

Grosse Pointe News

Serving the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods

Vol. 63 • No. 50 • 44 pages

Grosse Pointe, Michigan

Home Delivery 71¢ • Newsstand \$1.00

December 12, 2002

INSIDE

■ The decades-old problem of too much traffic on Brys Drive has risen from a simmer to a boil in Grosse Pointe Woods. Residents and city have teamed to investigate solutions. Page 3A

■ Reduced state revenue sharing recommendations passed by the House of Representatives last week, if enacted, will trickle down to the Grosse Pointes in the form of delayed maintenance and deferred capital improvements. Page 3A

■ Students in schools throughout the Pointes are embracing the holiday spirit and putting forth an effort to help local charities and needy families. Page 16A

■ Kerby Elementary School students learned the hardships faced by individuals with disabilities through a presentation by the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. Page 17A

■ The Grosse Pointe Board of Education approved the addition of several new high school courses as well as six options for the second year of physical education. Page 18A

■ Harper Woods Secondary students dazzle in an Oscar Wilde classic comedy about love, relationships and family. Page 21A

■ The Harper Woods City Council approved budget adjustments totaling \$641,060, including \$500,000 for a resurfacing project of Bournemouth Avenue. Page 21A

■ Successful shopkeepers use their small size to outflank department store competition. Page 23A



Photo by Noel Fisher

Long-time Pointer laid to rest

Rita J. Babich, 81, who recently succumbed to cancer, was taken through the Grosse Pointes to her final resting place in an 1873 glass-sided hearse drawn by two white horses. The procession took Mrs. Babich's coffin down Mack past St. John Hospital, where she had been a volunteer for the past 14 years. It also took her past the bus stop where for 22 years she would catch the bus to go to work as a teller at the downtown branch of the National Bank of Detroit. The white steeds turned on Stanhope Street and then paused briefly in front of her long-time residence before carrying her to Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Harper Woods. The old hearse later bore her to her grave at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Home invader faces trial

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

A man charged with three counts of home invasion in the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms has been bound over for trial in the Third Circuit Court.

Gary Peter Doppelberger, 39, of

Detroit, stood before Farms Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora on Thursday, Dec. 5, and waived preliminary examinations on charges of home invasions that took place in the 600 block of Rivard in the City on Oct. 10 and 11.

See INVADER, page 4A

Cable rates keep going up; few are dished

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The cost of cable television is a no-win situation for Grosse Pointe Farms resident Jamie Elsey. "Twenty years ago, basic cable cost me about \$8 a month," she said. "Now, I'm paying almost \$40 a month. I have four kids, so it's on a lot. I have no choice but to use cable. The newer TVs aren't set up for antennas anymore."

Since March, Comcast's basic cable rates rose 7 percent from \$35.25 to \$37.95 in the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park and Harper Woods. That's \$17.12 a month more since Comcast negotiated franchise agreements with those cities after the breakup of Grosse Pointe Cable in 1994 and \$9.79 more than just before the Federal Telecommunications Act was passed in 1996.

Grosse Pointe Shores residents pay \$34.95 a month for preferred basic cable — and it's going up. In January, Comcast customers in the Shores will see their monthly rates go up from \$10.70 to \$12.74 for basic service and from \$34.95 to \$36.99 for preferred basic. Digital and other package plans are also going up, according to a Dec. 5 letter from Comcast to the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores.

In other words, rates for basic cable have risen over double the rate of inflation. Even though the cities reached non-exclusive agreements with Comcast in 1994 and the Telecommunications Act was designed to limit rate increases and encourage competition, customers in the Pointes and Harper Woods have not seen the benefits.

"We've been working on this for three or four years," Woods City Administrator Ted Bidigare said. "No one is willing to come here. We had a provider come through here a few years ago and do some preliminary infrastructure studies but we

never heard back from them."

The same situation has been true for the other Pointes and Harper Woods.

"We're just too small of a market," Shores Village Superintendent Michael Kenyon said.

"For a competitor, we would be a difficult place to crack into," said Brian Vick, assistant city manager of the City.

There is no existing competition for Comcast in the Pointes at this time. Wide Open West (WOW), which purchased 42 franchisees from Americast last December, including Center Line, Eastpointe, Fraser, Roseville and St. Clair Shores, has no plans to venture into the Pointes, Harper Woods or elsewhere. WOW competes with Comcast in the Macomb County markets.

"Our focus through 2003 is on high-speed data and competing in the 42 communities we recently acquired," said Mark Dineen, WOW senior vice president and general manager.

While neither Dineen nor Comcast Media Relations Director Olivia Visperas would specifically state why their rates in southern Macomb County communities run about \$3 a month less than in the Pointes and Harper Woods, they both said that competition is sometimes a factor in setting rates from franchise to franchise.

"Our rates are based on some sort of negotiation at the time we signed the contract or sometimes those rates are based on those set by other systems which we acquired," Visperas said.

Even senior discounts, which range from \$3 to \$3.50 a month, are more substantial in the southern Macomb County communities than in all the Pointes and Harper Woods, whose seniors only get a \$1 discount on their bills.

Visperas added that it's not Comcast's policy to determine age rates.

Those are agreements

See CABLE, page 3A

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, Dec. 15

The Detroit Concert Choir will perform "Sweet Sounds of Christmas" at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$12 for students and seniors. For more information, call (313) 882-0118.

Monday, Dec. 16

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council will meet at the Woods city hall at 7:30 p.m.

The City of Grosse Pointe City Council will meet at the City municipal building at 7:30 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Grosse Pointe North High School is having a Holiday Solo Recital at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe United Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Call (313) 884-7717 for more information.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

Grosse Pointe South High School's instrumental music department will present "Yule Be Boppin'," a holiday jazz concert, at 7:30 p.m. in the South auditorium.

Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and seniors and will be available at the door.

INDEX

Opinion.....	6A
Autos.....	13A
Obituaries.....	15A
Schools.....	16-18A
Harper Woods.....	21A
Business.....	22A
Seniors.....	4B
Entertainment.....	7B
Classified ads.....	4C



Photos by Bonnie Caprara

Ring-a-ling!

Members of the St. James Lutheran Church bell choir, above, serenaded the crowd that came out for the Hill tree-lighting ceremony at dusk on Sunday evening. Children helped Hill merchants decorate the gazebo Christmas tree before Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Ed Gaffney flipped the switch on the tree. The Hill Seafood and Chop House provided homemade cookies and hot cocoa to warm the crowd on the cold Christmas season night.

Before the tree lighting, the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library invited Santa, right, to read "The Night Before Christmas" to about 35 children at the Central Library. The Friends also provided books for each child to take home as a special pre-Christmas present.



POINTER OF INTEREST

Anne Marie Krappman

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms

Occupation: Community relations manager for the Detroit Red Wings

Quote: "Knowing that I can make a difference in someone's life every single day is a pretty powerful feeling."

See story, page 6A



Anne Marie Krappman

pat scott jewelers
ZOPPINI, JOHN ATENCIO and FOPE
313.881.5882

St. John Hospital
Minimally Invasive Surgery Center
1-888-4SJ-MISC

edmund t. AHÉE jewelers
Extraordinary in every facet.
800-987-AHEE
www.aheejewelers.com

yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ As work nears completion on an addition to Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe Farms, an anonymous donor has pledged to foot 20 percent of the bill to further expand Bon Secours Hospital in the City.

Work would add more floors to a recently approved two-story wing.

■ Grosse Pointe Farms officials have followed through with an anticipated offer to transform a portion of the Richard Elementary School playground into a parking lot in exchange for closing a portion of McMillan to traffic.

McMillan would be closed so the school playground could be contained within an fenced-in area.

■ About 6,000 men did their Christmas Shopping on the seventh annual Men's Night in the Village.

Here's what salesgirls had to say about men shoppers:

"They are easier to deal with than women. The men come prepared. They know what they want. They know the sizes."

25 years ago this week

■ Suspects have been given polygraph tests as part of Grosse Pointe Farms police investigation of arson fires.

Police said lie detector tests have helped whittle down the list of approxi-

mately 30 suspects.

■ Ahee Jewelers has won a special beautification plaque from Grosse Pointe Woods officials.

The award recognized the business, school or church whose property reflects an exceptional display of beauty.

Edmund T. Ahee, owner of the jewelry store on Mack, said the award was "quite an honor." At the same time, he stressed, "The community more than goes out to take care of their places. Anybody could have won it."

■ Members of the local teacher's union have filed grievances against the Grosse Pointe public school district claiming excessive class sizes.

Grievances focus on kindergarten, third and sixth grades and some middle school areas.

10 years ago this week

■ The burned-out Crown Cleaners building on lower Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park could be coming down soon. The business' owner has applied for a demolition permit.

The building was destroyed in a late-September fire traced to wiring problems.

■ Caryn Wells has been named principal of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Wells comes to the district from Rochester High School, where she is assistant prin-

cipal.

■ Dave Coulier, host of "America's Funniest People" and star of "Full House" television shows, has performed stand-up comedy to benefit, in part, Poupard Elementary School.

A portion of \$9,000 raised will help buy playground equipment.

5 years ago this week

■ An ambitious plan to expand the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club has at least one Grosse Pointe Shores resident frustrated over unanswered questions about how construction would affect her property on Lakeshore.

The plan, according to homeowner Mary Anne LaHood, will expand the marina onto lake bottom she owns south of the club's existing border.

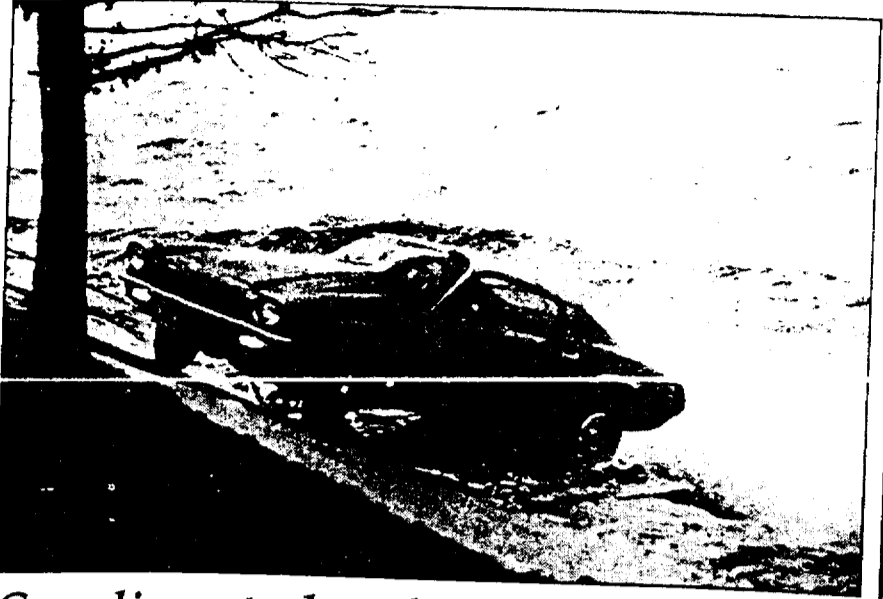
■ Students from St. Paul Catholic School have visited the Gem Theater in Detroit to see the structure being moved to a new location. The experience will help students study the ways mathematics is used in real-life situations.

Students met with the project's chief engineer, who talked about the use of pulleys and gravity centers.

■ Grosse Pointe North High School has won the Macomb Area Conference sportsmanship award. North has won the award three times in five years.

— Brad Lindberg

25 years ago this week



Car clings to breakwall after mishap

This vehicle, driven by a 59-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman, nearly ended up in Lake St. Clair the morning of Dec. 5. While driving at 7:45 a.m., the woman's car skidded on ice formed by water washed onto Lakeshore by heavy winds. The car struck a tree which prevented the vehicle from entering the rough waters. The driver suffered a fractured hip but was reported to be in good condition at Bon Secours Hospital. (Photo by Wendy K. Settle. From the December 8, 1977, Grosse Pointe News.)

Richner bills passed by House

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Legislation sponsored by the Grosse Pointes' state representative has passed the House.

If the Senate does likewise, the measures could be on the governor's desk within days.

The bills passed amid a flurry of late-session activity at the close of which Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe

Park, will step down due to mandatory term limits.

"Quite a few bills have passed the House in the last few days," Richner said.

A bill replacing the 38-year-old Uniform Securities Act was among Richner's measures approved during nearly all-night sessions last week.

If signed into law, the act would take into account technological innovations,

including electronic transactions, to protect investors.

"It gives more power to regulators to bring enforcement against wayward brokers and companies that exploit investors," Richner said. "With what's happening in the securities market — with the Enrons and other companies — this will help regulate the marketplace for securities."

The current Uniform Securities Act was passed in 1964, but based on 1956 legislation.

Among the new proposal's provisions, it would allow aggrieved investors to seek actual damages, including costs and attorney fees, against someone who sells a security by way of fraud or deception.

"It's pro-investor and pro-capital formation," Richner said. "It should help make Michigan a more competitive state when it comes to raising capital for expanding businesses."

Richner's sponsorship grew from his service on the Uniform Law Commission, a national group that standardizes commercial laws among the 50 states.

Another bill that passed the House last week would require new or resurfaced parking lots to have handicap parking spots that have an access aisle at least 60 inches wide. The aisle would be wide enough to give wheelchair users enough room to get in and out of their vehicles.

"Often, people confined to wheelchairs can't get in or out of parking spots," Richner said. "They can't get a wheelchair through."

The bill has been endorsed by the Michigan Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America.



Hickey's Walton Pierce

is refocusing and changing to serve the Grosse Pointe area better.

To achieve our goal, we are having a

SPECTACULAR REORGANIZATION SALE

20% TO 60% OFF

OUR QUALITY NAME-BRAND MEN'S & WOMEN'S MERCHANDISE

A Sample of the Savings Includes:

\$ 1,395	MEN'S SPORT COAT BY OXFORD	Now \$ 419
\$ 1,050	MEN'S SUIT BY HICKEY-FREEMAN	Now \$ 368
\$ 265	MEN'S SWEATERS BY POLO	Now \$ 106
\$ 85	TIES BY ROBERT TALBOT	Now \$ 47
\$ 255	LADIES JACKETS BY BLYLE	Now \$ 99
\$ 188	LADIES SUEDE JACKETS BY DAVID BROOKS	Now \$ 94
\$ 150	LADIES BLOUSES BY STARINGTON	Now \$ 75
\$ 128	LADIES SWEATERS BY SIGRID OLSEN	Now \$ 64

And Much More

HICKEY'S WALTON PIERCE
17140 KERCHEVAL AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE

ALL SALES ARE FINAL — SORRY, NO GIFT-WRAPPING — NO HICKEY'S WALTON PIERCE CHARGES

Just in Time for the Holiday Season. Don't miss it!

MON., TUES., WED., & FRI. 10 TO 7 — THURS. 10 TO 8 — SAT. 10 TO 5:30 — SUN. 12 TO 4

Grosse Pointe News

(USPS 230-400)
Published every Thursday
By Anteebo Publishers
96 Kercheval Avenue
Grosse Pointe, MI 48236
PHONE: (313) 882-6900

Periodical Postage paid at Detroit, Michigan and additional mailing offices.

Subscription Rates: \$37 per year via mail in the Metro area, \$65 out of Metro area.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

The deadline for news copy is Monday 3:00 p.m. to insure insertion.

Advertising copy for Sections "B" and "C" must be in the advertising department by 10:30 a.m. on Monday. The deadline for advertising copy for Section "A" is 10 p.m. Monday.

CORRECTIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS: Responsibility for display and classified advertising error is limited to either cancellation of the charge for or a refund of the portion in error. Notification must be given in time for correction in the following issue. We assume no responsibility of the same after the first insertion.

The Grosse Pointe News reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. Grosse Pointe News advertising representatives have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order.

VILLAGE FOOD MARKET

HOME OF THE BELL RINGER SPECIALS!
18328 Mack Avenue ~ Grosse Pointe Farms • 882-2530 ~ Fax 884-8392
Open Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Fine Wines and Liquor • Prices in effect December 12, 13, 14, 16, 17 & 18

No rainchecks
We reserve the right to limit quantities

BEVERAGES

2-LITER COKE PRODUCTS **89¢** +DEP

2-LITER 7-UP PRODUCTS **89¢** +DEP

CANADA DRY MIXERS **89¢** 1 LT YOUR CHOICE

EVIAN FRENCH ALPS SPRING WATER **\$1.49** 1.5 LT

"NEW" AT VILLAGE FOOD MARKET

UPPER CANADA LAGER

12 PACK BOTTLE **\$6.99** +DEP

ORDER HOLIDAY TRAYS & BASKETS

HOLIDAY

DOMINO SUGAR

DOMINO GRANULATED SUGAR **\$1.89** 5 LB

DOMINO POWDER SUGAR **69¢** 1 LB

DOMINO DARK BROWN SUGAR **69¢** 1 LB

DOMINO LIGHT BROWN SUGAR **69¢** 1 LB

GOLD MEDAL ALL PURPOSE FLOUR **99¢** 5 LB

NESTLE SEMI-SWEET CHOCOLATE MORSELS **\$2.99** 24 OZ

DIAMOND SHELLLED WALNUT **\$2.59** 10 OZ

DIAMOND CHOPPED WALNUT **\$1.99** 8 OZ

H.P. HOOD FRESH WHIPPING CREAM **49¢** 1/2 PT.

RED STAR YEAST **99¢** 3PACK/4 OZ

LAND O LAKES BUTTER • REGULAR **\$1.99** 1 LB 1/4'S

FRESH CUT ASSORTED FANCY ALSTROEMERIA **\$3.99**

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

SWEET "LARGE SIZE" NAVEL ORANGES **6/\$2.00**

GREEN ONIONS **4/\$1.00**

"TASTE" BLUEBERRIES **\$1.99** PKG

"T&A" SNOW-WHITE CAULIFLOWER **99¢** HEAD

FANCY D'ANJO PEARS **68¢** LB

EGG-NOG **\$1.69** 1 QT. REG • LIGHT

STONEFIELD YOGURT ALL FLAVORS YOUR CHOICE **\$1.99** QUART

PREMIUM LOW FAT ICE CREAM ALL FLAVORS YOUR CHOICE **\$2.39** 56 OZ

HOLIDAY ICE CREAM SPECIALTIES RAY'S • PEPPERMINT • EGG NOG • CINNAMON EDY'S • PEPPERMINT • SPUMONI GUERNSEY • PEPPERMINT STICK • PISTACHIO

PRIDE OF GERMACK PISTACHIO **\$9.69** 3 LB

Carr's TABLEWATER CRACKER **\$1.29** BOX

OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRY SAUCE • WHOLE • JELLED **99¢** YOUR CHOICE

Entenmann's ALL BAKED GOODS YOUR CHOICE **\$1.99** PKG

FANCY WHOLE CASHEWS **\$11.99** 3 LB

KOEPPLINGER'S RAISIN BAGEL BREAD **\$1.49** LOAF

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN **\$3.99** YOUR CHOICE

PEPPERIDGE FARM BOXED COOKIES SAVE \$1.00 **\$3.99** YOUR CHOICE

Reese's LUMP STYLE CRAB MEAT **\$3.49** 6 OZ

Stella Doro BAKERY PRODUCTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT VILLAGE FOOD MARKET

PEPPERIDGE FARM ENGLISH MUFFIN **\$1.99** PKG WITH IN STORE COUPON

GLAD STORAGE BAG **\$2.19** YOUR CHOICE

SEALTEST 2% MILK **\$1.89** 1 GAL

REDDI WHIP TOPPING • REG • LIGHT • CHOCOLATE • FAT FREE • X-CREAMY **\$1.59** 8.75 OZ YOUR CHOICE

100% PURE ORANGE JUICE **\$1.19** 1/2 GAL In dairy section

TROPICANA FROZEN ORANGE JUICE • HOMESTYLE • REGULAR **99¢** 12 OZ

TROPICANA PURE PREMIUM ORANGE JUICES **2/\$5.00** 64 OZ YOUR CHOICE MIX & MATCH

HEALTHY CHOICE ICE CREAM BARS • FUDGE/NO SUGAR • STRAW/CREAM **\$2.99** 6 PACK

DEMONSTRATION SATURDAY LANG'S PREMIUM CHEESE SPREAD IN DAIRY SECTION **\$1.99**

Linett IMPORTED CHOCOLATE BAR **99¢** YOUR CHOICE

ROMEO MARASCHINO CHERRY **79¢** 10 OZ JAR

BAY'S ENGLISH MUFFINS • REGULAR • SOUR DOUGH **\$1.39** 6 PACK IN DAIRY SECTION

LIBERTY GOLD MANDARIN ORANGE SAUCE **69¢** 11 OZ

MOTT'S TOMATO SAUCE **59¢** 15 OZ

RANDAL JARRED BEANS • PINTO • MIXED • GREAT NORTHERN **\$1.79** 148 OZ

MOTT'S FRUIT BLAST • BLUE CLUE • STRAWBERRY • "KID'S FAVORITE" • YOUR CHOICE **\$1.99** 8 CT

WYLER SOUP STARTER • BEEF STEW • CHD/BROCC • HRTY CHICK/VEG • CK NOODLE • BEEF VEG **\$2.99** 5-7 OZ YOUR CHOICE

MRS. GRASS ONION SOUP MIX **2/99¢**

Dare BRETON CRACKER ORIGINAL • REDUCED FAT • SESAME • VIVANT • CAB **99¢** PKG. YOUR CHOICE

BOUNTY 8 PACK PAPER TOWELS **\$6.99** BUNDLE 87¢ PER ROLL

BUTCHER

WHOLE, BEEF TENDERLOINS **\$4.67** LB

CHICKEN WINGS **99¢** LB

BONELESS, CENTER-CUT PORK LOIN **\$2.99** LB

• BUTTERFLY CHOPS
• ROLLED PORK ROASTS
• MARINATED CHOPS

Plan for the Holidays...
Fresh Amish Turkeys
Crown Roast of Pork
Rack of Lamb
Leg of Lamb
Smoked Turkey or Turkey Breast
Dearborn Spiral or Semi-Boneless Hams
Village Market Boneless, Baked Hams

MADE FRESH AT VILLAGE FOOD MARKET

"NEW" LAMB SAUSAGE **\$4.99** LB

CHICKEN CORDON BLEU **\$2.99** LB

CHICKEN SAUSAGE **\$1.99** LB

SEAFOOD

SEA SCALLOPS **\$8.99** LB

PEELED & DEVEINED SHRIMP READY TO COOK **\$6.99** LB

DELICATESSEN

PROSCIUTTO **\$9.99** LB

BOAR'S HEAD ROASTBEEF **\$5.99** LB

BOAR'S HEAD HONEY MAPLE TURKEY **\$4.99** LB

BOAR'S HEAD DELUXE HAM **\$4.79** LB

LIPARI MUEENSTER CHEESE **\$2.99** LB

CHEESE

VILLAGE'S OWN CHEESE BALLS **\$3.99** LB

• SWISS • CHEDDAR • BLUE CHEESE

BAKERY

CREME ROLLS CHOCOLATE • STRAWBERRY • RASPBERRY **\$2.69** EACH

FULL LINE OF CHRISTMAS COOKIES

All work and no play for this hockey fan

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Not many people can honestly say that they truly enjoy going to work every day.

Maybe you could, if your coworkers had last names like Yzerman, Shanahan, Maltby and McCarty.

Maybe you could, if the culmination of a year's work involves standing on the ice at Joe Louis Arena following a Stanley Cup victory.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Anne Marie Krappman is too humble to say that her life has become all that she ever dreamed of.

But it has. Growing up as the youngest in a family with three older brothers, Krappman was forced to

POINTER OF INTEREST

enjoy the sport of hockey at a young age.

She grew to love all sports, and played volleyball, basketball and soccer until a serious back problem prevented her from continuing athletics during high school.

With a yearning need to stay involved, Krappman joined Grosse Pointe South High School's hockey team as manager and statistician.

The position seemed to fill the void within her, and she continued with the team throughout her high school experience.

While at Michigan State

University, earning her bachelor's degree in journalism, Krappman continued to focus on athletics.

She began working for the Lansing State Journal and covered everything from youth figure skating competitions to the Detroit Red Wings winning the 1997 Stanley Cup.

But covering the games wasn't enough to satisfy her love of hockey.

Two days before graduation, Krappman found her "in."

She accepted a position as administrative assistant to the vice chairman of Little Ceasars.

And we all know what that means.

The proprietor of that pizza chain is also the owner of a certain Detroit hockey team.

"I took the job, knowing that it was my foot in the door with this organization," Krappman said. "I knew, ideally, I wanted to work for the Wings one day — I wasn't sure it would happen — but I knew this was my chance.

"I had a lot of energy and I worked my butt off for them. I think I proved to everyone, including Mr. and Mrs. Illich, that I was hardworking, I was loyal, and I was trustworthy."

In June of 2000, a position opened up that sparked Krappman's interests, and she did everything she could to get it.

"Now, (as the community relations manager), I am responsible for any community-based activity that any member of our team participates in," she said.

"I coordinate all of our fundraisers, all of our charity events, any appearances made by the players, all the inter-arena collections and all the donations."

Looking at her work, Krappman couldn't see herself happier anywhere else.

"I get to help people every day," she said. "I get to do all the feel-good stuff. I get to sit up in Curtis Joseph's suite every home game with kids from Children's Hospital who are so ecstatic to be there."

That, and she gets to hang out with the Red Wings, although it's something Krappman doesn't fuss about.

"People don't realize that, yeah, I get to hang out with the guys all the time, but to me, they're not superstars... they're just the guys. It's literally like having 25 brothers."

"Sometimes I forget the impact that these guys have

on people because I'm around them every day."

One of the downsides of her position is that she is constantly nagging the team to help her out with events.

"My job is difficult because I'm always asking them to do things for me — can you go to this appearance; can you go to this school and read a book; can you come out and say hello to this sick child who is here visiting — there's nothing I can do except thank them, continuously, all the time."

Krappman said that there are certain players on the team whom she knows she can always go to: more specifically, the Grind Line.

"Darren McCarty is unbelievable. I marvel at how good he is at being an ambassador in the community. There has never been a time when he has said, 'No, I can't do it. He always sacrifices his time. Kris Draper and Kirk Maltby, too."

"All the guys will do what I ask of them, but I always know that I can go to those three without hesitation.

"They all have other things on their minds, but they will always stop what they're doing."

"I don't think I could have a better group of guys to work with. They are so genuine."

Krappman loves her job so much that there is rarely time spent doing anything else, but she says it's worth the effort.

"People joke that I'm married to my job, but, well, I am."

"During the season, I don't see my family much; I don't see my friends much. If we have three home games in a week, that's easily a 70-hour week for me."

"But knowing that I can make a difference in someone's life every single day is a pretty powerful feeling."

"Sometimes I get tired; I get run down. (A few weeks ago), we had three home games in five nights. Sometimes the last thing I want to do at 7:30 is go to a hockey game — I just want to go home."

"But then I get up to that suite and see those sick kids and I think, 'How can I complain about having to work?'"

The highlight of Krappman's career thus far was last June, when the Wings nabbed the Stanley Cup at Joe Louis Arena.

For hockey fans throughout Detroit, it was a moment of pure celebration.

For Krappman, her first



Photo by Jennie Miller
Anne Marie Krappman watches the Detroit Red Wings practice at Joe Louis Arena during a break from work.

thought was about work.

"The second we won the Cup, I was standing in the tunnel and everyone was screaming and yelling. Then, I'm on the ice; the confetti's falling, and everyone is screaming and going crazy. It was surreal."

"But, there I am, thinking about all the stuff we have to do — worried about who's going to do this; who's going to do that; who's going to do the interview with CBC."

"My boss came over to me and he said, 'Would you just enjoy this?'"

So she did.

"I've been a lifelong hockey fan, but even when I took this job, I never thought I would be standing on the ice

at Joe Louis Arena after the Wings won the Stanley Cup. It was amazing."

For just a few hours, Krappman put her work aside and celebrated her team's victory.

She partied the night, away like every other Red Wings fan.

The only difference was that she actually got the chance to congratulate Brendan Shanahan on his game-winning goal, and drink right out of the Stanley Cup.

The party didn't end until eight o'clock in the morning. But Krappman, the hardworking, dedicated employee that she is, was back at Joe Louis at noon.

MacKethan Computer Consulting
Consulting-Training-Networking
Support-Installations
For the home
(313) 640-0113
www.MacKethanConsulting.com
Philip@MacKethanConsulting.com

GHURKA
Fine handbags, luggage,
and personal leather
accessories.
Classically American,
timeless in style, and
handcrafted with
patience.

GHURKA EVENT
DECEMBER 18
5-8 P.M.
Do not miss. See designs
brought in especially for
this showing!

Ask about our extended
holiday hours! **Harvey's** **GROSSE POINTE**
LUGGAGE (313) 881-0200

Look Who's 50!!!

I did not forget it is celebration time for my spouse's 50th, for you see, my significant other was quite gleeful when my 50th arrived first. Marrying an older woman was his ploy!

His life has been full with a loving family, good friends, and good health. Plus his love for sports, especially baseball, has left him with a feeling of great wealth. We have truly been blessed with this man in our lives, for he has brought us great wisdom and love.

Happy Birthday this 11th day of December. BUT beware of the older woman who will always remember!!!

Love,
K, A, the 3 M's
and your 2 favorite Pugs

The Gutter That Never Clogs Guaranteed!

BUY NOW
PAY NOTHING til
JANUARY 2004!

NEW!
Introducing LeafGuard II

Lifetime No Clog Guarantee

You'll Love the Way it Looks!

SAVE
20% OFF
Now through December 31st.

These revolutionary replacement one-piece seamless aluminum, clog-free guttering systems catch and route water, but divert leaves and pine needles to the ground.

- Not an add-on cover screen
- All Aluminum - won't rust
- Lifetime no clog guarantee
- Replace your existing gutter
- No subscription. Installed by LeafGuard employees
- 20 year finish guarantee

LeafGuard 1-800-MIDWEST-LEAFGUARD
(800-532-3482)
29230 Lyon Oaks • Wixom, MI 48393 1-248-437-3700
NOW! Visit our website at www.leafguard.com

Different professionals. Same preference.

With over 1800 colors and an advanced 100% acrylic latex formula, it's no wonder Manor Hall® Paints are chosen by more and more professional painters. Manor Hall applies with ease and dries to a long-lasting finish that holds its true color year after year. Make the professional choice for your home.

Your home is worth it!

Save 30% on all Pittsburgh Paints
On Sale Now Through December 21st, 2002

ARKAY-WALKER
CORPORATION
(586) 772-5295
27110 Harper Avenue
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

We love Stanley!

Patrons and employees of Little Tony's Lounge in the Woods got a surprise Monday night — the 2002 Stanley Cup paid a visit. Among those to get a picture with Stanley were Tami Tsilimigras and Mike Alfonsi.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Parcells Middle School
Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

The Board of Education of The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for **elevator improvements** at Parcells Middle School.

Specifications and Bid Forms will be available at a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting on Friday, December 20, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. eastern daylight time, in the receiving room of Parcells Middle School, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. 48236

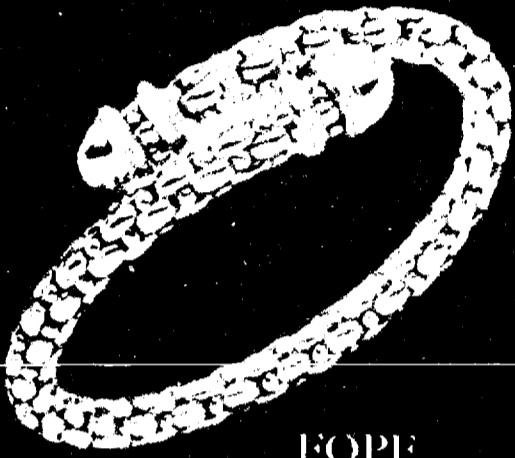
Sealed bids will be due **Wednesday, January 15, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. eastern daylight time** at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI. 48230 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

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

Board of Education
Grosse Pointe Public School System
G.P.N.: 12/12/2002 & 12/19/02
Linda Farmer, Secretary

View the entire collection of these fabulous Italian designers exclusively at Pat Scott Jewelers on

December 19th from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.



FOPE



ZOPPINI FIRENZE



JOHN ATENCIO



pat scott  jewelers

19495 Mack Ave. ♦ Grosse Pointe Woods
313.881.5882 www.patscottjewelers.com

It's the holidays — trade fear for kindness

By Mattie J.T. Stepanek
This holiday season, do a random act of kindness. Think to yourself, "You know what? I feel like doing something nice for someone," and then just do it! Maybe you could walk up and give somebody a hug. Or you could go somewhere you've been invited, even if you don't want to go. You could take time to notice the little things that someone does and tell them how much you appreciate his or her effort. You could give a dollar to a needy

Opinion

person or a good cause. You could bake cookies and take them to a lonely neighbor. You don't have to save the world: just commit one little act of kindness!
 There's something wonderfully human that comes from giving to and helping others. You've probably felt it — that full feeling that swells your heart and makes you feel warm and strong and peaceful.
 And you know what? That full-heart feeling doesn't go away. It lasts a long time. It's solid and real.

Americans are some of the most generous, giving people in the world. I've seen this for myself, traveling across the country in the past year. I feel proud to be a citizen of a country that cares so much for others.
 But I've also seen something else — that fear can make people shut down and back away from giving. Things like corporate scandals and terrorism and talk of war and the economy make people afraid, and then they pull back to protect themselves.
 Many charities are hurting now because people aren't giving as much

as they used to. People who need help aren't getting it, and that's a terrible thing in a country as blessed as ours.
 It's patriotic to help others. America is the country of goodwill, tolerance and peace. Let's truly live up to that image so we all can have a better future.
 This time of year, don't let fear mess up your holidays. Reach out and give to others in many acts of kindness. That full-heart feeling will be one of the best presents you'll ever receive.
Mattie J.T. Stepanek, 12, is the best-selling author of four "Heartsongs" books of poetry (Hyperion Press). An outspoken advocate for peace and tolerance, he serves as the National Goodwill Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Mattie has a rare disease related to muscular dystrophy called mitochondrial myopathy. To learn more about Mattie, visit www.mdausa.org/mattie.

<p>Robert G. Edgar Publisher Robert B. Edgar Founder and Publisher (1940-1979)</p>	<p>John Minnis Editor and General Manager (313) 343-5590</p>	<p>EDITORIAL (313) 882-0294 Margie Reins Smith, Assistant Editor/Feature Editor Chuck Klonek, Sports Editor Bonnie Caprara, Staff Writer Brad Lindberg, Staff Writer Carrie Cunningham, Staff Writer Jennie Miller, Staff Writer Diane Morelli, Editorial Assistant Madeleine Socia, Special Writer Betty Brosseau, Proofreader</p>	<p>CLASSIFIED - (313) 882-6900 Barbara Yazbeck Vethacke, Manager Fran Velardo, Assistant Manager Rosalyn Baltazar, Ida Bauer Melanie Mahoney</p>	<p>DISPLAY ADVERTISING (313) 882-3500 Peter J. Birkner, Advertising Manager Kim M. Mackey, Assistant to the Advertising Manager Kathleen M. Stevenson, Advertising Representative Mary Ellen VanDusen, Advertising Representative Julie R. Sutton, Advertising Representative Ken C. Ong, Advertising Representative Kathleen D. Bowles, Advertising Representative</p>	<p>PRODUCTION (313) 882-6090 Ken Schop, Production Manager Greg Bartosiewicz David Hughes Pat Tapper Penny Derrick Carol Jarman Sara Dykstra</p>
--	---	---	--	---	--

Grosse Pointe News
 Published Weekly by
 Anirebo Publishers
 96 Kercheval Ave.
 Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
 Vol. 63, No. 50, December 12, 2002, Page 8A

Offering from the loft A loss for the holidays

It was something you could count on, like a favorite relative, close by, accessible, dependable. We witnessed her slow death, a painful experience for all who loved her. But now, during the holidays, the grief returns in a palpable way. We are forced to acknowledge she is truly gone.
 Gone are the lovely complimentary silver boxes and wrapping. We must travel in order to replace quality cosmetics, specialty perfumes and beautifully presented delectables.
 From petite sizes to full-figured women, men's and children's apparel, toys, pretties for your table, linens, wedding presents, luggage, large choices of costume and fine jewelry, Jacobson's had it all.
 If you needed it, they could deliver it for you or find it in another store in the proper size or color. Accessories, such as purses, scarves, gloves, hosiery, greeting cards, picture frames, stationery, even furs and

bridal gowns, for most of us were a scant few blocks from our front doors. Take that all away and there remains a huge void.
 Elderly patrons, who find it impossible to navigate mall-like settings, suffer the most. They loved to stop for lunch or tea on the first floor and rest between shopping forays. Husbands, and sons who relied on Jake's being there for last-minute shopping knew a friendly salesperson would listen and help with their selections.
 Hats off to Bev Leinweber and her crew of elves who keep our spirits gay at this time of year and for their efforts to display light and bright rather than add to the blight so apparent in the empty cavern that was once the anchor in our tiny village.
 And an enormous thank you to those independent retail stores that remain a constant in our lives, here to serve and provide for us.
 Happy shopping and holidays to you all.



Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at HANSDE@kenyon.edu

Letters

Set record straight

To the Editor:
 This letter is intended to clarify any misunderstandings about Grosse Pointe North High School's spring choir trip to New York City that may have arisen from a letter ("Shocked by Cost") published last week.
 As parents and supporters of the arts, we are proud to offer students this enriching event.
 First, the total cost of the trip, to choir students, is \$1,100, not \$1,300 as the letter writer stated. Second, the trip will last five days, not four. The cost includes round-trip chartered bus transportation. These same buses will be used throughout the week. Students will be staying four per room at a Manhattan four-star hotel.
 This trip is designed to provide students with a once-in-a-lifetime learning experience. Primary focus is

a Heritage Music Festival at Riverside Church. This includes adjudication, a mini-clinic, an awards dinner and a harbor cruise.
 Students and chaperones will attend an opera at the Metropolitan Opera House, preceded by a backstage tour. A Broadway musical also is scheduled. Our sight-seeing itinerary includes a tour of NBC Studios and a city tour with Ground Zero and the Empire State Building included as stops.
 Rehearsal arrangements preceding the concert, a company representative while on tour, and nighttime security at the hotel are all part of the total package.
 We shared this information with parents during two separate planning meetings. Feedback was encouraged at that time and considered when making final decisions. Students are encouraged to participate in fundraisers to partially offset the cost.
 We are extremely proud of

the kids and of the wonderful music they create under the direction of Eugene Rogers.
 We hope this has enlightened interested parties and look forward to a positive experience for all involved.
**Fritz Blohm,
 Cynthia Plourde
 and Kathy Gardner,
 Parent Advisory Board
 Bethany Perry,
 Treasurer
 Ann Helm, Trip
 Planning Committee**

Lions share thanks

The Grosse Pointe Lions Club completed its fifth annual Jingle Bell Walk-Run Nov. 29, prior to the Grosse Pointe Village Association's Santa Clause Parade.
 The Grosse Pointe Lions Club thanks the Grosse Pointe News and its talented people who wrote and printed and displayed the

ads in our supplement in their Nov. 22 issue.
 We also thank Paul Stavale, manager of Kroger, and Diane Anderson, manager of Brugger's Bagels, for the food they supplied us in the Grosse Pointe South High School gym before and after the race. Also, our thanks go to St. John Health System for supplying the T-shirts and Mark Steiner, MDS, for doing a beautiful job of printing the shirts.
 We thank Lions Club members Douglas Barry, Richard Dossin, Dallas Kitchen and his family, Joan, Robert, Stephanie and Gloria. Also, Harold Knoll, Do Lang, Jim Lemen, Michael Lowe, Gil Mack, Joe McPherson, John Moran, Herman Mozer, Tom Sheahan and Bill Waugaman were a great help. And thanks to our many advertisers.
 We would also like to thank the Grosse Pointe South High School band, school employees, registration volunteers and many others. We could not have done it without all of these great people. It was a job well done for charity. Many thanks to all of you.
**Harold Knoll,
 president
 Grosse Pointe
 Lions Club**

wind slammed shut a new back porch door.
 While there are many advantages offered to citizens living in Grosse Pointe Farms, I am convinced the policemen who came to my rescue are some of the best reasons for pride in our city.
**Nila L. Carter
 Grosse Pointe Farms**

agreed that there must be separation of Church and State.
J.T.: I thought that the only way you could change the Constitution was by making an amendment.
ACLU: It is.
J.T.: Then where is the amendment about Church and State?
ACLU: It hasn't been written yet, but it should be.
J.T.: It appears to me that your group has been flagrantly deceiving the American people by referring to the U.S. Constitution as your authority for the separation of Church and State.
ACLU: The Supreme Court has ruled in our favor on this matter.
J.T.: But you refer to the Constitution as your authority.
ACLU: It's a matter of interpretation.
J.T.: Then I can interpret it my way, and you can interpret it your way.
ACLU: I guess so.
J.T.: Then I suggest you point out to the American public that you have been misleading them all these years. You should also stop meddling with our schools that wish to have prayers included in daily activities. Your actions are like someone impersonating a policeman. Get out of our way and let AMERICA BE ONE NATION UNDER GOD!
**Joe Trowern
 Grosse Pointe Park**

J.T.-ACLU Q&A

To the Editor:
 The other day I had an interesting discussion with the ACLU that I'd like to submit as a letter to the editor. To be more concise, I have reduced it to a Q-and-A format. ACLU is the American Civil Liberties Union. J.T. is me, Joe Trowern.
J.T.: I am of the opinion that you feel there must be a separation of Church and State.
ACLU: That is correct.
J.T.: What is your basis for this opinion?
ACLU: The United States Constitution.
J.T.: What part of the Constitution?
ACLU: The Bill of Rights.
J.T.: I have a copy of the Bill of Rights in front of me. The only time religion is mentioned is in Article 1, which states:
 "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."
 What this means is that Congress cannot mandate a religion. In other words, Congress cannot pass a law making all American citizens become Lutheran or Presbyterian, etc. It does not say that Congress shall have no relations with a religious group. There is not one word that states there must be a separation of Church and State.
ACLU: Well that's what they meant to say. Several courts and other legal bodies have studied the subject and

Policemen bring pride to Farms

To the Editor:
 Kudos to the Grosse Pointe Farms policemen who came to my rescue when I was locked out of my home the Friday after Thanksgiving.
 In this day and age when it seems to be fashionable to question the ethics and conduct of law enforcement officers, I am pleased that I have nothing but praise for Grosse Pointe Farms' finest.
 Not only were the two officers pleasant and efficient, but also they were gentlemanly enough not to make me feel completely stupid that I had not carefully checked the lock before the



Letters welcome

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your Letters to the Editor. 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: jminnis@grossepointenews.com

Only 12 days until Christmas

As of this issue of the Grosse Pointe News, there are just 12 days of Christmas shopping left. Are these the "12 Days of Christmas?"

Inquiring minds (or at least mine) wanted to know. So I asked Jeeves.

According to the Web site www.cvc.org/christmas/12days.htm, the 12 days of Christmas are the 12 days between Christmas and Epiphany (Jan. 6), the day the three wise men arrived. They are not the 12 days before Christmas as I, and many people, thought.

Most of us know of the 12 days of Christmas because of the song, which first appeared in 'Mirth without Mischief' in the early 1780s in England. In 'Mirth without Mischief,' 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' is a

I Say

John Minnis



memory game played by children at that time. "A leader recited the first verse, the next child recited the second verse, and so on until someone missed a verse and

priest apparently passed on the myth that the 12 gifts were part of a catechism lesson. But that was not correct.

It was just a game, and there's nothing wrong with that.

If you want to play the game, can you recite the 12 gifts of the "The 12 Days of Christmas"? If not, here they are:

- One partridge in a pear tree
- Two turtle doves
- Three French hens
- Four calling birds

- Five golden rings
- Six geese a-laying
- Seven swans a-swimming
- Eight maids a-milking
- Nine ladies dancing
- 10 lords a-leaping
- 11 pipers piping
- 12 drummers drumming.

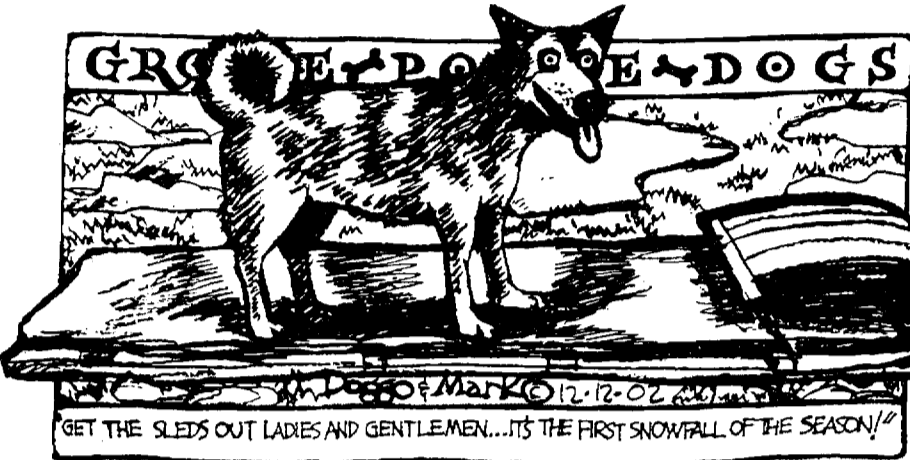
Did you know them all? I didn't, but my wife did (as well as the Christmas and Epiphany part, the know-it-all).

Have you finished your Christmas shopping yet? I think I'll start mine early! Merry Christmas!

Grosse Pointe News

December 12, 2002, Page 9A

The Op-Ed Page



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

Streetwise

Question of the Week:

How do you feel about the new leaf collection system in Grosse Pointe Farms?



Marge Depuys

"I love it! I can do a little bit every day. I didn't like bagging them — so I love it. When they say they are going to be there, they are there."

— Marge Depuys, Grosse Pointe Farms.



Eileen Wullschleger

"We like it. That's how we did it in New Jersey. We just moved here. It is more convenient. It's great."

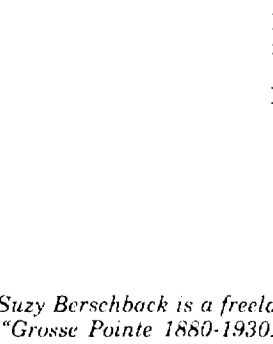
— Eileen Wullschleger, Grosse Pointe Farms.



Jon Coutts

"I like it. I think it's economical because they can use the trucks in the winter for snow as well, and it's convenient because you can push the leaves into the street."

— Jon Coutts, Grosse Pointe Farms.



Jim Croce

"I love it! It's great. It really cuts the clean-up time significantly."

— Jim Croce, Grosse Pointe Farms.



By Suzy Berschback



Lisa Sickelsteel



Polly Ledyard



Jim Croce

fyi

by Ben Burns

Hammering Hank

The Rev. Bradford Whitaker, recently arrived rector at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, was born and grew up in Atlanta.

He is a University of Georgia and Atlanta Braves fan.

When he and his wife Harriet's third child was born, they decided to give their son, Robert, then 5, and their daughter, Sarah, a chance to take part in the celebration by helping pick names for the baby boy.

Robert was already following in his father's footsteps as a Braves fan and offered this moniker — Hank Aaron Chipper Jones Whitaker — in honor of Hank Aaron, the legendary Hall of Fame home run hitter who ended his career in a Braves uniform.

Father and mother consulted and concluded that was too much to burden a baby with, so they agreed that Henry would be honored enough. Chipper Jones got lost in the discussion. Sarah, perhaps being more traditional, decided on Caleb as a middle name. Thus Henry Caleb Whitaker, one of the Farms newer residents, came to be named.

Book signings

Melanie Gilbert and Snip Francis have proven you can't tell a book by its cover. Their "Happy Stories, Book One," actually comes with four covers illustrating different stories from the book. They sold all 200 copies of their "feel good" book at their first signing at Borders in the Village and are scheduled to do a repeat performance on Sunday at 1 p.m.

All 23 of their child models for the pictures in the book promise to be on hand. While the names have been changed to "protect the innocent or the mortified," you will find a number of Pointers represented in the true tales of childhood.

All of that raises the question: Will more folks turn out on Sunday to see 23 of the cutest child models in captivity and chat with local authors Gilbert and Francis or will more turn out the following Thursday (Dec. 19) to purchase personally signed copies of "John Engler: The Man, The Leader, The Legacy"? The governor is scheduled to be on hand to autograph the book by Gleaves Whitney, his speech writer, at 7 p.m. that night, according to the Borders promotional material.

Reminisce

The December issue of Reminisce Extra, which bills itself as "The Magazine That Brings Back More Good Times," features a 1929 picture on page 25 of Grosse Pointe's new paddy wagon, a 1929 Studebaker. Sent in by Tom Trombly of Grand Rapids, it features an officer on a motorcycle, an officer at

the wheel and two officers standing next to the truck, which boasts a spare tire on the running board.

"That's my dad, Tom Trombly, on the left, holding up the spare tire," Tom wrote. "He joined the department as a patrolman in 1925, became chief in 1937 and retired in 1962."

Brownell alum

The last time I saw Dave Legwand play in a sports contest it was seventh grade basketball at Brownell Middle School. He was a cruncher on the boards, but it was obvious that round ball was not his primary focus. By 1997-98 while his Brownell classmates were attending college classes, Legwand was starring with the Plymouth Whalers and in 1998 he was selected by Nashville (or Smashville as it is nicknamed) in the National Hockey League entry draft, the second selection overall.

Legwand now plays center for the Nashville Predators of the NHL, and Sports Illustrated in its preseason roundup thought enough of him to say that the he might help the cellar dwelling team rise in the rankings this year.

During the 2001-02 season he averaged 16:24 minutes of ice time and posted a career-high 54 penalty minutes. The Brownell alum is still a cruncher.

solo.

Mel points out that Hoagy Carmichael composed the song in 1927, and the first time Stander played it was in 1929 for a high school assembly. He played it again for a senior prom in 1932 and again for his 50th class reunion in 1982. Then he played it in 1998 for the 100th anniversary of Hoagy's birth, and most recently on Sunday night for his 14th Christmas concert.

Post season

Second year Notre Dame Law School student Kate Huetteman from the Shores directed the University of Notre Dame Debate Team to an unprecedented performance at the Gateway Invitational tournament at Washington University in St. Louis in November.

Competing with 20 other colleges and universities, Notre Dame students placed first and second in the open division and first in the novice division. They also won two sweepstakes trophies and several individual awards.

"This is the best we've ever done or could have done at a tournament," team director Huetteman said.

Huetteman will take the team to California during the holidays for tournaments and plans to attend the national tournament in Portland, Ore., at the end of March.

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

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

TRAVELPRO LUGGAGE DAY
December 12 11-3 p.m.
Learn about the latest in suitcase technology.

DOONEY & BOURKE
December 13 1-5 p.m.
Preview exciting new styles.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS READ
December 13 7:00 p.m.
An evening of cookies and classic holiday tales.

KIPLING PREVIEW
December 14 11-3 p.m.
Check out this season's new colors and get a cool Kipling gift free with any purchase.

HARTMANN LUGGAGE EVENT
December 14 1-5 p.m.
See the new Wings and Tweed Collections in black.

MONSAC DAY
December 15 12-5 p.m.
How to choose the right bag for the festive occasion.

BRIGHTON DAY
December 16 1-6 p.m.
Preview exciting new styles.

MEN'S SHOPPING NIGHT
December 17 5-8 p.m.
Drop in to get great gift ideas for those hard to shop for people on your list and receive a free gift. Free gift-wrapping & monogramming. Refreshments will be provided.

GHURKA EVENT
December 18 5-8 p.m.
Find out what Ghurka leather and bags are all about.

WOMEN'S SHOPPING NIGHT
December 19 5-8 p.m.
Get last minute gift ideas for the holiday season and a free gift for stopping by. Free monogramming & gift-wrapping. Refreshments will be served.

BUSINESS CASE EXTRAVAGANZA
December 20 5-8 p.m.
Preview new business cases in both men's and women's styles.

TUMI EVENT
December 21 12-4 p.m.
New styles out in time for the holidays including a golf bag!

Call for Extended Holiday Hours

Harvey's

GROSSE POINTE (313) 881-0200

Suzy Berschback is a freelance photographer in Grosse Pointe Farms and co-author of "Grosse Pointe 1880-1930." She welcomes suggestions for questions to her e-mail address at suzyberschback@comcast.net.

More gunplay

On Saturday, Dec. 7, at 2:18 p.m., a trio of Grosse Pointe Woods officers helped their Harper Woods counterparts capture three men wanted for gunplay outside an eastside shopping mall. This is the second time in three weeks Grosse Pointe Woods police have deployed across the Harper Woods border in response to someone shooting a weapon. In the latest incident, three men were wanted for "discharging a firearm into a public transit bus near" the shopping center. Harper Woods stopped the men in a black van on northbound Lochmoor west of Helen. "Upon my arrival," said a Grosse Pointe Woods officer,

"Harper Woods units were awaiting backup." The officer provided "cover" while Harper Woods officers took the suspects into custody.

Housebreaker

A medium-sized man wearing a dark, waist-length coat and a hat with ear flaps and a ball on top is suspected of trying to break into homes on Bramcaster west of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Shortly after 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5, police followed the man's footprints in the snow through back yards and side yards before losing the tracks on Littlestone near Chester in Detroit. Officers learned of the prowler from a woman who

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

pulled into her driveway in the 1800 block of Bramcaster and saw the unknown man standing near her garage. Suspicious, she used her cellular telephone to call home. Her husband answered and went outside to investigate. The stranger had gone. Police saw where he had apparently tried to open garage doors and rear doors in the neighborhood. Shortly thereafter, dispatchers received notice of an unknown man prowling through side yards in a neighborhood bordered by

Arthur and Chester.

Seizing the day

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, shortly before 3 p.m., Grosse Pointe Woods police corralled participants of an after-school hoedown in the 900 block of Canterbury. Tests showed four of the 10 teenagers who were caught had been drinking. "Students had seized the day (off from school) and used it to party," said the first officer on the scene. Despite the officer pounding on the door and ringing the doorbell, it took a while for the youths to respond.

"Don't answer the door. It's the police," the officer heard someone say inside the house. Police said the 16-year-old male host initially seemed "hesitant and intimidated" when dealing with officers, but became "cooperative and contrite."

Police took the names of four boys ages 15 and 16, and six girls ages 16 to 18. The youths lived in the Park, Farms, Shores and Woods. A 17-year-old Farms girl registered a blood alcohol level of .15 percent. Police turned her over to her father. Police took a 15-year-old boy to his Woods home after "unsuccessful attempts to locate either of his parents," an officer reported.

Cook Road purse theft

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7:40 p.m., a woman told Grosse Pointe Woods police that someone had stolen her purse from her vehicle parked in the 1200 block of Cook.

Coat caper

A woman's black 3/4-length coat has been reported stolen from a front porch in the 1300 block of Sunningdale in Grosse Pointe Woods. On Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 11 p.m., the owner put the coat on the porch to be picked up by employees of a cleaning company. — Brad Lindberg

Criminals target holiday shoppers

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Goodwill and brotherhood are nice concepts, but don't be too trusting while shopping this holiday.

Criminals are opportunists. They often capitalize on the season of giving by taking from people who are distracted while shopping.

"People have to be alert," warned John Schulte, deputy director of public safety in Grosse Pointe Park.

Schulte said a key to avoiding a street crime while shopping is being aware of your surroundings. "Know where you parked your car," he said. "Have your keys ready. Shop with a friend. Stay in a well-lit area."

Look over your shoulder once in a while.

"Whether walking or driving, people have to be aware of who's around them," Schulte said. "Have a presence of mind and be alert."

Criminals are known to stake out a victim at a store

and follow him or her home. The criminal makes his move as the victim gets out of his or her vehicle.

"If you're driving from a mall or shopping area into your residential area, be careful that you're not being followed," Schulte said.

"If you suspect you're being traced, drive to a place that is well-lit and be careful."

He suggested turning a few corners to test if you're being tailed.

"If you suspect you're being followed, pull into one of the Grosse Pointe police stations," Schulte said. "If you have a cell phone, call the police and give your location. With the quick response times of police in the Grosse Pointes, we can make a traffic stop and take the person into custody right then and there."

Law enforcement experts suggest the following tips for safe shopping:

- Trust your instincts. If somebody or something looks suspicious, don't second guess yourself. Take action to avoid risk.

- Display confidence. Criminals seek out victims who look like easy targets.

- Shop with friends. The chance of being victimized drops when you are with someone or in a group.

- Don't carry too many packages. Keep a clear field of vision and complete freedom of motion. Ask a store clerk to hold your merchandise until you've finished shopping.

- Ask for an escort. Some retailers have security personnel who will escort you to your vehicle.

- Be wary of someone loitering in a parking lot.

- Pull your car up to the store entrance to load packages if you have too much to carry.

- When loading packages into your vehicle, beware of people lurking nearby. Always be on the lookout and have one hand free.

- A wave of street crime is often caused by someone on a mission.

- "One person or a small group can create quite a spike in a temporary crime wave," Schulte said.

City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

The City of Grosse Pointe City Council reviewed proposed amendments to the City's zoning ordinance relative to: Article VI, Division 8, C-2, Central Business District (CBD); Article V, Division 1, Parking and Loading Requirements; Article VI, Division 9, P-1, Vehicular Parking District, and Article VII, Schedule of regulations. On November 18, 2002 the City held a public hearing for the purpose of collecting public input on the proposed text amendments and approved the proposed text amendments with minor modifications.

The following is a summary of the approved zoning text amendments. A complete copy is available for review at the City of Grosse Pointe City Hall.

ORDINANCE NO. 336

ARTICLE V. PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Section 90-156. Parking requirements

Office, hotel, and residential uses located above the second floor are not fully exempt from the required parking provisions. These uses will be required to demonstrate that adequate parking is available to support the use.

ARTICLE VI. DISTRICT REGULATIONS

DIVISION 8. C-2 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD)

Sec. 90-296. Statement of purpose.

Emphasizes that the purpose of the C-2 district is to promote retail uses in a pedestrian oriented environment and the preservation of the traditional character of the Village.

Sec. 90-297. Permitted uses.

The list of permitted uses has been expanded to include: antique stores and art galleries. Office uses and permitted uses over 5,000 square feet have been excluded.

Sec. 90-298. Permitted uses after special approval.

The list of uses permitted after special approval has been expanded to include: permitted uses over 5,000 square feet, hotels, residential, dance/fitness facilities and office uses.

Sec. 90-299. Design and locational criteria for uses permitted after special approval.

Specific conditions for offices, residential, outdoor cafes, dance/fitness facilities, and hotels are spelled out in this section. Offices and dance/fitness are permitted on the second and third floors only and residential uses are permitted on the third and fourth floors only.

Sec. 90-300. General criteria for uses permitted after special approval in the C-2 district.

This section includes general conditions for all uses permitted after special approval for the protection of public health and safety.

Sec. 90-303. Protective screening.

Now requires all parking developed from this date forward to be screened from the road by a masonry wall or continuous landscape shrub.

Sec. 90-305. Development Standards

Specific design standards have been developed to ensure new development will be harmonious with existing buildings in the Village with respect to scale, building materials, color, awnings, lighting, and signage.

DIVISION 9. P-1 VEHICULAR PARKING DISTRICT

Sec. 90-318. Uses permitted after special review

Office and other service uses are permitted to be located on the first floor of parking decks/structures subject to special review and approval. Residential units are permitted above the parking deck/structure provided the building does not exceed 35 feet.

Sec. 90-319. Site plan review.

New developments in the P-1 district are also subject to site plan review approval by the Planning Commission.

Sec. 90-320. Design and locational criteria for uses permitted after special approval.

Office, service, or residential uses in the P-1 district will be subject to specific conditions including limited height, to prevent negative impacts on adjacent properties.

ARTICLE VII. AREA, HEIGHT, BULK AND PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 90-351. Schedule.

Buildings located on the central block of the Village may be up to four (4) stories or 54 feet subject to special use review.

All buildings must be built up to the sidewalk on Kercheval to be consistent with existing building locations

No driveways are permitted on Kercheval.

Julle E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 12/12/02

NEW ARRIVALS OF 2002

Grosse Pointe News and The Connection newspapers are planning their 8th annual special edition featuring the babies of the past year. We hope you (and the little one) will participate by supplying us with a photograph of your child (only 2002 babies, please) for publication in this section.

This tabloid will be published January 23, 2003. Your child's picture, along with other 2002 babies, will be the main attraction! News and advertising about clothing, feeding, educating and caring for your child will also be included. It will be very informative as well as a commemorative edition for you!

Please send a cute, clear photo (color or black & white, home or studio produced, not computer generated, preferably smaller than a 5x7) to Grosse Pointe News & The Connection, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236. Attention: Kim Mackey, Display Advertising. Complete the information slip with your child's full name, date of birth and hospital and return it with your photo. Please print the baby's name on the back of the photo so you can pick it up at our office after printing or include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Your picture must be received in our office no later than Wednesday, December 18th, earlier would assist our production schedule. (Late November and December birth photos may be submitted until January 3, 2003.)

We look forward to producing our annual "Baby Edition" and are sure you want your little one included. A limited number of extra copies will be available for purchase to give to family and friends.

The Grosse Pointe News & The Connection require a \$17.00 fee to cover production costs. Please include a check, money order or credit card number with your photo.

Call or Drop by the
Grosse Pointe News & CONNECTION
96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236
Attention: Kim Mackey, Display Advertising
(313) 882-3500 FAX 882-1585

Send photo and \$17.00 to:
Please Print (Twins \$25.00 please send one photo of each child)

Grosse Pointe News & The Connection
96 Kercheval,
Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236
Attention: Kim Mackey, Display Advertising

Child's Name (First & Last) _____
Parents' Name (First & Last) _____
Date of Birth _____ Hospital _____ Phone _____
Exp. Date _____
Signature _____

The Babies of 2002

Thank you... and please return no later than December 18th, 2002 • December birth photos accepted until January 3, 2003

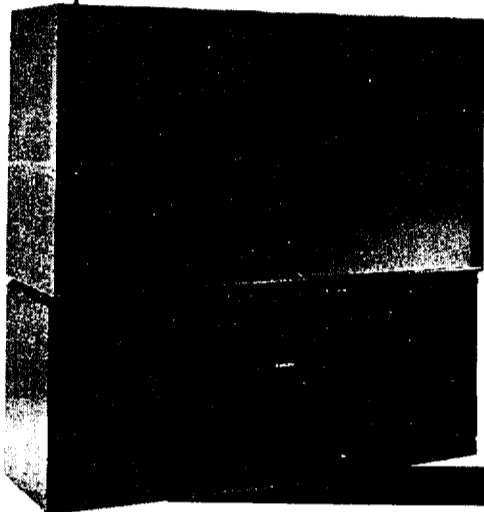
Grand Re-Opening

of Our Beautifully Remodeled Showroom

- One of the Largest Displays of High-Definition TVs in Michigan
- Complete Home Theater & Music System Design
- Outdoor Music



- In-Wall/In-Ceiling Speaker Systems
- Custom Installation
- Learn from our Knowledgeable Staff (What a Concept!)
- Get the Scoop on High-Definition Cable, Satellite & Over-The-Air Broadcasts



Panasonic

SONY

SONY



SUPER AUDIO CD

MITSUBISHI
THE BIG SCREEN COMPANY™

Digital



BOSE
Better sound through research®

XBR

Integra

mirage
Loud Speakers



NILES

ONKYO

IMAGINATIVE SIGHT & SOUND

Bell's
Home Theater Furniture

FD Trinitron

WEGA

MONSTER CABLE

SENNHEISER

High Resolution Head Phones

The Best in Audio/Video at Lower Prices

NBS

Since 1981



Hours: Monday & Thursday, 10-8pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10-6pm
Sundays through Christmas 12-4pm

Audio/Video/Home Theater/Custom Installation

21815 Mack • St. Clair Shores • (Bet. 8&9 Mile Rds.)

(586) 772-9333

Santa's Bringing Them in by the Truckload!

<p>2003 BUICK CENTURY CUSTOM</p>  <p>V6, auto trans., cruise, tilt, AM/FM stereo cassette, power windows, power locks, remote keyless entry, and much more! Stk. #168157</p> <p>SAVE UP TO \$7,454</p> <p>36 MONTH LEASE \$227* mo \$458 DUE AT SIGNING</p>	<p>2003 BUICK REGAL</p>  <p>V6, auto trans., cruise, AM/FM/CD/Cassette, power windows, power locks, 6 way seats, keyless remote entry. Stk. #107236</p> <p>SAVE UP TO \$7,985</p> <p>36 MONTH LEASE \$240* mo \$484 DUE AT SIGNING</p>	<p>2003 BUICK RENDEZVOUS</p>  <p>V6, auto trans., cruise, tilt, AM/FM/CD stereo, power windows, power locks! Stk. #522388</p> <p>SAVE UP TO \$7,890</p> <p>36 MONTH LEASE \$206* mo \$435 DUE AT SIGNING</p>	<p>2003 BUICK LeSABRE</p>  <p>V6, auto trans., cruise, tilt, AM/FM/CD stereo, 6 way power driver's seat, power windows, power locks, remote keyless entry. Stk. #120428</p> <p>SAVE UP TO \$7,625</p> <p>36 MONTH LEASE \$263* mo \$458 DUE AT SIGNING</p>
---	---	--	--

BUICK
"The Spirit of American Style"

Jeffrey

Mon. & Thurs. 10am-8pm
until 8pm

GRATIOS & 2 MILES MONTHLY

(586) 296-1300

*Plus 6% monthly finance charge. Tax, title, license & destination charge extra.

<p>2002 SENTRA GXE</p>  <p>Stk. 689290</p> <p>\$1000 CASH BACK or 0.9% APR</p> <p>39 MO. LEASE \$175** /MO. \$1999 Total Due</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$12,999*</p>	<p>2003 NISSAN PATHFINDER</p>  <p>Stk. 80402</p> <p>"MOST WANTED MID-SIZE SUV"</p> <p>\$1000 CASH BACK or 0.9% APR</p> <p>39 MO. LEASE \$334** /MO. \$1999 Total Due</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$27,999*</p>	<p>COME TEST DRIVE THE 2002 NISSAN ALTIMA 3.5 SE</p>  <p>Stk. 581990</p> <p>2002 NORTH AMERICAN CAR OF THE YEAR</p> <p>\$750 CASH BACK or 0.9% APR</p> <p>48 MO. LEASE \$245** /MO. \$1999 Total Due</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$19,399*</p>	<p>ALL NEW 2003 350Z</p>  <p>NOW IN STOCK AND READY FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY</p>
---	--	--	---

Jeffrey





GRATIOS & 2 MILES MONTHLY

(586) 296-1300

Mon. & Thurs. 10am-8pm

*Plus 6% monthly finance charge. Tax, title, license & destination charge extra.

NISSAN

<p>2003 CIVIC LX</p>  <p>MSRP \$16,470</p> <p>Auto, air, power windows, locks, cruise, tilt, AM/FM/CD and much more! Model #E51653PW</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$14,839**</p> <p>48 MO. LEASE \$194* /MO. \$499 Total Due</p>	<p>2003 ACCORD LX</p>  <p>MSRP \$20,460</p> <p>Auto, air, power windows, locks, cruise, tilt, remote keyless entry, AM/FM/CD and much more! Model #CM563PLW</p> <p>SLEEK NEW DESIGN</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$18,535**</p> <p>36 MO. LEASE \$265* /MO. \$999 Total Due</p>	<p>2003 ODYSSEY</p>  <p>MSRP \$24,860</p> <p>Auto, air, power windows, locks, AM/FM/CD cassette, PS, PB, cruise, tilt, and much more! Model #RL1653PKW</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$23,439**</p> <p>48 MO. LEASE \$315* /MO. \$999 Total Due</p>	<p>HONDA'S ALL NEW SPORT UTILITY THE 2003 PILOT</p>  <p>MSRP \$27,360</p> <p>Auto, air, power windows, locks, cruise, tilt, 3rd row seat, remote keyless entry, AWD and much more! Model #YF1813EW</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$26,339**</p> <p>48 MO. LEASE \$357* /MO. \$999 Total Due</p>
---	---	---	---

Jeffrey

GRATIOS & 2 MILES MONTHLY

(586) 296-1300

Mon. & Thurs. 10am-8pm

*Plus 6% monthly finance charge. Tax, title, license & destination charge extra.

NISSAN




"MAKE EVERY MILE COUNT."

<p>2003 KIA RIO 4-DR.</p>  <p>Dual airbags, rear defrost, body color bumpers and more! Stk. #204502</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$9,699*</p>	<p>2003 KIA SPECTRA</p>  <p>Rear defrost, body color bumpers, AM/FM-Cassette and more! Stk. #242755</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$10,999*</p>	<p>2003 KIA SEDONA LX</p>  <p>V6, auto., air, power windows/locks and much more! Stk. #351231</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$17,999*</p>	<p>ALL NEW 2003 SORENTO</p>  <p>IN STOCK AND READY FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY!</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$19,500*</p>
---	---	--	--

KIA

Jeffrey

KIA

<p>2003 ACURA 3.2 CL</p>  <p>Model #YA4243FNW</p> <p>\$3,499 /MO. \$1999 Total Due</p>	<p>2003 ACURA MDX</p>  <p>NOW IN STOCK FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY</p>	<p>2003 ACURA 3.2 TL</p>  <p>Model #UA5663JTW</p> <p>\$3,499 /MO. \$1999 Total Due</p>	<p>Added value features with every Jeffrey Acura</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free pickup & delivery for service • Free Service loaner for life of your Acura. • 24 Hour Nationwide roadside assistance. • Trip routing service. • Award Winning Service
---	---	---	---

Jeffrey

Jeffrey

Avalon puts luxury in a family sedan

You may not even be considering a four-door sedan as a future occupant in your garage. Everyone seems to be turning to light trucks

And it must be reliable and able to handle years of daily-driver tasks without a stumble. Since its introduction in 1995, the Toyota

car has earned a crash test rating of "Good" (highest possible) from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and better-than-average scores from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Side airbags are standard, and Toyota's Vehicle Skid Control (VSC), can be added to the Avalon XLS. This system includes traction and stability control systems that can reduce the chance of hazardous skids and slides. It also includes a BrakeAssist system that detects emergency braking and applies supplemental pressure to reduce stopping distances. All Avalons have ABS-equipped four-wheel disc brakes.

Multi-stage air bags protect front-seat passengers by deploying and deflating with force appropriate to the severity of the crash.

A huge trunk (15.9 cubic feet of cargo, with a locking pass-through door behind the rear seat to allow room for storage of long items, such as skis) held an unassembled, boxed office chair, a violin, two flight bags, a paper bag with groceries, a couple of jackets, a frozen turkey and a basket of homemade brioches. The spacious back seat provided plenty of room for passengers, pets or other assorted things.

Road and wind noise is minimal and the Avalon's light steering and soft suspension make for comfortable long-distance cruising. It isn't a particularly exciting car to drive, but if you want dependable and comfortable transportation with a minimum of hassle, the Avalon will serve you well.

Toyota says the Avalon is named for an island paradise from Celtic mythology. Cruising in quiet luxury on the Interstate will make you feel it was well-named.

Avalon has fit this description: bland, but solid, roomy and dependable.

It has been a popular seller for Toyota and often exceeds buyer's expectations. Want a Lexus with six-passenger capacity and huge amounts of rear legroom at a bargain price? The Avalon is it.

The 2003 Toyota Avalon XLS four-door sedan with bucket seats carries a base sticker price of \$30,890.

Four-wheel disc brakes with four-sensor, four-channel anti-lock brakes are standard. So is dual-zone climate control for front-seat passengers, a six-speaker AM/FM/cassette/CD audio system and power windows. The power door locks will not lock if your keys are still in the ignition.

The Avalon is one of those cars that automatically locks all four doors when the car is put into "Drive" and does not automatically unlock them when you leave "Drive." As a result, the car can be very annoying if you are running errands and need to access the rear seats often. The owner's manual explains how to turn this locking function off, but we were unable to get it to do that.

Safety is one of the Avalon's strong suits. The

Autos



By Jenny King

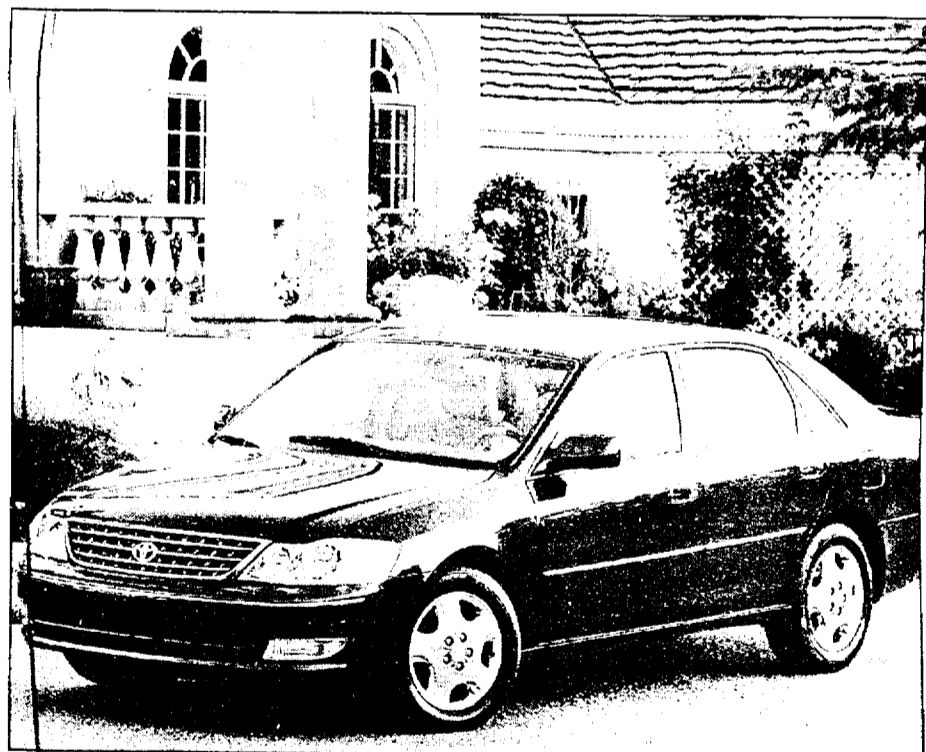
for their transportation needs.

But test drive a Toyota Avalon, and you may find yourself reconfiguring your preferences.

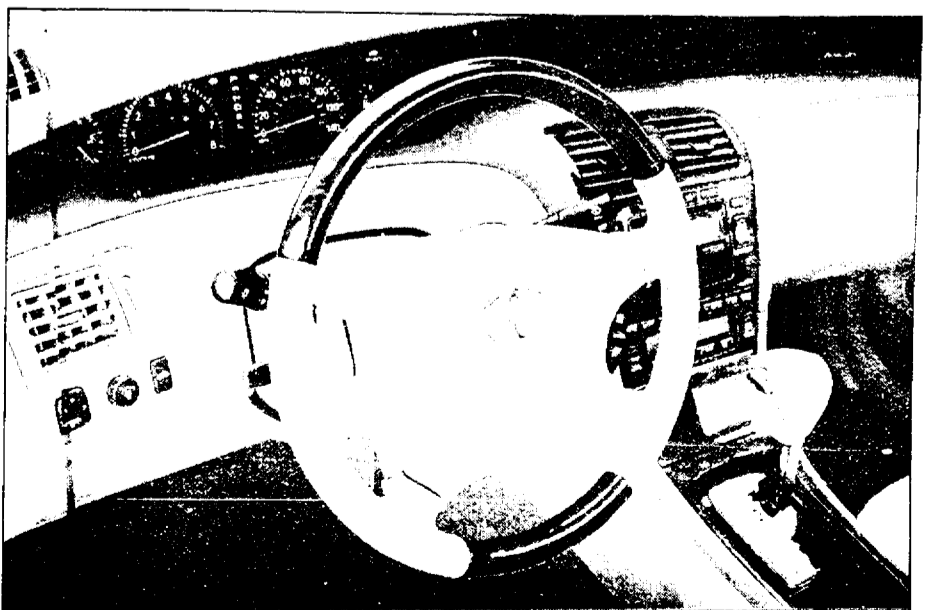
This full-size, five-passenger sedan offers one of the smoothest and most pleasant rides we've encountered in a while, and its on-board technology, including vehicle skid control and traction control (on XLS models) give added peace of mind, particularly with winter having made its grand entrance.

Available in XL and XLS versions, the Avalon features a 210-HP 3.0-liter V-6 mated to a 4-speed electronically controlled transmission. There is excellent, seamless acceleration for interstate merging. Fuel economy ratings are 21 city/29 highway, and we figured those to be quite accurate or perhaps even on the modest side. Fill-ups on a recent lengthy drive to New York City were few and far between.

The beauty of a four-door family sedan is in providing space for people and things without compromising ride or occupant comfort. Like the 2003 Avalon, it should look upscale, but not gaudy, providing just enough glitz and luxury to let others know you have achieved a degree of success in life.



The 2003 Toyota Avalon looks like a luxury car, but its price is in the Toyota range, not the Lexus.



Inside, the 2003 Toyota Avalon is tasteful, elegant and well laid-out.

BREAK THROUGH

THE NEW REALITY OF AVALON

2003 FALL EDITION SEDAN DEVILLE
STK #153099

Sunroof, XM Satellite Radio, Comfort Convenience Package, Chrome Wheels, and much more!

Full Option Package Savings \$1,814

GM EMPLOYEE GMAC SMARTLEASE 36 MONTH LEASE	NON-GM EMPLOYEE GMAC SMARTLEASE 36 MONTH LEASE
\$363	\$439

2003 FALL EDITION SEVILLE SLS
STK #143202

Chrome Wheels, Premium Package, Woodgrain Package, Luxury Package, and much more!

Full Option Package Savings \$1,250

GM EMPLOYEE GMAC SMARTLEASE 36 MONTH LEASE	NON-GM EMPLOYEE GMAC SMARTLEASE 36 MONTH LEASE
\$363	\$439

2003 CADILLAC ESCALADE
STK#139310

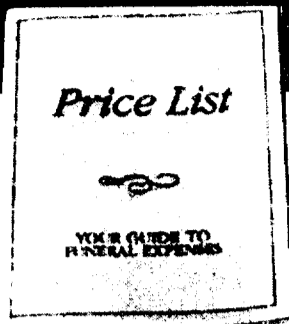
GM EMPLOYEE 24 MONTH GMAC SMARTLEASE "PLUS" 1-TIME PAYMENT	GM EMPLOYEE GMAC SMARTLEASE 36 MONTH LEASE
NON-GM EMPLOYEE 24 MONTH GMAC SMARTLEASE "PLUS" 1-TIME PAYMENT	NON-GM EMPLOYEE GMAC SMARTLEASE 36 MONTH LEASE

RINKE CADILLAC A General Motors Family

1-696 AT VAN DYKE (586)-758-1800

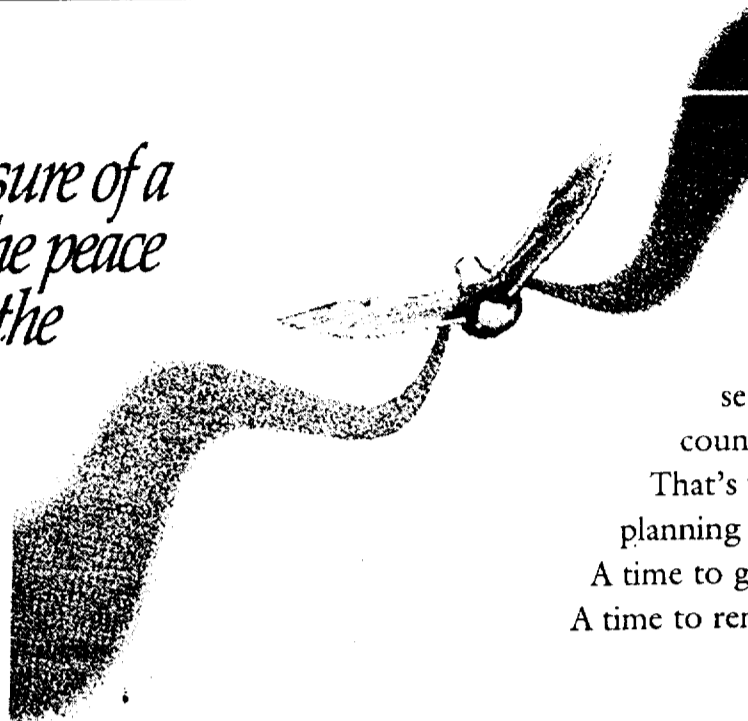
If traveling west on I-496, exit Hoover, follow Service Drive to RINKE.
If traveling east on I-496, exit Van Dyke, take the second bridge past Van Dyke over expressway to RINKE.
Open: Mon. 8-9 p.m. • Tues. 8-4 p.m. • Wed. 8-4 p.m. • Thurs. 8-9 p.m. • Fri. 8-4 p.m.

"We don't think funerals should have to cost so much."



We believe you should control the cost by selecting only services important to you. Our General Price List offers a full range of traditional and not so traditional services. That way you and your family can select services appropriate to your needs and budget. When we assist an informed customer to make an intelligent decision, we can assure the best value in funeral service. We invite you to call us to find out how much the services you want will cost.

The measure of a life is in the peace we leave in the hearts of those we love.



When someone dies, their family is always surprised and comforted by the number of people who come to the funeral. It is an inspiration to see at the end of someone's life the countless number of lives they have touched. That's why we believe with proper planning a funeral can be many things. A time to grieve. A time to share. A time to remember.

A Family that has Served Local Families for Generations *Still Is.*

We're not a big impersonal corporation headquartered in a far distant city or even foreign country. We're a family. And, like you, we make decisions that suit our community... not necessarily someone else's. We think that makes a great difference in the care and service we offer the families who come to us.



How to Avoid Questions & Confusion

on Social Security and Medicaid Benefits.

Nothing is more frustrating than the "red tape" surrounding government benefits. It is especially upsetting during the difficult time after a death in the family. That's why we want to help you "Be Prepared." Our counselors can answer your questions and help you with all the details of funeral planning. Send for your free copy of this family guide to "Being Prepared Brochure."

The one thing to do **BEFORE** going on public aid



Today, more and more people are making funeral arrangements in advance. Pre-arranging funerals is especially important to anyone considering public aid.

In addition to set amount of cash assets, the Michigan Department of Public Aid allows a pre-arranged funeral including casket, vault, cemetery property, grave marker or burial crypt. If you or someone you know are considering aid, consult our funeral home for information on pre-arranged funerals.

It is wise to make funeral arrangements before applying for aid. We are glad to answer your questions about pre-planning funerals any time.



Cremation options.

Let Us Answer Your Questions

Many people today are considering cremation as an alternative to the traditional burial. It is simply a matter of personal preference.

We believe you will make the best decision when you have a thorough understanding.

Whatever your decision, our staff will be proud to serve you.



Requires No Obligation • Mail coupon to:
Chas. Verheyden, Inc.
Brian A. Joseph, President
P.O. Box 36248
Grosse Pointe, MI 48236-0248

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: () _____

Most convenient location:

Grosse Pointe Warren

I would like to know more about:

- Death Away from Home Brochure
- Cremation Options Brochure
- Guarantee Travel / Insurance Brochure
- General Price List and Funeral Costs
- Being Prepared Brochure
- Advance Planning Funeral Arrangements
- Flexible Financing Choices
- Veterans Benefits
- Social Security and Medicaid Benefits
- Support Groups and Grief Resource Library
- Michigan Funeral Facts
- Funeral Etiquette Brochure

GPN 10



16300 Mack Avenue
Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230
(313) 881-8500
Brian A. Joseph, Manager

Brian A. Joseph, President

28499 Schoenherr
Warren, Michigan 48088
(586) 756-5530
Valerie Winckowski Miller, Manager

*Be sure to visit our Funeral Resource Center for all your needs Before, During and After a funeral

INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED SINCE 1908



Robert Earl Barlow

Robert Earl Barlow

Palm Harbor, Fla. resident Robert Earl Barlow, 80, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2002 of Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Barlow graduated from Howe Military School. He started his career during World War II with companies such as Hudson Motors and Gray Marine.

Within two years of starting a new job at Yager Employment, he became the top personnel manager in the Detroit area and later personnel director at Vickers Corporation.

He later created, built and managed Executive Search Inc.

Under Mr. Barlow's ownership, the company grew to become one of the largest firms in its field in the entire Midwest, with offices in Michigan, New York and Florida.

Mr. Barlow retired in 1990 while residing in Florida.

He was a member of the Detroit Yacht Club, which was home to him and his family every summer for nearly 30 years.

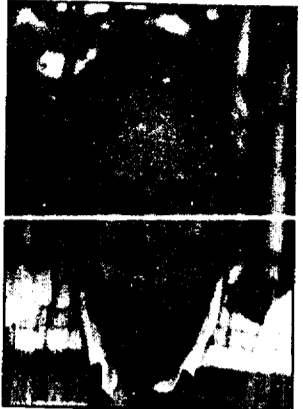
He was also a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Club Island and the Old Club.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Joyce Knott Barlow; his sons, Robert Earl (Kathy) Barlow and William Bryan (Linda) Barlow; and his two grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Christ Church Grosse

Pointe in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 919 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1100, Chicago, IL 60611.



John Henry French III

John Henry French III

John Henry "Tiger" French III, 64, of Rapid River, passed away on Monday, Dec. 2, 2002, after battling cancer.

Born in 1938 in Detroit, Mr. French was raised in Grosse Pointe Farms and attended Detroit University School. He graduated from the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn.

Mr. French received bachelor's degrees in civil engineering and finance from Yale University in 1960.

He also served as a heavy equipment mechanic in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

Mr. French began his banking career at Marine Midland Trust Co. in New York City and later worked for the City National Bank of Detroit, where he became the executive vice president and served on its board of directors.

Mr. French worked as financial consultant for Plante and Moran. He also served as vice president, secretary and treasurer for The Plante Company and as an investment representative for Apache Corporation before returning to banking as senior vice president of East Lansing State Bank.

He also worked for the Key State Bank of Owosso until his retirement in 1992.

Mr. French was a past member of the board of

directors of Pulte Homes Inc., Detroit Name Plate Etching Co. and National Bank of Rochester. He was a member of the vestries of St. Katherines Episcopal Church in Williamston and St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Escanaba and served on the endowment committee of Holy Name Grade School in Escanaba.

Mr. French had a strong passion for the outdoors. He loved fly-fishing, camping, hiking, cross country skiing and exploring. He was an avid sailor and loved to fly, holding a private pilot's license and owning his own plane for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah M. Mitchell; two sons, John H. (Kathy) French IV of Cincinnati and Mark R. French of Grinnell, Iowa; three daughters, Kathryn M. (Robert Peabody) French of Grosse Pointe Farms, Tessa J. French of Ann Arbor and Emily L. French of Rapid River; his two grandsons, John C. and Nicholas French; his brother, Henry W. (Hadley) French of Grosse Pointe Farms; and his sister-in-law, Mary Jo French of Grosse Pointe Farms.

He was predeceased by his brother, Dainforth Baker French Sr.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002 at 11 a.m. at St. Katherines Episcopal Church in Williamston. A luncheon will follow.

Arrangements were made by Allo Funeral Home in Escanaba.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Name School Endowment Fund, 407 S. 22nd Street, Escanaba, MI 49829.

Mary Bernice Hayes

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mary Bernice Hayes, 100, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002 at the Belmont Nursing Center.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Hayes was a gifted pianist and an avid gardener.

She also was active in the urban committee work sponsored by Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanaugh. She was instrumental in the establishment of many block clubs in southeast Detroit.



Mary Bernice Hayes

She is survived by her daughter, Eileen Hayes of Grosse Pointe Woods; and her daughter-in-law Mary Alice Hayes of Toronto.

She was predeceased by her husband, Walter M. Hayes; and her son, Walter Jr.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 28 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.



Philip J. Mabarak

Philip J. Mabarak

Grosse Pointe Park resident Philip J. Mabarak, 77, passed away on Friday, Nov. 15, 2002 at Bon Secours Hospital.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Mabarak attended grade school at Annunciation until moving to Grosse Pointe Park in 1941, where he attended St. Ambrose High School.

He was stationed in Texas while serving in the U.S. Army Air Force during

World War II.

After receiving his honorable discharge, Mr. Mabarak worked for his father in the real estate business. He put himself through law school at the University of Detroit and received his law degree in 1955.

He was a practicing attorney for more than 45 years.

Mr. Mabarak enjoyed the outdoors and spent his leisure time at his cabin in Clare. He was a proud charter member of the Berkshire Boys.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce (nee Mady); his children, Sylvia Herrington, Philip Mabarak III and Melissa (Robert) Gilmore; his grandchildren, Robby, Audrey and Michael; his siblings, Theresa Wheatley, Paul, Anthony, Rev. John R. Mabarak O.S.A., Janet Shatusky, James, Helen, June, Charles and Robert.

He was predeceased by his siblings, Nora, Michael and Edward.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at St. Maron's Maronite Church.

Arrangements were made by Chas. Verheyden Inc. in Grosse Pointe Park.

Alice C. Yaklin

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident Alice C. Yaklin, 91, of St. Clair Shores, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2002 at Bon Secours Nursing Home.

Born in Detroit in 1911, Mrs. Yaklin was a parish member of St. Paul Catholic Church for more than 50 years and a member of St. Anne's Society of Detroit.

She also enjoyed gardening.

Mrs. Yaklin is survived by her sons, Robert J. (Katy) and Michael J.; her grandchildren, Susan (Michael) Folger and Mary Jo (William) LeFevre; her great-grandson, William Joseph LeFevre; and her sister, Frances Remke.

She was predeceased by her husband, Albert V. Yaklin.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 5 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Interment is in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Arrangements were made by A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial or Bon Secours Nursing Care Center, 26001 E. Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.



Alice C. Yaklin

Two high school concerts this week

Grosse Pointe North High School is having a Holiday Solo Recital at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the Grosse Pointe United Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. All proceeds will go to the participating students. Call (313) 884-7717 for more information.

Grosse Pointe South High School's instrumental music department will present "Yule Be Boppin'", a holiday jazz concert, on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the South auditorium.

A special appearance by the Detroit-area jazz ensemble "The Gittinger Group" will also be featured at the concert.

Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and seniors and will be available at the door.

Looking for the Perfect gift?

The Aeron Chair... IN STOCK

McMillan Bros.

TAKING CARE OF UNFURNISHED BUSINESS
1041 S. Main Street Royal Oak, MI 48067
248.546.1480 phone 248.546.1481 fax
www.mcmillanbros.com



MULIER'S MARKET
15215 Kercheval • Open Mon. - Sat. 8-6
An Impressive Selection of foods in a relatively small place in the heart of Grosse Pointe Park.
822-7786 FAX 822-6504

PRICES IN EFFECT THROUGH December 18*

Dairy	Grocery Specials	Coffee
BORDEN'S BORDEN'S 2% Milk \$1.99 GAL BORDEN'S Sour Cream 99¢ PT COUNTRY FRESH WHIPPING CREAM \$2.59 QT. STROH'S Ice Cream \$2.49 1/2 GAL	COKE - all products 99¢ 2 Liter 7-UP - all products \$1.09 2 Liter Produce SEEDLESS GRAPES \$1.49 LB. BANANAS 29¢ LB. Golden PINEAPPLES \$3.99 EA. CANTALOUPE \$1.49 EA. Earthbound Farm Organic BABY ARUGULA \$2.89 PKG. GRAPEFRUIT 3/99¢	FRENCH ROAST \$4.99 LB. EURO DECAF Wines BANROCK - AUSTRALIAN Chardonnay, Cab Shiraz Shiraz \$4.99 LAUREL GLEN Reds \$8.99 HESS SELECT Chardonnay \$8.99 BLACKSTONE Merlot \$9.99 15% DISCOUNT ON CASES. NO FURTHER DISCOUNT ON SALE
ZOE Extra Virgin OLIVE OIL \$4.89 1 L. TN PISTACHIOS \$6.99 2 LBS. COURONNE BRIE 60+ \$8.99 LB. WHEEL LE CHEVROT Goat Cheese \$4.49 7 oz. MAYTAG Blue Cheese \$5.49 8 oz. Fresh Squeezed ORANGE JUICE \$4.99 1/2 GAL Quarts \$2.99 CHEESECAKE SHOPPE Your Choice \$4.99 1.5 LBS.	Deli Boar's Head Cracked Pepper TURKEY \$5.99 LB. SALSA TURKEY \$5.99 LB. Hoffman Super Sharp CHEESE \$3.49 LB. From Hamtramck PIEROGI Many Varieties	Meat ORDER NOW FOR CHRISTMAS: Standing Rib (choice or higher) + Turkey - Roasting Choice Beef Tenderloin Ducks • Chickens • Geese or anything else you can come up with. - Make orders as early as possible. Grade A FRYERS 2/\$5 Center Cut PORK CHOPS \$2.99 LB. Loin LAMB CHOPS \$8.99 LB. Smoked LAMB CHOPS \$3.99 LB. Meatloaf Mix \$2.99 LB.

2.00% APY*
Your Choice Checking
Zero Fees** and No Waiting in Line...all the Time?
NO BULL!

The Fed continues to cut interest rates but Sterling Bank and Trust maintains its high standards on products like "Your Choice Checking," where you can earn 2.00% APY* on \$2500 or more and Direct Deposit. This is one of the highest rates in the state but this offer won't last forever.

Open a "Your Choice Checking" account with Direct Deposit and you'll receive:

FREE

- Checking
- Online Banking
- Bill Pay
- ATM Card

and Sterling will even pay each month up to your first five ATM fees from other banks.

Sterling Bank & Trust
"We Create Solutions."®

www.sterlingbank.com

CLAWSON 248 435-2840	DEARBORN 313 274-3030	GROSSE PT. WDS. 313 882-2880	LIVONIA 734 462-4106	ROCHESTER HILLS 248 856-5760
ROSEVILLE 586 294-2950	SOUTHFIELD 248 948-8799	STERLING HTS. 586 268-5200	WATERFORD 248 874-4901	W. BLOOMFIELD 248 855-6644

*Annual Percentage Yield (APY) accurate as of 12/01/02 and is subject to change without notice. Interest compounded monthly. Stated APY for balances of \$2500 or more. Minimum to open account is \$500. **Direct Deposit must remain on account to have fees waived. Account will begin to accrue fees if Direct Deposit is removed from account. Sterling Bank & Trust, P.S.B., Southfield, MI.

Students embrace the holiday spirit

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

The holidays are a time for giving, for thinking of others and for appreciating life's blessings.

Students throughout Grosse Pointe are basking in this holiday spirit and putting forth an effort to help others during the cold, winter months.

Be it Toys for Tots, the Humane Society, Gleaners Food Bank, adopting a needy family or collecting warm clothing for homeless shelters, students are embracing charities throughout the Detroit area.

Battling the cold

Recognizing the need for staying warm when the snow begins to fall, many

schools are collecting clothing and blankets to send to homeless shelters and various organizations.

Pierce Middle School was honored on Friday, Dec. 6, for its effort to raise enough money to purchase more than 50 winter coats from Old Navy to donate to Coats for Kids, a campaign sponsored by WJLB 98FM.

Another 40 used coats were collected by the students to donate to the campaign.

"I am so excited," said WJLB radio announcer "Bushman" of the effort made by the Pierce students. "I hope this sets an example to other kids to do their part to help other people."

Apparently, no example

needs to be set for students in Grosse Pointe. The giving holiday spirit has been spread from the Park to the Woods.

Kerby Elementary School recently celebrated its effort of collecting more than 500 coats to be donated to area charities.

The Monteith Girl Scout Troop #2280 is collecting hats, socks, mittens and children's books to donate to the Doorstep West homeless shelter in Detroit.

Students at Ferry are supporting the Children's Home of Detroit with warm clothing items and school supplies.

Students at Parcels Middle School collected used clothing and blankets to send to needy individuals in Kosovo.

Middle school students at University Liggett School prepared boxes of bedding for foster children associated with the Children's Center of Detroit.

Students, faculty and staff at The Grosse Pointe Academy participated in a "Knit-a-thon" on Monday, Dec. 8. Completed scarves, hats and mittens will be donated to Barat House, a home for abused and neglected teenage girls in Detroit.

Poupard and Trombly elementary schools, Grosse Pointe South High School, Brownell Middle School and Star of the Sea and St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic schools are also participating in various clothing drives for needy individuals.

Fun with toys

Opening presents is a traditional holiday activity, and students understand that many individuals are not fortunate enough to receive such items during the holidays.

Therefore, another popular charitable cause is Toys for Tots, sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

The campaign involves a local toy collection, which are then sorted by age and gender and distributed to needy children in the community with the help of local social welfare agencies and church groups.

Schools participating in Toys for Tots include Ferry,



Students in Jane Ellis' third-grade class at Ferry Elementary School are collecting items to donate to the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society.

Photo by Jennie Miller

Defer and Richard elementary schools and Grosse Pointe Christian School.

The Human Relations Club at South is holding a similar toy collection for Casa Maria, as are students at Brownell, who are donating gifts to needy families.

Every homeroom at Grosse Pointe North High School is adopting at least one family for whom to purchase gifts such as toys or clothing. There are 55 families in all who will receive gifts from North this holiday season.

Students at Liggett purchased gifts for the Giving Tree and Parcels students adopted a family through the Northeast Guidance Center.

Richard students purchased gifts for children at Barnard Center and the Children's Home of Detroit, while students at Maire collecting stocking stuffers for the Northeast Guidance Center.

Star of the Sea students

are donating Christmas gifts to AIDS patients and Defer's Cub Scout Pack #147 is collecting toiletries and essentials to donate to the Eastside Emergency Shelter.

Seventh-graders at The Academy adopted a family, for whom they provided clothing, toys and treats. Many students also made gifts for Services for Older Citizens such as holiday cards and decorations.

Other gift donations from schools include baskets made by Kerby fifth-graders to be given to senior citizens by Services for Older Citizens.

Shoe boxes made by students at Grosse Pointe Christian School will be filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene products and donated to Operation Christmas, a campaign sponsored by Samaritan's Purse.

Protecting animals

It's no surprise that students also have a soft spot in their hearts for animals. Many schools are supporting area humane societies and the Michigan Animal Cruelty Society (MACS).

Third-graders in Jane Ellis' class at Ferry are donating items off the MACS's wish list such as cat and dog toys, collars and leashes, food, treats, blankets, towels and pet store gift certificates.

Seventh-graders at The Academy wrapped gifts at Borders Books on a Wednesday evening and donated all gratuities to the Michigan Animal Rescue League.

Monteith and St. Clare are also participating in collections for such animal protection organizations.

Providing food

This holiday season, students are also seeking to provide food to needy individuals.

Richard and Maire students have been collecting money and nonperishable food items for Gleaners Community Food Bank.

A school dance at Defer brought in 1,100 cans of food to give to the Children's Hospital of Michigan, while the Student Association at South is sponsoring the Help Hungry Kids canned food drive for the Salvation Army throughout the entire school.

Eighth-graders at Liggett will devote their time to serving a holiday dinner for the physically and mentally handicapped at Goodwill Industries, an event sponsored by the Junior League of Detroit.

The gift of reading

Education is also an important blessing, and this holiday season students are trying to help pass on this gift.

Defer students in STAND (Students Taking a New Direction) have recorded classic children's novels onto cassette tapes to give to Children's Hospital of Michigan.

The school is also collecting used books for the "Gift of Reading" campaign, sponsored by the PTO. The books will be donated to the Eastside Bicarariate elementary school in Detroit.

Third-graders at the Academy sent a package with over 50 books to their pen pals at an inner-city school in Chicago.

Star of the Sea is collecting books for the Reader to Reader program, while Monteith and Kerby are also participating in similar donations.

Singing carols

Schools are also paying a visit to area organizations to sing holiday carols. Students at North, South, Star of the Sea, St. Clare and Kerby schools are caroling at Services for Older Citizens, the Foundation for Exceptional Children, St. Anne's Nursing Home, Georgian East Nursing Home and other area organizations.

Staff generosity

Students are not the only ones getting into the charitable holiday spirit. Many of the staff at area schools are adopting families for whom to purchase gifts.

hartmann
125 YEARS OF AMERICAN LUXURY
HARTMANN EVENT
Harvey's LUGGAGE
GROSSE POINTE (313) 961-0200

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan
NOTICE TO CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS PROPERTY OWNERS:

The 2002 Winter County and School Tax bill was mailed November 29, 2002. Tax is due and payable without penalty through February 14, 2003. Beginning February 15, 2003, an additional 3% late penalty charge will be added. **PLEASE NOTE: Clerical error on tax due date located on lower right hand corner of treasurer's copy. The Winter Tax bill is due by: February 14, 2003 without penalty.**

Beginning March 1, 2003, taxes on Real Property can be paid only to Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Wayne County Treasurer, the International Center Building, 400 Monroe, 5th floor, Detroit, MI. 48226 with the 4% Administration Fee, plus 1% per month interest computed from March 1, 2003.

Beginning March 1, 2003, Personal Property taxes can be paid only at the City of Grosse Pointe Farms Treasury Department, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI. 48236, with the 4% Administration Fee, plus 1% per month interest computed from March 1, 2003.

Compare the legal description with your own record of title before paying this tax. If name or address is not correct, please notify the City Assessor, Timothy O'Donnell in writing. Make checks payable to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms.

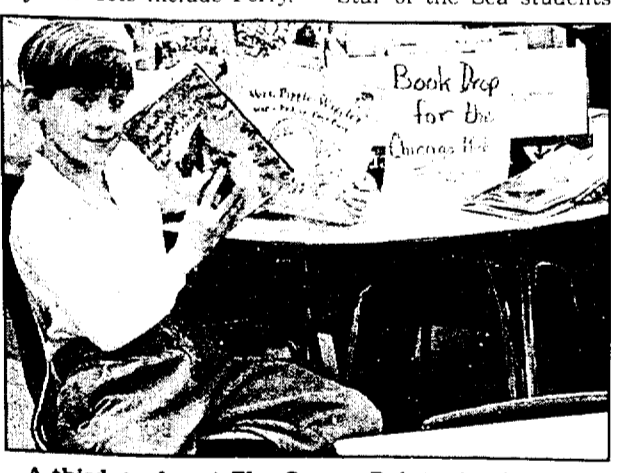
G.P.N.: 12/12/02
Marge Foster, City Treasurer

A Gift from the Hearth

A selection of gift baskets is now available! Fresh, handcrafted, healthy high quality breads. Delicious varieties of jams, honeys and dipping oils. It's a gift even the most distinguished of palates will appreciate!

Hours: M-F 7:30 - 6:30
Sat. 7:30 - 6:00
Closed Sunday
Special Holiday Hours
Dec 24* 7:30 - 3:00
Now accepting holiday orders.

BREADSMITH
HAND MADE HEARTH BAKED™
19487 Mack Avenue • Grosse Pointe Woods • 313-417-0648



A third-grader at The Grosse Pointe Academy displays some of the more than 50 books that the class sent to pen pals at an inner-city school in Chicago.

RUBY TREE FARM

Winner of 2002 Treasure Award — AAA of Michigan

Even "HE" gets his tree at Ruby Farms

Cut Your Own Christmas Tree or Select from Pre-cut (Saws Provided)

Fraser Fir-Scotch Pine
Colorado Blue Spruce
Douglas Fir & Balsam

- Wagon Rides
- Christmas Lodge with Hot Food & Fireplace
- Country Store & Antique Shop

OPEN: FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY • 10:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
PHONE (810) 324-2652

RUBY FARMS IS LOCATED IN RUBY, MI. ABOUT 9 MILES WEST OF PORT HURON AND THE BLUE WATER BRIDGE TO CANADA. APPROX. ONE HOUR FROM DETROIT, VIA I-94 FREEWAY. FROM DETROIT AREA: I-94 EAST TO EXIT 271. FOLLOW TO I-69 WEST TO EXIT 196 WADHAMS ROAD. TURN RIGHT FOLLOW SIGNS.

Kerby helps students understand disabilities

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Taking a ride in a wheelchair looked like fun to several students at Kerby Elementary School — at first.

The kindergartners and first-graders quickly learned that what looked like fun is actually quite a difficult thing to master.

The demonstration was a part of a free school program presented by the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan.

Dubbed "Attitudes," the program aims to help children and teachers gain a new understanding and respect for individuals with disabilities.

"There are a growing number of children at Kerby with disabilities," said Alice Kosinski, a board member of the school's PTO.

"We want to let the kids know how difficult things can be for other kids," she said.

Russ Derry, a representative of the foundation, presented the program to the students on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Through a series of interactive lessons, the program teaches students that individuals affected by disabilities are the same as others, they just do things differently.

The program was complete with visual and hearing impairment simulations, as well as accompanied by teaching tools such as a hands-on display simulation with child-size wheelchairs and crutches, and an educational animated video about a boy who uses crutches.

The foundation's programs are dedicated to breaking the attitudinal, economic, environmental and informational barriers that people with mobility impairments face every day.

Derry showed the students how to use sign language, using words such as "different" and "thank you." He showed them how to read lips and to understand the way that different people can communicate.

Six new titles on reading list

Six new titles have been approved by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education for selective instruction in grades six through 12.

The list of approved titles is used by teachers for reference when selecting supplemental reading for classes.

The new titles include "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," by Robert Louis Stevenson; "Missing May," by Cynthia Rylan; "Holes," by Louis Sachar; "But I'll Be Back Again," by Cynthia Rylant; "Z is for Zachariah," by Robert C. O'Brien; and "Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter," by Adeline Yen Mah.

Prior to coming before the school board, the six titles were recommended by parents, teachers and the English Vertical Team.

North solo recital

Grosse Pointe North High School is having a Holiday Solo Recital at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the Grosse Pointe United Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. All proceeds will go to the participating students. Call (313) 884-7717 for more information.

"Yule Be Boppin'"

Grosse Pointe South High School's instrumental music department will present "Yule Be Boppin'," a holiday jazz concert, on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in South's auditorium.

The concert will also feature a special appearance by the Detroit-area jazz ensemble "The Gittinger Group."

Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and seniors and will be available at the door.

Through watching the video, the students learned how a boy with a physical disability can perform day-to-day tasks such as cleaning his room and shopping at a pet store.

Derry showed the students just how difficult it is to master the use of a wheelchair and crutches.

He demonstrated how the classroom desks are adjustable for height in order to accommodate wheelchairs.

The students also learned how the rules of sports and other activities can be modified for individuals with disabilities.

"There's a lot of sports and activities that (someone with a physical disability) can do, he will just have to do some of them a little bit differently," Derry told the students.

The free school programs, such as the one presented at Kerby, are committed to raising awareness of disabilities in today's children.

For more information, contact the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan through its Web site at www.epilepsyfoundation.org/michigan.



Photo by Jennie Miller
Students in Lyndsey Briggs' first-grade class at Kerby Elementary School learned the hardships faced by individuals with disabilities, through a presentation by the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. Pictured above, foundation representative Russ Derry shows Stephen Van Walleghem how to master the use of crutches. At right, Derry explains to the class and to Brett Kotas how to use a wheelchair.

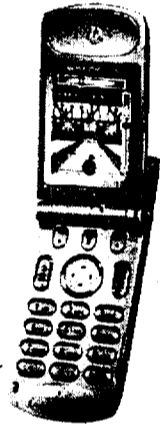
COLORFUL, COOL AND CUTTING EDGE GIFTS.

MOTOROLA T720

- Full-color display
- Built-in browser for surfing the web
- Download games, ringtones, pictures & more

\$199.99 Original Price (Taxes Apply)
-\$100.00 Mail-in Trade-In Rebate

\$99.99 After Rebate



BUY ONE NOKIA 3285 at \$29.99 GET ONE FREE

- Web Enabled
- Two-way Text Messaging
- 40 Distinctive Ring Tones



With a new 2 year customer agreement on each phone on calling plans \$35 or higher. While supplies last. Restrictions may apply.



HOT NEW HOLIDAY OFFER!

with Local DigitalChoice® get

1000 ANYTIME MINUTES

and **NATIONWIDE LONG DISTANCE** included

when calling from your home, anytime, rate and add.

for just **\$39.99** MONTHLY ACCESS

All included every month as long as you remain on the plan. For a limited time only. With a 2 year Customer Agreement.

TEST the BEST

VERIZON WIRELESS HAS THE BEST NATIONAL WIRELESS NETWORK IN AMERICA. But don't just take our word for it. If you're not 100% satisfied during your first 15 days, simply return your phone and pay for only the service you've used. It's all a part of our Worry Free Guarantee™ by you.

FOR FREE DELIVERY CALL

1.800.2 JOIN IN

CLICK

verizonwireless.com

VISIT

any of our stores

EXTENDED HOLIDAY SHOPPING HOURS

VERIZON WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS STORES

ANN ARBOR
2570 Jackson Ave.
(Next to Blockbuster)
734-769-1722
Briarwood Mall
(In Sear's Wing,
Near Center Ct.)
BRIGHTON
8159 Chalis, Suite C
(Off Grand River,
in front of Target)
810-225-4789
CANTON
42447 Ford Rd.
(Corner of Ford
& Lileys Rds.,
Canton Corners)
734-844-0481
DEARBORN
24417 Ford Rd.
(Just West of Telegraph)
313-278-4491
Fairlane Mall
(3rd Floor Next to Sear's)
313-441-0168

DETROIT
14125 Woodward
(Modern 1 Plaza)
313-869-7392
FARMINGTON HILLS
31011 Orchard Lake Rd.
(S.W. Corner of
Orchard Lake Rd.
& 14 Mile Rd.)
248-538-9900
FENTON
17245 Silver Pkwy
(in the Sear's plaza)
810-629-2733
GRAND BLANC
12821 S. Saginaw St.
(in Grand Blanc Mall)
810-606-1700
LAKE ORION
2531 S. Lapeer Rd.
(Orion Mall 2 Miles N
of the Palace)
248-393-6800

NOV
43025 12 Mile Rd.
(Twelve Oaks Service Dr.,
North of Sear's)
248-305-6600
Twelve Oaks Mall
(Lower level play area)
PONTIAC/WATERFORD
454 Telegraph Rd.
(Across from
Summit Place Mall)
248-335-9900
ROCHESTER HILLS
3035 S. Rochester Rd.
(At Auburn Rd.)
248-653-0550
ST. CLAIR SHORES
25401 Harper Ave.
(At 10 1/2 Mile)
586-777-4010
SOUTHFIELD
28117 Telegraph Rd.
(South of 12 Mile Rd.)
248-358-3700

SOUTHFIELD (CONT'D)
20128 W. 8 Mile Rd.
(Baseline Plaza, just
west of Evergreen)
248-357-1558
STERLING HEIGHTS
45111 Park Ave.
(M-59 & M-53,
Utica Park Plaza)
586-997-5500
Lakeside Mall
(Lower Ct. play area)
TAYLOR
23495 Eureka Rd.
(Across from
Southland Mall)
734-287-1770
TROY
1913 E. Big Beaver Rd.
(Troy Sports Center)
248-526-0040
WESTLAND
35105 Warren Rd.
(S.W. Corner of Warren
& Wayne Rds.)
734-722-7330

WAL-MART LOCATIONS
3599 Grand River E
517-546-5611
Port Huron
4475 24th Ave.
810-385-1231
Warren
29240 Van Dyke
586-751-0747
White Lake
9190 Highland Rd.
248-698-0043

AUTHORIZED RETAILERS

Equipment offer and Worry Free Guarantee may vary.

@ Wireless
Multiple Locations
800-235-5667
Authorized Cellular
Multiple Locations
800-VIP-PLUS
HomeTown Wireless
Multiple Locations
810-727-2808
ANN ARBOR
Ann Arbor Wireless
734-327-5400
BLOOMFIELD
Global Wireless
248-335-3345
CHESTERFIELD TWP.
Ventura Communications
586-421-9900
CLAWSON
Communications USA
248-280-6390
Free Handset Software Upgrade!

COMMENCE
Cellular Source
248-360-9400
FARMINGTON HILLS
Cellular City
248-848-8800
HOWELL
Cartivics
517-548-7705
MONROE
Herkimer Radio
734-242-0806
ROCHESTER
Cellular Technologies
248-299-0008

RadioShack

**BUSINESS CUSTOMERS,
PLEASE CALL
1.888.525.9464**

Night & Weekend hours: Mon-Fri. 9:01pm-5:59am, Sat. 12am-Sun. 11:59pm.

IMPORTANT CONSUMER INFORMATION: Subject to Customer Agreement and Calling Plan. Early termination fee of \$175 applies after 15 days. Requires credit approval. Cannot be combined with other offers. Usage rounded to next full minute. Unused allowances lost. Subject to taxes and other charges. Geographic and other restrictions apply. CDMA tri-mode phone with updated software required. For each mail-in, trade-in rebate, original or copy of receipt, original UPC barcode and trade-in of functional wireless phone and its battery required. Allow 10-12 weeks for rebate check. This offer is not valid if you are still under contractual obligation to another wireless carrier. Rebate forms must be postmarked by 1/20/03 for the T720. See brochure or sales representative for details. Best Network claim based on results of our reliability studies and network advantages. See www.verizonwireless.com/bestnetwork for details. Limited time only. See Worry Free Guarantee brochure and our Return/Exchange policy for full details. JAMDAT Mobile and JAMDAT are trademarks of JAMDAT Mobile Inc. Motorola is a registered trademark of Motorola Corporation. © Verizon Wireless 2002.

VM0248

Board approves new high school courses

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

After approving the addition of several new high school courses on Monday, Dec. 9, the Grosse Pointe Board of Education is enhancing the marketability of the district's graduates.

Among the changes being made are the creation of advanced courses in engineering graphics and courses in architecture and the art of pastry and dessert preparation.

The new elective courses being offered are more specialized and concentrated for those students who are serious about learning advanced skills and considering a career in that particular field.

"The art of pastry and

dessert preparation) course is intended for someone who is quite serious about cooking," said Dr. Susan Allan, the district's assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

According to lifeskills instructor Karen Feringa, who will be piloting the course at Grosse Pointe North High School, students will prepare dishes such as tarts, mousses, souffles and custards.

"Students will create something that not only looks beautiful, but also tastes delicious," she said.

The course will prepare students for vocational training, but isn't limited to those pursuing a career in the culinary arts.

"It is for anyone who has

an interest in learning to prepare pastries and desserts," Feringa said, adding that a prerequisite for the course is a C or better in the Foods I class.

The engineering graphics courses are for those students planning a career in engineering or manufacturing and require a third and fourth year of drafting.

The students will build more complex designs in these advanced courses.

In the beginning architecture courses, students will work on a residential design of approximately 3,500 square feet.

As a culminating project, a model of the design will be built.

In the third year of architecture, students will branch out into the light commercial area and learn more of the actual construction methods and materials.

Board members displayed their enthusiasm for the new courses, which will create more options for students who are serious about continued study in the approved electives.

High schools to offer options for 10th grade gym classes

The second year of high school physical education has become much more appealing to students.

Following the approval by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education at its Monday, Dec. 9, meeting, six new options have been created for students to choose from in order to fulfill graduation requirements.

"These options are exciting and practical," said Joan Dindoffer, school board president. "They are something kids can use and enjoy."

Students can now choose between officiating, strength training, lifeguard training/CPR, personal fitness, team sports and lifetime activities.

"The physical education teachers wanted to offer a variety of options for students to choose from," said Chris Clark, athletic director at Grosse Pointe North High School.

"We wanted to look at the best way to service students."

The courses have been designed with a stronger emphasis on personal fitness and developing skills necessary to ensure a lifetime that is healthy and active.

Students will be required to choose two of the course offerings before the end of their senior year to fulfill their second year physical education requirement.

— Jennie Miller

Maire students fill their passports

With fresh stamps in their passports, students at Maire Elementary School traveled the globe during the fifth grade's International Expo.

As the culmination of studying the Immigration and Countries of Ancestry unit in their social studies course, the students researched a country of their own family's ancestry.

"The whole focus was to help students understand and appreciate their diversity," said instructor Barb Davis.

The students created projects based on their research such as travel brochures, menus, post cards and information charts and presented them on display boards.

Students from other grade levels and the fifth grade parents were invited to the International Expo to visit the country displays and view student presentations.

After touring each country, visitors received a stamp on their passports.


"It was a great culminating event for the fifth-graders to share what they learned," Davis said. "It was a wonderful learning experience for everyone."

— Jennie Miller



RAKE IN A TAX DEDUCTION THIS FALL

Please donate your motorized vehicle directly to the Society of ST. VINCENT DEPAUL. We help thousands of people through job placement, food depots and children's camps. We are one of the only charitable organizations that seeks automobiles to support their own programs. This allows more proceeds to go to the needy.

 **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

* Free Towing
* Any Condition Accepted
* Donation Is Tax Deductible
1-(313) 972-3100
1-(800) 309-AUTO (2886)
For Furniture and Appliance Donations
Call 1 (877) ST-VINCENT
www.svdpdet.org

KIWI & company, inc.
GENERAL CONTRACTORS



- Residential & Commercial
- Fully Licensed & Insured
- 24 Hour Emergency Service
- Insurance Repairs

(586) 552-5494

21937 NINE MILE ROAD • ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI 48080

Hospital Emergency Center

"Danny's fine, mom, just some bruises – we took him to the ER at Cottage Hospital. He was treated in less than an hour!"

We pride ourselves on delivering fast, thorough emergency medical care around the clock – typically within an hour or less. Our board-certified physicians and emergency room nurses are here for you anytime, treating minor emergencies that don't require hospital admission. And, we're nearby, so you're never far from urgent care.



BON SECOURS COTTAGE HEALTH SERVICES



159 KERCHVAL, GROSSE POINTE FARMS

© 2002 BON SECOURS COTTAGE HEALTH SERVICES

- CUTS REQUIRING STITCHES
- BREAKS AND SPRAINS
- SEVERE COLD OR FLU SYMPTOMS
- BODY ACHES
- ABDOMINAL PAIN
- SUDDEN ILLNESS

J.P.'s Hallmark CAMERA CENTER

The Place for All Your Holiday Photo Needs

From the cameras and developing to create your holiday memories, to the frames and photo albums you need to preserve your precious treasures.

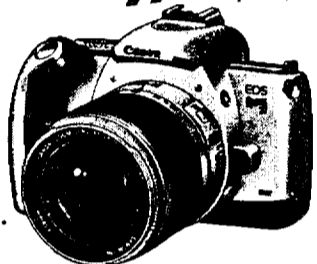


Come See Our Selection Located in J.P.'s Hallmark



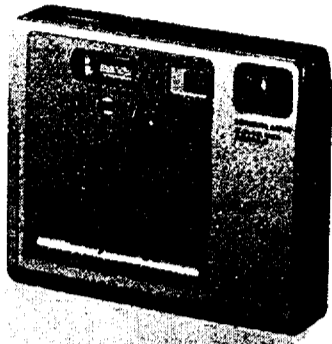
Canon
Surprise a loved one this season with a new camera from Canon!!

NEW!!!
EOS
REBEL
Ti
SRP \$580
Our price \$359



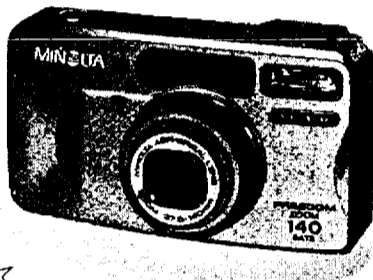
****For A Limited Time Only****
Receive a **FREE** photo frame holder Valued at \$19.95 with a Canon Digital Camera purchase.
See store for details

MINOLTA



Make some Minolta Magic this season with the Digital Dimage X. The world's smallest, lightest, and thinnest digital camera*, with innovative 3x optical zoom technology.

Not interested in Digital? No problem. Try the Freedom Zoom family, like the Freedom Zoom 140 date. This 35mm camera has a 3.7x zoom lens (37.5-140mm) in a compact, lightweight design.



*Among digital cameras with 3x optical zoom, as of January 1, 2002

HAVE A
MINOLTA
Merry Christmas

Minolta USA Limited Warranty included with all Minolta products.

Other Minolta cameras available. See store for complete selection.

**YOUR FILM IS IMPORTANT.
TRUST IT TO THE KODAK EXPERTS.**

Kodak PROCESSING

Kodak Disposable Cameras

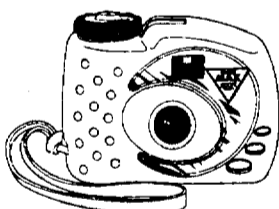
KODAK MAX Flash
One-Time-Use Camera

- Pre-loaded with 27 exposures of KODAK GOLD MAX Film: maximum-versatility film for great pictures.
- Sleek, contemporary design with no-slip grip.
- One-touch Sure Flash: it recharges automatically.



KODAK MAX Sport
One-Time-Use Camera

- Pre-loaded with 27 exposures of KODAK GOLD MAX Film: maximum-versatility film for great pictures.
- Rugged, durable design means you can take it anywhere - even down to 14' under water.



Kodak Color Processing

From 35mm Film

* APS Developing Prices Depend Upon Picture Format

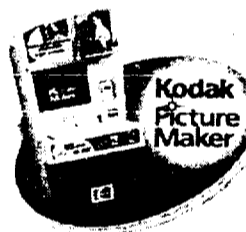
4x6 Jumbo Prints

24 exp. \$12.58 Double Prints
\$9.85 Single Prints

36 exp. \$17.50 Double Prints
\$14.77 Single Prints

Receive a Two Pack of Kodak AA Batteries **FREE!!!!!!**

With each color 35mm or APS development
While supplies last



Make great pictures even better

in just 5 minutes



- Enlarge and reprint
- from a picture
- or, from a CD or Disk
- Zoom and crop

Add text and a border

Bring in your pictures today!



www.kodak.com/go/picturemaker
© 2002 Kodak Company. All rights reserved. Kodak is a registered trademark of Eastman Kodak Company. All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners.

Preserve, Copy, Crop and Enlarge Your Holiday Memories Today!
Services include red eye reduction, text addition and borders

Only \$8.00 per Sheet

Photo packages and wallet sizes available



Share Moments. Share Life.™



17051 Kercheval
GROSSE POINTE, MI 48230
(313) 885-2267


ROLEX
Cellini



Rolex Cellini Dames
in eighteen karat yellow gold,
available in men's and women's

LUCIDO
L. L. ROSS
Swiss Design. At 100 meters.

Rolex Cellini and Dames are available at

Profit-taking ruins chance of another weekly gain

The bear market rally ran out of gas last week.

The Dow headed south, giving back 250 points, or 2.8 percent, to close at 8,645.

The NASDAQ Composite, which easily outdistanced

the Dow percentage wise on the way up, dropped 56 points, or 3.8 percent, to close at 1,422.

Professional floor traders and hedge fund managers were happy to book short-term profits.

These traders can make money in up markets and down markets, but are dead in the water in flat markets.

October's stock market rally was based on the hope that the economy would recover in this fourth quarter with strong gains in corporate profits.

But now it appears that might not crank up until the second or third quarter of next year.

Which leaves stock prices, at present levels, overpriced or greatly overpriced, with the S&P 500 at 34.1 times this year's earnings and 16.5 times 2003 earnings estimates.

But, analysts keep cutting their estimates as the forward timeframe gets closer. Let's hope that this fourth quarter stock rally doesn't

wind down like last year's.

The Fed's Open Market Committee met again last Tuesday. As of our earlier press time, look for Chairman Greenspan to "stand pat" on interest rates.

Barron's (Nov. 9) reports that \$6.6 trillion in cash and cash equivalents are sitting on the sidelines, awaiting the coach's call to enter the stock market.

According to ISI Group, cash as a percentage of total U.S. stock market valuation is currently around 78 percent, well above the average of 60 percent since 1990, but slightly below the 81.7 percent post-1980 average.

Annuities

Several weeks ago, LTS briefly touched upon "annuities" (See LTS, Nov. 21).

The dictionary definition of annuity states: "A specified income payable at stated intervals for a 1) fixed, or a 2) contingent period — often for the recipient's life — in consideration of a stipulated premium paid either in a) prior installment payments, or in b) a single payment."

In simplest terms, the annuity is a contract that guarantees the delivery of periodic money payments to the named recipient, commencing now or at a stated future date.

This month's AARP Bulletin, distributed to members of the American Association of Retired



By Joseph Mengden

Let's talk...STOCKS

Persons, contains an excellent article by Lynn O'Shaughnessy about the many technicalities of annuities.

Annuities are investment contracts with insurance companies that many investors use for retirement income. Annuity products are marketed at retail by licensed insurance sales representatives. Many investment representatives hold dual sales licenses for both securities and insurance.

Prior to retirement from First of Michigan in 1995, LTS was an allied member of the New York Stock Exchange and a NASD principal.

LTS also held the following sales licenses: NYSE Series 7 securities, State of Michigan securities, State of Michigan real estate and State of Michigan insurance.

With the bursting of the

stock market bubble in 2000-01, and the deliberate reduction of interest rates this year by the Fed, investors, during the first six months of 2002, poured more than \$50 billion into annuities.

Annuities come in two flavors: 1) those that offer fixed interest rates and 2) those that offer variable rates, either up or down.

Fixed income annuities come in two generic types: 1) deferred fixed annuities (DFA) and 2) immediate fixed annuities (IFA).

DFAs are by far the most popular. Monies deposited grow on a tax-deferred basis, even for decades. Most distributions start later, usually in retirement.

Sounds great, but wait, there's a hook! The traditional fixed annuities only guarantee the initial interest rate, often a "sucker"

high rate, for only one year. Thereafter, the insurance company's renewal rate is announced annually.

Almost all annuities carry surrender charges for early withdrawal that typically start at 6 or 7 percent, declining 1 percentage point per year. Does this sound like a "back-end fee" for early withdrawal?

If you are under age 59 1/2, the IRS extracts a 10 percent penalty of all withdrawals from fixed annuities. Moral: Don't park short-term cash equivalents in a fixed annuity just to earn a higher rate!

O'Shaughnessy's article suggests that investors "stay away from fixed annuities that have a (interest rate) guarantee period that ends before the surrender charge period ends."

It's not wise to put yourself at the mercy of the insurance companies."

O'Shaughnessy also "suggests sticking with (insurance company) issuers that have at least an 'A' rating

Stock Market at a Glance

Friday Close, 12/6/02	
Dow Jones Ind.	8,646
NASDAQ Comp.	1,422
S&P 500 Index	912
\$ in EUROS	1.0098
Crude Oil (Bbl.)	26.93
Gold (Oz.)	326.50
3-Mo. T-Bills	1.20%
30-Yr. T-Bonds	4.98%

from A.M. Best & Co." LTS will review intermediate fixed annuities and variable annuities in the following weeks.

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

'C' is for cookie... for holidays

... and that's good enough for me. Especially during the holidays.

I still remember my dad (yup, my dad) whipping up batches of dough, rolling it out and letting us kids attack it with cookie cutters.

Worse yet, he let us decorate the sugar cookies with

way too many sprinkles.

It seemed, at the time, we had hundreds of cookies that were put, for their own protection, in layers of wax paper inside big boxes.

The boxes were tucked under my parent's bed, under the unrealistic assumption we kids would-

Pointers on Technology



By Mike Maurer

n't take the risk of swiping a few before Christmas.

Ha! Without admitting guilt, the secret is to take the cookies from the bottom layer and spread the others out to hide the loss.

Now to business. If you hate baking cookies, there are all kinds of fantastic local bakeries to shop.

You can travel a bit further using the Internet. Our first stop is Memphis, Tenn., at The Cookie Jar (sendmccookies.com).

Their Web site offers tins of "custom-made, fresh-baked holiday cookies." Gift tins run from \$23 to \$47.

Unfortunately, there is nothing remarkable about the site or, from what I could see, the cookies.

But, if you need a required gift for someone important, this will get you off the hook. Some others include christmashopping.homestead.com and christmascokies.com.

So much for buying cookies online. My heart and my appetite just aren't in it.

SO, LET'S BAKE COOKIES!!

We need recipes, so let's visit the major food companies' Web sites.

They may not be your grandma's recipes, but they might be someone's grandma's recipes.

My search of the Kraft Foods site (kraftfoods.com) turned up 344 cookie recipes.

What is really neat is they provide the preparation time, total time and number of ingredients. For you once-a-year bakers, that means you can pick out the cookie recipes that have the fewest ingredients and the shortest preparation time and get back to the snow shovel or television. Your choice.

They even have cookie pictures online to drool on. Holiday Thumb print Cookies, Holiday Chocolate Bon-Bon Cookies, Kris Kringle Cookies, Nilla Cookie Wreath Centerpiece. Yum!

There was one non-holiday cookie that caught my eye. It was called Death by Double Chocolate Chunk Cookies. I gained half a pound just looking at it.

Time to visit the Pillsbury Doughboy (pillsbury.com). Do names like Holiday Cookie Cottage, Holiday Truffles and Festive Holiday bark appeal?

Their list of cookie recipes has one very, and I mean very, serious drawback.

They list the number of calories per cookie, the grams of fat and the sodium.

What marketing genius thought of that?

The holidays are one of the few times of year when calories don't count, right?

Let's check into some of the non-industrial strength cookie making. In Switzerland, the start of the holiday season is on Dec. 6, St. Nicholas Day, the patron saint of children.

During this month, Swiss bakeries and homes are filled with the scent of "Guetzli," the baking of Christmas cookies.

I recommend a stop by Pastry Wiz (Pastrywiz.com).

Their "Guetzle" features traditional Christmas Cookie recipes from Germany and Switzerland.

Now for something completely different. I found a Christmas cookie recipe Web site for those of us — by that I mean you — who are on a diet (year-round).

The recipes are also good fare for diabetics.

The Web site address is too long and convoluted to list here, but a simple search using "Anna's Christmas Cookies" as the search words should get you there with no problem.

One of their recipes that gave me pause for thought was for "Cookies for the Christmas Tree."

It called for two cups of flour, one cup of salt, one cup of cold water, paste food coloring or acrylic paint, paint brushes and kids.

My brain must have been running a little slow that day.

You could have counted to three before my five-watt light went on. This is a recipe you could send to school with your youngsters.

Now one final thought. If you find successful recipes for holiday fare thanks to my overwhelming leadership, I have only one request.

Free samples can be dropped off at this paper's offices on Kercheval. Please put my name on them. Have a tech question or subject you would like addressed in this column? Want to comment or add your two cents worth? My e-mail address is mmaurer@bizserve.com.

JOHN M. RICKEL, C.P.A., P.C.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

63 KERCHEVAL, SUITE 100
GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236-3627
TELEPHONE 313/881-8200
EMAIL rickel.baun@home.com

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT FOR A CONSERVATIVE INVESTOR
INVESTMENT COUNSEL, INC.

Since 1929

Chris W. Walker - John R. Welchli
Marshall C. Downs - Richard K. Simonds

19511 Mack Avenue
Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48236 (313) 886-0450

Trust Northern.

And take on tomorrow.

MEETING TOMORROW'S NEEDS depends on an effective investment strategy today. That's why an increasing number of individuals are turning to Northern Trust for help in providing a secure future for themselves and those they care about.

AT A TIME WHEN MOST INVESTORS are getting a lot less adventuresome, Northern understands that you demand confidence in your financial institution. You want consistency. Responsiveness. And no surprises.

WE CAN HELP YOU implement an investment strategy to match your goals and tolerance for risk. We use a prudent, disciplined approach to help you build a high-quality portfolio uniquely suited to your needs. Research-driven and forward-looking, our analysts take great care in identifying and examining trends in the marketplace that can lead to opportunities for you.

CALL Cathy Zehnpfennig, Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager, at (313) 881-1072. We'll help put your family's future on sure ground.

Northern Trust

16980 KERCHEVAL
GROSSE POINTE

ARIZONA CALIFORNIA COLORADO FLORIDA ILLINOIS MICHIGAN MISSOURI
NEVADA OHIO TEXAS WASHINGTON WISCONSIN

www.northerntrust.com

Northern Trust Bank, F.S.B. Member FDIC

Sharp shopkeepers fight, don't fret over competition

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Small retailers said matching last year's holiday sales would be the best gift of all.

"I think it's going to be a good Christmas, but not one that will blow off records," said Angelo DiClemente, owner of The Dried Flower on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. "People are watching their expenses."

Small retailers are feeling the pinch of a national economy squeezed by international terrorism from without and accounting fraud within.

"Until 9/11, our business had grown each year for the last six years," said Lisa Rennell, owner of Rennell & Company Creative Gift Design on Mack in the Woods. "Now it's flat. I can handle flat, but I can't handle it going down."

"Everyone is uncertain of the impact the economy and world affairs are going to have on the consumer," said Carol Lopucki, state director of the Michigan Small Business Development Centers in Grand Rapids.

Go get 'em attitude

Cool-headed retailers have a better chance of bucking bad times if they play smart and aggressive. "Small retailers tend to

try to be all things to all people," Lopucki said. "They spread themselves too thin. They ramp-up with all kinds of inventory that meet a broad market. And they don't reach anybody."

DiClemente and Rennell have worked long hours to establish markets. He specializes in custom arrangements of dried flowers. She trades in specialty gifts made by obscure manufacturers.

Both shopkeepers treat customers like teammates.

"Every sale is important, big and small," said DiClemente, who involves himself in community affairs through membership in the Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue and the city's beautification commission. "I want customers to be satisfied. I say to them, 'Let me know what you need to make you happy.'"

"When you walk into my store, I want you to feel as if you're walking into someone's home," said Rennell, who has taken an active role in her community's business scene as founder and president of the Business and Retail Associates of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Knocking off Goliath

Small businesses, mean-

ing companies with less than 500 employees, account for 42 percent of all U.S. business worth, according to a September estimate by the Small Business Administration. But independent retailers lack the marketing muscle to compete one-on-one with chain stores.

"You can't beat a big store on price or advertising costs; so why try?" said Barry Thomsen, a small business consultant from Colorado Springs and publisher of the "Small Business Marketing Ideas" newsletter. "Don't waste your money."

Mom and pop proprietors should fight department store Goliaths on home turf. "Small places can give personal attention and carry more specialty products," Thomsen said. "Small retailers take time to give personal service and show customers how to use products."

Mike Kramer, owner of Kramer's Bed Bath & Window Fashions in the Village shopping district of the City of Grosse Pointe, attracts customers by educating the public about how to use his products.

"We've held seminars on Saturday mornings about linens, towels and window treatments," said Kramer, who is also past-president of the Grosse Pointe Village Association. "We've had events in the store, such as trunk shows, drawings and gifts with purchases. That brought people in."

Kramer celebrated his shop's 20th anniversary in November, but connecting with customers has also worked for newcomer Kim Pine.

Pine opened her store, Ambiance Art and Interiors, in September on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. A few days ago, she hosted a Rachel Ashwell trunk show of "shabby chic" designs.

Think ahead Many small businesses fail because their owners act on pie-in-the-sky dreams rather than business plans based on fact.

"Running a retail shop by information-based planning vs. the heart is one of the biggest issues," Lopucki said.

A 1998 analysis for the Small Business Administration found nearly 39 percent of small business bankruptcies were caused by outside business conditions such as new competition and increased costs.

Twenty five percent of business failures were traced to internal problems, including high accounts receivables and mismanagement.

Successful entrepreneurs look before they leap and



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Shopkeepers are kicking up their heels about gift-givers who began their holiday shopping before Thanksgiving. Sandy Gillespie, owner of Something Special in Grosse Pointe Farms, sells a steady stream of Department 56 miniatures, above.

study their industry. "Use information to drive your business vs. just thinking it would be great fun to start a pottery store," said the Development Centers' Lopucki.

Among the gourmet chocolates, terra cotta tiles, angels made from old fence posts, and turtle-shaped cheese boards that comprise Rennell's menagerie of 200 product lines, she carries a few things that are also available in department stores.

It's a conscious move, yet a seemingly fatal violation of the mom-and-pop survival strategy of not butting heads with the big guys.

But there's a twist. "Larger stores can usually purchase things at a higher volume and a lower price," Rennell said. "But when I buy something you can find at a department store, I seek manufacturers who don't offer quantity discounts."

Price-wise, the tactic levels the economic playing field but gives the small shopkeeper an edge in one-on-one customer service.

"That's information-based planning," said Lopucki. "That's smart," Thomsen said.

Your flooring dollar will go further, when you drive just a little farther...

Introducing Flooring Warehouse, your manufacturer direct merchant for:

- Major name brands in carpet, hardwood, vinyl, laminate and ceramic tile
- 50,000 square feet of first-quality goods
- Convenient delivery and custom installation
- Easy access from I-696—Just North of 8 Mile
- Savings on the flooring you want most, when you need it
- ...or we will bring the warehouse to you with a free appointment

Call Paul or Mickey! You'll find there's never a sale, just extra low prices every day. We set the floor on prices.

20750 Hoover Road
Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and by appointment at 586-756-2400

Flooring Warehouse

Business People



Rickel

John Rickel, an attorney and CPA with offices in Grosse Pointe Farms, chaired a four-day retreat in Washington

D.C., recently representing the 117 Presidents of the worldwide Chartered Financial Analysts Societies.

This is Rickel's second annual term as chair of the Presidents. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Rickel is a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores.



Gerlach

La-Z-Boy Contract Furniture Group has named **Phil Gerlach** vice president of sales and marketing.

In his new role, he is responsible for leading all sales and marketing functions of the La-Z-Boy Contract Divisions.

Gerlach, a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, has more than 20 years of sales and marketing management experience in the office furniture industry.

Prior to joining La-Z-Boy Contract, he worked 11 years as regional sales manager for Knoll, Inc., the fourth largest manufacturer of contract furniture worldwide.

The Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan has announced the reelection of **Anne Saad McAlpine** as vice chair of the board of directors. McAlpine is an attorney with the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone. She lives in Grosse Pointe Woods.



Keys

Wendy Keys of Grosse Pointe Park has been promoted from first vice president to senior vice president at Standard

Federal Bank. Keys joined Michigan National Bank, which merged into Standard Federal Bank in 2001, in 1977 and went on to earn a number of promotions. She earned a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University and an MBA from the University of Detroit.

Keys serves on the boards of directors for the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and Detroit Downtown Inc.



Turco

Michael Turco has joined the law firm Butzel Long as a senior attorney.

Turco concentrates his practice in litigation involving business, real property, medical malpractice defense and environmental disputes.

A resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, Turco graduated cum laude from the University of Detroit School of Law. He also earned a bachelor's degree cum laude from Michigan State

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Parcells Middle School
Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

The Board of Education of The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for barrier-free lift alteration at Parcells Middle School.

Specifications and Bid Forms will be available at a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. eastern daylight time, in the receiving room of Parcells Middle School, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. 48236

Sealed bids will be due **Thursday, January 23, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. eastern daylight time** at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI. 48230 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

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

Board of Education

Grosse Pointe Public School System

G.P.N.: 12/12/2002 & 12/19/02 Linda Farmer, Secretary



JOE RICCI Dodge

Michigan Avenue • Just West of I-94

Dodge Deals are in Dearborn!

NEW 2003 STRATUS SXT

Auto, air, power windows/locks, tilt, keyless entry, and much more!

Employee
39 Month Lease
Sign & Go
\$199.29*



General Public
39 Month Lease
Sign & Go
\$247.63*

- 20 Minutes From Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods, St. Clair Shores
- We Will Beat All Competitor Prices
- Call Us For a Custom Quote
- We Will Deliver Your New Joe Ricci Dodge Vehicle To You, Anywhere

Call Bob Grosscup For Details

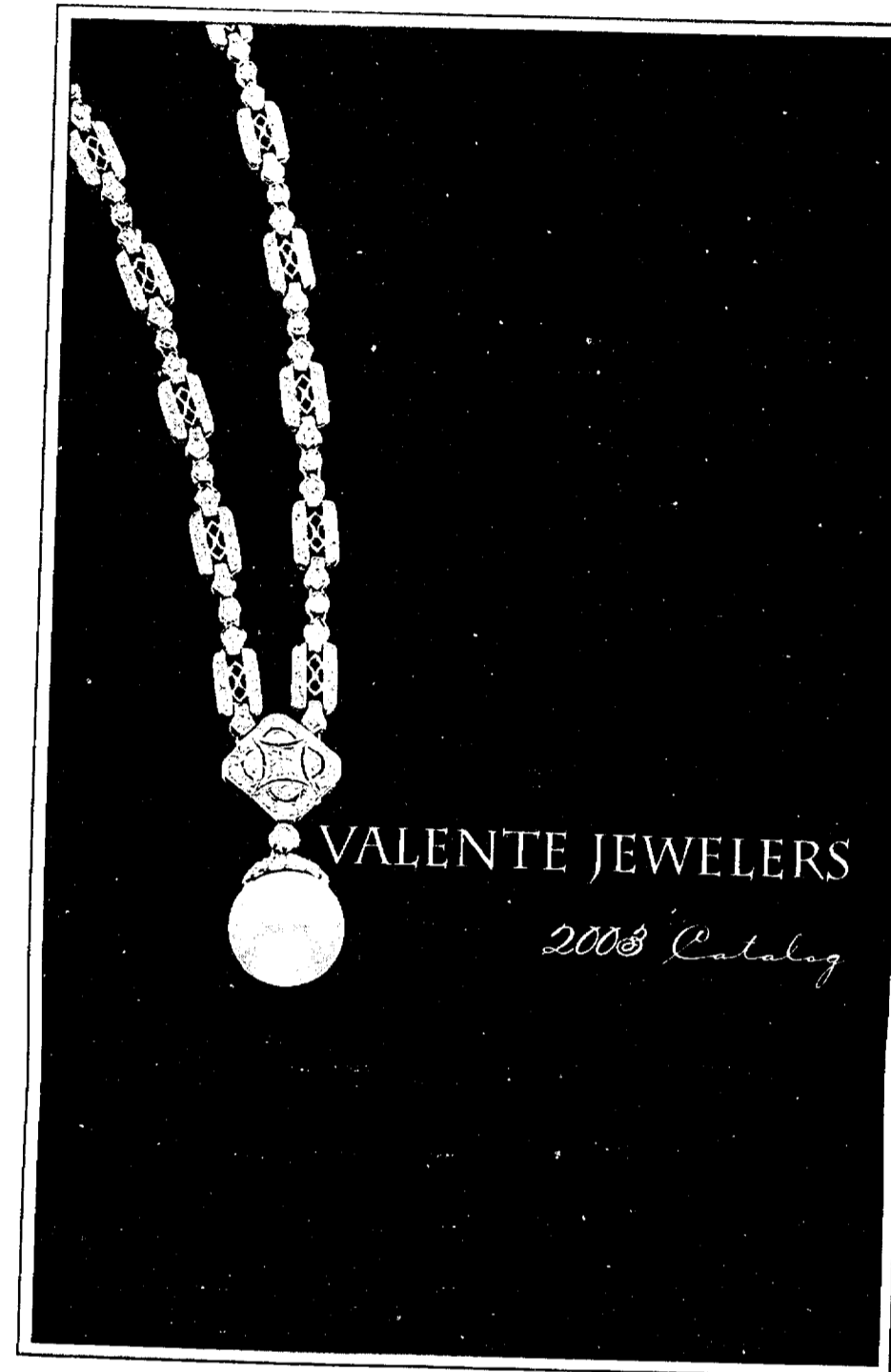
313-846-2488

14765 MICHIGAN AVE.
biggrosscup1@netscape.net




*All lease payments, excluding tax and license. All rebates to dealer includes lease only. Based on 2003 model year. A down payment is required for the price and destination. A rebate to dealer. Prior sales and leases excluded.

*"On the first day of Christmas,
my true love gave to me ..."*



VALENTE JEWELERS

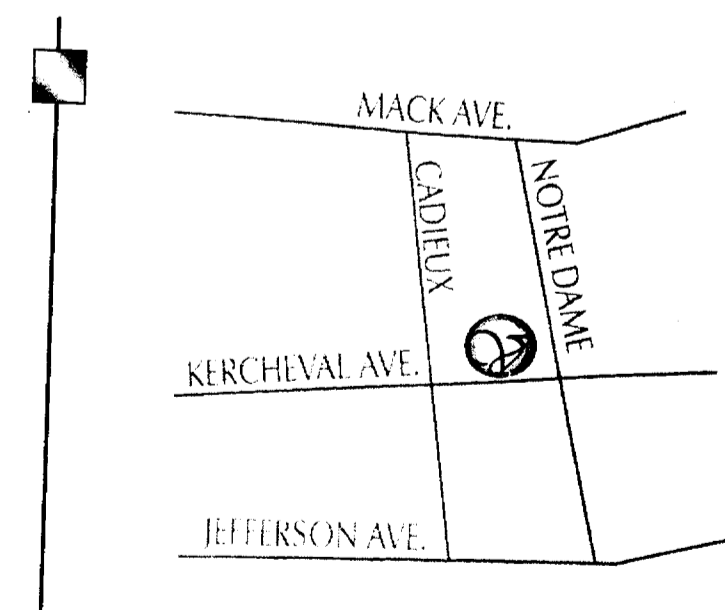
HOLIDAY HOURS
APPOINTMENTS WELCOME

November 29 - December 8
Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

December 9 - 23
Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

December 24
Tuesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Gift Certificates • Complimentary Gift Wrap • Shipping Available



To receive your copy of the 2003 Valente Catalog, please call 313.881.4800.

"In The Village" ■ 16849 Kercheval Avenue ■ Grosse Pointe ■ 313.881.4800 ■ www.valentejewelers.com

The kindest cut

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

The prospect of a white Christmas shouldn't discourage gardeners who want to give their green thumbs a final workout before heading inside for winter.

This year's early snowfall and cold snap put the lid on late-autumn deep-watering and fertilizing, which if done before the ground froze would have primed trees and plants for spring.

But plenty of work remains to be done above ground level.

Evidence is all over town in the form of busy arbor crews cutting deadwood and weak limbs.

"Winter is a good time to prune," said Brian Colter, city forester in Grosse Pointe Park. "We trim our trees during winter. In winter, everything's dormant. You reduce the risk of introducing fungus to trees. It's particularly important to only trim American elm and oak in winter."

Trimming is a double-edged sword. Removing weak limbs strengthens a tree overall, yet opens the tree to infection.

Strong trees are less vulnerable to the destructive

cycle of storm damage, infection, further weakening and more storm damage.

Dormant trees are easier to prune because their lack of foliage exposes deadwood and weak limbs.

Jim Bonahoom, owner of Arbor Pro Tree Service in Grosse Pointe Farms, said dead limbs can be spotted even without telltale leaves.

"On healthy branches, as fall comes and leaves drop, the bud for next year is there," Bonahoom said. "The bark is obviously clean and alive no matter how cold it gets."

He continued, "With deadwood, there's an absence of buds. The bark is discolored and has a coarse and wrinkly texture."

Like any invasive procedure, trimming trees opens wounds that expose underlying wood to infection and infestation by invasive insects.

When trees are dormant, however, their circulatory systems have shut down. Cuts thereby cause little or no bleeding to attract bugs that spread disease.

American elms are subject to beetles that carry Dutch elm disease. Oaks are susceptible to the spread of oak

wilt.

"Trees aren't the only things that are dormant in winter," said Colter, who has increased the recent number of elms on city-owned land in the Park despite 50 years of Dutch elm infestation. "So are bark beetles, which might otherwise be attracted to fresh wounds caused by trimming."

"In elms, wounds created by pruning need to compartmentalize," said Bonahoom. "Trees need to stop bleeding, basically."

Compartmentalization refers to trees blocking off a wounded area to stop bleeding.

"As a practice," Bonahoom said, "there are always going to be wounds in elms. There's storm damage and things like that. It's natural. But don't compound that by pruning during the growing season."

The principle also applies to other trees, including ornamentals and bushes. Making cuts correctly speeds the healing process.

Doing it right

"Proper pruning cuts are made back to the branch collar," Bonahoom said. "The collar is visible where the

lateral stem joins the parent

stem. It's a ring you can see."

The trick is cutting the branch close to the branch collar, but leaving the collar intact without creating too large a stub.

"Cells of the branch collar will generate callous growth and close the wound," Bonahoom said. "If there's any kind of stub left in their way, the branch collar can't get past the stub."

The stub will eventually rot away, but the wound won't have healed properly. A small opening will remain.

"That's where the traditional squirrel hole in the side of a tree comes from," Bonahoom said.

Tree experts don't prune needlessly. Cuts expose a tree's surprisingly delicate core layers, called heart wood.

"Heart wood is the tree's skeleton," Bonahoom said. "It stores minerals and long-term food for the stems and trunk. Even though heart wood is hard and dense, once it's exposed, bacteria feeds readily on it."

Decayed heart wood leads to heart rot. It can hollow out a tree.

Hollow trees are more susceptible to toppling in high winds or cracking under the weight of ice storms.

"Once the rotting process begins in the heart wood of a tree, there's not a lot that can stop it," Bonahoom said.

"Making cuts properly lets cuts heal quickly so the heart wood doesn't have a chance to rot. That's the case you make for proper cuts."



Photo by Brad Lindberg
 This ornamental tree wasn't pruned correctly. The stub on the right side of the trunk shows where a limb wasn't pruned all the way back to the branch collar. The stub will eventually rot away, leaving a hole that could cause the tree to decay.

Winter gardening pays off

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Even with the early winter, homeowners have a chance to help their landscaping get a jump on spring.

If temperatures rise long enough for the ground to thaw, gardeners could take the following steps to give components of their home landscaping a leg-up on spring.

Lawn and flowers

A lawn's root structure can be developed by fall application of fertilizers that are high in potassium but low in nitrogen, according to Tom Glaefer, assistant manager of Allemons Landscape Center on Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"It works best in fall," Glaefer said. "It will help the lawn green-up sooner in spring. It doesn't make grass grow, but will make lawns thicker."

The same goes for flowers. "Fertilizer helps flowers bloom stronger and give root structure," Glaefer said. He recommended spreading

dehydrated cow manure to prepare annual beds for the spring growing season.

"There's no odor," Glaefer said. "It gradually works itself into the soil over winter."

Don't apply nitrogen fertilizer in fall.

"If the weather warms, nitrogen will prompt growth," Glaefer said. "Then the plant would be caught with new growth in cold weather."

He said mulch comes in handy during cold weather. "Use mulch on flower beds to insulate the ground," Glaefer said.

Rhododendrons and other plants

The family of Denise de Beausset, president of the family-owned Westcroft Gardens on Grosse Isle, has been supplying Grosse Pointe residents with rhododendrons and azaleas for generations. Westcroft was founded 228 years ago.

"It's the oldest farm in the state that is still owned by the same family," de Beausset said. "We've spe-

cialized in rhododendrons since 1923."

She recommended giving plants a good soaking during the first winter thaw.

"It's important to water plants that are exposed to wind," she said. "Wind dehydrates foliage. If the ground is frozen, plants can't replace water."

She advised shielding plants from wind by setting up a windbreak made of burlap.

"Plants with a hardiness rating of zone seven and up should be covered in winter," de Beausset said.

She said a three-inch layer of mulch made from chopped leaves will help insulate the ground around the base of plants.

Her late grandfather, whose hardy cultivars of rhododendrons are known nationally, created a fall fertilizer called Green Leaf Compound.

"Most other fertilizers are too high in nitrogen and should not be used," de Beausset said. "It's available

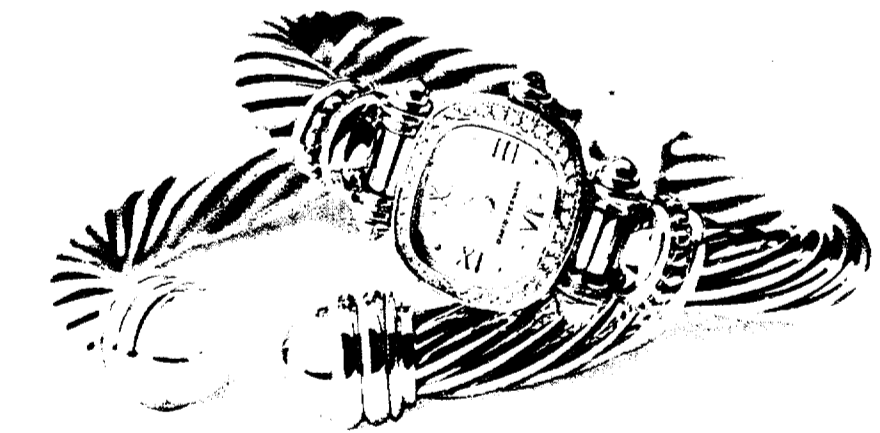
See GARDEN, Page 2B



No child without a Christmas

Snowfall didn't stop the Grosse Pointe Woods Lions club from selling Goodfellow newspapers last Monday. Fred Barth donned a Santa Claus suit to raise money for disadvantaged children. The Lions thank everyone who was kind enough to roll down their car window and buy a Goodfellow paper. Lions, together with the Goodfellows, hope that no child will be without a Christmas. For information about joining the Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club, call president Red Arnold at (313) 881-7860.

DAVID YURMAN



The Cable Classics™



edmund t. AHEE jewelers

20139 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
 800-987-AHEE • 313-886-4600 • FAX 313-886-2120

Jenny Lind Club holds Lucia dinner dance at the Yacht Club

In Sweden, Dec. 13 is a very important day — the real Lucia Day. Until the astrologers got the sun right it was considered the winter solstice, the day the sun was to return and the long winter nights would go away.

How we love legends! Are there really good spirits that guard our homes and farms as do the little Swedish Tomte, little men with long beards, gray suits and caps. Who knows — but this we do know — there really was a Santa Claus. He was the guardian of ships and children. His ships turned into sleds and the sails became reindeer. He still loves little children.

There really was a Santa Lucia, too. She was a beautiful young girl, born in Sicily about the year 300.

She became a Christian, gave her dowry to the poor and refused to marry a pagan man. She was brutally tortured and killed with a sword.

Early missionaries and sailors brought the story of

Lucia to Sweden, where people were already celebrating the longest day of the year, often with rather wild parties.

Lucia means light in Latin and, by coincidence, Dec. 13 was her name's day, a name that reminds us that light and warmth are returning to the cold, dark world.

It also tells us that Christmas will soon be here. This day is truly a celebration of joy, goodness and love.

How did a lovely Italian saint become a favorite festival in far-off Sweden? Dressed in a white gown and with a crown of candles in her hair, Lucia leads a procession of young girls and little Tomte boys all singing the familiar Italian Lucia song.

In every home in Sweden, the oldest daughter will serve coffee and specially decorated cakes to her parents, and in every town a girl will be chosen for the

The Jenny Lind Club of Michigan will celebrate this happy event at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, with a dinner dance at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

This year's Lucia is Kelly Metzker, a student from Charlotte, N.C. Her attendants include Nicole and Kristen Bates, from Dearborn; Reilly and Flynn Drew, from Beverly Hills; Baiory Brown and Kendall and Sam Effinger, from Grosse Pointe; Kate Peepie, from Dexter; Christine and Daniel Clements, from Bloomfield Hills; K.C. and Madeline Charlson, from Grosse Ile; Gabrielle, Rutger and Gunnar Louchart, from Troy; Claire Boudoin and Taylor Brown, from Northville; and Erik and Karl Johnson, from Rochester.

Tickets are \$55 for adults; \$35 for ages 11-18; and \$15 for ages 10 and under.

For further information and reservations, call (586) 293-3305, (734) 665-7941 or (313) 278-6474.



2003 G.P. Yacht Club board

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club announces its board of directors for 2003. In the front row, from left, is Secretary Robert J. Kay, Rear Commodore Bruce E. Fralick, Commodore James L. Ramsey, Vice Commodore W. Theodore Huebner and Treasurer J. Dennis Andrus. In the back row, from left, is Bruce E. Bradley, Thomas J. Curcuri, James M. McCarty, Patrick A. Beard, Wayne G. Wegner, David E. Martin and James L. Taylor Jr.

Windmill Pointe Questers meet

A meeting of the Windmill Pointe Questers will be held at 9:45 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 16, at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter Road, in St. Clair Shores.

It will begin with an iconography tour, and a

brunch will follow at the center.

Contact Sophia at (586) 296-9646 for brunch reservations. Guests are welcome.

Grosse Pointe Questers 147 hold auction

The Grosse Pointe Questers 147 will celebrate

its annual Christmas auction on Friday, Dec. 13, at the Children's Home of Detroit.

Lisa Gandelot is the coordinator, and JoAnn Krueger and Mary Aley are the co-hostesses.

G.P. Woman's Club meets

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club holds a luncheon and meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 18, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The guest speaker is Melvane McCullum of the Salvation Army.

Members and guests are asked to bring a wrapped

gift for children or mothers.

The gifts will be donated to the Salvation Army Home for Abused Children and Mothers.

Reservations to the luncheon and meeting can be made by calling (313) 343-0019 by Saturday, Dec. 14.

G.P. Tri Delts hold auction

The Detroit-Grosse Pointe alumnae chapter of Delta Delta Delta holds its annual Christmas auction at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12, at the home of Burtie Roberts.

For more information, call (313) 640-1791.

Junior League hosts kids' holiday party at Detroit Public Library branch

The Junior League of Detroit will host a holiday party for children who use the Monteith Branch of the Detroit Public Library, 14100 Kercheval, between Alter and Conner.

Children will be treated to a day filled with holiday crafts, games and a visit from a North Pole special guest.

As with any party there will be surprises and goodies to eat for everyone.

The party takes place from noon to 2 p.m. on

Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Monteith Branch of the Detroit Public Library. The party is for children ages 3-14 and is free.

It is sponsored by the Junior League of Detroit in conjunction with the Detroit Public Library.

For more information, call the Monteith Branch at (313) 852-5761.

Garden

From page 1B at Allemons and Meldrum & Smith Nursery.

Although rhododendrons and azaleas are called evergreens, they often drop older leaves during winter.

"It's the nature of the beast," de Beausset said. "Don't worry about it. You know its really cold when the leaves are curled up on a rhododendron."

Trees

"Don't assume a tree doesn't require water during winter," said Jim Bonahoom, owner of Arbor Pro Tree Service in Grosse Pointe Farms.

If the weather warms for a few days and the ground thaws, give trees a good watering — especially newly planted specimens and those in elevated areas subject to extra wind and runoff.

"Arborvitae, or white cedar, is a swamp plant," Bonahoom said. "They like it wet. If arborvitae is dying on your property, it's reasonable to assume they haven't been watered properly."

Bonahoom said he generally reserves fertilizer for trees that are in decline or damaged.

"A major source of tree decline is a lack of oxygenated soil in its root zone. It's more important than nutrients," he said. "Don't disturb the established feeder root system of a tree by burying it with too thick a layer of mulch, which is generally four inches; or more than two to four inches of top soil. Feeder roots are generally no deeper than 18 inches."

If a fall feeding is needed, he recommended fertilizer containing higher levels of potassium.

"It will develop the root system," he said. In spring, switch to a fertilizer that is higher in nitrogen. It will enhance foliage.

Bonahoom said plants in planters have higher water requirements during winter.

"I've heard of people putting ice cubes in a planter, letting them melt and trickle water down," he said.

WOLVERINE FUR CO.
The Furrier You Can Trust...
TO SAVE MONEY!
FEATURING THE FINEST FURS FROM AROUND THE WORLD
MINK-SABLE-RACCOON-FOX
MINK COATS.....\$1999
LIGHTWEIGHT SHEARED MINK JACKETS AND COATS
NOW OFFERING DIRECT TO YOU, THE HIGHEST QUALITY FUR SERVICES PROVIDED TO FURRIERS AND D.E.P.T. STORES FOR GENERATIONS
EXPERT FUR-CLEANING \$42.00
HOME PICK-UP AND DELIVERY AVAILABLE
• REPAIRS • RESTYLING
• LET US SHEAR YOUR MINK
• MONOGRAMS ADDED OR REMOVED
• INSURANCE APPRAISALS
230 E. GRAND RIVER
near Broadway-on Harmonic Park
Downtown Detroit
1 BLOCK FROM D.A.C. or DET. OPERA THEATER
313-961-0620

Beaupre Studio, Inc.
INTERIORS
Established 1930
Winter Inventory Clearance Sale

40% - 50% OFF ALL SHOWROOM INVENTORY
15118 Kercheval Avenue
Grosse Pointe Park • 313-823-0540


Wedding 2002
Thursday, February 27, 2003
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
at
Assumption Center & Marchiori Catering
21800 Marter • St. Clair Shores
Come and talk to local merchants about your special day!
Bakers, Florists, Printers, Halls, Tuxedo Rentals, Bridal Salon, Wedding Planners, Caterers, Travel Agencies, Photographers, Fashion Ideas, Make-Overs, Hair Styling and More!
Early Bird Tickets (2 for \$5⁰⁰)
sponsored by
Grosse Pointe News
CONNECTION
NEWSPAPERS
(Vendor Tables Still Available)
For More Information Or Tickets Call 313-882-6900 ext. 3

Magreta-Carswell

Elizabeth Nicole Magreta, daughter of Ralph and Sandra Magreta of the City of Grosse Pointe, and Jason Eugene Carswell, son of Kenneth and Rita Carswell of Grosse Pointe Woods, were married by Deacon Richard Shubik at St. Paul Catholic Church on Oct. 12, 2002.

The bride wore a strapless ivory satin gown that featured a lace bodice and a deep, double-headed hem accented with beads. A fingertip veil was held in place by a matching headband made by the bride's mother. She also wore her grandmother's heirloom necklace and carried a bouquet of ivory roses and stephanotis.

The bride's sister, Aimee Guthat, of the Farms, was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Emily Carswell, of the Woods; the bride's cousin, Victoria Hogg, of Morrisville, N.C.; Kathryn Daniels of Shelby Township; and Jennifer Smith of the Farms. They wore floor-length, strapless, taupe satin dresses with an ivory-lined bow in the back, and carried bouquets of gardenias accented with pearls and ribbons.

Junior attendants were the bride's cousin, Veronica Magreta, of Shelby Township; and the groom's cousin, Kailie Carswell, of Buford, Ga. They wore ivory satin floor-length dresses with organza skirt overlays, and flower garland headpieces.

The groom's brother, Jonathan Carswell, of Harrison Township, was the best man. Groomsmen were the bride's brother, Matthew Magreta, of the City of Grosse Pointe; the bride's brother-in-law, Peter Guthat, of the Farms; the groom's cousin, Blake Barber, of Alpharetta, Ga.; and Garrett Beck of Clinton Township.

The ring bearers were Coleman Harrison and Carter Harrison of the Farms.

The bride's mother wore a floor-length watercolored gray dress with a matching net overlay and beaded accents. The groom's mother wore a floor-length taupe silk dress with a beaded bodice. They both carried a single gardenia.

Readers included Sarah Carswell of Harrison Township, Kathie Smith of Grosse Pointe Shores, and Mark Magreta of Shelby Township. The soloist was Benjamin Hogg of Morrisville, N.C.

The couple held a reception at the Lashmoor Club and honeymooned on Grand Cayman.

The bride is a student at Franklin University and is an information systems manager for Guardian Alarm in Warren.

The groom attended Central Michigan University and is an engineering manager for Guardian Alarm.

The couple resides in the Farms.



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Eugene Carswell

Cruise-Schmidt

Erica Marie Cruise, daughter of Bill and Jean Cruise of Centerville, Ohio, married Michael William Schmidt, son of John and Jane Schmidt of Grosse Pointe Woods on Oct. 6, 2001, at Benham's Grove in Centerville. The Rev. David Johngewaard officiated at an outdoor ceremony on a

crisp, sunny day. The bride, carrying a bouquet of Black Beauty roses complimented by fall wheat and berries, wore an heirloom crown headpiece and ivory organza gown with a fitted bodice of pearls and sequins accented with champagne ribbon with a sweep train. She also wore her grandmother's antique aquamarine necklace.

The bridal attendants wore floor-length silk champagne-colored A-line skirts with matching lurex tops. The maid of honor was Katherine Butler of Ballbrook, Ohio, a lifelong friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Claudia Auger, cousin of the bride, of Loveland, Ohio; Alison Dvorsky, of St. Louis, Mo.; Jennifer Stefanics of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Nicole Ceacer of Columbus, Ohio.

The flower girl, Breanna Cruise of Houston, Texas, a cousin of the bride, wore a coordinating gown and carried an apple basket of fall rose petals.

Best man and brother of the groom, Charles Schmidt of Traverse City, stood with groomsmen, Darren Haubert of Dublin, Ohio; Mark Cruise, brother of the bride, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Michael Perrizo of Phoenix, Ariz.; Dwayne Garrison of Columbus; and Al Duzzie of the Woods.

Ushers were brother of the bride, Jim Cruise, of Centerville; and brother of the groom, John Schmidt, of the Woods. The mother of the bride wore a corsage of fall-colored roses, wheat, and berries on her floor-length, champagne-colored suit with embroidered detailing on the collar.

The groom's mother wore a corsage of fall-colored roses, wheat, and berries on her floor-length teal shantung suit.

The bride earned two associates degrees in portrait and commercial photography from Ohio Institute of Photography and Technology. She is currently a photographer at Peters Photography Studios of Ohio.

The groom graduated

from the University of Dayton with a bachelor of arts degree in visual arts and design. He is currently a level two network engineer at Qwest Communications in Dublin, Ohio.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael William Schmidt

Kasiborski-Zahler

Mary Huysken Kasiborski and Gerald Albert Zahler were married Nov. 23, 2002, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial by Municipal Judge Lynne Pierce.

The bride is the daughter of the late Cornelius and Theresa Huysken. The groom is the son of Rita Zahler of West Bloomfield and the late Abraham Zahler.

Groomsmen were the bride's son, John Kasiborski of Findlay, Ohio; and the groom's son, Anthony Zahler of Frederick, Md.

Readers included four of the couple's six children, Beth Kasiborski of East Lansing, Steve Kasiborski of Grosse Ile, Erik Zahler of Brighton, and Scott Zahler of Ypsilanti Township.

Two of the couple's six grandchildren, Adelle Kasiborski of Grosse Ile and Karly Zahler of Brighton handed out programs at the ceremony.

Music was performed by the La Corda String Quartet.

The bride received her MBA from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and

works in the program development office of the Guidance Center in Southgate.

The groom received bachelor of science degrees in anthropology and civil engineering. He is a civil engineer for the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

The couple lives in Grosse Pointe Park. They are planning a future trip backpacking in the Weimenuche wilderness in Colorado for their honeymoon.



Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Albert Zahler

Northey-Chevalier

Jennifer Ellen Northey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Northey of Grosse Pointe Woods, married Jason Francis Chevalier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chevalier of Grosse Pointe Farms, on Aug. 16, 2002 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

The Rev. Robert Witkowski officiated at the 5 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Club Monte Carlo in Utica.

The bride wore a white satin A-line halter gown with a cathedral train embellished with beading and embroidery. She carried a clutch bouquet of stephanotis, white and ivory roses.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Theresa Northey of Grosse Pointe Woods. She wore a two-piece matte satin periwinkle halter gown and carried a fuchsia rose bouquet.

Bridesmaids were Jennifer Jensen of Grosse Pointe Woods, Dana Woodruff of Burton, Nicole Martin of St. Clair Shores, Cheryl Mooney of Grosse Pointe Woods, Tara Chevalier of Boston, Mass., and Maggie Fuller of Lansing. They wore two-piece matte satin fuchsia halter gowns and carried pale pink rose bouquets.

The flower girls were Sarah and Colleen Corbet of Grosse Pointe Woods. They wore white satin and French tulle petal dresses.

The best man was the groom's brother, Robert Chevalier II of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The groomsmen were Tim Northey of Harper Woods, Joe Evola of St. Clair Shores, Steven Chevalier of St. Clair Shores, Michael Stevenson of Denver, Colo., Stefan Teitoe of Worcester, Mass., and Donny Northey of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The mother of the bride wore a pink salmon satin-back crepe floor length spaghetti-strap gown. She wore a wrist corsage of sweetheart roses and astromeria. The groom's mother wore a two-piece floor length bronze organza gown and a wrist corsage of sweetheart roses and astromeria.

Scripture readers were Mary Ellen Stevenson, Maggie Fuller and Mary Corbet.

The bride is a project management liaison for GM and Electronic Data Systems. The groom is a sales associate for Art Van Furniture.

The newlyweds traveled to Part Sanilac and Lexington. They live in St. Clair Shores.



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Francis Chevalier

Engagements



Sandra Jane Hammel and John Bernard Peabody Jr.

Hammel-Peabody

Godfrey and Pamela Hammel of the City of Grosse Pointe have

announced the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Jane Hammel, to John Bernard Peabody Jr., son of John and Margaret Peabody of Grosse Pointe Farms.

A December 2003 wedding is planned.

Hammel earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Georgetown University, and is presently a New York City Teaching Fellow and completing a master's degree in education at Long Island University.

She is a fifth-grade teacher in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Peabody earned a bachelor of science degree in finance from Babson College and is president of Peabody Realty.

He resides in Royal Oak.

Former Pointe resident earns academic excellence award for emergency medicine

Former Grosse Pointe resident Dr. John Southall was presented the Academic Excellence Award from the Emergency Medicine Resident's Association during the National 2002 Society for Academic Emergency Medicine conference, held last May in St. Louis. He was selected from among hundreds of physicians for this award.

Southall graduated from University Liggett School in 1989 and from Colby College in Maine in 1993. He was awarded a National



Dr. John Southall

Institutes of Health (NIH) summer research fellowship as an undergraduate student in 1992 and was elected

class president in 1993. He attended Columbia University Medical School, graduating in 1999.

During this time Southall was also awarded the College of Physicians and Surgeons Deans Research position. After medical school graduation, he began emergency medicine residency training and will graduate from the Denver Health Medical Center this month. Southall volunteers as a medical instructor for the Berthoud Pass Ski Patrol and medical instruc-

tor for the Denver Fire Department. He was also active in New York City with the Children's Hearing Institute and the Children's Brain Tumor Foundation.

After graduation, Southall will join the academic emergency medicine department at Maine Medical Center in Portland, where he also plans to continue his active research career while practicing emergency medicine and instructing emergency medicine residents.

Southall is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Southall.

It's A Wonderful Life — at Second City

By Mimi Drennan
Special Writer

What would Christmas be without the Second City holiday tradition presentation of "It's A Wonderful Life," an amusing production about the golden age of radio, as director Marty Bufalini of Grosse Pointe, and a talented ensemble cast transport the audience back to a New York-style radio station in the 1940s.

At that time — the fun days of radio — programs were performed live before large studio audiences, few set decorations were available, and there was little time to prepare a show or rehearse one's lines.

In this production of "It's A Wonderful Life," 98 percent of all sound effects are performed live using mechanical devices just like the Golden Age of the '40s. For example, the actors recreate footsteps; bells are rung; a half-size door is used when door effects are needed; a wind machine adds

wind; and a water tank is used for water effects.

Co-produced by The Second City Theatre, Olympia Entertainment, and Marty Bufalini Productions, this happy-go-lucky, heartwarming classic, will again this year present the creative directing talents of Bufalini and a skilled cast as they present a "theater of the mind," combining dialog and live sound effects to bring an entertaining holiday classic to life. Grosse Pointers appearing in the cast include: Angelina Bufalini, Carrie Fisk, Justin Hawley, Kara Reynolds, Bob Reynolds and Dante Bufalini.

Performances are scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 15, at 5 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 21 and 22, at 2 p.m.

Tickets (\$14 for adults, \$9 for seniors and students) may be purchased at The Second City box office or at all Ticketmaster locations.

All Children and Parents Are Invited To Attend:

Christ the King Lutheran Church's
17th ANNUAL LIVING NATIVITY
Sunday, December 15th, 12:30 - 3:30pm
Living Nativity STORIES • SONGS • ANGELS • ANIMALS

20338 Mack Avenue, • Grosse Pointe Woods, MI
Take the time to put Christmas in your heart!

SHARE
the warmth this Holiday Season

SEE OUR LARGE SELECTION OF FINE SHEARLINGS AND LEATHER

KAY-ANOS
FURS

19261 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods
(313) 886-7715 (Mack near Moross)
OPEN SUNDAY 12-4:30

WE ARE A FULL SERVICE FURRIER:
APPRAISALS • REPAIRS • RESTYLING • RELINING
MONOGRAMMING • FUR CARE • CLEANING • COLD STORAGE
LARGE SELECTION OF MENS FURS • WE ACCEPT TRADE-INS

Grandma's evolutionary impact

For many years anthropologists and ethnographers have dismissed any impact, either good or bad, that grandmothers might have had on long-ago cultures.

Typical of their attitude was the report issued by renowned anthropologist, Charles William Merton Hart.

He studied the Tiwi hunter-gatherers of Australia in the 1920s. He described the elder females there as a terrible nuisance, physically as quite revolting, and he was distressed on those occasions when he was forced into their company. He did not believe their activities merited recording or analyzing with the attention he paid to the men, young women and even children.

But a growing number of evolutionary biologists and cultural anthropologists believe grandmothers represent a key to understanding human prehistory and the particulars of why we are as we are.

Compared to other primates, humans are slow to grow up and start breeding, are empathetic and generous as primates go and family oriented to an outstanding degree.

A recent international conference of these scientists was devoted for the first time to grandmothers. To an unprecedented extent, many of these scientists agreed that grandmothers, in particular, and

Senior Scene

By
Ruth
Cain



elder female kin have been an underrated source of power and sway in our evolutionary heritage.

A number of conference participants demonstrated that the absence or presence of a grandmother often spelled the difference in traditional subsistence cultures between life or death for the grandchildren. In fact, having a grandmother sometimes improved a child's prospects to a far greater extent than did the presence of a father.

Two anthropologists from University College in London analyzed demographic information from rural Gambia collected from 1960 to 1974. Child mortality rates in that area and time were sky high. The anthropologists found that for Gambian toddlers weaned from the protective qualities of breast milk, but not yet having strength and immune vigor of their own, the presence of a grandmother cut their chances of dying in half. Surprisingly, whether the father was alive or dead

didn't matter. Significantly, the beneficial granny effect derived only from maternal grandmothers. The paternal grandmother's presence made no difference to a child's outcome.

An interesting study was conducted by anthropologists at Indiana University who combed through an exceptionally complete population register from a village in central Japan. The records covered a 200-year period, from 1671 to 1871. The records were so complete because during that time Japan was trying to battle the encroachment of Christianity. Keeping track of everybody's birth, death and whereabouts allowed officials to interrogate citizens each year on their religious allegiance. As in the Gambian study, the overall mortality rate for children was substantial: 27.5 percent dying by age 16.

The researchers determined from the records that when a maternal grandmother lived in the household, boys were 52 percent less likely to die in childhood than if there were no grandmother present. Conversely, when the father's mother lived in the house, boys were 62 percent more likely to die than were those without a resident grandma.

For girls, no statistically significant benefit or decrement could be seen from grandmothers of either bloodline.

Although results of these

studies seem clear, the reason for the results are not. Why the importance of a maternal grandmother rather than a paternal grandmother?

One reason offered by the scientists was that when a woman's daughter had a child, the woman knows without a doubt that was her grandchild. When the paternal grandmother's daughter-in-law had a child, especially during early cultures there was no certainty that was her grandchild.

And why were grandmothers so effective? What did they do or how did they do it?

One theory is that their benefits might have been psychological rather than practical, such as by encouraging family cohesion, or stifling extreme sibling rivalry.

Another possibility is that if, over the span of human evolution, post-menopausal women had not been using their stalwart bodies for bearing babies, they very likely had been directing their considerable energies elsewhere, presumably to keep their families together.

The information garnered from these studies is fascinating, but many questions haven't and may never be answered.

One thing we do know is that the expression, "I am woman, I am strong," is more than the words to a song.

At the kids' table

By Linda J.
Wittenberg Ireson
Grosse Pointe Woods

Many years ago, more than I care to recall, I used to dread the holidays. We would either be at my parents' home or my Aunt Alice's home. The reason I would dread those special holiday dinners was because I was going to be stuck at the kids' table.

While I sat there I would glance over at the formal grownup table and wish I could be there listening to all their interesting conversations and maybe adding a few comments of my own. But instead my younger sister Kathy and I would be told you girls will sit at the kids' table. During this time it would be her and I and my cousin Sue and Ron. Tommy was only a baby and he was allowed to be at the grownup table in his highchair!

We would all gather and sit down and giggle and laugh. Suddenly the kids table was fun. We could talk and tell silly stories and act up and just be kids without anyone yelling at us to stop that or sit up straight or don't talk with your mouth full.

Now many years later I am a mother of a wonderful son, and I have been married for 25 years now. The time has come when I had to suddenly realize my family has grown small as I have lost my Aunt Alice, my dear mother and my beloved grandmother. They have gone on to join my beloved grandfather and all our other many relatives who

went on before them. Now all I have are those happy memories of the kids' table.

I remember how my mother would always set up a card table in the living room just within view of the formal dining room. She would have a linen tablecloth, linen napkins, china, crystal and silver. In the middle would be a lovely small centerpiece or a small candle just for us at the kids' table. My Aunt Alice did the same thing when it was her turn to have the holiday dinner, either Thanksgiving or Christmas.

When I think back the only thing I did dread was knowing I would be stuck at the kids' table. I was 13 going on 14! How could they do that to me, I would think to myself. But now I think back and I remember how much fun it was. We always laughed so hard. We told jokes and made faces. My sister would do all her funny things with the mashed potatoes in her mouth and we would sit and laugh so hard. One time my cousin Sue laughed so hard milk came out of her nose which made us laugh even harder. We had so much fun then.

These are all happy memories I have now. Memories I will cherish forever. How much I miss those times and all the fun we had at the kids' table. My own table has grown much smaller now when we have holiday dinners. But I will always remember those happy memories at the kids' table and wish we could do it all again.

Someone You Love Can Use Our Help



- Private homes
- Full or part-time coverage
- Hospital or nursing homes
- Bonded and insured
- 24-hours
- RN supervised

Registered Nurses
Licensed Practical Nurses
Nurses Aides

NURSING UNLIMITED
INCORPORATED
Serving the Grosse Pointes & Eastern Suburbs since 1980
(586) 777-5300

SPROUT HOUSE

NATURAL FOODS STORE

New Ownership

Come See What's New...

- SOUPS • SANDWICHES • SALADS
- ORGANIC PRODUCE • VITAMINS & HERBS
- JUICING • BERT'S BEES
- NATURAL PRODUCTS
- VEGAN & VEGETARIAN •
- Plus GOURMET SANDWICHES
- Tuna • Salmon • Free Range Chicken

Enter our drawing to win a
GIFT BASKET 1000 Value
Drawing is December 21st
filled with organic & gift products

15233 Kercheval • Grosse Pointe Park
313.331.3200



Have You Heard?
Ginette Lezotte, Au.D., CCC-A
Doctor of Audiology

"TV Ears®: A Full
AUDIOLOGY Listening Experience"

Just in time for gift giving, Grosse Pointe Audiology is offering TV Ears®. TV Ears® are wireless, lightweight and comfortable headset systems that allow a television viewer to tune-in to television programming at their own volume level. You won't ever have to hear someone tell you to turn down the volume on the television again! The television volume can even be completely off and you can adjust the volume of your headset to whatever level is most comfortable to you.

Need to Hear Better? TV Ears® is perfect for mild, moderate or severe hearing loss.
Comfortable and Light: At only 1.6 oz., including the battery, the TV Ears® headset, with its soft cushion earpads is so comfortable and light, you

will forget you have it on. The design is perfect for reclining in your favorite chair or lying in bed.
Adjustable Volume Control: This control automatically reduces annoying bursts in volume during commercial or channel surfing.

This product is available to purchase at Grosse Pointe Audiology, 19794 Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods. You can also use our demonstration set of TV Ears® in your own home at no charge to be sure they are the right product for you.



Dr. Lezotte

NEXT WEEK: "Another gift giving idea: Amplified Telephones!"
Advertisement

SOC offers gifts of friendship, nourishment

For senior citizens to survive, they must have at least one nutritionally balanced meal per day and the interest to eat it.

Often, older adults who live alone do not, or cannot, shop, prepare or eat a well-balanced diet necessary to sustain them.

With the support of the Bon Secours Mission Fund, Mary Thompson Foundation, Grosse Pointe Farms, the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Park, Detroit Area Agency on Aging, and donations, Services for Older Citizens (SOC) is able to offer programs designed to assure that senior citizens had the food they need each day.

The gift of friendship
Creating a warm environment where seniors want to eat and share good times is a goal SOC works toward, day after day.

Reaching this goal is something done in small steps but it is evident every day. One senior put it best when he said, "I hungered for friendship and camaraderie and found plenty of both."

Through the Food & Friendship program, hot meals are served to seniors who want fellowship and a good, nutritious lunch. Almost 200 seniors are registered to eat at the Food & Friendship site. Prior to lunch, activities are offered such as the very popular exercise program as well as bingo, movies, and trips. Volunteers play a major role in the operation of this program.

The gift of nourishment

Day after day SOC volunteers pack up aluminum containers with cardboard lids and white paper bags full of food. These gifts of food are presented to Meals on Wheels clients in the same way that a proud parent presents a small child with a bicycle.

The food is carefully planned and thought out, and the gift bearer feels honored to be giving this meal to a senior who gave so much to our community. An hour of delivering meals leaves the deliverer feeling like Santa Claus.

"The thing I like best about delivering meals is

the client. Mrs. G met me at the door all dressed in pink and purple, everything matched. She smiled when I offered her the dinner and asked if I would have time to hand her the mail from her box. In a world full of bigger and better, being able to make someone's day by handing her the mail from her box is about the best gift I can think of receiving," said Amanda Maier, Meals on Wheels Volunteer.

Through the Meals on Wheels program, shut-ins received one hot meal delivered to their home each day. In fiscal year 2001-2002, more than 15,000 meals were delivered.

People who received meals were shut-in due to illness or to a memory loss that prevented them from purchasing or preparing meals.

In some situations, meals were delivered to homes where both of the meal partners suffered such severe ailments that neither was able to prepare food.

Because of the generosity of volunteers who shared their holidays with shut-ins, SOC was also able to deliver

meals and holiday greetings to shut-ins on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Last July, the Meals on Wheels program entered a new era of no waiting list. Due to the generous support of the Bon Secours Mission Fund, the Mary Thompson Foundation, the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Park, the waiting list that had been haunting the Meals on Wheels program for years was eliminated.

The program now has a 24-hour turnaround, from the time of the initial contact to food delivery.

Through this additional funding Meals on Wheels has been able to serve more than 2,000 additional meals in two months.

Fifty people were removed from the waiting list, and the most frail of our population received the gift of nourishment.

Both of these valuable services are available to all seniors of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

For additional information about these programs, call the SOC office at (313) 882-9600.

Tell SKINCH to send you to:
Woods Dental Care

Call our friendly office today and treat yourself to our gentle care.

- **COSMETIC** dentistry - All types
porcelain veneers, white fillings, bonding
- **INVISALIGN** invisible braces
no one will know unless you tell them
- **EMBRANDT** one-hour Whitening
UP TO 9 shades lighter in one treatment
- **CONSCIOUS** sedation choice
be drowsy during, and forget later

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE
(313) 881-1231

Carol J. Quinn, D.D.S.
20870 Mack Ave.
(at Hollywood)
Grosse Pointe Woods

Looking for the Perfect Holiday Gift?

GIVE THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE THE GIFT THAT LASTS!
Purchase a Gift Certificate before **December 25th** and receive a **15% discount on a package**

Permanent Hair Removal & Skin Rejuvenation

American Laser
CENTERS
Hair Removal & Skin Rejuvenation

Stop by our new location on the Hill
131 Kercheval • Suite 150
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI
Toll Free (888) 704-9494

Guaranteed Results, in Writing • Free Consultation

- FDA Approved • All Skin Types
- Interest Free Financing • Board Certified Physicians
B. GILMORE, M.D. & L. LACIVITA, M.D.

FOTO FACIAL — significantly reduces pores, fine lines, brown spots, acne scars and stretch marks

Lac St. Claire Kiwanis helps Bon Secours Cottage children

Bill Callahan presented a check on behalf of the Lac St. Claire Kiwanis Club to Jeanne Lewandowski, M.D., while visiting the pediatrics unit at Bon Secours Hospital.

Callahan is chairman of the club's Harper Charity Cruise, held on the last Wednesday in August as a fun family event and fund raiser for children's charities, specially the Bon Secours Cottage Health Services childhood immunization program and Henry Ford Health System's "Kaleidoscope Kids" pediatric hospice services.

This year, the Lac St. Claire Kiwanis Club provided additional funding for the



Bill Callahan gave a check to Jeanne Lewandowski, M.D. for use in the pediatrics unit at Bon Secours Hospital. The money was raised during the seventh annual Harper Charity Cruise in August.

accompany illness and hospitalization. Diversionary activities focus the child's attention on something other than the pain and trauma they may be experiencing.

The Diversion program includes music therapy, art therapy and video library with several TV/VCRs. The Kiwanis funds will be used to purchase TV stands, art supplies and musical instruments that the children can use.

Music and art therapists work with the children to help them express their thoughts creatively, lessening anxiety and enhancing the healing process.

Diversion program of the pediatrics unit at Bon Secours Hospital. The program helps young patients cope with the discomfort, fear and boredom that often

Trimming prescription prices

(NAPSI) — With millions of Americans taking one or more prescriptions, families looking to save or seniors living on a fixed income may be searching for a way to cut that cost.

The National Institute on Health Care Management reports that Americans spent \$175.2 billion on prescription drugs in 2001, with an average cost per prescription of \$49.84, and according to the Medco Health Solutions 2002 Drug Trend report, prescription drug use in some categories has increased 600 percent.

"Cutting the cost of your prescription drugs is not difficult, and results from taking an active role in your treatment," says Dr. Glenn Stettin, vice president of clinical products for Medco Health Solutions.

Stettin recommends the following tips for reducing the prescription drug price tag:

• Generics are gaining in popularity among physicians and patients alike, due largely to generic health programs like Medco's Generics First program.

Generics contain the same active ingredient as their brand-name counterparts, making them as safe and effective; also they can provide up to 60 percent in savings.

• Lifestyle changes can alleviate symptoms for which prescription drugs are being taken. For example, reducing caffeine, alcohol and chocolate; avoiding tight-fitting clothing; and quitting smoking can help reduce symptoms of heartburn—a free alternative to expensive medications.

• If you have health coverage that includes a drug benefit, understanding how the plan works can save you money. Know what is and isn't covered, and how your out-of-pocket costs are structured.

• Some conditions, such as colds and flu, can be treated more effectively with over-the-counter medications than with more expensive prescriptions.

• Some prescriptions may include multiple refills for a temporary condition. Having the refills does not necessarily mean you must

use them.

• If you're on a fixed income, diagnosed with a new condition or prescribed a new therapy, ask your doctor about samples. Many doctors like to provide patients with drug samples in order to determine if any side effects will be experienced.

• It may be less expensive to take one 20 milligram pill than two 10 milligram pills for the same effect. Similarly, it may be cheaper to split a 100 milligram tablet in two.

• The cost of prescription drugs varies from pharmacy to pharmacy.

If you have a drug plan, mail-order pharmacies may lower your out-of-pocket costs. If you don't have drug coverage, explore discount-buying programs.

• Consumers should inform their doctor(s) of what their drug coverage includes, and even ask that it be noted in their medical record.

This will help doctors appreciate the portion of the prescription cost that the patient will bear.

Take it easy shoveling snow

With the arrival of yet another snowfall, area residents will be dealing with the time-honored winter tradition of snow shoveling. Dr. Barry Franklin, Director of Cardiac Rehabilitation at William Beaumont Hospital and official spokesperson for the American Heart Association, has important information that might make you think twice as you pick up that shovel.

"In people who are normally inactive with known or hidden heart disease, snow shoveling can trigger heart attacks and even sudden cardiac death," he said.

The American Heart Association cautions that if you haven't been physically active, you should be extremely cautious when lifting a heavy shovel piled high with snow. The combination of sudden physical exertion and the cold increases the heart's workload. It's natural for blood vessels to temporarily narrow in cold weather. The cold can even be more dangerous if vessels are already

narrowed due to fatty deposits. Too much strain on the heart during these conditions can result in a heart attack or even sudden cardiac arrest.

"Researchers have found that the heart rate and blood pressure responses to shoveling heavy wet snow often approached and exceeded the same responses during maximum exercise testing," said Franklin. "Within two minutes, most subjects had already exceeded their upper heart rate limit for aerobic exercise training. It is no wonder that each year many middle aged and older individuals experience cardiovascular complications during snow shoveling."

Hypothermia is an additional danger that should be guarded against. Hypothermia is a drop in body temperature to a sub-normal level and it is potentially fatal. Symptoms are slowed breathing and heart-beat, lack of coordination, confusion and drowsiness.

Here are some tips from

the American Heart Association for individuals who shovel snow:

• Wear several layers of clothing instead of one heavy layer.

• Put on a hat or scarf because most body heat is lost through the top of the head.

• Protect ears and hands from frostbite.

• Don't hesitate to take breaks while shoveling.

Before you make the decision to shovel snow, the American Heart Association strongly recommends consulting with your physician. If you experience any of the following signs of a heart attack, you should contact 9-1-1 immediately.

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

• Pain spreading to shoulders, arms or neck.

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

Christmas Cheers: Alternatives to the usual holiday spirits

By Jeff Jay and Debra Jay
Special Writers

Dear Jeff and Debra,

My friends and I aren't teetotalers, but I'm getting worried about drinking and driving with all the holiday parties.

What else can I offer besides a boring old punch or a pot of coffee? I want to be more creative when I have a party.

—Pointe Partyer

Dear Partyer,

You're right to be worried. As a host or hostess, you could be held responsible for the drinkers you entertain.

But there are plenty of wonderful alternatives you can offer your guests, as well as a few tips to bear in mind.

Don't make drinking the main activity of a party. Serve good food and find creative ways to entertain your guests. Close the bar 90 minutes before the party ends, treating guests with something different (see below).

Watch how you pour! Remember, one drink equals one ounce of 86 proof liquor, 4 ounces of wine or 12 ounces of beer.

If you pour heavier drinks, one drink may be the equivalent of two or more drinks. Don't let your guests think they've only had two or three drinks when they've really had four or six. Choose a reliable bartender.

As a rule of thumb, low-risk alcohol consumption is one drink every 60 to 90 minutes. If you see that one of your guests has had too much to drink, call a taxi or arrange a ride for that person with someone else.

If necessary, emphasize the danger of getting in an accident or getting pulled over by the police.

Your letter is especially timely, as we've just heard from our old friend Nancy Cain with AAA, who has a great resource for creative hosts and hostesses who want to offer their guests something special.

Dear Debra and Jeff,

AAA Michigan's Great Pretenders Party Guide for 2002-03 is off the press and available free to people who want some tasty, nonalcoholic drink recipes to

enhance their holiday festivities.

For this year's guide, we asked chefs and beverage managers from AAA-Diamond-rated restaurants and hotels in eight Midwest states to let us publish a recipe they serve to guests who prefer a nonalcoholic beverage.

Four recipes are from Michigan establishments: Garland Resort in Lewiston, Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Iridescence restaurant in Detroit and The 1913 Room in Grand Rapids.

Other contributors are such outstanding establishments as The Ritz-Carlton in Chicago, The American Club

in Kohler, Wis., and The Abbey Hotel in Bettendorf, Iowa.

In addition to 16 nonalcoholic drink recipes and three recipes for fancy party snacks, the guide has important facts about the problem of drunken driving and tips for controlling alcohol consumption by party guests.

Your readers can pick up a free copy of The Great Pretenders Party Guide at any AAA full-service branch office, or they can order one on the Internet at www.pr@aaamichigan.com or by telephone at (800) AAA-MICH (222-6424).

We hope people will use the guide to help make their holidays safely enjoyable.

—Nancy Cain, Public Relations Manager, AAA Michigan

Thanks Nancy,

It's always a pleasure to have AAA's Great Pretenders Party Guide on hand for the holidays.

The recipes are fantastic and we've used them many times for our own parties. We always get lots of compliments!

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are the authors of, "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction," published by Hazelden. They are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact them at (313) 882-6921 or through their Web site: www.lovefirst.net.



Jeff and Debra Jay



The Staff of Father Taillieu and DeSeranno Residence

It's about the people

The people who live here. The people who work here. These are the reasons Father Taillieu and DeSeranno Residences are places of graceful living.

A community within a community is what you'll find at Father Taillieu and DeSeranno Residences. People are concerned about one another. They also care about the beauty of the building and grounds. They are proud to call these residences their home.

A healthcare organization focused on the total well-being of people, St. John Health is proud to own two senior residences where our values of compassion, integrity and dedication flourish.

We are proud of the commitment from St. John Health employees to provide our residents with the best possible service. From our gracious meal service to our immaculately maintained buildings, our employees strive for excellence — and achieve it.

And it doesn't go unnoticed by our residents, some of whom have lived here for more than 20 years.

We invite you to see for yourself. Please schedule a tour or call for more information at 586-753-1182.

Father Taillieu
18760 Thirteen Mile Road
Roseville MI 48066
586-776-8500

DeSeranno Residence
17255 Common Road
Roseville, MI 48066
586-778-5070



Your Skin

by Raechele Gathers, MD

Scars. Most of the time, they are harmless. But for some, they can be disfiguring, become painful, or thicken into dense collections of tissue called keloids.

Keloids can start from scars due to cuts, burns, ear and body piercing, even from old acne lesions. Keloids spread beyond the limits of the original scar or injury and are often tender, and even itch.

While all skin types can develop keloids, they are most common in African Americans. Patients predisposed

to keloids may develop keloids anywhere on the body, though the earlobes, chest, back and shoulders are the most common sites. Keloids are not a skin cancer, and will not become malignant.

Depending on the size and location of the keloids, your doctor may recommend treatment using intralesional injections, laser therapy, or surgical excision with post-operative intralesional injections or x-ray irradiation.

To learn more about keloids and their treatment, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates.

Eastside Dermatology has offices in Grosse Pointe and New Baltimore. You can reach them at (313)884-3380

ADVERTISEMENT

Pastor's Corner

The meaning of Christmas varies among people and creeds

Rev. John Corrado
Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church

There are some questions you ask over and over again with the Christmas season. One that's popular at this time of the year goes something like this: "What does Christmas mean to you? Is it a celebration without a cross?"

"What does it mean to a congregant whose personal theology ranges from mystic to liberal Christian to humanistic Jew to agnostic, as the steps in heaven and a few of the best of the best?"

I don't know about other members of the clergy, and I can't honestly answer that question for each and every member of my congregation.

I suspect few clergy really can. I can, however, give you a general answer. This answer occurred to me as I looked at a creche, that manger tableau that includes not only Jesus, Mary, Joseph and attendant animals but shepherds and the Wise Men as well.

Consider the Wise Men. Men of both material and intellectual substance, they came from different places and brought different perspectives, as well as different gifts to the manger.

They were not people of "one mind" or one way of seeing, doing, or believing things. What they had in common was the deeply human urge to try to find the Holy.

Their desire for the Holy was so great that they put other things aside to travel many miles and spend many days in its pursuit.

Consider the "certain poor shepherds." They had little in the way of gifts of any kind. They traveled very little distance. They may not have had any conscious reckoning of the Holy.

What they did have was a vivid awareness of what was going on and a strong sense of curiosity.

They wanted to go where the action was. They wanted to make sense of the mystery and joy and mystery of a light from beyond that startled their consciousness.

I think that not only most people in my congregation, but most religious people in the world fall somewhere between the Wise Men and the shepherds.

Variouly gifted, and of many minds on matters, some seek the Holy, some seek meaning, and some seek both. When it comes to the Christmas story, we are, it seems to me, the modern day stand-ins for the supporting cast of two thousand years ago.

Yes, there are some people who reject the Christmas story out of hand without question. Yes, there are some who accept the same story out of hand without question.

As for my congregation, we are, by and large, those who seek the Holy, search for meaning, or both. These we seek with openness, wonder, a dynamic range of suppositions, and a healthy supply of questions.

If we miss the stable and what it holds for us, it won't be because we already decided that we had truth locked up someplace else.

In other words, I think that, "what Christmas means" to us can be measured by the way we seek and our willingness to find.

For all, I offer the seasonal wish that you keep seeking; keep open to finding in the strangest of places so that you might be Christmased in the merriest of ways.

First English Ev. Lutheran Church presents Seasonal Music Sunday

The Christmas tradition of First English Ev. Lutheran Church's Seasonal Music Sunday will be the feature on Dec. 15 at the 11 a.m. worship service.

Coordinator of Music, Robert Foster, will combine the Good News Singers with instrumentalists and the congregation in performing favorite hymns of the

Advent/Christmas season. The Good News Singers will perform the "Gloria" of Daniel Pinkham, as well as a new setting of the ageless classic "Of the Father's Love Begotten."

As always, the nursery for children up to age 3 is available, and a freewill offering will be taken. Coffee hour

will follow. First English Ev. Lutheran Church is located at 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods and is served by Dr. Walter Schmidt, Senior Pastor, and Rev. Bart Beebe, Associate Pastor.

For further information, call the church office at (313) 884-5040.



Cookie Mart

The women of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church are getting ready for the annual Christmas Cookie Mart from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 14, at the church, 211 Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms. This event allows a chance to select cookies for \$7 a pound. Breads, candy and a light snack will also be available for purchase. Chairpersons of this year's sale are Jean Buhler and Noelle Landin. For more information, call (313) 885-5507.

Christmas concert Dec. 20

The Judelaire's choral ensemble will perform at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack Ave., in Grosse Pointe Woods. The group, conducted by Jan Michael, will present "The Gift of Song" featuring both sacred and secular holiday favorites. Freewill donations are accepted and a reception will follow. For more information, call (313) 884-1905 or (313) 884-5090.

Handel's Messiah in Greektown

Handel's Messiah will be performed by the Christ Church Grosse Pointe Chorale and Orchestra, 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, Old St. Mary's Greektown, 646 Monroe, Detroit. \$10 or \$15. (313) 885-7923.



WORSHIP SERVICES

Rejoice in the Glory of Christmas

<p>First English Ev. Lutheran Church Vernier Rd. at Wedgewood Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods 884-5040</p> <p>8:15 a.m. Traditional Service 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>Dr. Walter A. Schmidt, Pastor Rev. Barton L. Beebe, Associate Pastor Robert Foster, Music Coordinator</p>	<p>St. James Lutheran Church 170 McMillan Rd., near Kercheval Grosse Pointe Farms • 884-0511</p> <p>Sunday Schedule 9:00 a.m. Education Time 9:45 a.m. Refreshments and Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion</p> <p>Nursery Provided</p> <p>Wednesdays Noon Service of Word and Sacrament</p> <p>Rev. Gustav Kopka Jr., Ph.D.</p>	<p>GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 1175 Lakepointe at Kercheval Grosse Pointe Park 822-3823</p> <p>Sunday - Worship 10:30 a.m. Tuesday - Thrift Shop 10:30 - 3:30</p> <p>Wednesday - Amazing Grace Seniors every second Wednesday at The Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park 11:00 - 3:00 COME JOIN US Pastor: Rev. Henry L. Reinewald</p>	<p>Mt. Olive Lutheran Church 4444 Radnor at Mack • 885-3023</p> <p>Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m. Worship Christmas Day 10:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>WELS</p>
<p>Grosse Pointe UNITED METHODIST CHURCH A Friendly Church for All Ages 211 Moross Rd. Grosse Pointe Farms 886-2363</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>A STEPHEN MINISTRY and LOGOS Congregation</p> <p>Rev. Robert D. Wright, Pastor</p>	<p>Saint Ambrose Parish</p> <p>Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses at 8:30 & 11:15 a.m.</p> <p>St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park One block north of Jefferson, at Maryland</p>	<p>St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church 375 Lothrop at Chalfonte 881-6670</p> <p>9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:10 a.m. Education for All</p> <p>Nursery Available Rev. Frederick Harms, Pastor Rev. Morsal Collier, Assoc. Pastor</p>	<p>ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 20475 Sunningdale Park near Lochmoor Club Grosse Pointe Woods</p> <p>Sunday 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:15 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist (Nursery Available)</p> <p>884-4820</p>
<p>Grosse Pointe Woods PRESBYTERIAN Church 19950 Mack (between Moross & Vernier)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Nursery 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>E-mail: gpwpc@aol.com • Web site: www.gpwpc.org</p>		<p>Historic Mariners' Church Since 1842</p> <p>A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE The 1928 Book of Common Prayer</p> <p>SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion 10:15 a.m. - Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion Church Sunday School and Nursery</p> <p>THURSDAY 12:10 p.m. - Holy Communion Mariners' on Hart Plaza at the Tunnel Free Secured Parking • Ford Garage Enter at Woodward & Jefferson The Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Rector Kenneth J. Sweetman, Organist and Choirmaster 313-259-2206 marinerschurchofdetroit.org</p>	
<p>Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church Seeking to serve Christ in the midst of the City</p> <p>Sunday, December 15, 2002</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship Service Christmas Pageant Featuring the Chancel Choir and Children's Choir</p> <p>Join us at 4:00 p.m. for the Most Misspelled Best Musick Seerreez "Of and About Wynthertyme and the Things We Call Christmas" Featuring the Musicke Maykers</p> <p>8625 E. Jefferson at Burns, Detroit Visit our website: www.japc.org 313-822-3456</p>		<p>St. John's Episcopal Church Woodward Avenue and Fisher Freeway NEXT TO COMERICA PARK www.stjohnsdetroit.org (313) 962-7358</p> <p>Avoid the Christmas Rush... Come to Church this Sunday!</p> <p>December 15th, 2002 - Advent III</p> <p>7:30 am - Morning Prayer 8:00 am - Holy Communion 8:30 to 11 am - Pancake Breakfast 9:10 am - Sunday School & Adult Education 10:00 am - Choral Holy Communion</p> <p>Traditional Liturgy, Music, and Preaching 1928 Book of Common Prayer</p> <p>Christmas Eve - December 24th 4 pm Children's Pageant Service 10:30 pm Carol Prelude, 11 pm - Festive Service</p>	
<p>Grosse Pointe Baptist Church Christ Centered and Caring - Committed to Youth and Community</p> <p>Sunday Worship - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday School - 9:45 AM for Age 2 - Adult</p> <p>Middle School Youth meet Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth meet Sundays at 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>21336 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe Woods Phone: (313) 881-3343 Web Page: www.gpbc.org</p>		<p>THE GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH Established 1865 The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)</p> <p>The Third Sunday of Advent REV. DR. V. BRUCE RIGDON, preaching</p> <p>9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services 10:10 a.m. - Christian Education for Children, Youth & Adults 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Crib/Toddler Care 4:00 p.m. - Service for Wholeness in Barbour Chapel</p> <p>7:30 a.m. Ecumenical Men's Friday Breakfast</p> <p>A STEPHEN MINISTRY and LOGOS Congregation 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms • 882-5330 www.gpmchurch.com</p>	
<p>Christ Church Grosse Pointe (Episcopal)</p> <p>ALL ARE WELCOME!</p> <p>SATURDAY, December 14 5:30 p.m. - Healing Service and Holy Eucharist</p> <p>SUNDAY, December 15 8:00 a.m. - Healing Service and Holy Eucharist 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. - Healing Service and Holy Eucharist with Choir</p> <p>10:10 a.m. - Christmas Education for All Ages Adult Forum: Rector's Roundtable (Crib and toddler care 8:45 - 12:45)</p> <p>December 17 - 'TUESDAYS IN ADVENT' 6:00 p.m. Supper, 7:00 p.m. Program</p> <p>The Rev. Bradford G. Whitaker - Rector The Rev. Martha E. Wallace, Assistant to the Rector 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd. Grosse Pointe Farms (313) 885-4841 • www.christchurchgp.org</p>		<p>Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church "Christmas from the Heart" 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>17150 MAUMEE 881-0420 Rev. John Corrado, Minister</p> <p>Christ the King Lutheran Church Mack at Lochmoor 884-5090</p> <p>8:15 & 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School & Bible Classes</p> <p>Supervised Nursery Provided www.christtheking.org</p> <p>Randy S. Boelter, Pastor Timothy A. Holzerland, Assoc. Pastor</p>	

Colorful, organized crime

By Helen Gregory
Special Writer

People love crime as long as it isn't happening to them. They turned "The Godfather" into a bestseller, an Academy Award film and an industry of sequels and imitations. Butch Sundance, Bonnie and Clyde were folk heroes in their time and after.

Judging from "The Sopranos," "Analyze This" and "That," nothing's changed.

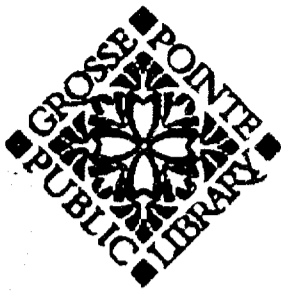
Recent day street crime is too close. We're horrified when children are shot sleeping in their beds, working in a pizza shop or walking home from school. Sleepers are usually accidents, pizza parlors get hit for money, but the kid on the street may have nothing better for the killers than a sharp jacket.

Crime now seems different from crime then. "Now," we might not be able to go somewhere for fear of cross-fire. "Then" is remote, safe. We're immune.

And so, reading up on the Purple Gang is a guilty pleasure. Let the bullets fly, nyaah, nyaah, nyaah, they can't touch us. The Purple Gang has extra appeal: they're near in place, making it a little more exciting but remote in time.

Although we've always heard stories of the Purple Gang across Michigan and into Ohio, there's very little about them out there. Engineer and historian Paul R. Kaveiff of Royal Oak corrected the problem in 2000 with his book, 10 years in the making, "The Purple Gang: Organized Crime in Detroit, 1910-1945."

In 1993, Detroit Robert Rockaway published (and I love this title) "But He Was Good to his Mother: The Lives and Crimes of Jewish Gangsters" in 1993. Now out of print and not available in Grosse Pointe libraries, Detroit Public Library's circulating copies



The Book Return

are missing, but you may find their reference copy. His book covered Meyer Lansky, Bugsy Siegel and other hotshot gonovim, leaving less space for the Purples.

Philip P. Mason's 1995 "Rum Running and the Roaring Twenties: Prohibition on the Michigan-Ontario Waterway" mentions the gang in passing but doesn't name names.

Kaveiff, however, tells all. He credits the Purple Gang for the term, "made his bones." He covers them from their beginning as a pre-World War I adolescent street gang through joining Oakland's Sugar House Gang, committing the Milaflores and Collingwood massacres, connecting to Chicago's St. Valentine's Day massacre, and to the top, attending the first nationwide meeting of mobsters Luciano, Capone and others, witnessing the birth of organized crime. They were untouchable.

By 1930 they'd begun to slip. They began to kill each other. For the first time a Purple was convicted for killing a boy in front of witnesses, speeding their slide into self-destruction. But what a ride: they even show up in Leiber and Stoller's song for Elvis, "Jailhouse Rock," ("The whole rhythm section was the Purple Gang.")

They were pretty much finished by 1935, but

Kaveiff takes us through state Senator Warren Hooper's murder in 1945 and follows up on remnants of the gang. One of his sources is "Harry the Hat" Stone, a surviving Purple.

If you like to nitpick, the index is a bit off and the publisher thought computer grammar and spell checks could do an editor's job. Anyone who has used them knows they can't. But it's a good book. The story moves fast and the photos are revealing.

Despite their dominance, they weren't the only gang. Due to popular demand, Kaveiff covers the era again through other gangs in 2001's "The Violent Years: Prohibition and the Detroit Mobs."

Kaveiff's passion for his subject triggered my imagination. What are the origins of the term Purple? Kaveiff quotes shopkeepers who compared them to tainted meat, "The whole bunch of them are Purple, they're a Purple Gang."

He says there are other theories, but he wastes no time on them but sweeps us into the story. In "The Violent Years" he mentions another theory: they were splashed with purple dye during the Cleaners and Dyers War. His conclusion that a reporter coined the term is probably right. But I wondered if Sam and Ben Purple, two kids named in the original gang, had been leaders even though they disappear from the story.

I bet you have a few questions, too. You'll get a chance to ask them when Kaveiff speaks at Grosse Pointe Public Central Library, on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. It's free, but since seating is limited, please call and make a reservation at (313) 343-2074, extension 220.

You can reach Helen Gregory online at hgregory@gp.lib.mi.us or find her at Grosse Pointe Public Library, Central.

All ages love banana nut pancakes

À LA ANNIE

By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



use cooking spray at all.)

Make a few pancakes (depending on skillet size) at a time by ladling about 1/4 cup of the batter for each pancake. (Make sure to leave enough space between the pancakes to ensure a clean flip.)

Cook until bubbles form on top of the pancakes, and the bottoms become golden brown — about 2 minutes. Flip the pancakes over and cook for another 2 minutes or so. As the pancakes are finished, wrap them loosely in a clean kitchen towel on an oven-safe plate and

keep warm in a 200 degree oven until ready to serve. This recipe makes 12 pancakes when using a 1/4 cup measure. Double the recipe and store the extra cakes in the freezer.

Serve pancakes with softened butter and warm syrup. Grilled bacon or sausage links (or patties) will pair nicely with this tasty version of one of the oldest bread forms known to humankind. Your kids will love them. So will the grown-ups. My boss man Jim Champion enjoyed my delicious banana nut pancakes with maple bacon (reheated at 5 p.m.). He didn't share.

If you have little ones, wrap the pancake around a sausage link to form a "pig-in-a-blanket" and serve the syrup on the side for dipping. Breakfast for dinner. Try it once a week. With these sweet yummy hotcakes there's no dessert required.

Getting your children to the dinner table is one thing. Getting them to actually enjoy the meal is another. Why not prepare something that almost all kids like? Pancakes.

This recipe for the usual breakfast fare brings flavorful banana and walnuts to the flapjacks, giving them a real flavor boost. Banana nut pancakes are also a great choice for an upcoming holiday breakfast.

Banana Nut Pancakes
1 1/4 cup sifted flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 tablespoon sugar
1/4 cup chopped walnuts (optional)
2 bananas (very ripe if possible)
1 egg
1 1/4 cup buttermilk (regular or lowfat)
1 tablespoon creme de banana liqueur
2 tablespoons butter, melted

Preheat oven to 200 degrees (to keep pancakes warm). In a medium bowl combine the flour, baking powder, sugar and walnuts, and set aside. In another bowl smash the bananas with a fork to a lumpy paste. Whisk in the egg, buttermilk, banana liqueur and the melted butter. Add the wet mixture to the flour mixture and whisk until well combined. Set the batter aside to rest for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat a large skillet over medium heat and coat with butter or cooking spray. (I used a no-stick skillet and did not

Detroit Concert Choir at St. Clare

Detroit Concert Choir's Sweet Sounds of Christmas: 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier. \$15 or \$12 for students and seniors. (313) 882-0118.

Bring the Family!



RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
Presented by Fifth Third Bank
Now - December 28 • FOX THEATRE
Arrive Early! Doors open 90 minutes prior to show time.
Great Seats are available at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, Hockeytown Authentics in Troy (without service charges) and at all ticketmaster locations, including Marshall Field's.
CHARGE BY PHONE 248.433.1515
SAVE! Groups of 10 or more call 313.471.3099
OlympiaEntertainment.com • Ticketmaster.com

It's a Wonderful Life Radio Drama

DECEMBER 7, 8 & 14 • 2:00 PM
DECEMBER 15 • 5:00 PM
DECEMBER 21 & 22 • 2:00 PM

PERFORMED LIVE AT
The Second City THEATRE
(Located next to the Fox Theatre)

Continue the holiday tradition as Bedford Falls comes alive on stage at the Second City Theatre!



Be a part of a 1940's network radio studio audience & watch "theatre of the mind" as actors and live sound effects blend to make this holiday classic come alive.

Tickets: \$14 for Adults \$9 for Senior Citizens, Students & Children under 12
Call: 313.965.2222
also available at all ticketmaster locations or by phone at 248-645-6666

Presented by **CKWW**

"REACH FOR THE SKY"

at Eastland Center with
ALEXANDER ZONJIC

Saturday, December 14

1 p.m. & 3 p.m. Grand Court

Jazz up your holiday shopping with a memorable concert by famed jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic. Audiences of all ages will enjoy this must-see event as Alexander brings his unique style to Eastland Center on Saturday, December 14, featuring numbers from his newest CD, "Reach For The Sky."



Santa Visits and Photos

It wouldn't be the holidays without a visit and photos with Santa. Stop by his Holiday Workshop, where photo packages are available from \$10-\$18.

Santa's Hours through December 24

Sunday: Noon - 5 p.m. / Monday-Saturday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Holiday Gift Wrap Services

Now through December 24, Eastland Center offers professional gift wrapping, personalized Santa hats and holiday stockings from \$3-\$10 per item. Stop by the Gift Wrap Station directly across from Eastland Dental off the Grand Court. Oversized packages are additional.

Holiday Gift Wrap Hours

Sunday: Noon - 5 p.m. / Monday-Saturday: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

EASTLAND CENTER
More in store for the holidays

Marshall Field's • L'Oréal • Bath & Body Works • Guess • Express
Victoria's Secret • Sears and Roebuck (coming in 2003)
Complimentary delivery • Gift certificates available

Extended Holiday Hours • 18000 Vernier Road just west of I-94 in Harper Woods • 313-371-1500 • www.shopatland.com

Here are some helpful tips to ease holiday overindulgence

The onset of the holiday season brings the usual invitations to parties and open houses.

They offer a chance to visit with valued friends and share in the holiday spirit. They also provide the opportunity to eat and drink more than usual.

Probably one of the most dreaded aspects of the holiday season is the hangover headache, caused simply by excessive alcohol consumption.

The discomfort of hangover headache is experienced the morning after because alcohol causes the blood vessels to swell or dilate, which, in turn, triggers headache pain and may cause slight sweating.

The alcohol also acts as a diuretic, which leads to dehydration.

To help avoid or lessen the suffering associated with the hangover headache that often accompanies these

annual festivities, the National Headache Foundation offers some common sense advice and a headache-free drink recipe.

If you choose to drink alcohol, do so in moderation. Try to sip your drink slowly. Mixed drinks containing fruit or vegetable juices will probably have less effect than straight alcohol.

Avoid red wine, which contains naturally occurring chemicals called congeners. Congeners impart the specific characteristic tastes to different types of wine and other alcoholic beverages. Unfortunately, they also may play a role in causing headaches.

Congeners are more common in red than white wine.

Eat some honey. Honey supplies fructose, a sugar that helps the body metabolize the alcohol ingested, is rich in vitamin B6 and can reduce any hangover symptoms.

At least one ounce of honey on a cracker or piece of toast, before or after drinking, may prevent a hangover.

Tomato juice, another good source of fructose, also allows the body to burn alcohol faster.

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

Drink fluids containing minerals and salts. Liquids rich in minerals and salts offer relief from the dehydration caused by alcohol consumption.

A cup of broth or bouillon, for example, will replace fluid and will not cause nausea.

In general, replacement of fluids with low-acidity beverages, such as sports drinks or water, is helpful.

Drink a cup of coffee. Caffeine may provide some relief in alleviating the

headache symptoms and decreasing the duration of pain. The caffeine acts as a vasoconstrictor and eases the dilated blood vessels.

Take Ibuprofen. While aspirin is okay, Ibuprofen is typically less irritating to the stomach and can also ease the pain of hangover headache.

Alternate nonalcoholic beverages with alcoholic beverages.

Drinking one non-alcoholic beverage between each alcoholic beverage reduces overall alcohol consumption and helps replenish fluids.

Eat greasy food before consuming alcohol. While it is wise to be health-conscious and avoid too much of these foods in general, this is a situation in which eating fatty foods may be helpful.

If consumed prior to drinking alcohol, these foods help line the intestines, which causes alcohol absorp-

tion to take longer. The National Headache Foundation suggests the "Champagne Follower," a headache-free recipe, for this festive time of year.

Champagne Follower
1 1/3 cups apple juice
1 teaspoon lemon juice
12 ounces club soda
Chill four glasses. Mix together apple juice and lemon juice.

Add club soda and stir gently to blend. Pour into glasses and serve immediately. Yields four servings.

While a headache caused by drinking too much may be more common at this time of year, chronic headaches can be a problem at any time.

Headaches are a legitimate biological disease that is treatable.

If you are experiencing headache pain on a routine basis, make a specific

appointment with your health care provider to discuss your headache problem and seek accurate diagnosis and treatment.

The National Headache Foundation (NHF), founded in 1970, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving headache sufferers, their families and the health care providers who treat them; promoting research into headache causes and treatments; and educating the public to the fact that headaches are a legitimate biological disease and sufferers should receive understanding and continuity of care.

For more information on headache causes and treatments, visit www.headaches.org or call 1(888) NHF-5552 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST.

To keep the program, we must give it away

In essence, the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous are about giving and receiving. Reflecting on this can give people in recovery from alcoholism and other drug addiction a new perspective on the steps — one that returns holiday ideals to a spiritual basis.

What recovering people receive through working the steps is a far-reaching gift, something Step Twelve describes as a "spiritual awakening." This does not imply a religious conversion. Rather, it means being able to believe, feel and do things that addicts never could before. It is a transformation that makes all things new.

Consider the mental and emotional life of someone who is addicted to alcohol or other drugs and still using. That person is dominated by resentment and free-floating hostility, fear of admitting the truth, and the shame over harms done to others. Love easily gets confused with feeding an addiction: "She must love me. She gave me her last line of cocaine."

Compare that to the fruits of a spiritual awakening.

"You'll be able to live and get along with your fellow human beings," note the authors of "A Program for You," a Hazelden guide to the basic text "Alcoholics Anonymous." "You'll be able to deal with them openly and honestly as equals without resentment, fear, guilt or remorse. You'll be able to live your life with serenity and peace of mind, instead of restlessness, irritation or discontent. Most of all, you'll be able to stay sober."

Once people receive this gift, most of them naturally want to share it. As Step Twelve says, "Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs." But any effort to "convert" others to the steps can backfire unless the messengers carry the message with real skill. AA tradition offers some practical guidelines:

Understand the message you carry. Any recovering person has only one real message for the addicted person who still uses: "I once was like you. Then I had a spiritual awakening as the

result of the first 11 steps. I have not gotten drunk or used since then." It's really that simple.

Most of all, we don't brand anyone else as an alcoholic or addict. Nor do we evangelize. We merely tell our stories, letting other people judge if our description rings true for them. We share our experience, strength and hope.

Talk to people when they are ready. "You 'Twelve Step' someone not just because he or she needs it, but because that person is motivated — because he or she wants it," said Woody Bernas, director of continuing care and alumni services at Hazelden.

The Twelve Steps are a program of attraction, not promotion. We draw people into the Twelve Steps by our own example. When the message is clear and people are ready, they'll ask: "How can I find the same thing?"

Avoid "two-stepping." Another classic text, "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions," talks about "two-stepping." This takes place when people go directly from Step One — admitting powerlessness over alcohol and other drugs — to

Famed Princeton Triangle Club
to present
It's 112th Production
THIS SIDE OF PARODY
at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial
Monday, December 16th 2002 at 8:00 pm
Don't miss Triangle's latest edition of mirth and merriment!
Tickets at \$20 each • Group discounts available
Call Jeff Page at 248.457.7155

Grosse Pointe War Memorial's
WMTV5
24hr Television for the Whole Community

DAYTIME PROGRAMMING FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 22

8:30 AM THE S.O.C. SHOW
Guest, Brian Joondeph, M.D. - *Mucular Degeneration*
Host Fran Schwenberg and her guests discuss topics and events of particular interest to senior citizens. Repeated: 11:30PM

9:00 AM VITALITY PLUS
A half-hour aerobics exercise class. Repeated: Midnight

9:30 AM POSITIVELY POSITIVE
Guest, June Katzen, C.C.S.
Hosts Jeanie McNeil and Liz Aiken - an uplifting half-hour of positive attitudes and ideas. Repeated: 12:30AM (9:30 PM - M.W.F. & Sun)

10:00 AM WHO'S IN THE KITCHEN?
Guest, Joe Dietz, BYC
Host Chuck Kaess cooks with local celebrities. Repeated: 1 AM, 6:30 PM

10:30 AM WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP
Woods Part I
Renowned local artist Carol LaChiusa demonstrates watercolor techniques simple enough for beginners, yet challenging to the experienced artist. Repeated: 1:30 AM, 7:30 PM

11:00 AM THINGS TO DO AT THE WAR MEMORIAL
Discovering Play
LouAnne Flanagan-Watrick and Emmett Hynous Co-host an informative look at what's happening at the War Memorial. Repeated: 2 AM, 8 PM

11:30 AM OUT OF THE ORDINARY... INTO THE EXTRAORDINARY
Guest, Amazon John, Herbs
Host Robert Taylor presents an extraordinary half-hour of people, places and ideas. Repeated: 2:30 AM (9:30 PM, Tue., T. Sat.)

12:00 PM THE ECONOMIC CLUB OF DETROIT
Features nationally known guest speakers discussing current topics in the business community. Repeated: 3 AM, 10:30 PM

1:00 PM SENIOR MEN'S CLUB
Guests, Grosse Pointe North Singers
"Inside Art" on WMTV5, an exploration into the creative process of art spirits right in our backyard. Repeated: 4 AM, 5:30 PM

1:30 PM CONVERSATIONS WITH COLLECTORS
Guest, Urban Boresch, Beer Steins
Host Susan Hartz focuses on local interesting collections. Repeated: 4:30 AM (8:30 PM, Tue., T. Sat.)

2:00 PM THE LEGAL INSIDER
Guests, Helen Burton & Randy Wilger, Foster Care
Hosts local attorneys David Draper and Douglas Dempsey take an inside look at current legal issues. Repeated: 5 AM, 6 PM

2:30 PM THE JOHN PROST SHOW
Guest, Major Norman Marshall
Host John Prost interviews local celebrities about timely topics. Repeated: 5:30 AM, 10 PM

3:00 PM THE EASTSIDE EXAMINER
St. John Surgery Center
Host Julia Keim interviews people of interest from Grosse Pointe and the Detroit Area bringing current information to the community about special events. Repeated: 6 AM, 7 PM

3:30 PM MUSICAL STORYTIME JAMBOREE
Miss Paula, the Merry Music Maker, and Miss ReadABook offers a half-hour of stories and music for children. Repeated: 6:30 AM

4:00 PM VITALITY PLUS
A half-hour of body toning and step/kickboxing exercise class. M/W/F/Sun; Step/kickboxing Repeated: 7 AM (9 PM - M.W.F. & Sun.); Tone. Repeated: (9 PM Tue. T. & Sat.)

4:30 PM YOUNG VIEW POINTES
Upbeat youth show featuring students reporting on a variety of educational topics. Repeated: 7:30 AM (8:30 PM M. W. F. & Sun.)

5:00 PM POINTES OF HORTICULTURE
Mtl Anthony
Horticulturist Co-Hosts Mtl Anthony & Jim Farquhar share tips, gives advice and interviews local authorities on gardening. Repeated: 8 AM

* Schedule subject to change without notice. For further information call 313.881.7511.

TOO HOT TO HANDEL
The Jazz Gospel Messiah
December 21 @ 8pm
December 22 @ 4pm
A Hand-Clapping, Soul-Stirring Holiday Rapture
with the Rackham Symphony Choir at the Detroit Opera House
Featuring
Alfreda Burke, Vivian Cherry and Rodrick Dixon
Conducted by Suzanne Mallare Actor
Presented through support by Random Acts and The Detroit Opera House
Detroit Opera House Ticket Services Office
(313) 237-SING (7464)
or TicketMaster (248) 645-6666

MAGNIFICENT Alaska Cruises

BEST OVERALL CRUISE VALUE
World Ocean & Cruise Liner Society

BEST OVERALL RAILCAR EXPERIENCE
Onboard Services Magazine

AMONG THE HIGHEST-RATED PREMIUM CRUISE LINES
Readers of Condé Nast Traveler

BOOK NOW
7 Days From
\$779 PER PERSON

There's no better way to discover Alaska than cruising. Especially if your ship is one of the five-star fleet of Holland America. From our panoramic windows or wrap-around decks, watch as silent forests glide by. We'll cruise close-up to shimmering glaciers, and ashore, take you on adventures you won't experience anywhere else. This is the best of Alaska from the leader in Alaska for over 50 years. Call today.

Holland America

20762 Kelly Road
Eastpointe, Michigan 48021
Cruises: 586-777-SHIP
888-68-SHIPS
OPEN SEVEN DAYS

Seven Seas Cruises & Travel

* ALL PRICES ARE PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY. PORT CHARGES INCLUDED. GOV. FEES & TAXES ADDITIONAL. RESTRICTIONS APPLY. SHIPS REGISTRY IN THE ISLANDS, BAHAMAS.

Academic Enrichment
Kumon Math/Reading: Assumption Cultural Center offers these courses to build skills and confidence. 3:45-6:45 p.m., Wednesdays or 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays. 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. \$80 per month plus a \$50 registration fee (586) 779-6111.

Attractions
Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory: Christmas Poinsettia Display, through Saturday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., daily. Belle Isle, Detroit. \$2 adults and guided tours, \$1 seniors and children, 2-12. (313) 852-4064.

Belle Isle Aquarium: Domestic and tropical fish and aquatic animals. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., daily. Belle Isle, Detroit. \$3 adults, \$2 children. (313) 852-4083.

Automotive Hall of Fame: Special exhibition dedicated to Warren Avis, founder of Avis Rent-a-Car. Interactive exhibits focusing on automotive pioneers. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., daily. 21400 Oakwood in Dearborn. \$6 adults, \$5.50 seniors, \$3 for children, 5-12. (313) 240-4000.

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History: Pictures Tell the Story. Ernest C. Withers. Reflections in History, through Sunday, Jan. 5. Elder Grace: The Nobility of Aging, through Sunday, April 6. Of the People: The African American Experience, continuing.

9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m., Sunday. 315 E. Warren, Detroit. \$5 adults, \$3 children, 5 and up. (313) 494-5800.
Children's Museum Detroit Public Schools: Feel Like A Kid Again exhibit. 4th Annual Holiday Storytelling Fest, noon-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14. Free.

Make & Take Crafts, 1 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 26-Tuesday, Dec. 31. Free. Reservations required. Holiday Happenings, noon-4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 26-Tuesday, Dec. 31. Reservations required. Planetarium Shows, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays, for children, 6-12. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. 6134 Second, Detroit. \$3 per program. (313) 873-8100.

Detroit Historical Museum: French Americans exhibit. Kwanzaa Gifts Wiggle Giggle Workshop, 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14. \$3. Glancy Train Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 29. \$2, per train for appraisals. Detroit Style - The 1930s, through Sunday, May 11. Connections: Metro Detroit Neighborhoods, through August 2003. "Tis the Season," 2 p.m., Monday-Friday; 11 a.m., noon, 2, 4 and 5 p.m., Saturdays and 2, 4 and 5 p.m., Sundays, through Friday, Jan. 3. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, noon-6 p.m., Sunday. 5020 John R,

Detroit Institute of Arts: Degas and the Dance, through Sunday, Jan. 12. Puppet-Making Drop-In Workshops, noon-4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 26-Tuesday, Dec. 31. Basket Full of Stories, 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 26. Miz Rosie - The Storyteller, 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 27. Les Parisiennes Dance Performance, 6 and 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 27. Margrove Institute of Music and Dance Dancers and Cinderella Puppet Performance, 3 p.m., Friday, Dec. 27-Sunday, Dec. 29. Native America Tales, 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 29. World Tales, 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 30. Beyond Storytelling, 2 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 31. Holiday hours, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Dec. 30; 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 27 and Saturday, Dec. 28; 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 29; closed Christmas and New Year's Day. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. \$4 adults, \$1 children or free for DIA members. (313) 833-7900.

Detroit Science Center: DTE Energy Sparks Theater. IMAX Dome Theatre. Digital Dome Planetarium: "Winter Nights," 1 and 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. "Tis the Season," 2 p.m., Monday-Friday; 11 a.m., noon, 2, 4 and 5 p.m., Saturdays and 2, 4 and 5 p.m., Sundays, through Friday, Jan. 3. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, noon-6 p.m., Sunday. 5020 John R,

and Greenfield Village: Traditions of the Season, through Wednesday, Jan. 1. Holiday Express in the Henry Ford Museum, through Wednesday, Jan. 1. Anderson Theatre, "The Reluctant Dragon," 2:30 p.m., Friday-Monday, through Monday, Dec. 30. \$8 adults or \$7 children. Sounds of Christmas, weekends, Thursday, Dec. 26-Wednesday, Jan. 1. Benson Ford Research Center: A Busy Life: The Fashions of Elizabeth Parke Fashions, through Sunday, Jan. 1. IMAX Theatre. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m., Sunday. 20900 Oakwood, Dearborn. \$8.50-\$13.50 Museum. IMAX Theatre, \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and children, 12 and under. Due to the Greenfield Village Restoration Project, the Village will be closed through Saturday, May 31, 2003. (313) 982-6001.

Detroit Zoo: Santa Breakfast, featuring a special appearance by the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes, Saturdays, through Dec. 21, 8:30-10 a.m., Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. \$35, adults; \$30 children, \$10 discount for DZS members. Reservations required. (248) 541-5717. Santa Photos 11-3 p.m., Sundays, through Dec. 22. Wildlife Interpretive Gallery \$7 or \$5 for DZS members. Holiday Card Craft: 11-3 p.m., Sundays, through Dec. 22. Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. Mosaic Youth Theatre, Saturday, Dec. 28. BG Wildlife Magazine Photographer of the Year exhibition in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery through Saturday, Jan. 18. Arctic Ring of Life exhibit, 4.2 acres of arctic animals and a clear, underwater Polar Passage. National Amphibian Conservation Center. Wild Adventure Simulator. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., daily. Ten Mile at Woodward, Royal Oak. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and children, 2-12. \$4 simulator rides. \$4 parking. (248) 398-0903.

Dossin Great Lakes Museum: Working the Inland Seas. Stories of African Americans on the Great Lakes, through April 2003. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday-Sunday. Belle Isle, Detroit. \$3 adults, \$2 children, 5-15. Wednesdays are free. (313) 852-4051. Henry Ford Museum

Fireworks Finale: Wednesday, Dec. 31. Blossom Heath park, 24800 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. (586) 774-1740. **Grosse Pointe Public Library Winter Film Festival:** "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." 4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17, Grosse Pointe Woods Branch, 20600 Mack. 4 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 18, Central Branch, 10 Kercheval. 4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 19, Grosse Pointe Park Branch, 15430 Kercheval. (313) 943-2074.

Holiday Happenings
17th Annual Living Nativity: 12:30-3:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack. Free. (313) 884-5090. **Nutcracker Teas:** Children enjoy tea in the Tea Room then visit Santa at the Play House of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, through Dec. 17. 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 16. \$10. Reservations required. (313) 884-4222. **Breakfast with Santa:** 8:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. \$8. Reservations required. (586) 779-6111. **Book Signing:** Author Colleen Monroe will sign her new book, "The Christmas Humbugs," 3 p.m., Sunday, See FAMILY FUN Page 6B

Benefits
American Girl Doll High Tea, Storytime & Craft: Noon-3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, Victorian Tea Parlor, 15212 Charlevoix. \$25. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Reservations required. (313) 821-8060. **Events**
Nautical Mile Winter Nights of Lights: Tour nautical-themed light displays with synchronized sound effects aboard motorized trains, boats and trams, opening at sundown, nightly, through Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Benefits
American Girl Doll High Tea, Storytime & Craft: Noon-3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, Victorian Tea Parlor, 15212 Charlevoix. \$25. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Reservations required. (313) 821-8060. **Events**
Nautical Mile Winter Nights of Lights: Tour nautical-themed light displays with synchronized sound effects aboard motorized trains, boats and trams, opening at sundown, nightly, through Wednesday, Dec. 31.

pointe counter points

by Kathleen Stevenson

KISKA JEWELERS
 Create your own "WISH LIST". Browse our store and select many items that you would like to receive as gifts. We'll keep a registry of those items. Mention to your loved ones that your "WISH LIST" is registered at Kiska Jewelers. No obligation - "Your wish can come true." ...at 63 Kercheval on-the-Hill (313)885-5755

Ed Maliszewski Carpeting
 RALPH LAUREN CARPETS ...nuff said. ...at Ed Maliszewski Carpeting, 21435 Mack, St. Clair Shores, 586-776-5510

RENNELL & COMPANY
 Creative Gift Design
Holiday Shopping Hours
 Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 "Sunday Shopping Open House" December 22nd, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Christmas Eve Hours 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 313-886-2352.
 20129 Mack Ave. (1 block south of Oxford) With Purchase, The prettiest complimentary Gift Wrapping in Town!

Sindbad's
 at the River
 Fine Food & Cocktails Since 1949
FREE SHUTTLE TO THE "JOE" EVERY HOME RED WING GAME
*** FALL EVENING SPECIALS ***
• MONDAY & TUESDAY •
 Certified Angus Roast Prime Rib
• WEDNESDAY
 Fresh Lake Superior White Fish
• THURSDAY
 Certified Angus Short Ribs of Beef
 Plus, be sure to enjoy our SUNDAY BRUNCH from 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
 BOOK SINDBAD'S "SOHAR" ROOM TODAY! Perfect for your private parties and special occasion. Call (313)822-7817 for more information at 100 St. Clair on-the-River.

Joyce's Salon and Spa
Holiday Gift Giving Ideas:
 Spa Packages - Massages - Facials - Manicures - Pedicures - Hair Styling - Waxing - Body Treatments - Lash Tinting - Cosmetics - Skin Care - Hair Care - Color Analysis - Sauna/Shower - Gift Certificates ...at 17912 Mack, Grosse Pointe (313)886-4130

CROWTHER CARPET & RUGS
Carpet Sale For The Holidays. Masland, CustomWeave, Mohawk, Shaw, Milliken, Sutton, and many more of the best names in carpeting on sale now! ...at 17670 Mack Avenue at University, Grosse Pointe, (313)884-2991

CAFANA'S
 The HOLIDAY PARTY is Black Tie. Rent or buy a great looking tux at Cafana's. Our expert staff will make sure you look your very best. CAFANA'S is at 17233 Mack Avenue at Notre Dame, (313)881-1224

BAYNE OPTICAL
 Bayne Optical is pleased to host a Ralph Lauren Trunk Show, December 13th and 14th, 2002. Eye examinations are available. Call 313-885-5400 to make an appointment or for more information.

This 'n' That for Pets
 Keep your family PET comfy and warm with a sweater or coat - beautiful hand knits at \$23.99. We also have Dachshund coats especially made for us. Come and see at... 19443 Mack Ave, Grosse Pointe Woods, 313-881-9007

oloseum International Salon & Spa
 You can have thicker, and or longer hair today. Great Lengths is the answer. For more information check www.greatlengthshair.com. For your consultation call (313)881-7252 ...at 75 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

To advertise in this column call (313) 882-3500 by 2:00 p.m. Fridays

December 12, 2002

South skates to championship in Big Rapids tournament

By Chuck Klonke

Sports Editor
Bob Bopp knew that his Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team would be better this year than it was a year ago. However, even Bopp has been surprised with how quickly the Blue Devils are coming around. "I knew we'd have a better team, but we're way ahead of schedule," Bopp said after South ran its winning streak to four games with a 3-1 win over Wyandotte Roosevelt last week in a Michigan Metro Hockey League game. Earlier, the Blue Devils won the Big Rapids Tournament for the first

time with victories over Riverview (Gabriel Richard 3-1) and Harper Woods Notre Dame (2-0). "We're so much better than we were last year," Bopp said. "The team chemistry is great and the kids are working hard." Bopp has three forward lines that are playing well, a veteran defense corps and two steady goaltenders. "It's unusual to have everybody play well, but that's what we had in the tournament," Bopp said. "The tournament couldn't have gone any better for us. We looked like a very confident and determined team. Both games were a real team effort with so many

players playing well." Although few of South's current players were around two years ago when the Blue Devils lost to Notre Dame in a five-overtime championship game, this year's team seemed determined to get revenge for that defeat. "Our players came to the rink very confident, very loose, very professional and ready to play," Bopp said. "After the warmups, I was sure South would win the game." The Blue Devils outshot the Irish 9-4 in the first period and took a 1-0 lead at 8:02 on a goal by Anthony Swancoat. Nick Andrew started the play with a pass to Joe Parke. Parke skated

to the side of the net and slid a pass across the crease to Swancoat, who lifted the puck over the outstretched goalie. "The line of Nick, Joe and Anthony had a great weekend and provided the team with some much-needed help at forward," Bopp said. "Joe Parke is a 10th-grader, who is emerging as one of our best forwards." Neither team scored in the second period, although South had a 13-6 edge in shots. "It was a little frustrating

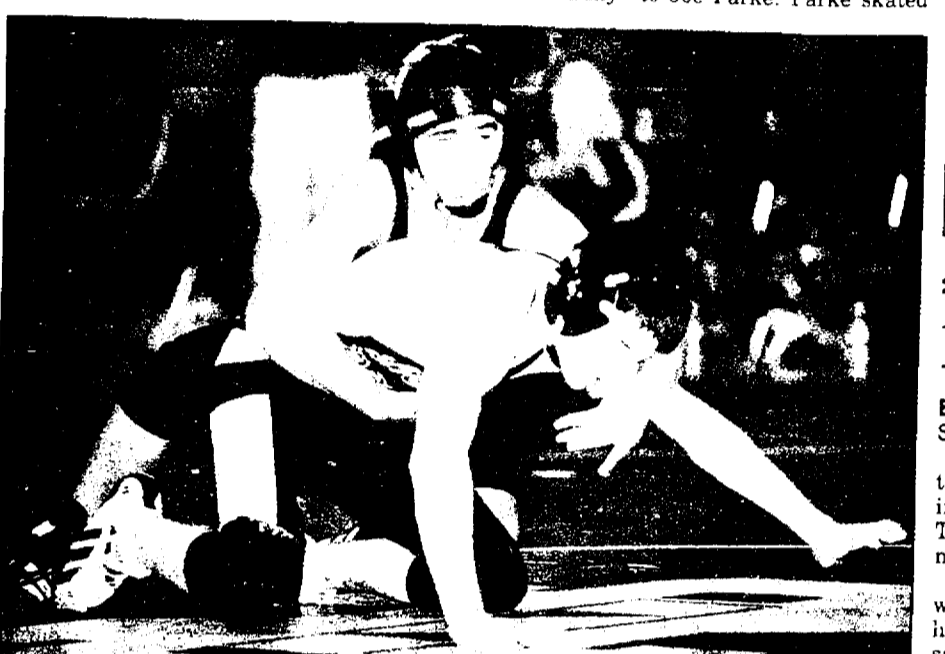
to have been outplaying and outshooting Notre Dame and only having a one-goal lead," Bopp said. The Irish mounted more of an attack in the third period with nine shots to South's one. "It was a little frustrating

to have been outplaying and outshooting Notre Dame and only having a one-goal lead," Bopp said. The Irish mounted more of an attack in the third period with nine shots to South's one. "It was a little frustrating

See HOCKEY, page 2C



Grosse Pointe South's boys hockey team celebrates after beating Notre Dame 2-0 in the championship game of the recent Big Rapids Tournament.



Notre Dame's wrestlers were on top of their game during the annual Toys for Tots Tournament, taking second out of six squads.

Notre Dame grapplers second

By Bob St. John

Staff writer
Notre Dame's wrestling team lost 42-30 to Rochester in the Toys for Tots Tournament championship match. "It was a great match, but we came up a little short," head coach Gordie Fooks said. "We gave Rochester a run, which makes me proud of our kids." The host Fightin' Irish beat Grosse Pointe North,

Roseville, Warren Woods-Tower, and Mount Clemens. "Our kids wrestled very well," Fooks said. "We were disappointed to lose, but we were proud of our kids." Tryouts are open to any players interested in playing for the team, which will

compete in the 14-and-under division of the Macomb Amateur Baseball Federation. It is not restricted to North students. For more information, call Jim Tomlinson at (313) 884-5877.

See IRISH, page 2C

Youth baseball team to have open tryouts on Sunday

There will be an open tryout session for the 14-and-under division of the Macomb Amateur Baseball Federation. It is not restricted to North students. For more information, call Jim Tomlinson at (313) 884-5877.

GM EMPLOYEE PRICE FOR EVERYONE

NEW 2003 BUICK RENDEZVOUS CX FWD

UP TO \$5,500 IN REBATES

GMS Sale Price
\$17,605^{00*}

GMS 36 Month Lease
\$2187^{3*}

NEW 2003 BUICK CENTURY CUSTOM

UP TO \$5,500 IN REBATES

GMS Sale Price
\$13,861^{58*}

GMS 36 Month Lease
\$2190^{6*}

Super Savers!

NEW 2003 BUICK REGAL LS

UP TO \$5,750 IN REBATES

GMS Sale Price
\$15,568^{24*}

GMS 36 Month Lease
\$226^{13*}

NEW 2003 BUICK LeSABRE CUSTOM

UP TO \$6,250 IN REBATES

GMS Sale Price
\$15,551^{10*}

GMS 36 Month Lease
\$239^{69*}

GM EMPLOYEE PRICE FOR EVERYONE

NEW 2003 CORVETTE

UP TO \$2000 IN REBATES or 0% APR

GMS 36 MO LEASE	GMS SALE PRICE
\$599 ^{11**}	\$39,762 ^{98*}
\$545 ^{34**}	\$38,012 ^{98*}

NEW 2003 TRAILBLAZER

UP TO \$4000 IN REBATES or 0% APR

GMS 36 MO LEASE	GMS SALE PRICE
\$329 ^{97**}	\$22,232 ^{98*}
\$278 ^{14**}	\$20,482 ^{00*}

NEW 2003 IMPALA

UP TO \$5000 IN REBATES or 0% APR

GMS 36 MO LEASE	GMS SALE PRICE
\$237 ^{44**}	\$15,914 ^{98*}
\$186 ^{33**}	\$14,164 ^{08*}

NEW 2003 SUBURBAN

UP TO \$3000 IN REBATES or 0% APR

GMS 36 MO LEASE	GMS SALE PRICE
\$527 ^{11**}	\$33,945 ^{11**}
\$473 ^{76**}	\$32,195 ^{11**}

ED RINKE BUICK

26125 VAN DYKE AT 10 1/2 MILE RD.

"Your Best CHEVROLET Dealer" (586) 754-7000

Chevy Trucks: Most Dependable. Longest Lasting Trucks on the Road. CHEVROLET WE'LL BE THERE

OPEN: Mon. & Thurs. 8 am-9 pm; Tues., Wed. & Fri. 8 am-6 pm



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
Grosse Pointe South's Nettle Champine (5) and Grosse Pointe North's Maria Feldpausch (19) battle for the puck during a semifinal game in the University Liggett School girls hockey tournament.

South freshman wins gold in his first varsity mat tournament

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's Brett Torgler is starting his high school wrestling career just like he ended his middle school career — undefeated. Torgler was the Blue Devils' only individual champion at last weekend's Lutheran East Invitational as the freshman 215-pounder won all four of his matches.

"He had a great tournament," said Jose Ramirez, a former Eastern Michigan University wrestler, who is in his first season as South's head coach.

"Brett wasn't seeded, so he had to come out of a rat tail (bracket). He pinned three of his four opponents, including his final match."

South, which finished fifth in the 11-team tournament, had two other finalists. Tom Card was runner-up at 189 pounds, winning

his first two matches on falls, before losing in the championship bout.

Sean Moir was second at 140 pounds, posting a 2-1 record. Moir defeated the No. 1 seed in the weight class in his first match.

South had fifth-place finishes from Joe Pawlowski at 119 pounds, Jesse Gontko (130), Andrew Dixon (160) and heavyweight K'Quan Dalton.

Dixon posted a 3-2 record in his five matches and was awarded a tie for fifth because state rules prohibit a wrestler from competing in more than five bouts in a day.

Tim Pawlowski finished sixth at 145 to earn South's other medal.

"I was pleasantly surprised with our performance," Ramirez said. "We have such a young team and I knew very little about them before taking over as

coach. The kids are starting to believe what we tell them and I think we'll continue to improve.

"One of the best things about the tournament was the feedback we received from the other coaches. They had a lot of positive things to say about the way the kids wrestled and conducted themselves on and off the mat."

Last week, South beat Marine City in its Macomb Area Conference Gold Division opener and the Blue Devils dropped a non-league meet against Algonac.

A Florida native, Ramirez followed his high school coach to Eastern Michigan and wrestled four years for the Eagles. This is his first head coaching experience. He is also a teacher in the Detroit Public Schools.

Cranbrook nips South for ULS girls hockey tournament title

There's quite a rivalry building between the girls hockey teams at Grosse Pointe South and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

In last year's University Liggett School Tournament, South posted a one-goal victory over the Cranes. Cranbrook beat the Blue Devils in last year's state championship game. Last year, the two teams played five games with each school winning twice and one game ending in a tie.

The rivalry was renewed last weekend in the ULS tournament when Cranbrook edged South 2-1 in the championship game.

The first period was fast-paced as both teams tested the other's goalie. South's defense, led by Emele Williams and Katie McMillan, was effective in taking away the Cranes' skate-and-shoot offense.

With two minutes left in the period, South took a 1-0 lead when Sarah Parker slipped a pass to Heather Doughty, who blasted a shot past Cranbrook goalie Hilary Schreiber.

South goalie Lauren Stanek was outstanding in the second period as she stopped several point-blank shots as the speedy Cranes penetrated the South defense for breakaways.

Only 25 seconds remained in the second period when Cranbrook's Tarasai Karega knocked the second rebound

past Stanek, who was surrounded by three Cranes players and had little chance to stop Karega's game-tying shot.

South came out strong in the third period. Emily Shefferly rang one shot off the goalpost and was just wide on another. Schreiber survived several pileups in front of the net.

Midway through the final period, Michigan Metro Hockey League scoring leader Julia Kazmers maneuvered the puck from center ice, through the South defense, and scored into an open corner of the net for the game winner.

South applied heavy pressure for the rest of the game but the Blue Devils were unable to get the equalizer.

In the semifinals, South scored three third-period goals to beat Grosse Pointe North 4-1.

North controlled the action in the first period, outmuscling the Blue Devils and shutting down South's potent offense.

South had trouble clearing the area in front of the net and the Norsemen took a 1-0 lead at 9:45 on a power-play goal by Dana Chicklas, assisted by Jillian Zylinski and Christina Schroder.

South began to match North's physical play in the second period and tied the game when Megan McCaughey picked up a

deflected puck from behind the net and knocked it past goalie Alexa Watkins, who had an outstanding game for the Norsemen. Lauren Vallee assisted on the goal.

Vallee broke the 1-1 tie with a goal a minute into the third period, assisted by Caitlin Cory and Kristin Inger.

North had to take some chances in a bid to score the tying goal but South's defense, led by Williams, McMillan, Jessica Palffy and Doughty, limited the Norsemen's opportunities. And when North did get a shot on goal, Stanek made the save.

South's Nettle Champine provided some insurance with a pair of goals. Assists went to Williams, Doughty, Vallee and Shefferly.

North bounced back to beat ULS 5-1 in the consolation game.

Katie McPharlin led the way with two goals, while Kiran Kilaru, Kristy Sandmair and Maria Feldpausch added one apiece.

Lauren Colaluca played well in goal, turning back all but one of the Knights' 15 shots. North returned 42 shots at the ULS net.

South's Doughty, Williams and Champine were named to the all-tournament team, along with Cranbrook's Karega, Schreiber and Kazmers and Stephanie and Jordan McIlroy of ULS.

Greisbaum Baseball School adds a two-day winter session

The first Dan Griesbaum Baseball School last summer was such a success that the veteran Grosse Pointe South baseball coach is going to have an abbreviated version of the school next month.

"We had 250 kids at the summer school, and a lot of people said that we ought to do something in the winter, too," said Griesbaum, who is co-director of the school with former South assistant coach Matt Reno.

The winter school will be held on Jan. 11 and 12 from

3 to 6 p.m. at South. There will be a hitting and pitching camp and students must choose to attend one or the other, not both.

The camp is open to youngsters between the ages of 9 and 17, but Michigan High School Athletic Association rules prevent current South students from participating.

The cost is \$85 for the two-day session. Registration forms are available at the front desk at the main office at South. They can also be obtained by

calling Griesbaum at (313) 884-7834 or Reno at (313) 886-5537.

The registration deadline is Jan. 9. All students must pre-register. There will be no registration at the door.

Griesbaum, who led South to the Division I state championship in 2001, and Reno will be instructors along with other top high school and college coaches.

The school is co-sponsored by Thomas Steen Remax in the Pointes Realty.

North plays well in two defeats

Good performances don't always ensure victories.

"We've been playing well but the puck hasn't been going in for us," said Grosse Pointe North girls hockey coach Tim Van Eckoute after the Norsemen dropped a pair of Michigan Metro Hockey League games to Regina (3-1) and Ladywood (2-1).

North outshot its two opponents by 17 shots.

"We are getting great leadership on and off the ice from our seniors and the young players are exceeding our preseason expectations," Van Eckoute said.

"Christina Schroder, Kiran Kilaru, Dana Chicklas, Nikki Byron and Katie McPharlin have been

all over the ice. Their defense is strong and they're getting the puck to the net."

Rookies Melissa Carron, Jessica Richardson and Kristy Sandmair played major roles in each of North's games. Richardson, Sandmair and Byron combined for the goal against Regina and Chicklas scored in the Ladywood game.

The main load in goal has been handled by Alexa Watkins and she has played well. In 3 2/3 games, she has made 41 saves and allowed four goals.

"Things are going in the right direction," Van Eckoute said. "The kids have to stay positive and not get discouraged. As long as we keep playing like we are, the bounces will start to go our way. We just need to keep working and be patient."

Pioneers grapplers drop opening meets

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

Head coach Adam Schihl had a huge headache last week, trying to prepare his Harper Woods wrestling team for its opening matches against Madison Heights, Madison and Memphis.

"We were missing a couple of starters with injuries and several others who were mixed up with their alpha weights," Schihl said. "It was a tough week for us, that is for sure."

The Pioneers had five voids in their losses to Madison and Memphis, but four of his wrestlers went undefeated.

Junior Jeremy Myers, sophomore Keith Neil, and freshman Alex Kidd won both of their matches, while freshman Jeff Orjada won his only match.

Later in the week, the Pioneers finished eighth out of eight teams in the Utica Ford Tournament.

"Our younger wrestlers got an opportunity to compete against some very experienced opponents," Schihl said. "They will learn quick-

ly what it takes to be a good wrestler."

Orjada earned a fourth-place medal to highlight the Pioneers' efforts.

"The entire week was a mess, but I will have almost my entire lineup back for our second week of competition," Schihl said.



The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Mustangs '90 finished first in the Michigan Youth Soccer League under-13 Major Blue Division. In front, from left, are Jenna Huitsing, Anna Chavey, Chelsea Smialek, Britt Wedenoja and Kaitlin Arnold. In the middle row, from left, are head coach Jessica Herdzik, Audrey Burke, Lindsay McMillan, Lisa Hamm, Kelly Barry, Sheila Geraghty, Betsy Graney and assistant coach Jerry Graney. In back, from left, are Sabrina Roberts, Natalie Iles, Bess Owen, Emily Weber and Mackenzie Nihem. Not pictured is team manager Mary Weber.

Mustangs win MYSL under-13 crown

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Mustangs '90 girls travel soccer team won the Michigan Youth Soccer League under-13 Major Blue Division with a 6-2-2 record.

The Mustangs wrapped up the season with a 2-0 victory over the RSSC Thunder.

Goalies Britt Wedenoja and Bess Owen combined for

the shutout.

The Mustangs won the title despite losing two key players, defender Kaitlin Arnold and midfielder Sabrina Roberts, midway through the campaign with season-ending injuries.

Defensive standouts Anna Chavey, Chelsea Smialek and Emily Weber were instrumental in the

Mustangs allowing only eight goals all season.

Midfielders Betsy Graney, Kelly Barry, Audrey Burke, Sheila Geraghty and Lisa Hamm did an excellent job of supporting the defense and feeding the forwards.

The Mustangs scored a division-leading 17 goals. Forwards Lindsay McMillan, Mackenzie

Nihem, Natalie Iles and Jenna Huitsing did a fine job of attacking the goal.

The Mustangs will move up to the MYSL Premier Division in the spring.

Jessica Herdzik was the head coach and Jerry Graney was her assistant. Mary Weber was the team manager.

American Laser
Hair Removal & Skin Rejuvenation

Remove unwanted back hair...FOREVER!

- Free Consultation • Guaranteed Results in Writing
- FDA Approved Aurora Laser • All Skin Types

B. Gilmore, M.D. & L. LaCivita, M.D.
GRAND OPENING!
New Grosse Pointe Location
131 Kercheval-on-the Hill • Suite 150 • Grosse Pointe Farms
(888) 704-9494

NOV 11 2002
248-226-7170

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
19617 HARPER
HARPER WOODS, MI. 48225**

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Harper Woods City Council will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, January 6, 2003, at 7:30 p.m., in the Municipal Building City Council Chambers located at 19617 Harper, Harper Woods, Michigan 48225, for the purpose of obtaining public input and comment and input on a request from Harper Management Group, to use residentially zoned property directly behind 20830 Harper for an off street parking area as provided for in Section 10-149(11), of the Harper Woods Zoning Ordinance. Said parking area is to be used in conjunction with the existing building at 20830 Harper.


Plans for the proposed rezoning are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Notice of this hearing has been sent to all property owners within 300 feet of the area in question. Residents, property owners and other interested persons who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk's Office prior to January 6, 2003.

City of Harper Woods
Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk

POSTED: December 4, 2002
G.P.N.: 12/12/2002

Designers Diary

Antique Accents



NEW!
The discount cabinet source.
15112 Kercheval in the Park
Open M-F 10-6, Thurs. 12-8, Sat. 9-12
www.parksidecabinetoutlet.com
We're Quality. Priced Right!

**SWANSON'S
Antique Gallery**
Warren's Showplace Shop
Where Layaways
Are Welcome!
**11564 13 Mile Road
at Hoover, Warren**
Tuesday thru Saturday
(586)751-0062

**Lloyd David
Antiques**
Visit Grosse Pointe's oldest
and finest antique shop.
15302 Kercheval,
Grosse Pointe Park.
Monday & Wednesday thru Saturday
11am - 6pm.
Closed Tuesday & Sunday.
(313)822-3452


To advertise in this section call: (313)882-6900 ext. 3

WEEKLY WEB DIRECTORY

www. where to go when you want to know!

To Advertise Your Site Call: 313-882-6900 ext. 3

Grosse Pointe News
& THE CONNECTION
NEWSPAPERS



BOATS

RIVERSIDE BOAT CLUB
www.millwynne.com

COMPUTERS

EXCLUSIVE COMPUTER INNOVATIONS, LLC.
www.ecinet.com

ESTATE SALES

RAINBOW ESTATE SALES
www.rainbowestatesales.com

NEWSPAPERS

GROSSE POINTE NEWS
grossepointenews.com

PHOTOGRAPHY

www.kimcross.com

REAL ESTATE

GOOSEN REAL ESTATE
goosenreality.com

SHOPPING

SHOP IN GROSSE POINTE
www.ShopGrossePointe.com

WEB DESIGN

www.kimcross.com

**Weekly in Classifieds of The Grosse Pointe News
& The Connection Newspapers**

313-882-6900 ext 3

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING INDEX

FAX: 313-343-5569

web. http://grossepointenews.com

DEADLINES
HOMES FOR SALE
Photos, Art, Logos - FRIDAYS 12 P.M.
Word Ads - MONDAYS 4 P.M.
Open Sunday and MONDAYS 4 P.M.
(Call for holiday close dates)
RENTALS & LAND FOR SALE
TUESDAY 12 NOON
GENERAL CLASSIFIEDS
TUESDAY 12 NOON
(Call for holiday close dates)
PAYMENTS
Prepayment is required.
We accept Visa, MasterCard,
Cash, Check. Please note - \$2
fee for declined credit cards.
AD STYLES:
Word Ads: 12 words - \$13.35;
additional words, .65¢ each.
Abbreviations not accepted.
Measured Ads: \$23.70 per
column inch.
Border Ads: \$26.10 per
column inch.
SPECIAL RATES FOR
HELP WANTED SECTIONS.
Given for multi-week scheduled
advertising, with prepayment
or cred. approval.
Call for rates or for more
information. Phone lines can
be busy on Monday &
Tuesday Deadlines...
please call early.
CLASSIFYING & CENSORSHIP
We reserve the right to classify
each ad under its appropriate
heading. The publisher
reserves the right to edit or
reject ad copy submitted for
publication.
CORRECTIONS & ADJUSTMENTS:
Responsibility for classified
advertising errors is limited to
either a cancellation of the
charge or a return of the
portion in error. Notification
must be given in time for
correction in the following
issue. We assume no
responsibility for the same after
the first insertion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

098 Greetings
099 Business Opportunities
100 Announcements
101 Prayers
102 Lost & Found
103 Attorneys/Legal
104 Accounting

SPECIAL SERVICES

105 Answering Services
106 Camps
107 Catering
108 Computer Service
109 Entertainment
110 Drivers Education
111 Happy Ads
112 Health & Nutrition
113 Hobby Instruction
114 Music Education
115 Party Planners/Helpers
116 Schools
117 Secretarial Services
118 Tax Service
119 Transportation/Travel
120 Tutoring Education
121 Draperies
122 Dressmaking/Alterations
123 Decorating Service
124 Slipcovers
125 Financial Services
126 Contributions
127 Video Services
128 Photography

HELP WANTED

200 Help Wanted General
201 Help Wanted Babysiter
202 Help Wanted Clerical
203 Help Wanted
Dental/Medical
204 Help Wanted Domestic
205 Help Wanted Legal
206 Help Wanted Part Time
207 Help Wanted Sales
208 Help Wanted Nurses
Aides/ Convalescent
209 Help Wanted
Management

SITUATION WANTED

300 Situations Wanted Babysiter
301 Clerical
302 Convalescent Care
303 Day Care
304 General
305 House Cleaning
306 House Siting
307 Nurse Aides
308 Office Cleaning
309 Sales
310 Assisted Living

MERCHANDISE

400 Antiques / Collectibles
401 Appliances
402 Arts & Crafts
403 Auctions
404 Bicycles
405 Computers
406 Estate Sales
407 Firewood
408 Furniture
409 Garage/Yard/Basement Sale
410 Household Sales
411 Jewelry
412 Miscellaneous Articles
413 Musical Instruments
414 Office/business Equipment
415 Wanted To Buy
416 Sports Equipment
417 Tools
418 Toys / Games
419 Building Materials
420 Resale/Consignment Shops
421 Books

ANIMALS

500 Animals Adopt A Pet
502 Horses For Sale
503 Household Pets For Sale
504 Humane Societies
505 Lost And Found
506 Pet Breeding
507 Pet Equipment
508 Pet Grooming
509 Pet Boarding/Sitter
510 Animal Services

AUTOMOTIVE

600 Cars
601 Chrysler
602 Ford
603 General Motors
604 Antique/Classic
605 Foreign
606 Sport Utility
607 Juniors
608 Parts Tires Alarms
609 Rentals/Leasing
610 Sports Cars
611 Trucks
612 Vans
613 Wanted To Buy
614 Auto Insurance
615 Auto Services

RECREATIONAL

650 Airplanes
651 Boats And Motors
652 Boat Insurance
653 Boat Parts & Maintenance
654 Boat Storage/ Docking
655 Campers
656 Motorcycles
657 Motorhomes
658 Motorhomes
659 Snowmobiles
660 Trailers
661 Water Sports

RENTALS & LOTS FOR SALE
(See This Section)

HOMES FOR SALE
*See our Magazine Section "Houstone"
for all Classified Real Estate ads.

GUIDE TO SERVICES

900 Air Conditioning
901 Alarm Installation/Repair
902 Aluminum Siding
903 Asph/Flt Repairs
904 Asphalt Paving Repair
905 Auto/Truck Repair
906 Architectural Service
907 Basement Waterproofing
908 Bath Tub Refinishing
909 Bicycle Repairs
Maintenance
911 Brick/Block Work
912 Building/Remodeling
913 Caulking
914 Carpentry
915 Carpet Cleaning
916 Carpet Installation
917 Clock Repair
918 Cement Work
919 Chimney Cleaning
920 Chimney Repair
921 Ceilings
922 Computer Repair
923 Construction Repair
925 Decks/Patios
926 Doors
929 Drywall/Plastering
930 Electrical Services
933 Excavating
934 Fences
935 Fireplace
936 Floor Sanding/Refinishing
937 Furnace Repair/
Installation
938 Furniture Refinishing/
Upholstering
939 Glass/Automotive
Glass-Residential
941 Mirrors
942 Garages
943 Landscapers/Gardeners
944 Cutters
945 Handyman
946 Hauling
947 Heating And Cooling
948 Home Maintenance
949 Janitorial Services
950 Lawn Mower/
Snow Blower Repair
951 Linoleum
Locksmith
953 Organizers
954 Painting/Decorating
955 Sewing Machine Repair
956 Snow Removal
957 Plumbing & Installation
958 Patios/Porches
959 Power Washing
960 Roofing Service
962 Storms And Screens
964 Sewer Cleaning Service
965 Sewing Machine Repair
966 Snow Removal
968 Stone
969 Swimming Pool Service
970 T.V./Radio/CB Radio
971 Telephone Installation
973 Tile Work
974 VCR Repair
975 Vacuum Sales/Service
976 Ventilation Service
977 Wall Washing
978 Windows
980 Window Washing
981 Window Washing
982 Woodburner Service
983 Wrought Iron

FAX, MAIL OR E-MAIL FORM

Grosse Pointe News
THE CONNECTION
CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

96 Kercheval • Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
(313) 882-6900 ext. 3 • Fax (313) 343-5569
web. http://grossepointenews.com

NAME _____ CLASSIFICATION # _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ #WORDS _____ TOTAL COST PER WEEK _____

1 Wk 2 Wks 3 Wks 4 Wks 6 Wks

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ \$ _____

SIGNATURE _____ EXP. DATE _____

\$13.35 for 12 words. Additional words, .65c each. PRE-PAYMENT REQUIRED

13	\$14.00	14	\$14.65	15	\$15.30	16	\$15.95		
17	\$16.60	18	\$17.25	19	\$17.90	20	\$18.55		

"YULE" LIKE OUR DEALS

150 VEHICLES
IN STOCK AT
HOLIDAY SAVINGS

NO PAYMENTS
TILL
MARCH 2003

Hyundai Advantage

AMERICA'S BEST WARRANTY

0% AVAILABLE 10 Year 100,000 Mile Powertrain Protection 5 Year 60,000 Mile Bumper-to-Bumper Coverage 5 Year Unlimited Miles 24-hr. Roadside Assistance

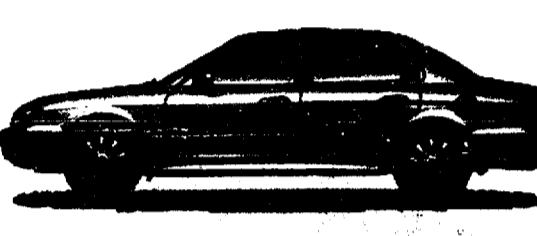
HYUNDAI WIN!

NEW 2002 XG350L



Auto, air, PS., PB., leather, pwr. moon, pwr. windows/locks/cruise, tilt, remote keyless entry w/ alarm, AM/FM/cassette and more. Stk. #22631


NEW 2003 SONATA



P.S., P.B., air, tilt, cruise, pwr. windows/locks, AM/FM stereo CD, keyless remote w/ alarm, plus much more. Stk. #3145

NOW \$13,988*

NEW 2003 ELANTRA GLS



P.S., P.B., air, tilt, cruise, AM/FM stereo cassette, keyless remote entry w/ alarm, plus much more. Stk. #3050

*Plus tax, title, lic. & freight. Rebates to dealer. 110% Financing up to 36 months with approved credit excludes Sonata and Santa Fe models. All prior sales excluded. Invoice may not reflect cost to dealer. Must take delivery from dealer stock.

"NOBODY BEATS AN ARNOLD DEAL" Gratiot @ 12 Mile Road
ARNOLD HYUNDAI (586) 445-6000
Email us at arnoldauto@comcast.net

NEW 0,0,7 \$0 DOWN! 0% INTEREST 7 YEAR WARRANTY

NEW 2002 XL7 4x4

4x4, ABS, CD, keyless entry, pwr. windows, locks, mirror, and much more! Stk. #11606



\$17,483

NEW 2003 AERIO SX



Auto, air, PS, PB, PW/PL, tilt, cruise, AWD & more.

\$15,197

0% FINANCING UP TO 60 MONTHS

NO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WRITE US A CHECK FOR ZERO DOLLARS

0 DOWN
0 INTEREST
0 PAYMENTS UNTIL 2004*
-OR-
0 APR FOR 60 MONTHS

NEW 2003 GALANT DE



Auto, pwr. windows/locks/mirrors, CD and more! Stk. #1632

\$199** 48 MONTH LEASE \$2,449 Due on Delivery

NEW 2003 LANCER ES



Auto, pwr. windows keyless entry, CD and more! Stk. #1630

\$14,499***

2002 DIAMANTE LS



0

"NOBODY BEATS AN ARNOLD DEAL" Gratiot @ 12 Mile Road
ARNOLD SUZUKI (586) 445-6000
Engineered to fit your life. Email us at arnoldauto@comcast.net

Gratiot @ 12 Mile Road
(586) 445-6040
Email us at arnoldauto@comcast.net