedrooms. Grosse Pointe Park, 870 Nottingham. Refinished hardwood floors, appliances, storage available. \$625/ month. 1st month- rent free! (586)212-0759

**MARYLAND,** Grosse Pointe Park. Very attractive 1 bedroom lower available now! No dogs. \$475. (313)331-7330

**MARYLAND-** large, newer upper flat. Sharp 2 bedroom, air, washer, dryer, dishwasher, private basement. Snow & lawn service included. \$800. (313)510-8259

**NEFF** Lane Apartment- 2 bedroom, 1 bath, central air, close to Village, carport, basement, lease, no pets. \$725/ month. (313)882-9972

**NEFF-** Nice 2 bedroom duplex. Dishwasher, fireplace, air, garage. \$900. (313)884-5616

**NOTTINGHAM** south of Jefferson, lovely 2 bedroom lower with dining room, hardwood floors, appliances, garage, basement. No pets/ smoking. (248)737-2941

**NOTTINGHAM** south of Jefferson, 2 bedroom upper, hardwood floors, parking. No dogs. Lease. \$575. (810)229-0079

**SOMERSET-** large 3 bedroom, appliances, fireplace, \$750/ 1 person. \$800/ 2 people. (313)884-2488

**700 APTS/FLATS/DUPLX  
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**SOMERSET-** spacious 3 bedroom lower, appliances, no pets. \$750. (313)885-2206

**TWO** bedroom lower flat, east of 94, south of 8 mile. Immediate occupancy. (586)773-1872

**701 APTS/FLATS/DUPLX  
DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY**  
 18737 Moross, brick townhouse duplex, 2 bedroom, basement, newly decorated, stove, refrigerator. \$650 plus water, gas, electric. Security deposit \$900. Move in cost \$1500. Open house Saturday 11a.m.- 1p.m.

2 bedroom upper, heat included, new carpet, 6202 Grayton. \$695 plus security. Section 8 ok. (313)642-1410

2 bedroom duplex. On Chester, off Moross, near St. John Hospital. Living room kitchen includes appliances, detached garage. \$650/ month. (313)343-9216

**ALTER/ Charlevoix-** 1 bedroom, \$390. Studio, \$360. Includes heat, appliances, parking. (313)885-0031

**BEAUTIFUL** 2 bedroom apartment. Heat, water included, Whittier/ Somerset. \$525/ month. (313)881-9651

**BUCKINGHAM,** spacious 2 bedroom lower flat. Appliances, separate basement, garage. \$575. (313)886-1924

**CADIEUX/ Mack,** 1 bedroom upper, \$400/ month (313)885-0877

**CADIEUX/ Mack,** Bluehill, 1 bedroom, extra large, clean. \$400-\$475. (313)882-4132

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**SPACIOUS** 1 bedroom upper & lower apartments with living room, dining room, kitchen with appliances, walk out sun deck, large walk in closets. Includes shared use of basement/ garage \$475/ month includes heat and water. No pets. Excellent area. (586)775-7164

**SPACIOUS,** beautiful 2 bedroom brick upper, near Grosse Pointe & East English Village. Hardwood floors, living room, dining room, natural fireplace, \$690/ month plus security. (313)613-5758

**705 HOUSES FOR RENT  
POINTES/HARPER WOODS**  
**GROSSE** Pointe Woods, 2331 Allard. 3 bedroom, 2 full baths. Newly painted and carpeted. Great kitchen. Appliances included. Fireplace, air, fenced yard. Available now. \$1,150. 313-492-6217

**GROSSE** Pointe Woods, lovely house. 3 bedroom ranch, all amenities. Quiet cul-de-sac in the best of the Woods. \$1,625/ month. (313)492-6217

**HARPER** Woods, 20229 Elkhart. Beautiful 3 bedroom bungalow, appliances, central air, finished basement, 2 car garage. \$950/ month. (248)755-2084

**HARPER** Woods, 3 bedroom, central air, appliances, fenced, basement. \$1,200/ month. (313)983-0575

**HARPER** Woods, Prestwick 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Dining room. All updated. Finished basement with bar, 1/2 bath, office. All appliances, includes washer/ dryer. (313)378-2068

**706 HOUSES FOR RENT  
DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY**  
 3 bedroom, bungalow, 1947 University. \$700/ month plus security deposit. Credit check. (248)379-3692

761 Chalmers. Large 4 bedroom house. \$1,000/ month. Very clean! (313)822-4514

**CADIEUX/ Mack.** 3 bedroom ranch, \$890/ month. Section 8 welcome. 313-885-0877

**MOROSS-** Chandler Park Drive, 2 bedroom, new floors, garage, appliances. \$575- \$750. (313)882-4132

**707 HOUSES FOR RENT/  
S.C.S./MACOMB COUNTY**  
 21513 Elizabeth, 2 bedroom, new carpet/ paint/ bath, garage. \$780 month. 586-773-7755

3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 car garage, 1 block from Nautical Mile, updated kitchen & bath. All appliances included. \$1,100/ month plus security. (586)612-2089

A must see! 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 car garage, bungalow with hardwood floors, park like setting. All appliances included. Security and references. \$760/ month. 586-469-4044

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**ACROSS**

- Babysitter's bane
- Move through water
- Tennis stroke
- Pirouette pivot
- Book "for dummies," e.g.
- Past
- Cox and Eisenhower, to Nixon
- Crafty
- H.S. subj.
- Solid no more
- Fly
- Asset
- Round Table address
- Columbus sch.
- Wood strips
- Corn territory
- Pitch
- Caspian Sea leader
- Mrs. Ralph Kramden
- Old Olds
- Hearty brew
- "I Remember Mama" role
- Gushed out
- Triangular insert
- Glutton
- Blond shade
- Woodshop tool
- Geneticist's abbr.
- German pastry

**DOWN**

- "Impossible"
- Bamyard sound
- Corral
- Religion of Japan
- "The Yard" (1974 film)
- Field mouse's predator
- Philatelist's prize
- Millionaire aboard the
- Minnow
- Breaking point
- Lothario's look
- Hopalong
- Cassidy port-trayer
- Vast expanse
- Waikiki winging
- Pacific Rim locale
- Bowed instrument
- "The Young Lions" author
- Egypt and Syria, on old maps (Abbr.)
- Nathan or Barbara
- Coaster
- Dogfight fighters
- Break
- Votes for
- Thought out loud
- Condescend
- Silly Putty container
- John Irving hero
- Ensign's school (Abbr.)
- Opposite of "post."
- "Mayday!"
- Grand rd.
- Tussaud's material

**EXCELLENT** location. 2 bedroom upper. New kitchen/ bath, hardwood floors, off street parking, all appliances included. \$650. (313)408-0818

**FREE** 1st month, 1362 Wayburn- 1 bedroom upper, newly decorated. \$550/ month. (313)885-8843, (313)220-4905

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**705 HOUSES FOR RENT  
POINTES/HARPER WOODS**  
 140 Mapleton, 3 bedrooms, hardwood floors, air. \$1,050. (586)855-3749

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ST. Clair Shores, 2 bedroom, garage, new windows/ carpeting. \$750/ month, \$750/ deposit. (586)415-8276

**709 TOWNHOUSES/ CONDOS FOR RENT**  
UPDATED Lakeshore Village, \$900/ month plus security. Non-smoking. (313)824-5458

**716 OFFICE/COMMERCIAL FOR RENT**  
16357 East Warren- minutes from Grosse Pointe. 2,000 sq. ft. renovated retail space. Now warehouse/ workshop, updated, safe, secure, 220V, 8' x 8'. Automatic garage door, many uses. retail, offices, studio, storage, workshop. Why rent? Low payments at \$59,000, may finance. Call 313-414-3540

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GROSSE Pointe Woods, 21002 Mack Avenue. Office space available in a distinguished, professional environment. Amenities include secretarial station, photocopying, telephone system, conference room, kitchen, Internet access and more. Available January 1, 2004. (313)884-1234

**721 VACATION RENTALS FLORIDA**  
BEAUTIFUL first floor condo completely furnished. Etan Allen furniture. Very clean, special art from art studios. \$900 plus utilities. 4- 6 months. (313)884-4886

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MARCO Island, Beachfront, 2 bedroom. Weekly. Available now- January 15th. Beeper. (586)916-0015

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CLEAN second floor condo at 17950 Mack in Grosse Pointe. One bedroom, one bath. Rent includes heat. No pets. Call Tappan & Associates at 313-884-6200 for details.

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TIME TO PUT THE SUMMER TOYS AWAY? QUALITY PARKING & STORAGE W. ELIZABETH BEHIND THE FOX THEATER



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GLEN Lake. Sleeping Bear Dunes. Winter vacation specials. Cathy Kegler, Broker. (313)881-5693. [escape.to/theglen](http://escape.to/theglen)

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LAKESHORE Village, Lakeshore Road, 2 bedroom townhouse, central air, carpeting, washer, dryer. \$875/ month. (313)881-3414

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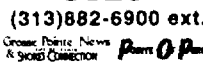
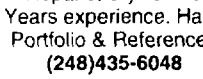
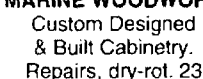
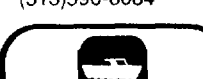
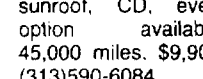
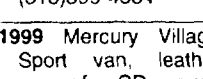
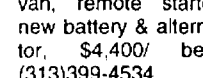
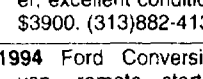
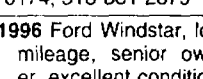
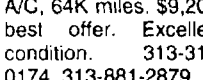
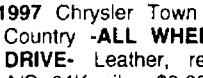
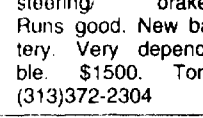
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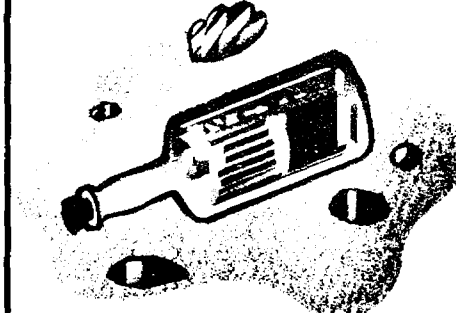
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<p><b>GROSSE POINTE PARK</b></p>  <p>Great family home with large lot, patio and garage. Kitchen, newly finished hardwood floors. Open staircase adds charm along with natural fireplace. Walk to schools and shopping. Very nice block in the Park. \$188,500 SC30LAK 586-778-8100</p>	<p><b>GROSSE POINTE PARK</b></p>  <p>Outstanding location and neighborhood close to Village and Maire. Great space and floor plan. Large bedrooms. Big kitchen, family room, recreation room with pool table area and fireplace. Newer windows, central air. \$279,900 GP72BIS 313-886-5040</p>	<p><b>GROSSE POINTE PARK</b></p>  <p>True "Lakefront" home set on the tip of a secluded point with panoramic views from Pêche Island to the Eastern horizon. Freighters glide through the nearby channel. Gorgeous home in spectacular setting. \$2,680,000 GP34LAK 313-886-5040</p>	<p><b>GROSSE POINTE FARMS</b></p>  <p>Grosse Pointe Farms spacious three bedroom brick ranch with updated furnace, central air, windows and hot water heater. Living room with gas fireplace and kitchen with oak cabinets. Finished basement. \$212,900 GP38ELI 313-886-5040</p>	<p><b>GROSSE POINTE FARMS</b></p>  <p>A very unique home in the heart of Grosse Pointe Farms. Home has recent updates in painting, carpet, driveway, roof, gutters, landscaping and window treatments. Natural fireplace, patio with hot tub, fenced yard. Move in condition. \$329,900 GP72MTV 313-886-5040</p>	<p><b>GROSSE POINTE WOODS</b></p>  <p>Don't drive by this one! Kitchen with eating space, a formal dining room, living room and family room leading to outside deck. Large bedrooms with master featuring a walk-in closet and bath. A must see. \$330,000 GP69HAW 313-886-5040</p>		
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