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## WEEK AHEAD

### Thursday, May 13

The Grosse Pointe North and South boys and girls track teams meet at 4 p.m. at Grosse Pointe North's track.

### Saturday, May 15

St. John Community hosts a pancake breakfast from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Senior Community facility, 18300 East Warren, in honor of Nursing Home Week. The event is free and guests may take tours of the facility. For more information, call (313) 343-8931.

The Grosse Pointe Village Association's 13th annual Paint the Window contest begins at 11 a.m. The contest is open to all Grosse Pointe K-5 school children. They'll have the chance to paint the windows of Village businesses.

This year's theme is "Reach for the Stars." Awards will be presented for best interpretation of theme based on composition, color use and creativity. Damman Hardware is providing the paint kits. For more information, call John Denomme at (313) 886-7474.

### Monday, May 17

Grosse Pointe North and South girls soccer teams play each other at South's home field located at Barnes school in Grosse Pointe Woods. The match begins at 4 p.m. Both teams are leading their divisions as of press time.

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Woods city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

### Tuesday, May 18

Grosse Pointe Shores holds its election for village council representatives. The newly-elected council then meets on Wednesday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in the village hall, 795 Lakeshore.

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Photos by Brad Lindberg

**A Saturday morning spent feeding birds was interrupted when a woman from Grosse Pointe Shores came upon a four-foot water snake that was curled up under a bush in her back yard garden on Lakeshore. As police arrived, the non-poisonous snake slithered away into Lake St. Clair. Cold water drove it back to land where Shores public safety officer John Jebrael, right, caught it with a garden tool. He placed the animal in a garbage can and released it unharmed in a wilderness area. No one was hurt.**



## Water snakes found along lake

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

What would you do if you came across a coiled four-foot snake in your garden? "I like everything but snakes," said the excited woman as two policemen and a medic arrived at her house in Grosse Pointe Shores. A few minutes earlier, her Saturday morning routine of feeding birds in her garden was halted by the startling sight of what an exotic-animal handler said could become a recurring problem: the penetrating eyes and flicking tongue of a water snake hiding among her bushes. Shores officer John Jebrael caught the snake and released it in a wild area, but not before it tried to swim away in Lake St. Clair. After a few minutes in the cold water, the snake crawled lethargically up a set of low cement steps leading from

the lake to the woman's back yard. "Thank you," said the relieved homeowner as Jebrael and fellow officer Jim Tassie took the snake away in a garbage can. The next morning, however, it happened again, only this time the snake was gone before Jebrael arrived. Dan Briere of The Little Creatures Co. in Royal Oak identified the brown and beige striped reptile from photographs as a non-poisonous common water snake. Briere is an experienced wildlife educator who catches snakes and handles exotic animals from around the world. "The vertical stripes on the snake's chin gave it away as a water snake," he said. "The top of the head is a single color, a sort of gray brown. Bands of color start at the back of the neck." He said water snakes "won't come after you unless you startle them and are very close." He said they are most active in the late morning when the sun is warmest, and seek shelter from late afternoon heat and the cold of night. Terri Crowe, assistant manager of Lou's Pet Shop on Mack in the Woods, said water snakes share the Pointes with fox, garter, ribbon and green snakes. "Snakes are good things to have around," said Crowe. "They eat rodents, slugs, any-thing. They'll also go after the eggs of nesting ducks and climb trees to eat small birds." Briere said, "Water snakes have anywhere from nine to 70 babies per birth." Pregnant females lay eggs under piles of leaves, grass or decaying matter. "That woman shouldn't be surprised if she sees more snakes," he said.

## Superintendent calls for increased safety procedures

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is actively updating its school safety plan. In a memo to board of education members dated April 30 and presented at the May 3 board meeting, district superintendent Suzanne Klein outlined a list of priorities to be completed by June 30 and another list of items to be listed for future consideration. "For the past 10 days we have watched with sadness the aftermath of the Columbine (High School) tragedy unfold on television," said Klein in her report to the board. "Our hearts go out to the Littleton community as they begin their recovery process. We have used that event to carefully re-examine our own procedures and support services." According to school administrators contacted, there have been no marked increases in incidents at the schools. "There's been nothing out of the ordinary, no rise in anything unusual," said assistant superintendent of business affairs and support services Chris Fenton. The district keeps figures on bomb threats, vandalism and theft. According to Fenton, there have been three bomb

threats in district buildings this year. He also said that there have been about five or six reported cases of theft and a small increase in vandalism in district buildings this school year. Grosse Pointe South High School assistant principal Russell Lutinen said South normally has about three or four fights and two or three incidents involving drug and alcohol possession a year. "Many of the incidents with fighting take place between friends or brothers," said Lutinen. "They know fighting carries an automatic three day suspension, plus peer mediation helps quite a bit." Klein asked for building administrators to review emergency plans at a staff meeting. She also asked each school to updated blueprints, schedule of classes and for principals to do a safety audit and walk through with each public safety department. Grosse Pointe Woods director of public safety Michael Makowski and Grosse Pointe Farms lieutenant Mark Brecht both said they welcome and encourage open communication with the schools. Makowski said that they

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## G.P. Farms restricts business building use during study

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A seven-month moratorium has been placed on the building, raising or changing of structures in the business districts of Grosse Pointe Farms where such actions would promote additional off-street parking in public parking lots. Effective May 10, the renewable moratorium applies to the Farms' three commercial districts located along Mack Avenue from Fisher to Kerby, the area of Mack and Moross and the Hill. The measure was requested last month by Farms Mayor John Danaher. It was prompted by the efforts of local developer Richard Russell to replace the one-story Optical Library building on the Hill with a two-story retail-office building. The council defeated Russell's proposal 4-3 based on the additional parking demands the building would generate. William Burgess, the Farms corporate counsel and author of the amendment, said the measure provided a "cooling off

period to allow further study of (the Farms') parking requirements and other development issues." During the moratorium, which expires Dec. 6, the city's planning consultant, Brandon Rogers, will analyze the Farms commercial districts with an eye toward recommending updates to the town's zoning ordinances. The latest amendment is flexible enough to allow emergency alterations, such as those stemming from a fire, said Burgess. Peter Waldmeier's recommendation that the measure prohibit demolitions was approved. The council's action parallels temporary changes to the Farms residential zoning ordinances, prompted again to thwart a plan by Russell to subdivide a large plot of land on Lothrop. Rogers has been studying the Farms residential zoning rules as part of a project by the city to update its residential land use plan.

## Walk or run for fun with Bon Secours Cottage Health Services

If your shoes are made for walking — or running — lace them up and bring the entire family to the "Pace the Pointes" 5K Fun Run & Walk on Sunday, May 16. The 19th annual event winds through the streets of Grosse Pointe and is sponsored by the home-town health system — Bon Secours Cottage Health Services, Health Alliance Plan (HAP), the Cottage Hospital Athletic Medicine Program (CHAMP) and Bon Secours Cottage Community Health Education. The first 50 walkers are handed medals as they cross the finish line. The first three runners, male and female in each of several age categories, also receive medals. In addition to the 5K events, there is a free series of mini-races, called the Tot Trot, for children ages 3 to 9. Before the race, take advantage of free blood pressure screenings, flexibility tests and body composition analyses in the Cottage Hospital lobby. Refreshments and free massages await participants at the Bon Secours finish line. All 5K competitors receive a T-shirt and commemorative ribbon. The festivities get going at Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, one mile south of Moross Road, Grosse Pointe Farms. Registration for both the Fun Run & Walk and Tot Trot begins at 11 a.m. The Tot Trot starts at noon. Runners and walkers in the 5K events take their marks at 1 p.m. A post-race party and awards presentation at the Bon

## POINTER OF INTEREST

### Dina Soresi-Winter

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms

Family: Husband, Eric

Occupation: Internationally celebrated opera singer

Quote: "Opera is drama through music. It's the story that makes the opera so grand. It has to reach the heart of the public. They have to feel like they can inwardly respond to it."

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Dina Soresi-Winter

50 years ago this week



Proud owners of best groomed pooches

Prize-winners in one of the classes at the Second Annual Mutt Show held last Saturday include, from left, Billy Vermeulen, third place; Johnny Randall, second place; and winner Rollie Austin. (Photo by Paul Gach. From the May, 12, 1949 Grosse Pointe News.)

yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

Plans to erect three school buildings were thumped at the polls when a \$4 million bond proposal lost 2,542 to 1,470.

Approximately 50 percent of the Pointe's registered voters took part in the special school election. Observers called the turnout impressive, considering that Pointers had a history of being "habitually irresponsible to their voting responsibilities."

Grosse Pointe Park city manager Everitt Lane requested suggestions from the other four Pointes regarding ways to lower the cost of rubbish disposal.

He cited a new state law allowing neighboring municipalities to set up an overlying authority to collect and dispose of waste materials.

Lane said Park paid \$50,000 last year to collect and dispose of waste, which had to be hauled to a dump site 36 miles away.

A man protested being ticketed because his unleashed dog killed a pheasant on the Staeten farm on Mack Avenue

between Neff and University.

City of Grosse Pointe police chief Trombly told the man "in easy to understand terms that if he wasn't satisfied with the dog-at-large ticket, he, Trombly, would be happy to continue the matter further with the State Game Commission."

25 years ago this week

Members of the Pierce Middle School Band welcomed news that police from Grosse Pointe Park recovered 49 band instruments that had been stolen from the school's music room during Easter break.

Detectives William Furtaw, Robert Sifyrd and Sergeant James LaPratt tracked the stolen property to a house on Alter in Detroit, home to three teenage men who were arrested for larceny.

A June hearing was scheduled in Grosse Pointe Woods regarding a bond election to raise funds for the municipal park.

A nearly \$2 million park improvement project called for building a new swimming pool, bath house, concrete deck, tennis courts and related lighting.

Teri Mageau, a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School and managing editor of The Tower school newspaper, was named the top student journalist in the state by the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association.

It was the second time in three years that a South student won the honor.

10 years ago this week

John Artis of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was named principal of Grosse Pointe South High School.

He will begin his duties on June 1. Acting principal

Russell Luttinen, who assumed the duties of former principal Ed Shine, will return to his duties as the school's assistant principal. Shine had been named an assistant superintendent.

The selection ended a search that lasted more than a year by a 12-member committee.

More than 1,000 cars from all over the Detroit metropolitan area flooded the parking lot at Grosse Pointe South High School with cans, jars, bottles, newspapers and plastic containers — all of which will be recycled.

The commotion was part of the Grosse Pointe's Citizens for Recycling's first recycling day.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education raised the weight of final exams from one-seventh to one-fifth of students' final grades, beginning with the 1989-90 school year.

The change was made to increase the seriousness of the year-end tests, which school officials said weren't considered important by many students.

5 years ago this week

The Grosse Pointe School Board accepted gifts totaling \$155,000 from athletic booster clubs at North and South high schools to erect lights at their respective school's football fields.

Before night football games begin, however, site plan approval must be given by the Farms and Woods city councils.

Grosse Pointe Park began a tree saving program by selling gallon containers of Arbotect for \$250.

The chemical fights Dutch elm disease.

—Brad Lindberg

Town meeting will address Y2K problem

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Like the Wells Fargo Wagon, the year 2000 is 'a commin.'

But unlike the contraption that brought a promise of a new day to the River City Boy's Band, the approach of Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000 is seen by many as the nightmare on which the Y2K computer collapse will ride.

On the other hand, the next century could arrive quietly, with no cause for worry.

Maybe not.

To help clear up the issue, a quartet of local officials drawn from commerce, utilities, healthcare and the clergy will speak at a town meeting next

week at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

Titled "Y2K and Community Preparedness," the event is a first-time joint presentation by the League of Women Voters and the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe.

The panel will include Elizabeth Siewert of Comerica Bank, who will give an overview of how the banking system is handling the possible threat to bank records and credit cards. She'll also discuss how businesses can answer customer questions about Y2K.

Pennie Grover, the Year 2000 facilitator for Bon Secours Cottage Health System, will outline how she is helping

bring her employer into software compliance.

In addition to checking operating room equipment and emergency generators, Grover said she's looking at "medical equipment, furnaces, air conditioners and things that run the health system's numerous facilities."

Darrell Schuurman of the Farms water department, will discuss how a municipality is lining things up for a flawless flow into the next century.

Fortunately for Schuurman and his water customers, the Farms water plant was built decades before anybody thought of computers as we

know them today.

"The Farms water plant is basically manually operated" and not affected directly by the Y2K issue, said Schuurman.

For a humanitarian perspective, Rev. Eddie Bray of the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church will speak about sharing emergency resources and if there is anything positive to be learned from the issue.

Y2K and Community Preparedness takes place on Tuesday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church on 17150 Maumee in the City of Grosse Pointe. Organizers said the discussion will probably end by 9:30 p.m.

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## Fat cat lands on feet in Shores

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A stray brown and black tiger-striped cat with the disposition of a lamb was taken home for safekeeping last weekend by a dispatcher from the Grosse Pointe Shores department of public safety.

The weary tabby earned the temporary billet after holding its own for a few days on the mean streets and damp back yards of the Shores.

"He's so lovey, I can't get over it," whispered Lynn King of Harrison Township as the declawed animal stretched out in her lap while she worked dispatcher duty on Saturday, May 8. A few rubs to the back of the cat's head and it closed its green eyes and started purring like a jackhammer.

"He's obviously been taken care of," said King. "I won't turn him over to someplace where he could be put to sleep."

King, who said she'd shel-



Photo by Brad Lindberg

**If cats have nine lives, Malcolm the smiling tabby is in seventh heaven as he snoozes under the watchful eyes of Lynn King, a dispatcher with the Grosse Pointe Shores department of public safety.**

ter the cat until its owner was found, didn't have long to wait. The owner, a resident of the Shores, claimed Malcolm the cat on Monday afternoon.

The cat had been seen recently prowling the back yards of Willison. Neighbors were feeding him until Saturday morning when, with the help of Shores public safety officer John Jebrael, the untagged and docile animal was retrieved and brought to the police station.

Judging from his girth, Malcolm must be a master beggar. He weighs 18 pounds and when curled up is the size of a pillow.

Sleeping soundly in King's lap, Malcolm was worn out and seemed glad for warmth, comfort, water and food.

"If I brought another cat home for keeps my husband would disown me," laughed King, who is a veteran firefighter and member of the Shores fire auxiliary.

## Shores voters must pick 3

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Voters in next week's Grosse Pointe Shores election will be required to cast ballots for at least three trustee candidates or lose their vote.

It's the law. According to the Shores charter, "No vote shall be counted on the election of trustees unless the voter (votes for) as many persons as there are trustees to be elected." Another section reads, "Unless three are voted for, the vote for trustee will be void."

The provision, on the books since at least 1931, came to light recently when an unusually large batch of six candidates announced campaigns for the May 18 election.

Most trustee elections in the tightly-knit community have gone unchallenged. Mike Kenyon, village manager, said the last contested election was in 1993 when 269 voters turned out to decide a race between four candidates. The lone challenger lost.

Kenyon said the provision passed a legal review in 1992,

when the Shores charter and ordinances were codified.

"There was no conflict found with a state law and no state law superseding the voting requirement."

Nevertheless, he said, "I have no idea why it was put in the charter."

An official with the Wayne County clerk's office said the clause "is unique in the county, (but) our legal staff doesn't seem bothered about it." Like Kenyon, he said, "I have no idea what people were thinking in 1931."

The Shores charter was approved by the state attorney general before it was submitted to the electorate.

Ralph Houghton, the Shores attorney, traced the clause to attempts by southern states to prevent "stack voting," whereby prejudiced voters could withhold votes from minority candidates.

"The provision assured equal opportunity by giving all candidates the same chance to receive an equal number of votes," he said. "Whether it makes sense in today's world is

a different question."

Brad Wittman, a director of information with the Michigan Secretary of State bureau of elections, said the secretary of state doesn't have the authority to interpret charters.

"It takes a legal interpretation," said Wittman. "I've advised (the Shores') legal council to give the issue careful review and advise election officials how it should be administered."

Houghton said, "It is an acceptable provision except if used to discriminate."

"If anybody wants to take exception," said Wittman, "the recourse is through the courts."

In the meantime, said Houghton, "It's a provision of the charter that we are obligated to follow. Any vote for trustee shall be void which does not comply with this provision."

Three trustees are elected every other year in the Shores. Village president runs separately.

The provision doesn't apply to elections for council president or village clerk.

## Park council sticks to zoning

By Jim Stickford  
Staff Writer

Citing the need to adhere to zoning regulations and the desire not to set a precedent that could lead to the abandoning of neighborhood standards, the Grosse Pointe Park City Council turned down a residential variance request.

But the council did give Stanley Dickson the chance to revise his plans and come before the council again to see if a new plan would be more favorably received by the council.

Dickson, an attorney, said that he and his wife were requesting the variance for their home in the 15600 block of Windmill Pointe Drive so that they could add an additional story to their home.

Dickson said that they have six children and his sister, a diabetic might be moving in with the family. He pointed out that his lot has an extremely small back yard, but a very large front yard. This makes it difficult to build onto the house without encroaching on the city's mandated side yard and rear yard setback requirements.

So Dickson was asking that the council grant a variance that would grant permission for the new construction to encroach six feet into the required 12-foot side yard setback and 18 feet into the required 30-foot rear yard setback.

Most of the Dicksons' neighbors did not object to the variance requests. But one family which lives adjacent to the property hired an attorney to represent them at the council meeting. They felt that such a variance would obstruct their view and hurt their property values.

The variance request was not well received by the council. Greg Theokas said that the council had to worry about setting a precedent that would require them to grant more variances to residents who wanted to expand their homes.

Theokas also said that while the council might consider a variance that would encroach a foot or two over a setback, encroachments of 50 percent or 33 percent were simply too much.

Dan Clark said that the council had just strengthened

its zoning regulations to protect residential areas. The idea is to make sure that a house doesn't get out of scale with the surrounding neighborhood.

"This request isn't 'chipping away' at our zoning rules," said Clark. "It's 'tearing them down.'"

Mayor Palmer Heenan told Dickson that the council was going to turn down the Dicksons' request as it stood. But he said they would table the vote for two weeks to give Dickson time to sit down with his neighbors to develop a plan they would not object to. Heenan also told Dickson that he would have to develop a plan that the council could live with, one that would not dramatically encroach on setback standards.

Councilman Vernon Ausherman said that the council is seeing more and more requests for zoning variances. They have taken the position that unless they hear a compelling reason for the variance they would be reluctant to grant one. Their opposition to the Dickson's plan was a reflection of their desire to remain consistent with policy.

## Farms water rate hike buys filters

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

The cost of water and sewage service in Grosse Pointe Farms will increase 4.2 percent for 1999-2000.

The rate hike was projected to increase the average customer's monthly water bill in the Farms by \$7, based on the use of 4,000 cubic feet of water, according to James Nash, the Farms controller.

Nash said the additional charge was due to the higher cost of water treatment.

"About five years ago, we

added a new step in the filtration process," said Nash. "We installed eight granular activated carbon filters." The filters act like the water purifiers attached to home water faucets.

"This is a proven method to further reduce some of the taste and odor problems that occurred when zebra mussels came into Lake St. Clair. Our water was always fine in terms of quality standards, but there was a little bit of taste that sometimes came through.

"In 1994, we looked at other

cities that had employed the activated charcoal filtering system and we went ahead with the process and it worked very well. Last year we took the final step by increasing the charcoal used by 50 percent."

He also cited higher costs stemming from new regulatory mandates on water suppliers.

He said the higher sewage charge is a "partial pass-through of the increase imposed by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department." Detroit increased its rates more than 13 percent, but the Farms is only passing on an increase of 4.2 percent, he said.

Since July, 1998, rates charged for water and sewage service have been \$26.25 per 1,000 cubic feet, along with a flat charge of \$15. With the change, the flat rate stays the same, but the extra fee will increase to \$28.

## Corrections

When possible, corrections will be printed on the page on which errors occurred. If there is an error of fact in any story, call the newsroom at (313) 882-0294.

In last week's story, "Filings take place for Farms election," councilwoman Lisa M. Gandelot was mistakenly listed as running for re-election. Instead, councilman Edward J. Gaffney is running for re-election. Gandelot's term isn't up until November 2001.

## Y2K on agenda

The League of Women Voters and the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe will co-sponsor a town meeting on the subject of Y2K and community preparedness. The forum will take place on Tuesday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Panel members will represent industries and organizations that are particularly concerned with Y2K, including each of the Grosse Pointes as well as Harper Woods.

Karen Kendrick-Hands will introduce the topic and moderate the panel discussion.

**Vote For Linda Walton**  
Grosse Pointe Shores Village Clerk



### CREDENTIALS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### Education

Michigan State University, BA in Economics, 1978, Phi Beta Kappa  
University of Michigan, J.D., cum laude, 1981

#### Work Experience

Member, State Bar of Michigan, 1981-present  
Attorney with Hill, Lewis, 1981-91  
Freelance writer since 1998  
Appointed Shores Village Clerk, February, 1999

#### Community Organizations

Ferry School PTO President, 1992-94  
Other Ferry School PTO positions held since 1991  
Vice President, Ways & Means Committee, Senior Volunteer Coordinator, Lunchroom Volunteer Coordinator, and School Board Observer  
Ferry Site Budget Committee, 1992  
Parcells Middle School PTO Executive Board, 1997-present.  
Co-chair of Parcells Holiday Bazaar  
Grosse Pointe Memorial Church—  
2 years on Interpretation and Support Council.  
5 years Youth Education teacher.  
Metropolitan Detroit YMCA, Lakeshore Branch—  
Past member of Preschool Activities Advisory Committee  
Michigan State University Extension—  
Great Lakes Education Program Volunteer, 1997-present.  
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# MOT's 'Carmen' lit spark for future worldwide opera star

By Maureen A. Moore  
Special Writer

"Opera is drama through music. It's the story that makes the opera so grand. It has to reach the heart of the public. They have to feel like they can inwardly respond to it."

"It's like looking into the mirror of your own soul. Something reaches the depths of their being."

"It is a form of self-knowledge. Through opera you recognize the deepest within the deep of yourself. It speaks to the human element," said Dina Soresi-Winter, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident and internationally celebrated opera singer.

Raised in the "Little Italy" district of the Bronx, New York City, she began to refine her craft.

"At 14, my mother took me to my first opera. It was

"Carmen," standing room only at the Metropolitan Opera Theater. I just knew it was connected with what I had to do. I knew this was my life."

"Before this, opera was just a lot of noise to me. My mother loved operatic music and would listen to it on the radio. I didn't appreciate or understand the drama. And then I had my first experience with opera and it made all the difference in the world to see it on the stage with that color, the costumes, the excitement."

"It was fabulous. And I have never turned back since with my love for this art form."

Studying in her teens with opera coach Francesca Sechi-Pasella, Soresi-Winter went on to win scholarships with Hunter College Opera Workshop and the Mannes College of Music. Winning the national Blanche Thebom

## POINTER OF INTEREST

Scholarship Award, she pursued further studies in Italy. In Italy she debuted as Santuzza in "Cavalleria Rusticana." Later she toured in Holland, singing leading roles in "I Pagliacci," "Aida," "Norma" and "La Forza del Destino."

"I was one of the lucky ones," she said. Also in Italy she sang the revival world premier of Donizetti's "Maria Stuarda" under the direction of Oliviero de Fabritius at the Bergamo Opera Theater. Her debut in Germany, as Tosca at the Stuttgarter Staatsoper, was followed by performances in Heidelberg, Kiel, Mannheim, and Cologne.

"So that's how my career began. And then I decided that, in order to make a career in Germany, I had to sing all my Italian roles in German. And that just went against my Italian soul."

"So, after a while, although I was very enthusiastic about doing it to begin with, I found this was just not the role that I wanted to live in. I soon became disillusioned with that world, and I did not know whether or not I wanted to continue it."

At that time Soresi-Winter stepped back from the stage, performed concerts, and an old friend from America made her an offer she couldn't refuse.

"She said to me," Soresi-Winter said, "What are you doing with your career, because if you want to give it up, why don't you help us start a Waldorf school in Detroit?"

"I know nothing about education."

Originally built in 1919 in Stuttgart, Germany, for the children of the Waldorf-Astoria cigarette factory, workers' children, the successful curriculum founded by Rudolf Steiner was duplicated in Waldorf schools throughout the country.

Now in 20 countries, Soresi-Winter said that "the Waldorf approach to education is one of the leading, if not the leading, private movements for school in the world. They teach through the arts."

"The arts are what bring out a child's own identity. Artistic endeavors are an expression of one's inner self. Students were

very eager and interested in the world."

"Somehow I think the city was waiting for it, because it grew. It met a need which had not quite been met before. I was impressed by the love, the knowledge, and the wisdom of the Waldorf."

"The future belongs to the children," she said. "We want to support excellence."

The Detroit Waldorf School, located in Indian Village, teaches grades kindergarten through eight.

In 1991, she co-authored a book called "Singing and the Etheric Tone." Currently Soresi-Winter works as the artistic director of a locally based performing ensemble, privately coaches voice and opera students and performers, and serves as a vocal adviser and foreign language coach with the Grosse Pointe Woods-based Detroit Concert Choir.

In addition, she continues to travel to Europe, where she conducts intensive performance workshops in university and conservatory settings.

"In a certain way, I help people find their voices," Soresi-Winter said. "When the voice lifts it is a very sublime experience. It is a wonderful community feeling when people sing beautifully together."

Individually coaching several DCC singers since the group formed 12 years ago, she considers it an honor to be associated with "one of the finest choirs in the world."

Throughout her career earning a widespread reputation for excellence, DCC artistic director Gordon Nelson personally extended the invitation to Soresi-Winter to join his more than 100-member extended choir family.

"I found it a great privilege that he asked me to nourish some of his singers," Soresi-Winter said. "I liked his aims and goals. I felt honored by the invitation by such a world class musician and conductor."

In 1996 that dedication paid

off when the Detroit Concert Choir won the title "Choir of the World" at the Llangollen International Choral Competition in Wales. An invitation to compete in the prestigious Tolosa Choral Contest in the Basque country of northern Spain last year again saw the DCC winning top honors.

The win marks the first time an American choir has won in the 30-year history of the competition.

"Their attention to detail is quite extraordinary. The shading and the color they achieve is not often heard," said Eric Winter, Soresi-Winter's husband.

"The way he colors those voices is as painting with veils," she added. "One voice on top of the other, it is just exquisite. Specifically with 'Shenandoah,' which is a beautiful American song."

"That is one of the extraordinary accomplishments of his choir. This performance could win prizes, I think, all over the world."

"He certainly puts a nostalgic feeling into that song," said Winter.

"His fresh approach to music that you think you already know casts a whole new light," said Soresi-Winter.

"That music reaches a spiritual dimension which is based on excellence, hard work. His own and everybody else in that choir. Nothing less than hard work will do it. You have to transform yourself."

The Detroit Concert Choir will perform "Shenandoah" and various other patriotic, folk, and spiritual songs from its new CD release, "America Sings," Sunday, May 16, at 4 p.m. at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Warren.

The concert, called "Celebrate America," will feature the choirs of four Detroit metropolitan high schools, including Grosse Pointe North. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students. For further information, call the Detroit Concert Choir office at (313) 882-0118.



Dina Soresi-Winter performed "Fidelio" by Beethoven in Germany in 1963. "When you work this and achieve this level," she said, "it's like a prayer that you're ready to offer. There are times when singing a performance becomes holy."

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## District proposes changes to K-12 music curriculum

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System's music committee is preparing to offer its recommendations on the district's music curriculum to the district's Educational Planning Leadership Committee and Board of Education.

In a public forum on May 5, district administrative intern and music supervisor Margaret Steele highlighted the proposed changes made by the committee. The committee is made up of 15 administrators, teachers, parents and students.

The revisions originally stemmed from a study by the district's instrumental music

program evaluation committee and a study made by two outside evaluators in 1997.

Their findings revealed a need to make overall changes in the district's K-12 music programs. In addition to the instrumental music program committee and independent evaluator's suggestions, the committee also took into consideration national and state music and arts content standards.

"The proposed revisions strengthen the music curriculum and the resulting delivery of instruction to our students by presenting more challenging content, aligning content with national and state music standards and establishing

assessment benchmarks for staff and students," said Steele.

"In addition, the curriculum revisions better address the needs of all students by offering music instruction in both performance and non-performance levels."

According to the mission statement, the music program will "provide students with the knowledge and skills to develop their innate musical ability and their maximum potential, guide students to strive for excellence and nurture a lifelong appreciation for esthetic experiences."

The revised K-12 music curriculum will present greater challenges to students. "There

will be a greater challenge on the increased number of notes and scales instrumental students will learn, more emphasis on improvisation and a larger number of music terms," said Steele.

The committee's report calls for additional music courses at the middle and high school levels.

The committee is recommending a select performing ensemble class for sixth graders interested in group vocal performances, a sixth grade general music class for students not interested in performing and a MIDI technology class at the middle school level.

The district will be adhering to the national standards of

mandating music classes up to grade 8. The district currently requires music instruction to grade 6.

A revised music technology I, new music technology II, classical ensemble and a revised jazz improvisation (lab) are already slated for the 1999-2000 school year at the high school level.

The committee has also outlined assessment benchmarks to review programs and students on creating, performing and responding to music.

Other recommendations include hiring a full time K-12 music and performing arts supervisor, financial support to replace 5 percent of the middle and high school instrumental

inventory every year and offering full orchestra instruction at the high school during the school day.

The committee also recommended providing stronger support for music technology. The district has recently acquired new computer technology expressly designed for music instruction.

"Each elementary and middle school will have MIDI technology at each teacher workstation," said Steele. "We're hoping the technology lab will expand into a MIDI lab at all of our schools."

The committee will present its report to the EPCL on Thursday, May 20.



Photo by Rosh Sillars

### Jungle jamming

Kerby fourth-grader Sarah Wolinski and third-graders Annie Devine and Elizabeth Allen took a walk on the wild side at the Kerby Carnival Jungle Jam on May 1. The event featured face painting, games and elephant rides with Laura, the pachyderm star, of "Ace Ventura Pet Detective II."

## South joins free technology program

Grosse Pointe South High School has joined the Free Technology for Schools Program sponsored by Sprint Long Distance and A+ America. South will earn A+ Points to obtain free computers and software for its classrooms through the program.

School supporters from anywhere in the country can register their Sprint residential phone accounts to help. Sprint and A+ America will track all of the school's earnings and the school can order free technology as the points add up. Sprint customers who wish

to register with South's program should call 1-800-268-9849 and mention #48236140 as the school ID number.

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## Safety

**From page 1**  
have school floor plans in the city's fire trucks. Brecht said that they have a specially trained emergency response team equipped to deal with emergencies at the schools.

Neither the Woods nor the Farms public safety departments had been contacted by the schools in their cities at press time.

Klein said the district had plans to send representatives to the National Public Safety Training Institute meeting on "Working Toward a Safer School Climate" in Livonia on May 10 and 11. She also asked to obtain publications on school safety for staff training.

Klein also called on administrators to review and revise all emergency plans in light of recommendations received in public safety visits and conference materials. She also noted that Great Lakes Educational Consultants, a local safety consultant which drew up the district's emergency plan a year and a half ago, could be called in to make additional consultations if needed.

Klein's report stressed additional staff and student training in strategies to promote respect and responsibility.

Douglas Merkel, social worker at Maire and Richard elementary schools, said that all the elementary schools employ the De Bug system, a five-step problem-solving system, in all of the district's elementary schools.

"In many cases the De Bug System is so successful that peer mediation really isn't necessary," said Merkel.

Most of the district's schools employ the peer mediation technique with their students.

"Peer mediation works well in the high schools," said Klein. "South has an especially good program. People on that team have gone to talk with other schools and conferences about what they are doing."

Klein said she would like to start implementing recommendations from the district's task force on tolerance and diversity. Task force spokesperson, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction Susan Allan, said that they are in the process of developing proposals on diversity for teachers, lunch room assistants and hall monitors. Allan also said that Noel Hriblan, social worker at North and South high schools, has been working with groups of students on diversity and sharing.

Klein asked to review with staff and parents warning signs that signal when a student needs support services. She also called for a review of student services provided by counselors, teachers, social workers and substance abuse prevention specialists and provide support for any additional support necessary.

Klein also called for more involvement and outreach with parent education, parenting networks and community groups like the Youth Summit. The Youth Summit is a two-year-old independent organization made up of parents, students, health care specialists, public safety officers, and school employees who focus on student needs, activities and parent education.

In addition, Klein mentioned that South principal Art Miller has also called a meeting with public safety chiefs to discuss high school related issues. She

also suggested that the district reexamine proposals to bring youth liaison officers back into the high schools in the future.

Brecht said that the Farms is willing to put a youth liaison officer at South.

"We have a plan waiting if they want to go with a liaison program," said Brecht. It has to be a partnership and we would have to be equally involved. We think there's a need. We've had runs every day this (last) week."

Brecht added that the Farms currently has a youth liaison officer for the community.

In the Woods, Makowski said, "We've always welcomed discussion with the schools to have a liaison officer. When we've had liaison officers we've had good information of what to expect off campus and on the weekends. We're certainly welcome to that idea, but the schools haven't approached us."

Makowski said that there hasn't been a marked increase in calls from the schools in the Woods.

"We've had some calls for assistance for accidents or assault or trespassing. They (the schools) decide when and if they want to solve it," said Makowski.

Other recommendations for future consideration include accelerating the time line for installing security alarms and replacement doors, and replacing classroom phones with outside line access in all of the schools. She also asked the district to look into installing security cameras outside school buildings and adding on Caller ID to more district phones.

### Academy student awarded scholarship

Grosse Pointe Academy kindergartner Emily Spica was awarded the Eleanor (Ellie) Wagner Brock Scholarship.

The scholarship, awarded in memory of a past Academy student, is given to an Academy Early School female student who possesses academic promise and the personal characteristics of a vibrant, happy and lively child.

Emily is the daughter of Ann and James Spica of Grosse Pointe Farms.

### Defer Elementary students published

Defer Elementary School fourth-graders Jack McCarthy, Margaret Schneider and Kara Trowell were selected to be published in Elementary School Writer magazine.

Elementary School Writer is a monthly teaching magazine developed to provide a "real" audience for young writers.

Jack is the son of Bruce and Susan McCarthy of Grosse Pointe Farms. Margaret is the daughter of Steven and Catherine Schneider of Grosse Pointe Park. Kara is the daughter of Kai Anderson of Grosse Pointe Farms. All three students are in Sandy Smith's 4-5 magnet class.

### Kerby seeks

#### perennial donations

A Spring Perennial Donation will be held on Friday, May 14, from 3 to 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 15 from 10 a.m. to noon in the courtyard of Kerby Elementary School.

Donors may either plant or drop off their donated plants. The school is also looking for donations and additional materials for the garden.

Please make checks payable to: Kerby Elementary School,

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### North receives NCA accreditation

Grosse Pointe North High School has received an extension of its North Central Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation for the 1999-2000 school year.

"Along with hosting periodic on-site evaluations by a visiting team of educators, each NCA school is accredited on the basis of an annual report on conditions in the school and on such supplementary information as the Commission on Schools requests. The continued accreditation means that the conditions for effective education exist in the school," said North principal Caryn Wells.

The NCA is the largest of the country's regional accrediting agencies. It is a voluntary coalition of over 8,500 schools and over 1,000 colleges and universities in a 19 state region. The NCA works with schools to improve the quality of education through a continuous process of accreditation and school improvement.

### ULS holds open house May 20

University Liggett School will present an Admissions Drop-In Open House on May 20 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Tours, presentations and refreshments will be available at the Cook Road and Briarcliff Drive campuses in Grosse Pointe Woods. Interested parents and students will also be able to "drop in" on classes in session.

The ULS primary school (ages 3, 4 and kindergarten), lower school (grades 1 - 3) and upper school (grades 9 - 12) are located at 1045 Cook Road; the middle school (grades 6 - 8) is located at 850 Briarcliff Drive.

For more information call (313) 884-4444.

### ULS students join

#### Cum Laude Society

Fourteen University Liggett School students were inducted into the Cum Laude Society on April 27.

Inducted into the ULS chapter were seniors Bradley Boring, Laura Chomiuk, Nicholas Clark, James Fortune Jr., Adam Little, Maseeha McDonald, Andrew Shelden and Terrence Szymanski; and juniors Shaka Bahadu, Shyla Kinhal, Jonathan Stone, Amelia Tompkins, Darrin Tracy and Andrew Watkins.

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## From the mailbox: In autos, it just keeps getting better

Don't look now, but the auto makers, riding the crest of a record sales and profits year, are continuing to refine and advance their products. Toyota brings its new pickup to market in June. Buick this fall offers a handsome special edition of its 2000 Century

very likely to give Chevy, Ford and Dodge a real run for their money. The Tundra, a 2000 model year vehicle, features a new "i-Force" V-8 optional engine which Toyota says carries low-emission certification and is very fuel efficient. Since U.S.

system can be activated "on-the-fly" through the electrically controlled transfer case on V-8 models. Convenience packages include power windows and locks, cruise control, a variety of audio systems and a choice of wheels and tires.



Buick Century 2000

that can deploy with partial force in a low-speed collision and with full force at higher speeds. The S-Class also comes with head-protecting curtain air bags that span each side of the four-door car. There also are door-mounted side air bags in all doors.

Hate to pull into a filling station to ask for directions? The S-Class offers as standard a satellite-based navigation system with display on the center console. The steering wheel features four illuminated rocker buttons to control many of the car's systems. They also are a way to diagnose any faults that might occur. S-Class will offer smart cruise control which can automatically maintain a pre-set distance behind the car ahead. It uses a radar sensor and will be available later this year.

The 2000 S-Class front seats offer 14-way power adjustment. They also feature a new head restraint design that can function as a pillow. A special-ventilated seat available on the luxury sedan circulates air through the seat cushion to draw off perspiration in hot weather. This "climate" seat features an active lumbar mode in which air chambers built into the seat back can be programmed to breathe - to inflate and deflate fully about twice each minute, Mercedes says.



## Autos

By Jenny King

sedan. Mercedes-Benz' flagship S-Class is already out and about, and the company has introduced a stunning CL coupe. Ford promises its popular European Focus this fall in three-door, sedan and station wagon models.

### Coming soon to a highway near you...

Toyota expects to begin selling its all-new, Indiana-built Tundra full-size pickup truck in June. So if you thought the light truck market was perhaps full enough, reconsider. Toyota seldom makes a mistake, and its new Tundra is

truck buyers lean toward plenty of amenities, Toyota promises ride comfort plus cornering, handling and off-highway performance.

Access Cab models have four doors and room for six passengers. Tundra offers interior and exterior handles on each door.

The standard engine is Toyota's 3.4-liter double-overhead-cam, 24-valve, 190-hp V-6. Tundra can be ordered with two- or four-wheel drive. All models come equipped with power-assisted four-piston caliper disc brakes and rear drums. Four-wheel ABS will be featured as an option on all models. The four-wheel-drive

### Ford's Focus on economy, styling

Based on an all-new platform, Ford's Focus claims a spacious interior, safe body structure, comfort and convenience and a choice of two 2.0-liter powertrains.

The higher-performance optional engine is a 2.0-liter, 16-valve double-overhead-valve Zetec four that develops 130 hp. The Zetec engine uses a cast-iron cylinder block with aluminum head. Base engine is a 2.0-liter four with split-port induction that delivers 107 hp.

Ford says Focus' fully independent, multi-link rear suspension provides greater longitudinal compliance for a better ride. An advanced braking system includes new friction materials and larger brake-pad areas to reduce stopping distances. Four-channel ABS is available as an option. Power rack-and-pinion steering is standard.

Focus features an ultra-stiff body structure engineered to provide maximum crash-energy absorption through controlled collapse, minimizing impact forces to the passenger com-

partment. The compact car offers optional front seat head-and-chest side-impact air bags; safety belt pretensioners and load-limiting retractors are standard.

Ford says all Focus models meet low-emission vehicle (LEV) requirements, which exceed U.S. federal emission requirements.

More power, greater value and a fresh appearance earmark the Century 2000, a special edition sedan from Buick expected to reach the market in late summer. Themed "a luxury car for everyone," Century packages added convenience and luxury. For the next model year all Centurys will see an increase in horsepower from their 3.1-liter V-6 engines - up to 175 hp over this year's model.

The special edition comes with machined aluminum wheels, blacked-out grille and leather-trimmed seats plus

side air bag for the driver in the uplevel special edition. Cruise control, a six-way power driver seat and AM/FM cassette player with steering wheel controls are part of the special edition package.

For 2000, all Centurys will have dual zone climate control as standard. This feature allows the front-seat passenger and driver to select different temperatures.

Start saving now. The new Mercedes-Benz S-Class sedan for 2000 is available, and the price starts at \$69,700. That's for the S430 with a 275-hp 4.3-liter V-8. The S500 has a 5.0-liter V-8 that cranks out 303 hp, likely enough to get you where you need to go. The S500 starts at \$77,850.

The re-designed Mercedes flagship is actually three inches shorter and 500 pounds lighter than its predecessor. Safety systems include a smart passenger-side front air bag



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## Pointers can avoid being victims by taking a few simple precautions

By Jim Stickford  
Staff Writer

Warmer spring weather means more opportunities for Grosse Pointers to enjoy themselves, but it also means more opportunities for thieves to enrich themselves. But by taking a few simple precautions, residents can drastically reduce the odds of being a crime victim.

Grosse Pointe Park public safety lieutenant David Hiller said that first and foremost people should put things away.

"Don't leave a bicycle or a lawn mower out," Hiller said. "Put them away in the garage. Don't leave a cellular telephone out where someone can see it. Even if your car door is locked, it only takes a few seconds to smash a window and run away."

These kinds of thefts are crimes of opportunities, Hiller said. The thief is not looking to

rob any particular house. The thief might not be looking to rob at all, but if he sees a bike or a lawn mower left unattended, he might decide to take advantage of the situation.

Hiller also urged people to lock their bicycles up when they are left unattended.

"I can't count the number of times I've interviewed someone who had a bike stolen and been told that they did not lock the bike up because they were only going to be away from it for five minutes," Hiller said. "Well more often than not, five minutes is closer to 20 minutes. Even if the victim is only away from the bike for five minutes, it only takes a thief five seconds to get on a bike and ride away."

Another thing citizens can do is write down the serial numbers of electronic items.

"People are great about turning in the warranty paper-

work, but they won't take five minutes to write down serial numbers," said Hiller. "We have been successful over the past year in recovering stolen property, but without proof of ownership, we can't return the property. We are our own worst enemies."

If an item like a bicycle doesn't have a serial number, then you can scratch on your driver's license number, Hiller said.

If police recover the property, they can run the number and identify the owner.

"The weather is nice and people like to leave things like outdoor furniture outdoors," Hiller said. "Kids leave bicycles in the driveway or on the lawn. Barbecue grills are left outdoors. They are tempting targets. By taking a few minutes to put them away, residents can greatly reduce the odds of being robbed."



Is that Tim the "Tool Man" or Tim the "Coney Man?" Tim Allen makes the first ceremonial coney dog for the cast and crew of "Home Improvement" as Bob Nichols from National Coney Island looks on.

## Crime

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city's curfew ordinances. When officers stopped them, they found out the bicycles the juveniles were riding were stolen from Trombly the previous day.

The suspects were arrested and placed in the custody of Wayne County juvenile court.

Police also received several reports of bicycles being stolen from garages on Nottingham and Wayburn. In addition they

are investigating the thefts of a lawn mower and tools from a garage in the 1400 block of Yorkshire.

### Felon found

Park public safety officers received a report of a suspect rummaging through a car parked in the 1400 block of Beaconsfield at about 12:35 a.m. on Thursday, May 6.

A city surveillance unit saw a man matching the description of the suspect walking in the area of Mack and Lakepointe. Officers stopped the suspect and found several items that had just been stolen from the victim's car.

The suspect pled guilty to larceny and was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail.

— Jim Stickford

## Building material exchange May 15 at South

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

The annual Building Material Exchange Day takes place Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Grosse Pointe South High School parking lot on Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

The exchange allows people to drop off and pick up

reusable materials that would otherwise be discarded during spring cleaning, such as old doors, bricks and gutters.

Latex paint is accepted if the can is at least halfway full.

"Last year, we had more than 200 participants," said Shane Reeside, the Farms assistant city manager. "I'd estimate that about 90 percent

of the items dropped off were claimed for reuse."

No swap is required. "Drop off what you want and take what you want," said Reeside. "It's all free."

He said the exchange "is a good way of reusing materials and diverting waste away from landfills."

## Tim Allen brings a 3,000 mile Coney Island carry-out to Hollywood set

Tim Allen, star of ABC's "Home Improvement" sitcom, may be adjusted to life in California after eight successful seasons, but one thing he evidently misses is Detroit's own National Coney Island hot dogs. Recently, at a taping of one of their last shows ("Home Improvement" is in its last season) Tim ordered up a "Taste of the Motor City" and invited the folks at National Coney Island out to California to feed the cast and crew of the show, to prove to them what he has boasted for many years — that "you haven't had a hot dog until you've had a National Coney Island Coney Dog."

The staff at National Coney Island was happy to oblige. They loaded up their own 1,200-pound hot dog cart, shipped out their famous nat-

ural casing hot dogs and award-winning chili sauce, along with a variety of Michigan-made products for Tim to enjoy, including Ashby's Sterling Mackinac Island Fudge Ice Cream, Sander's Hot Fudge, Better Made Potato Chips and Vernor's Ginger Ale.

They arrived at the Disney Studios in Burbank, made their way to Studio No. 4 and set up shop. The huge door opened, and the big moment arrived. Allen jumped right in the action and made the first ceremonial coney, then waited

his turn like the rest to sample what he had been craving so much that he placed a 3,000-mile carry-out. The guys at National didn't let him down. Allen had not one, not two, but three coneyes with everything.

Allen didn't stop after three dogs either, he was ready as ever for a Mackinac Island Fudge Ice Cream sundae, with lots of hot fudge.

In the end, Allen explained what makes Nationals' dogs so special, "it's the snap, you see," and thanked the guys for their cross-country delivery.



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# SOC volunteers recognized as beacons of light at special dinner

"You Light Up Lives" was the theme of the Volunteer Recognition Program sponsored by Services for Older Citizens (SOC) held on April 21 at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Over 70 of the nearly 200 volunteers who provide service during the year were feted by SOC's staff. Ann Kraemer, executive director, indicated that the eight staff members would not be able to carry out the work of SOC to senior residents of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods without the dedicated work of volunteers. They assist clients by providing such services as: tax assistance, delivering meals at home, making friendly visits to lonely shut-ins, serving as drivers for those unable to use Pointe Area Assisted Transportation (PAATS), helping with the flu clinic and many administrative tasks.

Kraemer commented that whether someone volunteered once a week or once a month, their service offered light to the lives of others.

She spoke of some of the contributions which the volunteers make, "Those of you who are out in the field, like delivering meals at home to older adults, light the way for additional help for them when needed; some of you, like the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, shed light on the lives of the clients you serve as you invite them to relive the important times of their lives; or some of you light up the face of a lonely person with a warm smile."

She continued that others



Ernie Recharadson, dispatcher for the escort service, was one of the volunteers recognized as a Beacon of Light by the staff of SOC.

light up the whole organization with their administrative support which helps to ensure the survival of SOC's work.

# City detective studies at the FBI Academy

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A Grosse Pointe detective has been accepted into a special program for police executives at the FBI National Academy.

Detective James Fox, of the City department of public safety, left town last week for Quantico, Va., where he has enrolled in a semester of graduate-level classes at the FBI academy.

"It's a program for police executives that deals mainly with leadership," said Fox.

Fox will earn 17 credit hours during the 10-week session.

He plans to apply the classes toward a master's degree in public administration. "I'm

even taking a course in dealing with the media," he said.

The City's chief of public safety Al Fincham, who graduated from the program about 10 years ago, recommended that Fox enroll.

"This invitation is an honor for both Detective Fox and the City of Grosse Pointe," said Fincham. "Jim has proven himself to be an excellent public safety officer."

Fox has been with the city for 13 years.

"Over the past 2 1/2 years," added Fincham, "Jim has been a sergeant in the detective bureau. During this time, he has been a thorough and aggressive investigator. He has my full support and endorse-

ment."

Fox was accepted after passing what he called "an extensive background check."

The academy is located about 30 miles down the Potomac River from Washington, D.C., a town Fox remembers fondly from his days as a U.S. Marine.

He was attached to White House security for four years during the Ford and Carter administrations and spoke with the chief executives on a daily basis.

He even played softball with Carter.

"Carter would join with the Secret Service in softball games against the Marines," said Fox. "He was a pretty good player."

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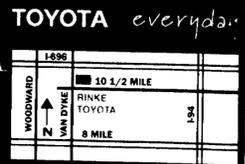
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## Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church celebrates 60 years of worship, community outreach

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church is celebrating its 60th year in the community with a reflection of its history, involvement in ongoing missions and plans of spiritual and programming growth.

"We have a unique place among churches in the community," said the Rev. John Corrado, minister of the church. "We're a non-creedal church and a haven for good people rejected by other religions. We believe in the worth and dignity of all people."

"Part of our faith calls us to be involved in some things we do together, some things we do ad hoc," Corrado said.

Russell Peebles, a church member since 1952, recalled such programs and events.

He spoke of former minister Harry Mazur, who was also the president of the Human Relations Council, being instrumental in bringing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Grosse Pointe High School in 1968.

"We were also supporters of the Interfaith Center for Racial Justice which was sparked by the 1967 riots. The founders felt a need for understanding in Grosse Pointe. The group was housed in our church and our members supported it," Peebles said. "Fair housing was a big issue in the community and the church was involved in that as well."

The church is currently involved in a number of outreach programs, most notably its ministry with Guyton School, just south of Alter in Detroit. Approximately six years ago, the church approached the Detroit Board of Education about helping out a school on the east side.

To this day, church members take an active role in tutoring, personal contact, offering camperships to students. Church members have also played an important role in providing improvements to the playground, gym and landscaping around the school.

"It's been rewarding to us and the school," Corrado said. "Outreach should be concrete where you can see them, be there and see the results."

Church members are also actively involved with Crossroads, People in Faith United, Habitat for Humanity, Services for Older Citizens and Detroit Area Memorial Society. The church also runs a resale shop which is located in its annex behind the church.

The church is also involved in a variety of interfaith activities.

"We're involved with other churches. We're not a stand-alone church," Corrado said. "We're involved in many interfaith activities."

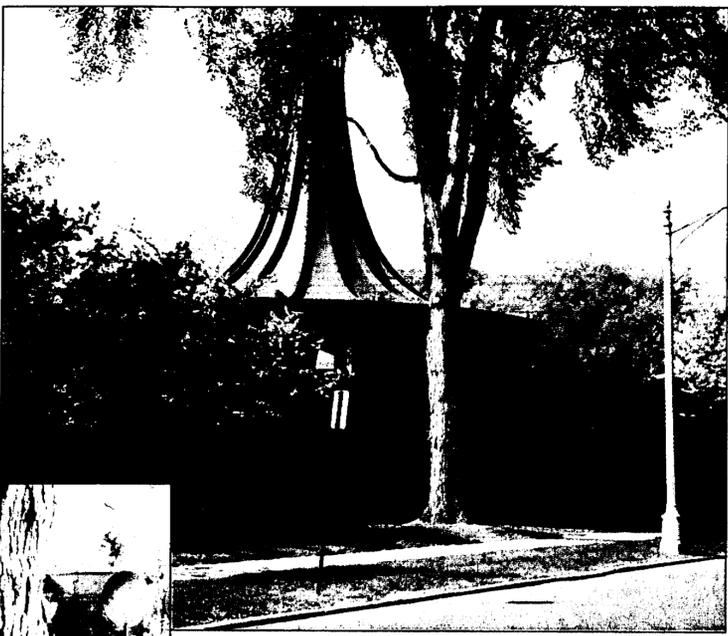
Involvements with other faiths is also a cornerstone of its children's religious education program. "We want children to learn about other faiths. We are Universalists — part of one human family," Corrado said.

The church also places great importance on adult enrichment, which was added in the last five years as a permanent program.

"It's not an adult education program, but (a program about) how you can develop spiritually," Corrado said. "The adult enrichment offerings include lectures, classes, seminars and social events with a purpose toward development." The church was established

Photos by Bonnie Caprara

The Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church is a landmark with its upswept roof symbolizing humankind's continuing need to reach beyond one's self. Below, the Rev. John Corrado stands in the church's memorial garden, beside a wind chime that was crafted and donated by a former church member.



in 1939 with 66 founding members.

The first members met at the Alger House (now the Grosse Pointe War Memorial) and held Sunday School at Kerby Elementary School. In 1943, the church purchased the Carter House on East Jefferson in the City of Grosse Pointe to accommodate its growing membership.

In the late 1950s the church purchased a parcel of property next to the Carter house to be used for expansion, but the OK for expansion was turned down by the city. After a vigorous building fund campaign and negotiations with the city, the church broke ground on April 12, 1964, to build on its current site on Maumee.

Architect Charles Backus chose the double circle design as a symbol of unity and friendship. Corrado further explained that one of the circles of the building represents worship while the other circle represents education.

Currently the education circle houses Grosse Pointe Pre-Kindergarten during the week and the church's Sunday School.

Backus also designed the upswept roof of the chapel to signify humankind's continuing need to reach beyond one's self.

The church's memorial garden, off to the side of the

chapel, is a favorite spot for celebrations, private reflection and a resting place for the ashes of past church members.

In the past year the church bought property adjacent to the church, but does not have definite plans for it yet.

"It's not often an opportunity like this comes along," Corrado said. "We have a (ministerial/architect) consultant coming to see our space and how we can use it and what we can do with it. Also, the new property allows us to explore things that we couldn't before."

Currently there are approximately 210 intentional adult and 80 youth members. There are about another 300 friends and constituents who attend the church. Corrado said that most of the church's membership extends between I-94, the Lake St. Clair shoreline and from the Pointes up toward Mount Clemens.

"Our membership has been flat, but our attendance is up," Corrado said. "One of the things we've been concentrating on is leadership development."

Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church is located at 17160 Maumee. Worship and Sunday school is held at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. For more information, call (313) 881-0420.

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## Shots ring true in GP Theatre's hardboiled 'City of Angels'

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

In the hardboiled world of the fictional L.A. private eye Stone (no first name), newspapers publish "yesterday's lies with today's date" and a thug's punch feels like "a wrecking ball wearing a pinkie ring."

Likewise, in the real world of 1940s Hollywood, egos are bruised and relationships broken as screenwriter Stine (still no first name) battles movie mogul Irwin S. Irving for creative control over the screenplay of the notorious Kingsley Case.

But if all went well in the "City of Angels" there'd be no story. As Irving the slick movie producer says, "No one gets a hole in one the first time at bat."

The Grosse Pointe Theatre traditionally ends its season with a musical. The current production of "City" plants an exclamation point to another year of home-grown talent that outdoes itself with another critically acclaimed script.

From the moment the audience enters the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, they know something's special about the GPT's latest offering. Saxophones and muted trombones warm up the jazzy chords of Cy Coleman, known for the musical "Sweet Charity" and many hit songs, including "The Best is Yet to Come" and "Big Spender."

However welcome Coleman's sophisticated tunes, the GPT

orchestra often drowns out David Zippel's catchy lyrics. The orchestra dominates the soft, steady voices of player Robert Montgomery as Stone the detective, and Kimberly Renfrew Gebbie, who is making her GPT debut as the vampy Alaura Kingsley.

With a debt ranging from Hammett to Hammer and Spade to Spillane, the 1990 Tony award-winning "City" takes place in a film noir world where adultery is a cottage industry, love-struck secretaries don't squawk when their bosses can't pony-up the payroll, and the good guys complain of being lonely on Saturday night.

It's a book author Larry Gelbart clearly enjoyed writing. The play is peppered with the type of clever lines that marked his work on the Sid Caesar variety show and M.A.S.H. television series:

Stone to leggy Alaura after a meeting in her Hollywood mansion: "It was a treat seeing your home. It'll save me a trip to England."

Stone describing Alaura's stature: "Only the floor kept her legs from going on forever." He's right.

The 17-member cast is rife with dopey strong men, neglected wives and loony daughters who "play footsie way above the ankles."

Stone, like any decent private eye, almost gets pinned for a murder he didn't commit and is let off for one he did.

In the production's best

number, Robert Maniscalco as Lt. Munoz, Stone's resentful former partner from their early days together as beat cops, throws off his trench coat to reveal a puffy-sleeved bolero shirt and launches into a funny, up-tempo song and dance celebrating the day he'll nab Stone for murder.

Stephanie Elaine Capriotti, as the missing Mallory Kingsley, comes out of hiding with an upturned leg that doubles as a hat rack in Stone's California bungalow.

Mallory, who is following in the floozie footsteps of her older step-sister Alaura, says her father knows she's good. "He just doesn't know how good," before showing excellent phrasing and dynamics in a bluesy come-on to Stone.

Scenes involving Stine and the supposedly real world of Hollywood are in color; Stone's world is in black and white. The switch is handled cleverly with lighting, costumes and an overhead "Hollywood" sign that goes out of whack in the black and white sections.

No glorified theme and variations pop-job by Andrew Lloyd Weber, "City" is genuine theater and makes GPT fans look forward to next year when the company caps the season with another winner, "West Side Story."

"City of Angels" runs for two more weeks, May 13-16 and 19-22.

See it. As Stone says, "It's gonna be lots of fun."



Photo by John Minnis

### Respect for Law

Two City of Grosse Pointe girls were honored May 5 at the Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe's 17th annual Respect for Law Program and breakfast at the Lochmoor Club. The teens, Juliana Bartel, above left, and Ashley Getz, were recognized for their heroic efforts in saving two children at Pointe Pelee, Ontario, last summer. Presenting the awards to the girls were Respect for Law chairman Kent Comer, left, and Optimist President Jay Towar.

Also honored at the breakfast were citizen Eric Maniaci of Grosse Pointe Farms, public safety officer John Burno of the Farms, Sgt. Ronald Wiecezorek of the City and the police and public safety and local precinct commanders of the five Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, St. Clair Shores and Detroit.

The keynote speaker was Martin Stacey, head of security for Ford Motor Co.

### Historical Society offers appraisal clinic

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society will sponsor an appraisal clinic from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the historic Provençal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms.

DuMouchelles appraisers will be available to evaluate items for a donation of \$5 to the historical society. The proceeds will be used for the society's programs.

Appointments are suggested. Call the historical society at (313) 884-7010.

### Blood drive will be held May 18

The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council will hold a spring blood drive from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, at First English Ev. Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier. Babysitting and transportation are available on request. For information or an appointment, call (313) 881-8452 after 6 p.m.

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**PB Lovers' Pie**  
1 regular graham cracker pie crust (prepared)  
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1/2 cup milk (whole, 2 percent or skim)  
1/2 cup smooth peanut butter  
1/2 cup confectioners (powdered) sugar  
1 12 oz. container original Cool Whip topping  
Sanders bittersweet fudge topping (optional)

In a large mixing bowl, combine the cream cheese, milk, sugar and peanut butter. Mix until the ingredients are well blended. Stir in the Cool Whip and pour mixture into the crust. Cover the pie and place in the freezer for at least three hours.

Remove from freezer 15 minutes before serving. Meanwhile, heat the fudge topping in a microwave oven for a minute or so.

**À LA ANNIE**  
By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



For a nice presentation, drizzle some topping (using a spoon) across the dessert plate, place a slice of pie on the plate, and drizzle it with some more topping.

Peanut butter pie will keep in the freezer for a week or so. You may choose to venture into a homemade graham cracker crust but I recommend one that is already prepared. First, a prepared crust will keep this recipe super simple. Second, the prepared crust comes in a throw-away pie tin that includes a clear plastic lid to lock over the pie and secure it for the freezer or for traveling.

Aunt Eleanor and cousin Michelle have been serving this pie at family parties for years.

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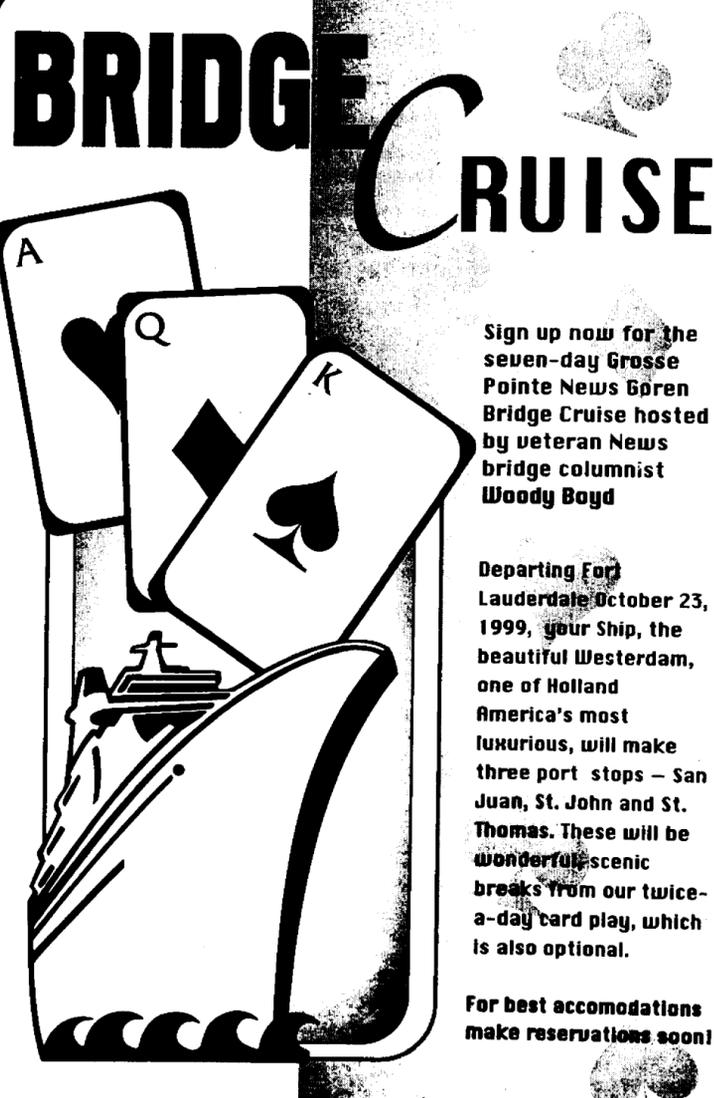
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## California teams dominate prep doublehanded sailing event

While most Grosse Pointers focused their attention on the Detroit Red Wings' pursuit of a third straight Stanley Cup, the Grosse Pointe South sailing team had its sights set last weekend on the Mallory Cup. Even though South's sailors were among the leading contenders for the Interscholastic Sailing Association Doublehanded Championship held off the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on Lake St. Clair, the Blue Devils encountered troubled waters and finished 13th among the 20 teams competing for the national high school title.

"Our team was very disappointed that we didn't do as

well as we had hoped," said South head coach Rick Wolney. "The weather worked against us and we got into trouble right at the start. We were never able to catch up."

South's No. 1 skipper, Drew Bossler, and crew Carrie Howe were penalized in the regatta's first race on Saturday after crossing the line before the starting gun. Even though the two seniors won the following race, South wasn't able to make up the difference in the point standings through the remainder of the competition.

More than 150 prep sailors representing 20 schools from Florida to Washington competed in the two-day event.

Two-man teams raced in identical 14-foot Flying Junior sloops in a total of 28 races to determine the national champion.

California teams captured the top four places. University of San Diego High School won the Mallory Cup for the second time in four years, edging neighboring schools from Coronado near San Diego, Newport Beach in Orange County and Santa Barbara.

Saturday's weather conditions of wind gusts up to 23 mph and a two to three-foot chop on Lake St. Clair pounded the South sailors. Sunday's light, fluky northwest winds

and relatively calm waters were more lenient.

"Physically, we're a small team," Wolney said. "If our sailors had been tall and lanky, they would have been better able to sail their boats and deal with the high winds and rough water."

South qualified for the nationals by winning the Midwest regional title on Lake Minnetonka near Minneapolis on May 1-2. Grosse Pointe North's sailing team finished fifth in the regional regatta and just missed qualifying for the nationals.

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Photo by Ryan Burgess  
Grosse Pointe South's Drew Bossler and Carrie Howe compete in last weekend's Interscholastic Sailing Association Doublehanded Championships held off the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on Lake St. Clair.

## ULS laxers win own tournament

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's lacrosse team couldn't have asked for anything more from its annual invitational tournament.

"Everything was perfect," said Knights coach John Fowler. "Sunday was a beautiful day and we beat (Grosse Pointe) South in a great game."

ULS beat South 4-3 in the championship game as Walef Hawashi scored his second goal of the contest with 7:32 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Goalie Calvin Ford picked up a South turnover and fed Hawashi, who went in for the winning goal. Hawashi had tied the game with 1:17 left in the third quarter on a nice passing play with Mark Gotfredson



University Liggett School's lacrosse team celebrates in front of the scoreboard after the Knights beat Grosse Pointe South 4-3 in the championship game of the annual ULS invitational.

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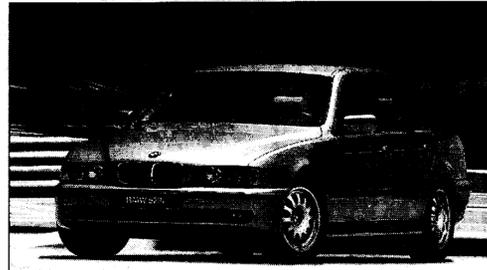






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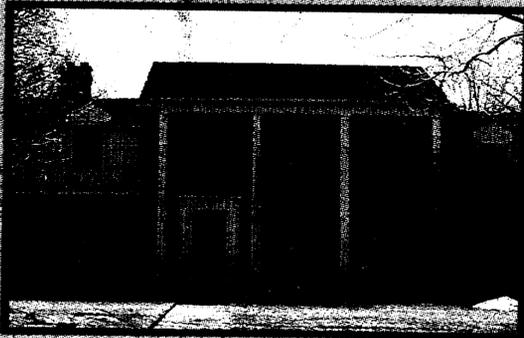
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## It's migration time for the wood warbler

May is the month for prime wood warbler migration. In the birding world, Michigan is well-known for the Kirtland's warbler which breeds exclusively in the northern Lower Peninsula as well as in a small area of the Upper Peninsula. The degree of nest specialization for this species is so great that it is totally dependent in its survival upon permanent management of its habitat and constant control of cowbirds that invade its territory.

This bird was first found and identified in Cleveland in 1851 but the breeding territory was not discovered until 50 years later. After much studying we now know that the breeding requirements are very specialized and include the need for young Jack pine trees between 5 and 23 years of age, ranging in size from 6 to 18 feet tall.

Kirtland's warblers build their nests on the ground near the base of the pines and among the cover of grasses, blueberries or sweet fern. Once the pines reach 18 feet in height, the ground cover is shaded out and the habitat becomes unacceptable to the bird. These stands of pine are ideally created after a fire which causes the seed in the cone to be released.

The warblers are easily censused because of the constant singing of the males. In 1951, the survey indicated that 432 males were found to be singing on territory. Ten years later, the count had reached 502 singing males in nine counties. In 1971, the count had dropped to 201 males in six counties.

At the time, it was hypothesized that the dramatic decrease was



For the Birds

By Rosann Kovalcik  
Wild Birds Unlimited

due to cowbird parasitism which was at a rate of 69 percent, with less than one fledgling warbler per pair of birds on average.

Cowbirds lay eggs in the nests of other birds, leaving the eggs to be incubated and the young to be reared by the host bird. Additionally, cowbird youngsters will push out the host youngsters if possible in order to increase their chances of survival. Nest parasitism by cowbirds is severe enough to warrant special control measures. This is partly due to the open habitat that the Kirtland's warbler uses. Warblers that use denser habitat do not suffer as greatly.

Cowbird capture in the breeding areas led to an increase of 3.1 fledglings per pair. Populations of the Kirtland's did not increase significantly as a result of the cowbird management program although the numbers did not decrease.

This led to the theory that the habitat was not prime for growth of this species. Most notably, the population of Kirtland's increased dramatically after a fire covering 24,000 acres occurred near the Mack Lake Campground in 1980. After the burn area from this area

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## Belle Isle Botanical Society holds plant sale May 22

The Belle Isle Botanical Society is having its seventh Annual Plant Sale fundraiser on Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Belle Isle greenhouses across from the aquarium on Inselruhe Ave. A large and varied selection of perennials, annuals, herbs, hostas, geraniums (regular and scented), mini-roses, heirloom tomatoes and houseplants will be available at the sale.

The Belle Isle Botanical Society is a non-profit volunteer organization that raises money for the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory and surrounding gardens in the form of plant mate-

rial, equipment, garden accessories, sprinkler systems and much needed repairs to the conservatory.

Volunteers maintain two gardens, the Lily Pool Garden next to the aquarium and the Remembrance Rose Garden in the Formal Gardens of the conservatory. Volunteers also conduct guided tours through the conservatory for individuals and groups. Profits from the plant sale will go to the above projects and restoration of the conservatory.

For further information, call (313) 852-4064.



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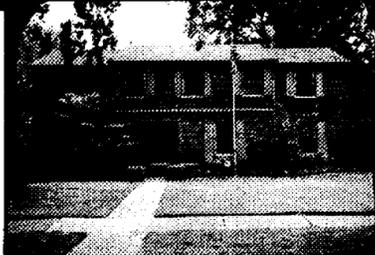
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**Q.** Dear Jewelry Lady, I am one of four sisters. My mother has a beautiful sapphire ring that she's inherited from her aunt and she can leave it to only one of us in her will. Does she have to leave it to the oldest daughter, or can she choose whomever she wants? Dutiful daughter.

**A.** Dear Dutiful, why does The Jewelry Lady get the distinct impression that you are not the oldest daughter? And it is especially curious that you, rather than your mother, have contacted The Jewelry Lady for help. Truthfully, this is a legal and family matter and The Jewelry Lady is neither a lawyer nor a psychologist, as she is entirely too busy with her pursuit of jewelry knowledge and information.

However, she does know enough to tell you that a person may leave whatever she wishes to whomever she chooses. Whether it is a diamond ring, an antique chair or a scrawny, half-dead cat. Perhaps you should leave this matter to your mother, and try to make peace with that annoying oldest sister.

**Q.** Dear Jewelry Lady, what's the easiest way to remove grease from a 14kt gold ring? Sticky fingers.

**A.** Dear Sticky, aha! The Jewelry Lady's caught you in the act of eating the colonel's chicken bare-handed. If your ring is not set with gemstones, you may safely dip it in rubbing alcohol to immediately remove all grease. If it is set with gems, you must clean your ring in the best way that also preserves your stones. Gentle cleaning solutions include mild, soapy water, a mild detergent bath and baking soda and water.

The safest bet is to ask your jeweler how to clean a specific gem. What's safe for one can be a



**The Jewelry Lady**

**Denise Rodgers**

disaster for another.

**Q.** Dear Jewelry Lady, I want to find a perfect emerald with no flaws. One jeweler I visited told me that this would be extremely expensive. Is this true? Green-eyed for emeralds.

**A.** Dear Green-eyed, yes, it's true. A flawless emerald is excruciatingly rare. The flaws are so common that jewelers and gemologists euphemistically call them "jardin," which is French for "garden." If you examine the flaws under a microscope, it does in fact resemble free-form foliage.

The second quality that makes an emerald valuable is its color. A flawless, deep emerald-green stone may be more valuable than many like-sized diamonds.

So your jeweler was entirely on target.

**Fashion note:** Cufflinks make a comeback — for women. Cufflinks are back on the fashion scene and why not? We all wear suits and a set of cufflinks can make for a stunning piece of jewelry. Jewelry designers are showing cufflink designs that will look equally at home on a woman's cuff as on a man's.

So ladies and gentlemen, start your engines, straighten your lapels, and most of all, fasten those cufflinks!

*The Jewelry Lady is available to answer all your questions about gems and jewels. You may contact her at [rodgers@mich.com](mailto:rodgers@mich.com) or fax at (248) 582-9223.*

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# Deck cleaning — getting down and dirty

**Q.** Mr. Hardware, our deck is in good shape just a little dirty from the winter. Is there anything special we should use to get it ready for a new coat of sealer this spring? K.L. of St. Clair Shores.

**A.** Preparing a deck for a finish does not have to be a difficult job. When light to medium cleaning is needed, the old standby is still the most popular, trisodium phosphate (TSP). Mix a quarter of a cup of TSP to a gallon of water for a strong cleaning solution. If some stains or mildew are present, add one-half cup of household bleach to the TSP and water.

Apply TSP to a wetted deck until you've worked for 15 minutes. I like to use a scrub brush on a broom handle for two reasons: One, I can stay four feet away from my mixture and two, the older I get, the less I like to bend over or work on my knees. Then reapply a light coat of our mixture over that same area you just coated.

Remember, when using most soaps, time is your friend. Take your time until you have second coated that whole area. Make sure the area does not dry up (heat, wind and the sun control how large an area one should work at a time). Then go back and re-scrub



Ask  
Mr.  
Hardware

By Blair Gilbert

the area lightly to remove any loose dirt.

Sometimes you'll need to apply a third coat to get all the dirt out of the deck. You could even add an additional handful of TSP to the

water if the dirt isn't running for mercy. Finally, rinse everything with lots of water.

Don't worry too much about regular plant life around the deck. After being on the deck for 20 minutes the TSP will be pretty much broken down. The residue rinsed off should not harm most plants. Just don't get too much cleaner directly on the plants, or yourself. It is a good idea to wear protective clothing in case you are sensitive to TSP (which is rare but we just had our first one the other day).

If the wood looks good wet after you rinse it off, it will probably look good with a stain on it. And remember; do not apply a deck stain to damp wood! If the wood is wet or it rains before the product dries, all your work could be for naught.

Send your questions to; Mr. Hardware c/o Gilbert's Pro Hardware at 21912 or 21920 Harper, St. Clair Shores, 48080; call (810) 776-9532, e-mail blair@mrhardware.com, or visit www.mrhardware.com for a recap of some of my columns.

## A larger building to house a 50-year tradition

Gilbert's Pro Hardware is moving about 150 feet south of their present location, 21912 Harper in St. Clair Shores. The new building is double the size of the existing building which formerly housed Wines Printing Co., who has merged with Traffic Printing in Warren.

"The offer of a larger building seemed too good to be true," says Blair Gilbert, owner of Gilbert's Pro Hardware. "We have been cramming more and more product into our existing store until we were pushing up on the ceiling.

The lack of space has been taking a toll on all of my employees. Moving this to get to that, climbing over stuff to get to something, not having a space to put a repaired item, has been making us all a little crazy."

The new store touches brick to the old one, only Car City Records is between the new and old stores. "We are still in the same parking lot as the old store, just on the opposite end," says Gilbert. "The service will be the same and possibly even better because we will be able to see all of our products

for the first time in years."

The old store is still in a sort of limbo until all the smoke clears from the move. Gilbert says it may be needed as storage or an additional repair facility for screens and thermopane windows.

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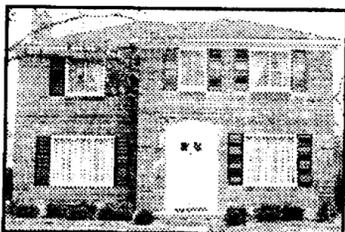


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**Q.** Around 1960, I received a remote-controlled toy called the "Radicon New Sedan, Radio Remote Control Car." I have saved it in the original box. The car is a red sedan with a flat, silver, airplane-shaped hood ornament. It is not designed as a real make or model but is in the style of cars from the late 1950s or early '60s. The box pictures a young girl and boy playing with the car. The bottom corners of the box front read, "The first and only complete radio remote-control toy! Exciting to the young and old," and "Trade Mark Modern Toys, Japan." Who made the car?

**A.** Your car was made in the mid- to late-1950s by Masudaya, a Japanese toy manufacturer. Masudaya is probably best known as the maker of Radicon Robot, which was also marketed as "the first and only complete radio remote-control toy." The company also made a Radicon toy bus and toy speedboat. Radicon Robot is worth over \$4,000. Your car, in working order, would sell for more than \$500.

**Q.** My Danish Modern side chair was made by Fritz Hansen. It is also labeled "Herman Miller." I thought Herman Miller was an American company.

**A.** The Herman Miller Furniture Co. was founded in 1923 in Zeeland, Mich. The company started using modern designs for its furniture in the 1930s. Fritz Hansen is a Danish firm with headquarters in Copenhagen. The company designs and manufactures furniture. In the early 1950s, Fritz Hansen furniture was distributed in the United States by Herman Miller. That explains the two names on your chair. Later, Fritz Hansen handled its own American sales.

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# For the Birds

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grew to the preferred height of the warblers, populations have increased, supporting the theory for habitat development. By the summer of 1998, the population grew to 1,600 birds. Today, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Michigan DNR maintain the habitat through planting, controlled burns and harvest of trees that are too large to provide prime nesting habitat.

So what does this specialist look like? The Kirtland's warbler has a head and upper parts which are gray, a broken white eye ring and black lores, bold black streaks on its upper parts and sides and is bright yellow underneath. The female is duller overall than the male. One of the characteristics of this bird is the habit of bobbing its tail up and down. Food choices of this bird include small moths, inchworms, caterpillars, horseflies, deerflies, grasshoppers, crickets, centipedes and the pitch that exudes from the Jack pines.

The pair of birds raises one brood of youngsters each year. The female lays four to five cream white eggs, speckled, spotted and blotched with browns. She then incubates the eggs for 14 days, the

male feeding her as she stays on the nest.

Kirtland's leave their Michigan home in the early part of the fall and migrate to the Bahama Islands, which is the only place that they winter.

For a bird that weighs half an ounce, it is amazing to think of the journey that they make twice each year. We should be supportive of the efforts made to protect this fragile species, one of the first to be listed as endangered by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and the first song bird to have a monument erected in its honor.

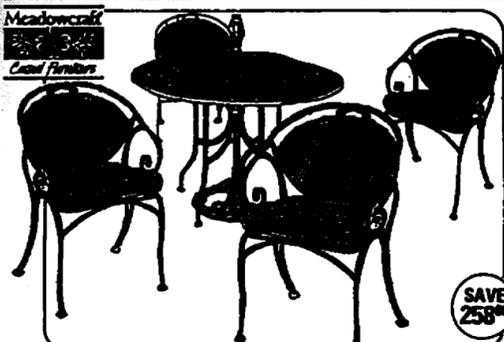
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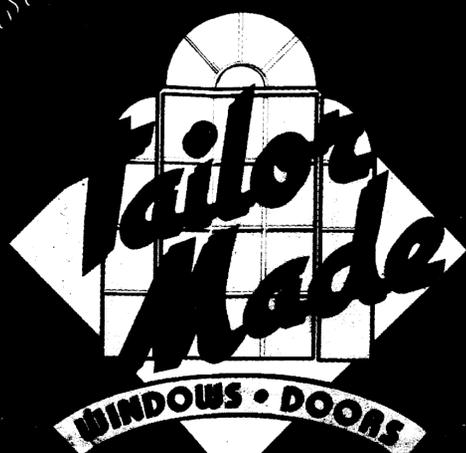


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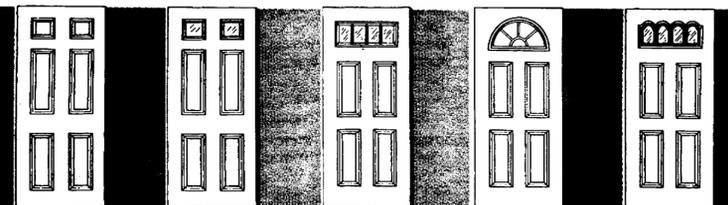
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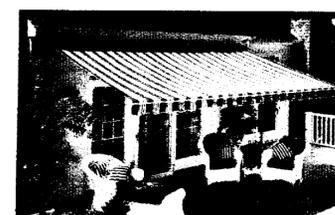
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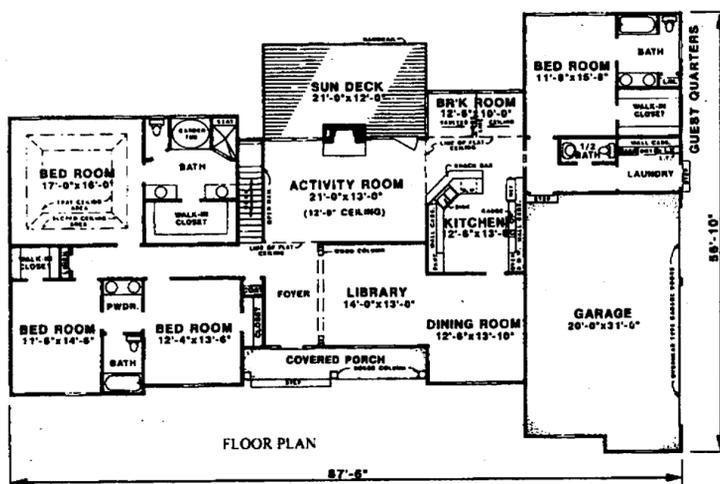
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Recognizing that inadequate insulation is one of the leading causes of wasted energy in most homes, the U.S. Department of Energy recently increased its R-value recommendations for the first time in 10 years — a change that will help homeowners maximize their home's energy efficiency.

The Department of Energy recommends that homeowners install R-49 insulation (equivalent to 15 inches of fiberglass) in the attics of most new U.S. homes. The majority of existing homeowners also could benefit by adding insulation in their attics. Recent studies have found that 80

percent of homes built before 1980 have a mere six inches of attic insulation.

Insulating the attic is also one of the easiest and most cost-effective projects for homeowners. Today, products are available that make insulating even easier for the do-it-yourselfer, some of them itch-free.

Before adding insulation to an attic, properly caulk or seal all cracks or openings in the ceiling to help reduce air infiltration. Homeowners also should install attic vents, which help prevent moisture buildup.

To find the Department of Energy's R-value recommendation for your area or to obtain additional information, contact Owens Corning at (800) 438-7465 or visit the company's web site at [www.owenscorning.com](http://www.owenscorning.com).

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## Good Housekeeping

**BABY YOUR FACE:** Nothing looks fresher than a clear complexion. If your skin is getting a bit dull, check out these quick fixes:

- Go for the glow the natural way. Smooth mashed strawberries or raspberries all over your face and rinse off immediately for that post-facial radiance.

- Fight puffiness with herbal tea. Steep chamomile tea bags in a small amount of water, then chill. Use as compresses to temporarily diminish skin irritation.

- Wash with lukewarm water. Heat can aggravate sensitive facial skin, resulting in broken capillaries or redness.

- Skip soap. Most contain alkalines that are potentially irritating. Use a gentle cleanser like Cetaphil instead.

- Don't scrub. Vigorous rubbing can leave skin feeling coarse and looking worn. Instead, wipe gently with a soft washcloth. And use exfoliating cleansers sparingly (no more than twice a week).

- Stash moisturizer and toner

in the fridge. The coolness helps skin look firmer — and feels good too.

- Prime yourself. For a refreshing twist, before applying foundation, massage a drop of essential oil of rose or angelica (available at health-food stores) on your face instead of your regular moisturizer. It gives skin a dewy glow.

- Apply moisturizer before blow-drying your hair. This will prevent the hot air from drying out your epidermis (the top layer of skin) and accentuating fine lines.

- Cover your bases. Use a concealer that's one shade lighter than your foundation. Any paler and you'll get reverse raccoon eyes. Prep the delicate eye zone with moisturizer or eye cream.

- Hide fine lines. Gently apply a creamy concealer (like Prescriptives' Camouflage Cream) with a small, synthetic-bristled brush. Then lightly dust loose powder over the area.

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# Cutting with confidence — think safety

Power saws are designed with precise controls that help achieve accuracy when cutting. However, to receive the best results, you can't simply rely on technology.

binds in the wood and throws the saw toward the operator (portable power saws) or the wood toward the operator (stationary equipment).



**When using power tools and garden appliances, always wear proper attire. Keep your clothing, hands and feet away from cutting blades at all times. Never wear jewelry when working with tools. Always wear safety glasses.**

Patience, concentration and attention to safety are hallmarks of a skilled woodworker/craftsman. Unfortunately, nearly 80,000 people "saw" the inside of a hospital emergency room last year due to saw accidents — victims of cuts, bruises, abrasions and even amputations.

The safety experts at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) recommend you follow these safety precautions when using any type of power saw.

- A blade guard is a necessity. Buy a saw with the guard you feel most comfortable using, and keep it on the saw at all times. Some types, such as saber saws, cannot be designed with a guard; be especially careful to avoid contact with the blade. Before operating saws with guards, make sure they are in place and in proper working order.

- Make sure the switch is in the "off" position before plugging in a power saw.

- Always wait for the saw blade to stop before pulling away from a cut to avoid "kickback." Kickback can occur when the blade jams or

- While operating the saw, keep the cord away from the cutting area and position it so that it will not be caught on the work piece.

- Make sure you use the right saw for your task. For example, don't use a circular saw for cutting tree limbs or logs. A chain saw is the appropriate tool in this case.

- Saw blades that are chipped, bent or in any way damaged should be discarded immediately.

- Use clamps or a vise to hold work in place. It's safer than using your hands and frees both to operate the tool.

- A properly sharpened saw blade provides better and safer performance. Sharp blades minimize stalling and kickback.

- Keep children away from the work area at all times. Never allow them to operate power saws.

- Use rubber or other non-slip matting around the work area to prevent trips and falls. Keep the floor area clear of debris.

- Wear safety glasses, but don't wear jewelry while cutting. Watches, bracelets and long sleeves can get caught in the saw's

moving parts.

- If you need to use an extension cord with your saw make sure it is in good condition and make sure it's heavy enough to carry the current your product will draw.

- Turn off the motor, make sure the saw blade has stopped and unplug the product before cleaning around the saw.

Thoroughly thinking each "cut" all the way through and focusing on safety is a sure way to avoid mis-cuts and mishaps.

For more information on the safe use of lawn and garden equipment and power tools, visit UL's web site at [www.ul.com](http://www.ul.com) or call UL's Fax-on-demand line at (800) 473-4766.



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## YourHome of Interest Nomination Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Business) \_\_\_\_\_

Style of Home: \_\_\_\_\_

General Description (# of rooms, layout): \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Size: \_\_\_\_\_ square feet

Please describe renovation project:

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Hours available for consultation with writer:

Monday - Friday \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday - Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have "before" photographs of the project in question?

Yes No

Photographs would likely be taken of your home for \_\_\_\_\_

inclusion in an article.

Any restrictions? Yes No

Did you work with a architect on the project? Yes No

If yes, please furnish name: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you work with a licensed builder on the project? Yes No

If yes, please furnish name: \_\_\_\_\_

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