

**Subscribe Today**  
 1 Year — 52 Issues for \$37<sup>00</sup>  
 \$15<sup>00</sup> OFF NEWSTAND PRICE  
**Call Today**  
**313-343-5577**  
 \$15<sup>00</sup> OFF NEWSTAND PRICE

**Feature**  
 Christmas around  
 the world!  
 — 1B



**Sports**  
 South girls beat  
 top hockey rival  
 — 1C



96

# Grosse Pointe News

Since 1940

Serving the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods

Vol. 64 • No. 52 • 34 pages      Grosse Pointe, Michigan      Home Delivery 71¢ • Newsstand \$1.00      December 25, 2003

## INSIDE

- Michigan Bell Telephone Co. receives access to rights of way in the City of Grosse Pointe. Page 2A
- Officers from the City of Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores participated in an inter-county, three day sting operation that resulted in the arrest of 170 wanted felons. Page 3A
- Scientists are encouraged that a cluster of ash trees in western Wayne County has overcome infestation by the emerald ash borer. Trees were helped along with injections of a pesticide containing the active ingredient Imidacloprid. Page 3A
- Results from a survey sent out to registered Harper Woods voters revealed that by more than 70 percent voters do not favor new school construction. The largest support — around 30 percent — was for renovation with program improvements. Page 10A
- The library is working with Gleaners Community Food Bank on a food drive for the holiday season. They hope to collect 1,000 pounds of food. Page 10A
- Harper Woods Secondary School art students share their lives and their passion for artwork with seniors living in the Park Place residence. Page 10A
- Pierce Middle School students raised enough money to purchase 64 winter jackets in WJLB's Coats for Kids campaign. Page 11A
- St. Paul Catholic School students culminated their study of Mexico with a fundraising market, a Spanish Mass and lunch in Mexican Village downtown. Page 13A
- Notre Dame's basketball team scored nearly as many points in the fourth quarter as it did in the first three as the Irish beat Redford Bishop Borgess 54-42. Page 1C



## Merry Christmas!

"Doesn't this picture just say it all," say Mary Jo and Bill LeFevre of Grosse Pointe Park, parents of 20-month-old William J. "Will" LeFevre. above. We agree.  
 Below are some of Grosse Pointe's many decorated houses, which there seem to be more of this year.



The Kummer Family of Barrington in Grosse Pointe Park goes all out for the holidays.



The stately Wardwell House on Jefferson at Three Mile is a perennial holiday favorite.



This home on Lakeshore is a real traffic-stopper. Be careful!

## Councilwomen look to make Woods wetter

By Bonnie Caprara  
 Staff Writer

Two councilwomen want to make it easier for restaurateurs to obtain tavern licenses in Grosse Pointe Woods. Councilwomen Patricia Chylinski and Dona DeSantis Reynolds asked the council to consider a number of methods that would open up four tavern licenses which the city is entitled to issue according to state law.

Tavern licenses allow dining establishments to serve beer and wine, but not liquor. Class C liquor licenses allow establishments to serve beer, wine and liquor. The allowable number of licenses held in a municipality is based on population.

A 1976 city charter amendment restricts the number of tavern and Class C liquor licenses available in the Woods. A ballot referendum must be put out to the voters in order to free up any available licenses held in escrow by the state's Liquor Control Commission. The last referendum was passed in 1986, which allows for six Class C licenses and one tavern license, all of which are currently issued.

In order to place such a referendum on a popular election ballot, petition circulators need to gather signatures of 10 percent of the registered voters in the Woods, which would be about 1,200 signatures.

Chylinski and Reynolds learned of the frustration firsthand when they circulated a petition on behalf of the owners of Maxine's Italian Cuisine and Ferlito's Family Restaurant this past September. By law, the circulators of the petition must be Woods residents, which Bujar and Shpresa Mamuslaria, the owners of Maxine's, are not. The petition was rejected because many of the people listed on the petition printed their names and did not sign them.

"It was disappointing when the petition wasn't approved," said Shpresa Mamuslaria.

This was the second time the Mamuslarias attempted to get a petition passed to place a referendum on the ballot. They were unable to obtain enough signatures when they opened the restaurant in 1999.

"I don't like the idea of four tavern licenses sitting in limbo somewhere," Reynolds said. "We have two very fine restaurants, and a lot of people don't frequent them because they don't have tavern licenses. Those licenses would bring in a lot of business for them. I want these businesses to succeed."

Chylinski echoed Reynolds' good are those four licenses sitting around the LCC?" Chylinski said. The council could author a ballot referendum which would repeal the city charter amendment. It could also author a referendum asking voters to make some or all of the tavern licenses available.

The council charged city attorney Chip Berschback to research the issue, which will be discussed again at a committee of the whole meeting in February. Chylinski and Reynolds hoped to have some kind of referendum placed on the August primary election ballot.

## Early deadlines

The Thursday, Jan. 1, Grosse Pointe News will be delivered on Wednesday, Dec. 31.

## POINTER OF INTEREST

### Neil Bell

Home: Harper Woods

Age: 61

Family: wife, Linda; daughters Amy and Karen

Occupation: owner of Village Food Market, soon to be retired

Quote: "My dad said you're the only person that can bone lamb shoulders and beef better than I."

See story, page 4A



Neil Bell

## INDEX

Opinion.....	6A
Harper Woods.....	10A
Business.....	11A
Schools.....	13-15A
Obituaries.....	15A
Autos.....	18-19A
Seniors.....	4B
Entertainment.....	5B
Classified/Crossword.....	4C

Buy it or Sell it in the  
 Weekly Award Winning  
 Classifieds  
**Grosse Pointe News**  
 THE ST. CLAIR  
 & GROSSE POINTE COLLECTION

**Grosse Pointe News**  
 The Perfect Gift Idea!  
 Buy a gift subscription  
 and get yours FREE!  
 Call 313-343-5577 for more information

The Van Elslander Cancer Center is proud to bring you the...  
 Call 888-757-5463 for more information  
 and to register.  
**VAN ELSLANDER CANCER CENTER**

## News

## yesterday's headlines

## 50 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe Farms residents living on Chalfonte between Moross and Cook roads oppose proposed construction of a sidewalk on the east side of the street. A sidewalk exists only on Chalfonte's west side.

Residents argue that another sidewalk would encourage jaywalking because children and bicycle riders would cross the street at locations other than intersections.

■ An estimated 150 to 175 Grosse Pointe Woods residents attend a city council meeting regarding liquor licenses. The overwhelming majority of attendees favor retaining an ordinance restricting the city's further distribution of such licenses.

■ Don Adamski, Grosse Pointe High School's best backstroke, breaks the school and pool 100-yard backstroke mark for the third time in as many meets during this week's competition against Fordson.

Adamski cracked Ed Oliver's 14-year-old mark in the first meet of the season against Hazel Park and twice established new records in succeeding contests.

Adamski's latest effort lowered the record to 1:01.08.

## 25 years ago this week

■ Pointe city councils gear up for a fight to save the communities' municipal courts.

Each council appoints a representative to an ad-hoc committee charged with providing input to a plan by state legislators to replace municipal courts with a district court.

Under a measure expected to be introduced in Lansing next fall, the Pointes would be consolidated under the jurisdiction of a district court to include parts of Detroit. Higher court costs brought about by inclusion of higher crime areas are one concern of Pointe officials.

■ Parents belonging to the PTO at Poupard Elementary School are at it again — they construct a nature center on school grounds. The facility is complete with landscaping, a split rail fence and special playground equipment.

Students plan to build picnic tables for the center in the school's new wood shop — a previous gift from the parent group.

■ Kathy-Jo Kelly, 12, better known as Annie in the musical production of the same name, is living in Grosse Pointe Park and attending South High School while the show continues one of the longest engagements ever at the Fisher Theater.

"It's my first experience living in suburbia, and I like it a lot," says the Manhattan native.

## 10 years ago this week

■ Controversy dogs efforts to clean the Milk River.

Residents along the waterway file suit against Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores seeking an injunction against further pollution of the river and damages caused by actions of the Milk River Drain Board.

The board recently approved lining the river with mesh and rocks to prevent erosion. The project requires river banks to be cut to a uniform slope, which means some vegetation must be removed.

■ Beaconsfield residents ask Grosse Pointe Park officials to provide decorative street lights similar to those on nearby streets.

■ The case of two Detroit residents charged with stealing campaign signs of Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Judge Kirsten Frank is reassigned to Berkley.

A Michigan state court administrator ordered the move.

Charges stem from an October incident in which the defendants were discovered with 40 of Frank's campaign signs in their van.

One of the defendants told police a relative of his offered to pay \$150 for every 100 Frank signs delivered.

## 5 years ago this week

■ University Liggett School will enter a new ice age next fall.

School officials move forward with plans to build a 38,000-square-foot ice rink at the Cook Road campus in Grosse Pointe Woods.

## 50 years ago this week



## Christmas time proclaimed through song and story

Members of the Memorial Church senior choir practice Christmas songs amid Yuletide surroundings at the church. From left in the front row are Lorna Maguire, Mary Shenefield and Cynthia Lister. In back are Don Lockwood, Don Worley and David Whittingham. The senior choir is under the direction of Miss Marie Curtiss. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the Dec. 24, 1953, Grosse Pointe News.)

## Mich. Bell gets use of rights of way

Michigan Bell Telephone company has been granted access to rights of way in the City of Grosse Pointe, as required by state law, through 2008.

The state allows telecommunications companies to use rights of way for the construction, installation and maintenance of telecommunications facilities.

Although such matters are governed by the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights of Way Act, the state law allows municipalities to impose reasonable conditions as long as they are limited to the company's access to and usage of rights-of-ways.

Nevertheless, applications must be approved within roughly 45 days of being submitted and may not be denied unreasonably.

According to the permit, Michigan Bell must comply with the following:

- The company may trim trees upon and overhanging rights-of-way to prevent branches from coming into contact with telecommunication facilities.
- Except in emergencies, all tree trimming must be approved by the city.
- Overhead cables will be hung to not endanger persons or property.

The City has been working for more than a year in conjunction with the other Pointes and Harper Woods to coordinate such conditions.

— Brad Lindberg

## MacKethan Computer Consulting

Consulting-Training-Networking  
Support-Installations  
For the home

(313) 640-0113

www.MacKethanConsulting.com  
Philip@MacKethanConsulting.com



## Bob Grabowski and the staff of

Wish You & Your Family a  
Joyous & Safe Holiday Season



85 Kercheval on-the-Hill • Grosse Pointe Farms  
313-884-4422 • 313-886-4341

## After-Christmas SALE

All Christmas  
Items

50% OFF

All Boxed  
Christmas  
Cards

40% OFF

Overstocked Table  
Items up to

75% OFF

50% OFF

DEPARTMENT  
Holidays. Special Days. Every Day.

All Retired Pieces

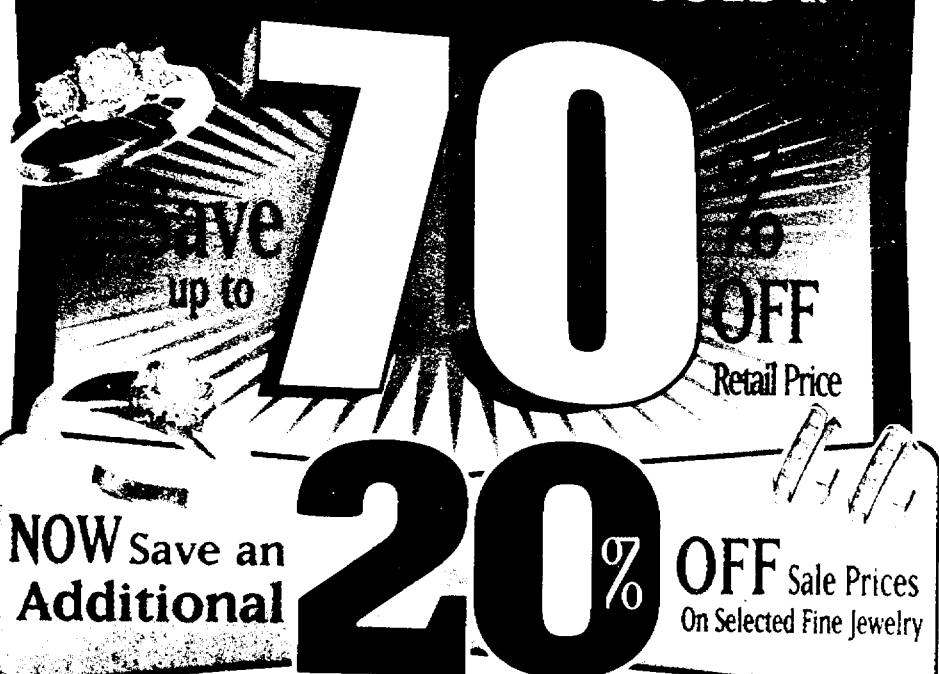
DEPARTMENT  
Holidays. Special Days. Every Day.

All Alpine &  
Little Town of Bethlehem  
Current & Retired Pieces

75% OFF

FINAL REDUCTIONS!  
GOING OUT  
OF BUSINESS

After 39 Years of Serving  
your fine jewelry needs Kiska Jewelers  
is Closing the Doors Forever!  
EVERYTHING MUST BE SOLD at



Fine Diamonds • Precious Gems • Custom Designs • Bracelets • Pendants  
Earrings • Pearls • Bridal Sets • Gold Jewelry • Watches & More!

SALE ENDS SOON!

Kiska Jewelers

63 KERCHEVAL ON THE HILL • GROSSE POINTE FARMS • 313-885-5755

Monday-Saturday 9:30AM-5PM • Thursday 'til 7:30P • Sunday 11A-4P • ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

## 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 depart-

ment by 10:30 a.m. on Monday. The

deadline for advertising copy for

Section A is 5:00 p.m. Monday.

CORRECTIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS:

Responsibility for display and classified

advertising error is limited to either can-

culation of the charge for or a re-run of

the portion in error. Notification must be

given in time for correction in the fol-

lowing issue. We assume no responsibil-

ity of the same after the first insertion.

The Grosse Pointe News reserves the right

not to accept an advertiser's order.

December 25, 2003  
Grosse Pointe News

## City, HW, SCS police help put wanted felons on ICE

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

Nearly 200 fugitives wanted on felony charges are no longer roaming the streets of metropolitan Detroit.

In an elaborate three-day sting operation conducted last week, officers from the Cities of Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores joined forces with local, county, state and national law enforcement agencies.

"This was a task force created by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department to go out there and do sweeps, arresting wanted felons," said City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Director Al Fincham, of Operation ICE, which stands for Inter-County Enforcement.

The results of this operation were so successful that in the first two days alone, officers had already apprehended 123 criminals, the total amount arrested in last year's effort. An additional 47 arrests were made on Friday.

"The number one priority is getting these guys off the street," Fincham said.

The charges of the apprehended felons include armed robbery, rape, assault, fraud, home invasion, arson, drug trafficking and felony fire arms.

"These are some serious people that need to be off the streets," said Wayne County Sheriff Lawrence Meyer.

The operation involved the organization of more

than 20 teams of officers who were outfitted with the files of hundreds of wanted felons. The teams went into the field to locate and apprehend the criminals.

City of Grosse Pointe Sgt. Tony Railling and St. Clair Shores Detective Clinton Rice were part of a 10-man team sweeping the eastern side of Detroit. Other teams included City of Grosse Pointe officers Detective Lt. Jim Fox and public safety officers Alan Gwynn and John Alcorn, St. Clair Shores Sgt. Steve Lambert and Harper Woods Detective Sgt. William Snider, Detective Robert Bensinger and public safety officer Ted Stager.

"I feel very lucky being a part of this," said Rice, who has participated in Operation ICE each of its three years. "I believe the residents of the tri-county area really appreciate what we're doing, getting these felons off the street."

Organizers of the operation hope the arrests will result in safer communities and a decline in crime.

"Don't think for a minute that we're not making a difference," said Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans. "I looked in the paper the other day. Homicides are down 11.1 percent in the City of Detroit, when nationwide, it's up 1.1 percent. How do you hear an argument about Detroit being the most dangerous place? I don't understand. The numbers don't jive with me. The things that we're doing all

throughout the entire area are making the communities safer."

In addition to getting criminals off the streets, this operation is allowing local public safety officers to connect with those in other communities, as well as those from state and national agencies.

"I think this is an excellent opportunity for our officers," Fincham said. "Our officers are allowed to network with all these other agencies — federal, state and local — and they're developing working relationships that they'll be able to carry on. For networking purposes, this is excellent."

"There's a new camaraderie between agencies that rarely have any contact," Rice added. "There are no jurisdictional lines now. That's what this is about."

Evans made it clear the importance of working together to stop crime in the entire metropolitan area and not just in one's own back yard.

"We all get hit with crime," he said. "Nobody's happy with one community being safe and another one not. We've got to work together on all of these things, and it is making a difference."

After three successful years, plans are under way to continue the operation for years to come.

"I think the numbers prove that the operation was very successful," Rice said. "Every officer should get credit for that."



Photos by Jennie Miller

St. Clair Shores Detective Clinton Rice shares vital information about a wanted felon with City of Grosse Pointe Sgt. Tony Railling. The two officers were on a 10-man team conducting a sweep of the east side of Detroit during an inter-county three-day sting operation organized by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.



A Detroit man is arrested on charges of intent to deliver meth. He was taken from his house after police briefly struggled with the felon's brother to open the door. The brother was not arrested, however he admitted he was on probation.

Just after police surrounded a house and apprehended its occupant, an SUV pulled into the driveway, left. A police officer frisks the driver of the SUV, while another officer questioned the passenger. Neither visitors were arrested.

**ZOPPINI**  
FIRENZE  
Italian Charm Bracelets  
ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT...



313-884-4422 85 Korchival on the Hill • Grosse Pointe Farms 313-886-4341



## Injectations may save ash trees

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Ashes to ashes? Maybe not.

Optimism is supplanting dire outlooks for the nation's ash trees.

Scientists are encouraged that a cluster of shady specimens in Plymouth has defeated at least three years of attack by the invading emerald ash borer.

"These trees should have been dead by now," said Dave Roberts, a Michigan State University plant pathologist and extension specialist who has been at ground zero in studying the newfound pest. "They were severely infected."

Freeloading borers sneaked into western Wayne County an estimated six years ago aboard a suspected crate of manufacturing parts delivered from their Southeast Asia homeland.

Lacking a significant number of predators in North America, the flying insects have been reproducing 10-fold each year and increasing their territory at will. The bugs have fanned out from their beachhead and killed up to seven million ash trees in southeast

Michigan.

But unlike Air Force pilots who order crews out of doomed aircraft by yelling "Eject, eject, eject," arborists revitalized by a pesticide that appears to save ash trees are beginning to rally "Hope, inject, inject."

Inject for the nation's ash resource stems from a cluster of 30 trees at a gated community on the outskirts of Wayne County that withstood the borer.

"Every ash tree around them is either dead or in a very severe state of decline," Roberts said.

Surviving trees didn't do it on their own. Each was injected multiple times with a pesticide containing Imidacloprid as the active ingredient.

"They've been completely turned around to the point where this summer they had full canopies," Roberts said. "Cankers caused by the insect are fully healed."

The Plymouth experience signaled a U-turn in Roberts' prognosis for ash trees. Just a few months ago he had little to report except bad news. Every ash tree

See ASHES, page 8A

To All Our Valued Customers and Friends  
**Happy Holidays**  
**Happy New Year**  
*Orlando Clothiers*  
586.443.5690

FDA Approved Laser for All Skin Types, Tans OK!  
**\*Vein Removal**  
**\*Laser Genesis**  
**Skin Rejuvenation**  
Laser Hair Removal For Men & Women  
Call & ask about our introductory prices  
Performed ONLY by a physician  
Harper Laser Clinic  
(313) 884-0800 www.laseradv.com  
Amira Soheim, M.D., 20340 Harper Ave, Harper Woods

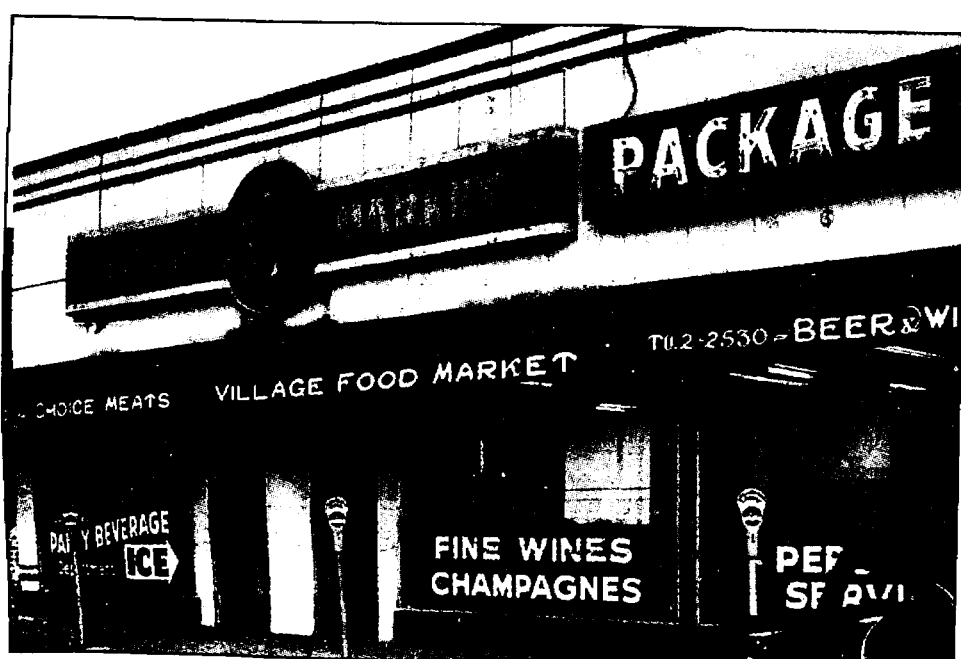
Have A Blessed Holiday From Our Family To Yours  
**The Ahee Family**



## Village Food Market owner retires after decades of work



Neil Bell stands in front of the current Village Food Market. He has just sold the store to Mark Garmo. Photo by Carrie Cunningham



The old Village Food Market before renovations stands above. Photo courtesy Neil Bell

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Neil Bell has a gift for cooking food.

Tough but amiable, Bell exudes a sense of commitment and hard work.

After 47 years working for the Village Food Market, he has sold his store to a man named Mark Garmo.

Bell says he will miss the relationships with both his suppliers and his loyal customers.

Bell's family has been in the food business for a large portion of the last century. His father, Alex, is an emblem of the self-made man. He came over from Scotland on a steamer and worked various jobs on the east coast and in Canada before signing up with Kroger's in Detroit. He traveled to customers' homes addressing any problems customers had.

"It was just a very good thing," said Bell.

When Alex Bell was passed over for a supervisor's job, he decided to start his own store on Essex and Newport in 1938.

Bell had the store on Essex and Newport for many years as well as two others which eventually closed due to staff leaving for the draft during World War II. He worked on meats at the store on Essex and Newport.

Alex Bell came to Grosse Pointe in 1956, opening the Highlight Market, which eventually was named the Village Food Market.

Bell told his son Neil that he wanted to get the food business out of his son, but Neil started working at the Grosse Pointe store since it opened and has been at the market ever since.

"I just fell in love with it," Bell said.

A student at Grosse Pointe High School, now South, Bell would leave school during the last hour of the day and head to his father's store. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, he worked on groceries, and Friday and Saturdays he labored on meats.

"I walked up Fisher and went to work and then closed at six o'clock," Bell said.

Bell says he went to the college of hard knocks, making his way in the world

### POINT OF INTEREST

through hard work at his father's store. His father admired his facility with meats.

"My dad said you're the only person who can bone lamb shoulders and beef better than I," Bell said.

Bell bought the store from his father in 1972 and has seen its physical structure expand twice.

The types of food offered have extended. The store sells staples like cereal, soups and bread and has a spell-binding array of meats as well as a wine and alcohol collection and a deli counter filled with scrumptious eating possibilities. Specialty foods like pates and cheeses also grace the store.

Bell has gone to many other stores and food shows to get ideas to bolster his own selection. From his travels, he introduced mozzarella and tomato sandwiches and homemade dips. Last April, he went with Garmo to visit approximately 40 stores in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York.

Bell says the selection of food his store offers as well as the service to his customers' needs is what sets it apart from other stores in the Grosse Pointe area. Bell says Grosse Pointe customers, cautious by nature, like the dependability of his store.

One of the most difficult aspects of running a store, Bell says, is finding a staff that is as committed and dedicated as he is. The store currently has 31 employees.

The holidays are "upscale chaos," Bell says. Tenderloin and rib roast are popular during the season.

"Every year it becomes easier and easier. You find short cuts," he said.

A nearby warehouse that stores groceries and wine make selling during the hectic holidays possible.

Garmo is very excited about taking over the Village Food Market. He wants to maintain the store's homey atmosphere and excellent service to customers.

"Our vision is to keep the tradition but to improve on



Photo courtesy Neil Bell  
Neil Bell's father, Alex, above at the meat counter, emigrated from Scotland and rose in the food business.

what's here, to make customers even happier," Garmo said. "We want to create new ideas for the city and keep up with the rest of the city."

Bell has much confidence in Garmo. A few years ago, he asked around for people who might be interested in buying his store. His two daughters, Karen, 34, and Amy, 31, children from his first wife Mary, weren't interested in running the store. A friend told him about Garmo, saying he would manage the store in the manner that would keep up its character and essence. Bell admires Garmo's committed work ethic and says he has picked up on the elements of running the store in just a few weeks.

In his retirement, Bell plans to work on building things and researching the history of his wife Linda's southern family.

"I don't want to have to be here at eight o'clock every morning and be here until seven o'clock at night," Bell said.

With a home in Gladwin County near Midland, Bell looks forward to relishing his new freedom. At 61, he has many years to explore new adventures.

Having built a Grosse Pointe treasure through personal drive, Bell retires knowing he has served the Grosse Pointe community in a glorious fashion.

## VILLAGE FOOD MARKET

Holiday Wines on Sale

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 until December 31st

No rainchecks  
We reserve the right to limit quantities

California Selections	Champagnes	Imports
CAMBRIA ESTATES CHARDONNAY & PINOT NOIR 750 ML. <b>\$9.99</b> SAVE \$3.00	PIPER SONOMA BRUT & BLANC de NOIR 750 ML. <b>\$13.99</b> SAVE \$5.00	PENFOLD'S KOONUNGA HILLS SHIRAZ/CAB. 750 ML. <b>\$8.99</b> SAVE \$2.00
CLOS DU BOIS CHARDONNAY, SHIRAZ, SAUVIGNON BLANC & ZINFANDEL 750 ML. <b>\$8.39</b> SAVE \$3.00	DOMAIN CHANDON BRUT & BLANC de NOIR 750 ML. <b>\$15.49</b>	BOLLA ALL 750 ML. <b>\$6.49</b>
MERLOT, CABERNET & PINOT NOIR 750 ML. <b>\$11.39</b>	BRUT FRESCO 750 ML. <b>\$9.99</b>	ANTINORI SANTA CRISTINA & ORVIETTO 750 ML. <b>\$8.99</b>
BENZIGER SONOMA COUNTY CHARDONNAY & PUNE BLANC 750 ML. <b>\$9.99</b> SAVE \$4.00	KORBEL BRUT, EX DRY & CHARDONNAY 750 ML. <b>\$8.49</b>	BANFI SAN ANGELO PINOT GRIGIO 750 ML. <b>\$10.99</b>
CABERNET, MERLOT, PINOT NOIR and SYRAH 750 ML. <b>\$13.99</b> SAVE \$6.20	FREXINET ALL 750 ML. <b>\$7.49</b>	JACOB'S CREEK AUSTRALIAN WINES 750 ML. <b>\$5.99</b> Excludes Reserves
RODNEY STRONG CHARDONNAY & SAUVIGNON BLANC 750 ML. <b>\$7.99</b>	GREAT WESTERN BRUT & EX. DRY 750 ML. <b>\$7.39</b>	ECCO DOMANI ALL 750 ML. <b>\$6.99</b>
MERLOT, CABERNET, PINOT NOIR & ZINFANDEL 750 ML. <b>\$11.49</b>	BALLATORE 750 ML. <b>\$5.89</b>	RUFFINO AZIANO CHIANTI 750 ML. <b>\$10.49</b>
KENDALL-JACKSON CHARDONNAY 750 ML. <b>\$9.99</b>	COOKS CHAMPAGNES ALL 750 ML. <b>\$3.69</b> SAVE \$1.30	PENFOLD'S RAWSON'S RETREAT ALL 750 ML. <b>\$6.99</b> SAVE \$2.50
SAUVIGNON BLANC 750 ML. <b>\$8.29</b>	ANDRE ALL 750 ML. <b>\$2.89</b>	STRACCALI CHIANTI 750 ML. <b>\$5.99</b>
ESTANCIA CABERNET, MERLOT & PINOT NOIR 750 ML. <b>\$9.89</b>	French Champagnes	JOHAN KLAUSS PIESPORTER 750 ML. <b>\$10.00</b> SAVE \$1.00
SEQUOIA GROVE CHARDONNAY 750 ML. <b>\$12.99</b> SAVE \$6.00	TAITTINGER BRUT la FRANCAISE 750 ML. <b>\$29.99</b> SAVE \$8.00	Remy Pannier VOUVRAY ROSE d'ANJOU 750 ML. <b>\$6.99</b> \$5.99
DAVID BRUCE CENTRAL COAST PINOT NOIR 750 ML. <b>\$16.69</b>	MOET WHITE STAR & NECTAR 750 ML. <b>\$33.99</b>	MCWILLIAMS HANWOOD ESTATES ALL 750 ML. <b>\$7.49</b>
GALLO OF SONOMA CHARDONNAY & MERLOT 750 ML. <b>\$8.39</b>	MUMM CORDON ROUGE, CARTE CLASSIQUE & JOYESSE 750 ML. <b>\$29.99</b> SAVE \$8.00	BLACK SWAN ALL 750 ML. <b>\$5.89</b> ALL 1.5 LTR. <b>\$8.99</b>
CABERNET & PINOT NOIR 750 ML. <b>\$9.89</b>	ASTI SPUMANTE	LINDEMAN'S RESERVES CHARDONNAY, CABERNET, SHIRAZ & MERLOT 750 ML. <b>\$7.99</b> SAVE \$3.00
ST. FRANCIS SONOMA WINERY CHARDONNAY 750 ML. <b>\$10.79</b> SAVE \$4.00	MARTINI & ROSSI 750 ML. <b>\$8.49</b>	DEAKIN ESTATES ALL 750 ML. <b>\$4.99</b>
CABERNET 750 ML. <b>\$13.99</b> SAVE \$5.00	TOSTI 750 ML. <b>\$6.99</b>	WALNUT CREST ALL 750 ML. 2 FOR <b>\$9.00</b>
MARK WEST SONOMA CHARDONNAY 750 ML. <b>\$8.89</b> SAVE \$3.10	LINDEMAN'S BIN SERIES ALL <b>\$5.69</b> 750 ML. <b>\$6.69</b> SAVE \$2.50	BRANCOTT NEW ZEALAND WINES SAUVIGNON BLANC, PINOT NOIR & CHARDONNAY 750 ML. <b>\$8.79</b> SAVE \$3.00
EDNA VALLEY PINOT NOIR 750 ML. <b>\$9.79</b> SAVE \$3.20	BUY A CASE LESS MAIL-IN REBATE FINAL COST... <b>\$54.00</b>	STONEHAVEN ALL 750 ML. <b>\$4.99</b>
RANCHO ZABACO HERITAGE VINE ZINFANDEL 750 ML. <b>\$9.89</b>	TURNING LEAF BIN SERIES ALL <b>\$5.89</b> 750 ML.	KOALA BLUE AUSTRALIAN WINES SHIRAZ & CHARDONNAY 750 ML. <b>\$4.59</b> SAVE \$2.40
DANCING BULL ZINFANDEL & SAUVIGNON BLANC 750 ML. <b>\$7.49</b>	JACKAROO Australian Wines CHARDONNAY, BIG RED & NEW SHIRAZ 750 ML. <b>\$4.99</b> SAVE \$3.00	LOUIS JADOT FRENCH WINES 750 ML. <b>\$7.79</b> SAVE \$2.00
	Other Holiday Favorites	POUILLY FUISSE 750 ML. <b>\$15.99</b> SAVE \$7.00
	HARVEY'S BRISTOL CREAM 750 ML. <b>\$9.99</b> SAVE \$4.00	
	M & R VERMOUTH 750 ML. <b>\$4.99</b>	
	STOCK VERMOUTH 750 ML. <b>\$3.69</b>	
	GALLO VERMOUTH 2 FOR <b>\$6.50</b> 750 ML.	

Value Brands		
LINDEMAN'S CHARDONNAY, SHIRAZ, CABERNET & MERLOT 1.5 LTR. <b>\$8.99</b> SAVE \$4.00	GLEN ELLEN ALL 1.5 LTR. <b>\$7.49</b> SAVE \$4.00	TALUS CHARDONNAY, MERLOT, PINOT GRIGIO, CABERNET & PINOT NOIR 1.5 LTR. <b>\$9.99</b> SAVE \$3.00
REDWOOD CREEK ALL FLAVORS 1.5 LTR. <b>\$9.89</b>	B & G CHARDONNAY, 1.5 LTR. <b>\$8.99</b> MERLOT & CABERNET SAVE \$3.50	SUTTER HOME CHARDONNAY, MERLOT, PINOT GRIGIO, CABERNET 1.5 LTR. <b>\$8.39</b>
VENDANCE CHARDONNAY, MERLOT, PINOT GRIGIO, SHIRAZ, CABERNET & PINOT NOIR 1.5 LTR. <b>\$6.79</b> SAVE \$2.20	CAVIT ALL 1.5 LTR. <b>\$8.99</b>	WHITE ZINFANDEL, SAUVIGNON BLANC, MOSCATO, ZINFANDEL & WHITE MERLOT 1.5 LTR. <b>\$5.89</b>
WHITE ZINFANDEL, SAUVIGNON BLANC, WHITE MERLOT, ZINFANDEL, SEMILLON-CHARDONNAY <b>\$5.49</b> SAVE \$2.50	CITRA ALL 1.5 LTR. <b>\$6.59</b>	LIVINGSTON CELLARS ALL 1.5 LTR. 2 FOR <b>\$8.99</b>
	BELLA SERA ALL 1.5 LTR. <b>\$8.99</b>	





# 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 24, 26, 27, 29 & 30

No rainchecks  
We reserve the right  
to limit quantities




**HOLIDAY HOURS:**  
• CHRISTMAS EVE TIL 5P.M. • CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY  
• NEW YEARS EVE TIL 7P.M. • CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY

2-LITER VERNOR PRODUCTS  
• REG **89¢** +DEP  
• DIET


 **EVIAN**  
**\$5.99**  
6 PACK - 1 LTR

**FRENCH ALPS  
SPRING WATER**

 **24 PACK  
BOTTLE**  
**\$14.79** +DEP  
• REG BLUE  
• LIGHT BLUE YOUR CHOICE

 **WARSTEINER**  
Because life is too short to drink cheap beer.  
**12 PACK BOTTLE** **\$9.49**  
-250 MAIL IN REBATE  
**\$6.99** +DEP FINAL

 **"SILVER BULLET"**  
**12 PACK LIGHT BOTTLES** **\$7.89** +DEP  
LIMITED QUANTITIES

 **ROLLING ROCK GREEN**  
**12 PACK LIGHT BOTTLES** **\$7.99** +DEP

 **Farm-Fresh  
PRODUCE**

LARGE NAVEL SUNKIST  
**ORANGES** **8/\$2.00**

MIX OR MATCH  
**LEMONS OR LIMES YOUR CHOICE** **6/\$2.00**

AUNT MID'S  
**BABY PEELED CARROTS** **79¢** 1 LB PKG

"WASHINGTON STATE" RED & GOLDEN  
**DELICIOUS APPLES** **79¢** LB


IMPORTED  
**ASPARAGUS** **\$1.79** LB

 **dairy delights**

 **BOAR'S HEAD** **\$2.89** 1 LB PKG  
**SLICED BACON** IN DAIRY SECTION

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


 **Edy's ICE CREAM**  
**\$2.59** 56 OZ  
ALL FLAVORS YOUR CHOICE

 **HAAGEN-DAZ PINTS  
ICE CREAM** **\$1.39**  
ALL FLAVORS YOUR CHOICE

 **Edy's FRUIT BARS**  
**\$2.19** 6 PACK  
ALL FLAVORS YOUR CHOICE

 **PEPPERIDGE FARM  
PARTY RYE** **\$1.49** LOAF  
• PUMPERNICKEL YOUR CHOICE  
• RYE

 **SEALTEST** **\$2.00** 1/2 MILK

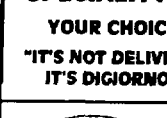
 **BREAKSTONE  
SOUR CREAM** **89¢** 16 OZ  
• REGULAR  
• LIGHT  
• FAT FREE YOUR CHOICE

 **LAND O LAKES  
GOURMET HALF & HALF** **\$1.19** 1/2 GAL

• REG  
• FAT FREE  
YOUR CHOICE **\$1.19** 1/2 GAL

**YODER'S PARTY DIPS**  
• RANCH  
• DILL  
• SPINACH  
• VEGETABLE YOUR CHOICE **\$1.19** 16 OZ

 **SPECIALITY FROZEN PIZZA**  
YOUR CHOICE **\$3.99**  
"IT'S NOT DELIVERY, IT'S DIGIORNO"

 **\$5.49**

**IN THE GREEN TIN**

**Big Savings  
in the  
Butcher Shop**

NOW TAKING ORDERS FOR NEW YEARS • AMISH TURKEYS • STANDING RIBS • HAMS

**STANDING RIB ROASTS** **\$5.99** LB

**WHOLE BEEF TENDERLOINS** **\$5.99** LB

**DEARBORN BRAND HAMS**  
• SPIRAL SLICED **\$3.69** lb  
• SEMI-BONELESS **\$2.99** lb  
• HAM STEAKS **\$3.99** lb

**PORK TENDERLOINS** **\$2.99** LB

**CHICKEN WINGS** **\$1.39** LB

MADE FRESH AT VILLAGE FOOD MARKET  
**POLISH SAUSAGE** **\$1.99** LB

**STUFFED CHICKEN BREASTS** **\$2.49** LB

**SAUSAGES** **\$1.99** LB

 **Seafood  
SPECIALS**

**COOKED SHRIMP** **\$7.99** LB

**LOBSTER TAILS** 7-8 OZ **\$9.99** EA

PEELED AND DEVEINED  
**SHRIMP** READY TO COOK **\$7.49** LB

REMEMBER YOUR VILLAGE FOOD MARKET  
**COCKTAIL SAUCE** **99¢** 1/2 PINT

 **Deli Delights**

 **Kraut's** **\$3.99** LB  
**POLISH HAM**

**HOFFMANS HARD SALAMI** **\$3.99** LB

**HOFFMANS SHARP CHEDDAR** **\$3.99** LB

 **Kraft** **\$3.99** LB  
**BEEF BOLOGNA**

 **Jarvisberg** **\$4.69** LB  
**IMPORTED SWISS**


**FRESH MADE TO ORDER**

**FRUIT BASKETS & DELI TRAYS**

**CELEBRATE  
THE SAVING**

 **12 PACK COKE  
CAN PRODUCTS** **\$3.69** +DEP

 **2-LITER COKE  
PRODUCTS** **99¢** +DEP


 **Hidden Valley** **99¢**  
**HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH DIPS** 1.0 OZ PKG

 **CANADA DRY** **99¢** 1 LT  
**MIXERS** ALL FLAVORS - YOUR CHOICE

 **perrier** **SPARKLING WATER** **\$1.29** 25 OZ  
ALL FLAVORS - YOUR CHOICE

**BAGGED ICE CUBES** **89¢**

**SOLO** • CLEAR 9 OZ **\$1.79** 24-40 CT  
**PLASTIC CUPS** • CLEAR 16 OZ  
• CLEAR 10 OZ YOUR CHOICE

 **SPARKLING WATER** **99¢** 2 LT  
• LEMON LIME TWIST  
• ORIGINAL • RASPBERRY YOUR CHOICE

• TRAIL  
• HOT/SPICY  
• BOLD  
• PEANUT BUTTER  
• HONEY NUT  
• TRADITIONAL  
• CHEDDAR  
**CHEX MIX SNACKS** **\$1.29** 8.5 - 8.75 OZ  
YOUR CHOICE


**PEARL PITTED BLACK OLIVES** **99¢**  
• MEDIUM  
• LARGE YOUR CHOICE

 **Reese's**  
**PLAIN QUEEN OLIVES** **\$2.99** 10 OZ

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

 **Frito-Lay** **\$1.69** LARGE BAG  
YOUR CHOICE NOT INCLUDING BAKED

 **\$5.99** 2 LB  
**PISTACHIOS PRIVATE STOCK NATURAL**

 **\$1.99** 200 CT  
**BRAWNY PAPER TOWEL**

 **Reese's** **\$2.19**  
**QUARTERED ARTICHOKE HEARTS**


 **\$6.99**  
**BOUNTY 8 PACK PAPER TOWEL**

**LIBERTY GOLD MANDARIN ORANGE** **59¢**

 **\$1.99** 5 LB  
**DOMINO GRANULATED SUGAR**

 **\$9.99** 3 LB  
**PRIDE OF GERMACK PISTACHIO**

**LIBERTY GOLD PIECES & STEM MUSHROOMS** **49¢**

 **Reese's** **\$2.19**  
**QUARTERED ARTICHOKE HEARTS**

 **\$6.99**  
**BOUNTY 8 PACK PAPER TOWEL**

# Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

**Dear Editor:**  
I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect

# Opinion

as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The

external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or

imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Francis P. Church's editorial, "Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus," became one of the most famous editorials ever written. It first appeared in the *The New York Sun* in 1897, more than 100 years ago, and was reprinted annually until 1949 when the paper went out of business.

Robert G. Edgar  
Publisher

Robert B. Edgar  
Founder and Publisher  
(1940-1979)

Grosse Pointe News

Vol. 64, No. 52, December 25, 2003, Page 6A

John Minnis  
Editor and General  
Manager  
(313) 343-5590

Published Weekly by  
Anteebo Publishers  
96 Kercheval Ave.  
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

EDITORIAL  
(313) 882-0294

Margie Reins Smith,  
Assistant Editor/Feature Editor  
Chuck Klonke, Sports Editor  
Bonnie Caprara, Staff Writer  
Brad Lindberg, Staff Writer  
Carrie Cunningham, Staff Writer  
Jennie Miller, Staff Writer  
Diane Morelli, Editorial Assistant  
Madeleine Socia, Staff Writer  
Betty Brosseau, Proofreader  
Gilbert Gray, Copy Editor

CLASSIFIED - (313) 882-6900

Barbara Yazbeck Vethacke,  
Manager  
Fran Velardo,  
Assistant Manager  
Ida Bauer  
Melanie Mahoney

CIRCULATION - (313) 343-5578

Karla Altevogt, Manager  
Amy Conrad

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 Zander,  
Advertising Representative  
Julie R. Sutton,  
Advertising Representative  
Ken C. Ong,  
Advertising Representative  
Kathleen D. Bowles,  
Advertising Representative

PRODUCTION  
(313) 882-6090

Ken Schop,  
Production Manager

Greg Bartosiewicz

David Hughes

Pat Tapper

Penny Derrick

Carol Jarman

Allan Gillies



Member Suburban  
Newspapers of America  
and National  
Newspaper Association

## Our cups runneth over

Our daughters and their families are unable to make the trip home for Christmas; so no grandchildren will be on hand.

Travel is such a hassle with young ones during the holidays, and we don't blame them for not wanting to fight the crowds in the airports and wanting to make some memories in their own homes. We'd hate for them to think they always have to go see the old folks and get dragged in and out of various houses and snowsuits and cars in a blur. It will be more fun when we have time to talk and play games at another time with no pressures. Still, they will be missed.

So the holidays were supposed to be easier this year. I thought I was fairly organized until the dreaded "bug" sneaked up on me and decimated all my plans. It just never occurred to me that I would lose 10 or 12 days in December. And though we will have a scant nine for dinner on Christmas Eve instead of our usual 16, I haven't made many preparations.

New frocks haven't been taken from the closet to go partying because our feet refused to dance this year. And

though I still took a long nap yesterday, the energy is returning, and there will be food on the table and presents under the tree.

The sound system is pumping out the holiday music, and our toes are beginning to tap again. 'Tis my favorite time of year, and nothing will spoil it.

Don't you love the efforts our residents have made to decorate this year? The light shows on Lakeshore remind me of the old days!

Once again we remind ourselves of our many blessings. There is so much to be thankful for this year, and if our little family is separated by a few states, at least they are in this beloved country, safe and free.

Continents separate so many families as fathers, mothers, sons and daughters keep vigil protecting our freedoms and those whose needs are so great at this time in history. We don't forget them or their personal sacrifices for a minute, but we can still appreciate what we do have, and we have an abundance of goodness all around us.

Glad tidings to you all.

— Offering from the loft



Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at [phands@grossepointenews.com](mailto:phands@grossepointenews.com) or go to [www.philtoons.com](http://www.philtoons.com)

## Letters

### Clears myth

To the Editor:

In the letter "Indian Village history revisited" the letter writer repeats a common error concerning the J.B. Ford home, which was formerly on East Jefferson at the foot of Seminole and now is on Windmill Pointe Drive.

When relocated to Grosse Pointe Park circa 1928, it was not transported by barge. This story has been around for years. It was reborn when the Ford home was a show house a few years ago.

The story was always doubtful, since the water depth between Belle Isle and the mainland is quite shallow, only 6 feet or so, not deep enough for a barge.

When I asked J. B. Ford's son, the late Frederick Sloane Ford, about it, he confirmed the move was entirely by truck. Frederick supervised the move and lived in the relocated house on Windmill Pointe, while his father built a new house on Provencal in Grosse Pointe Farms.

As a 38-year resident of Indian Village, I must take exception when the letter states the decline in the Village started in 1928. Frankly, the Village has never declined. Replacing its wealthy early residents are families who love old homes.

The cost of owning an Indian Village home isn't the purchase price, it's the enormous upkeep, something that isn't unknown in the Grosse Pointes, many of whose homes also date from the 1920s.

Take a drive down Seminole, Iroquois or Burns and you won't see a decaying neighborhood.

Bob Cosgrove  
Indian Village

### Hill holiday trees

To the Editor:

The Family Center thanks the 33 Hill merchants and businesses who so enthusiastically supported this first-time fund-raiser.

Pat Brinker and DJ Kennedy embraced the concept in July and helped to see it become reality. Their efforts are sincerely appreciated.

Nineteen festive trees and wreaths were decorated by merchants and made available in their stores and lobbies for silent auction from Nov. 20 to Dec. 8. There were some very happy winners.

Other businesses contributed to the kick-off party Nov. 20 by hosting the event, underwriting expenses or by contributing goods, expertise or door prizes. The Family Center thanks the following:

The Bank of Grosse Pointe, Barrett & Associates, Bon Secours Cottage Health Services, Coliseum International Salon and Day Spa, Dish, Freezing Pointe Ice Cream & Candy Shop, Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library, The Greenhouse Salon, Grosse Pointe News, Higbie Maxon Agney Realtors Inc., The Hill Seafood and Chop House, How Inviting, Johnstone & Johnstone Real Estate, Joseph DuMouchelle Gemologists & Auctioneers, Jumps, Kennedy & Company, LaLonde Jewelers and Gemologists, The League Shop, Leon's on the Hill, Mid-State Surety, Mutschler Kitchens, National City Bank, Northern Trust Bank, The Pointe Pedlar, Raymond James & Associates, Robert Loomis & Associates, Russell Development, Saga Communications.

Something Special Gifts, Surtsey Productions, Inc., Sylvan Learning Center, Tassels, The Upper Crust and Petite Fleur, and Gary Wilson.

Funds raised will assist The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods in its mission to educate, support and connect our families.

Diane Strickler  
Executive Director  
The Family Center

### Mr. Ismail misinformed

To the Editor:

I found the comments Mr. Ismail included with his Speedy Photo advertisement with regard to the Library Board of Trustees fundraising both negative and misleading (Dec. 4, "Points About the Pointes").

We are fortunate to live in a community with many positive attributes. His comments reflect extreme negativity on his part.

I am a strong supporter of our library system. The library board of trustees is a nonpolitical group and includes a Harvard law graduate, a former school superintendent and a certified public accountant just to name a few.

To my knowledge Mr. Ismail has not attended the regular library board meetings, which are open to the public, nor has he taken the initiative to speak to a representative of the library board to clarify the facts.

I am disappointed that he has chosen to express his concerns in an inaccurate and critical manner. As a pillar of this community, he has the potential of using his energy to promote positive momentum for this community.

John Hughes  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Nebuchadnezzar, Saddam

By Doug Patton

*"Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?"*

— Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon (Daniel 4:30)

Nebuchadnezzar, King of the Babylonian Empire in the 6th century B.C., was a self-serving, maniacal tyrant. At the time of his reign, Babylon is believed to have been the largest city in the world, covering some 2,500 acres. Nebuchadnezzar built monuments to himself, and when he tired of that, he built a city-state that, at the time of its ascension, was the most feared and hated in that region of the world.

Sound like anyone we know?

For much of his life, Saddam Hussein fancied himself a cross between Josef Stalin and King Nebuchadnezzar. When American troops raided his opulent palaces, they found books, papers, photos and other paraphernalia indicating an obsession with Stalin. Politically, Saddam patterned his cruel, iron-fisted rule after the equally malevolent former Soviet dictator.

But it was Nebuchadnezzar with whom Saddam felt a special kinship. His uncle, with whom he had lived as a boy, had raised him on stories of Nebuchadnezzar's empire, and young Saddam began to identify with the former Babylonian king.

After attempting to satiate his lust for power and recognition by erecting statues of his own image and incredible palaces for his hedonistic pleasure, Saddam planned to rebuild Babylon. He intention was to reconstruct the city Nebuchadnezzar had made famous, and to make it a great monu-

ment to himself. Bricks for the project were even stamped, "Built in the age of Saddam Hussein."

As is so easily done, Saddam apparently failed to read the rest of King Nebuchadnezzar's story. The Old Testament teaches that because of his colossal arrogance, Nebuchadnezzar was humbled by God, losing not only his kingdom but also his mind — after which he roamed the fields living like a mindless animal.

Does this not sound much like the way we found Saddam Hussein last weekend — dazed, confused, reduced to simple survival? After a life of opulence few of us can imagine, he was pulled from a hole in the ground clinging to wads of cash used for paying off anyone who might betray his whereabouts.

To those for whom the rest of life has mattered little until this man was captured or killed, there must be such a collective sigh of relief as has rarely ever been heard across the region. Like all who have ever been rescued from the tyranny of tyrants, freedom is a universal human desire, one planted in the heart of man by God Himself. This is what President Bush means when he says that "Freedom is not America's gift to the world; it is God's gift to humanity."

The end of Nebuchadnezzar's story was one of redemption. He saw his error and acknowledged God as sovereign over the affairs of men. Such an end is unlikely for Saddam, but his final chapter is yet to be written.

Doug Patton is a freelance columnist who has served as a speech writer and policy adviser for federal, state and local candidates, elected officials and public policy organizations. His weekly columns can be read in newspapers across the country. Readers can e-mail him at [dpatton@neonamp.com](mailto:dpatton@neonamp.com).

Spider hole?

Saddam was caught hiding in a spider hole? A what? Never heard of it.

Turns out, spider hole is military slang for a sniper's lair, usually a cave.

The word reportedly came into use during U.S. military operations in Southeast Asia. Some people date it to World War II, others Korea or Vietnam.

Our language is rife with war slang, as compiled by Paul Dickson in a book by the same name.

"Bump" dates from the Civil War, meaning to bombard the enemy. The word evolved during the gangster period of the 20th century to mean murder, as in "bump off."

"Leg case" is another phrase dating from the War Between the States.

Abraham Lincoln used it to describe a coward running away from combat.

"Scuttlebutt" means gossip, but refers to the barrel on a ship from which the crew obtained drinking water. "Scuttle" is a hole and "Butt" is a barrel.

"Sideburns" comes from the bushy side-whiskers of Union General Ambrose Burnside.

Teddy Roosevelt broadened the language during the Spanish-American War era.

He used "backbone" to criticize President William McKinley's reluctance to fight Spain. "McKinley has no more backbone than a chocolate éclair," Roosevelt said.

Roosevelt also talked about a "big stick," as in, "Speak softly and carry a big stick; you will go far."

"Boondocks" came into use around the turn of the last century when Marines were deployed against Filipino



guerrillas.

Boondocks retains its definition today as an outlying area, usually mountainous. U.S. troops during the Vietnam war shortened the word to "boonies."

During World War I, a "bunk lizard" described a chronic sleeper.

"Bullets" were beans; "bull" meant smalltalk (it still does), and a "buzz wire" was a telephone line.

"Canary cruisers" were German submarines that resupplied in the Canary Islands. A "cat stabber" was a bayonet and "Devil Dogs"

there was a lot of "frog lip pounding" (speaking French) by "froggies" (French soldiers) who could hardly wait to hop a "frog teakettle" (French railroad locomotive) back home to "frog's paradise" (Paris) while letting "doughboys" (American infantrymen) do liberate their country for them from the Germans, or "Fritz."

The scenario repeated itself during World War II, a "big bean" was a big shot, a person of importance.

Even The Three Stooges called the Nazis "ratzies." Russians were "redskies," as in Red communists.

"Cooking with stardust" meant to be in love.

"Spuds," as everyone knows, are potatoes. But did you know that "spuds with the bark on" are potatoes that are unpeeled?

During the Korean War, "chair corps" described servicemen assigned to non-combat jobs.

A helicopter was a "chopper."

"Little r" was recreation. "Big R" meant to be rotated home.

In Vietnam, "downtown" was Hanoi. A "Jesus nut" was the nut that holds the rotor blade to a helicopter.

A "walk in the sun" was a troop movement without risk of engaging the enemy.

"Waste" means to kill. "Wasted" means dead.

To "unass" meant to rise quickly from a sitting position.

During the Gulf War, "camel meat" described an unpopular meal. Tarantulas were called "camel spiders."

"Gone Elvis" meant missing in action. "Sailing through the goo" described sailing through the Gulf of Oman.

A "dune goon" was an Iraqi soldier found among sand dunes.

Grosse Pointe News The Op-Ed Page December 25, 2003, Page 7A



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

Streetwise

Question of the Week: What was your the most memorable Christmas gift you ever received?



Jerry Stocking

"My mother gave me a big package that I thought contained a coat but only had a lump of coal. I eventually got the coat but she was sending me a message. I was 14 and rebellious. It taught me a lesson."

Jerry Stocking  
Grosse Pointe Woods



Vince DiLorenzo

"My ex-mother-in-law gave me a set of lamp shades on my first Christmas after being married. I was 21. They were given to me, but it was really a gift for my wife. Just what every 21-year-old guy needs — lamp shades."

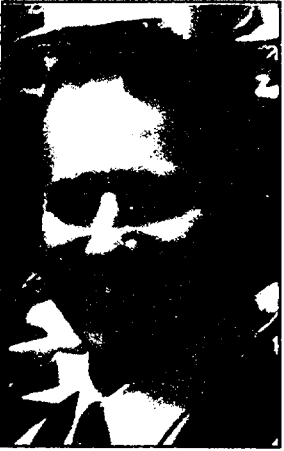
Bill Rees  
Clinton Township



Bill Rees

"A Lionel train. My parents let me open it on Christmas eve so I could put it around the tree. I was 5. I still have it."

Vince DiLorenzo  
Shelby Township



Anthony Rimanelli Jr.

"A red Ross bicycle with a banana seat. I was in fourth grade. Having my own bike gave me a sense of independence and freedom. I jumped on that bike and cruised all over."

Anthony Rimanelli Jr.  
Grosse Pointe Woods



Mark Eickmann

"A ping-pong table. It wasn't so much the gift — which was great — but the way my parents gave it to me and my brother. They set up a treasure hunt around the house which ended with the ping-pong table in the garage with a big, red bow on it. I was 10."

Mark Eickmann  
Clinton Township



Jen Gant

"I got engaged. He's the sweetest guy. He had my engagement ring hiding in the Christmas tree."

Jen Gant  
City of Grosse Pointe

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

fyi

by Ben Burns

'Under God' — the rest of the story

Much has been written about Michael Newdow, the doctor, lawyer, atheist, who got a California federal court bench to declare that "under God" should be removed from the Pledge of Allegiance when it is recited in public school classrooms.

That ruling will probably be reviewed by the U.S. Supreme Court in March or April, with a High Court

decision probably before July.

Newdow was named "Time Magazine Man of the Week" in 2002 after he convinced the jurists that his elementary school daughter should not have to utter "under God" when reciting the pledge. (This, even though in 1943 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that no one could force school children to recite the pledge.)

Much has also been written about how those words, "under God" got into the Pledge in 1954 during the

Eisenhower administration, and a fair amount of that has been wrong.

Not enough has been written about the original congressional author of those words, Louis C. Rabaut, of Grosse Pointe Park.

U.S. Rep. Rabaut was not an arch-conservative as he was characterized by one editorial writer. Rabaut was a Democrat, who represented the east side of Detroit for almost a quarter century from 1935 to 1961. He

See FYI, page 8A

Points about the Pointes The Holidays and our sense of family...it's time to slow down and count our blessings!

I was on the phone the other day with an old friend who lives in Bloomfield Hills. He asked if I had any regrets in moving the family back to Grosse Pointe from Bloomfield Hills, and what my thoughts were about the move now that we had been "home" for a few years.

As far as regrets, I told him, I did have some selfish ones. I missed being able to walk to Cranbrook and I did miss living on two acres. Up until a month or so ago, I also missed not having lunch every day at Sy Thai in Birmingham (I got my Christmas present early when they opened a restaurant on Nine Mile just east of Mack).

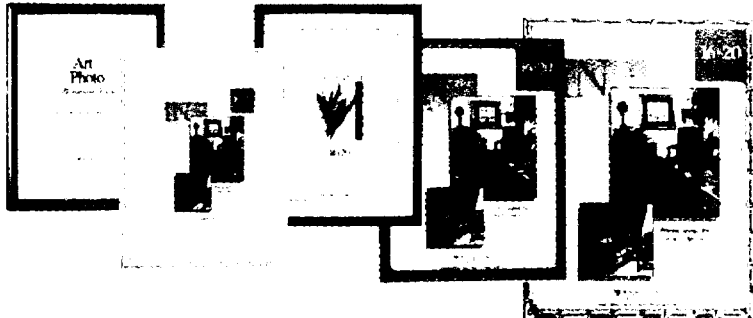
The benefits of moving have far outweighed these few regrets. First and foremost, we are closer to my parents, who still live in the home I grew up in on Country Club in Harper Woods. The joy of seeing the almost daily interaction between my mom and dad and my kids has made

the move more than worth anything we gave up to move back to Grosse Pointe.

The move has brought a reconnection to another "family" I frankly didn't know how much I missed. It was the family of customers who we have had the privilege of serving, many since I started working as a stock boy here for Carl Joyner over 35 years ago. Your loyalty and friendship means more than you will ever know. Thank you for allowing our family to be part of your family for all these years.

I hope all of you will take the time this Holiday season to tell everyone in your family how much they mean to you. The Ismail family has truly been blessed this Holiday, and all of you are a great part of that blessing. Thank you!

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



POSTER FRAME SUPER SALE!

Visit our new Poster Frame Department today! Take your pick from hundreds of new wood and metal poster frames in 16 X 20, 18 X 24, 20 X 24, 20 X 28, 22 X 28, 20 X 30, 24 X 30 and 24 X 36 inch sizes! Best of all, now through New Year's Eve....

EVERY poster frame is 25% OFF our already discounted price!

Speedi Photo & Imaging Center

20229 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe Woods (313) 881-7330

Open Daily, 9AM to 7PM, Saturday, 9AM to 6PM, Open Sunday, 12NOON to 5PM

Old Document and Photograph Restoration Large Format Digital Enlargements Digital & Traditional Same Day Color Processing Family and Child Portraits Passport Photos Photo and Poster Frames Photo & Scrapbook Albums



## Ashes

From page 3A

under scientific scrutiny that became infested with the borer had died.

"I don't think it's as dismal as it once was," he said.

While scientists hurriedly set up laboratory experiments and conducted full-fledged field research to confirm a borer defense, an unofficial network of independent arborists and tree-lovers sprouted initiatives of their own.

Their unofficial data, compiled as early as last summer, indicated that borers' free-wheeling days might be numbered.

In Grosse Pointe Farms, injections of chemicals containing Imidacloprid have been preliminarily credited with keeping ash borers out of more than 600 city-owned ash trees.

As reported in the Grosse Pointe News in September, an experiment by Grosse Pointe Park city forester Brian Colter indicated

Imidacloprid-based applications protected trees at Three Mile Park.

"I lost the one ash tree which wasn't treated," Colter said. "It was right in the middle of 10 trees treated with soil injections."

"We've had a lot of anecdotal evidence from arborists and people who said they were saving trees, but we didn't have a situation like this (in Plymouth) where there are 30 trees grouped together in which every one of them has been saved and recovered fully," Roberts said. "This is not some type of incidental incident which has no merit. It really does seem to be working."

He added, "I'm very encouraged by this. I've reached the conclusion that I don't think there's going to be any problem saving some ash trees."

Despite quarantine efforts and millions of dollars in emergency appropriations from state, federal and uni-

versity sources, the 1/2-inch, metallic-green borers have spread their wings and ravens appetites for ash wood into mid-Michigan, northern Ohio, Indiana and southwestern Ontario, Canada.

In the fall of 2002, Colter was the first to discover an infestation in the Pointes (on Yorkshire in the Park). He promptly cut down the infected tree. The bug showed up in Grosse Pointe Shores last summer.

"Our 330-some ash trees are at risk," said Brett Marshall. "We've lost eight or nine at this point in time."

Marshall is a Shores resident and owner of a local tree service who has volunteered to help protect his community from the borer.

Marshall shares Roberts' newly-blossomed optimism. "There is promise for control in the future, and, hopefully, we can bring it to the village," Marshall said. He will likely recommend injections.

"I think we have a great chance for control," he said. "This needs to be an annual injection every spring."

Borers kill trees by burrowing through the vital cambium layer of wood just beneath bark. Cambium serves as a tree's circulatory system, conducting the flow of water and nutrients from root to crown.

If the nation's ash resource vanished, gone would be one of the continent's most adaptive trees. Ash are native from northern Florida to mid-Texas, up the Great Plains to central Saskatchewan, Canada to the Atlantic Provinces.

Ash is valued environmentally as a prodigious producer of seeds that nourish birds, commercially for its hard wood suitable for everything from baseball bats to drawer handles, and aesthetically for its role in the landscape as a hardy replacement for elms lost to Dutch elm disease.



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Bark removed from a section of ash tree infested with emerald ash borer reveals cambium wood riddled by serpentine tunneling by borer larvae. Cambium conducts water and nutrients. "This tree was alive in May," said Brett Marshall, a Grosse Pointe Shores resident volunteering to fight the spread of borers in his community. "It probably succumbed in June or July when heat set in. The tree was drawing for moisture, couldn't get it and quickly succumbed in the heat."

## FYI

From page 7A

died in office at age 74, and some colleagues described him as a liberal.

Rabaut and his wife, **Stella M. (Petz) Rabaut**, had nine children — three sons and six daughter — and 25 grandchildren; so a fair number of his relatives and descendants still live in the area, including **Vince Rabaut of the City**, a grandson.

Congressman Rabaut, a Detroit native, graduated from the Detroit College of Law in 1912, practiced law in Detroit and was active in the construction business. A devout Catholic, he was first elected in the New Deal years of Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1934.

He was dean of the Michigan congressional delegation when he died of a heart attack while at a testimonial dinner for **Judge Thaddeus M. Machrowicz** in Hamtramck. More than 70 congressmen had memorial remarks printed in the Congressional Record to note his contributions. These ranged from currently serving U.S. Rep. **John Dingell** to then Rep. **Gerald Ford** from Grand Rapids.

Ford, who later became president when Richard M. Nixon resigned, viewed Rabaut as a mentor and teacher when he was first assigned to an appropriations subcommittee headed by the Democrat.

Dingell pointed out that Rabaut was responsible for creating the school lunch program in Washington, D.C., for the strengthening of Children programs and for improving welfare programs.

The Washington Post editorialized in a similar vein: "...he was a warmhearted defender of the city's children... His definition of liberalism included the staunch defense of individuals whom he considered wronged by a big city government."

Rabaut was a "joyous," "religious" man, who frequently entertained fellow congressmen with his excellent tenor voice. "He loved people. He loved his work," other congressmen said.

**Martha Griffiths**, who would later become lieutenant governor of Michigan, said: "He lived in joy all the days of his life, and he died praising his fellow man... I appreciated all the days I sat beside him on the floor and listened to his

counsel."

A New York representative noted: "He realized that education was the backbone of our democracy, and he was generous in his appropriations for schools, facilities and for teachers' salaries."

Another noted that Rabaut originated the "Pray for Peace" cancellation mark on mail, and another said that the "under God" legislation characterized his "intense love of God and of country."

And a third said: "In all things it can be said that he was a great American. His one great ambition in life was to hand on to posterity and the generation of tomorrow a greater and finer America than was handed to him."

One of Congressman Rabaut's favorite songs was "The Old Lamplighter," a fourth congressman said. He quoted: "He made the night a little brighter wherever he would go..."

Without arguing for or against the merits of Mr. Newdow's case against "under God," I would pose the question: Do you think 75 congressmen will stand up to memorialize Newdow's contributions to a better nation when he goes to meet his maker?

## Footnote

The legislation to include "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance was sponsored in the Senate side by another Grosse Pointe, U.S. Sen. **Homer Ferguson**, who served from 1943 to 1955 and then became ambassador to the Philippines and later a U.S. District Court judge. Ferguson died in 1982 at age 93 and is quoted by the Detroit Free Press as saying this about the resolution:

"Recognizing that the pledge did not specifically acknowledge that we are a people who do believe in and want our government to operate under divine guidance, I introduced in the Senate a resolution to add the words, which forever, I hope, will be on the lips of Americans."

His granddaughter, **Carol Marks of the Farms**, says of Ferguson: "He was a great grandfather." Amen and amen.

**Ben Burns of the City of Grosse Pointe** is a professor in the journalism program at Wayne State University. He can be reached at [burnsben@comcast.net](mailto:burnsben@comcast.net) or by phone at (313) 882-2810.

## UNLIMITED Family Calling

between your America's Choice Family SharePlan™ lines on the national mobile-to-mobile network. Mobile-to-mobile not available throughout the America's Choice network.

## UNLIMITED Night & Weekend Minutes

on calling on the America's Choice network. Calls placed outside rate area 69¢/min.

# \$20

MONTHLY ACCESS per additional line.  
With new 2-year Agreement of purchase. Select CDMA phone required.

With an America's Choice Calling Plan of \$30 or more monthly access and higher.

Buy one  
**LG VX-6000**  
Camera Phone

## \$79.99

After Mail-in Rebate

\$149 \*Original Price (taxes apply) - \$70 mail-in rebate

## Get UP TO 4 LG VX-3100s FREE

With a new 2-year Agreement per phone. Primary line must be an America's Choice plan \$39.99 or higher. While supplies last. \$25 plus airtime per message sent & received.

CALL 1.866.235.1341

CLICK [vzwshop.com/holiday](http://vzwshop.com/holiday)

## EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS!

## VERIZON WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS STORES

**ANN ARBOR**  
2570 Jackson Ave.  
(Next to Blockbuster)  
734-769-1722  
Branford Mall  
(In Sear's Wing, Near Center Ct.)  
**BRIGHTON**  
8159 Chalks, Suite C  
(Off Grand River, in front of Target)  
810-225-4789  
**CANTON**  
42447 Ford Rd.  
(Corner of Ford & Lilley  
Rds., Canton Corner)  
734-844-0481  
**DEARBORN**  
24417 Ford Rd.  
(Just West of Telegraph)  
313-278-4491  
Fairlane Mall  
(3rd Floor Next to Sears)  
313-441-0168  
**DETROIT**  
14126 Woodward  
(Model T 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.  
(On Main 2 Miles N.  
of the Palace)  
248-393-6800  
**NOVI**  
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.)  
248-853-0550  
**ST. CLAIR SHORES**  
26401 Harper Ave.  
(At 10 1/2 Mile)  
586-777-4010

**SOUTHFIELD**  
28117 Telegraph Rd.  
(South of 12 Mile Rd.)  
248-358-3700  
20128 W. 8 Mile Rd.  
(Baseline Plaza, just  
west of Evergreen)  
248-357-1558  
**STERLING HEIGHTS**  
45111 Park Ave.  
(M-58 & M-53,  
Utica Park Plaza)  
586-997-6500  
Lakeside Mall  
(Lower Ct. play area)  
**TAYLOR**  
23495 Eureka Rd.  
(Across from Southland Mall)  
734-287-1770  
**TROY**  
19113 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**  
Howell  
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

**BUSINESS CUSTOMERS,  
PLEASE CALL  
1.866.899.2882**

Free Handset Software Upgrade!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

## AUTHORIZED RETAILERS

Equipment offer and

Worry Free Guarantee may vary

**BLOOMFIELD**  
Global Wireless  
1-888-607-1800  
**BRIGHTON**  
Auto One Brighton  
810-227-2808  
**CHESTERFIELD TWP.**  
Venture Communications  
586-421-9900  
**CLAWSON**  
Communications USA  
248-280-6390  
**COMMERCIAL**  
Cellular Source  
248-360-9400  
Wireless Tomorrow  
248-669-1200  
**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
Cellular City  
248-848-8800  
**GROSSE POINTE**  
Authorized Cellular  
1-800-VIP-Plus  
**HOWELL**  
Carrycom  
517-548-7705

**MACOMB**  
Authorized Cellular  
1-800-VIP-Plus  
**MADISON HEIGHTS**  
Authorized Cellular  
1-800-VIP-Plus  
**MORRIS**  
Hartman Radio  
734-242-0806  
**REDFORD**  
Diamond Touch  
313-535-1600  
**ROCHESTER**  
Cellular Technologies  
248-299-0008  
**ROSELAND**  
Authorized Cellular  
1-800-VIP-Plus  
**STERLING HEIGHTS**  
Authorized Cellular  
1-800-VIP-Plus  
**WEST BLOOMFIELD**  
Global Wireless  
248-681-7200

**RadioShack**  
You've got questions. We've got answers.

Holiday & Weekend hours: Holidays 9-11 pm - 1:59 am (H-F), 12-12 am Sat. 11:59 pm Sun. Taxes & surcharges apply & may vary. Federal Universal Service Charge of 1.90¢/minute quarterly based on FCC rates) & a 5¢ Regulatory Charge per line/month are our charges, not taxes. IMPORTANT CONSUMER INFORMATION: Subject to terms and conditions of Customer Agreement. Calling Plan rebate form & credit approval. \$175 cancellation fee per line. Taxes, other charges & restrictions. Cannot combine with other offers. Usage rounded to next full minute. Unvoiced minutes lost. Coverage, service & offers not available in all areas. Maximum of 10 lines total, all on same billing account. Taxes apply. Rebate takes 10-12 weeks & requires 30 days service. See verizonwireless.com for network claim details. © Verizon Wireless 2003

## Liberties stolen

A black Jeep Liberty was stolen sometime after midnight on Saturday, Dec. 20, while parked in the 900 block of Lincoln in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The vehicle was recovered intact less than 12 hours later in the 9400 block of Manistique in Detroit.

A silver 2003 Jeep Liberty was taken while parked in a driveway in the 700 block of Notre Dame sometime between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18.

Later that afternoon, police said the vehicle was damaged heavily in an accident in Detroit.

In a related incident during the night of Wednesday, Dec. 17, the ignition of a red 2000 Dodge Intrepid was damaged while parked in front of a house in the 600 block of Lincoln.

## Car windows smashed out

Sometime between Thursday, Dec. 18, at 8 p.m., and 8:40 p.m. the next day, a side window of a vehicle was broken while parked in the 800 block of Washington.

City of Grosse Pointe police attributed damage to a BB gun.

On Friday, Dec. 19, at 4:30 a.m., a City of Grosse Pointe resident living in the 700 block of Washington reported that someone had used an unknown object to break a window of his 2001 Chevrolet Town and Country.

## Sawed off gun

A City of Grosse Pointe traffic stop turned up a 20-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man who had a sawed-off BB gun on the floorboards of his black 1997 Pontiac four-door.

Police said the Daisy air rifle had been modified to look like a shotgun. The man had been pulled over on St. Paul and Fisher.

## Purse thief

An unknown thief with balding hair stole a woman's purse as she exited the front door of a store in the 18300 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms on Saturday, Dec. 13, shortly before 4 p.m.

The victim, a 64-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident, said the robber was waiting in a parked car, in which he also made his getaway.

She described the man as 45 years old, about 190 pounds, with brown hair. He was last seen wearing a brown suede coat and blue jeans.

The woman described his car as a white, early-1990s version of a Pontiac Grand Am.

## Shoe prints

Shoe prints were found in the snow last week outside a window Grosse Pointe Farms police think thieves forced open to enter a house in the 200 block of Cloverly.

Police said the crime occurred between 11 a.m. and 3:20 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 15. The victim reported missing three women's rings (diamond, opal and sapphire) valued at \$5,400 total.

## Store B&E

Thieves broke open the side door of a business in the 18400 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms and stole petty cash sometime between Friday, Dec. 19, at 11:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. the following afternoon.

## Race card

A 23-year-old man from the City of Grosse Pointe played the race card last week but failed to trump Grosse Pointe Farms police. He complained the only reason officers took him into custody on Sunday, Dec. 21, at about 1 a.m., was that he was black.

Police said his arrest had to do with:

- his speeding 41 mph in a 25 mph zone of eastbound Mack near Country Club Lane,

- his attempting to evade and elude police,

- his turning off the headlights of his silver 2002 Lexus and speeding through three stop signs while there was heavier-than-normal traffic due to holiday parties,

- his driving drunk, initially refusing to take a breath test, but later registering a .14 percent blood alcohol level, and

- his being wanted in Detroit for misdemeanor public order crimes.

The man is accused of leading police on a chase through side streets. Officers broke off pursuit, called in reinforcements and hemmed-in his car in the 400 block of Hillcrest.

While investigating the man on Hillcrest, police said his 24-year-old girlfriend, who listed the same City residence as the man, had exited the Lexus and stood on the sidewalk yelling obscenities in his direction.

## Drives drunk

A 20-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman was arrested for drunken driving in Grosse Pointe Farms on Friday, Dec. 20, at 2:26 a.m.

A public safety officer saw her silver 2002 Honda Civic weaving into the eastbound Mack parking lane near Kerby.

She registered a .13 percent blood alcohol level. Officers found a stolen driver's license in her purse. The license belonged to a 21-year-old Detroit resident.

The Park woman has a history of drunken driving. She was convicted 14 months ago in Iowa.

## Lost and drunk

On Friday, Dec. 20, at 12:23 a.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police arrested a 64-year-old New Baltimore man for driving his black

## POLICE BRIEFS

2003 Chevrolet Monte Carlo while drunk. Police said the man had a .13 percent blood alcohol content.

An officer saw the man speeding on southbound Moross near Chalfonte.

—Brad Lindberg

## Snow job

Three pieces of snow removal equipment were taken from the open bed of a 2002 Dodge Ram pickup in the 1400 block of Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park during the night of Sunday, Dec. 14.

## Garage thefts

A Bio Tech mountain bike was taken from an open garage in the 1400 block of Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between Sunday, Dec. 14, and Saturday, Dec. 20.

Also, two chain saws, a generator and a mountain bike were taken from an unlocked garage in the 1000 block of Wayburn in the Park sometime between Sunday, Dec. 21, and Monday, Dec. 22.

## Grinched

Grosse Pointe Woods police officers had a talk with three 16-year-old Woods boys and their parents after the boys were seen taking stabilizing ropes off an inflatable Grinch in front of a house in the 1100 block of Hawthorne the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 16.

The resident saw the boys in action. No charges were filed against the boys, and the inflatable decoration was not damaged.

Unknown persons with hearts three sizes too small snatched a straw reindeer from a front lawn in the 700 block of Barrington, Jesus and Mary figurines from a front lawn in the 900 block

of Bedford, and five decorative reindeer in the 1000 block of Bedford in Grosse Pointe Park the night of Thursday, Dec. 18.

A resident in the 400 block of Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods left the house for work at 5:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 19, to discover the family's polar bear lawn ornament was missing.

The resident did not hear or see anything out of the ordinary during the night.

## Shoplifter

Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers picked up a Park man suspected of shoplifting in a store in the 17100 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe at 10:10 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16.

The man was seen at Kercheval and Bishop carrying a large bag. Officers found a Sony Walkman and a picture frame reported missing from the store.

## Park car thefts

Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers put a dent in a rising number of car thefts in that city when they saw two Detroit men attempting to steal a car in the 1000 block of Wayburn shortly after midnight on Wednesday, Dec. 17.

One man was seen punching out a door lock while the other acted as a lookout before they were arrested.

However, a tan 1994 Dodge Intrepid was taken from the street in the 800 block of Pemberton between 7:30 and 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16; a 1995 Dodge Shadow was taken from a parking lot in the area of Mack and Somerset between 6 and 8:15 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19; and a 1985 Pontiac Parisienne was stolen in the 15000 block of Mack sometime between 4:30 and 5:40

p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20.

In addition, Park officers believe someone tried to steal two other cars: a 1996 Jeep in the 800 block of Beaconsfield during the night of Tuesday, Dec. 16, and a 1988 Buick LeSabre in the 800 block of Pemberton during the night of Sunday, Dec. 21.

## Garage cat

When a Grosse Pointe Woods resident went out looking for her cat shortly before 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19, she heard a familiar howl — coming from inside a neighbor's locked garage in the 19900 block of Holiday.

At 9 p.m., a Woods public safety officer recommended leaving a note for the homeowners apprising them of the situation.

## Car theft attempt

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers believe someone tried to steal a blue 1998 Plymouth Voyager in the 2000 block of Stanshope between 2 and 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20.

The minivan's ignition was damaged, and a small puncture hole was found beneath the driver's side door handle.

## 16 suspensions

While conducting a traffic study in the 2000 block of Allard in Grosse Pointe Woods, a public safety officer spotted a man with an improperly displayed license

plate in the rear window of his brown 1994 Geo.

Not only did the man not have a driver's license, registration or insurance paperwork, but the officer also discovered the man had his driver's license suspended 16 times and was wanted on three warrants.

A crack pipe was found in the glove box during an impound inventory.

—Bonnie Caprara

## Moved car

A woman said she left her apartment in the 19200 block of Edgefield on Thursday, Dec. 18. She found her car was not parked where she left it on the north side of Kingsville near Edgefield.

## Stolen car

A woman living in the 18550 block of Woodcrest said she last saw her car at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20. At 8:45 p.m., she found the vehicle missing. The woman said the car was locked; and she was the only one with keys. CDs and a jacket were in the car.

## Probation

While on patrol on north Kelly and Eight Mile on Saturday, Dec. 20, police observed a car in the left lane.

As the police pulled to the right of the car, they observed damage to the ignition and steering column. They discovered the man was violating his probation. The man was handcuffed.

—Carrie Cunningham



Rent a condo within minutes  
of the Boynes or Nub's Nob.

After skiing, return to a spacious condo and enjoy the convenience of your kitchen, dining and living rooms, and fireplace.

- Rent for a wknd or more
- 1-5 bedroom units
- Indoor pool/spa close by
- Beautiful wooded setting
- Perfect for families

Sylvain Management

For rates or more information  
1-800-678-1036  
www.sylvainmgmt.com

## Grosse Pointe News



PERFECT  
GIFT  
IDEA!

Send your  
holiday greetings  
EVERY week!

BUY A GIFT SUBSCRIPTION  
AND GET YOURS FREE!  
1 YEAR (local address)... \$37.00

Call 313-343-5577

with a Visa or Master Card

or mail in the form below with payment

offer valid until December 31, 2003

Giver's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Recipient \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Gift card greeting \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check enclosed

☐ Visa

☐ Mastercard

Credit card no. \_\_\_\_\_

exp date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

### SPECIAL NOTICE

### HOLIDAY RUBBISH SCHEDULE

for CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25, 2003  
and NEW YEARS DAY, JANUARY 1, 2004

There will be no residential rubbish collection on Thursday, December 25, 2003 and Thursday, January 1, 2004.

Thursday and Friday's residential rubbish routes will be one day late. Thursday's routes will be collected on Friday - Friday's routes on Saturday.

Friday's commercial route will be collected on schedule.

Collection of residential rubbish regularly scheduled for Wednesday, December 24, 2003 and Wednesday, December 31, 2003, will be collected by 11:00 a.m. So please have trash out by 7:00 a.m.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

G.P.N.: 12/18/2003 & 12/25/2003

# Construction opposed with some renovation support in school survey

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

The results of the construction/renovation school survey sent out to 6,314 registered Harper Woods voters were consistent with the results of the bond election last September: a majority of residents do not favor new construction of the schools, but some support, if tepid, exists for renovation.

The survey, directed by Karen Matthews of Canaan Communications, was conducted in order to ascertain community opinion on how to improve the district's schools.

"We periodically survey our community, parents, students and staff. The voter survey is a part of the district's evaluation process," said board president Dan Lusch. "With the survey results to guide our deliberations and planning, we can begin to address the issues and ideas expressed by residents."

Of the 844 respondents, 71.4 percent opposed the option of constructing a new middle/high school and foregoing elementary renovations, which would cost

\$29.05 million. Some 62 percent opposed construction of a new elementary school, renovation of the middle/high school and the use of Tyrone as an administrative center, which would cost \$33.38 million.

Of the options presented for construction/renovation, the largest support was for renovation with program improvements at around 30 percent. The option of renovating Beacon and Tyrone with program improvements, which would cost \$13.74 million, was favored by 31.8 percent of registered voters. Some 30.4 percent approved of renovating the middle/high school with program improvements, which amounts to a tab of \$19.11 million.

Superintendent Dan Danosky was concerned by the results and still believes no action is not an option.

"I don't like the results. They're very disappointing," he said. "We still are obligated to address major problems with existing schools."

He believes a committee must be formed to accomplish short term renovations like carpet replacement, and in the long run, a

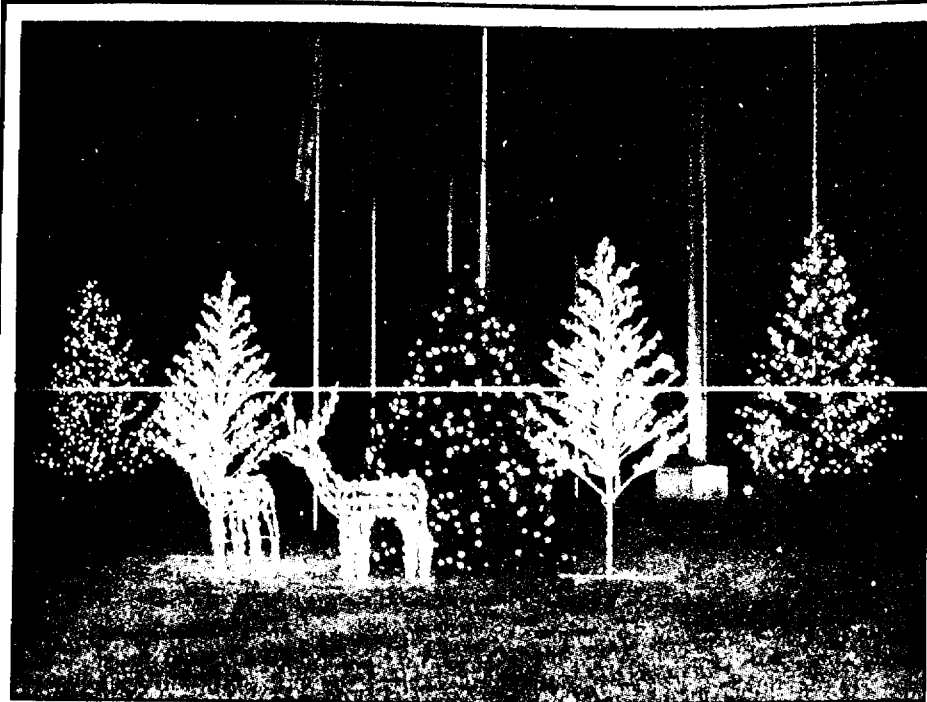
new and expanded citizens advisory committee must be established to address the question of renovation.

In a district summary of the survey, it was stated that antipathy between the schools and the public will "undermine the city's social and economic viability." Moreover, the summary asserted that non-parent residents "must be persuaded benefits accrue to them when they make a financial investment in schools."

As a result of the polarizing reality of how to refurbish the schools, the district hopes to work toward a goal to "create widespread community support for the Harper Woods public schools (and) reverse the perception held by some that schools are mismanaged and facilities needs are overstated."

"Our goal is to build a strong, positive climate, fostering a mutually supportive relationship between the school district and community residents," said board president Dan Lusch.

To obtain a summary of the survey results, call the superintendent of schools Dan Danosky at 839-1296.



Photos by Carrie Cunningham

## A Glowing Christmas Season

Lights are sprinkled throughout Harper Woods this holiday season, streaking warm feelings across the night sky.

At the Veteran's Memorial in Johnston Park above, trees along with reindeer are lighted near the flag poles.

The Owen residence, above on 19239 Beaconsfield, has lights ringed around the doorway as well as a lighted spiral tree and glowing figures of Joseph, Mary and Jesus.

The starry brightness of the lights portends a memorable holiday for the Harper Woods community.



## HW art students create bond with Park Place seniors through artwork

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

The stereotype of teenagers as egocentric has been completely debunked by an activity organized by Harper Woods High School art instructor Jelane Meehan.

Meehan's students are making a connection across generations, engaging in a symbiotic exchange of artistry with senior citizens living at the Park Place residence in Harper Woods.

About once a month for a few hours, the students and older citizens discuss stories about their personal lives and create artwork based on those conversations. They use standard materials like colored pen-

cils and chalk and create everything from doodles to landscapes to depictions of famous artwork.

"The kids are loving it. They ask me, 'When are we going again?'" Meehan said. "I see them be so mature and responsible. They're displaying the best part of their humanity."

Two professional artists reside at Park Place, and students have brought in their artwork for them to critique. The two artists have offered to come to the high school and show their own work.

"The kids are getting really close to the seniors and the seniors to them," Meehan said, adding that it has brought her closer to

her students as well.

In the spring, Meehan plans to have her students make a collage of different images they have made and present them to their friends in the common area at Park Place.

Meehan got the idea of creating a bond with seniors from Native Americans, whose culture stresses the care and unity of different generations. Additionally, Meehan herself was helped by her grandmother while growing up, illuminating to her the wonder of intergenerational relationships.

"It made sense to reach out to that generation," Meehan said. "This experience is bridging the gap between generations."

For Meehan, the negative question that people sometimes ask, "What is our country coming to?" is easy to answer after viewing the selflessness and compassion of her students.

"It's coming to be the best it could ever be," she said.

### Correction

In an article on a mock Salem witch trial at Harper Woods High School in the Dec. 18 issue, the author of "The Crucible" was accidentally misstated. The correct name is Arthur Miller.

**For Police Briefs, See Page 9**



Photo by Carrie Cunningham

## Giving holiday food

The Harper Woods Public Library is sponsoring a canned food drive in association with Gleaner's Community Food Bank. Last year, the library collected more than 700 pounds of food from patrons, and it would like to collect 1,000 pounds this year. Any canned goods or non-perishable items with a current date can be given.

"It goes to needy families," said library director Dale Parus, above, next to the bin. "We're just one of many drop-off points."

The library has collected everything from canned goods to cereal to baby products. At their production of Charles Dickens', "A Christmas Carol," it drew in a lot of food from visiting families.

"We like to involve the library in the community," said Parus. "It helps what we're trying in Harper Woods: community service."

The library will be collecting food until Jan. 3, and Parus hopes Harper Woods families will give.

"We need people's help," he said.

## Grosse Pointe Hunt Club

Has established a new three-tiered Social Membership category. It will enable new and/or current residents to join this prestigious club at reasonable rates.

Classification	Initiation	Monthly Dues	Quarterly Minimum
Social III (ages 36 & up)	\$1000.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Social II (ages 30-35)	\$750.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Social I (ages 18-29)	\$500.00	\$95.00	\$100.00

Social members are entitled to all club privileges, except riding, horse boarding, voting and Board service. Social members may serve on all committees except riding.

Social members are entitled to purchase one Contract Riding Lesson package (10 lessons) during the lifetime of their membership. The lessons may be divided among the members of the purchaser's family. The Contract Riding Lesson package must be purchased and used within eighteen (18) months of initiation.

Additionally, The Hunt Club has created a new Adult Equitation program.

For information call

Doreen Tito at 343-6454,  
or Andrea or Ann at 884-9090 (Wed. - Sat.)

655 Cook Road • 884-9090



## CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 1, 2003

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Council persons were present.

### MOTIONS PASSED:

- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on November 17, 2003, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Board of Trustees Employees Retirement System Meeting held November 24, 2003.
- That the agenda of the Regular City Council Meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

### RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

- To approve the following items in the Consent Agenda:
  - To approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 69051 through 69174 in the amount of \$442,719.31 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
  - To approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$7,960.13 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of October 2003.
  - To approve the changes to the City Council Meeting dates as listed by the City Manager for 2004.
- To receive and file the correspondence from the cities of Warren and St. Clair Shores regarding a Water Treatment Plant and refer it back to the City Manager for further review, and direct him to report back to the City Council as appropriate.
- To renew the City's participation in the Michigan Municipal League's Liability and Property Pool for 2004 in the amount of \$225,754.00 for coverage as stated in their renewal proposal, and further, that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.

Kenneth A. Poynter,  
Mayor

Mickey D. Todd,  
City Clerk



## Santa: Skip the toys; just bring growth stocks!

During these holy days and holidays, stock investors should be both thankful and jolly. It's been a great bull market, without the usual, painful corrections!

The G.P. News is delivered on Christmas Eve, when the NYSE closed at 1 p.m., followed by the bond markets at 2 p.m.

Friday, the NYSE closes again at 1 p.m. Most institutional portfolios are bedded for the year, so don't expect much activity, except from hedge funds.

There's time until the Dec. 31 close to take capital losses to reduce your 2003 income taxes, if you have any unrealized losses left. But first check your tax adviser.

LTS wishes you and yours a Merry Christmas!

### Technical analysis

The "techies" plot their price charts up and down their walls.

But a 15-year price chart a stock has been. Are the trend lines up or down? Or do weekly prices move like a yo-yo, up, down and

around?

Mergent's Dividend Achievers, summer 2003 edition, has "tear sheets" with 15-year price graphs of the 284 companies with at least 10 consecutive years of annual dividend growth.

That's only 2 1/2 percent of the 11,400-plus, U.S.-listed, dividend-paying companies in Mergent's database.

Why are dividend-paying stocks important? Because analysis shows that dividend-paying stocks outperform, price-wise, non-dividend-paying stocks.

While most tech companies consider dividends a cash throw-away, last year Bill Gates surprised Wall Street when his Microsoft (MSFT, about 27.36 last Friday) for the first time paid a cash dividend, 8 cents per share, payable March 7, 2003.

Gates, the world's most wealthy individual, certainly didn't need his dividend. But he knew that the statutes, charters or bylaws of many state and municipal pension funds, insurance companies, endowments and trusts permit stock investments only in

## Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden

BM AUD CSP SHB RJR KIU  
4 13 0905 30 5 4 6 4

companies that pay cash dividends.

Note that Stryker Corp. (SYK, about 82.32), Michigan's premiere growth stock, paid its first annual cash dividend on Jan. 31, 1992. That 5 cents per share dividend, when declared, only yielded 0.1 percent on its \$50 price.

SYK has been split five times during the past 16 years, and many analysts expect another 2-for-1 split any time, since the stock has held above \$80 for some time now.

A happy shareholder recently told LTS he purchased 200 shares of SYK in 1987 for \$25 each. Now he has 2,400 shares, with an adjusted cost of \$2.14 per share.

### Active Options Investment Club

Recently, LTS was the guest speaker at the Active Options Investment Club (AOIC) Christmas meeting/luncheon. AOIC, founded in 1983, has 13 very active female members, three of whom are founders.

AOIC is a member of the National Association of Investment Clubs, now a worldwide organization headquartered in the Detroit area. Mary Black, manager of Morgan Stanley's Hill office, is AOIC's broker.

LTS' remarks focused on the book, "Mergent's Dividend Achievers," which included 284 stocks that have had at least 10 consecutive years of annual dividend increases.

In selecting a core portfolio of dividend-paying stocks, wouldn't you look for stocks that actually went

up in price during the great bear market of 2000-02?

Wouldn't you also prefer stocks which increased their cash dividends by at least 8 percent each and every year for at least 10 years? Those cash increases would be almost three times our recent inflation rate!

Wouldn't you also choose stocks whose year-end market price increased each and every year for four to nine years?

Are stocks available that qualify for all of the above three tests: 1) price up during recent crash, 2) dividends increased 8+ percent each year for minimum 10 years and 3) market value increased for four to nine years?

Out of Mergent's 284 Dividend Achievers stocks, LTS discovered only five stocks that met these three tests. They're called "LTS' Top 5".

No. 1 of the "Top 5" is Stryker Corp. (SYK, about 82.32), aforementioned above. No. 2 is Anheuser-Busch (BUD, about 52.10); No. 3 is Applebee's International (APPB, about 38.09). No. 4 is Sysco Corp.

### Stock Market at a Glance

Friday Close, 12/19/03

Dow Jones Ind.	10,278
Nasdaq Comp.	1,951
S&P 500 Index	1,089
\$ in EUROS	1.2378
Crude Oil (Bbl.)	33.02
Gold (Oz.)	409.20
3-Mo. T-Bills	0.86%
30-Yr. T-Bonds	4.96%

(SYY, about 36.00), and No. 5 is Avon Products (AVP, about 66.69).

Did you notice that all these stocks trade very comfortably above \$10 per share?

In future articles, LTS will briefly describe each of the Top 5, and why the names of these stocks surprised you. How many of the Top 5 do you own?

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.

## Four things you don't need to know

It's time for a hodgepodge of little items too small for their own column.

If you drive by a trash bin stuffed with cell phones, don't be surprised.

If predictions hold true, millions of cell phones will be put out to pasture starting now under a new rule allowing people to keep their phone numbers when switching cellular carriers.

Many of those phones will find a dusty home in a cluttered desk drawer, while more millions could wind up in landfills, leaking toxic metals and chemicals into the ground.

Many old phones get refurbished or recycled under donation programs that help charities and seniors, but it's a tiny fraction of the 100 million or so handsets that are already "retired" each year in this country. Yes, I did say 100 million. And now the number of retired cell phones is expected to grow sharply.

Now let's take a look at Web site shopping.

Web usability guru Andrew King this week took a look at 14 top shopping sites in his latest Optimization Week, an online magazine covering the usefulness of Web sites. And he finds that a lot of the sites feature waiting times that would make even Santa click off.

Testing the sites with a decent-quality 56k connection (dial-up), King found that even the fastest sites, J.C. Penney and Target, took fully 13 seconds to display enough content to be

useful. Others took more than 20 seconds, and Sears.com took a whopping 43 seconds. King's tips: wait to load full Flash movies until after the rest of the site is up, limit complex tables, and limit the graphics that require separate round trips to the server.

I wonder how long it will take this next item to hit Wayne County.

Oakland County recently announced that the public could now pay civil traffic tickets online. The move is the most recent in an online government strategy that goes all the way back to 1998.

The county has since expanded to offer delinquent and current tax statements online and to provide a complete lookup function of all documents in the county Register of Deeds office.

This year, the county added online access to "vital statistics" (records of births, marriages, divorces and deaths). By March, Oakland County plans to add the ability to pay property taxes online.

The ticket-payment system is typical of the way Oakland's e-government systems work. Not only does it process payment of the ticket, but it also interacts with the back-end court systems, which are still on IBM mainframes. It processes the ticket all the way through and closes out the ticket; so there's no duplicate data entry required.

The system allows online

## Pointers on Technology

By Mike Maurer



payment of all non-criminal tickets, including moving violations like speeding or running through a stop sign. (And don't ask why I happened to pick those two.)

The 52nd District Court has four divisions and sprawls across numerous local governments in Oakland County. It processes 106,000 civil infractions a year from 20 police departments. And, no, those aren't all mine. No, really!

Users pay for the system with an "access fee" that ranges from \$2.50 for tickets under \$50 to 2.75 percent of the total ticket value for tickets over \$1,000. (Wait, you say. I'm paying a fee to pay a fine?) The fee is intended to have the system pay for itself. Not a bad system, as long as it doesn't include me.

Last, and silliest, we've all heard of prime numbers, right? Those are numbers that can only be divided by themselves or by the number one.

A Michigan State University student has found the largest known prime number. First comes the setup. Do you remember my column on SETI, the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence?

Thousands of people with

ordinary computers allow SETI to use their PCs when they aren't to search the universe for signs of life. It's like a meaningful screen saver. With each PC doing a little bit of the work, it's just like having a super computer.

More than 200,000 computers, like yours, voluntarily spent years looking for the largest known prime number. It turned up on Michigan State University graduate student Michael Shafer's off-the-shelf PC.

The number is 6,320,430 digits long and would need 1,400 to 1,500 pages to write out. (Note to editor: Can we run it another week when things are slower? Think of the advertising space.)

It is more than 2 million digits larger than the previous largest known prime number. If you still own a pocket protector and a slide rule, visit the Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search. Use a Google search to find it.

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

## Business People



City of Grosse Pointe resident Beverly Hall Burns was named one of five finalists of the 5th annual Executive Woman of the Year award sponsored by Grant Thornton, Butzel Long and Comerica.

Burns is the deputy chief executive officer at Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone PLC.

### Burns

Jerry Kaminiski, a senior training coordinator with American Axle & Manufacturing, received a certified performance technologist (CPT) certification by the International Society for Performance Improvement.

Kaminiski lives in Grosse Pointe Park.

Thomas D. Judd, a U.S. Air Force reservist, was recently promoted to the rank of master sergeant.

Judd has been an Air Force reservist for more than nine years and served seven years in the U.S. Army before joining the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

Judd is a group career assistance adviser assigned to the 927th Mission Support Group, headquartered with the 927th Air Refueling Wing, located at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Judd is a technology director at Regina High School, where he has been employed for six years, and lives in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Joan Thornton, owner of Vital Options Inc., has added Fitness by Phone as an alternative to gym-based personal training.

Thornton is one of over 100 master Fitness by Phone coaches in the country. The program includes advance heart rate programming and intuitive eating in addition to over-the-phone personal training.

Thornton is a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

### JOHN M. RICKEL, C.P.A., P.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

### RICKEL & BAUN, P.C.

ATTORNEYS

P.O. Box 36200

GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236-0200

TELEPHONE 313/886-0000

EMAIL rickelbaun@comcast.net



Photo by Mary Denomme

### Spree Tree winners

Gert Krappmann of Grosse Pointe Farms and Cheryl Gawel of Grosse Pointe Woods were the winners of the 2nd annual Village Spree Tree drawing, which took place on Dec. 14. The Spree Tree was decorated with over \$1,200 worth of gift certificates, special offers and merchandise donated by various Village merchants. The winners, who will split the prizes, were selected from nearly 4,000 submissions collected from participating stores and the Village Web site. Also pictured with Krappmann and Gawel is Grosse Pointe Village Association Promotion Manager John Denomme.



Photo by Bonnie Caprara

### Republic Bank moves to the Woods

Republic Bank moved its Grosse Pointe office to a stand-alone location at Mack and Stanhope in Grosse Pointe Woods on Oct. 6. The bank offers personal and business banking services and now has an ATM machine at its new location. Pictured are Diana M. Martin, personal banker; C. Scott Cressy, community bank officer; and Carol A. Wootton, customer service representative.

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

### MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

### GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

The Board of Education of The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for the purchase of various musical instruments.

Specifications and bid forms will be available at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools, Department of Support Services, located at 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, MI. 48230.

Sealed bids will be due **Wednesday, January 28, 2004 at 10:00 a.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.

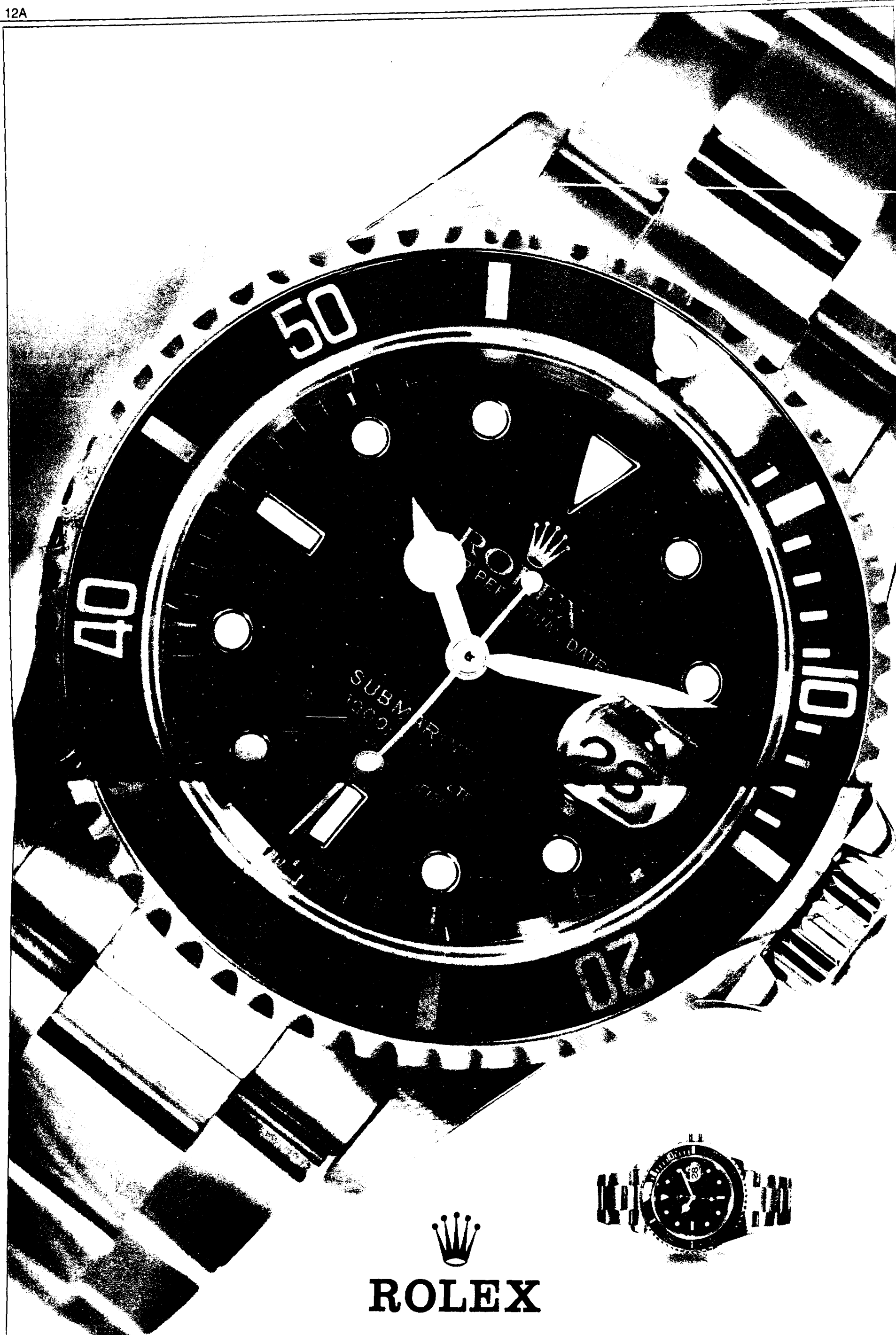
Please direct questions to Wayne Halkides, Manager of Buildings and Grounds, (313) 432-3082.

### Board of Education

Grosse Pointe Public School System

Steven Matthews, Secretary

G.P.N.: 12/25/2003 & 01/01/2004



**ROLEX**

**Oyster Perpetual Submariner Date**

Shown in stainless steel and 18kt yellow gold, special time-lapse bezel with fliplock clasp and extension link Oyster bracelet. Pressure-proof to 1,000 feet. Also available in 18kt yellow gold.

**edmund t. AHEE jewelers**  
20139 Mack Avenue  
Grosse Pointe Woods  
313-886-4600

Rolex, Oyster Perpetual, Oyster, Fliplock and Submariner are trademarks.

## St. Paul reaches out while studying Mexico

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

Sombreros adorned the heads of sixth-graders at St. Paul Catholic School last week when the class held a Mexican market in the hallway. Parents, students and staff could purchase homemade items and participate in authentic Mexican games in a fun-filled afternoon that embraced all the students had learned.

The sixth-graders were celebrating an annual tradition of studying a different country, organized each year by Evelyn McShane. This year, the class learned the language, culture and history of Mexico.

"This is the eleventh time I've done this kind of project," McShane said. "I've taken a different civilization or country every year. We try to integrate all the subjects and celebrate using all the different learning styles. We even carry the unit over in art, music and gym classes and alternate group work and individual work."

The unit culminated with the market which also served as a fundraising event.

"I also try to integrate some community service activities into the unit," McShane said. "The money we make goes to some need."

The class's 31 students spent weeks creating homemade craft items and bring-

ing in things to sell at the market such as bracelets, scarves, purses, games and even candy. There was also a pinata raffle featuring items such as Red Wings and Pistons tickets.

"I've never seen anything like the generosity in the things people brought in," McShane said of the market's success.

In the two-hour time the market was open for business, nearly 100 parents came through, and St. Paul students raked in \$1,310. On Friday, the students then visited Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Detroit to present their monetary donation.

"We have connections at Holy Trinity," McShane said. "Our principal used to work there, and my daughter teaches there. And they have a Mexican population right now. But they don't have a lot of money. We wanted to help fund the purchase of basic classroom supplies for the kids down there."

The St. Paul students were welcomed at Holy Trinity with a Spanish Mass. They sang songs and visited classrooms.

"The students at Holy Trinity didn't want us to leave," McShane said of the bond formed between the two schools. "We went into the first and second grade classrooms, and it was like

big brothers and big sisters. Some of the kids were crying when we left."

But they were also filled with appreciation, and the students at St. Paul learned a valuable lesson.

"I think the kids' hearts were touched," McShane said. "It's quite an experience to witness the spirit of giving at this time of year. We hope this will be a life-long lesson, and, as they continue to grow up, they will continue to reach out in their own community."

The students also learned a great deal about the culture and history of Mexico.

"They learned a lot in this unit," McShane said. "They learned a lot about Mexico and were able to see people of that ethnic background together. They learned that by reaching out to others, they get a lot of satisfaction themselves. By giving, you also receive. In addition to doing research, they also learned how to reach out and give."

There was one more celebration the students had as a close to their study of Mexico.

"After we visited Holy Trinity, the students went to Mexican Village for a meal," McShane said. "We had a typical plate of Mexican food and desert. It was a celebration of what they had learned and what they had just given to that school."



Photos by Jennie Miller

Pictured above and below, St. Paul Catholic School sixth-graders held a Mexican market featuring homemade items and authentic games as a fundraiser and culminating event to the class's unit on Mexico.



Photo courtesy of Debbie Nelson

Funds raised from the Mexican market were presented to Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Detroit after students witnessed a Spanish Mass and visited with students.

## Bon Secours BirthCare...The Perfect Package.

Receive delivery of your perfect package at Bon Secours BirthCare, the Eastside's leader in family-centered childbirth.

You'll find all the pampering every new mother and baby deserve. A comfortable, private birthing suite; a beeper to keep Dad in the loop; classes for Mom, siblings and grandparents and more importantly, a pediatrician on premise, 24 hours a day.

For a personal tour, physician referral, or more information, please call us today at 1-800-303-7314. And make the delivery of your perfect package truly special, at Bon Secours BirthCare.



BON SECOURS COTTAGE  
HEALTH SERVICES





# Pierce pulls together to help Coats for Kids

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

Pierce Middle School students gave a warm welcome to WJLB's most popular DJ, Bushman, on Friday, Dec. 19, by handing him 64 winter coats.

This was the second year Pierce joined the radio station's effort to provide Coats for Kids during the cold winter months.

With more than \$1,800 raised from a variety of activities, the students were able to purchase the warm wear with a discount from the Old Navy store at Macomb Mall.

"It's absolutely incredible what I've experienced here at Pierce," said Margaret Steele, assistant principal. "The generosity and spirit of giving is just incredible to me. So much has been done, it moves me to tears. I am overwhelmed in such a positive way."

This particular campaign was sponsored by teacher

Jackie Sage-Philips, who also led the school last year in an effort that resulted in the purchase of 56 coats.

"This teaches the students that when they pull together, they can make a difference," Sage-Philips said.

After last year's success, Pierce students really embraced the coat drive this time around and gave it their all with the goal of raising more money.

"The visual impact last year was very powerful for the kids," Sage-Philips said. "When the students saw all those coats, they were really amazed and shocked at what they could accomplish. They realized that they could really make a difference."

The money came from sources big and small. Students like Chelsea Gilbert, a seventh-grader, and Garrett Cox, an eighth-grader, donated change out of their own pockets.

"It's important for people

to be warm, even if they are strangers," Gilbert said.

Other funds were raised through bake sales, pizza sales and penny drives.

"I think this is so great," Bushman said of the effort shown two years in a row. "They took the time to look out for other kids who may not be as fortunate as they are. There are going to be some warm kids running around here. I'm so pleased and so happy that I had to come back and say thank you from the bottom of my heart."

But the do-gooding didn't stop with Coats for Kids. The Pierce community was able to raise more than \$9,000 in other charity efforts over the last several weeks. They also helped the Northeast Guidance Center, Goodale Schools, area senior citizens, local hospitals and needy families.

"That's a significant amount of giving," Steele said.



Photos by Jennie Miller

Pierce Middle School students presented WJLB DJ Bushman with 64 winter coats to give to needy families.

## SCHOOL NOTES

### Park resident makes honor roll in N.H.

Marta Heinen, daughter of Gerhard and Susan Heinen of Grosse Pointe Park, has been named to Holderness School's first quarter honor roll, consisting of students posting an academic average of 85 or better.

This fall, Marta worked in the school's on-campus jobs program, served as a floor leader in the student government, and volunteered as a Blue Key campus tour guide. Holderness is a traditional co-ed independent school in Plymouth, New Hampshire. It has an enroll-

ment of 270 and nationally recognized programs in academic excellence, student leadership, community service, the arts, and the outdoors.

### North student goes to Washington

Jeff Bozell, a senior at Grosse Pointe North High School, was selected to attend the National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. in June 2003.

The conference was designed to help mold students into effective leaders by helping them understand various communication skills.

These skills involved recognizing different personalities and how to deal with each one; i.e. a controller, General George Patton; a communicator, President Bill Clinton; a listener, Princess Diana; and a thinker, Albert Einstein. Cultural differences were also presented.

Bozell chose the field of Business and Commerce.

He and the other students were challenged, in teams, to set up a successful company, finance it, market it, meet customer needs, produce quality products, provide for their employees, and to evaluate it.

They were trained in the art and value of negotiations, conflict resolutions, business ethics, wages, regulations, and balancing assets and liabilities.

The students were also rewarded with social events and toured many of Washington's points of inter-



Jeff Bozell

est. Bozell's most memorable experience was witnessing a ceremony that honored those who rescued Jessica Lynch and then personally meeting and talking to one of the individuals involved.

Another memorable event was meeting privately with Congressman G. A. Dutch Ruppersberger from Maryland and then being photographed with him.

Bozell is a dedicated student, carrying many A.P. classes, and holding down a job throughout high school.

He is a member of North's Varsity Lacrosse team, and the National Honor Society, and he also served on the principal's Advisory Committee. In addition, Bozell has been active in many school sponsored activities and also that of his church.

Jeff will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall of 2004 where he plans to pursue a career in law.



Photo provided by Kath Usitalo

### Star helps those in need

Students at Our Lady Star of the Sea School in Grosse Pointe Woods have been busy collecting items to help those in need. The middle school students in the National Junior Honor Society recently conducted drives for used eyeglasses and new blankets, and third-graders are donating baby items to Pregnancy Aid. The three kindergarten classes, including from left, Jacob Schwartz of Clinton Township, Sydnie Allor of St. Clair Shores, Madison Jerome of Grosse Pointe Woods, Nate Krasner of Harper Woods and Stephanie Shea of Grosse Pointe Woods, gathered school supplies for students at East Side Vicariate in Detroit.



## NEW ARRIVALS OF 2003

Grosse Pointe News and The St. Clair Shores Connection newspapers are planning their 9th 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 2003 babies, please) for publication in this section.

This tabloid will be published **January 29, 2004**. Your child's picture, along with other 2003 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, color photo (home or studio produced, **NOT DIGITAL**, preferably smaller than a 5x7) to Grosse Pointe News & The St. Clair Shores 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 17th, earlier would assist our production schedule. (Late November and December birth photos may be submitted until January 7, 2004.)

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.

Grosse Pointe News & The St. Clair Shores 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**  
THE ST. CLAIR  
& SHORES CONNECTION

96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe  
Farms,  
Michigan 48236  
Attention: Kim Mackey,  
Retail Advertising  
(313) 343-5586 • FAX 882-1585

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

Grosse Pointe News & The St. Clair Shores Connection  
96 Kercheval,  
Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236  
Attention: Kim Mackey, Retail Advertising

Please Print

Child's Name (First & Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Name (First & Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Visa ☐ MC ☐ # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## The Babies of 2003

Thank you... and please return no later than December 17, 2004 • December birth photos accepted until January 7, 2004

## Ferry student council aids homeless animals

By Michael Shelton  
Staff Writer

This holiday season, the Ferry Elementary School Student Council decided to help the less fortunate in the community, most notably animals.

"I asked the students if they wanted to help homeless animals," said Jane Ellis, teacher and student council advisor. "They were really excited because no one else does."

From Dec. 2 to Dec. 19, the council collected supplies to donate to the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society (MACS).

"We sent out flyers to school and told our class-

mates," said Natasha Ertzbischof, student council vice president. "They then took them home to their moms."

Over the next couple weeks, numerous items were brought to the school office.

The items ranged from dog food and toys to animal beds and laundry detergent.

"A lot of the Ferry staff donated too," Ellis said.

"It's pretty good. It could help feed and shelter a lot of animals," said Megan Bergeron, student council president.

The council also accepted cash and check donations. Representatives from the

MACS came to Ferry on Friday to collect the donations.

The MACS serves animals by providing humane education, supporting affirmative legislative action, and performing adoptions and rescues.

The society helps to reunite lost pets and conducts cruelty investigations.

"Their only sources of support are memberships, donations, and fundraisers," Ellis said.

This was important to the council because many of its members said they have pets of their own. For more information on the MACS, call (313) 891-7188.



The Ferry Student Council poses with some of the items it collected for the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society to help homeless animals. The council is lead by its adviser, Jane Ellis (top right).

Country Club.

She further recognized her family's history during the dedication of the Gilchrist Center when she spoke of a cornerstone within the building that contains a piece of Ponderosa Pine she personally collected from the family's Gilchrist Timber operation in Oregon. The interior of the exceptionally beautiful 24-bed facility emulates a warm, comforting and restful setting.

The chapel within the center is named for her father, Joseph A. Vance Jr., a Baltimore-born attorney who practiced in Detroit and managed the family's timber, banking and Great Lakes shipping interests.

"She was a visionary — and a very generous visionary," said Lori Mulligan, an official of hospice of Baltimore, which operates the center. "She saw that Baltimore needed a dedicated Hospice of the same quality she had seen in South Florida."

In Florida, during the 1980s and 1990s, Ms. Vance initiated and funded extensive hospice "Legends Challenge" events on behalf of Hospice of Palm Beach County South Guild.

She is survived by her two sons, Mark Smith and Robert (Kathleen) Smith; her step-daughter, Deetzie (Michael) Walker; three grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at 1 p.m., at the Chestnut Grove Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, Md. An additional remembrance service is being planned for February in the Palm Beach area.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gilchrist Center Hospice of Baltimore, Md., and the Milton J. Dance Head and Neck Rehabilitation Center at Greater Baltimore Medical Center.

In 1996, she founded and financed the Gilchrist Center Hospice of Baltimore.

To recognize and complement her family's history, the facility architecturally resembles the Grosse Pointe

She was a champion Saddle bred rider as a teenager and appeared in national equestrian events while a student at Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Conn. At a young age, Ms. Vance became a director of Gilchrist Timber, a ponderosa pine logging and milling operation in Oregon.

She married H. Keith Smith in 1955 and had two sons; she later divorced and married Milton J. "Laddie" Dance Jr. in 1965.

Ms. Vance was a resident of Manalapan, Fla., with additional vacation homes in Glencoe, Md., and Saratoga, N.Y.

She established a commercial thoroughbred breeding operation with her husband, Laddie Dance, at their Taylor's Purchase Farm in Maryland. They raced several stakes winners, including Lemon Drop Kid, who became the only horse to win these five prestigious New York stakes: the Futurity when he was two, the Belmont and Travers when he was three, and the Whitney and Woodward when he was four. He went on to win the Eclipse award as North America's top older horse in 2000.

"We love the pageantry of this sport and the courage of those animals," she said after winning the Belmont. It was a crowning moment for her within her lifetime passion for horses.

Her love of horses was surpassed by her passionate desire to help others; she was an extremely generous philanthropist and visionary.

When her husband, a renowned thoroughbred auctioneer, successfully recovered from vocal cord cancer in the 1970s, she established the Milton J. Dance Head and Neck Rehabilitation Center at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center in Baltimore, Md. It is currently recognized nationally as one of the finest rehabilitation centers in the country.

In 1996, she founded and financed the Gilchrist Center Hospice of Baltimore.

To recognize and complement her family's history, the facility architecturally resembles the Grosse Pointe

Messner in 1928, together they helped organize The Detroit Audubon Society, The Detroit Science Museum Society and the Michigan Natural Areas Council.

She also assisted with the Botanical Research Committee of Cranbrook, the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, and the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club. The Messners also organized the very first Ecology Institute in America, in 1948.

Mrs. Messner was a member of the Michigan, Detroit and Washtenaw Audubon Societies, the Friends of the Botanical Gardens, Friends of the Arboretum, Natural Areas Council, Michigan Botanical Club and the Senior Citizens Guild of Ann Arbor.

She is survived by her son, Dr. Robert (Nancy); her daughter, Diana Siefker; her grandchildren, Jeffrey (Diane) Siefker, Jennifer Siefker, Doug (Karen) Messner and Mark (Kristin) Messner; and two great-grandchildren, Courtney Brown and Bryce Messner.

She was predeceased by her husband, Clarence; an infant daughter; and her three brothers.

A memorial service will be held in Ann Arbor at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan, Detroit or Washtenaw Audubon Society.

### Florence Ada Smith

St. Clair Shores resident Florence Ada Smith, 100, died on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, at Bon Secours Nursing Home.

Born in Lucknow, Ontario in 1903, Mrs. Smith was an expert on her family's genealogy. She spent 67 years in the area and was the original owner of her home on Touraine in Grosse Pointe Farms until her short illness.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna Smith Hays (Alan); her grandchildren, Catherine Hays Karasinski (Piotr) and Florence Harding (Brian); and her great-grandchildren, Max and Sofia. She was predeceased by her husband, George E. Smith.

Interment is in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe United Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

### Jeanne Gilchrist Vance

Jeanne "Jinny" Gilchrist Vance, 68, died on Monday, Dec. 15, 2003, in her home in Manalapan, Fla., after suffering from flu-related pneumonia.

Born in Grosse Pointe as the only child of Joseph A. Vance Jr. and Jeanne Gilchrist, Ms. Vance was influenced by her grandmother, Hester "Heppy" Gilchrist, after her mother's early death.

She spent her childhood summers at the former family summer lodge, known as Gilwanigan, in Alpena.

## Obituaries

### Irene Thomas Ballantine

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Irene Thomas Ballantine, 96, died on Friday, Dec. 19, 2003.

Born in Marine City in 1907, Mrs. Ballantine graduated from Marine City High School.

Her father, Roscoe Thomas, sailed the Great Lakes and served on several vessels as an engineer.

She was also the wife of the late Harold E. Ballantine, who was a longtime sales associate at Ted Ewald Chevrolet in Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Ballantine is survived by her nieces and nephews, Cynthia, Donald and Michael Carrick, Sharon (Due), Lawrence Brady Jr., William and Thomas Brady, Kathleen Bradley, Marguerite Kerr, Sharon French, Whitney, Keith, James and John Ballantine, Barbara Katz, Katherine Johnston and Ann Mallek.

She was predeceased by her sisters, Margaret O'Rourke and Leona Carrick; her brother, Lawrence Brady; her nephew, Jerry O'Rourke; and her niece, Deanna Deville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

### Theodore C. Eichberger

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Theodore C. Eichberger, 78, died on Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, at St. John Hospital in Detroit.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Eichberger was a surveyor for the Mason L. Brown & Son Co. He served as a petty officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Mary P., and his nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by four brothers.

Interment is at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

### Hazel Messner

Hazel Messner, 99, died on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003.

She was born in Brimley in 1904, the daughter of Fred and Clara Warner. Orphaned at the age of three, Mrs. Messner was adopted five years later by William and Agnes Parsons and was raised in Dexter.

Mrs. Messner graduated from Dexter High School in 1921 and received her AB from the University of Michigan School of Music in 1923. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan School of Education in 1928, and a master's degree in 1942.

She was a member of Pi Lambda Theta, and an Emeritus Alumni of the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Messner taught in the public schools of Chesaning, Grosse Pointe and Ann Arbor. She was a consultant in learning disabilities for the Ann Arbor Board of Education during the last 10 years of her career.

Married to Dr. Clarence



### Ice cream winner

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School fifth-grader Alyssa Roth of Grosse Pointe Woods was the Michigan finalist chosen in the nationwide "A Scoop of the USA" contest to create a new flavor for Edy's ice cream.

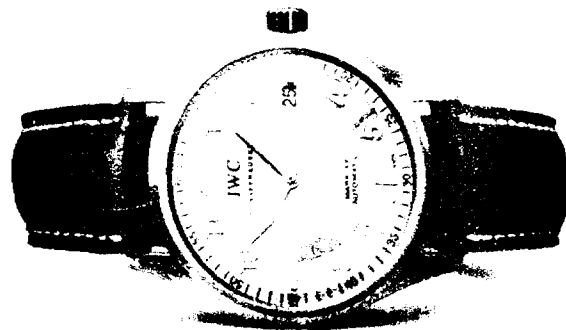
Roth's suggestion, "Beep Bop Motor City Michigan Slop," landed her a year's worth of ice cream from Edy's.

## IWC. Official supplier to men.

We care for the male gender, take the new Savatime Mark XV, for instance. Calibre 37524 mechanical movement. Soft inner case for protection against impacts. Water-resistant to 200 feet and proof against subatmospheric pressure even at 52,000 feet. Ref. 3253 in stainless steel. Also available with black dial.

### IWC

Since 1868.  
And for as long as there are men.



edmund t. AHEE Jewelers  
20139 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236  
800-967-AHEE

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

### Public Notice

#### Ordinance No. 344 & Ordinance No. 345

Please take notice that the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe has passed Ordinance No. 344 and Ordinance No. 345.

Ordinance No. 344 amends and restates Chapter 86, Section 26-60; governing the mooring and use of boats at the city pier and in the city harbor and shall provide the basis for issuance, expiration and revocation of permits for such mooring and use.

Ordinance No. 345 amends and restates Chapter 14, Article VIII, Section 14-213; regarding conditional certificates of occupancy within the Property Maintenance Code in the City of Grosse Pointe.

These ordinances will become effective ten days after the publication of this Notice. The complete text of Ordinance No. 344 & 345 are available at the City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Offices, 17147 Maumee Avenue.

Julie E. Arthurs,  
City Clerk

GPN: 12/25/2003

**Absolutely Everything  
Must Go!  
WE'RE DEALING!**

**END OF THE  
YEAR  
CLEARANCE**



**BUICK®**

**"The Spirit of American Style"**



**2004 CENTURY**

Full power, V6, cruise, air, tilt,  
LOADED! Stk. #174539

**0%  
AVAILABLE**

36  
MONTH  
LEASE

**\$174\*  
mo**

\$2100 DUE AT DELIVERY

UP TO \$2000  
BONUS  
CASH ON  
SELECT  
MODELS!



**2004 BUICK RAINIER**

**LAST CHANCE  
FALL FORWARD  
PROGRAM**  
Call for Details

Leather, AWD, full  
power, sunroof,  
AM/FM/CD.  
Stk. #234805

**0%  
AVAILABLE**

24  
MONTH  
LEASE

**\$195\*  
mo**

\$2035 DUE AT DELIVERY



**2004 LESABRE**

Full power, AM/FM/CD, V6, air,  
tilt, and more! Stk. #136565

**0%  
AVAILABLE**

36  
MONTH  
LEASE

**\$248\*  
mo**

\$2003 DUE AT DELIVERY

**\$1000  
GM EMPLOYEE  
DOWN PAYMENT  
ASSISTANCE**



**2004 RENDEZVOUS CX**

V6, auto., air, AM/FM/CD, remote keyless  
entry, full power. LOADED! Stk. #514116

**0%  
AVAILABLE**

36  
MONTH  
LEASE

**\$170\*  
mo**

\$2035 DUE AT DELIVERY

**Jeffrey**



GRATIOT & 13 MILE • 2 MILES NORTH OF I-696

**(586) 296-1300**

[www.jeffreyauto.com](http://www.jeffreyauto.com)

**Mon. & Thurs. until 9:00 pm**

\*Plus 6% monthly use tax. \*\*Plus 6% sales tax, title & plates. GMS/OLDS loyalty/lease loyalty applied. All lease payments are plus tax. GMS/LEASE LOYALTY/AARP applied must qualify for GM down payment assistance.

**NISSAN**

**2004 NISSAN SENTRA 1.8S**

Auto, air, AM/FM/CD,  
power windows/locks,  
keyless entry  
and more! Stk. #879637

39 MO. LEASE OR  
**\$155\*  
mo**

OR  
**SALE PRICE  
\$10,999\*\***

**2003 NISSAN  
Xterra XE 4x4**

Auto, air, power windows,  
locks, tilt/cruise  
and more! Stk. #701997-  
Stk. #697640

39 MO. LEASE OR  
**\$319\*  
mo**

OR  
**SALE PRICE  
\$20,999\*\***

**2003 NISSAN ALTIMA 2.5S**

Auto, air, power windows,  
locks, tilt/cruise  
and more! Stk. #296370  
Stk. #346489

39 MO. LEASE OR  
**\$198\*  
mo**

OR  
**SALE PRICE  
\$17,699\*\***

**2004 NISSAN 350Z  
ENTHUSIAST**

Auto, air, power windows/locks,  
AM/FM CD  
player. Stk. #052160

**MSRP  
\$30,800\*\***

**2003 NISSAN  
MURANO SE**

Auto, air, power win-  
dows/locks, 18" alloy  
wheels, AM/FM/CD, 6  
disc changer, Bose  
speakers, tilt/cruise and  
much more! Stk. #116951-  
Stk. #202827

39 MO. LEASE OR  
**\$379\*  
mo**

OR  
**SALE PRICE  
\$26,899\*\***

**2004 NISSAN PATHFINDER SE**

Auto., power windows,  
locks, tilt, cruise, air,  
AM/FM/CD,  
LTD slip, tilt/cruise  
and more! Stk. #903262

39 MO. LEASE OR  
**\$359\*  
mo**

OR  
**SALE PRICE  
\$27,999\*\***

**2004 NISSAN QUEST MINIVAN**

Auto, air, power  
windows/locks,  
AM/FM/CD,  
tilt/cruise and  
much more! Stk. #333975-Stk. #311590

39 MO. LEASE OR  
**\$297\*  
mo**

OR  
**SALE PRICE  
\$23,599\*\***

**2004 NISSAN MAXIMA**

265 HP V6, ABS brakes,  
auto, air, AM/FM/CD,  
17" alloy wheels,  
sunroof, alarm,  
leather, keyless  
entry & more! Stk. #862726-Stk. #862777

39 MO. LEASE OR  
**\$359\*  
mo**

OR  
**SALE PRICE  
\$28,599\*\***

**Jeffrey**

**NISSAN**

GRATIOT & 13 MILE • 2 MILES NORTH OF I-696

**(586) 296-1300**

[www.jeffreyauto.com](http://www.jeffreyauto.com)

**Mon. & Thurs. until 9:00 pm**

\*\*Plus 6% monthly use tax, 1,000 miles per month \*Plus 6% sales tax, title, plates & destination. All rebates to dealer.



**KIA**

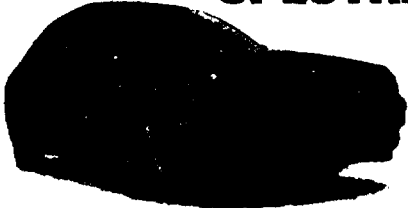
**COME  
SEE**

**THE ALL NEW  
2004 KIA  
AMANTI!**



**NOW  
AVAILABLE FOR  
IMMEDIATE DELIVERY**

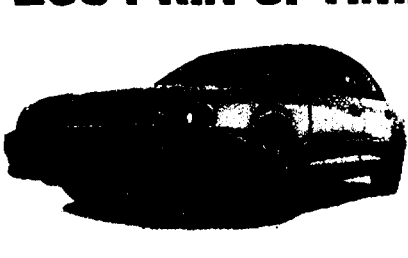
**2004 KIA  
SPECTRA**



Air conditioning, floor mats, rear spoiler,  
AM/FM/CD player and more!  
Stk. #310957

**SALE PRICE  
\$8,495\***

**2004 KIA OPTIMA**



Floor mats, first aid kit, automatic,  
AM/FM/CD player, power windows/locks.  
Stk. #287671

**SALE PRICE  
\$10,995\***

**2004 KIA  
SEDONA LX**



V6, auto., AM/FM/CD player,  
dual sliding door, power windows/locks.  
Stk. #515763

**SALE PRICE  
\$14,995\***

**2004 KIA  
SORENTO 4x4**



V6, auto, trans, air cond, alloy wheels,  
power windows/locks.  
Stk. #184013

**SALE PRICE  
\$16,995\***

**Jeffrey**

**KIA**

**"MAKE  
EVERY  
MILE COUNT."**

GRATIOT & 13 MILE • 2 MILES NORTH OF I-696

**(586) 296-1300**

[www.jeffreyauto.com](http://www.jeffreyauto.com)

**Mon. & Thurs. until 9:00 pm**

\*Plus tax, title, license, doc fee & destination (on sale prices) with approved credit. Rebates to dealer. Must qualify for KIA owner/loyalty. \*\*Original owner 12 months or 100k miles whichever comes first. 2nd or subsequent owners: 60 months or 60k miles whichever comes first.

**SHOWROOM HOURS: MON. & THURS. 8:30 A.M. -**



# THE YEAR END SALE

Open Saturday  
December 27th  
10am-3pm

## HONDA

### 2003 HONDA ACCORD



Auto., air, power windows/locks, tilt, cruise, AM/FM/CD and more! Model #CM5633PLW

MSRP \$20,460  
Dealer Discount -\$1,997

SALE PRICE

**\$18,463\*\*** OR LOWER

### 2004 PILOT

Auto, air, power windows/locks, cruise, tilt, 3rd row seat, keyless entry and much more! Model #YF1843EW



MSRP \$29,960  
Dealer Discount -\$1,010

SALE PRICE **\$28,950\*\***

48 MONTH LEASE

**\$332\*\*** MO. \$999 due at delivery

### 2004 ODYSSEY

Auto, air, power windows/locks, tilt, cruise, CD and much more! Model #YF1843EW



MSRP \$27,480  
Dealer Discount -\$1,856

SALE PRICE **\$25,624\*\***

42 MONTH LEASE

**\$293\*\*** MO. \$899 due at delivery

### 2004 HONDA CIVIC LX SEDAN

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



MSRP \$16,650  
Dealer Discount -\$1,189

SALE PRICE **\$15,361\*\***

36 MONTH LEASE

**\$189\*\*** MO. \$499 due at delivery

**Jeffrey Honda**

GRATIOT & 13 MILE • 2 MILES NORTH OF I-696

(586) 296-1300

www.jeffreyauto.com

Mon. & Thurs. until 9:00 pm

\*Plus tax, title & plates. Based on 12,000 miles per year. \*\*Plus tax, title, plates & dest. w/approved credit.

## ACURA

### 2004 ACURA MDX



Power moonroof, AM/FM cassette/CD player, V6, air cond, 8-way power driver, tilt, leather, heated front seats, PW/PL, 3rd row seating. #YD1824JNW

48 MONTH LEASE **\$439\*** mo  
\$2499 DUE AT DELIVERY

\*All payments plus tax - with approved credit, in stock units only.

### Added Value Features with every Jeffrey Acura

- Free pickup & delivery for service
- Free Service loaner for life of your Acura.
- 24 Hour Nationwide roadside assistance.
- Trip routing service.
- Award Winning Service

### ALL NEW RE-BORN 2004 ACURA TL



XM Radio, alloy wheels, plush leather seats, surround sound with DVD audio and much more!

48 MONTH LEASE **\$399\*** mo  
\$2499 DUE AT DELIVERY

**Jeffrey Acura**

GRATIOT & 13 MILE • 2 MILES NORTH OF I-696

(586) 296-1300

www.jeffreyauto.com

Mon. & Thurs. until 9:00 pm

\*Plus tax, title, plates & dest. (on sale price) with approved credit. Rebates to dealer.

### CREDIT PROBLEMS?

• BANKRUPTCY • REPOS? • COLLECTION? • SLOW PAY?  
Jeffrey Automotive specializes in assisting  
"GOOD PEOPLE" with "BAD CREDIT"!



AUTO CREDIT EXPRESS, Inc.

**CALL (586) 285-3013**

#### '98 CHEVY MALIBU LS 4-DR

GM Certified, V6, full power, 21,700 miles. Stk #236703A

**\$7,995**

#### '99 ACURA 3.0 CL

ACURA CERTIFIED 12/12 7/100 Power Train Warranty, white/leather, full power, moonroof. Stk #P9277

**\$14,995**

#### '98 DODGE CARAVAN

V6, GREAT FAMILY TRANSPORTATION! Stk #508875A

**\$5,995**

#### '98 GRAND AM GT 2-DR



V6, black beauty, SPORTY! ALL THE TOYS! Stk #60476A

**\$6,995**

#### '01 KIA OPTIMA LX

Auto., power windows/locks, defrost, front drive. NICE CAR! Stk #087383A

**\$6,995**

#### '01 GRAND PRIX GT 4-DR

GM CERTIFIED, hot red, graphite leather, loaded!

**\$13,995**

#### '00 NISSAN XTERRA 4x4

Auto, power windows/locks, cruise, alloy, Off Road. 35k miles, SWEET. Nissan 5yr/60k war. Stk #L8346

**\$15,995**

#### '00 KIA SPORTAGE EX

Power package, alloy wheels, 4x4 leather and more. GREAT FOR WINTER. GREAT ON GAS! Stk #P9350

**\$9,575**

#### '99 CAVALIER CONV'T

Ruby Red/Black top. HOT FUN FOR UPCOMING SUMMER! Stk #P9244A

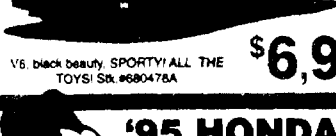
**\$4,995**

#### '00 JEEP SPORT LIBERTY 4-DR 4x4

POWER, GALORE! New Car Trade-In. SUPER SHAPE! Stk # PL9365

**\$15,695**

#### '95 HONDA CIVIC LX 4-DR



Auto, power windows/locks, VERY NICE CAR! EXPENSIVE, RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION! Stk #037862A

**\$4,495**

#### '97 MONTE CARLO 2-DR

Auto, air, EXCELLENT CONDITION! Stk #P9021

**\$6,995**

#### '99 HONDA ACCORD EX

HONDA CERTIFIED 12/12-7/100 Power Train Warranty. Stk #P9341

**\$11,995**

#### '99 SATURN WAGON

35k miles, EXTRA NICE TRADE-IN. GREAT FOR THE FAMILY. Stk #553255C

**\$7,888**

#### '02 ACURA 3.2 TL TYPE S

ACURA CERTIFIED 7/100 Power Train Warranty, 5yr/62,000 tp, tronic shift, moon, SPOTLESS. Stk #PL9337

**\$22,995**

#### '98 GMC JIMMY 4-DR 4x4

2-tone, full power, New Car Trade. EXCELLENT CONDITION. Stk #680772A

**\$9,995**

#### '01 BUICK CENTURY

GM CERTIFIED 39/39 warranty fully loaded. SPCL ACQUISITIONS. 3 to choose. All low miles.

**\$11,888**

#### '00 LINCOLN TOWN CAR

LUXURIOUS, SUPER CLEAN! Low miles, 1 owner trade! Stk #100303A

**\$14,695**

#### '97 DODGE 2500 CONVERSION VAN

CERTIFIED 55,000 miles, POWER GALORE, black, EXCELLENT CONDITION! Stk #P9308

**\$7,995**

#### '99 OLDS SILHOUTTE

GM CERTIFIED, FAMILY RIDES IN STYLE. Power galore, V6. Stk #P9275

**\$11,995**

#### '02 SATURN L300 4-DR

Leather, silver & sweet. NEW CAR TRADE-IN. Stk #PL9344

**\$12,995**

#### '02 HONDA CRV 4-DR

HONDA CERTIFIED 48/48-7/100 Power Train Warranty. ALL WHEEL DRIVE. (TRADE-IN) Stk #P9347

**\$19,995**

#### '03 KIA SPECTRA 4-DR

5 to choose. Miles under 5k miles. 5yr/60k war.

**\$9,995**

#### '02 ACURA RSX

ACURA CERTIFIED 5yr/62,000 Warranty, auto, SPORTY & SHARP! Stk #PL310

**\$16,995**

#### '99 BUICK PARK AVE

GM CERTIFIED! Leather. One owner, release trade. Mint. Stk #115077A

**\$11,995**

#### '02 CHRYSLER SEBRING

Auto, power windows/locks, air cond, ROOMY! Less than new! Stk # PL9284

**\$9,995**

**Jeffrey**

CERTIFIED USED CARS

GRATIOT & 13 MILE • 2 MILES NORTH OF I-696

(586) 296-1300

Mon. & Thurs. until 9:00 pm

9:00 P.M. • TUES., WED., FRI. 8:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

# The CTS is an American car to get excited about

By Steve Schaefer

As Cadillac commemorates its centennial, the CTS sedan represents a fresh start for America's oldest luxury brand. Finally, after watching baby boomers abandon the company for European and Japanese choices, Cadillac has given people under 70 years old something to savor.

Debuting for 2003, the CTS introduced an edgy, folded look to Cadillac. The midsize CTS looked like no other Cadillac, and like nothing else on the road. Now, with the 2004's arriving, familiarity has made it look more attractive. Not only is the shape radically squared-off, but the detailing is superb too.

The headlamp units, with their vertically stacked projector beams, are cleanly rendered works of art. The alloy wheels are gracefully wrought. The interior surfaces avoid the dry, fake-leather look favored by GM interior designers. Even the real wood is carefully meted out, appearing only on the top of the steering wheel, shift knob, and door pulls.

Previous junior size

Cadillacs failed because they didn't capture the Cadillac essence — beauty, style, power and exclusivity.

In the 1980s, the ill-fated Cimarron was hardly distinguishable from the Chevy Cavalier upon which it was based. The 1990s brought the Catera, a better vehicle based on a European Opel, but it missed something essential about Cadillacs — a strong American character.

Well, after a week with a shiny new 2004 CTS, I can say with some certainty that this time they got it right. The CTS is big and solid enough, but still handles and parks like the mid-sized BMWs and Lexuses from which it hopes to lure its customers away from.

A good sign: First year CTS sales were about 25 percent above projections. The CTS offers two engine options, neither of them a V8. The standard powerplant is a seriously reworked 3.2-liter V6 that generates a competitive 220 horsepower and an equal 220 pound-feet of torque.

Shockingly, it comes only with a manual five-speed transmission. A pink '59

Elvismobile this is not. Boomer Europhiles expect a stickshift in their BMWs and Audis, so Cadillac has given them one.

For everyone else, the automatic-equipped model has a new dual-overhead-cam 3.6-liter V6 engine for 2004, with variable valve timing. The increased size and efficiency boosts horsepower to 255 and torque to 252 pound-feet, for 20 percent more peak power and 13 percent more peak torque than the standard engine.

My White Diamond Premium 2004 test car came with this new powerplant, and it lived up to its billing. Not only did my CTS rocket down highways and byways like a sports car, but it felt incredibly stable doing it. As part of a many-featured package, my tester enjoyed a sport suspension with rear load leveling, performance brake linings, and variable assist steering, which explains at least partly why this car felt so unlike its ancestors.

Official fuel economy ratings were an encouraging 18 city, 28 highway — not traditional Cadillac num-



Photo by Cadillac Internet Media Series

## 2004 Cadillac CTS

bers. My tester averaged 18.4 miles per gallon during my freeway test week. I gleaned that information from the easy-to-use Driver Information Center, which lives in the instrument panel.

The manual-equipped, 3.2-liter model comes with Cadillac levels of luxury, including leather seats and steering wheel, power windows, power locks, power driver's seat, power and

heated outside mirrors, remote keyless entry, cruise control, an AM/FM/CD with seven speakers, and the famous Cadillac Twilight Sentinel auto-on headlights.

Mechanically, the car gets a four-wheel independent suspension, four-wheel disc brakes with antilock, and all-speed traction control.

Safety features include front to rear head-curtain side impact air bags, automatic door locks, and a

theft-deterrent system. But that's just the entry point. My tester featured the nearly \$10,000 ISC Equipment Group, which pushed the vehicle up into the luxury stratosphere.

Highlights included the 3.6-liter engine, five-speed automatic transmission (the only choice with the 3.6-liter), a killer Bose music system with in-dash CD

See CTS, page 19A

LINCOLN  
Mercury

## WISH LIST YEAR-END EVENT

### THE BEST DEALS OF THE YEAR? WISH GRANTED.

0% APR  
FINANCING

OR  
UP TO

\$5,000  
CASH BACK\*

ON SELECT NEW 2004  
LINCOLN MERCURY VEHICLES

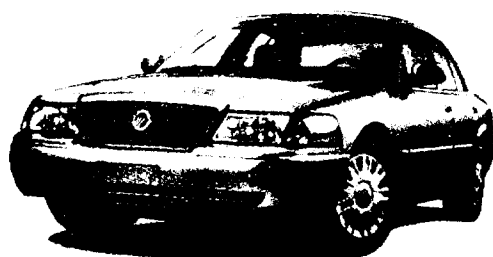
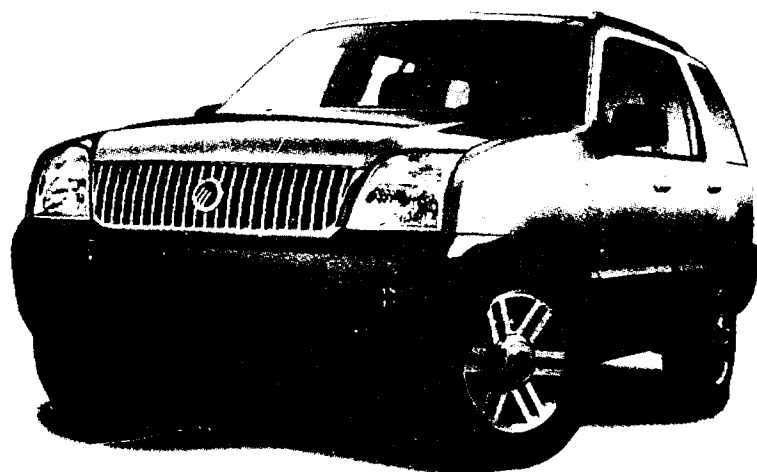
#### 2004 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER V-6 CONVENIENCE AWD

RED CARPET LEASE FOR A/Z FORD EMPLOYEE, RETIREES AND ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS.

**\$288\*** A MONTH/ **\$0** DOWN **\$1,208** CASH DUE AT SIGNING  
36 MONTHS PAYMENT (AFTER \$3,750 CASH BACK, INCLUDING \$1,000 FORD CREDIT CASH)\*\*

INCLUDES REFUNDABLE SECURITY DEPOSIT AND ACQUISITION FEE. EXCLUDES TAX, TITLE AND LICENSE FEES.

A PLAN \*STARTING AT\* PRICE \$25,098\*\*\* (AFTER \$3,750 CASH BACK, INCLUDING \$1,000 FORD CREDIT CASH)\*\*



#### 2004 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS GS

RED CARPET LEASE FOR A/Z FORD EMPLOYEE, RETIREES AND ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS.

PRE-PAY A **\$6,795\*** TWO-YEAR LEASE FOR (AFTER \$5,000 CASH BACK, INCLUDING \$500 AARP CASH)\*\*

SECURITY DEPOSIT NOT REQUIRED. INCLUDES ACQUISITION FEE. EXCLUDES TAX, TITLE AND LICENSE FEES.

A PLAN \*STARTING AT\* PRICE \$17,540\*\*\* (AFTER \$5,000 CASH BACK, INCLUDING \$500 AARP CASH)\*\*



#### 2004 MERCURY SABLE LS PREMIUM

RED CARPET LEASE FOR A/Z FORD EMPLOYEE, RETIREES AND ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS.

**\$270\*** A MONTH/ **\$0** DOWN **\$1,165** CASH DUE AT SIGNING  
36 MONTHS PAYMENT (AFTER \$3,750 CASH BACK)\*\*

INCLUDES SECURITY DEPOSIT AND ACQUISITION FEE. EXCLUDES TAX, TITLE AND LICENSE FEES.

A PLAN \*STARTING AT\* PRICE \$17,613\*\*\* (AFTER \$3,750 CASH BACK)\*\*

VISIT YOUR METRO DETROIT  
LINCOLN MERCURY DEALERS.

**Mercury**  
For latest offers go to  
LMAplan.com

**PLYMOUTH  
Hines Park**  
40601 Ann Arbor Rd.  
at 274  
(734) 453-2424  
hinespark.com

**ANN ARBOR  
Sesi**  
2100 W. Stadium Blvd.  
at Liberty  
(734) 668-6100  
sesilm.com

**ROCKHESTER HILLS  
Crissman**  
1185 South Rochester Rd.  
Between 274 & 275  
(248) 652-4200  
crissman.com

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP  
Stu Evans Lakeside**  
17500 Hall Rd.  
at Roman Pike  
(586) 840-2000  
stuevanslakeside.com

**ROSELAND  
Bob Maxey**  
29000 Gratiot  
at 12 Mile Rd.  
(586) 552-6000  
bobmaxey.com

**DEARBORN  
Jack Demmer**  
21531 Michigan Ave.  
Between Southfield & Telegraph  
(313) 274-8800  
demmer.com

**SOUTHFIELD  
Star**  
24350 West 12 Mile Rd.  
at Telegraph  
(248) 354-4900  
star.com

**DETROIT  
Bob Maxey**  
16901 Mack Ave.  
at Ford Ave.  
(313) 885-4000  
bobmaxey.com

**SOUTHGATE  
Southgate**  
16800 Fort Street  
at Pennsylvania  
(734) 285-8800  
southgate.com

**DETROIT  
Park Motor**  
18100 Woodward Ave.  
Opposite Palmer Park  
(313) 869-5000  
parkmotor.com

**STERLING HEIGHTS  
Crest**  
36200 Van Dyke  
at 15 1/2 Mile Rd.  
(586) 939-6000  
crestinc.com

**GARDEN CITY  
Stu Evans Garden City**  
32000 Ford Rd.  
at West of Woodward  
(734) 425-4300  
stuevansgarden.com

**TROY  
Bob Borst**  
1950 West Maple  
Tracy Motor Mall  
(248) 643-6600  
borst.com

**NOVI  
Varsity**  
49251 Grand River  
at West of 274  
(248) 305-5300  
varsity.com

**YPSILANTI  
Sesi**  
950 East Michigan  
at 275  
(734) 482-7133  
sesilm.com

\*Call 1-888-561-4EAP for details. Not all buyers will qualify for Red Carpet Lease. Not all buyers will qualify for Ford Credit financing. APR varies by term. \$5,000 Cash Back available on Mercury Grand Marquis. Residency restrictions apply. \*\*Cash Back on Mountaineer includes Ford Credit cash. For qualified Ford Credit purchase contracts purchased through 1/2/2004. \$500 AARP Bonus Cash offer on Mercury Grand Marquis for AARP members, with proof of membership required. Limit one per member. This offer cannot be combined with any cash offers. \*\*\*Starting at prices exclude tax, title and registration fees. See dealer for their price. For APR or cash back, take delivery from dealer stock by 1/2/04. Offers subject to change. See dealer for complete details.

## The 2004 A8 L is nothing less than a technological marvel

By Steve Schaefer

Audi's big A8 sedan is completely redone for 2004. Since the first generation debuted, the entire rest of the line has been revamped or newly introduced. As the big guy, the new A8 is packed full of high tech, superior performance, and incredible luxury, all in a stealthy shape.

In its new iteration, the A8 borrows from the stylebook that has made the A4 and A6 sedans so successful. The body surfaces look billet solid, with subtle, chiseled edges and a high window line. The roofline arcs rearward in almost a fastback look, with three windows on a side. The large alloy wheels have thick spokes. The four-ring logo sparkles at both ends.

The long wheelbase L is the only A8 model we get in America. At 204 inches long and 4,400 pounds, this is a large car by any standard. The five extra inches gained with the L makes rear seat legroom almost absurdly generous — Shaq would be comfy back there. It also

helps the car compete directly with its fellow countrymen, the BMW 745Li and the Mercedes-Benz S500.

The A8 L is a powerful car, with 330 horsepower and 317 pound-foot of torque coming from the corporate 4.2-liter V8. This is good for a 6.3-second zero to 60, which should help get you to work on time. I averaged 15.9 miles per gallon, although the window sticker proudly proclaims 17 city, 24 highway.

The A8 L gets a six-speed automatic transmission with Tiptronic, which means it's automatic until you say otherwise. If you want to shift for yourself, minus a clutch of course, you're welcome to it. I kept forgetting to shift and suddenly the engine would be whining at 6,000 just tooling around town. On its own the car upshifts early to try to match the posted 17/24 mileage figures, presumably.

With Audi's Quattro permanent all-wheel-drive system, the big cruiser stays

stuck to the road wherever you go. The system's Torsen center differential instantly sends power to either side or to the front or rear as needed. The A8 L won't lean, squat or dive no matter how aggressively you drive.

As in the previous generation, the A8 has an aluminum body built on the aluminum Audi Space Frame (ASF). Audi engineers simplified and refined the ASF for the new generation, making it 60 percent more rigid than the previous one. The structure is 300 pounds lighter than its steel equivalent, and obviously, the whole car is rust-proof.

Inside, there is almost 107 cubic feet of space, all dressed in the quality Valcona leather, sleek metal accents, subtly patterned vinyl and real wood that you expect in an Audi. The 12-speaker Bose sound system delivers the kind of concert hall sound you can only dream about in an ordinary car. The seats have the right blend of sup-



Photo courtesy of Audi Internet Media

### 2004 Audi A8 L

port and comfort, and all the controls offer tactile rewards.

In the A8 L Audi introduces its Multi-Media Interface (MMI) system, which lets you control many automotive functions from a small group of controls mounted in the center console just ahead of the armrest. The system uses a central knob that you turn to make choices and press down to select them. Eight buttons are grouped by function (phone, radio, navigation system, etc.) and at each corner of the central knob base is a "soft button" that you use to delve deeper into the workings of each category. All of this information is displayed on a seven-inch color flat screen monitor that rises out from under a perfectly blended section of trim in the center dash. A small message

screen in the center of the instrument panel displays other useful information as needed.

I spent some time playing with the radio settings. You should be parked while you hash out how to store radio stations and change CDs, but once you have it down, it is almost effortless to control the MMI. Especially useful is the Dynamic Station Memory, which automatically keeps the stations you use most often at the ready. Unlike with BMW's iDrive system, the Audi's climate control is separate and uses familiar buttons. Audi has buried the most complex and infrequent actions deeper in the MMI, but the basic functions are just a click or two away.

My light silver metallic test unit had a few extras, including the Launch

Convenience Package 1, which for \$1,200 added an electric rear sunshade, rear vanity mirrors, and a tire pressure monitoring system. For added road presence, my test unit flaunted 18-inch wheels (\$1,150). For security and energy efficiency, dual-paned security glass (\$600) keeps the car comfortable in the heat of summer or cold of winter. The Cold Weather package (\$1,100) provided heated front and rear seats, a ski sack, and even a heated steering wheel.

With a base price of \$68,500 and thousands in options, my ultimate Audi came in at \$73,949. But at that price, the A8 L is supremely comfortable, a mighty performer, and a technological marvel.

— AutoWire

## High intensity lighting gaining acceptance

(NAPSI) — Driving during nighttime hours no longer needs to be so uncomfortable, and even intimidating for some motorists. Using brighter High Intensity Discharge (HID) headlights as an alternative to traditional halogen lights can alleviate some of the stresses of nighttime driving.

Research conducted in Germany and the United States by independent research firms shows that an overwhelming majority of HID users feel safer driving automobiles equipped with HID technology.

In the U.S. study, 92 percent of vehicle owners presently using HID headlights said they would buy a vehicle with the technology again, citing vision improvement as the most important factor. Ninety-four percent of survey respondents said they would recommend HID to a friend.

Producing a crisp, white light that stimulates reflective paint in road markers and signs, HID actually

improves nighttime driving by providing three times the light output of standard halogen light sources. As a result of a wider beam pattern, HID also increases the visibility of many peripheral objects (i.e., street signs and pedestrians), left in the shadows by standard halogen lighting.

"HID illuminates the road like no other light source available on the market today," said David Hulick, HID product marketing manager for Osram Sylvania's Automotive Lighting division.

"Consumers see the differences and benefits of HID almost immediately, after driving a vehicle equipped with this technology."

As the U.S. population ages, the value of this particular safety benefit will become even more attractive, as HID provides an immediate benefit to those who have difficulty seeing at night.

Unlike halogen lights, Xenarc HID lights do not have a filament to break or

degrade, meaning HID headlights last up to 10 times longer than standard halogen headlights. The technology also meets all federal automotive lighting requirements.

Originally offered on high-end European luxury cars, HID technology gradually has increased in popularity in North America over the past few years. This year, an estimated one million vehicles will be purchased with HID lighting systems, comprising 6 percent of all vehicles on the road. HID usage in the United States is projected to exceed a 13 percent application rate by 2007, because of its visibility benefits.

HID technology is the most significant advance in automotive lighting since halogen headlights were introduced in the late 1970s. Halogen lights became widely accepted by car manufacturers and consumers after several years. Gradual acceptance is also occurring with HID headlights.

## Auto insurance tips to save cash

Having a better understanding of some basic auto insurance principles and terms could help you be certain you're protected; and could even save you money.

According to a survey done by the Progressive group of insurance companies, most consumers don't take time to regularly review their auto insurance policy to be certain that it still reflects their needs.

Auto insurance is complicated. Here are four things you should know:

1. There are two general "types" of coverage available. One, generally referred to as first party coverage, protects you and your vehicle. First party coverages include comprehensive, collision and primary medical, including

medical payments and, in some states, Personal Injury Protection (PIP). The second type, called third party coverage, protects those to whom you might cause injury. Third party coverages provide protection for bodily injury and property damage you cause to others.

2. Use your deductible to save money. If you purchase comprehensive and collision coverage, you'll be asked to select a "deductible" amount — that is, the amount you'll pay on a claim before the insurance company begins paying. When selecting your deductible level, consider how much you could afford in the event of a crash. A higher deductible helps to keep the overall cost of auto insurance down. According to the Insurance Information

Institute, increasing your deductible from \$250 to \$500 can save you up to 20 percent on comprehensive and collision coverage.

3. Make sure your policy reflects your needs. Have you recently gotten married, divorced, moved, or have a teenage son or daughter who is now driving?

4. Prices vary. Auto insurance rates are based on each company's expected cost of doing business, which includes the cost of paying claims. In a study of rates provided to more than 100,000 consumers, Progressive found that the average difference in premium based on a six-month policy for the same driver with comparable coverages was nearly \$600 from company to company.

assembly and materials. The CTS surprised with its restraint without dullness, "Headlamps suggested" screen message at dusk, and dash light dimmer mounted on the ceiling. The CTS delighted with its silence at speed, the penholder slot by the shifter base, and a radio screen that displayed, for some stations, dial location and also call letters, program type, and even a promo message.

The car dismayed somewhat with its microscopic glove box, seemingly inaccurate reading outside thermometer, and extremely heavy trunk lid.

An optionless manual-equipped CTS priced out at \$30,140, while my tester, with packages and extras, came to \$43,530. With ordinary midsize sedans pushing the \$30,000 mark, the standard CTS is something of a bargain. The loaded model matches up well against its midsize luxury competitors.

The CTS, along with the Escalade SUV and the brand-new 2004 SRX sport wagon, should drop the average age of Cadillac buyers by 10 to 20 years. Built right here in Lansing, the CTS is an American car to get very excited about.

— AutoWire


## CTS

From page 18A

changer, 10-way power driver's seat with memory, wood trim, heated front seats, and the sporty suspension mentioned earlier.


If you really want to go wild, you can order up GM's DVD Navigation system, with 100-channel XM Radio (subscription costs extra). And my car's fancy paint cost \$995 extra, not unusual for premium surfaces on the competition.

The CTS pleased with its handsome gauge typeface, an eager-to-please feature-packed audio system, genuinely exciting styling, and apparently high-quality



### MERCEDES-BENZ OF ROCHESTER

Ask About DCX Employee Programs



2004 C230  
\$16,400  
39 Mo. Lease  
**\$369**\*/Month

595 S. Rochester Rd  
Rochester, MI 48307  
(248) 652-3800

All Models Available

Showroom Hours:  
M-Th 8:30-9:00 • T-W-F 8:30-6:00

StarMark Certified  
Pre-Owned Vehicles

\$4716 total due at signing/\$0 Sec. deposit, 12%/yr. lease. \*Plus tax, title, doc. & plates. \*\*Approved Bonus Tier Credit

### MITSUBISHI'S NO EXCUSES EVENT

WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

GREAT CARS • GREAT WARRANTY • GREAT DEALS



2003 INVENTORY BLOWOUT!

SAVE \$10,000!

LOADED! Must See!  
Stk. #1673 Was \$38,412

**NOW \$28,412\***



0% for 72 months\*\*  
on select models

COLLEGE GRAD SAVE ADDITIONAL \$500

Sunroof, Carbon fiber, Spoiler. Stk. #1783 Was \$30,942

**NOW \$27,892\***



NEW 2003 DIAMANTE VR-X

ONLY 1 LEFT

V6, Leather, Moonroof, CD, and more. Stk. #1792

**NOW \$19,497\***



NEW 2003 GALANT ES

Sunroof, AM/FM/CD, alloy wheels and more! Stk. #1682

Was \$20,857

**NOW \$13,997\***

### "NOBODY BEATS AN ARNOLD DEAL"

## ARNOLD

Gratiot @ 12 Mile Road  
**(586) 445-6040**

wake up and drive™

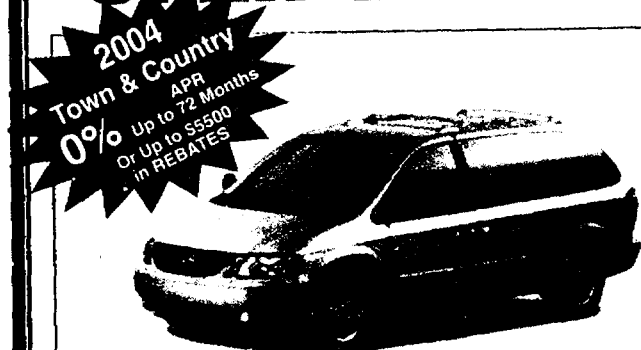
Email us at [arnoldauto@comcast.net](mailto:arnoldauto@comcast.net)



# Lochmoor Chrysler - Jeep

## ONE WEEK TO DEAL!

**OPEN FRIDAY DECEMBER 26TH TILL 6PM**

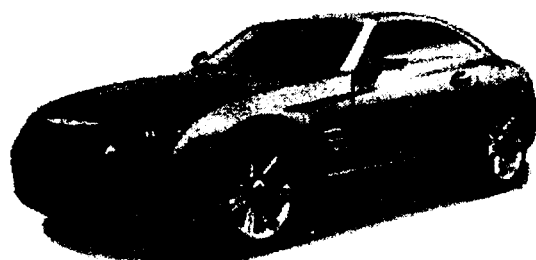


**2004  
Town & Country**  
APR  
0% Up to 72 Months  
Or Up to \$5500  
in REBATES

### 2004 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY FWD

Popular Equipment Group, Center Buckets, Rear Bench Seating, Four Speed 41TE Auto, 3.3L V6 engine. Stk.# 49550

EMPLOYEE PRICE	EVERYONE ELSE
BUY FOR <b>\$15,556</b>	BUY FOR <b>\$17,886</b>
24 MO. LEASE <b>\$169</b> mo.	24 MO. LEASE <b>\$223</b> mo.
Total due \$1999	Total due \$1999



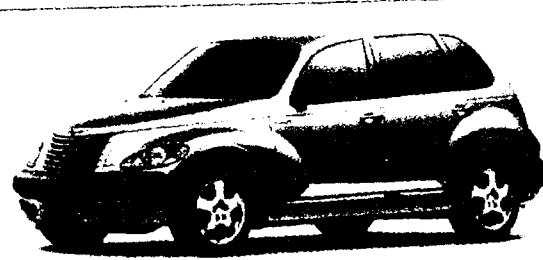
### CHRYSLER CROSSFIRE NOW AVAILABLE



### 2004 CHRYSLER SEBRING 4DR SEDAN

Air, Pwr. Wind./Locks/Mirrors, Tilt Wheel, Tint Glass, Rear Defrost. Stk.# 1432

EMPLOYEE PRICE	EVERYONE ELSE
BUY FOR <b>\$12,997</b>	BUY FOR <b>\$13,998</b>
36 MO. LEASE <b>\$115</b> mo.	36 MO. LEASE <b>\$142</b> mo.
Total due \$1583	Total due \$1583

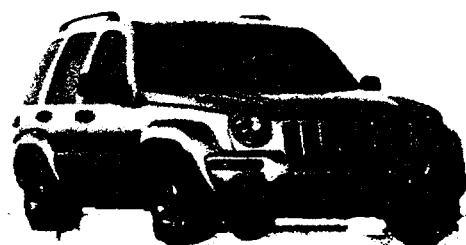


### 2004 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER

Cloth Low-Back Bucket, 4-Spd. Automatic, 2.4L 4 Cyl. DOHC 16V SMPI Engine. Stk.# 41121

**\$4000  
REBATES**  
Available on All  
PT CRUISERS  
Employee Purchase  
Only. Excludes  
Employee Choice

Was \$18,408	EMPLOYEE PRICE	EVERYONE ELSE
	BUY FOR <b>\$11,799</b>	BUY FOR <b>\$14,259</b>
	24 MO. LEASE <b>\$68</b> mo.	24 MO. LEASE <b>\$153</b> mo.
	Total due \$1999 *Excludes Employee Choice	Total due \$1999



### 2004 JEEP LIBERTY SPORT 4x4

Four Speed Auto, 3.7L Power Tech V6, Deep Tint Screen Glass, Speed Control. Stk.# 47043

EMPLOYEE PRICE	EVERYONE ELSE
BUY FOR <b>\$16,569</b>	BUY FOR <b>\$18,299</b>
36 MO. LEASE <b>\$147</b> mo.	36 MO. LEASE <b>\$197</b> mo.
Total due \$1999	Total due \$1999



### 2003 CHRYSLER VOYAGER LX FWD

Air, Tilt, Cruise, Keyless Power Locks, Bright Silver Metallic Clear Coat, Cloth High-Back Bucket Seats, Climate Group II, Deluxe Convenience Group, 4-Spd. Auto, 2.4L 4 Cyl. DOHC 16V SMPI engine. Stk.# 39046

**SALE PRICE**  
EMPLOYEE or EMPLOYEE CHOICE  
**\$13,997**  
Was \$22,240

## USED CARS

'04 Chevrolet Cavalier 4dr. Auto, Air, CD.....	\$9,990
'03 Chrysler Sebring LX 2dr A/C, PW, PL, 8K miles .....	\$13,990
'02 Chrysler Concord LX A/C, PW, PL, Cruise .....	\$11,990
'96 Chrysler Town & Country LX Loaded, Leather, 64K miles.....	\$6,990
'02 Jeep Liberty Sport 4x4 Loaded, 35K miles .....	\$15,990
'01 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo Loaded, Black w/ 20K miles.....	\$17,390
'00 Chrysler Town & Country LX Rear air, Quad Seats.....	\$9,990
'02 Dodge Neon 4dr SXT A/C, PW, PL.....	\$6,990
'01 Dodge Stratus R/T Loaded, Leather, Chromes.....	\$11,990
'02 Chevrolet Cavalier 4dr Auto, A/C. Only.....	\$7,990
'03 Ford Ranger Auto, A/C, 10K miles .....	\$10,990
'00 Chrysler Concord A/C, PW, PL, Cruise.....	\$9,995



### 2004 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO 4x4

Air, Pwr. Wind./Locks/Mirr./Vent, Tilt Wheel, Cruise, AM/FM/CD, Sunscreen Glass, Rear Defrost, Rear Wiper. Stk.# 9822

EMPLOYEE PRICE	EVERYONE ELSE
BUY FOR <b>\$19,564</b>	BUY FOR <b>\$20,998</b>
39 MO. LEASE <b>\$171</b> mo.	39 MO. LEASE <b>\$211</b> mo.
Total due \$1542	Total due \$1685



### 2004 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY LX FWD

Dual Power Sliding Door Group, Popular Equipment Group, CD/DVD Changer - 6-Disc in Dash, Pedals - Power Adjustable, Rear Seat Video System. Stk.# 49510

EMPLOYEE or EMPLOYEE CHOICE  
**DEMO PRICE**  
**\$21,277**  
Was \$31,371

# LOCHMOOR

**CHRYSLER / JEEP 18165 Mack Avenue**  
(Bet. Cadieux & Moross, across from Grosse Pointe)  
**313-886-3000**



For leases: \*Plus tax, title, documentation fee and plate fees. Customer must qualify for waiver of security deposit. Customer is responsible for tax on lease rebates and money down on leases 1st payment & security deposit. All leases based on 12,000 miles per year. Based on approved credit. All rebates and program moneys assigned to dealer. \*See dealer for details. This ad is your coupon, please present it for your discount. Sale limited to availability during program period. Pictures may not represent actual vehicle being sold. Must qualify for Lease Loyalty rebates on all vehicles shown. Customer must be eligible for Chrysler Employee discounts. With leases ending through June 2, 2004. CFC leases only. Must have EC Number. Sale ends January 2, 2004.

## Christmas traditions depend on where you live

## Dutch begin holiday season with a hearty meal

By Mimi Drennan  
Special Writer

A hearty meal and nesting gifts are part of the Dutch Christmas traditions.

According to Grosse Pointe Farms' Marjorie Allen, who was born and raised in Bloemendaal, Holland, "For this year's St. Nicholas Eve dinner we had a 'hearty pot.' That's a good, hearty meal of sausage, combined with carrots, onions, and potatoes — much like a thick stew. It's delicious."

At each place, the diner is delighted to find his or her own initial fashioned from creamy Dutch chocolate — a special treat for children and adults alike. And for dessert, "speculaas," the spicy windmill cookie, and a variety of fruits, nuts and other Dutch delights are served.

A fun gift-giving custom is the opening of "surprise" presents, wrapped in a series of boxes, each nested inside the next, each smaller than the last. A humorous poem adds to the fun and gives clues to the packages' contents.

Allen said she enjoys her family and especially the grandchildren during the holidays.

"Many of the old customs," she said, "are not practiced anymore in this country, but Lee (her husband) and I try to keep alive as many of the traditions and old ways as possible."

This year, their son's children, 9-year-old Madeline, 7-year-old Lee and 3-year-old John, dressed up in Dutch costumes, imported from Holland, to celebrate Sinterklaas and the joys of St. Nicholas Day.

In various Dutch cities, Sint Nikolass comes sailing into the harbor — some say he arrives from Spain. Dressed in flowing white robes (although sometimes red), he wears a towering bishop's hat (miter) and carries a tall staff (crosier). He is accompanied by his faithful companion, Zwarte Piet (Black Pete) who, on the eve of Dec. 6, dressed as a court jester, traveled from house to house knocking on doors and when opened threw handfuls of pepernoten (a sweet spicy cookie) into the room. Black Pete also carried a big book in which he kept track of the good and bad boys and girls.

During the days when St. Nicholas was banished in European countries and replaced by a more secular figure, the

See DUTCH, page 3B



Children with Dutch heritage still line their wooden shoes next to the fireplace. The shoes are filled with carrots or hay for St. Nicholas' horses.

Photo by Robert McKim



the 24th, the children gift. On Dec. 24, Miegoc will serve no meat, as is the custom in her native country. Instead, before midnight Mass, the family will eat a fish of fish, potatoes, cab-

prayer and family. Beneath the dining table, a thin layer of straw or hay is placed in memory of the Child in the manger, she said. It has been said that straw under the tablecloth will bring wealth. And maidens could predict

See DUTCH, page 3B

BULGARI

edmund t. AHEE jewelers  
grosse pointe woods • tel (313) 886 4600

whp  
HICKEY'S  
WALTON PIERCE  
Clothing  
SINCE 1922

(313) 882-8970 • 17140 KERCHEVAL • GROSSE POINTE • IN THE VILLAGE  
HOURS: MON. THRU FRI. 10 - 6, THURS. TILL 8. SAT. 10 - 5:30, SUNDAY 12 - 4

## Christmas gifts

By a local Christian Scientist

In a Christmas message in the year 1900, Mary Baker Eddy, the discoverer of Christian Science, wrote, "Again, loved Christmas is here, full of divine benedictions and crowned with the dearest memories in human history — the earthly advent and nativity of our Lord and Master." (Miscellany 256: 17-20)

How important, as we know, to take time during this season to ponder "the dearest memories in human history," and to remind ourselves of the wonderful teachings of Christ Jesus, whose nativity we are celebrating at Christmas time.

It is also very inspiring to think of the priceless gifts Jesus gave us during his three short years of public ministry.

For instance, among the many gifts Jesus gave us are his parables, which, however simple, teach us profound, practical truths.

We glimpse God's gracious forgiveness in the parable of the Prodigal Son. The value Jesus placed upon learning more about the Kingdom of Heaven is underlined in his comparison of the kingdom to the pearl of great price. He taught us much of the nature of true brotherly love in the parable of the Good Samaritan.

These and other parables are gifts to us, today, from the greatest teacher who ever lived.

Another priceless gift from Jesus is the Sermon on the Mount, (Matt. 5, 6, 7) which has been called the greatest sermon ever preached.

As Edgar Goodspeed says in his book, "A Life of Jesus," "It could all have been uttered in 20 minutes. Where else in history was so much said in so short a time?"

Surely, "loved Christmas" should include not only inspiration about Jesus' birth and the lasting significance of the humble stable, the angels, the shepherds and the wise men.

It should also include, according to our individual circumstances, happy family gatherings, lovely music, warm hospitality, and communication with old friends.

But it is also important to remember, with deep gratitude, Jesus' tremendous gifts to us.

As Mary Baker Eddy also wrote: "Christmas respects the Christ too much to submerge itself in merely temporary means and ends. It represents the eternal informing Soul recognized only in harmony, in the beauty and bounty of Life everlasting."

## Angel Tree Project provides Christmas party, gifts for children of prisoners

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's high school fellowship organization, TUXIS, completed its Angel Tree Project with an Angel Tree Christmas Party at the church on Dec. 14.

The Angel Tree Project is one of the church's outreach activities. This year the project

provided gifts for 119 children who have a parent in prison. Members of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's congregation purchased two gifts — one item of clothing and one toy, game or book — for each child.

TUXIS organized a party for the children at the

church. Some 24 high school students and 19 adults helped host the event, which included Christmas carols and an interactive Christmas Scripture reading and providing opportunities for each child to decorate Christmas cookies, make an angel tree ornament and write a letter to his or her parent in prison. Refreshments and music were provided. Carol Bosche played the piano; Mick Bassett played guitar; and Will Ethridge played the saxophone.

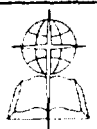
Some 72 children attended with 89 parents, guardians, aunts, uncles or grandparents.

"I feel that Angel Tree has been a blessing for everyone connected with it — not just for the family receiving Christmas presents, but for everyone who worked on the project," said Pauline Lackey, adult coordinator for the project. "I love that it's an outreach with such close contact with families. You get to know the people. You're not just leaving a present on a doorstep."



Photo by Joseph H. Lackey  
Among the hosts and hostesses of the Angel Tree Project Christmas party at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, from left, were the Rev. Tom Rice, Margaret O'Connor, Sarah Dionne, Morgan Laney, Marta Stoepker and Pauline Lackey.

# WORSHIP SERVICES



### Eastside Community Church

A Caring Community of Many Cultures

Worship Service:  
10:00 a.m. in the Harper Woods High School Auditorium  
Rev. Samuel D. Jackson, Pastor

(313) 647-0000

www.eastsidecommunitychurch.com

"To Know Him and Make Him Known"

884-4820



### St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

375 Lothrop at Chalfonte

881-6670

9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Education for All

Nursery Available

Rev. Frederick Harms, Pastor

Rev. Morsal Collier, Assoc. Pastor

884-5090

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. - Worship

Service

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

& Bible Classes

Supervised Nursery Provided

www.christtheking.org

Randy S. Boelter, Pastor

Timothy A. Holzerland, Assoc. Pastor

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820

884-4820



### GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1175 Lakepointe at Kercheval

Grosse Pointe Park 822-8223

Sunday - Worship 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday - Thrift Shop 10:30 - 3:30

Wednesday - Amazing Grace Seniors

every second Wednesday at

The Tompkins Center at

Windmill Pointe Park 11:00 - 3:00

COME JOIN US

Pastor: Rev. Henry L. Reinewald

### St. James Lutheran Church

170 McMillan Rd., near Kercheval

Grosse Pointe Farms • 884-0511

9:00 a.m. Education Time

9:45 a.m. Refreshments and Fellowship

10:15 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion

Nursery Provided

Wednesdays

Noon: Service of Word and Sacrament

The Reverend Gerald A. Spie, Pastor

The Reverend Gustav Kopka Jr., Ph.D., Pastor Emeritus

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

884-0511

### GROSSE POINTE UNITED CHURCH

240 CHALFONTE AT LOTHROP

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075

884-3075



## Creches play a role in Italian Christmas

By Mimi Drennan  
Special Writer

Christmas Eve is a time when Italians, even if they have a manger scene or presepe of their own, go in search of the elaborate creches that consisted of clay or plaster figurines of the Holy Family.

As for every Christmas celebration, sweets play a large part, and the Italians have several popular favorites: Panettone (a cake filled with candied fruit), panforte (ginger-bread) baked with hazelnuts, honey and almonds; strudel cakes consisting of

In an ancient tale, La Befana supposedly distributes presents on Epiphany, in memory of the Magi.

Another Italian Christmas legend is that of St. Nicholas, one of the most beloved of all the saints, who was born in Myra in Asia Minor.

Italian children believe St. Nicholas appears to them on the eve of the feast day with lots of gifts to brighten their Christmas.

At the beginning of Advent, four weeks before Christmas, St. Nicholas, wearing a long white beard and dressed like a bishop carrying miter and crozier, visits the children, tells them to be very good and to prepare for a wonderful Christmas.

Before he departs, he gives them candy, nuts and fruit.

As the years progressed, and age-old traditions have either diminished or been replaced. Santa Claus, known by Italians as Babbo Natale, or Father Christmas, has joined La Befana and St. Nicholas as the wonderful spirit of Christmas and the prime gift-giver of the season.



Photos by Robert McKean  
St. Clair Shores resident Trish Rotondo places figurines in her family's hand-fashioned creche, made by uncle Armand Gravina. The figurines are handcrafted and painted by his daughter, Debbi Gravina-Skonelczyn.

An ox and a donkey stand nearby because legends say the animals warmed the Christ Child with their breaths.

Many of the nativity scenes are elaborate depictions with grottoes, miniature trees, lakes and rivers, the lights of Bethlehem, angels floating from invisible wires, and even a local celebrity or two can be spotted among the period-dressed figurines.

a thin layer of dough, powdered with sugar and filled with apple slices, santas and cinnamon; and the rich fruit cakes filled with raisins, sultanas, dates, figs, almonds, pine nuts and orange peel.

Generation after generation of Italians believed that the principal gift-bringer was the legendary Italian folk character, La Befana, an old, hunched over woman who resembled a witch.

## Russians love new year celebrations

By Ann L. Fouty  
Staff Writer

Dec. 31 for the Russians is a big night. It begins three to four days of celebrating with family and friends.

Lidiya Lukina, having arrived in Michigan four months ago from Moscow, will be toasting the new year with champagne, just as she would if she were in her homeland.

"The new year is the biggest holiday in my country," Lukina said. "Everybody is decorating their houses and apartments. Each home has a beautiful Christmas tree full of lights. All streets are full of celebration. People

have high spirit of holiday.

"The new year party usually celebrates with family and friends. At evening everyone sits around a table full of different and delicious food. People have conversation and giving toasts."

Gathered around a table, the good times begin with playing cards and eating.

Her favorite food for the evening is a salad made of chicken, carrots, potatoes, cucumbers and mayonnaise.

As the evening wears on, and the clock strikes midnight, they toast each other with wishes of good health, prosperity and best

wishes, she said. They also present each other with gifts, or Grandfather of Cold brings the presents.

Those in the city would then flood the streets. Here in the cold and snow Russians indulge in winter activities of ice skating, building snowmen, snow boarding, dancing, walking along the streets, visiting other family and friends or watching the outdoor skits.

Suburbanites take to the forest where they have barbecues and enjoy shish kabobs, Lukina said.

There is no sleep that night, she added. "We celebrate all day the new year."

## Dutch

From page 1B

name became "Sinterklass" and later "Santa Claus."

Dutch children prepare for a visit from Sinterklaas by placing their wooden shoes (klompen) outside the door or near the fireplace.

The shoes are filled with

carrots and hay or even a sugar cube for the saintly old man's white horse.

In the morning, good children find all the wonderful surprises Sinterklass has left for them, but Black Pete, as legend tells, punish-

es the naughty children with his switch.

The Allens send to all a popular Dutch Christmas greeting: Vrolijk Kerstfeest and Gelukkig Nieuwjaar: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Polish

From page 1B

future marriages by selecting the right straw: long and green would bring a speedy marriage; a blackened blade meant a long wait; and a yellow blade had the young miss staying single forever.

To encourage the children to help clear the table, Miegoc's family places coins under the plates.

"After supper the children help. They clean very quickly because they collect the

money," she said.

Placing a lighted candle in the window symbolizes the hope that the newborn Babe, in the image of a stranger, might arrive to share Wigilia, and an extra place is set at table for the unexpected guest.

This tradition stems from an ancient Polish proverb, "A guest in the house is God in the home."

The Wigilia is a meatless meal that would usually consist of mushroom soup,

kartofle (boiled potatoes), slesdzie (pickled herring), fiedzie, pierogi, beans and groch ikapusta (sauerkraut). There might also be a dried fruit compote, babka, platek, assorted pastries, nuts and candies.

An old Polish tradition was that Wigilia consist of 12 different dishes, one for each month of the year to ensure prosperity.

The more one ate, the more pleasure he or she would have in the future.

## Germans stress religious traditions

By Ann L. Fouty  
Staff Writer

Every Sunday during Advent, Germans make a point of attending church to prepare for Christmas day.

In the Grosse Pointe Woods home of Angelia Haerberle, she, her husband and five children set up the Advent wreath. This year she chose red for the four candles, an additional one lit on a successive Sunday during the

Tannenbaum," are an integral part of the family's holiday.

Dec. 5 will find the children cleaning their boots to place in front of the door as a receptacle for gifts which come the following day on St. Nicholas Day. On Dec. 6, the Haerberles, who are in the United States for only nine months before returning to Switzerland, where Haerberle's husband works for IBM, welcome Nikolaus and his helper

Black Peter. It is the latter who gives the children presents.

This is also the month that Haerberle and her children make decorations. She said they have made stars from construction paper to adorn the windows.

Other construction paper decorations make their temporary home festive. It is also during this month that Haerberle will make the traditional stollen, a fruit

bread generally eaten with the afternoon coffee. Instead of baking the custom Liebkauken cookie, she will buy it this year.

The Christ Child comes on the 24th with more expensive gifts than Black Peter brought earlier in the month. The Christ Child will find a tree decorated with candles and always a star at the top. Before opening presents, the family will sing songs of the season.

"We try to open them slowly making each gift important," she said.

Following gifts is dinner and Mass.

In her hometown of Hannover, Germany, Haerberle's mother would have fixed white sausage, white potatoes and sauerkraut.

"I didn't like it; so I changed. We have a dish with chicken with onions, rice and cheese on top. It's not traditional," she admitted.

Dec. 25 and 26 are spent with family.

If she didn't send her Christmas cards out before the 25th, Haerberle still can send them out through the end of the month.



Photo by Ann L. Fouty  
Angelia Haerberle focuses her Christmas around religion.

holy time of year.

"Religion is an important part of life," Haerberle said. Singing songs including her favorite "Silent Night" and "O

struction paper decorations make their temporary home festive. It is also during this month that Haerberle will make the traditional stollen, a fruit

## Wales celebrates with big bang

By Ann L. Fouty  
Staff Writer

Christmas in Wales resembles a birthday party, said Brian Annable, with party favors and hats.

The party favors are called crackers and make a "big bang" sound when opened. Inside a cylindrical, gaily wrapped gift at each place setting, both children and adults find small trinkets. They wear crowns, resembling the crowns of the three kings who gave gifts to the Christ Child.

Even though his two children are grown, the superintendent of Lake Shore School District said the family still incorporates the traditions he brought from his homeland.

Plum pudding is a traditional dessert his wife, Leigh, makes for the family.

Originally it was made in the fall, toward the end of the harvest season using the last of the flour and dried fruit. It is preserved, Annable explained, and

warmed on Christmas day.

Welsh children wanted to make sure Santa Claus didn't forget them so put out two receptacles for gifts. Annable said, children put a pillowcase at the foot of their beds for Santa Claus to fill, as well as a stocking by the fireplace on Christmas Eve after attending church.

Dec. 24 was reserved for spending time with friends, while the 25th was exclusively for family gatherings.

## 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 independent senior living.

We're located in quiet, beautiful settings with charming apartments and lovely grounds.

### We offer:

- Excellent meals served daily • Weekly housekeeping
- Utilities except phone • Optional laundry service; free self-laundry • Kitchen in each apartment • Activities with transportation • Chapel offering daily services • Small pets allowed • Secured entrance.

If you or someone you love is in the market for gracious retirement living, please call us for more information or a tour at 586-753-1182.

Father Taillieu Residence  
18760 Thirteen Mile Road  
Roseville MI 48066  
586-778-5070

DeSeranno Residence  
17255 Common Road  
Roseville, MI 48066  
586-776-8500



Visit us on our web site at [www.stjohn.org](http://www.stjohn.org)

## Christmas traditions will be continued . . .

Read about how Christmas is celebrated in other countries in the Features section of next week's Grosse Pointe News and St. Clair Shores Connection newspapers.

## Cholesterol control is a key to heart health

By James J. Maciejko, PhD  
Special Writer

It's the holiday season, and for many people, that is a license to indulge in high calorie foods — and plenty of them.

That wouldn't be such a bad thing, except that when January rolls around, many people continue to indulge in their bad eating habits, even if they have good intentions to eat healthier and exercise more.

We all know that New Year's resolutions have a way of lasting only as long as the start of the first college bowl game, and as a result, Americans are heavier than ever. In fact, the American Obesity Association says that 127 million Americans are overweight, an astonishing 64.5 percent of the U.S. population.

What makes this cycle of overeating and inactivity so disastrous is that excess weight often causes a host of other medical problems, including diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. A combination of these medical problems adds up to an increased potential for cardiovascular disease (CVD), and if you're also a smoker, your potential for cardiac complications is even greater.

Many people who do develop cardiac problems believe that you can "cure" CVD with a heart bypass or a stent.

That's a misconception. Rather, these types of procedures are temporary measures to provide symptomatic relief and improve the quality of life in the short term. For long-term health, risk factor modification is essential because it reduces the chances of hav-

ing further complications, including death.

We've known for a long time that strict cholesterol management is an effective way to help reduce your risk of CVD and stroke. Optimally, if you don't have CVD, your total cholesterol should be less than 200 mg/dl, your LDL (bad) cholesterol less than 130, and your HDL (good) cholesterol more than 40.

If you have CVD, your LDL cholesterol should be less than 100. You can accomplish this by not overeating; by eating healthy, including low-fat and low-refined sugar foods most of the time; and by taking cholesterol-reducing medications.

For a long time, it was believed that managing these three levels alone could help to prevent CVD.

But we now know that there are other cholesterol factors that should be checked.

For instance, it's now known that elevated triglycerides (more than 150 mg/dl) can be a sign of CVD risk in some people.

Today, there are a number of emerging CVD risk factors that are also being considered as a way to determine the risk of CVD, heart attack and stroke.

One is C-reactive protein (CRP), which is a plasma protein that elevates in the blood as a result of inflammation in the body, including atherosclerosis (a known risk factor for CVD).

A study published in the New England Journal of Medicine indicated that CRP is an inflammatory marker that can predict the risk of a heart attack.

Another emerging factor,

Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)], is a modified form of LDL cholesterol.

Major studies, including the Framingham Heart Study, have found that high blood levels of Lp(a) may be an independent predictor of heart attack and stroke.

Homocysteine is also being scrutinized as a predictor of CVD risk. High levels of this amino acid are often found in people who are overweight or have diabetes, and it's known to be toxic to the lining of the arteries, leaving them more prone to cholesterol accumulation (plaque) in the arteries.

Finally, apolipoproteins are the protein portions of the LDL and HDL globules that bond with cholesterol in the blood — either the protective HDL cholesterol or the more harmful LDL cholesterol. High levels of certain apolipoproteins may put you at an increased risk of CVD, while others, like apo A-I, may protect you.

Research continues to determine which of these emerging factors may be useful markers for determining CVD risk.

But in the meantime, there are simple things you can do to decrease your risk.

Follow a Mediterranean approach to nutrition, which consists of 40 percent of daily calories from carbohydrates, 25 percent from

protein, and 35 percent from healthy fats.

Reduce your intake of all dairy products, meats and processed foods, as these contain the harmful saturated and trans-fats.

Quit smoking, since it lowers your HDL cholesterol and makes your coronary arteries more susceptible to cholesterol accumulation.

Reduce your LDL (bad) cholesterol, either through diet, medication or both.

Lose weight and participate in some form of aerobic exercise daily, such as walking, jogging or cycling.

Lower your blood pressure through weight loss and exercise, or by taking medication.

And have an annual physical, since it can help identify potential health problems in their most treatable stage.

There's no time like the present to embark on a heart-healthy lifestyle — even during the holidays.

Doing so can dramatically improve your chances of living a long, healthy life that will include many more holiday seasons.

James J. Maciejko, PhD, FACC, is director of the Preventive Cardiology Program at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, and author of "The ABCs of Coronary Heart Disease."

## Volunteer screeners needed to help at Holley Ear Institute

To test the hearing of 3,800 newborns each year, the Holley Ear Institute's Department of Audiology at St. John Hospital and Medical Center is always looking for volunteers to conduct hearing screenings under the direction of certified audiologists.

Medical experience is not required; all that's really needed is a love of small

children and a willingness to help.

Volunteers receive about six hours of training from a qualified audiologist.

Hours are flexible to suit nearly any schedule.

For more information or to volunteer, call (313) 343-4436 Tuesdays through Fridays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## Christmas memories

Christmas has always been my favorite holiday. It has beautiful and inspiring music, decorations in bright, shining colors and the anticipation that you are probably going to receive a nice present; better still, that you will give presents that make people happy.

What I like best about the holiday are the enduring memories it creates. They aren't often about an outstanding event. More likely, memories are of a small happening that wasn't at all important but is pleasant or funny to recall.

I remember a ritual that went on at our house each year almost until the time when the children were in college. About a week before Christmas, we would all troop to a nearby tree lot to pick out our Christmas tree. We'd already scouted which lots seemed to have the best selection of trees.

There was a downside to this event. If it had been raining during the weeks prior to Christmas, the lots were full of mud which my children thought was fun to slosh around in. As the one who cleaned the boots and washed the muddy garments, this was not my favorite part of the experience.

Most of the trees in these lots were Scotch pines, a hardy tree that kept its needles for weeks, but with two handicaps: nearly every tree had its "bad" side and none of the trees had a straight trunk.

At worst, a tree could have a bend that couldn't be hidden, at best, a slight curve that could be disguised with ornaments. The trick was to find the tree with the least visible bad side and the straightest trunk.

This could be achieved easily or quickly.

Our smaller children ran around the lot, while the bigger children and my husband and I searched for our tree. We always found a tree that, while not perfect, would, we agreed, look beautiful when decorated. If we didn't find it at the first lot, it was on to another lot and maybe even a third in years when the tree crop hadn't been a good one.

One Christmas we went home with a tree that seemed to meet our criteria, but when we began putting it up, it wouldn't stay up. We tried every which way to place the tree into the holder, even cut the trunk a little, but it wouldn't stand up. We finally decided it was hopeless, and we decided to throw it away in the morning and get another one.

When I got up the next morning and went downstairs, there was our tree standing sturdily in the living room. What miracle had taken place?

The miracle was my son Chris, then about 13. I don't know if he had stayed up after the rest of us had gone to bed, or had gotten up before anyone else. Chris had singlehandedly worked until he got the tree as steady as a rock. It even withstood the cat who occasionally tried to climb the tree.

It was no surprise to any of us when Chris went on to become a physicist. Who else could have managed this impossible task?

Our yearly trek for a tree was obviously a satisfying event for the children because they refused to let me get an artificial tree until after they had left to start their own households. I note that all of them now have artificial trees.

This past Thanksgiving we laughed about an album that Janice, our youngest, had prepared for Christmas. She titled it "Animals We Have Known and Loved." That category consisted of only the two animals that had lived with us during these childhood years.

One was Tiger, a cat we found admirable, and Ladybug, a sad sack of a dog who had a somewhat neurotic personality. He was lovable, but had no backbone to speak of. The album was necessarily slim.

Buying presents for all these children and keeping them hidden until Christmas was a challenging venture. But I loved it. Today my grandchildren range from 11 to 22 years of age. For some years, their choice of gifts has been money. This is easier for me, but not much fun.

I can't give money to my grown children because that would be ridiculous, but I can get my jollies by buying them gifts. I do this throughout the year.

There's no longer a problem with hiding presents. But a new problem has arisen. I put these gifts, which I purchase throughout the year, in the back of a closet or drawer. If they've been there for months, I have been known to forget about them until I unexpectedly come across them, sometimes months after Christmas is over. But there are always birthdays.

To those reading this column, my wish for you is a Christmas with many happy memories to look back on during the years ahead.

If you have a question or comment for Cain, her new e-mail is: [ruthcain@comcast.net](mailto:ruthcain@comcast.net).

### Senior Scene

By  
Ruth  
Cain



### 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

### Assisted Living Respite Care

is available to benefit you and your loved one



- Licensed Nursing Care
- Certified Nursing Assistants - 24 hour care
- Spiritual Care and Activities available
- Private rooms with DirecTV
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and snacks
- Pleasant, comfortable surroundings
- Close to home



**ST. JOHN SENIOR  
COMMUNITY**

For more information please call  
**313-343-8265**

### Let your skin come out and play.

Learn about our easy and affordable, FDA-approved, physician-certified laser hair removal system: just come in today for a free, no-obligation consultation. You'll like our interest-free payment plan and written guarantee. And you'll love the way you look—and feel.

#### LASER HAIR REMOVAL

Treatments starting at:  
Upper Lip ..... \$99.95  
Bikini Line ..... \$159.95  
Underarms ..... \$179.95  
Lower Legs ..... \$259.95  
[www.americanlasercenters.com](http://www.americanlasercenters.com)



American Laser Centers

**1-868-704-9494**

Four locations in the Metro Detroit area

## Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



Hives. Referred to as Urticaria, the appearance of red itchy bumps or large areas raised above the surface of the skin (what most of us call a rash) is

not in itself a disease, but rather indicates your skin's reaction to another problem.

A sudden onset of hives may be linked to an allergic reaction, such as to a new medication, infections, lotions, chemicals or in rarer occasions foods.

Long lasting or chronic urticaria may also be caused by an allergic reaction, or it

may also indicate an autoimmune response.

Patients are most commonly treated with oral antihistamines, and topical or oral steroids. Rashes which do not resolve with typical treatments may require blood tests or biopsies to help determine the cause.

To learn more about hives, contact your dermatologist or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates with offices in Grosse Pointe and New Baltimore. You can reach them at (313) 884-3380.

ADVERTISEMENT

## Meetings KKG Alums

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Detroit East Suburban Alumnae Association gathered recently for a luncheon at the Country Club of Detroit.

Alumna Sara Hendrie Sessions and her mother, Arlene Roy Hendrie, entertained members and guests with a selection of Christmas music including piano solos and duets.

The next meeting of KKG Alumnae will be for lunch on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the home of Lee Miller. All Kappa Kappa Gamma members are invited.

## Christmas gifts

By Debbie Farmer  
Special Writer

I haven't spent all these years as a parent on this planet without learning a thing or two about the holidays. I've learned that sale items will always be out of stock. I've learned that wherever you are, the last parking spot within 18 miles will be taken by the car in front of you. And I've learned that it's almost impossible to give your children an equal amount of Christmas gifts.

I know what some of you are thinking. Some of you are thinking, "Now wait a minute, Lady. So maybe the first two are true, but that last one is NOT the real meaning of Christmas."

Well, you're right.

But those of you with kids over age 3 know this is exactly the kind of thinking a parent needs to survive the holiday season. It's called, my friends, the Gift-to-Kid ratio. The golden rule with the Gift-to-Kid ratio is that the gift-giving process must be equal at all times.

And don't think for a minute that I'm exaggerating here. I mean, suddenly on Christmas morning, the very same kid, who couldn't tie his shoes or count past 10 the night before, can scan the room in one millisecond and give a full report on who has more gifts.

You'll know the report is true when they show you their pie charts and a breakdown of percentages. It's mind-boggling, really.

And, hey, the concept seems simple enough. Take this year, for example. There I was on the

### Family Daze

By Debbie Farmer



way to the cash register, with the exact same number of gifts for each child in my cart. I envisioned them joyously opening them on Christmas morning just like a family in a Norman Rockwell painting or a '50s TV sitcom.

But that was before I saw a pink pocket camera that would be perfect for my daughter. I tossed it in my cart and balanced it out with a Power Ranger set for my son. A few aisles later I added an Easy Bake Oven and an Erector Set.

That would've been all, except, out of the corner of my eye, I saw a jewelry maker and a Hello Kitty purse. ON SALE.

You can see how volatile the Gift-to-Kid ratio can be.

In my defense, I tried to even things up again by going to another store the next day and buying two more gifts for my son.

That would've worked fine, except for the portable CD player I found for my daughter. And so on and so on.

If you think that's bad, it could be worse. Much, much worse. At last count, my friend Linda has been to the mall 26 times, trying to even out the gifts between her three chil-

dren.

Eventually, I narrowed things down to a one-gift margin in my son's favor. That's practically even, but, as any parent will tell you, it's not quite close enough for Christmas gift-giving standards.

At this point you might wonder why I didn't take something back to the store, or just give up and go hit the cheap cooking sherry. Both are good strategies in theory, but then again, neither totally fool-proof.

So, tricky me, I came up with a third option: I opened up my daughter's portable CD player and wrapped the headphones separately. Whammo! We had an equal number of gifts.

OK, maybe there's a message in here somewhere. Maybe it's the obvious one that Christmas shouldn't be about shallow consumerism. Or perhaps it's that we need to teach our children that everything doesn't always have to be equal.

Or maybe, just maybe, it's that I should have stronger willpower when shopping.

Whatever the reason, I have plenty of time to think about it. I'm not leaving the house again. Ever.

Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother holding down the fort in California. She's also an author. You can order her new book, "Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat," at Amazon.com or at your local bookstore. She can be reached by writing familydaze@oasisnewsfeatures.com.



## Goodfellow Santa

The Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club recently held a successful street sale of Goodfellow papers. Santa himself helped sell papers on Mack near Vernier. "I would like to thank all the people who contributed to the success of the street sales," said Dave Wilhelm, chairman of the White Cane street sales. "Proceeds from the sale of the papers help to make the dream of 'No child without a Christmas' a reality."

Anyone can still make a donation by sending a check to Lions Club of Grosse Pointe Woods Charities Inc., 1154 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Woods 48236.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club is made up of volunteers who meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m. at the AMVETS Hall, 19730 Harper. For more information, call Red Arnold, club president, at (313) 881-7860.



## Newcomers Club

The Grosse Pointe Newcomers Club held its black-tie holiday gala on Dec. 6 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

In the front row, from left, are Frances and Shane Morse, Julie and Tom Clarke and Rene and Russell Tiejema. In the back row, from left, are Stacy and Keith Spondike and party chairmen Monica and Christopher Mourad.

Grosse Pointe Newcomers is a nonprofit social club for married couples. For more information, call (313) 885-2270 or go to [www.grossepointenewcomers.com](http://www.grossepointenewcomers.com).

## Real cooks make quiche

Merry Christmas 2003. Over the next 10 days you'll be sitting down to major meals that will most likely feature a ham or a turkey and all of the trimmings.

In between the larger feasts think about preparing simple dishes that can be paired with a salad to round out the meal.

Quiche is a great choice for such a meal. With the basis being eggs with cream (or milk), you can add whatever you like to complete a quiche.

I came across a recipe for a quiche that seemed to fit the holiday bill: wilted spinach and goat cheese quiche. This Food & Wine recipe called for a crust made from scratch. I scratched it and substituted a Pillsbury pre-made crust. It's a true time-saver.

### Wilted Spinach and Goat Cheese Quiche

1 9-inch Pillsbury pie crust  
1 lb. baby spinach  
1 garlic clove, minced  
1 cup milk  
1/2 cup heavy cream  
2 large eggs plus 2 large egg yolks

### À LA ANNIE

By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



1 teaspoon kosher (preferably) salt  
1/4 teaspoon fresh ground pepper  
1/2 lb. goat cheese log, cut into 8 equal slices

Coat a tart or pie dish with no-stick spray. Unfold the pie crust and fit into the prepared dish. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Rinse the spinach in a large colander and drain but don't dry the leaves. Heat a large no-stick skillet over medium-high heat and cook the spinach (in batches) until wilted.

Transfer the spinach back to the colander and drain well, squeezing out all the excess water. Finely chop the spinach and toss it with the minced garlic.

Spread the spinach mixture over the bottom of the pie crust. Arrange the goat cheese slices over the spinach around the outer circle of the dish (so each one of 8 slices will get a slice of the goat cheese).

In a medium bowl, whisk together the milk, cream, eggs, egg yolks, salt and pepper. Pour the egg mixture into the dish and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until set and golden brown. Cut into 8 wedges and serve.

The only work involved was cooking and chopping the spinach. If you care to bake a crust from scratch, feel free to do so. Goat cheese is easy to work with but make sure to keep it in the refrigerator until you're ready to slice it so it stays firm for slicing.

I prepared a wilted spinach and goat cheese quiche for my dear friends Carl and Virginia McCoy. I called to see how they liked it and Carl said they had it for dinner with a salad and he felt it was "the perfect holiday comfort food."

Thanks, Carl. Pair the quiche with a crisp white wine and enjoy it with some friends. Peace.

## Anniversaries

### Theros

Spero and Barbara Theros of Grosse Pointe Woods celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner party for family and friends at Assumption Cultural Center.

Spero Theros and Barbara Christopoulos separately immigrated to the United States from Greece after World War II.

They met through mutual friends when he lived in Detroit, and she lived in Sioux Falls, S.D.



Spero and Barbara Theros

They were married at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church on Dec. 6, 1953.

They worked together and owned their own accounting firm, Theros Accounting, for 35 years.

They have two children: Olga Cardasis and her husband, Michael, and Louis and his wife, Patricia; and five grandchildren.

Recycle  
this newspaper

# Grosse Pointe News



PERFECT  
GIFT  
IDEA!

Send your  
holiday greetings  
EVERY week!

BUY A GIFT SUBSCRIPTION ★  
AND GET YOURS FREE!  
1 YEAR (local address)... \$37.00

Call 313-343-5577

with a Visa or Master Card

or mail in the form below with payment

offer valid until December 31, 2003

Giver's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Recipient \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Gift card greeting \_\_\_\_\_



☐ Check enclosed

☐ Visa

☐ Mastercard

Credit card no. \_\_\_\_\_

exp date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



Among the August graduates from Central Michigan University were Grosse Pointers **Jason D. Vesey**, **Christa M. Kreger**, **Barbara Doherty**, **Hathaway** and **Jennifer M. Pasiak**. All earned bachelor's degrees.

**Jeremy Cox**, son of James and Patricia Cox of Grosse Pointe Farms, and **Kirsten Winfield**, daughter of Raymond and Connie Winfield of the City of Grosse Pointe, participated in Hope College's fourth annual Time to Serve volunteer program.

Grosse Pointer **Matthew Borushko** earned a master's degree in English from Boston University.

Western Michigan University conferred bachelor's degrees on **Anthony J. Gatliff**, son of Anthony and Margaret Gatliff of Grosse Pointe Farms; and **Derek Harris**, son of Ian and Antoinette Harris and **Clayton Vanderpool**, son of Robert and Kathleen Vanderpool, both of the City of Grosse Pointe. Gatliff earned a BBA in sales and business marketing. Harris earned a BSE in mechanical engineering. Vanderpool earned a BBA in accountancy.

Grosse Pointers who graduated from Michigan State

University after the summer semester include: **Michael Joseph Alam**, **Charles Baker**, **Liisa Bergmann**, **Rena Biondo**, **Stephen Cahill**, **Jessica Harrell**, **Julie Ann Huvaere**, **Katherine Kegler**, **Araceli Ortiz**, **Eileen Pulis**, **Michelle Romain**, **Richard Rozyczki**, **Christopher Sterr**, **Ryan Stevenson**, **Erin Vanassche** and **Cameron Lovelace**.

Grosse Pointers **Emily Edick** and **Katherine Anne Greer** were named honor students for the summer semester at Michigan State University.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Darren E. Mantyla**, the son of Karl Mantyla and Melanie Nowc, was selected by audition to play in the Albion College Symphony Orchestra. He is also a member of the college's jazz ensemble. He is a sophomore at Albion.

**Elizabeth H. Wagner**, daughter of Frederick and Colleen Wagner of the City of Grosse Pointe, graduated from Northwood University.

**Andrew Fisher** of Grosse Pointe Farms completed a 31-day Alaska sea kayaking course with the National Outdoor Leadership School last summer. The expedition-style course explored

the coastline of Prince William Sound.

**Christine Gunn** of the City of Grosse Pointe, daughter of Thomas and Patricia Gunn, joined the equestrian team at Mount Holyoke College. She competed in the first three horse shows of the season and earned four first-place ribbons and one second-place ribbon. She scored the second highest number of points for the day at two recent shows. She is also a member of the junior varsity track team at Mount Holyoke College.

Two Pointers were named to the spring 2003 dean's list at Babson College. They are **Gregory John Vasse**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory J. Vasse and **Austin deBerdt Weisenbeck**, son of Fred and Kathryn Weisenbeck.

**Adrianna Connor** of Grosse Pointe Park is a first soprano in the Chamber Choir as well as a member of the Adrian College Choir. She is a junior majoring in music and is the daughter of Duncan and Leslie Connor.

**Mark Brammer** of Grosse Pointe Woods is a member of the Adrian College Choir. The son of Robert and Gretchen Brammer is a sophomore at Adrian.

**Jeffrey Louis Vollmer** of Grosse Pointe Shores earned a juris doctor degree, cum laude, from Wayne State University Law School. He was also elected by the faculty to membership in the Order of the Coif. He is the son of Bruce Vollmer.

**Jeremy Cox** of Grosse Pointe Farms was a member of the ensemble in the stage production of William Shakespeare's "King Lear" at Hope College. He is the son of James and Patricia Cox.

Grosse Pointers **Erin Walsh** and **Katie Lewandoski** graduated from Western Michigan University at the end of the summer term. Walsh earned a BBA in marketing, cum laude. Lewandoski earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and organizational communications.

**Kristen M. Nickel** of Grosse Pointe Park, a senior at Davidson College, has been elected president of the Richard R. Bernard Mathematics Honor Society. She is majoring in mathematics and economics and is the daughter of Edwin and Janice Nickel. She was also moderator of Westminster Fellowship, co-founder of Dos Generaciones Alliance, community outreach chair-

man of the Dean Rusk International Studies Program student advisory committee, and a math center tutor.

**Airman Christopher M. Maddox** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He is the

son of Deborah and John Mouager of Grosse Pointe Woods.



## 50th annual White Christmas Ball

"All That Glitters is Gold" was the theme of St. John Hospital and Medical Center's Fontbonne Auxiliary's 50th annual White Christmas Ball, held on Dec. 12.

Everything, from tablecloths to chairs to towering centerpieces was decorated with gold and crystal. More than 500 people attended the event.

This year's Ball and Afterglow, which was chaired by Lorna Zalenski, honored the past White Christmas ball chairmen by naming them as honorary chairmen. Each of the 16 honorary chairmen who attended was introduced, presented with a red rose, then invited to the dance floor with her husband or escort.

Proceeds from this year's ball will be used to purchase an Excimer laser for the Department of Cardiology at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

From left, are Lorna Zalenski of Grosse Pointe Woods, Jean Azar of Grosse Pointe Shores, Theresa Selvaggio of Grosse Pointe Farms and Pattie Salvaggio of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Past ball chairmen who attended included Sharon Snyder, Jennifer Chope, Pat Young, Nashwa Sawaf, Ardis Gardella, Mado Lie, Jean Azar, Christine Drummy, Lorna Zalenski, Stephanie Germack, Cynthia Doherty, Maureen McCabe, Theresa Selvaggio, Linda Lloyd, Joan Gehrke, Marlene Boll and Letitia Clark.

## Engagements

### Dziadzio-Fontana

Norman and Marilyn Dziadzio of Shelby Township have announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda Lee Dziadzio, to Frank C. Fontana, son of Frank and Carolyn Fontana of Harrison Township, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods. A July wedding is planned.

Dziadzio earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in

education from Wayne State University and a Master of Arts degree in education from Eastern Michigan University. She is a teacher in the Romeo Public Schools.

Fontana earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in engineering and a master's degree in business administration, all from the University of Michigan. He also earned a chartered financial analyst designation (CFA). He is president of Banyan Asset Management Inc.



Frank C. Fontana and Linda Lee Dziadzio

### Safe boating class offered

The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron is offering a 10-week safe boating course beginning Mon., Jan. 5, at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Personal water craft operators and power boaters are invited to take the class. The classes will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration begins at 7 p.m. outside room 312.

For more information call (313) 418-5911 or go on the power squadron's Website [www.usps.org/localusps/grossepointe](http://www.usps.org/localusps/grossepointe).

## pointe counter points



With all the cool weather, one should take care of their skin. The chill is in the air... Come in and see our entire line of Vita Spa Body Skin Care, especially now as we have Vita Bath Gelee on SALE. A 21 oz. bottle (reg. \$30) is now only \$24. Plus body oils, lotions and soaps. The NOTRE DAME PHARMACY has just the answer for exactly the right price. ...at 16926 Kercheval in-the-Village, (313)885-2154.

### IRISH COFFEE BAR & GRILL

The best old fashioned bar burger in town made from fresh ground round. Rated ★★★★★ by Jane Rayburn, The Detroit News.... is now only \$1.96 Monday - Friday 11-5, (dine in only) Grill open till 1:00 a.m. - Carry outs available ...at 18666 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms, (313)881-5675



Treat yourself to relaxation and self indulgence at the Edwin Paul Spa, Grosse Pointe's only Luxury Day Spa. How about a wonderful relaxing massage, a rejuvenating facial or an impeccable manicure and pedicure to eliminate your stress... Or simply enjoy a whole day of extreme pampering with our Revitalization Day Package.

Our Promise... an unforgettable experience which will bring a million warm thoughts your way. So call now and book your well deserved treat! Open Monday thru Saturday and every other Sunday ... (313)885-9002

EDWIN & PAUL

21023 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods  
[www.edwinpaul.com](http://www.edwinpaul.com)

### MACK 7 CAFE

Breakfast & Lunch Specials. Across from Pointe Plaza. Closed Mon. 12/22 - Thur 12/25. Re-opens Fri 12/26 at 6 a.m. Happy Holidays! 19218 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms. (313)882-4475.

### "Russell Street Antiques"

In Detroit's Historic Eastern Market

Jewelry, African Art, Linens, Tools and Sports, Vinyls, Primitive, 50's Items, Art Work, Fine Furniture, European Items, Decorative Items and Gift Ideas. Arriving soon - Fun Fine Funky Fashions ...at 2461 Russel Street in Eastern Market, 313-566-0134, Wed & Thurs 11-4, Fri 11-5, Sat 9-5.

### LAMIA & LAMIA

SALON AND DAY SPA

#### HALF OFF SPECIAL

Call for an appointment and receive 1/2 OFF on your hair service with Christina or Patrina, and 1/2 OFF nail service with Diane. Present offer to receive 50% OFF your service. Now thru January 10, 2004. ...at 19653 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, (313)884-1710

### Tired of putting on makeup everyday???

Grosse Pointe Intradermal Associates invites you to explore the advantages of PERMANENT MAKEUP! Eyebrow replacement and enhancement, eyeliner, eyelash enhancement, full lip color. Also post-mastectomy pigment restoration. Call now for a FREE CONSULTATION, 313-881-6309



Serving the finest fresh seafood, Angus steaks, sandwiches, liquors and wines.

FREE SHUTTLE TO THE "JOE" EVERY RED WINGS HOME GAME

FREE SHUTTLE TO FORD FIELD EVERY LIONS HOME GAME (Brunch starts early for home games - 10:30 a.m.)

#### \* 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.

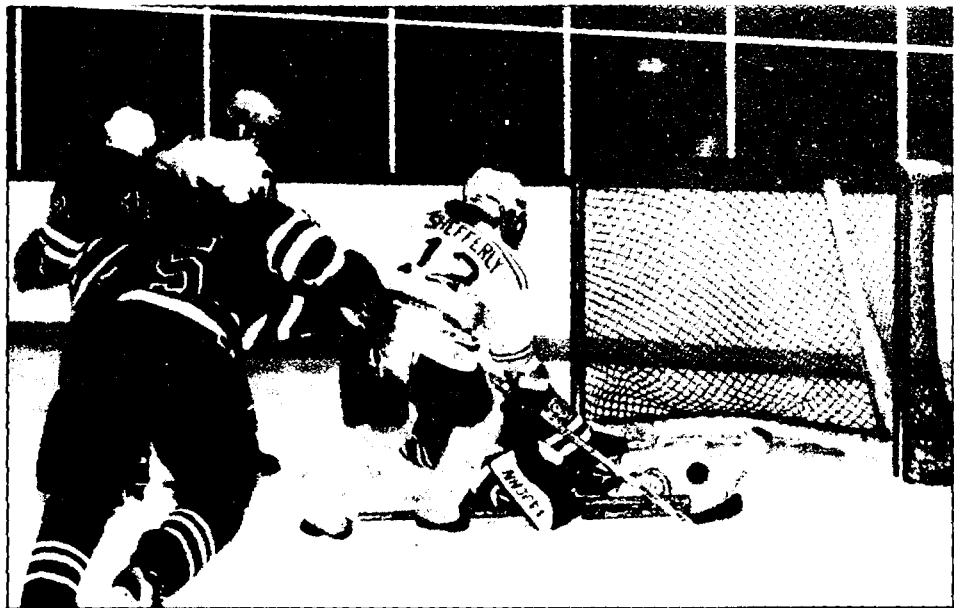
#### SINDBAD'S "SOHAR" ROOM

Is our upstairs river front panoramic room with an open deck. Perfect for your private parties and special occasions. Call (313)822-7817 for more information at 100 St. Clair on-the-River.

[www.sindbads.com](http://www.sindbads.com)

To advertise in this column call (313) 343-5582

December 25, 2003



Emily Shefferly scores one of Grosse Pointe South's goals in its victory over Cranbrook Kingswood.

## South girls nip Cranbrook

The latest chapter in the Grosse Pointe South-Cranbrook Kingswood girls hockey rivalry was no different than many of the previous meetings.

South won the latest installment 4-3. It marked the eighth time in the last 10 meetings between the two schools that the outcome was a tie or a one-goal margin.

And once again, the game followed the same pattern of fast and furious skating, fierce defense, excellent goaltending and back-and-forth scoring.

Last year, the teams each won twice with the Blue Devils taking the Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League regular season championship and the state title.

Two years ago, each team

won twice and a fifth meeting ended in a tie. South and Cranbrook shared the league crown and the Cranes nipped the Blue Devils 2-1 in the state championship game.

Cranbrook opened the scoring midway through the first period on a power-play goal by Julia Kazmers. Ariel Magidson's shot rebounded to Sabrina Must, who found Kazmers in front of goalie Lauren Stanek.

Stanek was playing her first complete game of the season after returning from a serious knee injury.

Stanek made several outstanding saves and the South defense of Kristin Inger, Kati Dosch, Kati Gerow and Emele Williams kept the Blue Devils within one goal for the rest of the period.

South's offense ignited in the second period as the Blue Devils scored all four of their goals.

Sarah Parker set up Stacey Campbell for the tying goal and Emily Shefferly also assisted. Parker put South ahead when she took Campbell's long cross-ice pass and caught goalie Hilary Schreiber out of position. Shefferly got an assist for her breakout pass to Campbell.

Cranbrook regained the lead on goals 15 seconds apart by Tarasai Karega and Must.

Shefferly's wrist shot that eluded Schreiber pulled South back into a tie. Campbell and Gerow collected assists.

See SOUTH, page 3C

## Here's a chance to talk baseball

Area baseball fans who are going through winter withdrawal pains are going to be in for a treat next month.

University Liggett School will host the first Talkin' Baseball program in the school's auditorium on Thursday, Jan. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. It is co-sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Redbirds Baseball Organization.

"This is for anybody who's interested in baseball," said Dan Cimini, who coaches baseball at ULS. "It's for parents, coaches, players, anyone who likes to talk baseball."

The speakers on the program are Grosse Pointe North coach Frank Sumner, Grosse Pointe South coach Dan Griesbaum, Cimini and for-

mer Tigers player Dave Bergman, who is the founder of the Grosse Pointe Redbirds.

Each of the speakers will talk for 20 minutes. The final hour will be a question-and-answer session.

"Frank and Dan are both legends among high school coaches, and Dave Bergman has done so much for the community by providing an organization where young players can develop their skills," Cimini said.

"We're fortunate in the Grosse Pointes to have people like those three teaching kids baseball."

Sumner and Griesbaum have each taken their high school teams to four final fours, and they've each coached a state championship team.

Bergman was a key member of the Tigers' 1984 World Champion squad.

Cimini has been coaching baseball for 12 years at South, ULS and with the Redbirds.

"There's going to be something for everyone, whether you're a player who wants to fine-tune your game, a coach who wants to get the best out of your players or a parent who wants to hear about baseball from an insider's view," Cimini said.

The cost of the program is \$10 if tickets are purchased before Jan. 16. Tickets paid for after Jan. 16 or at the door are \$15.

For more information on the program, contact Cimini at DCimini@uls.org.

## High-scoring pair leads Irish

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's basketball team won its second straight home game last week, beating Redford Bishop Borgess 54-42.

"It was a weird game in that we scored 29 points through the first three quarters, and 25 in the fourth quarter," head coach Don Sicko said. "It took us some time to get going, but once we took the lead our kids played well."

The Fightin' Irish trailed by three or four points throughout most of the game, but midway through the fourth period junior Darryl Clements hit a bas-

ket that gave the home team the lead for good.

"Once Darryl gave us the lead, Bishop Borgess gambled a little more and forced some quick shots," Sicko said. "Our kids made their free throws, and we were able to get the win."

Senior forward Seth Quaranta continued his solid play this season, scoring 23 points and grabbing 13 rebounds to lead the Fightin' Irish.

Clements also had a double-double, scoring 15 points and pulling down 14 rebounds, while freshman Christian Hill added 11 points for the victors.

"The guys are getting

more comfortable with their teammates," Sicko said. "Now we will be tested by two very good teams before we start our league schedule."

The Notre Dame basketball team improved to 2-1 overall.

Coming up for the Fightin' Irish is a home game on Tuesday, Dec. 30, against Detroit Redford, ranked No. 3 in Class A.

### Hockey

The Notre Dame hockey team improved to 3-0 in the Michigan Prep Hockey League (MPHL) last week.

See IRISH, page 2C

## Season's Greetings

From Your Friends at Rinke Cadillac



STK# 117972

### 2004 CADILLAC SRX

GM EMPLOYEE  
GMAC SMARTLEASE

36 MONTH LEASE

+TAX

\$3078

NON-GM EMPLOYEE  
GMAC SMARTLEASE

36 MONTH LEASE

+TAX

\$3133

\$11,459

\$14,210



STK# 135913

### 2004 SEDAN DEVILLE Fall Marketing Edition

GM EMPLOYEE  
GMAC SMARTLEASE

36 MONTH LEASE

+TAX

\$2991

NON-GM EMPLOYEE  
GMAC SMARTLEASE

36 MONTH LEASE

+TAX

\$3148

\$12,277

\$15,253



STK# 123370

### 2004 CADILLAC CTS

GM EMPLOYEE  
GMAC SMARTLEASE

36 MONTH LEASE

+TAX

\$2970

NON-GM EMPLOYEE  
GMAC SMARTLEASE

36 MONTH LEASE

+TAX

\$2951

\$9,491

\$11,835

BREAK



THROUGH

# RINKE CADILLAC

Grand Opening  
January 2, 2004

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

If traveling west on I-696, exit Hoover, follow Service Drive to RINKE.

If traveling east on I-696, exit Van Dyke, take the second bridge past Van Dyke over expressway to RINKE.

Open: Mon. 8-9 p.m. • Tues. 8-6 p.m. • Wed. 8-6 p.m. • Thurs. 8-9 p.m. • Fri. 8-6 p.m.

Visit Our Web Site: [www.rinkecadillac.com](http://www.rinkecadillac.com)

## North girls blank Northville

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team made up for a slow start with a four-goal second period as the Norsemen beat Northville 7-0 in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game.

"Northville is much stronger this season and I was really worried about how we would play," said North coach Tim Van Eckoute.

"We are a very sick team right now. I knew (Northville) would play

### Rock solid for ULS skaters

Adam Rock scored three goals to lead University Liggett School's hockey team to a 6-3 victory over Anchor Bay.

Trevor Stahl and Tommy Russell each collected a goal and an assist for the Knights, while Matt Zukas had a pair of assists.

tough and they did, holding us to one goal in the first period. Then in the second, our kids put their illness aside and fought hard."

North peppered the Mustangs' goalie with 24 shots in the second period.

Kelley Peers was solid in goal for North as she stopped all 13 shots she faced.

Kate Zemenick and

### Knights spread scoring around

University Liggett School's girls hockey team spread the scoring around last week as nine different players got goals in the Knights' 9-0 victory over Bloomfield Hills United.

Sarah Hughes, Inga Moss, Elizabeth Palmer, Krista Murray, Julie Borushko, Jordan McIlroy, Monique Squiers, Erin Deane and Kimberly Dickinson had the ULS goals.

Kristen Creager each scored twice for the Norsemen. Defenseman Maria Feldpausch had a goal and two assists, while Mindy Dunn and Christy Sandmair each had two assists.

The North players are fighting off colds, flu and pneumonia, so the Christmas break is especially welcome, Van Eckoute said.

North is 8-2 in the league and 9-3 overall. The Norsemen lead the league in shutouts and goals against.

### ULS swim team splits its meets

Katie Ricci took first in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle races to highlight the day for University Liggett School's swimming team in a 57-42 loss to Detroit Country Day.

Earlier, the Knights defeated Lakeview 88-70.



Standing in front of the Christmas tree that the Grosse Pointe Red Barons donated to St. Juliana School are in front, from left, principal John Kiley, Drew Tech, Adam St. Hilaire, Chad Tech and Pam Valencia. In back, from left, are Doug Luttenberger, Rene St. Hilaire and Karl Tech.

## Red Barons show Christmas spirit to those less fortunate

The object of the Grosse Pointe Red Barons is to

teach young people how to become good football players and good citizens.

The organization ends each season by donating toys and clothing to help those less fortunate.

This year, the players, coaches and other members of the Barons donated toys, educational aids, hats, gloves and a Christmas tree to St. Juliana Catholic School in Detroit. The donations filled two vans.

"I think this is a good lesson for our children. It shows them good citizenship," said Barons president Rene St. Hilaire. "That is why I love this event."

Beth Luttenberger, the wife of junior varsity coach Doug Luttenberger, and

Pam Valencia, a nurse at St. Juliana, came up with the idea of making the school the recipient of this year's donations.

Valencia said that the donations were a big hit.

"The principal (John Kiley) was overwhelmed," she said. "He kept shaking his head when he saw how much we were unloading. He was overwhelmed with joy."

Valencia said that St. Juliana's teachers distributed the educational toys to the children that would benefit most from them.

"There were a lot of books, educational games and flash cards. They will really help," she said.

## Trinity Catholic defeats Forten

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Trinity Catholic's boys basketball team rebounded from its first loss of the season to beat visiting Detroit Charlotte Forten Academy 65-52 last week.

"We had physical practices on Wednesday and Thursday, and the guys got the message that they have to play hard against every opponent," head coach Ed Banks said. "This was our best defensive effort of the season. Our kids rebounded well, which they didn't do in our prior game."

Ron Hildreth led the Lancers with 13 points and 11 rebounds, while Troy Jones had 11 points and Antonio Hinton grabbed 12 rebounds.

"This is the kind of effort I expect from my players," Banks said. "Our loss was disappointing, but it was a learning experience for our kids."

The host Lancers lost 57-56 to University Liggett School when the Knights hit two free throws with no time left on the clock to win the game.

"We should have never

been in that situation, but our kids didn't come to play and Liggett did," Banks said. "Our rebounding was horrible."

Hildreth had 13 points to lead the Lancers, followed by Jones and Quinton Washington with 10 points apiece.

The Trinity Catholic basketball team fell to 3-1 overall.

## Eagles defeat Cardinals

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

The Lutheran East boys basketball team beat host Marine City Cardinal Mooney 40-35 last week, improving to 2-2 overall.

"Our kids played a good game on the road," head coach Joe Beck said. "Both of our teams did a good job."

The Eagles led 25-23 at the half, and had to withstand the Cardinals' comeback attempts throughout the second half.

Senior Robert Carlisle dominated the game, scoring 14 points and grabbing 16 rebounds, while senior Matt Johnston had 16 points.

East's junior varsity squad also beat Cardinal Mooney, winning 42-18 as sophomore Jamal Woods had 15 points and 10 rebounds, and sophomore Steven Johnston had 13 points and six assists.

### Wrestling

Chris Jurczak earned a sixth-place medal in last weekend's Macomb County wrestling tournament at Anchor Bay High School.

Jurczak lost a 12-5 decision to Anchor Bay's Joel Trombley, competing in the 112-pound class.

Others who wrestled well were Graham Vanpieterson, Steve Lyon, Adam Lyon, Brendan Kelso, Alex Goetz, Quentin Parker, Matthew Goetz and Justin Sommer.

## Irish

From page 1C

beating Birmingham Detroit Country Day 4-1.

"The guys played well," head coach Kevin McKay said. "We're starting to find some combinations of players that work well on each line, and that will only make us a deeper team."

Seniors Chris Small, John VanOenen, Jason McBride and Steve Pokorski each scored a goal to lead the Fightin' Irish.

"All of our lines are contributing," McKay said. "We have to distribute our scoring because we don't want to lose due to our top line getting shut down."

The Notre Dame hockey team improved to 5-5 overall.

Next for the Fightin' Irish is a home game on Monday, Jan. 5, against Allen Park Cabrini.



# CASH BACK BONUS BLITZ!

**NO Payments & Interest 'til 2005\***

**\$20 to \$100**  
GE Factory Rebates!\*

with the purchase of a qualifying GE or GE Profile™ Stainless Steel Appliance.

**\$50 to \$300**  
Bonus Package Rebates!\*

with the purchase of 2 to 5 qualifying GE Profile™ Appliances.

**FREE 3-MONTH SUPPLY OF TIDE® HE**

**\$100 REBATE**



**NO Payments or Interest 'til 2005!**

**GE Profile Harmony™ 4.0 Cu. Ft. Capacity King-Size Washer with Stainless Steel Basket & Matching Dryer**

- Full electronic controls with touchscreen — Wash clothes your way, whether it's by color, fabric or garment
- ENERGY STAR® Qualification — Means less energy waste and lower utility bills

#WPGT9350CL / #DPGT750ECWW

**GE 25 Cu. Ft. Side-by-Side Refrigerator with CleanSteel™ Finish**

- Stainless Steel Finish without the fingerprints!
- Adjustable SpillProof Glass Shelves
- Upfront Electronic Touch Temperature Controls
- Tall LightTouch! Water Dispenser

#GSL25JFP

**\$999**

**GE 1.4 Cu. Ft. Over-The-Range Microwave Oven**

- 950 Watts
- Turntable and Removable Oven Rack
- Electronic Scrolling Digital Display

#JVM1440

**\$299**

**GE Free-Standing Self-Cleaning Gas Range**

- Warming Drawer
- Extra-Large Oven Capacity
- TrueTemp™ System

#JGBP85BEH

**\$50 REBATE**

**GE Stainless Steel Smooth Top Self-Cleaning Electric Range**

- Digital Temperature Display
- Hot Surface Indicator Lights

#JBP66SEH

**GE Stainless Steel Self-Clean Gas Range**

- Extra Large Oven
- QuickSet III Controls

#JGBP28SEH

**Your Choice: \$699**

**NEW LOW PRICE!**

**\$30 REBATE**

**GE Triton™ XL Built-In Dishwasher**

- Energy Star® qualified
- Tall-Over-Tall™ towerless rack system
- QuietPower™ IV sound package

#GSD6900

# BRUNOS

## APPLIANCE • TV

**SERVING THE EASTSIDE FOR OVER 50 YEARS**

23118 HARPER AVE. (NEAR 9 MILE) • ST. CLAIR SHORES

**(586) 778-4520**

11800 EAST ELEVEN MILE (NEAR HOOVER) • WARREN, MI

**(586) 759-0366**

**7 Billion Dollar Buying Power!**

We are the largest appliance retailer in the Detroit area. We have over 100 years of experience. We are the only place you can get everything you need for your home. We are the only place you can get everything you need for your home. We are the only place you can get everything you need for your home.

**Manhattan Streamroller Music Video DVD**

20 of Late Mug and Cocoa Mugs with purchase of select items. While Supplies Last.

**FREE!**



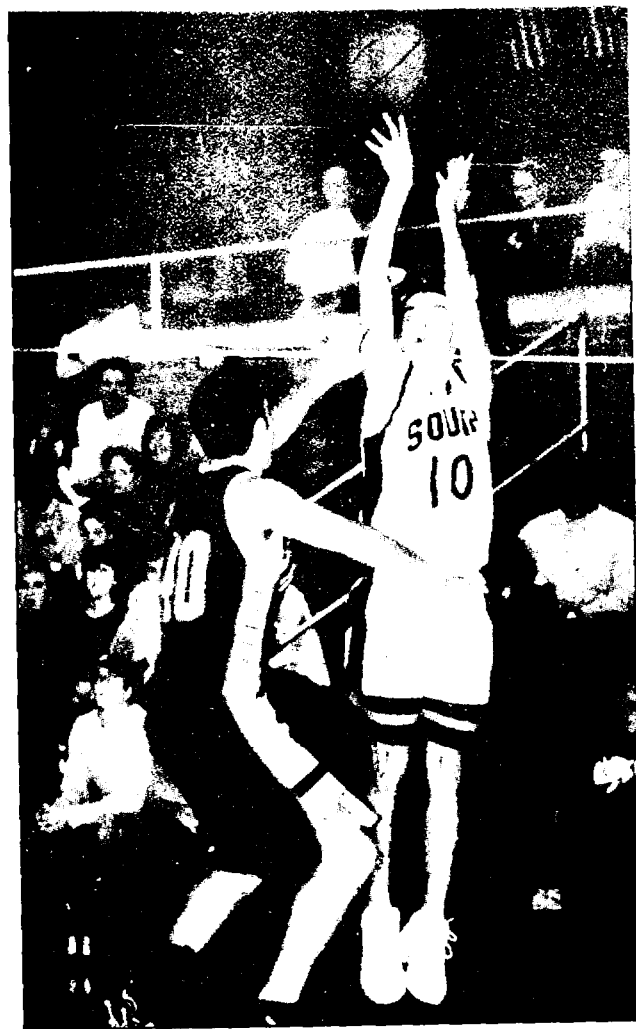


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

Grosse Pointe South's Christian Conroy goes up for a shot against Marine City.

## South takes a step back in second game

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South basketball coach George Petrouleas was expecting good things from his team last week when they played their home opener against Marine City.

Instead, he got a huge disappointment.

"Usually a team makes its most progress from the first game to the second, but we regressed," Petrouleas said after the Blue Devils lost the Macomb Area Conference crossover game 62-44.

"I thought we'd play well because I saw some positive things in our first game (a three-point loss to Notre Dame), but we had nothing going for us tonight."

The Mariners led 19-3 after the first quarter, and that pretty much told the story of the game.

South started the second quarter with a 9-2 run, but Marine City scored the last 10 points of the first half and held a 36-16 lead at halftime.

"They wanted it more than we did," Petrouleas said. "They were more aggressive going to the boards and getting after loose balls. We just stood around and watched them."

## Griesbaum school offers players a choice

Youngsters attending the winter session of the Dan Griesbaum Baseball School next month won't have to decide whether they want to be pitchers or hitters.

"Last year, the students had to decide whether to attend the hitting camp or the pitching camp," said Griesbaum, the longtime Grosse Pointe South baseball coach who is co-director of the camp, along with Matt Reno.

"We had a lot of kids who said that they'd like to go to both, so we're letting them do that this year. They can go to one on Saturday and the other on Sunday. Or they can go both days to the same one."

The school, which will be held in the South gymnasiums on Jan. 10 and 11, will run from 3 to 6 p.m. each day. The cost is \$45 per day, but if a player decides to attend both days, the cost is only \$80.

The camp is open to players in grades three through eight. Instructors are high school coaches and players.

School brochures are available at South and at the Neighborhood Club. Or

They outthrustled us and outscrapped us."

The final rebounding statistics bear that out. Marine City held a 40-23 rebounding advantage with center Kyle Pelzer leading the way with 13. Pelzer also scored 28 points, including 18 in the first half. All of his points came in the first three quarters.

Whenever South would make a run, Pelzer would step up for Marine City. Pelzer had the first seven points in the Mariners' 10-0 run at the end of the first half, and when the Blue Devils scored six straight points in the third quarter to cut the lead to 42-26, Pelzer answered with six straight points.

"We have to stop people inside," Petrouleas said, noting that Notre Dame's Seth Quaranta scored 22 points in the previous game.

"We're also getting beat off the dribble. And when you dig as deep a hole as we did for ourselves, all the things you do wrong are magnified."

Kyle Bruen and Eddie Beal each scored nine points for South. Dave DeBoer had six rebounds and Bruen pulled down five.

they can be obtained by calling Griesbaum at (313) 884-7834 or Reno at (313) 886-5537.

Registration must be in by Wednesday, Jan. 7. There is no registration at the door.

## GPHA house league results

### PEE WEE HOUSE Mount Clemens Eagles 5, Ducks 0

Goals: Goke 2, Shepard, Terrenz, Picorelli (Eagles).  
Assists: Colangelo, Graham, Wickersham, Nicholson, Sullivan (Eagles).

Comments: The Eagles scored twice in each of the first two periods, but the Ducks' defense tightened in the third period. Robert Brown and Justin Callert played well for the Ducks.

### Mount Clemens River Rats 7, Ducks 2

Goals: Josh Turksky 3, Zac Chamberlin, Tyler Gizonki 2, Brad Taverkoff (River Rats); Justin Callert, Matt Halse (Ducks).

Assists: Thomas Shields, Alex Dane, Jake Gorman (Ducks).

Comments: The River Rats scored four power-play goals in the second period to break a 1-1 tie. Tommy Klimkowski and Kurt Hollerbach played well for the Ducks.

## North splits a pair in Hockey Showcase

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Last weekend's High School Hockey Showcase lived up to its billing.

"There was some great hockey, a lot of good teams," said Grosse Pointe North coach Scott Lock, whose team came away from the event at Trenton with a win and a loss.

"We had a chance to win both of our games. We played good solid team hockey in both of them."

North came back from a 2-0 deficit to beat University of Detroit Jesuit 3-2 in the first game, then the Norsemen dropped a 5-4 decision to Detroit Catholic Central.

Both games counted in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League standings.

U-D jumped out to a 2-0 lead early in the first period,

but North got one back late in the period when Julian Horrie scored on a power play.

Eric Dloski tied the score in the second period and Robbie Ireland's first high school goal turned out to be the game winner in the third period.

Ireland scored with about six minutes left in the game.

"U-D got a couple of weird goals, but we never got down and fought back," Lock said.

Shaun Fulton had a pair of assists for North. Eddie Tropp also played a strong game. Goalie Jordan Zielke was outstanding in the last two periods.

North started slowly against defending league and state Division I champion Catholic Central. The Shamrocks outshot the Norsemen 12-5, but the first period was scoreless.

Peter Watson scored his first goal for North to give the Norsemen the lead, but CC scored after a faceoff and the Shamrocks broke the tie after intercepting a bad clearing pass by North.

CC made it 3-1 at the 11-second mark of the third period, but North kept fighting back. Peter Baratta scored to cut the lead to one, but the Shamrocks scored on a rebound to go back up by two.

Fulton scored the first of his two goals for North to make it 4-3, but CC answered with a goal moments later.

Fulton cut the lead back to one with a power-play goal. The Norsemen pulled Zielke for an extra attacker with a minute and a half left in the period, but couldn't get the equalizer.

"It was a good, clean hock-

ey game," Lock said. "There was only one penalty in the whole game."

"Once we got through the first period we played well. I think the kids played so hard the night before to come back against U-D, that it took a while to get going. Once we did, we really got going."

Baratta, who played a solid game, Bobby Scarfone and Tropp had assists for North.

"Our defense was really solid in these two games," Lock said. "Shawn Hunter, Jimmy Solomon, Drew Davis and Julian Horrie played well."

North is idle until it travels to Marquette for games against Marquette and Negaunee on Jan. 2 and 3.

## South suffers first two hockey defeats

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's hockey program has been successful for so many years that it has earned respect around the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League.

That respect means that teams are always prepared to give their best effort against the Blue Devils. It also means that South can't afford anything less than its best.

"I know that teams are going to be ready to play us, but sometimes the kids don't always realize that," said Blue Devils coach Bob Bopp after South suffered its first two defeats last week, losing to Woodhaven and Ann Arbor Pioneer by identical 3-2 scores.

"We didn't come to play in the first period against Woodhaven and they came out like it was game seven of the Stanley Cup finals. We looked like we didn't even want to be there. We were slow and we weren't playing the body."

Woodhaven scored on a breakaway 19 seconds into the game to put the Blue Devils behind for the first time this season. South's Joey Parke tied the score on a power play midway through the first period.

Parke's goal featured some fine passing from Anthony Swancoat and Sean O'Brien, who collected

the assists.

South stepped up its game in the second period and outshot the Warriors 12-5, but Woodhaven scored the only two goals at 7:07 and 7:21.

Robbie Barrett brought the Blue Devils within one on an unassisted power-play goal at 9:29 of the third period. Barrett skated behind the net and scored on a wrap around.

"We worked hard in the period and carried the play but Woodhaven was content to grab everything that moved," Bopp said.

The Warriors got away with the clutching and grabbing and South was unable to convert its chances.

David Hollidge made his first varsity start for the Blue Devils and played well.

"After giving up a breakaway goal so early in the game he stayed very confident and made some good saves," Bopp said. "I don't think he could be faulted on any of the three goals they scored."

South also gave up an early goal against Pioneer, which came into the game undefeated. The goal was a deflection off one of the Blue Devils' skates.

"This was a really fast and physical game between two very good teams," Bopp said. "One of the referees told me

that this game was a pleasure to work. He said it was high school hockey the way it used to be."

Bopp said that he felt the Pioneers had a slight edge in the first period, but South picked up the pace once again in the second.

Tom Porter tied the game, assisted by Brian Gatloff and Barrett, at 1:20 of the second period, but Pioneer regained the lead less than a minute later.

Parke tied the game again with a power-play goal assisted by Swancoat and Trey Shield with a little over five minutes left in the second period.

"I was pleased with the way we were playing and I thought we had a good chance to come out of the game with a point," Bopp said.

However, another deflection at 4:02 of the third period gave the Pioneers the victory.

"They made a pass that deflected off one of our player's skates again," Bopp said. "It wasn't even a shot on goal. It was a tough game to lose, but a great game to watch."

Bopp found several positives in the defeats.

"In both games our power-play breakout worked really well," Bopp said. "Joey Parke has been at his best in the last two games."

## Pioneers' win over Bethesda highlighted by triple-double

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Senior Bruce Mosely's triple-double propelled the Harper Woods boys basketball team to an easy 84-51 win over host Warren Bethesda Christian last week.

"We jumped out to an early lead and stretched it to 25 at the half," head coach Loren Ristovski said. "Bruce dominated the game from the point, and he got everyone involved in the flow of the game."

Mosely had 18 points, 11 assists and 12 steals to lead the Pioneers, which improved to 2-1 overall.

Coming up for the Pioneers is an away game on Tuesday, Dec. 30, against Lake Shore.

### Volleyball

Laura Bock lost her head coaching debut last week when her Harper Woods girls volleyball team fell 6-15, 15-13, 2-15 to host Warren Lincoln.

"It was a good match," Bock said. "We have more potential than what we showed, and we had two starters who were out sick who would have helped."

Bock's veteran squad of Becky Nanni, Crystal Norman, Jade King, Maria Mahon, Natalie Barranca, August Bragg, Sally Smolinski, Bridget Wagner

and Angela Wierszewski gave the Abes all they could handle, but the Pioneers ran out of gas in the third and deciding game.

"The girls were nervous in the first game, but they did a great job in the second game," Bock said. "Our serving has been fantastic, but we need to work on our serve receive during the break."

The Pioneers fell to 0-1 overall and will have two weeks to prepare for the New Haven Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 10.

### Wrestling

Harper Woods senior Jeremy Myers earned a silver medal in the 275-pound class in last weekend's Macomb County wrestling tournament at Anchor Bay High School.

Myers lost a 9-7 decision to Port Huron Northern's Kenny Bluska in the championship match, pitting the top two seeds at the weight class.

"Jeremy missed the entire week of school; so he wasn't in the shape he should have been in, but he still wrestled well," head coach Adam Schiell said. "Jeremy knows he can compete against the best, and he doesn't back down from anyone."

Senior Adam DiGiovanni (171 pounds) lost by injury default to take a sixth-place

medal, and senior Bobby Monaghan (125 pounds) lost a 7-1 decision to earn an eighth-place medal.

DiGiovanni took an elbow to an eye in his consolation semifinal match, and an elbow to his nose, which drew blood.

He was leading his medal match, but ran out of blood-time, and was forced to end it prematurely.

"Adam was disappointed because he was winning, but I think it is more important for him to allow his injuries to heal during the holiday break," Schiell said. "We will use these two weeks to practice and heal our injured wrestlers."

Other standouts for the Pioneers were Kevin Sparks (3-2 overall), Jeff Bertges (2-2), Jake Bertges (2-2), Jeff Orjeda (2-2) and Keith Neal (2-2).

As a team, the Pioneers finished 15th out of 35 squads.

"We were only two spots from our best-ever team finish at 13th," Schiell said. "Our kids wrestled their way out of trouble in a few matches to earn points, which was great to see. This group is learning."

The Harper Woods wrestling team's next action is Saturday, Jan. 10, competing in the Burton-Bendle Tournament.

Forwards like Robbie Barrett, Anthony Swancoat and Brian Gatloff have been showing some great offense, and our defensemen are playing with a lot of confidence."

Mark Grignon played another strong game in goal for South, turning away 22 shots.

"We need to score a few more goals, but with the way Mark plays we don't need to score many to win games," Bopp said.

South, which is 6-2, hasn't played a home game yet this season. That will end on Jan. 3 when the Blue Devils host a strong Davison team at the City Sports Arena.

## South

From page 1C

Megan McCaughey broke the 3-3 deadlock in the final minute of the second period when her shot from the blue line hit the left post and trickled over the goal line.

Defense took over in the scoreless third period and Schreiber and Stanek each stopped 12 shots. Cranbrook pulled Schreiber for an extra attacker in the final minute, but the Cranes weren't able to get the equalizer as Stanek stopped a shot at the buzzer.

South might have had a slight letdown after the emotional win over Cranbrook because the Blue Devils started slowly the next night, but used a five-goal second period to defeat Port Huron 7-4.

Hilliary Inger scored all three of her goals in the second period, and Campbell scored twice as South overcame a 3-2 deficit after the opening period.

Port Huron, which joined the league three years ago, have improved steadily, and are capable of challenging the top teams in the league.

The Rebels controlled play in the first period and got goals from Shanya Hart, Kyra Meyers and Meg Quinn. McCaughey and Kristin Inger scored for South in the opening period.

Ashley Hinton scored a goal for Port Huron in the second period, but neither was able to muster much of an attack in the third period as they each had five shots.

South's defense kept the Rebels out of their offensive zone for most of the final period.

Slow starts and strong finishes have been a pattern for the Blue Devils all season.

In seven games, South has outscored its opponents 25-3 in the second period, and the Blue Devils have allowed only one third-period goal.

Whitney Hughes, Stanek and Maggie O'Brien each took a turn in goal for South in the game.

Shefferly and Amanda Marsh each had three assists, while Campbell, Amelia Altavenna, Kristin Inger, McCaughey and Parker each collected one.

313-882-6900 ext 3

# CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RENTALS & LAND FOR SALE INDEX

FAX: 313-343-5569

http://grossepointenews.com

## DEADLINES

## HOMES FOR SALE

Photos, Art, Logos - FRIDAYS 12 PM  
Word Ads - MONDAYS 4 PM

Open Sunday and - MONDAYS 4 PM

(Call for Holiday close dates)

## RENTALS &amp; LAND FOR SALE

TUESDAY 12 NOON

## CLASSIFIEDS (ALL OTHER CLASSIFICATIONS)

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 &amp; PRICES:

Word Ads: 12 words - \$17.75;

additional words: 65¢ each.

Abbreviations not accepted.

Measured Ads: \$29.40 per column inch

Border Ads: \$32.85 per column inch

Photo Scans: \$5.00 each (includes web sent)

Email: JPEG photos only.

FREQUENCY DISCOUNTS: given for  
multi-week scheduled advertising, with  
prepayment or credit 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 error is  
limited to either a cancellation of the charge or a  
re-run 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.

## REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

- 700 Apts/Flats/Duplex—  
Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods
- 701 Apts/Flats/Duplex—  
Detroit/Balance Wayne County
- 702 Apts/Flats/Duplex—  
St. Clair Shores/Macomb County
- 703 Apts/Flats/Duplex—  
Wanted to Rent
- 704 Houses—St. Clair County
- 705 Houses—Grosse Pointe/  
Harper Woods
- 706 Detroit/Balance Wayne County
- 707 Houses—St. Clair Shores/  
Macomb County
- 708 Houses Wanted to Rent

- 709 Townhouses/Condos For Rent
- 710 Townhouses/Condos Wanted
- 711 Garages/Mini Storage For Rent
- 712 Garages/Mini Storage Wanted
- 713 Industrial/Warehouse Rental
- 714 Living Quarters to Share
- 715 Motor Homes For Rent
- 716 Offices/Commercial For Rent
- 717 Offices/Commercial Wanted
- 718 Property Management
- 719 Rent with Option to Buy
- 720 Rooms for Rent
- 721 Vacation Rental—Florida
- 722 Vacation Rental—Out of State
- 723 Vacation Rental—  
Northern Michigan

- 724 Vacation Rental—Resort
- 725 Rentals/Leasing  
North Michigan
- 726 Waterfront Rental

## HOMES FOR SALE

\*See our Magazine Section "Your Home"  
for all Classified Real Estate ads.

## LAND FOR SALE

- 802 Commercial Property
- 806 Florida Property
- 807 Investment Property
- 809 Waterfront Lots
- 811 Lots For Sale

- 814 Northern Michigan Lots
- 815 Out of State Property
- 816 Real Estate Exchange
- 817 Real Estate Wanted
- 818 Sale or Lease
- 819 Cemetery Lots
- 820 Businesses for Sale
- 822 Vacation Properties

OVER 40,000  
WEEKLY READERS OF THE  
GROSSE POINTE NEWS,  
ST. CLAIR SHORES  
CONNECTION & POINTE  
OF PURCHASE PLUS THE  
"WORLD" ON THE  
INTERNET

## HOLIDAY DEADLINES

Classified Real Estate for Sale ~ YourHome

Both \*December 25, 2003 and \*January 1, 2004 issues

Deadline: Photos, Art, Display ads: Thursday Dec. 18 12n

Word Ads: Friday, Dec. 19, 4pm

## General Classifieds

December 25, 2003 issue Deadline: Monday, Dec. 22, 12n

January 1, 2004 issue Deadline: Monday, Dec. 29, 12n

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon., Tues., Dec. 22, 23, 8am-5pm

Wed. Dec. 24, 8am-12n

Thu., Dec. 25, Closed Fri. Dec. 26, 8am-5pm

Mon., Tues., Dec. 29, 30, 8am-5pm

Wed. Dec. 31, 8am-12n

Thu., Jan. 1, Closed Fri. Jan. 2, 8am-5pm

700 APTS/FLATS/DUPLEX  
POINTE/HARPER WOODS

1037 Lakepointe,  
Grosse Pointe Park.  
Spacious 2 bedroom  
upper, living room,  
dining room, stove &  
refrigerator included,  
separate basement  
storage. \$750. Shown  
by appointment. New  
Clam Investment Co.,  
(313)884-6861

1137 Maryland, cute 2  
bedroom, 1 bath,  
washer, dryer, gar-  
age, non-smoking/  
pets. \$750. (313)587-  
1185

1234 Beaconsfield-  
Large one bedroom  
upper. \$650, includes  
cable, heat, garage  
parking, washer, dry-  
er, storage room, fur-  
nished or unfurnished.  
(313)378-5345

1444 Beaconsfield-  
Newly renovated, 1  
bedroom upper flat,  
with balcony. Fully  
carpeted. Garage,  
laundry. \$650/month.  
(313)882-1331

492 Neff, 3 bedroom, 2  
1/2 bath. Townhouse.  
Air, garage, deck.  
\$1,350. 313-882-1001

700 APTS/FLATS/DUPLEX  
POINTE/HARPER WOODS

526 St. Clair, completely  
renovated upper 2  
bedroom. \$850. New  
kitchen, all applian-  
ces, hardwood floors.  
Call Bill, (313)882-  
5200

556 Neff, large 3 bed-  
room flat, central air,  
natural fireplace,  
hardwood floors, new  
windows. \$1,295/  
month. John.  
(313)407-4300

819 Beaconsfield- 2  
bedroom lower flat.  
Available immediately.  
\$600/month. Laundry  
included. (313)417-3812

874 Nottingham, 2 bed-  
room upper, new car-  
peting, basement with  
washer/dryer. \$600.  
(313)882-2688

BEACONSFIELD, 1084,  
2 bedroom upper,  
newer carpeting/  
hardwood/ windows,  
off street parking, re-  
decorated. No pets/  
smoking. Includes  
heat. \$675/ month.  
(313)882-8448

700 APTS/FLATS/DUPLEX  
POINTE/HARPER WOODS

BEACONSFIELD, south  
of Jefferson. Clean  
upper 2 bedroom.  
\$575. 313-881-5618

CARRIAGE house-  
Lakeshore Drive. No  
pets/ smoking. Single  
occupancy. \$2,200/  
month. 313-884-5374

FURNISHED, Rivard-  
short term available. 2  
and 3 bedroom units.  
Fully equipped with  
phone and cable, all  
furnishings. 3 month  
minimum from \$1,400.

GROSSE Pointe City-  
two bedroom town-  
house. Hardwood  
floors. Basement.  
\$750/ month.  
(313)499-1694

GROSSE Pointe Farms  
carriage house. Love-  
ly private wooded set-  
ting. Beautifully fur-  
nished 2 bedroom.  
\$1,200/ month.  
(313)882-3965

TWO bedroom lower  
flat, east of 94, south  
of 8 mile. Immediate  
occupancy. (586)773-  
1872

700 APTS/FLATS/DUPLEX  
POINTE/HARPER WOODS

HARCOURT, large 3  
bedroom, 2 1/2 bath  
townhouse. Living  
room with fireplace,  
new kitchen. \$1,350.  
313-884-0501

HEART of the Farms-  
Charming 1 bedroom  
flat. Appliances,  
washer, dryer includ-  
ed. No pets. \$675/  
month. 313-882-3756

LARGE 2 bedroom upper,  
Wayburn, off  
street parking. \$650  
month plus security.  
Immediate occupan-  
cy. (313)884-9060

LOWER & upper spaci-  
ous 2 bedrooms.  
Grosse Pointe Park,  
870 Nottingham. Re-  
furnished hardwood  
floors, appliances,  
storage available.  
\$625/ month. 1st  
month- rent free!  
(586)212-0759

MARYLAND, upper 1  
bedroom. Sub lease  
till September 2004.  
(313)587-1924

MARYLAND- large,  
newer upper flat.  
Sharp 2 bedroom, air,  
washer, dryer, dish-  
washer, private base-  
ment. Snow & lawn  
service included.  
\$750. (313)510-8259

NEFF Lane Apartment-  
2 bedroom, 1 bath,  
central air, close to  
Village, carport, base-  
ment, lease, no pets.  
\$725/ month.  
(313)882-9972

RIVARD- upper town-  
house, 2 bedroom.  
Offers new carpeting,  
new decor, new win-  
dows, garage, base-  
ment. \$950/ month.  
Cathy Champion, Bol-  
ton- Johnston,  
(313)884-6400,  
(313)549-0036

701 APTS/FLATS/DUPLEX  
DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY

2 bedroom apartment  
\$450/ month. Close to  
Grosse Pointe.  
(313)885-3410

ALTER/ Charlevoix- 1  
bedroom, \$390. Stu-  
dio. \$360. Includes  
heat, appliances,  
parking. (313)885-  
0031

CADIEUX- Bluehill;  
Denver. Spacious  
\$525. 1 bedroom, ex-  
tra large, clean. Credit  
check. (313)882-4132

MUST see 1 to 3 bed-  
room flats in Alter/ Jef-  
ferson area. Hard-  
wood floors, off street  
parking. Starting at  
\$500/ month. 313-  
331-6180

ST. John area. 1 bed-  
room upper, applian-  
ces. \$550/ month.  
Credit check.  
(313)655-7826

702 APTS/FLATS/DUPLEX  
S.C.S./MACOMB COUNTY

13 Mile/ Mack, 2 bed-  
room townhouse, ga-  
rage, appliances.  
Available now. \$750.  
(313)885-0031

BEAUTIFUL 1 bedroom  
upper, hardwood  
floors, carpet. \$550. 9/  
I-94. (313)884-9132

LAKESHORE Village-  
two bedroom end unit  
townhouse. New  
kitchen. Hardwood  
floors. \$850/ month.  
(248)840-5673

705 HOUSES FOR RENT  
POINTE/HARPER WOODS

1259 Wayburn, Grosse  
Pointe schools. 3 bed-  
room, 2 car garage, 2  
1/2 bath, air, all new  
upgrades, water in-  
cluded. \$1,000/  
month. 313-402-8302

1403 Hampton, 4 bed-  
rooms, 2 baths, air.  
\$1,250/ month.  
(313)881-8321

2013 Vernier, 3 bed-  
room, 1 1/2 baths, ap-  
pliances, \$895/  
month. (586)412-  
5930, (313)886-5255

604 Notre Dame. Quaint  
2 bedroom home.  
Great room with fire-  
place, stove & refrig-  
erator included, ga-  
rage, walking distance  
to Village. \$850.  
Shown by appoint-  
ment, New Clam In-  
vestment Co.,  
(313)884-6861

DUPLEX- 2 bedroom,  
central air, basement,  
22122 Moross. \$850.  
Section 8 OK.  
(313)343-0622.

GROSSE Pointe  
Woods, 1899 Beau-  
fait. 2 bedroom, 1 1/2  
bath. 2 1/2 car ga-  
rage. Basement. Ex-  
cellent condition.  
\$1,200. 586-498-5772

GROSSE Pointe  
Woods, 2331 Allard. 3  
bedroom, 2 full baths.  
Newly painted and  
carpeted. Great kitch-  
en. Appliances includ-  
ed. Fireplace, air,  
fenced yard. Available  
now. \$1,150. 313-  
492-6217

GROSSE Pointe  
Woods, lovely house,  
3 bedroom ranch, all  
immanities. Quiet cul-  
de-sac in the best of  
the Woods. \$1,625/  
month. (313)492-6217

HARPER Woods, 20229  
Elkhart. Beautiful 3  
bedroom bungalow,  
appliances, central  
air, finished base-  
ment, 2 car garage.  
\$950/ month.  
(248)755-2084

HARPER Woods, 20341  
Ridgemont. 1/ 2 bed-  
room. \$600 month.  
Available immediately  
(313)319-9921

706 HOUSES FOR RENT  
DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY

MOROSS- Chandler  
Park Drive, 2 bed-  
room, new floors, ga-  
rage, appliances.  
\$575- \$725. (313)882-  
4132

SECTION 8 beauty! 3  
bedroom brick ranch.  
2 baths, garage.  
Clean. 5384 Hereford,  
Detroit. (313)527-  
6916

707 HOUSES FOR RENT/  
S.C.S./MACOMB COUNTY

ROSEVILLE- 11 1/2 &  
Gratiot, 3 bedrooms,  
basement, family  
room, fenced yard, no  
garage. Immediate.  
\$895. (313)885-0197

ST. Clair Shores 3 bed-  
room, garage, appli-  
ances, central air,  
hardwood floors.  
\$915. (313)885-0197

ST. Clair Shores home, 3  
bedroom, all appli-  
ances, good location.  
\$850. (586)776-1553

ST. Clair Shores, 22465  
Revere- on canal with  
dockage, updates and  
immaculate 4 bed-  
rooms, 2 full & 3 half  
baths, 2500 sq. ft.  
Built 1989. Steel sea  
wall with boat hoist.  
\$2500 per month. Call  
Susan Stewart, 313-  
881-4050 or Kessler  
and Company,  
(248)643-9099

ST. Clair Shores- 2+  
bedroom, newer car-  
peting, paint, bath &  
kitchen. Garage, pri-  
vate yard. 21513 Eliz-  
abeth. Just reduced.  
\$745. 586-773-9070

WARREN, 13549 Toe-  
pher 2 bedroom family  
room. Garage. \$650.  
January 1st.  
(313)319-9921

709 TOWNHOUSES/  
CONDOS FOR RENT

GROSSE Pointe City,  
Lakeland/ Mack. At-  
tractive one bedroom  
unfurnished condo.  
\$700/ month. Includes  
all appliances, wash-  
er, dryer, heat, air. Lo-  
cated near the Village.  
(313)640-8966

711 GARAGES/Mini  
STORAGE FOR RENT

GROSSE Pointe  
Woods, lovely house,  
3 bedroom ranch, all  
immanities. Quiet cul-  
de-sac in the best of  
the Woods. \$1,625/  
month. (313)492-6217

TIME TO PUT  
THE SUMMER  
TOYS AWAY?  
QUALITY  
PARKING &  
STORAGE  
W.ELIZABETH  
BEHIND THE  
FOX THEATER

CALL  
313-961-5926  
FOR APPOINTMENT

716 OFFICE/COMMERCIAL  
FOR RENT

2 private offices avail-  
able on Mack & Sev-  
ern. Take 1 or both.  
Call John or Bill,  
(313)882-5200

20390 Harper, upper  
suite, 2 rooms, 390  
sq. ft. total. \$425/  
month includes heat.  
(313)884-7575

FREE standing building  
up to 4,100 square  
feet. Excellent park-  
ing, high traffic street  
in Roseville. \$10/  
square foot. (586)295-  
0545

Grosse Pointe  
Woods

Office space for lease  
Whole suite and  
individual offices.  
Starting at \$375/ month,  
includes utilities

## Lucido &amp; Associates

(313)882-1010

GROSSE Pointe  
Woods. 21002 Mack  
Avenue. Office space  
available in a distin-  
guished, professional  
environment. Amen-  
ities include secretarial  
station, photocopying,  
telephone system,  
conference room,  
kitchen, Internet ac-  
cess and more. Avail-  
able January 1, 2004.  
(313)884-1234

## HARPER at VERNIER

Individual Offices

Reasonable

Rod

313-886-1763

INDIVIDUAL profes-  
sional offices and suites,  
beautifully decorated  
by Perlmutter Frie-  
wald, conveniently lo-  
cated at 10 Mile near  
I-94. If you are inter-  
ested in premium  
space, you should see  
these impressive offi-  
ces. Competitively  
priced. Many ameni-  
ties available. Call  
Barb at (586)779-  
7810

## SYNERGY for rent

20490 Harper near 8  
Mile. Easy off/ on I-  
94. Need CPA, attor-  
ney, title company,  
Mfg. Rep. Various  
sizes. Large parking  
lot. (313)881-4929

## 720 ROOMS FOR RENT

ROOM for rent. Woman  
only. No utilities, no  
security. \$370 month.  
(313)884-4546

721 VACATION RENTALS  
FLORIDA

FIRST class golf condo!  
Beautiful, new, quiet,  
large pool, tennis,  
close to Ft. Myers and  
Sanibel beaches.  
Weekly- \$800 or  
monthly- \$2,900. Call  
(248)608-9908

721 VACATION RENTALS  
FLORIDALAUDERDALE BY THE  
SEA, FLORIDA

2/ 2 oceanfront condo.  
Private beach, pool,  
Glorious sunrises  
and views.

January thru March.  
\$1,500 per week.  
Monthly Rates Available  
(313)885-0605

722 VACATION RENTALS  
OUT OF STATE

SANIBEL Island- Blind  
Path, 2 bedroom, 2  
bath. 2nd floor. Large  
deluxe condo, close to  
beach. call after 7pm.  
for weekly rates.  
(313)882-8274

723 VACATION RENTALS  
MICHIGAN

GLEN Lake. Sleeping  
Bear Dunes. Winter  
vacation specials.  
Cathy Kegler, Broker.  
(313)881-5693.  
escape.to.theglens

HARBOR Springs- 3  
bedroom condo. Fire-  
place, minutes to ski-  
ing. Available New  
Years! (313)885-4142

HARBOR Springs- ski  
condo, sleeps 8, 2.5  
baths, (313)823-1251

LAKE Charlevoix, 3  
bedroom condo. Near  
Boysie, cross country  
skiing, onsite.  
(586)916-0015

WATERFRONT- Port  
Sanilac, 6 bedrooms,  
3 baths, sandy beach.  
\$1,500/ week.  
(313)882-5070HARBOR SPRINGS/  
PETOSKEY

Winter Sports  
Hideaway-  
minutes from Boyne  
Highlands and Nubs  
Nob ski resorts with  
the Petoskey State Park  
as your own backyard.  
Newly constructed,  
newly furnished  
cedar log-sided,  
non-smoking condo.  
3 bedrooms, 2 1/2  
baths, lower level  
recreation room,  
1 1/2 car attached  
garage. Sleeps 9.  
Available over  
the holidays.  
(231)439-5590

SAVE SOME  
CASH!

Shop the  
Classifieds  
and Save!

Classifieds  
and Save!

Classifieds  
and Save!

(313)882-6900 ext. 3

LAST  
WEEK'S  
PUZZLE  
SOLVED

IDS HIS GOLF  
GANG OCT RHEA  
ODOR EKE AMID  
RABAT YAWN  
NEW MADRID  
BTRDDOG SPICE  
ADAM NUB ATOM  
RENAL TROJANS  
BATMAN ADO  
OXEN ENJOY  
JAWS VIC EURO  
ACHE EGO STAR  
REOS RHO ELK

## ACROSS

- 1 Letter after pi  
4 Pronto, on a  
memo  
8 Pairs  
12 "the fields we  
go"  
13 Unrivaled  
14 Existed  
15 With 48-  
Across, clas-  
sic drama  
17 Mountain goat  
18 Mama Cass  
19 With 41-Across,  
news hour  
21 Give it a shot  
22 First name of  
37-Across  
26 Santiago's  
place  
29 Squid squirt  
30 Expert  
31 Slash  
32 Cauldron  
33 Meet, as  
requirements  
34 Tabloid subject  
35 Forefront  
36 Holdup  
37 15- and 48-  
Across writer  
39 Billy - Williams  
40 Time-table  
abbr.  
41 See 19-Across  
45 Prognostica-  
tor's read  
48 See 15-Across  
50 Small group

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11  
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25  
26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43







<b>408 FURNITURE</b> A bed, brand new pillow top mattress set, Queen size, \$160. Cherry sleigh bed, still boxed, never used. \$249. (586)463-9017 A bed- a queen pillow top mattress set. Never used, still in plastic, with warranty. Must sell. \$150. 586-242-7970 <b>MAHOGANY INTERIORS</b> (Fine Furniture & Antique Shop) 506 S. Washington Royal Oak, MI <b>COME IN AND DEAL</b> Friday & Saturday only Mahogany dining room, living room & bedroom. Antique & fine furniture. 248-545-4110 <b>MATTRESS</b> set- queen size orthopedic. Brand new in plastic, with warranty. Sell: \$145. 586-242-7970 <small>Classifieds: 313-882-6900 x 3</small> <small>Grosse Pointe News &amp; South Collection</small>	<b>408 FURNITURE</b> <b>WANTED</b> <b>APPLIANCES FURNITURE</b> Will Pick-Up Good Shape Only <b>(313)372-7179</b> <b>409 GARAGE/YARD/ BASEMENT SALE</b> MOVING- black leather sofa. Sony stereo CD. Solid antique oval dining table. Antique china cabinet. (313)433-0053 <b>412 MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES</b> <b>CHURCH</b> pew, \$50. (313)886-5408 <b>SMITH &amp; Wesson</b> , 9mm, model 5906 with (2) 14 round mags. \$490/ offer. (313)882-5343. (954)816-1458 <b>TORO</b> snow blowers pull start. \$150. Electric start. \$200. (313)655-7826 <small>Classifieds: 313-882-6900 x 3</small> <small>Grosse Pointe News &amp; South Collection</small>	<b>413 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS</b> <b>ABBEY PIANO CO.</b> ROYAL OAK 248-541-6116 We Buy & Sell <b>USED PIANOS</b> Consoles-Spinets Grands-Uprights <b>PIANOS WANTED</b> <b>WANTED-</b> Guitars, Banjos, Mandolins and Ukies. Local collector paying top cash! 313-886-4522 <b>415 WANTED TO BUY</b> <b>ADDUCCI-DUMOUCELLE</b> We Are Buying <b>Diamonds • Jewelry</b> (Estate, Antique, New) Immediate Payment! Artwork- Antiques- Paintings, Flatware, Silver Holloware <b>(313)300-9166</b> or 1-800-475-9166 5 Kercheval Avenue Grosse Pointe Farms <b>FINE</b> china dinnerware, sterling silver flatware and antiques. Call Jan/ Herb. (586)731-8139 <b>WE ACCEPT</b> <b>VISA</b> <b>MasterCard</b> <b>FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE</b> <small>Grosse Pointe News &amp; South Collection</small>	<b>415 WANTED TO BUY</b> <b>ALWAYS BUYING</b> fine china, sterling flatware, glass, 50's kitchenware, estate items and more. We make Housecalls! References Available <b>Sands-o-Time</b> <b>(586)790-3616</b> <b>PAYING CASH!</b> For antiques, coins, diamonds, jewelry, watches, gold, silver, paper money. <b>The Gold Shoppe</b> 22121 Gratiot Eastpointe <b>(586)774-0966</b> <b>SHOTGUNS</b> , rifles, old handguns; Parker, Browning, Winchester, Colt, Luger, others. Collector. (248)478-3437. <b>WE ACCEPT</b> <b>VISA</b> <b>MasterCard</b> <b>FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE</b> <small>Grosse Pointe News &amp; South Collection</small>	<b>416 SPORTS EQUIPMENT</b> 8' pool table (gorgeous). Brand new. Professional series, solid wood. 1" slate, leather pockets. can deliver & set-up. \$1,795. (586)465-6492 <b>ANIMALS</b> <b>500 ANIMAL ADOPT A PIT</b> 100% Ragdoll kittens, TICA, shots, vet ok. Fixed. Wormed. \$300/ \$530. (248)546-2068 <b>ADOPT</b> a retired racing greyhound. Make a fast friend! 1-800-398-4dog. Michigan Greyhound Connection <b>GROSSE</b> Pointe Animal Clinic: male white Poodle mix. 5 adult cats. (313)822-5707 <small>Classifieds: 313-882-6900 x 3</small> <small>Grosse Pointe News &amp; South Collection</small>	<b>505 LOST AND FOUND</b> <b>GROSSE</b> Pointe Animal Clinic: longhaired cat, tan/ white. White male poodle mix with rhinestone collar. Brindle Mastiff male. (313)822-5707 <b>LOST</b> male Labrador, green collar, no tags, "Carmen". Between S. Edgewood/ Lake-shore. (313)886-3542 <b>LOST-</b> large white 7 buff male cat, Ballantyne & Cook Rd. (313)881-4750. Reward. <b>602 AUTOMOTIVE FOREIGN</b> 1998 Audi A6 Quattro wagon, 60K miles, charcoal/ gray leather, loaded, excellent condition. \$15,500. (313)640-7867 <b>1997</b> Honda Prelude, black, automatic, air, power windows/ locks, moonroof. \$8,900. (586)344-8896 <b>1990</b> Volvo 240 DL, 137,000 miles. Needs work. \$1750. (313)824-2167 <b>VOLVO</b> 1991, 740 wagon, white, clean, heated seats, sunroof. \$3200. (313)884-3366 <small>Classifieds: 313-882-6900 x 3</small> <small>Grosse Pointe News &amp; South Collection</small>	<b>603 AUTOMOTIVE GENERAL MOTORS</b> 1999 Pontiac Sunfire, bright red, 2 door, automatic, moonroof, looks, runs & drives like new. 93,000 miles. \$3,500. (586)344-8896 <b>606 AUTOMOTIVE SPORT UTILITY</b> 2000 Dodge Durango V8, 4x4. Towing package. 49K miles. Well maintained. \$11,500. Lisa, (313)884-8813 1999 Land Rover Discovery. 63,000 miles. \$13,700. Excellent condition. (313)881-6771, 313-496-1000 ext. 22. 1995 Yukon. \$4,500. Runs good & newer wheels. (248)613-0997 <b>RECREATIONAL</b> <b>653 BOATS PARTS AND MAINTENANCE</b> <b>MARINE WOODWORK</b> Custom Designed & Built Cabinetry. Repairs, dry-rot. 23 Years experience. Have Portfolio & References (248)435-6048
--	--	---	--	--	--	--

# DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

<b>903 APPLIANCE REPAIRS</b> 1788 Mack- 4 executive offices, 2 adjoining suites with private bath, reception area, sunken conference room with built in shelving, kitchen, bathroom, storage. Approximately 2,000 sq. ft. Metered parking available in back lot. \$3,000. includes utilities. Shown by appointment, Jim Saros Agency, (313)886-9030 <b>GOOD</b> and reliable appliance repairs by "Promise Appliance, Inc." No extra charge for weekend or evening service. (800)895-2111 (586)465-8016 <b>WATERPROOFING</b> <b>JAMES KLEINER</b> Basement Waterproofing, Concrete, Masonry Serving G.P. for 25 years (313)885-2097 Some Classifications are required by law to be licensed. Check with proper State Agency to verify license. <b>THOMAS KLEINER</b> <b>BASEMENT WATERPROOFING</b> •Digging Method •All New Drain Tile •Light Weight 10Aslag stone backfill •Spotless Cleanup •Walls Straightened & Braced or Replaced •Foundations Underpinned •Brick & Concrete Work •20 Years Experience •10 Year Transferable Guarantee •Drainage Systems Installed Licensed & Insured <b>A-1 Quality Workmanship</b> <b>(586)296-3882</b> St. Clair Shores, MI <b>CAPIZZO CONST.</b> •BASEMENT WATERPROOFING •WALLS STRAIGHTENED AND REPLACED •10 YEAR GUARANTEE Family Business <b>LICENSED INSURED TONY</b> <b>885-0612</b> <b>911 BRICK/BLOCK WORK</b> <b>JAMES KLEINER</b> Brick/block/flagstone/ limestone/ tuckpointing. Patios, porches, walks, chimneys, walls, borders (313)885-2097 (586)552-8441 <b>SEAVER'S HOME MAINTENANCE</b> Brick repairs- porches, chimneys, steps. Mortar color matched. 24 years. Insured. (313)882-0000	<b>911 BRICK/BLOCK WORK</b> <b>SMALL</b> repairs. Tuckpointing, concrete, porches, chimney repairs. Steve Kleiner. 586-215-4661, 810-765-8602 <b>Call Now for FREE ESTIMATE</b> <b>BRICK MAGIC</b> Expert Tuckpointing & Brick Repair •Joint Restoration •Chimney & Porch Restorations •Small or Large Repairs •Mortar Color Matching 15 Years Experience <b>John Price</b> <b>313-882-0746</b> Call for Free Estimate Licensed/Insured <b>ANTONIO'S</b> Construction, 23 years experience. Everything in home improvement from ground up. (586)350-4946 <b>FIVE</b> Lakes Construction. Additions, kitchen & bathroom remodeling. Finished basements, garages. New home construction, interior/ exterior painting. All finish work. Siding, windows & more. Excellent results. References. Licensed builder, fully insured. All major credit cards accepted. (586)773-7522 <b>PRUDENTIAL</b> Building Company Inc. Bathrooms, kitchens, basement remodeling, additions. Licensed & insured. Call Frank for free estimates. (586)307-8872 <b>NED IMPASTATO</b> Master Builder Complete Home Renovations Specializing in Additions & Kitchens. Bathrooms starting at \$3,950. Marble, Ceramic & Granite Installers (313)640-1700 <b>TONGUE &amp; GROOVE</b> Construction & Remodeling Company Kitchens, additions, baths, custom trim work, bookcases, mantels. Licensed & Insured <b>Wesley Snyder</b> <b>(586)772-6911</b> <b>HADLEY</b> HOME IMPROVEMENT INCORPORATED <b>(313)886-0520</b> <b>LICENSED &amp; INSURED</b> Complete Building & Remodeling Services Residential & Commercial Kitchens • Baths Rec-Rooms • Additions •Basements Siding • Gutters •Windows Doors • Cement Work •Roofing	<b>912 BUILDING/REMODELING</b> <b>Yorkshire</b> Building & Renovation Inc. •Large & Small Additions •Kitchens •Baths •Carpentry Licensed & Insured <b>(313)881-3386</b> <b>914 CARPENTRY</b> <b>EXPERIENCED</b> carpenter. Repair floors, windows, doors, decks, porches, garage straightening. References. (586)779-7619 <b>916 CARPET INSTALLATION</b> <b>GARY'S</b> Carpet Service. Installation, re-stretching. Repairs. Carpet & pad available. 586-228-8934 <b>918 CEMENT WORK</b> <b>JAMES KLEINER</b> Driveways, patios, walks, garage floors. (313)885-2097, (586)552-8441 All masonry & basement waterproofing. <b>919 CHIMNEY CLEANING</b> <b>SAFE FLUE CHIMNEY SERVICE</b> •Chimney Cleaning •Caps and Screens Installed •Mortar and Damper Repair •Annual Removal Certified Master Sweep <b>TOM TREFFER</b> <b>(313)882-5169</b> <b>COACHLIGHT</b> CHIMNEY SWEEP CO. State Licensed 5154 Chimneys Cleaned Caps-Screens Installed Annual Removal Certified & Insured <b>885-3733</b> <b>920 CHIMNEY REPAIR</b> <b>J &amp; J CHIMNEY SYSTEMS, INC.</b> MICH. LIC. # 71-05125 Chimneys repaired, rebuilt, re-lined. Gas flues re-lined. Cleaning. Glass Block. Certified. Insured <b>(586)795-1711</b> <b>JAMES</b> Kleiner Basement Waterproofing, masonry, concrete. 25 years. Licensed Insured (313)885-2097. (586)552-8441 <b>929 DRYWALL/PLASTERING</b> <b>ANDY</b> Squires Plastering & Drywall. Stucco repair. Spray textured ceilings. (586)755-2054	<b>929 DRYWALL/PLASTERING</b> <b>LAKESHORE</b> Plaster. New wet plaster, all repairs, drywall, painting, faux finishes. (313)999-1003 <b>LOU</b> Blackwell Plastering. All types: wet plaster, cornice, cove, ornamental. 25 years. (586)776-8687 (313)658-8687 <b>PLASTER &amp; dry wall</b> repair. All types water damage. 18 years experience. Licensed, insured. Joe. (313)510-0950 <b>PLASTER &amp; drywall</b> repair and painting. Grosse Pointe references. Call Charles "Chip" Gibson. 313-884-5764 <b>PLASTER</b> repairs. Painting. Cheap! No job too small! Call anytime. Insured. (586)774-2827 <b>SEAVER'S</b> plaster, drywall, textures, painting. Electrical repairs. 24 years- Grosse Pointe. 313-882-0000. <b>FINISHING TOUCH RESTORATION</b> <b>(734)753-5883</b> <b>LICENSED &amp; INSURED</b> •Plaster Repair •Prime & Paint •Wallpaper Removal •20 Years Experience Grosse Pointe References NEAT • THOROUGH • QUALITY <b>930 ELECTRICAL SERVICES</b> <b>(586)415-0153.</b> Universal Electric. Older home specialists. Circuit breaker boxes, outdoor plugs, recessed lights, additions, all types of electrical work. Licensed, insured, owner operated. <b>CUSWORTH</b> Electric. Service upgrades, repairs, heating and cooling. Since 1965. (313)319-0888, (810)794-7232 <b>FIRST ELECTRICAL CO.</b> Licensed Master Electrical Contractor <b>(586)776-1007</b> Free Estimates Commercial/Residential Code Violations Service Upgrade Renovations Reasonable Rates <b>S &amp; J ELECTRIC</b> Residential Commercial No Job Too Small <b>313-885-2930</b> <b>It Fast</b> In The Classifieds <small>Grosse Pointe News &amp; South Collection</small>	<b>930 ELECTRICAL SERVICES</b> <b>TOMA ELECTRIC</b> <b>BOB TOMA</b> Licensed Master Electrical Contractor. <b>313-885-9595</b> Reasonable Rates Free Estimates Commercial Residential New, Repairs, Renovations, Code Violations Service Upgrade <b>934 FENCES</b> <b>MODERN FENCE</b> White Cedar Specialists Serving the Grosse Pointes since 1955 Automatic Gate Opener 29180 Gratiot, Roseville <b>(586)776-5456</b> <b>936 FLOOR SANDING/ REFINISHING</b> <b>'Innovative Hardwood'</b> Hardwood Floors-1985! Sanding-Refinishing Repairs-New installation Licensed & Insured Tim Tarpey <b>(586)772-6489</b> <b>FLOOR</b> sanding and finishing. Free estimates. Terry Yerke, 586-823-7753 <b>G &amp; G FLOOR CO.</b> Wood floors only 313-885-0257 Floors of distinction since 1964. Bob Grabowski Founder / President Licensed, insured member of The Better Business Bureau <b>Free Estimates</b> We supply, install, sand, stain and finish wood floors, new & old. Specializing in Glitsa finish. (586)778-2050 Visa, Discover & Master Card accepted <b>943 LANDSCAPERS/ GARDENERS</b> <b>A2Z</b> Outside Services. Tree removal stump grinding, snow plowing/ salting. Free estimates. (810)343-6307. (586)727-5150 <b>HEDGE &amp; shrub</b> trimming, gardening, gutter cleaning, snow removal. Lowest prices. Don. (586)350-3675 <b>943 LANDSCAPERS/ GARDENERS</b> <b>TIEDE LANDSCAPING</b> <b>COMPLETE LAWN &amp; GARDEN SERVICES</b> Cleanups • Aerating • Sod • Gutter Cleaning • Brick Pavers • Patios • Cement Work <b>COMMERCIAL SNOW PLOWING</b> <b>HOLIDAY DECORATING SPECIALISTS</b> <b>(586)773-4599</b> <b>LICENSED &amp; INSURED</b>	<b>943 LANDSCAPERS/ GARDENERS</b> <b>MAC'S TREE AND SHRUB TRIMMING</b> <b>COMPLETE WORK</b> Reasonable Rates Quality Service Call Tom <b>(586)776-4429</b> <b>STUMP</b> Raze. Stump grinding/ shrub removal. Small trees removed. Call Steve. (586)778-0419 <b>944 GUTTERS</b> <b>FAMOUS</b> Maintenance. Window & gutter cleaning. Licensed, bonded, insured since 1943. 313-884-4300 <b>SEAVER'S</b> Home Maintenance- Gutters repaired, replaced, cleaned. Roofing. 24 years. Insured. (313)882-0000 <b>HADLEY</b> HOME IMPROVEMENT INCORPORATED <b>(313)886-0520</b> <b>LICENSED &amp; INSURED</b> Complete Building & Remodeling Services Residential & Commercial Kitchens • Baths Rec-Rooms • Additions •Basements Siding • Gutters •Windows Doors • Cement Work •Roofing <b>945 HANDYMAN</b> <b>A</b> Affordable electrical, carpentry, plumbing, painting, remodeling, baths, kitchens, basements, ceramic tile, marble. Anything big or small. Mike, native Grosse Pointe. (313)438-3197, (586)773-1734 <b>AAA</b> Handyman. Interior/ exterior. Great rates. Licensed/ insured. Grosse Pointe resident. (313)670-4399 <b>CALL</b> Bud for prompt service and reasonable prices. Ceiling and drywall repairs, painting, faucets, toilets fixed, carpentry. (313)882-5886 <b>COLOR</b> Your Ad <b>(313)882-6900 ext.3</b> <small>Grosse Pointe News &amp; South Collection</small>	<b>945 HANDYMAN</b> <b>PAT THE GOPHER</b> HOME MAINTENANCE SERVICE •Small Home Repairs •Gutter Cleaning & Repairs •Small Roof Repairs •Painting Projects •TV Antenna Service •Vending & Event Installations <b>Insured</b> <b>586-774-0781</b> <b>946 HAULING &amp; MOVING</b> <b>AAA</b> Hauling. Rubbish removal, appliances, concrete, dirt. Anything houses, yards, basements, estates. We rent 10 yard dumpsters. Senior discounts. Insured. (586)778-4417 <b>MOVING-HAULING</b> Appliance removal, garage, yard, basement, cleanouts. Construction debris. Free estimates. MR. B'S 313-882-3096 586-759-0457 <b>GROSSE POINTE MOVING &amp; STORAGE</b> Local & Long Distance Agent for Global Van Lines <b>822-4400</b> •Large and Small Jobs •Pianos (our specialty) •Appliances •Saturday, Sunday Service •Senior Discounts Owned & Operated By John Steinger 11850 E. Jefferson MPSC-L 19675 Licensed - Insured <b>FREE ESTIMATES</b> <b>948 INSULATION</b> <b>INSULATION</b> Blown In Fiberglass <b>Yorkshire Building</b> <b>(313)881-3386</b> <b>954 PAINTING/DECORATING</b> <b>BRIAN'S PAINTING</b> Professional painting, interior/ exterior. Specializing all types painting, caulking, window glazing, plaster repair. Expert gold/silver leaf. All work guaranteed. Fully Insured! Free Estimates and Reasonable Rates. call: 586-778-2749 or 586-822-2078 <b>CALL</b> this week if you need painting & plaster repair for the holidays. Grace Contracting Company (586)773-3277 Ask for Paul. "Old world craftsmanship, modern methods, satisfied customers!"	<b>954 PAINTING/DECORATING</b> <b>FIREFIGHTER/</b> Painters. Interior/ exterior. Residential. Power washing, wall washing. Free estimates. (586)381-3105 <b>INTERIORS</b> <b>BY DON &amp; LYNN</b> •Husband-Wife Team •Wallpapering •Painting <b>586-776-0695</b> <b>J.L. PAINTING</b> <b>INTERIOR/EXTERIOR</b> Plaster repair Drywall cracks/ peeling paint Window putty/caulking, faux finishes. Power washing/ repainting Aluminum siding Grosse Pointe Fully Insured Free Estimates <b>313-885-0146</b> <b>JOHN'S PAINTING</b> Interior- Exterior. Specializing in repairing damaged plaster, drywall & cracks, peeling paint, faux finishes, window puttying and caulking. Also, paint old aluminum siding. All work and material guaranteed. Reasonable. Grosse Pointe references. Licensed/insured. Free estimates. 313-882-5038 <b>PAINTER-</b> Interior/ exterior. Great rates. Licensed/ insured. Grosse Pointe resident. (313)670-4399 <b>QUALITY PAINTING</b> Exterior / Interior Plaster Repairs 24 years. Insured - Neat Quality Preparation Seaver's Home Maintenance <b>(313)882-0000</b> <b>WALLPAPER REMOVAL BY TIM</b> Experienced quality work dependable, lowest price <b>586-771-4007</b> <b>957 PLUMBING &amp; INSTALLATION</b> <b>A-1</b> Affordable Plumbing Service. Large or small repairs. Licensed/ insured. 24 hour service. Free estimates. Call 586-663-1969. Credit Cards accepted. <b>COMPLETE PLUMBING SERVICE</b> <b>MARTIN VERTRETT</b> Licensed Master Plumber Grosse Pointe Woods <b>313-886-2521</b> New work repairs, renovations, water heaters, sewer cleaning, code violations. All work guaranteed. <b>DAN ROEMER PLUMBING</b> Repairs, remodeling, fixtures installed. Copper reppies. Sewers and drains. Licensed and insured. (586)772-2614
---	--	--	--	--	---	---	---

<b>957 PLUMBING &amp; INSTALLATION</b> <b>DIRECT PLUMBING &amp; DRAIN</b> <b>886-8557</b> *Free Estimates *Full Product Warranty *Senior Discount *References *All Work Guaranteed <b>MICHAEL HAGGERTY</b> Lic. Master Plumber	<b>957 PLUMBING &amp; INSTALLATION</b> <b>EMIL THE PLUMBER</b> <b>Father &amp; Sons</b> Since 1949 BILL MASTER PLUMBERS <b>313-882-0029</b> L.S. Walker Company. Plumbing, repairs & drains. Reasonable! (586)784-7100. (313)705-7568, pager. (586)713-5316, cell. Classifieds: 313-882-6900 x 3 Grosse Pointe News & SHORES CONNECTION <b>Porter O'Pacemaker</b>	<b>960 ROOFING SERVICE</b> <b>ADVANCED Maintenance Inc.</b> Roof leak specialists. Tear offs, re-roofs, shingles, wood shakes, flat roofs, copper bays, decks, slate and tile repair. Fully licensed and insured. (313)884-9512 <b>CODDENS Construction</b> Since 1924. New or repairs. Reshingle, tear-off. Licensed, insured. (313)886-5565. <b>SEAVEN'S Home Maintenance.</b> Roof repairs, ice shields, gutters, chimney maintenance. Insured. (313)882-0000 Some Classifications are required by law to be licensed. Check with proper State Agency to verify license.	<b>960 ROOFING SERVICE</b> <b>DAVID EDWARD ROOFING</b> Residential Specialist RE-ROOFS • TEAR OFFS  Licensed & Insured FREE ESTIMATES (586)775-4434 <b>ROOFING</b>  Building & Restoration Inc. •TEAROFFS •RESHINGLES •FLAT ROOFING •GUTTERS & DOWNSPOUTS •STORM WINDOWS •STORM DOORS Fully Insured •Licensed <b>313-881-3386</b>	<b>960 ROOFING SERVICE</b>  COMPLETE ROOFING SERVICE RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL TEAR-OFF RESHINGLE CERTIFIED APPLICATIONS OF: MODIFIED SINGLE PLY FLAT ROOFING SYSTEMS VENTS GUTTERS REPAIRS LICENSED - INSURED <b>886-0520</b> Call About Having Your Ad Appear In <b>COLOR</b> (313)882-6900 ext.3 Grosse Pointe News & SHORES CONNECTION <b>Porter O'Pacemaker</b>	<b>966 SNOW REMOVAL</b> <b>A2Z Outside Services.</b> snow plowing/ salting. Free estimates. (810)343-6307. (586)727-5150  <b>ALL Seasons Ground Maintenance.</b> Residential snow plowing. Taking new customer reservations now. (586)296-9452 <b>SNOW removal</b> (313)884-6774 <b>SNOW removal, gutter cleaning, handyman.</b> Licensed/ insured. Home repairs. Paul. (586)755-4301	<b>973 TILE WORK</b> <b>CERAMIC tile installation &amp; repair,</b> within 7 days. Free estimates. Carlos. (313)530-1295. <b>SAN Marino Tile &amp; Marble.</b> Trained in Italy. 37 years experience. (586)725-4094 <b>BY SHERI</b> The Specialists, 20 Years (313)882-6900 ext. 3 <b>VINTAGE Tile &amp; Marble</b> Custom ceramic, tile, marble, granite design and installation, repairs. Complete bathrooms and kitchens remodeling. Licensed, insured. Free estimates. (248)721-0246	<b>977 WALL WASHING</b> <b>MADAR Maintenance.</b> Hand wall washing. Windows too! Free estimates & references. 313-821-2984 <b>981 WINDOW WASHING</b> <b>FAMOUS Maintenance.</b> Licensed & insured since 1943. Wall washing/ carpet cleaning. 313-884-4300. <b>MADAR Maintenance.</b> Hand wash windows and walls. Free estimates & references. 313-821-2984.
<b>954 PAINTING/DECORATING</b>  Specializing in Interior/Exterior Painting. We offer the best in preparation before painting and use only the finest materials for the longest lasting results. Great Western people are quality minded and courteous. <b>REASONABLE RATES</b> FREE ESTIMATES • FULLY INSURED/ LICENSED <b>313-886-7602</b>	<b>954 PAINTING/DECORATING</b> <b>Charles 'Chip' Gibson</b> <b>CUSTOM PAINTING</b> <b>INTERIOR &amp; EXTERIOR PAINTING</b> •Water Damage & Insurance Work •Wallpaper Removal & Hanging •Plaster Repair •Staining & Refinishing <b>FAUX FINISHES</b> •Ragging •Glazing •Sponging, etc. <b>DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE OWNER</b> •Licensed & Insured •Commercial & Residential •All Work Warranted •References in your area <b>313-884-5764</b> Celebrating 20 years in Business	<b>954 PAINTING/DECORATING</b>  REFERENCES SINCE 1975 "QUALITY IS OUR SUCCESS" Meticulous Preparation •WALLPAPERING • DRYWALL PLASTER REPAIR •STAINING • CAULKING •WALL WASHING • ACOUSTICAL SPRAYING •VARNISHING • BRUSHING • ROLL & SPRAY PAINTING •TEXTURING • WOOD REFINISHING •WE WORK AROUND YOUR HOURS • <b>FREE-ESTIMATES</b> <b>(313) 881-3970</b> 16837 HARPER • DETROIT • FAX 313-881-3951	<b>954 PAINTING/DECORATING</b> <b>D. BROWN and SONS</b> <b>HOME IMPROVEMENTS</b> Painting: Exterior: Wood Brick Siding Interior: Custom Painting & Faux Finish Plaster Repairs: Walls, Ceiling All Types Of Cornice Molding Repaired Or Reproduced Carpentry: Rough & Finished Architectural Moldings, Cabinetry, Etc. Custom Millwork, Reproduction Work REFERENCES CALL 313-885-4867 FULLY INSURED FOR FREE ESTIMATE & DESIGN AWARD WINNING QUALITY WORK 36 YEARS EXPERIENCE • ESTABLISHED 1966	<b>954 PAINTING/DECORATING</b> <b>J &amp; J ROOFING</b> <b>(586) 445-6455 or 1 800-459-8455</b> SEE HOW AFFORDABLE QUALITY CAN BE! 10 year workmanship warranty. 25 year or longer material warranty. Specializing in TEAR-OFFS Licensed CALL US TODAY FOR A FREE ESTIMATE!	<b>954 PAINTING/DECORATING</b> <b>The Classifieds...</b> <b>THE PLACE TO BE</b> Grosse Pointe News & SHORES CONNECTION <b>Porter O'Pacemaker</b> (313)882-6900 ext. 3	<b>960 ROOFING SERVICE</b> <b>960 ROOFING SERVICE</b>	<b>960 ROOFING SERVICE</b> <b>960 ROOFING SERVICE</b>



# Wedding 2004

Thursday, February 26, 2004  
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

at Assumption Center  
& Marchiori Catering  
21800 Marter • St. Clair Shores

**Tickets:**  
**\$5.00 each**

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!

— Gifts & Prizes too! —

## Grand Prize: Honeymoon

### Vendor Tables Available

sponsored by  
Grosse Pointe News  
THE ST. CLAIR  
& SHORES CONNECTION

For More Information Or Tickets Call  
**313-882-6900 ext. 3**

## FINE HOMES &amp; ESTATES

## FIRST OFFERING



This lovely four bedroom brick home is a buyer's dream. Gorgeous kitchen with built-ins, tear-off dimensional roof and Andersen/Walsh windows all new in 2000. Lennox furnace and air new in 1997. Newer landscaping. \$154,900 GP1ICOU 313-886-5040

## GROSSE POINTE PARK



Restored bungalow with lovely oak kitchen and open floor plan. New roof 2003, hardwood floors, new carpeting in bedrooms. Lovely master bath with jacuzzi and separate shower. Family room, finished basement with bath. \$164,900 GP81BEA 313-886-5040

## GROSSE POINTE



English Tudor. Three floors of grace and elegance with a carriage house. Two story foyer leading to sunken garden. Home restored with ceramic tile and marble throughout. This home will not disappoint you! \$2,150,000 GP94LAK 313-886-5040

## GROSSE POINTE PARK



Outstanding location and neighborhood close to Village and Maire. Great space and floor plan. Large bedrooms. Big kitchen, family room, recreation room with pool table area and fireplace. Newer windows, central air. \$279,900 GP72BIS 313-886-5040

## GROSSE POINTE



Exceptional condition. Gorgeous new kitchen with built-ins, fabulous woodwork, newer marble bath with cherry vanity. Spectacular master bedroom with vaulted ceilings. New furnace, air and roof 2003. English garden. \$595,000 GP47WAS 313-886-5040

## GROSSE POINTE FARMS



Rose Terrace Tudor offers two story Great Room, updated kitchen with granite counters, three fireplaces, second floor library, first floor laundry, large three season room, perfect circular floor plan. \$750,000 GP18ROS 313-886-5040

## GROSSE POINTE



Charming home in excellent location. Three bedroom bungalow with updated kitchen, refrigerator, washer and dryer included. Dining room, family room, natural fireplace. Newer roof, gutters and vinyl siding. \$179,900 GP89STC 313-886-5040

## GROSSE POINTE PARK



Leonard Willeke French Colonial. Pewabic accent tiles across facade. Decorative frieze in dining room. Pewabic fireplaces. Large rooms that flow. Updated kitchen, master suite, multiple staircases. Maid's quarters. \$599,000 GP38BAL 313-886-5040

## GROSSE POINTE FARMS



Grosse Pointe Farms spacious three bedroom brick ranch with updated furnace, central air, windows and hot water heater. Living room with gas fireplace and kitchen with oak cabinets. Finished basement. \$212,900 GP48ELI 313-886-5040

## GROSSE POINTE WOODS



Don't drive by this one! Kitchen with eating space, a formal dining room, living room and family room leading to outside deck. Large bedrooms with master featuring a walk-in closet and bath. A must see. \$530,000 GP69HAW 313-886-5040

## GROSSE POINTE PARK



Lovely three bedroom, two bath brick bungalow. Great eat-in kitchen, appliances stay. Gas forced air heat, air conditioning, two car garage and a deck in fenced yard. Seller is finishing basement. Home warranty. \$205,000 GP73BEA 313-886-5040

## GROSSE POINTE PARK



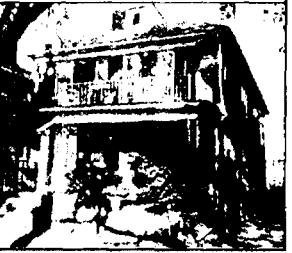
Spacious two-family, south of Jefferson. Perfect for extended family or snowbirds looking for peace of mind in having someone to keep an eye on things while they're away. Lots of updates. New price makes this a steal! \$449,000 GP88TRO 313-886-5040

## GROSSE POINTE PARK



True "Lakefront" home set on the tip of a secluded point with panoramic views from Peche Island to the Eastern horizon. Freighters glide through the nearby channel. Gorgeous home in spectacular setting. \$2,680,000 GP34LAK 313-886-5040

## GROSSE POINTE PARK



Nice all brick two-unit in a highly sought-after rental area in the Park. Each unit features three bedrooms, large living rooms with natural fireplaces and formal dining rooms. Grosse Pointe schools and parks. \$189,000 GP44BEA 313-886-5040

## GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS



Well maintained brick bungalow with newer roof, cement, vinyl windows, furnace, central air and gutters. Natural fireplace, hardwood floors and finished basement with wet bar. Stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer included. \$163,900 GP20KEN 313-886-5040

## GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS



Three bedroom brick ranch with newer roof and gutters, immaculate landscaping with sprinklers, home warranty, natural fireplace, air conditioning and great family room. Two car attached garage. Immediate occupancy. \$219,900 GP37PAR 313-886-5040

## HISTORICAL TWO FAMILY



Unique limestone home. Newer bath 2003, new carpet, copper plumbing, central air and furnace, newer cherry cabinets, sun porch. Two bedroom apartment on second floor with separate utilities and entrance. Private beach. \$219,900 GP68MIL 313-886-5040

## ST. CLAIR RIVER



Wonderful home on St. Clair River. Two levels of gracious living with in-ground pool. Enclosed summer house with kitchen and fireplace. Three bedrooms, two and one-half baths, deck, two boat houses, steel sea wall. \$549,500 GP1LNRI 313-886-5040

## LOVELY CANAL HOME



Wonderful waterfront, totally redone. Addition in 2000 has a master suite, doorwall balcony overlooking water, skylights, gorgeous master bath jacuzzi, standup shower, cathedral ceiling, ceramic tile. Finished basement. \$289,900 GP35MAP 313-886-5040

## SHARP COLONIAL



Just a few blocks from downtown Birmingham. Updated roof, kitchen, stainless steel appliances, hot water heater, windows and hardwood floors. Finished basement, two car attached garage with immediate possession. \$479,900 BH14WAS 248-642-8100

## STUNNING 1999 BUILT



Three story Colonial built to look like 1920's. Neutral tones and extensive wood detail. Four bedrooms, five full baths and one-half bath. Gourmet kitchen with granite and Viking Chef's stove. BH77WAL \$1,225,000 248-642-8100

## PREMIUM HOME



Great location. Exquisite four bedroom home with two and one-half baths. Custom built on extra large lot with park-like setting that backs up to natural habitat. Very private. Large Great Room, kitchen and eating area. \$569,000 CH 39STO 586-949-5590

## SPECTACULAR HOME



Built to impeccable taste in architecture and design. Extensive use of granite, oak and maple, custom woodwork throughout. Two kitchens, dual staircases, four fireplaces and a fabulous master suite. \$1,450,000 BH54QUE 248-642-8100

## VILLA DI FIORE RANCH



Custom built, all updated. Great Room with fireplace, wet bar, formal dining room, butler's pantry, library, spa room, three bedrooms, sound system and special lighting, central air, large lot, four car garage. \$625,000 CT27ALP 586-286-6000

## FABULOUS WATERFRONT



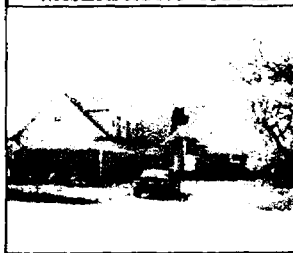
Beautiful North Channel home. Oak woodwork throughout, two fireplaces, three bedrooms, two full baths, plus a large bonus room over the two car garage. Steel seawall and boat hoist to handle up to a 30 foot boat. \$419,000 CH9ANC 586-949-5590

## ON CLINTON RIVER



Gorgeous home! Open concept. Three bedrooms, two and one-half baths. Marble foyer. Kitchen center island, huge Great Room with fireplace. Four wells with water and electric. Three car garage! Owners anxious! \$525,000 CH28OLD 586-949-5590

## WATERFRONT HOME



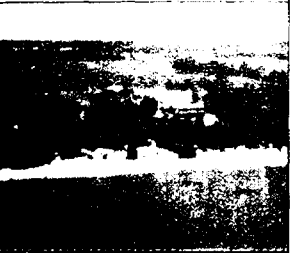
Five bedroom, three and one-half bath. Master with steam room shower. Recreation room with sauna and bar. Second floor Great Room with exquisite view of river. Canal access to river. Deep garage and boat hoist! \$549,900 CH57FLA 586-949-5590

## LARGE HOME WITH POND



St. Clair County, easy access to I-94 on over ten acres. This beautiful brick ranch with finished walk-out basement. Master suite has sitting area with walk-in closet, full bath with jet tub and separate shower. \$499,000 CI30PAL 586-286-6000

## HARBOR BLACH



Lake Huron waterfront on approximately four acres. Watch the sunrise and freighters go by from the large deck on this four bedroom and three and one-half bath home in the thumb area. Many extras. \$825,000 BH54LAK 248-642-8100

## BEAUTIFUL LAKEFRONT



Quality throughout! Prime waterfront area. Office on main floor has French doors. Master with balcony overlooking lake. Bath has jacuzzi, fireplace, and panoramic lake views. Beautiful landscaping, sheltered swimming pool. \$575,000 CH27WAT 586-949-5590

## BREATHTAKING



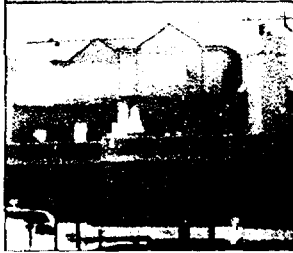
This spectacular home has four bedrooms, two full baths and two half baths on over one-half acre of serenity. Guest suite and spacious master opening to courtyard and private fenced swimming pool. \$550,000 BH52PAL 586-949-5590

## SENSATIONAL ESTATE



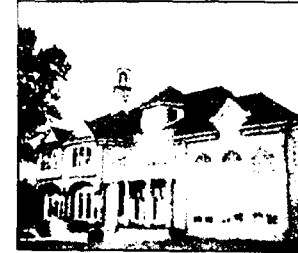
Oakland Township custom estate on approximately ten acres of serene setting. Six bedrooms, six baths, gourmet kitchen and staircase leading to second level. Finished walkout. Sixteen car garage and custom pool. \$1,200,000 BH06EST 248-642-8100

## CONDO WITH LAKE VIEW



Impressive waterfront condo with fifty foot boat well. Marble foyer/baths, four doorways facing harbor lake St. Clair. Secluded atrium. Appliances and window coverings included. Priced below market. \$400,000 CH10HAR 586-949-5590

## RIVERFRONT ESTATE



Boaters delight. Quality throughout. Built in 2001. Every room has waterfront views and detailed workmanship. Large rooms and multiple fireplaces. Gourmet kitchen and four full and three half baths. \$8,500,000 CH 39STO 586-949-5590

**Century 21**  
**Town & Country**

Michigans #1 CENTURY 21 Firm,  
CENTURY 21 Town & Country.

19251 MACK AVE., #140  
GROSSE POINTE WOODS  
(313)886-5040

www.century21town-country.com

QUALITY SERVICE

Website: [www.century21town-country.com](http://www.century21town-country.com)

• Complete Home Marketing Plan • Home Warranty Program • Local and Regional Multiple Listing Services  
• Full-Service Relocation Services 1 (800) 448-5817 • Financial Services (586) 264-5400

Grosse Pointe Woods  
(313) 886-5040

Clinton Township  
(586) 286-6000

Sterling Heights  
(586) 939-2800

Rochester  
(248) 652-8000

Shelby  
(586) 731-8180

Troy  
(248) 524-1600

Birmingham  
(248) 642-8100



Commerce  
(248) 363-1200

Administrative Office  
Rochester  
(248) 608-5000

Northville  
(248) 349-5600

Clarkston  
(248) 620-7200

Royal Oak  
(248) 280-4777



West Bloomfield  
(248) 626-8800

Chesterfield Twp.  
(586) 949-5590

St. Clair Shores  
(586) 778-8100

Plymouth  
(734) 455-5600

Fraser  
(586) 294-3655