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WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, March 16

Dr. B.J. Blackford, a descendant of Vincent Van Gogh, provides a unique perspective into the family life that shaped the artist.

The lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. in the activities center of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores. There is no cost, but reservations are recommended. For more information, call (313) 884-4222.

Monday, March 20

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

The City of Grosse Pointe Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at 17147 Maumee. The meeting is open to the public.

Tuesday, March 21

The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores board of trustees meets at 7 p.m. in the village hall, 795 Lakeshore. The public is invited to attend.

Wed., March 22

Dr. Lylas G. Mogk lectures on macular degeneration and how to maximize sight at the central branch of the public library, 10 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The speech begins at 7:30 p.m. and reservations are required. For further information, call (313) 343-2074.

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Grosse Pointers asked to 'bag' it to fight hunger

For the 13th consecutive year, you will find a Kids Helping Kids grocery bag inserted in this issue of the Grosse Pointe News. Please fill the bag with food and drop it in collection bins at the Grosse Pointe Central Library at 10 Kercheval. Donations will benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank. This year's food drive runs from Monday, March 13, until Friday, March 24. The Kids Helping Kids Food Drive is held every spring, after the winter holidays, to help replenish Gleaners' food supply. Together with the Grosse Pointe News and Grosse Pointe public schools, the Ronald McDonald House Charities, Ameritech, Visteon

and the Detroit Edison Foundation are also helping this year's effort. Gleaners Community Food Bank will give the donated food to more than 340 non-profit member soup kitchens, church pantries, homeless shelters and other feeding agencies. Gleaners currently distributes more than 19 million pounds of food every year to the hungry and poor in southeast Michigan. Almost one-half of the people receiving food are children and seniors. "The entire Grosse Pointe community has been wonderful partners with Gleaners through the years with the Kids Helping Kids program and all our other food and fund raising efforts," says Richard Levenstein, president of Gleaners. "Thanks to your generosity, we are able to provide nutritious and wholesome food for thousands of families who are struggling to put food on their tables." For more information, call Bernadette Williams at (313) 923-3535.



Photo by Bonnie Caprara

Pondering the fate of the millage

First-grader Carrie Candino ponders an assignment in the computer lab at Trombly Elementary School while Pointers ponder the fate of the upcoming millage election Tuesday, March 28. The Grosse Pointe Public School System is asking voters for a renewal of its homestead, technology and non-homestead millages. See story on page 14A.

Farms has daddy/daughter dance

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

They do things differently in Grosse Pointe Farms. When one thinks of the traditional daddy/daughter dance, St. Patrick's Day doesn't usually come to mind. "Most daddy/daughter dances take place around St. Valentine's Day," said Farms parks director Richard Huhn. "But our space at the Pier isn't available on that weekend so we've taken to holding the dance around St. Patrick's Day."

The dance this year begins at 7 p.m. in the Pier Recreation Building, 350 Lakeshore. It lasts for two hours and the remaining tickets may be purchased by calling (313) 343-2405. Tickets are \$15 per couple, \$5 for each additional daughter. "We've been doing this since the early 1990s," Huhn said. "We got the idea from other cities and it's turned out to be a great success. We sell out every year. We have room for about 40 family units. Some fathers have more than one daughter after all." The music is courtesy of a disc jockey, said Huhn. He tends to offer a little bit of everything. There might be some line dancing, but also the music of today. "We play the current music young girls might want to dance to," Huhn said. While the dance is popular with dads, it isn't always easy to get them to dance, Huhn said. Sometimes it's just the daughters out there on the floor, but the event is a lot of fun for everyone.

Park city manager arranges immediate, dirt-cheap dredging

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Despite low lake levels, boaters in Grosse Pointe Park can look forward to high times this spring.

Within hours of getting approval to dredge the marina at Windmill Pointe Park, city officials hired a company to dig up shallow areas of the harbor that threaten to make stuck-in-the-muds of weekend mariners.

The action gives Windmill boaters the inside track to a usable harbor by opening day of the season.

Working under an incentive contract, the dredging company is expected to start removing 3,000 cubic yards of muck this week.

Dale Krajniak, the Park city manager, said the project has a spending cap of \$32,700, including a \$4,500 incentive if work is finished by April 15.

At \$10.90 per cubic yard, the price is less than half of the cost of a dredging agreement made jointly by the City, Farms and Shores. The Park will pay less because, unlike the other cities

that have contracted for their dredged material to be hauled away, the Park will store its mud for future use.

"If it tests clean, we'll use it for filling material," said Krajniak. "If not, we'll have our employees haul it to a landfill."

Dredged material must be tested for contamination before it can be used for anything.

A sounding of the Park marina revealed five spots that need to be dredged.

"We'd like to see the harbor six feet deep or greater," said Krajniak.

Krajniak's attack on low water earned high marks this week from the Park city council.

Before the city could start digging, it needed approval from both the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The DEQ gave its blessing last week. When the Corps followed suit on Friday, Krajniak made a deal with the Faust Corp. to start the job.

Krajniak said the project will be financed from the marina fund, which has cash reserves of more than \$95,000.

Senator wants local control of HOMES

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

ST. CLAIR SHORES — Senator Spence Abraham wants to keep Great Lakes waters in its HOMES.

Last week the U.S. senator visited city hall to explain the recent legislation he and Ohio senator George V. Voinovich have introduced to put a two-year moratorium on exporting bulk fresh water.

The moratorium, he said, will give the Great Lakes states' governors the opportunity to evaluate how and if bulk water exports should be handled. And Abraham is in favor of extending the moratorium beyond the two years.

"I'm deeply concerned about the diversion and commercial sale of water from the Great Lakes," he said. "Two years ago residents of the Great Lakes

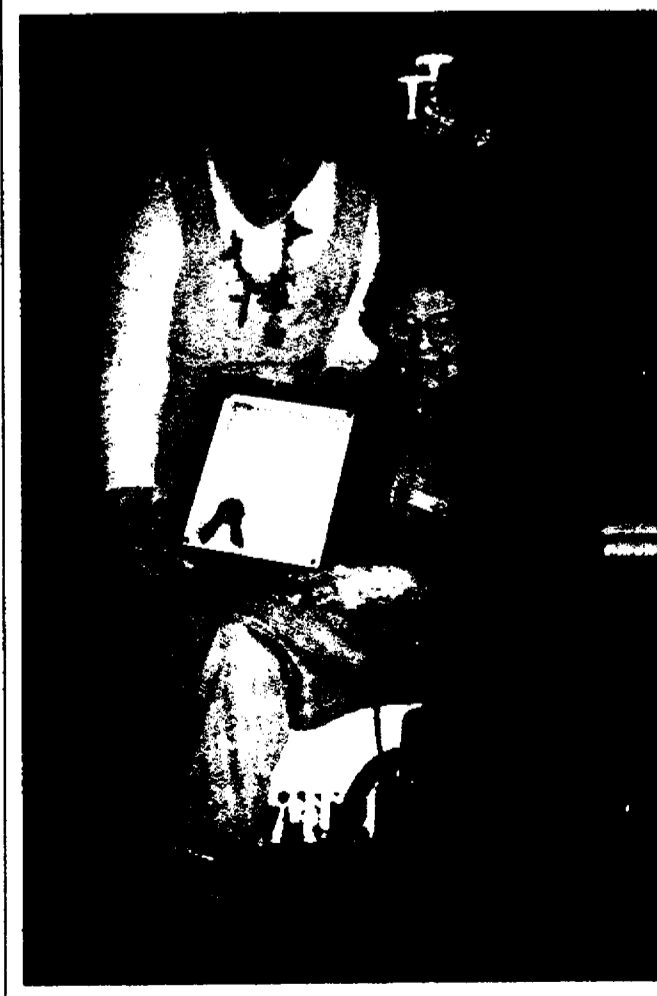
states were shocked to learn that a Canadian company had received permission from the province of Ontario to begin bottling and selling water from Lake Superior. The amount of water to be drawn from the lake was relatively small, but the shock felt by residents of the Great Lakes region was huge. We think commercial sales are inappropriate." The permit was ultimately denied.

The regulation of Great Lakes water should be in the hands of those who live closest to the lakes, which hold 90 percent of the United States fresh water. "The governors of the region should have the control," he said.

"HOMES — Lakes Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie and Superior."

Woods woman celebrates 100 years

Mildred Grimley, a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, celebrates her 100th birthday. Vicky Granger, a member of the Woods city council and friend of Grimley, presents the birthday girl with a proclamation naming Grimley's birthday, Feb. 7, "Mildred Grimley Day" in the Woods. The celebration takes place during what Granger called a "whis-bang party" attended by 100 well-wishers at the home of Park residents John and Barbara Kerwin. Granger and Grimley are former neighbors. Granger said, "She'd always wave and say hello as I took walks. She's a darling."



POINTER OF INTEREST

David King

Home: Grosse Pointe Park

Age: 54

Family: Wife, Janet, children, Christopher, Mary and Heather; three grandchildren

Occupation: Principal at Defer Elementary School

Quote: "I remember during my sophomore year we were promised that tuition wouldn't go above \$1,500 a year"

See story, page 4A



David King

25 years ago this week



Hockey game to help burn institute

In an effort to raise money for the National Institute for Burn Medicine, the Jaycees are sponsoring a hockey game between Detroit Red Wing oldtimers and the Pointe's Sherwood Forest Hockey Club, a senior "A" men's team. The game will take place on Wednesday, March 19, at 8 p.m., at the Grosse Pointe Community Rink. Looking forward to the opening face-off are, from left, Dr. Williams Jennings, hockey game chairman; Charles "Ric" Rutan, Jaycee president; Red Wing oldtimer and City firefighter Johnny Rea; and Brian DeFour, chairman of the burn center project. Tickets cost \$3.50. (Photo by Greg Wheeler. From the March 13, 1975 Grosse Pointe News.)

yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ A March 18 deadline awaits the names of 62 veterans about whom information is needed urgently if they are to be included in the permanent bronze memorial tablet at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

In order for veterans to appear on the memorial's honor roll, their names have to be checked for eligibility.

■ Officials of the City of Grosse Pointe are keeping their eyes on a bond issue in Royal Oak that deals with raising money for municipal parking facilities.

Grosse Pointe officials have been trying to tame a parking problem in the Village and are considering the construction of parking lots on both sides of Kercheval.

■ A new series of Sunday afternoon chamber music concerts featuring the Stanley String Quartet and the Collegium Musicum of the University of Michigan has been announced by the Grosse Pointe War Memorial as part of its program of community cultural activities.

25 years ago this week

■ Would-be muggers, purse snatchers and robbers who prey on the elderly might find it more difficult to victimize senior citizens now that some of these people are carrying

whistles.

The Grosse Pointe Park Police Officers Association has donated 26-dozen whistles to the St. Ambrose Senior Action Set.

According to patrolman David Hiller, the whistles emit a sharp, piercing trill and are similar to those used by police and crossing guards.

■ Thomas Ott has been named assistant superintendent of business affairs for the Grosse Pointe public school system.

Ott works currently as business manager for the Lincoln Park Public Schools.

■ Grosse Pointe Woods city administrator Chester Peterson has approved the construction of six new boat docks at Lake Front Park. The six docks will be able to handle 12 boats.

10 years ago this week

■ Blocks of ice piled over the breakwall along Lakeshore as high water levels and onshore winds have conspired to move Lake St. Clair a few feet inland.

■ The University Liggett School hockey team is celebrating its first Class B-C-D state title since 1980.

■ In the wake of dramatic property assessment increases, volunteer boards of review have been busy throughout the

Grosse Pointes.

5 years ago this week

■ Despite their political differences, Oakland County chief executive L. Brooks Patterson and Wayne County chief Edward McNamara agreed on one thing this week when they spoke to a group of Grosse Pointe business people.

The county executives said it is absolutely necessary for the voters of the tri-county area to approve a 1/3-mill levy to fund a regional bus system.

"A lot of Grosse Pointers who own businesses depend on the bus system," said McNamara. "Without it, people go on welfare."

■ Members of the Grosse Pointe school board have agreed tentatively to place a second millage proposal on the June 12 school board ballot.

The failure a couple of months ago of an 8.5-mill request has cost the Grosse Pointe school district about \$15.4 million.

■ The Grosse Pointe South High School boy's basketball team came from behind to beat East Detroit 65-53 in the Class A district tournament.

However, the Blue Devils have been knocked out of the tournament by Detroit Finney 71-54.

—Brad Lindberg

Farms council approves contract with public works employees

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council approved a new contract with the city's public works employees — almost two years after the last contract expired.

The contract the Farms had with the 29 employees who work for the public works department, the water filtration plant and the Pier Park expired on June 30, 1998, said assistant city manager Shane Reeside.

Between then and now the city went into mediation with the Teamsters, the union that represents the workers, and had filed for a fact finding when an agreement was reached, said Reeside.

The contract calls for a 3 percent wage increase a year for three years, said Reeside. So if a worker made \$30,000 at the beginning of the contract, he or she would be making \$30,900 at the end of year one, \$31,827

at the end of year two and \$32,782 at the end of year three.

Employees had been working without a contract since 1998, so they will receive the appropriate pay increases retroactively, said city manager Richard Solak. The city's budget has money saved for this purpose.

"The mediation process was a long one," said Reeside. "We had negotiated for several months but reached an impasse. So Richard Tarippin, a mediator from the Michigan Employee Relations Commission, was brought in."

Tarippin presented a proposal in 1999 that was taken to the union membership, but was rejected, said Reeside.

"After the mediator's recommendation failed, they filed for a fact finding," Reeside said. "That's very similar to what teachers go through. The fact finding hearing was scheduled to take place in March. But

both parties agreed to a tentative contract, which was then approved by the council at its February meeting."

While the mediated proposal had a 3 percent per year wage increase, it did not, said Reeside, have a winter clothing allowance. The new contract does. It's \$150 a year.

The new contract also has some changes in health insurance, said Reeside. Retired employees have new health insurance coverage. They have gone from traditional health insurance to PPO.

Under a PPO (preferred provider option) plan, those with the coverage must go to doctors that agree to participate in the plan and agree to a payment structure set by Blue

Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

The co-payment ratios are also different under the new contract. The old contract allowed for a 90/10 coverage, while under the new contract calls for a payment ratio of 80/20. That means that users pay 20 percent for medical ser-

VICES not falling under the category of master medical.

For example, said Reeside, a major surgery is under the master medical, so a patient would only have to pay the deductible. He or she would not have to pay 20 percent of a \$40,000 hospital expense. They

would for services not covered under master medical.

"I think this is a good package," said Reeside. "It puts wages and benefits in line with the surrounding community and it recognizes the excellent services provided by the city's departments."

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At left, the City of Grosse Pointe municipal metered lot between the Farms Market and the Jane Woodbury Shop is full Thursday, March 9, at dismissal time at 3 p.m.



At right, the same lot is half empty at 3:20 p.m.

Photos by Bonnie Caprara

Merchants say student parking squeezing out customers, profits

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The metered spots and parking lots along Fisher Road are usually full during the week, but Fisher merchants say that it's not from an overwhelming influx of customers.

"These kids leave their cars here all day long," said Farms Market owner Larry Najjar about Grosse Pointe South High School students who park in the metered municipal lot next to his store.

"It's killed our business. We're the only business along Fisher Road that's open at 8 a.m. and the lot is full and we might only have one customer in the store."

Jane Woodbury, owner of the Jane Woodbury Shop, said the parking situation last the five of the 16 years she's had her clothing boutique on Fisher Road have been the worst.

"A lot of our customers are older and even if they can find a place to park, they're afraid of the kids," said Jane Woodbury. "You can't keep a business if you don't have a place to park."

City of Grosse Pointe public safety chief Al Fincham said, "We meet with the school several times a year and we meet

with them in the spring since there are more drivers bringing cars to school."

Fincham said that the parking situation is "not a problem that's gotten worse," yet said the City issued 647 tickets along the one-block Fisher Road business district from Jan. 1 to Feb. 3. He did not know how many of those tickets were issued to students.

"We have two meter enforcement people and they go up there on a daily basis," said Fincham. "If they can't get up there, we'll send one of our officers."

Expired meter tickets in the City are \$5. If a car with an expired meter ticket remains at a meter, the City will issue a \$25 overtime parking ticket. Cars illegally parked in leased spots will be ticketed and may be towed if leasees call the City public safety department.

However, Fincham said the City has towed only two cars in the last year.

"We don't like to tow, but we have done it," said Fincham.

Tammy Woodbury of the Jane Woodbury Shop said she and her mother had given up their lease spots after dealing with people parking in their spots.

South assistant principal Michelle Yankee said South is "landlocked" with 135 available student parking spots in the S-lot plus street parking along Grosse Pointe Boulevard and alongside the football field on Fisher Road. However she felt the school has been responsive to the merchants' concerns.

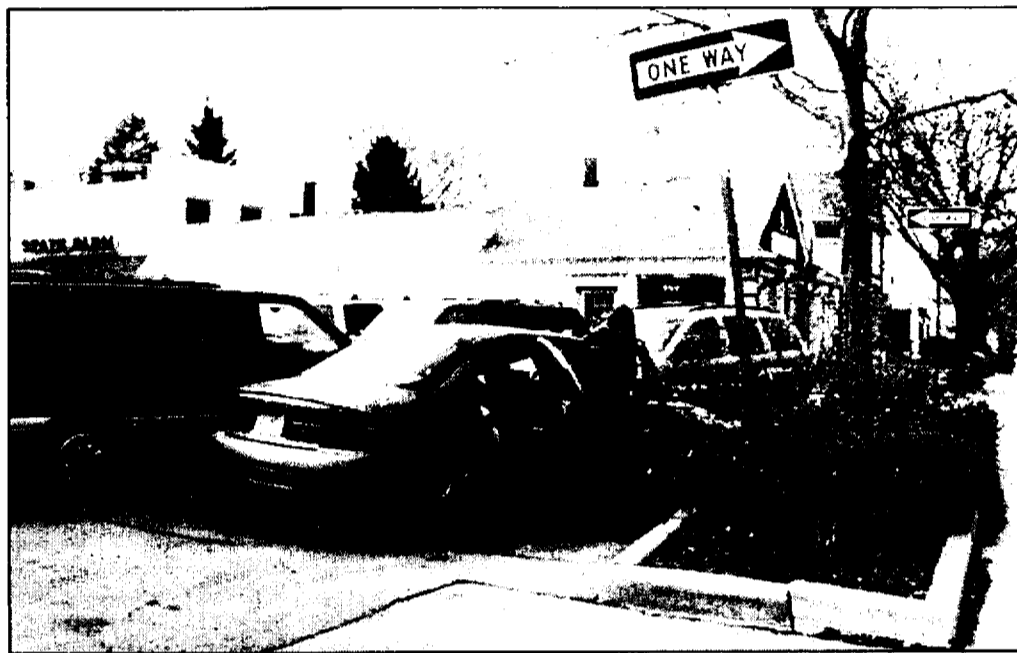
"We've heard these concerns before and we address them regularly," said Yankee. "The administrators and staff walk Fisher Road, we tell our students publicly on the PA system and we've told them privately."

Both Najjar and Jane Woodbury have some doubts about keeping their businesses open on Fisher Road.

"I want to reinvest in the business, but I don't know if I can afford it," said Najjar who has owned the Farms Market for 2 1/2 years.

"My lease is coming up," said Jane Woodbury. "I haven't decided whether I'm going to stay, move or close up shop."

Fincham will meet with South administrators and Fisher Road merchants again to discuss the parking problem on Friday, March 17.



Students seen getting into a car with a student driver in a City of Grosse Pointe municipal metered lot on Thursday, March 9, at 3:05 p.m.

City sets sidewalk replacement

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

Some City of Grosse Pointe residents who live in the area between St. Clair and Cadieux can expect to be notified in the next few weeks if the sidewalks on their property will have to be repaired.

Under the City's program, residents can either have the repairs done themselves, or the City's contractor can do the job and the resident will be billed for the work.

The advantage to having the City do the work, said City administrative assistant Brian Vick, is residents will enjoy economies of scale. A contractor who does 25,000 square feet of cement work will give a

better price for a job than a contractor who does 20 square feet of work.

Under City ordinance, said Vick, the resident is responsible for the sidewalk on his property, but the City is responsible for making sure the resident maintains the property.

The cost of a square yard of concrete four inches deep will be \$2.85. A six-inch slab will be \$3.25 a square yard. The thicker concrete is used for parts of the sidewalk directly between the driveway and the ramps that connect the driveway to the street. It's needed, obviously, because cars and other heavy motor vehicles drive over the concrete.

Parts of the sidewalk used by pedestrians and bicyclists only require the four-inch slabs.

This year's work completes a three-year program to fix all the sidewalks in the City, Vick said. The City's job will be to stay on top of the problem. Repairs to sidewalks will be made as needed from now on.

"After this year we won't need a huge program," said Vick. "It's a matter of maintenance. But because we've replaced all the damaged sidewalk slabs over the past couple of years, there shouldn't be much of a problem. But tree roots will push up slabs and such. Sometimes cold weather causes damage. So we will have to keep an eye out."

Farms council goes shopping — gets some heavy equipment

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council approved spending over \$150,000 to purchase a new rubbish packer, a 4x4 pickup truck and a loader.

Farms director of public service Joe Leonard said that while the purchases sound like a lot of money, the Farms is replacing equipment that has been in constant use since the 1980s.

"We do well in recycling our equipment," Leonard said. "It's rare that we just let it go out the door without handing it over to another department. But eventually you have to replace it."

For example, said Leonard, the rubbish compactor costs \$100,990. The provider is Motor City Trucks. The old model it is replacing was purchased in 1988. Even then, the Farms is keeping the chassis and putting dump truck components over it to use for heavy duty jobs.

A rubbish compactor is what is used to compact trash as it is

picked up and before it's taken to the dump. A compactor can hold up to 25 cubic yards of compacted trash, said Leonard. That's enough capacity to complete an entire run sometimes.

The compacting equipment, Leonard said, has rusted out, but since the chassis is still in good shape, the vehicle will be converted to a dump truck.

"We will use it for heavy jobs," said Leonard. "This will replace our old dump truck, which is 20 years old. The old dump truck has been fixed up so many times. We don't want it to lose its brakes during a critical time. When they have as much wear and tear as the old truck has, it's time to put it out of commission."

The loader costs \$29,000 and is being purchased from Wolverine Tractors & Equipment. It will be used for all-purpose jobs that require a lot of labor, said Leonard. It is similar to a fork lift and can get into tight areas.

It has three attachments, Leonard said. An auger is used for digging holes — for posts

for tree plantings. There is a snowplow attachment for small areas where the big plows can't reach and a bucket attachment that can be used for picking up dirt or spreading top soil.

The 4x4 pickup costs \$20,000 and the supplier is Ed Schmid Ford. It is replacing a 1986 model truck used by the city. The old truck will be sent to the Pier Park. It will be used for a variety of jobs as needed.

Leonard was questioned by the council as to why there weren't competing bids from suppliers for the equipment sales.

"We sent out bids to a variety of different suppliers in each instance," Leonard said. "But we only received one bid back in each case. For the rubbish packer Bell Equipment wrote back, but did not give a dollar amount. I would say this is unusual. Maybe suppliers are making so much money in the non-municipal market that they can't be bothered with municipal sales because they are not as profitable."

War Memorial has online registration

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial has a new web site available to access fast, convenient and secure registration online for classes and activities at www.warmemorial.org.

Through an association with eregister.com, a Birmingham-based company, the War Memorial becomes the first organization in the Grosse Pointes to offer this convenience to the community.

To access registration details, click on the eregister.com icon. You'll go immediately to the War Memorial's on-line program of events, where registration using Visa or MasterCard is

accepted. The War Memorial will send a return e-mail as confirmation of the enrollment. Access to the War Memorial's program of events is also available by visiting www.eregister.com.

"On-line registration is one more way the War Memorial is addressing the changing needs of the community," says Maria Esposito, War Memorial director of lifelong learning. "We want to make it as easy as possible for our patrons to access the War Memorial and this new feature provides a great way to browse through our offerings." On-line registration is available 24 hours a day.

"We are still very much a hands-on, people-friendly organization and online registration won't replace the traditional methods of registration," says Esposito. "This is an addition to our list of services that's here when needed."

The War Memorial is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Registrations are also accepted by mail to Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich. 48236-3784; or call (313) 881-7511, or fax at (313) 884-6638. MasterCard and Visa are accepted for most War Memorial-sponsored activities.

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Park man finds joy in the principal things in life

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

For David King, leaving school is one of the principal things of his life.

King, 54, lives in Grosse Pointe Park and for the past few years has been principal at Defer Elementary in the Park. He has been with the Grosse Pointe school system since 1968 and will be retiring at the end of the school year.

"I'm going back to Nebraska," King said. "I'm too young to retire altogether and my wife and I look at this as a chance to start over."

King was born in Nebraska and grew up there. He played baseball as a youth and was sports editor at his high school newspaper. After high school King attended Hastings College in Nebraska.

"It's a good liberal arts college," said King. "I started in 1964 and graduated in 1968. During that time I was drafted. I had failed to fill out my deferment papers and received a draft notice. I was a sophomore at the time and was kind of tired of school and I thought it might be nice to spend some time in the Army."

The Vietnam War was just beginning to get serious and this was before the conflict had become a point of contention on the home front, said King.

"My father had served in the armed services during World War II," said King. "He had a different perspective on going into the Army. So he went down to the draft office and found out why I lost my deferment and as a result I ended up getting the right forms and filled them out."

By the time King left college he was married and had a child. He said while that might seem unusual to young people these days that someone got married in college, back then it wasn't that odd.

Another thing that was different then was the cost of a college education, said King.

"I remember during my sophomore year we were promised that tuition wouldn't go above \$1,500 for a year," King said. "That's not bad for a private college."

After graduating from college in 1968, King looked up the 50 fastest-growing metro-

politan areas in the country and wrote to them asking about openings. Being the 1960s he was interested in teaching in Detroit. At the time he was also interested in getting out of Nebraska.

"I had also been offered a contract from the Grosse Pointe school system, but if I wanted to teach in Detroit, I would have had to fly to Chicago or Detroit to take a special qualifying test the Detroit district had required at the time," said King. "I had already passed several other teaching tests and really couldn't afford to fly to Chicago or Detroit to take a test so that I might be considered for a job. I had a wife and child at the time."

King's academic advisor suggested that he take the Grosse Pointe job and if, after a couple of years, he was interested in teaching in Detroit he could always transfer to the district.

"I came here in the fall of 1968," King said. "I was a social studies teacher for the fifth and sixth grades at Barnes for eight years. In 1976 I went over to Trombly school for two years."

King said he doesn't remember the late 1960s and early 1970s with the sense of nostalgia that others have for that era.

"It was such a conflicted period in our history," King said. "I remember Bobby Kennedy speaking at my college about 10 days before he was killed. There was the Vietnam War and the beginning of the drug culture. I knew some friends who seriously suffered from drugs. So many people were lost during that time."

In 1978 King took a job at the district's central office as assistant director of personnel labor relations. His duties entailed hiring non-certified staff such as custodians, teachers' assistants and cafeteria workers. He also assisted in the hiring of teachers and with

POINTER OF INTEREST

labor relations and negotiations.

"That job came at a good time," King said. "I was close to leaving the field of education. I was almost done with getting my MBA with a major in accounting. I was thinking of going in another direction when Ron Tonks, who was a lawyer before he entered the education field, hired me. He was someone who had gone in another direction too. He was from the Lakeshore school district and he had gotten a law degree before he came to the Grosse Pointe district."

of the Los Angeles school district's building program.

"I thought I had problems," King said. "He had to build 60 schools. Land was expensive. The school population was mobile, which meant he was thinking of making the schools convertible to office space in case they had to close the buildings."

In 1989 King went to Ferry, where he stayed for eight years. He came to Defer in 1997.

"I always wanted to be a principal," said King. "When I was getting my MBA I was

thinking of going in another direction. I was glad I didn't because I don't think I would have been happy."

In 1989 the principal at Ferry resigned suddenly in July and the district needed to find someone quickly.

The superintendent at the time, John Whritner, said King, agreed to give the job to King.

He said he likes being a principal because it gives him the chance to do a lot of things.

"I get to work with the kids," said King. "I can help teachers with teaching techniques. I get to work with parents. I know it sounds corny, but I had a college professor who had a great impact on me and my life. As a

been encountering the children of students he taught years ago. They still call him Mr. King. He added that he's always amazed to find out how he's connected to the people in the community, but after 30 years it shouldn't be unexpected.

"A lot of things have changed in education since I started teaching," said King. "The teachers are required to do a lot more. The education that's taking place today is much more broad and has more depth. When I started we taught out of a textbook and emphasized memorization. It hasn't totally gone away, but there's a lot more thinking and reflection of what's going on in a classroom these days."

King credits the Grosse Pointe system with teaching writing well. He said Roger McCaig is primarily responsible for developing the writing program in the system.

"Then there's technology," said King. "Forget about 30 years ago. The technology that's come into the classroom in the last five or 10 years has had an impact on teaching."

When King decided to retire, he and his wife Janet decided to move back to Nebraska. They are both from the state and most of their family still lives there.

"Our kids are grown up and have moved away," said King. "Now that I'm 54 I am much more aware of my mortality. I would like to spend some time with my brother before either of us dies. Going back to Nebraska gives us a chance to start over. We've also been thinking of adopting a child once the move is completed."



Grosse Pointe Park resident David King is retiring as principal at Defer Elementary after working for the Grosse Pointe school system for the past 32 years. He leaves behind memories and friends of all ages.

In 1984 King became director of support services. He got to attend national conferences and had the opportunity to speak with the man in charge

applying for principal positions all over. I had decided in college that was what I wanted to do. I wasn't getting much feedback and with my MBA I was

principal I have the potential to have a similar effect on the lives of my students."

King said he's been in the school district so long that he's

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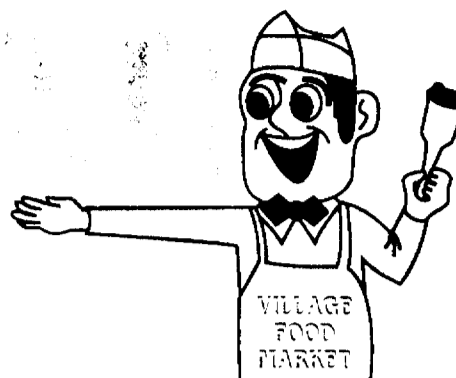
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Wash and dry turkey wings, separating them at the joints, discard wing tips. Combine flour, salt and pepper. Dredge turkey pieces in the seasoned flour. Heat oil in heavy, deep skillet. Brown turkey pieces well on all sides. Add mushrooms and onions. Arrange turkey pieces in an even layer evenly dispersed with mushrooms. Sprinkle with thyme. Blend chicken stock and tomato paste. Pour over turkey. Cover and simmer on low heat for 1 1/2 hours or until tender, adding more liquid if needed. Just before serving stir in sour cream. Blend and heat but do not boil. Serve over hot noodles.

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Vote 'Yes' on school millage 'renewals'

Voters in the Grosse Pointe Public School System will have the opportunity to do something very selfish on Tuesday, March 28, by saying yes to three school millage "renewals."

We say selfish because maintaining an excellent public school system is one of the most direct ways in which residents can raise their property values.

The logic is simple: Good school districts attract parents who want the best education for their kids. Consequently, there is increased demand for homes in a good school district, forcing property values to rise.

Voters will be asked to approve 6.7655 general operating mills, 18 non-homestead mills and 1.3129 technology mills.

Voters may get confused when they go to the polls because these school taxes will be called "increases" in the ballot language. That's because all the current

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mills expire June 30, while the "renewed" mills begin July 1.

It's a bit of legal hair-splitting as far as we're concerned. The schools are not asking voters for "more" in taxes than what they have been paying, and so we think the millages can be accurately described as "renewals." We just hope the misleading ballot language does not cause voters to vote against "increases."

Grosse Pointe schools are in demand because they offer more than the average public school system. And that is why Grosse Pointe and other premier school districts in the state are allowed to seek additional mills in addition to the six operating mills all districts are required to levy.

And in order to continue offering more than the norm, the school district needs its additional 6.7655 operating mills

renewed.

Likewise, the 18 non-homestead mills are a must. If they are not approved, the Grosse Pointe schools would lose nearly \$10 million, or 12 percent, of their revenue.

Non-homesteads — commercial property and non-owner-occupied dwellings — contribute \$4.9 million (5.9 percent) to the district's budget. Not only would that be lost if the non-homestead millage is not renewed, but the state would also withhold another \$5 million a year in funding.

Wise business owners consider supporting the school district as a necessary and beneficial cost of doing business. Good schools mean a thriving community and an educated work force, both of which are good for business.

Five years ago, voters approved a spe-


cial technology millage (1.33 mills), which raised \$12.5 million. Of that, \$5.2 million was spent on computers and other hardware, \$1.7 million was spent on wiring and other necessary infrastructure improvements, \$1.7 million was spent on servers and other network equipment and the balance was spent on the requisite training.

But as everyone in business or even with a home computer knows, the technology genie is insatiable. Technology seems to be an ongoing cost of doing business these days, and it's no different in the schools.

That's why the district is seeking a renewal of its 1.3129 technology mills. (You'll notice the millage rates have been rolled back to offset windfall gains due to rising property values.)

We urge all voters — of whom only 17 percent normally turn out at the polls in school elections — to support their school district on Tuesday, March 28, and approve all the millage "renewals."

Not only will you be doing something "selfish" in ensuring your home investment, you will also be guaranteeing our kids an exemplary education, something we've all come to expect out of the Grosse Pointe public schools.

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Bush to face Gore

Now that the 2000 presidential race has boiled down to Gov. George Bush and Vice President Al Gore, we will soon find out just how much support each of these candidates has in Michigan.

With both former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley and Arizona Sen. John McCain licking their wounds from Super Tuesday's trouncing by Gore and Bush, respectively, it remains to be seen just how much support they will throw behind the individual presidential hopefuls in November.

While McCain said he "supported" Bush, he hasn't exactly given him an unvarnished endorsement. There was some speculation that McCain may bolt the GOP in favor of the Independent Party, but we find that doubtful unless he wants to guarantee a Democratic continuation of the presidency.

Gore apparently came out early trumpeting campaign finance reform, adopting both Bradley's and McCain's refrain from the late primary campaign.

And Bush is going to attack Gore's fundraising history, including the vice president's Buddhist temple faux pas.

But while both McCain and Bradley are credited with keeping the campaign finance reform effort alive, we doubt either Bush or Gore will give it much more than lip service.

The Bush camp is also faced with the problem of how to woo McCain's

"Democrats" and independents without alienating the conservative Republican stalwarts.

And in Michigan, where GOP primary voters stood behind McCain, it remains to be seen whether they will become "Bush Democrats" or "Gore Republicans."

Indeed, Michigan and other Midwestern voters have shown remarkable independence in their presidential decision making. It seems that whether they are primarily Republican or Democratic voters, they have no problem switch-hitting when it comes to the presidency.

But with the economy good, burning issues lacking and nothing starkly differentiating the two candidates, we fear this will be a truly negative, nasty campaign as both candidates try to capture national voters via 15- or 30-second TV spots.

On another matter, we think both parties should seriously look at our nominating process for the presidency.

Currently, parties seem to lack control over who runs under their monikers, and in primaries, they cannot even control who votes in their party elections.

In Michigan, for example, the Republicans had an open primary in which many Democrats reportedly voted. But the Democrats' caucus last Saturday was closed.

Surely there must be a way to make the nomination process more uniform and controllable by the parties themselves.



Letters

Vote for support

To the Editor:

We are very fortunate to live in an outstanding community where we all enjoy a quality of living unmatched anywhere else in the country. Our public school system continues a tradition of excellence that helps maintain our property values and allows Grosse Pointe to remain competitive with other newer surrounding communities.

Please take a few moments to vote yes on all three of the millage renewals on Tuesday, March 28.

All of us benefit from a strong public school system in Grosse Pointe. Let's keep the ball rolling and support these renewal proposals. The future of our community and our children rely on your support on March 28.

Support our community and vote yes on all three millage renewals.

Frank J. Sladen Jr.
Grosse Pointe Farms

Remember to vote

To the Editor:

Tuesday, March 28, is a very important date for our community. That is the date of the election to renew the Grosse Pointe school millage and we want to encourage everyone to be sure and vote that day. As the volunteer co-chairs of the millage campaign, we strongly encourage a "yes" vote.

If you are a parent, grandparent, neighbor or friend of a child in our school system, you are well aware of the excellence of education we enjoy,

and how important it is to approve all three ballot proposals. Furthermore, we have all been beneficiaries of the positive effect an outstanding school district has on our property values.

Detailed information has been disseminated throughout the community about the specifics of the three ballot proposals, including the fact that they provide 25 percent of the school systems budget.

The concern that our committee has, and really the focus of our renewal campaign, is to overcome the voter apathy that exists in these types of elections. Prior statistics reveal that only 17 percent of registered voters actually vote in a school millage election.

Please make every effort to vote on Tuesday, March 28, and support the continued excellence of our school system by voting yes.

Jeff Broderick
Bryan Kadrick
Don Lindow
Mark Weber
Committee Co-Chairs
Your Educational System
(YES) Committee

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Wasted gifts

To the Editor:

Recently I had occasion to renew my membership in the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation. This group was formed about 15 years ago which thankfully preceded the efforts of the

Neighbors Concerned about Yacht Club Expansion (NYCE) propaganda machine.

The foundation was established to augment the official efforts of the Grosse Pointe Shores municipal government to enhance and expedite improvements in the community. My family and friends in the Shores thought then and now that this was and is a noble undertaking.

However, with the advent of the "block and impede any change at any cost" mentality, the concept of improvement to the village once thought to be so logical and critical now is turned on its head.

It seems that any change proposed by the town council or other citizen group is nullified, torn down and opposed. Shameful tactics including lies, half-truths and exaggerations have divided the community, rendering our township impotent.

As I wrote my check for the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation, I tried to imagine how the money could possibly be used. The harbor cannot be touched because of the NYCE lawsuit. The park seems to be off-limits like some shrine or archeological dig.

The Foundation has already changed the township's streetlights and planted many trees. Perhaps the funding will have to be spent to offset the many legal fees both for the harbor and the opposition to the taxation of our parks.

These "gifts" to the Grosse Pointe Shores citizenry are both compliments of the NYCE organization. What a waste!

Bill Frost
Grosse Pointe Shores

Offering from the loft

Let's get physical!

Recent circumstances have introduced me to a whole new chapter in my life. As a result of some back and sciatica problems, I have been attending physical therapy sessions three days a week. More and more of us are turning to physical therapists for help in returning to normal activity as age and stiff joints or arthritis catch up with us. It has been an enlightening experience for me.

Those of us who are involved in these programs come in all sizes, physical conditions and ages. I opted for the morning hours to get it over with and to avoid the young jocks in the pool at the end of the day. My reluctance to don a bathing suit in a public forum was quickly forgotten as I took comfort in the fact that none of us was ogling or judging the other.

In fact, we were all assisting each other, helping to pick up dropped towels or a cane that had fallen to the floor. Modesty is unimportant and is simply not an option in these places, as we wait our turn for the mandatory shower before and after entering the pool.

The other day there were four of us in the pool, three women and one man. I was surprised to learn that I was the only one who could swim. But there they were, these courageous elderly folk, doing their exercises while clinging to the side rails, intent on one thing, to improve their quality of life. We laughed and turned drudgery into a pool party.

The previous day I had the pool to myself, not as much fun.

Humor is a necessary element in PT (physical therapy), because the workouts can be fraught with frustration. We represent the various stages of the halt and the lame.

Our exercise costumes run the gamut from sweat-chic to Red Wing T-shirts. Comfort is key. Many have scars on hips, backs and knees; some are working on internal pain, which is just as severe but not as evident to the casual observer.

The therapists are a wonderful group of dedicated professionals. They are a compassionate group of young people with healthy doses of empathy and humility. They make it a priority to assure our comfort, whether settling us into a new machine or traction. They bring needed glasses of water or towels. They apologize if they think they are hurting you as they assist in stretching exercises. Their kindness and gentleness go a long way in the mending process.

This area of Michigan is fortunate to have many such venues in which we can seek support for our health needs. I have had experience with three different locations and have had positive reactions to each. The people are the most important ingredient to success and one can't help but respond to their encouragement and applause. Thank you.

My turn

"Who has the 'I Say' this week?"

It's a familiar question thrown around the newsroom with increased apprehension as we near deadline.

My colleagues were no help. "Not me," said one. "I don't," another. "I did it last week."

I was cornered. It was my turn.

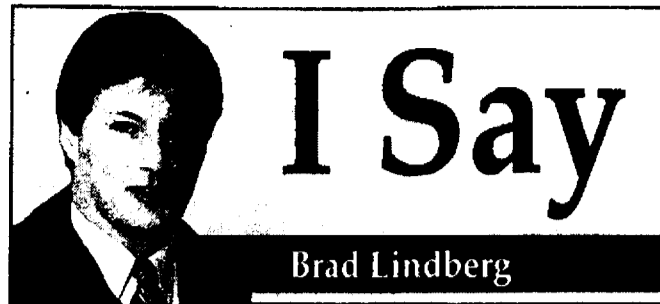
Like slapping a coat of paint on a closet ceiling, here's a quick "I Say" about a topic in which readers have actually expressed an interest, country music song titles.

In terms of being weird, the following are reportedly the top 25 country song titles in the U.S., in reverse order:

25. "Get Your Tongue Outta My Mouth 'Cause I'm Kissing You Goodbye."
24. "Her Teeth was Stained, but Her Heart was Pure."
23. "How Can I Miss You if You Won't Go Away?"
22. "I Don't Know Whether To Kill Myself or Go Bowling."
21. "I Bought a Car From a Guy Who Stole My Girl, but It Don't Run So We're Even."
20. "I Keep Forgettin' I

Forgot About You."

19. "I Liked You Better Before I Knew You So Well."
18. "I Still Miss You, Baby, but My Aim's Gettin' Better."
17. "I Wouldn't Take Her to a Dog Fight, 'Cause I'm Afraid She'd Win."
16. "I'll Marry You Tomorrow, but Let's Honeymoon Tonight."
15. "I'm So Miserable Without You, it's Like Having You Here."
14. "I've Got Tears in My Ears From Lyin' on My Back and Cryin' Over You."
13. "If I Can't Be Number One in Your Life, Then Number Two on You."
12. "If I Had Shot You When I Wanted To, I'd Be Out by Now."
11. "Mama Get a Hammer (There's a Fly On Papa's Head)."
10. "My Head Hurts, My Feet Stink, and I Don't Love You."
9. "My Wife Ran Off With My Best Friend, and I Sure Do Miss Him."
8. "Please Bypass This Heart."
7. "She Got the Ring and I Got the Finger."
6. "You Done Tore Out My Heart and Stomped That



Sucker Flat."

5. "You're the Reason Our Kids Are So Ugly."
4. "If the Phone Don't Ring, You'll Know it's Me."
3. "She's Acting Single and I'm Drinkin' Doubles."
2. "She's Looking Better After Every Beer."

And the number one favorite country song is:

1. "I Haven't Gone to Bed With any Ugly Women, But I've Sure Woke Up with a Few."

In addition, councilman Joseph Jennings of the City of Grosse Pointe rounded up a few titles:

"My Baby Lives South of the Border, but Last Night She Came Across."

"I Can't Get Over You Darling, So Answer the Phone

Yourselves."

"I Got Lucky at the Family Reunion."

"Stop Choppin' Wood Mama, Daddy's Comin' Home with a Load."

"Let Me Call You Sweetheart, I've Called You Everything Else."

Thanks, Joe.

Along the lines of weird song titles, the following quotes were reportedly taken from actual federal employee performance evaluations:

1. "Since my last report, this employee has reached rock bottom and has started to dig."
2. "I would not allow this employee to breed."
3. "This employee is really not so much of a has-been, but more of a definite won't be."
4. "Works well when under

constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap."

5. "When she opens her mouth, it seems that it is only to change feet."
6. "He would be out of his depth in a parking lot puddle."
7. "This young lady has delusions of adequacy."
8. "He sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them."
9. "This employee is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot."
10. "This employee should go far, and the sooner he starts, the better."
11. "Got a full 6-pack, but lacks the plastic thing to hold it all together."
12. "A gross ignoramus 144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus."
13. "He doesn't have ulcers, but he's a carrier."
14. "I would like to go hunting with him sometime."
15. "He's been working with glue too much."
16. "He would argue with a signpost."
17. "He brings a lot of joy whenever he leaves the room."
18. "When his IQ reaches 50, he should sell."
19. "If you see two people

talking and one looks bored, he's the other one."

20. "A photographic memory but with the lens cover glued on."
21. "A prime candidate for natural de-selection."
22. "Donated his brain to science before he was done using it."
23. "Gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming."
24. "Has two brains: one is lost and the other is out looking for it."
25. "If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week."
26. "If you give him a penny for his thoughts, you'd get change."
27. "If you stand close enough to him, you can hear the ocean."
28. "It's hard to believe that he beat out one million other sperm."
29. "One neuron short of a synapse."
30. "Some drink from the fountain of knowledge; he only gargled."
31. "Takes him two hours to watch 60 Minutes."
32. "The wheel is turning, but the hamster is dead."

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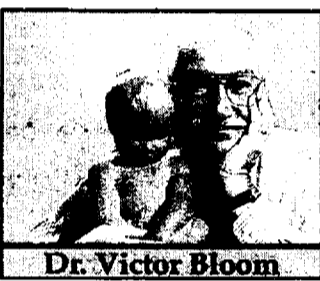
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The Op-Ed Page



Medical mistakes or complications?

Recently, president Clinton responded to a government "scientific" statistical report that 40,000 to 100,000 people die every year because of what was classified as medical "mistakes." I cannot attest to the accuracy or inaccuracy of this report, one that puts "medical mistakes" as the eighth cause of death, albeit far behind heart disease, cancer and stroke.



Dr. Victor Bloom

As a result, the medical profession is put on notice that these "excess" deaths can and should be reduced by government surveillance and controls. This new governmental intrusion into the practice of medicine is the most recent in a long process of increasing government bureaucratic controls, which have been of questionable value.

Cost-cutting through "managed" (a.k.a. "mangled" care) was the result of federal economists (a.k.a. "bean-counters") and "number crunchers" calculating that medical costs were escalating faster than inflation. And, God forbid, the total expenditures for medical care had grown to 14 percent of the GDP (gross domestic product).

Cost-cutting first proceeded from Medicare, and Medicaid followed not far behind. The idea put forth was that doctors were too rich and greedy, and that escalating medical costs had to be controlled.

The interpretation that should have been made, but was not, is that more and better care had been given to sick Americans. Tiny "preemies" were kept alive and given a chance to live and grow, heart and cancer patients received cutting-edge and state-of-the-art treatment, and aged people were given options to live longer and better.

The new technology — the CAT and PET scans, ultrasounds, radiation and chemotherapy, more and more delicate and intricate operations — was very expensive. Doctors' personal incomes and charges were not out of line. And yet doctor's fees for various procedures covered by Medicare were limited by government fiat.

It is true that a minority of doctors are greedy and fraudulent, even incompetent, but not more than in any other field, be it politics, religion, education or finance.

I don't think we want Big Government overseeing and regulating minute details of everyday life to make sure there are no mistakes, and to make sure that the cost of medical care is reduced to a lesser figure than 14 percent of the GDP.

I wonder how many Grosse

Pointers sense an improvement in their medical care in the last 10 years.

What I hear is a growing disillusionment with doctors and medical care, as the doctor-patient cooperative relationship has been destroyed by malpractice litigation and managed care.

Medical "gate-keepers" have been assigned to approve or disapprove a patient being sent to a specialist. Although private corporate influence have determined many health-care choices, the original impetus was federal.

The recent history of party politics has revealed a relentless push toward socialized medicine.

Let's look at this concept of medical "mistake" more closely. A mistake is a singular event — either there was a mistake or there was not. Such reasoning is simplistic and irrational.

Medical care is extremely complex. Every examination and test, every diagnosis and treatment, are made within the context of a very complex relationship, the doctor-patient relationship and his or her unique and particular ailment. As more and more potentially dangerous treatments are coming into use, the risk for morbidity or mortality is high, but sometimes the patient wants to take the risk on the chance that he/she will be cured or at least helped.

When the patient dies, is the government statistician calling it a mistake? The decision to treat or not treat, and which treatment option should be taken, a decision made in private between doctor and patient, cannot and should not be judged by an outside, uninvolved party.

This watchdog is supposed to be "objective," but can he/she be unbiased when not being a party to private conversations and decisions?

I recently saw a program about the early days of open-heart surgery, way back in the '40s. It was about the Minnesota doctor who trained Dr. Bernard of South Africa, Walt Lillehei, who was perfecting his surgical techniques on dogs.

He solved the problem of putting the heart at rest and bypassing the heart by connecting the circulatory system

of one dog with another's.

As time went by, he got better and better canine survival rates, and so he offered to fix the heart of a 3-year-old who was dying because of a large hole in the partition between his left and right ventricles. Sadly, the child died, but that was no mistake. The family approved the procedure because the alternative was certain death due to cardiac insufficiency.

The doctor's next two cases lived and were medical "miracles." The risk of this procedure at the time was enormous, two people could have died, the one with the defective heart and the other whose circulation was being used.

Do we want doctors to avoid taking risks with patients on the chance of being blamed for having perpetrated a medical mistake?

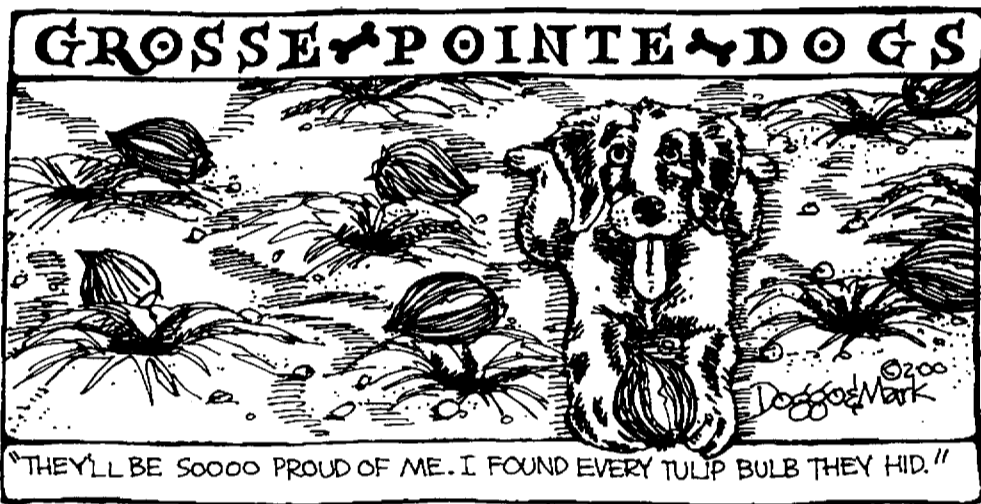
Do you want your doctor to be too careful to help you? It is well known that the best doctors treat the worst cases and take the biggest risks, but not without informed consent, of course!

A good example of this circumstance is related to me by a brilliant, devoted and creative emergency room (ER) physician-specialist. Every time he gets into a helicopter, he risks his life for a chance to help someone in a precarious location. He is brought to a mountainous area where a lumberjack cut himself accidentally with an out-of-control chainsaw, severing his femoral artery, the artery supplying his left leg.

When the ER doc got to him, the woodsman was almost dead from exsanguination. He had lost so much blood that he had no blood pressure and soon there would be permanent damage to the brain. The doctor acted fast, applied a tourniquet and two pressure stockings to force the remaining blood from the lower parts of the body to the heart and lungs, providing oxygen and glucose to the brain.

He was worried that he would get sued, because in the process, there was no circulation in the legs, which eventually became gangrenous and required bilateral amputation. He made an informed and experienced decision to sacrifice the man's legs so that he would live. Sure enough, the patient sued. His lawyer had persuaded him that the doctor made a mistake.

Dr. Bloom is clinical associate professor of psychiatry, Wayne State University. He welcomes comments and questions at vbloom@compuserve.com and visitors to his website, <http://www.factotem.com/vbloom>.



If you have comments or suggestions, e-mail Doggo & Mark at lineslrs@aol.com

Hawthorne Road, alley to be repaved

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A four-month project will begin in April to replace water and sewer lines on Hawthorne between Marter Road and Goethe in Grosse Pointe Woods.

According to Thomas Whitcher, the Woods director of public works, the job will be capped off by repaving the two-block stretch of road.

In addition, workers will repave a one-block section of the alley between Littlestone and Broadstone.

Whitcher said work on the alley will begin a couple of weeks after construction starts on Hawthorne.

The Woods city council this week awarded the two construction projects to low-bidder Brisco Excavating of Oak Park for \$1,151,000.

An engineering firm retained by the Woods checked the construction company's references and subcontractors before recommending the outfit.

Letters welcome

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

The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday.

Send letters to Editor, Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich. 48236; or fax them to (313) 882-1585. Letters may also be e-mailed to: jminnis@grossepointenews.com

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Thanks Farms EMS

To the Editor:
I would like to submit a letter of sincere thanks to the Grosse Pointe Farms EMS — I owe them my life.

On Oct. 25, 1998 I suffered a stroke in my home. EMS was summoned and arrived in less than five minutes. Due to their skill and professionalism I was on my way to hospital in less than five minutes, arriving at hospital in less than a total of 15 minutes.

In stroke as in many emergencies time is of the essence. Having a small window in which effective treatment can be enlisted. I made it through that window.

I also required another ambulance ride after having a seizure while exercising at Complete Fitness on The Hill. Again their rapid response prevented any other sequel.

I thank you for your skill and caring. Let's stop meeting like this.

Robert Ashbury
Grosse Pointe Farms

Applause to teachers

To the Editor:
Congratulations are in order for three Grosse Pointe Public School science teachers. Awards were received in Lansing at the annual Michigan Science Teachers Association conference on March 3 and 4.

Honored as this year's finest teacher team were Janie Droblich and Janis Morrison. These elementary science consultants have long been known locally as one of the major reasons our students do so well in middle and high school science.

Setting the foundations in the four essential sciences, Earth science, chemistry, biology and physics, in both a creative and meaningful manner leads to successful students. Let us continue to encourage this important team!

Shawn McNamara, who

teaches Earth science at Grosse Pointe South High School, was also honored as one of two "Teachers of Promise." Shawn is just beginning his career here. Let us hope that he stays for many years and that we can encourage many other such fine Earth science teachers to join our schools.

Congratulations to all of these valuable state of Michigan MSTa award recipients.

Gordon and Judy Morlan
Grosse Pointe Park

Inappropriate articles

To the Editor:
Grosse Pointe school tax dollars have been used to promote inappropriate and dangerous behavior to our youth. Articles in the Jan. 12 Grosse Pointe South High School Tower newspaper have suggested it is appropriate for young men to remove our daughters'

brassieres, and it is OK for our children to experiment with the dangerous drug, "ecstasy."

Anyone who feels this undermining of our children's education regarding moral and health issues is wrong can call the superintendent, Dr. Suzanne Klein, and the board president, Steve Matthews, at (313) 343-2010. Tell them you support decency in our schools; that you want your taxes to support responsible student activities and appropriate lessons for our children. Ask them to:

1. Rescind the policy that has allowed these articles to be published in our award-winning school newspaper.

2. Keep you apprised of if or when they will be voting on this policy.

3. When and on which cable channel they will broadcast and rebroadcast that meeting.

The Jan. 12 edition of the Tower should be available for all citizens at any public or school library.

Mary and Greg Smith
City of Grosse Pointe

NEA kicks off Read Across America

The National Education Association's (NEA) third annual Read Across America celebration, which on March 2 will engage more than 20 million adults and children across the United States, was launched with the publication of the Children's Top 100 Book List.

J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series was the No. 1 vote winner. The "Goosebumps" series by R. L. Stine came in second, followed by Dr. Seuss's "Green Eggs and Ham" and "The Cat in the Hat." Rounding out the top 10 were the "Arthur" series by Marc Brown, E. B. White's

"Charlotte's Web," the "Shiloh" trilogy by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, "Hatchet" by Gary Paulsen, "Holes" by Louis Sachar, and "The Giver" by Lois Lowry.

NEA president Bob Chase said, "Asking children to vote for their favorite books taught us all some lessons. First, kids love being asked what they like to read. And second, their choices are far more eclectic than we would ever imagine." The list of top 100 children's books includes seven Newbery Award winners, two Caldecott Award winners, six Dr. Seuss titles, and three books by E. B. White, among others.

During last year's Read Across America, the NEA published the list of teachers' favorite 100 children's books. Three of the top 10 books on the teachers' list were also chosen as winners by children — the two Seuss books and "Charlotte's Web."

"The children's list is even more interesting than the teachers," said Chase. "Our members were specifically asked to rank kids' books. Their students were asked simply to name their favorite books, and some of their choices — such as five of Shakespeare's plays and the Iliad and the 'Odyssey' —

were surprising."

The NEA survey, which was conducted online on the Read Across America web site from Nov. 1, 1999 through Feb. 1, 2000, asked students to give their names, ages, schools, cities, states, gender and their five favorite books. More than 1,800 students from 39 states, Puerto Rico, and Department of Defense schools submitted over 8,100 titles.

Students voting in the survey also were invited to make comments about books and reading. An elementary student in Ohio wrote: "It was very hard to pick five (books). There are so many other books that make me laugh, cry or simply remind me of my childhood."

"These books are awesome," said an elementary student from Utah. A New London, Wis., student wrote: "I think it's really cool that you guys are doing this. Thanks." A Mobile, Ala., middle school student complained, "It was too difficult to narrow all of the great books I've read down to five!"

The most frequent comment, however, was summed up by Allison Brooke Gordon, a student at Central Middle School in Parsippany, N.J., "Thank you for letting me vote. I had a blast."

Celebrated annually on March 2, the birthday of the late Dr. Seuss (Theodor Geisel), the NEA's Read Across America celebration will be setting Seuss on the Loose throughout the nation.

For more information about Read Across America, the Kids' Top 100 Book List, and the teachers' top choices, visit www.nea.org/readacross.



Photo by Rosh Sillars

Swing Into Spring with chamber

There is still time to obtain tickets for the Metro East Chamber of Commerce "Swing Into Spring Auction," which begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, at the Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores. Members, from left, Kee Kmetz, Jeff Brayton, Olga Cardasis, Sophie Plastras, Tony Marchiori and Mary Jane Amicarelli, previewed a few of the items included in the auction. There will be Red Wing memorabilia and weekend get-away packages. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. with the live auction getting underway at 7:30 p.m. For more information, or to reserve a ticket, call the chamber at (810) 777-2841. A portion of the proceeds from this event will go into The Metro East Chamber of Commerce's Children's Trust Fund. Out of the fund, two scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors from the service area. The remainder of the proceeds go into the general fund for workshops and seminars, such as the annual Senior Expo, which services senior citizens, also living in the Metro East's service area. Committee members not pictured include Joan DeRonne, Donald Housey, Judy Latcha, Robert Burman, David Gaskin, Marc Layne, Mary Lloyd, Pat Lucente, Nancy Neat and Sandy Stencil.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2000/01 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

To the Electors of Grosse Pointe Township, Wayne County, Michigan:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Electors of Grosse Pointe Township will be held at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2000. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. All matters required by law to be acted upon by the Township electors will be considered at said Annual Meeting.

A public hearing will also be held at the time of the Annual Meeting on March 21, 2000 upon the adoption of the Township Budget for Fiscal Year 2000/01, of which a copy is available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk, 795 Lake Shore (second floor), Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. The public may provide written and oral comments on the budget.

Michael Kenyon,
Deputy Township Clerk

G.P.N. 03/16/00

Lake Township

ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2000/01 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

To the Electors of Lake Township, Wayne County, Michigan:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Electors of Lake Township will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2000. The meeting will be held in the first floor council room of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. All matters required by law to be acted upon by the Township electors will be considered at said Annual Meeting.

A public hearing will also be held at the time of the Annual Meeting on March 20, 2000 upon the adoption of the Township Budget for Fiscal Year 2000/01, of which a copy is available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk, 795 Lake Shore (second floor), Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. The public may provide written and oral comments on the budget.

Raymond Suwinski,
Township Clerk

G.P.N. 03/16/00

PET POINTER OF INTEREST

By Jo Maldonado

Bridgette Smith

Bridgette's occupation: Public relations specialist/politician.

Bridgette's owner: Myrna Smith.

Myrna's occupation: Realtor/former council member.

Residence: Grosse Pointe Farms.

Age: 15 1/2 years old.

Family: Bridgette and Myrna are best friends and roommates.

Type of Pointer: Toy poodle.

Claim to fame: Bridgette assisted Myrna in four political races. She has appeared in the City of Grosse Pointe and Farms Centennial Parades along with several Santa Claus and Little League Parades. She has helped to light the Village Christmas tree and made appearances frequently at Village concerts. She regularly attends Grosse Pointe Memorial Church summer services by the lake where she dozes quietly.

Accomplishment: For many years she displayed the No. 1 dog license in the City; now that she lives in the Farms, she wears a No. 1 Farms dog license.

Favorite pastime: Sleeping in front of the register.

Favorite Pointe: Shopping at the Village.

If you would like to have your pet considered for Pet Pointer of Interest, submit your pet's photo (no photocopies and photos cannot be returned) along with a brief summary telling us why your pet is unique, include your address and phone number. Send all replies to Pet Pointer of Interest, 96 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; e-mail at Petpointer@aol.com



Bridgette with Myrna Smith

CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY COUNCIL MUNICIPAL BUILDING HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Harper Woods City Council will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, April 3, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining public input and comment on a request from Shamrock Cab Company to increase their rates and charges as permitted by Section 24.5 of the Harper Woods Code of Ordinances.

Residents who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their written comments regarding this matter to the City Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.

POSTED: March 7, 2000
G.P.N./The Connection: 03/16/00

City of Harper Woods
Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC TESTING OF ELECTRONIC SCANNING DEVICE FOR SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

NOTICE is hereby given that The Grosse Pointe Public School System will use the electronic scanning device system in all precincts during the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2000. All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe Park (Precinct A), the City of Grosse Pointe (Precinct B), the City of Grosse Pointe Farms (Precinct C), and the City of Grosse Pointe Woods (Precinct D), the Township of Grosse Pointe (Precinct E), the City of Harper Woods (Precinct F) will be using the electronic scanning device.

NOTICE is further given that the public testing of the electronic scanning device for the regular election will be held on Monday, March 20, 2000, at 12:00 p.m. at the election office in Barnes School, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.

JOAN DINDOFFER,
Secretary, Board of Education

G.P.N.: 03/16/00

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2000

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

ROLL CALL: All Council persons were present except Council persons Costantino and Eisengruber.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilman Richard A. Eisengruber from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held February 7, 2000.
- 3) To open the Public Hearing on the proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- 4) To close the Public Hearing on the proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- 5) To excuse Councilman Costantino from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 6) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) Approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 55203 through 55270 in the amount of \$369,471.33 as submitted by the City Manager and City Controller, and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. 2) Approve payment to the Michigan Municipal Utility & Property Pool in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the deductible on a claim. 3) Approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance Office in the amount of \$1,685.27 for services to be rendered during the months of January, February, and March, 2000. 4) Approve payment to Acelli Construction Company in the amount of \$3,121.27 for the repair of three water main breaks on February 5 and 6, 2000. 5) Approve payment to National Industrial Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$3,095.00 for the re-excavating and cleaning of two sanitary sewer lines and one storm sewer. 6) Approve payment to the Library Cooperative of Michigan in the amount of \$2,318.72 for the automated system services from January 1 through March 31, 2000. 7) Approve payment to the City of Grosse Pointe for the amount of \$1,575.00 for the annual maintenance contract for the District Court's copy machine.
- 2) To adopt the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.
- 3) To appoint Fred Pierson to the position of City Treasurer, effective on or about March 13, 2000 at Step 4 of the Administrative Salary Schedule and other benefits afforded administrative officers of the City.
- 4) To approve the purchase of nine (9) Public Works and Parks and Recreation vehicles, 2000 model year from Bill Swochcamp. Fleet details of which are on file in the City Manager's Office in the amount of \$177,414.93 through the State of Michigan's extended Purchasing Program and that these were competitively bid through the State program that the City's competitive bidding process be waived in accordance with City policy.
- 5) To approve the purchase of the Novstar Telephone System and all related hardware, software and installation in an amount not to exceed \$81,500 from Amotech under the State of Michigan Extended Purchasing Program, and that this system was competitively bid through the State program that the City's competitive bidding process be waived in accordance with City policy.
- 6) To approve payment in the amount of \$94,507.61 to Wayne County for the Milk River Drainage District payment due March 7, 2000.
- 7) To adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Labor Contract Negotiations.

Kenneth A. Poynter,
Mayor

Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk

G.P.N./The Connection: 03/16/00

Shores problems

A Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officer, while on patrol, spotted a 1991 Volkswagen weaving between lanes along Lakeshore and striking the curb at 2:31 a.m. on Saturday, March 11.

After pulling the vehicle over the officer detected the odor of alcohol and asked the driver, a 26-year-old St. Clair Shores man, if he had been drinking. The driver admitted to having finished his last beer about 30 minutes previously.

When asked to recite the alphabet the driver got only as far as the letter "P." The officer also found a 40-ounce bottle of beer on the floor of the car. The suspect was taken into custody after he blew a .16 on his preliminary breath test. He is currently free on \$100 bond.

Hit and ran

A Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officer spotted a vehicle on Lakeshore that matched the description of a Farm radio broadcast warning of a possible drunk driver.

The officer spotted the blue Pontiac at 10:26 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, traveling along Lakeshore at a speed of 25 mph — 10 mph below the posted limit.

When the officer pulled the vehicle over, the driver continued to steer the vehicle and apply the brake even though the car was stopped. The officer had to turn off the ignition and was told by the driver, a 77-year-old Auburn Hills man, that he was returning home after a visit to his sister who lives in Rochester Hills.

The driver was taken to the public safety station and the vehicle was impounded for safety. The driver was sent home after a relative came to pick him up. His vehicle had recently been in an accident and Farms police believe it may have been involved in a hit-and-run incident that took place that evening.

Slow down or you'll get a ticket

A Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officer spotted a 1986 blue Ford van speeding north on Lakeshore at a speed of 50 mph, 15 mph over the posted limit.

When the van was pulled over, the officer noticed vomit on the driver's side door, as if someone stuck his head out the window and threw up. The driver was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, but was too unsteady on his feet to complete them successfully. He also had no license as it was already suspended.

The driver, a 33-year-old Detroit man, blew a .17 on his pbt and was taken into custody until released on \$100 bond.

Farms flasher

A 14-year-old girl called Farms public safety officers from a Hill business at 11:55 a.m. on Saturday, March 11, after seeing a man expose him-

self to her.

The victim was walking toward Kercheval on McKinley when she saw a man with brown hair and an unshaven face. The man, who was wearing black running shorts and a gray sweatshirt, said hello then pulled down his pants, exposing himself to the girl. He immediately ran down the alley away from the girl.

By the time police arrived in the area, the suspect was nowhere to be found.

Fake I.D.

A 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms youth learned the hard way that it pays to obey traffic signs, especially in areas near a police station.

The youth was pulled over at 7:20 p.m. on Friday, March 10, after a Farms public safety officer saw the suspect, who was driving a 1989 Ford Bronco, disregard a traffic sign posted in the area of Kerby and

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Lakeshore. The sign stated, "local traffic only" because of street construction.

After pulling over the suspect's vehicle, the officer asked to see the suspect's driver's license. When the suspect pulled his wallet out, the officer noticed another driver's license. This one stated the suspect was 21, not 17.

This discrepancy resulted in the confiscation of the false identification and the suspect's receiving a citation for carrying false documents.

Break-ins

Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers investigated a number of break-ins of homes and businesses last week. On Thursday, March 9, a resident of the 200 block of Kerby discovered that someone entered

his home and made off with a wallet left on his kitchen table.

The theft was noticed at 1:09 a.m. after the owner had spent the last 90 minutes trying to calm his dog down. The animal is normally quiet and the owner didn't understand why the animal was barking until he went into the kitchen and discovered the theft. Entry was gained by punching a hole in a screen door on the east side of the house.

On March 9, at 1:15 a.m. an alarm went off in a business on the Hill. When the alarm company called to check, someone answered the telephone and claimed to be part of the cleaning crew and gave a code word.

The theft of \$1,200 was discovered the next day. According to alarm company records, someone was in the building

for seven minutes. Business officials said their crews don't clean that late in the evening.

Police learned that a member of the cleaning crew reported her keys were missing. The locks of the business have been changed.

Another domestic break-in was reported in the early hours of Thursday, March 9. A resident of the 200 block of Stephens left a kitchen window open, but the screen window closed. When she came downstairs at 6:40 a.m. she noticed the screen window open. A search of the room revealed a bag containing several credit cards and her ATM card was stolen.

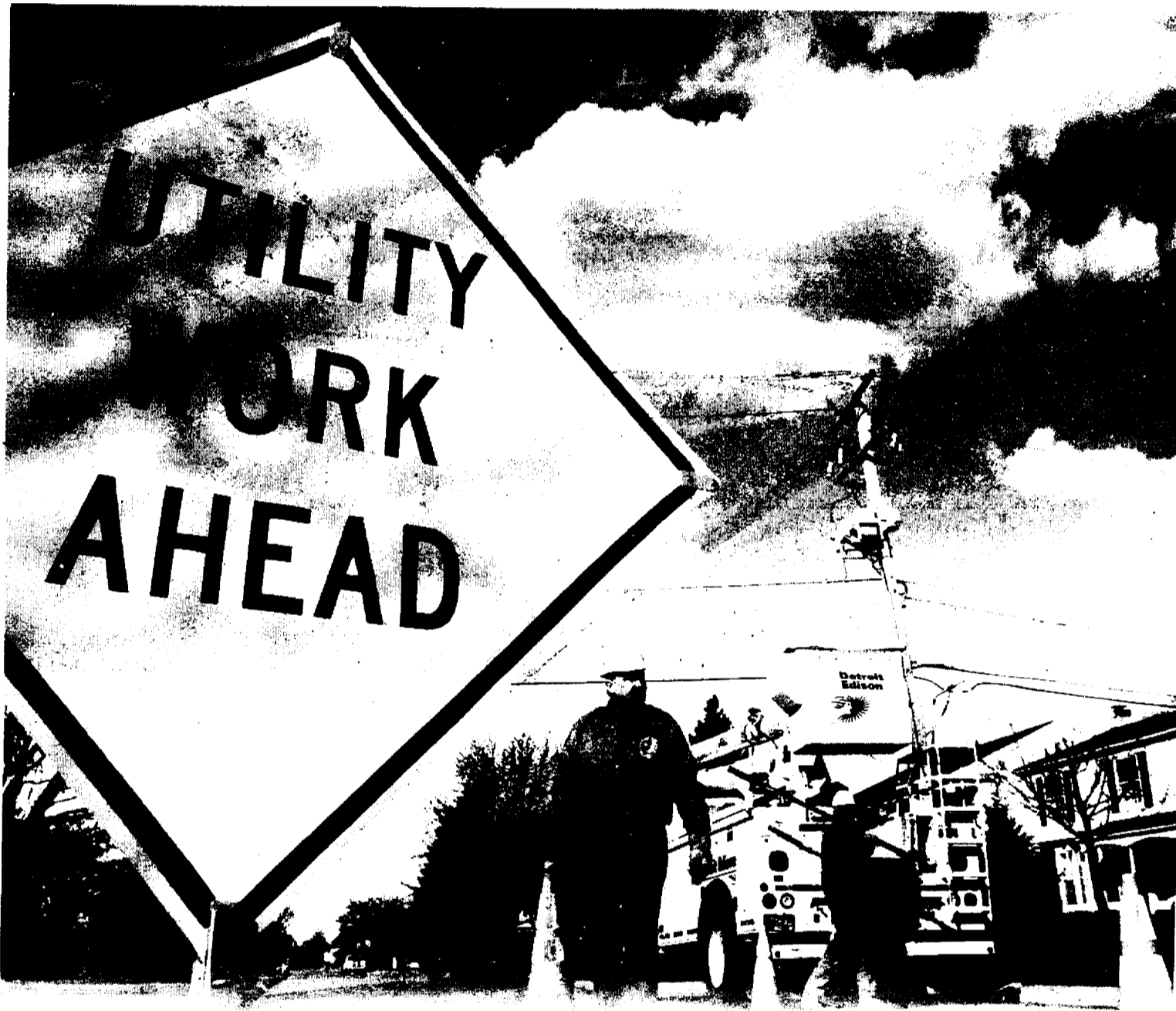
But the news was not all bad. Farms public safety officers, with an assist from City of Grosse Pointe public safety, captured two suspects who have been charged with breaking into a restaurant in the 18500 block of Mack on Tuesday, March 7, at midnight.

Farms police received a report of a break-in taking place. When officers arrived at the scene, they spotted a blue minivan attempting to back away from the rear of the restaurant. There were three men in the van, and when an officer approached the van, they jumped out. One suspect was captured right away. The other two fled on foot.

Farms officers, along with City officers responding to a mutual aid request, searched the surrounding area for the suspects. A resident who lives in the 4900 block of Canyon in Detroit spotted a City officer and said someone was hiding in his garage. A search of the building turned up one of the suspects, who was taken into custody.

A search of the van turned up burglar tools. It also turned out the vehicle had just been stolen in Detroit a couple of

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Josephine V. S. Bashara

Josephine Viola Shalhoup Bashara

A funeral service will be held Thursday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael Episcopal Church, for former Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Woods resident Josephine Viola Shalhoup Bashara. Mrs. Bashara died of congestive heart failure Sunday, March 12, 2000, at Georgian East Nursing Home in St. Clair Shores. She was 88.

Mrs. Bashara was born in Kenton, Ohio, and was a graduate of Lowell High School and Lowell Nursing School.

Mrs. Bashara was a co-founder and grand electra of Cedars of Lebanon Chapter No. 506 O.E.S. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting and cooking.

Mrs. Bashara is survived by three daughters, Gwenn Samuel, Judith Pleva and Carol George; a son, George Jr.; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, George Sr.; and a daughter, Barbara Elfers.

Interment will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Funeral arrangements are being handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial gifts may be sent to St. John Health System Development Fund, 22101 Moross, Detroit, MI 48236-2172.

L. Jane Bryant

Grosse Pointe Park resident L. Jane Bryant died of complications of a heart attack Thursday, March 9, 2000, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit. She was 76.

Mrs. Bryant was born in Alpena, was a graduate of Leroy Agricultural High School and was a switchboard operator at Cottage Hospital.

Mrs. Bryant was a member of the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe, the Frohm Lodge, Faith Circle and the Valparaiso Society and was a patron of the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. She enjoyed animals, books and her family.

Mrs. Bryant is survived by her daughter, Linda Baisch, and one grandchild. She was predeceased by a sister, Barbara Cehula, and a brother, Lynwood Tate.

A funeral service for Mrs. Bryant will be held Monday, March 13, at First English Lutheran Church. Interment is at Maple Hill Cemetery in Leroy. Funeral arrangements were handled by Verheyden Funeral Home.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Foundation for Exceptional Children, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Birdie O. Knope

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Birdie O. Knope, of Grand Rapids, died at Heartland Health Center in Grand Rapids on Saturday, March 11, 2000.

Mrs. Knope, 94, was born in Detroit.

Survivors include a daughter, Elaine Duemler; three sons, Elmer, Frank and

Ronald; 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Elmer.

A funeral service for Mrs. Knope was held Tuesday, March 14, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church. Interment is at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Funeral arrangements were handled by Verheyden Funeral Home.

Marian Z. MacArthur

Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident Marian Z. MacArthur, of Miami, Fla., died in Miami Saturday, March 4, 2000.

Mrs. MacArthur, 80, was born in Detroit and was a 1937 graduate of Liggett School and attended Briarcliff College and Society of Arts and Crafts (now Center for Creative Studies). She made her debut at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in 1938. She was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, the Junior League of Detroit, the Grosse Pointe Garden Club, the Garden Club of Michigan and the Economic Club of Detroit. She enjoyed bridge and gardening.

Mrs. MacArthur is survived by three daughters, Anne Hammond Hart, Susan Hammond Wampler and Christine Hammond Rollins; and five grandchildren. She was predeceased by her first husband, Thomas Hammond, and her second husband, Reginald.

A funeral service for Mrs. MacArthur was held Saturday, March 11, at Verheyden Funeral Home. Interment is at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the charity of choice.

Barbara Joan Pogue

A memorial service will be held Sunday, March 19, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church for Grosse Pointe Woods resident Barbara Joan Pogue who died of congestive heart failure Thursday, March 9, 2000.

Mrs. Pogue, 73, was born in Washington, D.C. and was the daughter of Hall of Fame pitcher Walter Perry Johnson.

Mrs. Pogue is survived by two daughters, Brenda Halvorson and Janet Palmgren; a son, Robert; a sister, Carolyn Thomas; a brother, Edwin Johnson; and six grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by A. H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.



Muriel Grace Preston

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Former City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Woods resident Muriel Grace Preston died in her Little Traverse Lake home on Monday, March 6, 2000. She was 84.

Mrs. Preston grew up in Swansea, Mass., attended business school and worked briefly as a secretary.

Mrs. Preston was involved in a wide range of volunteer work from the Special Olympic

Winter Games at Sugar Loaf, the Leelanau Historical Museum and the Leelanau County Chapter of the American Cancer Society. She was a member of the Louisa St. Clair chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. While living in the Pointes, she was a Girl Scout leader and involved in her children's school PTA. She and her husband were members of the Villagers, Essex Golf and Country Club, the Detroit Yacht Club and the First Congregational Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Louise Patterson, a son, Robert; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Roger.

A memorial service for Mrs. Preston will be held Saturday, April 8, at 11 a.m. at the Leland Community United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at the Cleveland Township Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Leland Community United Methodist Church, the Leelanau County Chapter of the American Cancer Society or to Munson Hospice.

Grace Bernice Ruedisuell

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Grace Bernice Ruedisuell died in Lake Havasu, Ariz., on Thursday, March 9, 2000. She was 79.

Mrs. Ruedisuell was born in Chatham, Ontario, and was a homemaker.

Mrs. Ruedisuell is survived by her husband, Donald; two daughters, Clarice Coello and Pat Totin; a son, Don T.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral service for Mrs. Ruedisuell was held Monday, March 13, at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Funeral Home in Sterling Heights.

Leo C. Ryan

A memorial Mass will be celebrated for former Grosse Pointe Park resident Leo C. Ryan Friday, March 17, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Mr. Ryan died at Parkside Regional Medical Center on Saturday, March 11, 2000, of complications from heart surgery. He was 77.

Mr. Ryan attended St. Ambrose School and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1941. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He attended college in Florida and taught English in several high schools in Florida. For many years he managed dog racing tracks in the Miami Beach area.

Mr. Ryan was proud of his Irish heritage and visited Limerick, Ireland annually.

Mr. Ryan is survived by two sisters, Margaret and Loretta Billiet; a brother, William; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a sister, Ann O'Connor; and four brothers, Robert, James, Richard and John.

Interment will take place in Limerick.

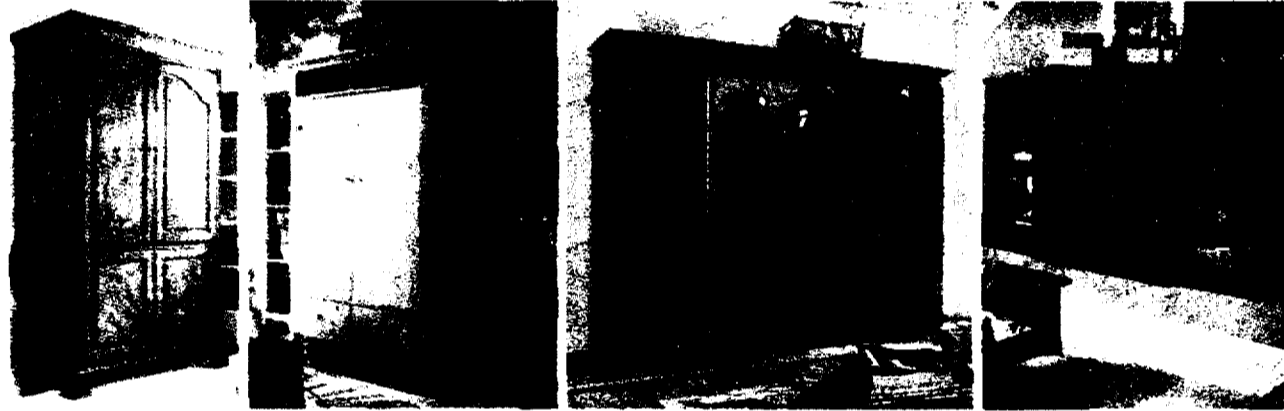
Edward J. Shumaker, M.D.

Edward J. Shumaker, M.D., died of congestive heart failure in his Grosse Pointe Farms home Sunday, March 12, 2000. He was 87.

Dr. Shumaker was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., and was part of the Detroit medical community for over 50 years. He was a 1935 graduate of the University of Chicago and a 1939 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Medicine. He began as an orderly in 1938 then served his internship and residency at Harper Hospital. He served in North Africa and Naples dur-

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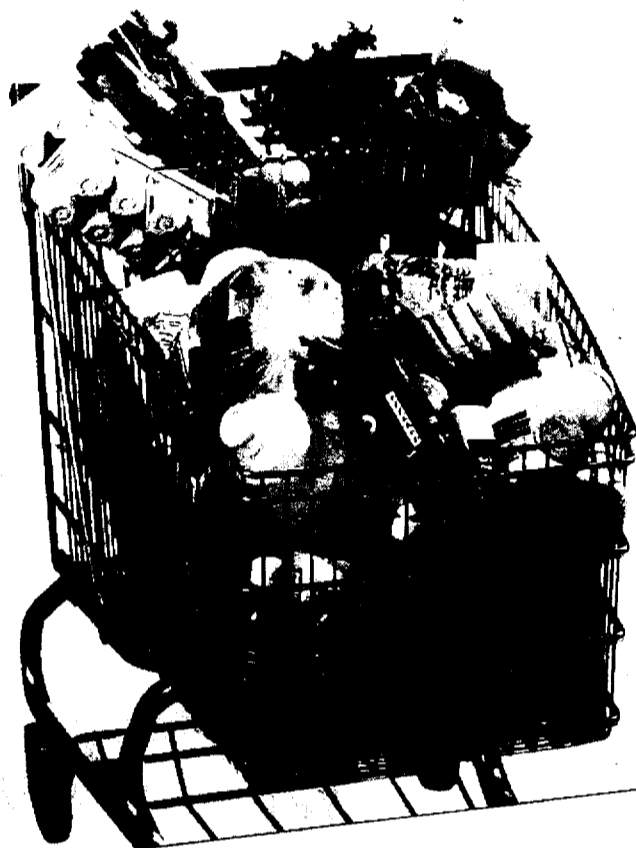
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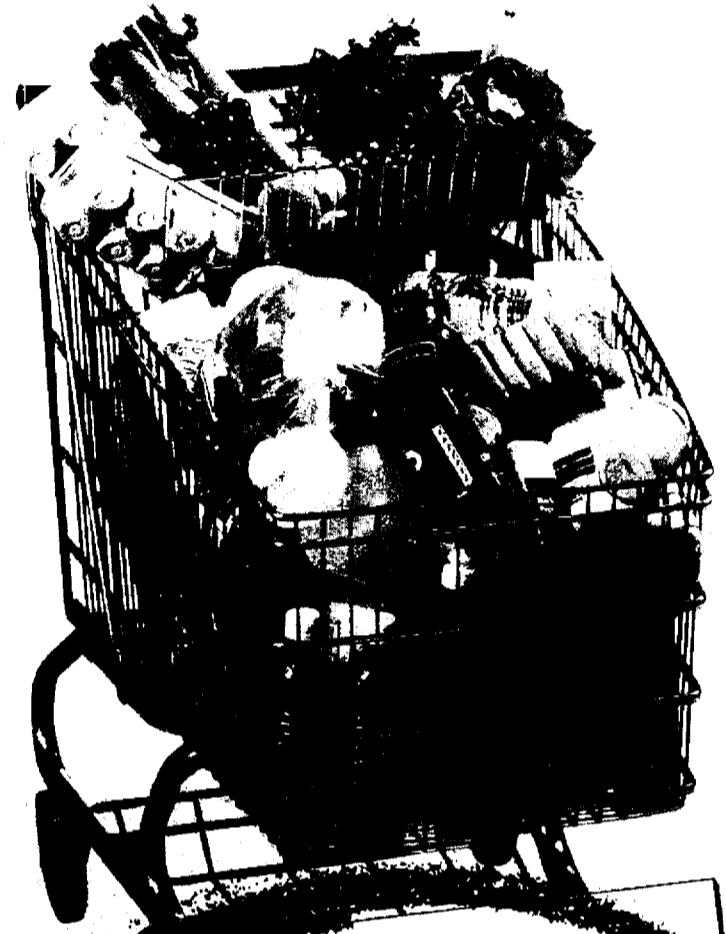
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Edward J. Shumaker, M.D.

ing World War II as a major in the Harper Hospital 17th General Hospital Unit. He returned to Harper Hospital where he served as chief of urology from 1966 to 1979. He helped found and served as president of the Society of Pediatric Urology, served as president of the Detroit Academy of Medicine, and was a professor at Wayne State University School of Medicine. He was named Emeritus Chief of the Department of Urology. Dr. Shumaker was an avid gardener and coin collector. He

was a member of the Grosse Pointe Club, the Detroit Athletic Club, the Bayview Yacht Club, the Hundred Club and the Grosse Pointe Men's Garden Club.

Dr. Shumaker is survived by his wife, Marguerite; three sons, Edward, Thomas and Peter; and six grandchildren.

A funeral Mass for Dr. Shumaker was celebrated Wednesday, March 15, at St. Paul Catholic Church. Interment is at St. Paul Columbarium.

Memorial gifts may be sent to University of Detroit Jesuit High School, 8400 S. Cambridge, Detroit, MI 48221 or Wayne State University School of Medicine, Department of Urology, 4160 John R, Detroit, MI 48201.

Anne M. Tobeler

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Anne M. Tobeler, of Boynton Beach, Fla., died of complications of a heart attack on Monday, Feb. 28, 2000 in Boynton Beach. She was 89.

Mrs. Tobeler was born in Alberta, Ala. She is survived by her husband, Otto; a daughter, Joyce Walker; a son, Jerry; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service for Mrs. Tobeler was held Saturday,

March 4, at Verheyden Funeral Home. Interment is at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.



Betty Boss Theuerkorn

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A memorial service was held Saturday, March 4, at Trinity Lutheran Church for Grosse Pointe Woods resident Betty Boss Theuerkorn. Mrs. Theuerkorn died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2000, at the age of 79.

Mrs. Theuerkorn was born in Detroit and worked at the Rubber Co. and the Detroit Free Press.

She was an active member of the Cottage Hospital Auxiliary for 38 years. For many years she was the toy buyer for the

gift shop. Survivors include a daughter, Karen Hamilton; a son, Richard; a brother, Ed Boss; and four grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Otto, and a brother, Duane Boss.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Wm. Sullivan & Sons in Utica.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Cottage Hospital Auxiliary, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Hospice of Michigan, 16520 Northland, Suite 212, Southfield, MI 48075.

Thomas Valentine Trombly

Former City of Grosse Pointe police chief Thomas Valentine Trombly died of heart failure Friday, March 3, 2000, at St. Ann's Assisted Living Center in Grand Rapids. He was 98.

Mr. Trombly was born in Detroit and was a City of Grosse Pointe resident for 86 years.

He was a graduate of Detroit's Southeastern High School. He joined the Village of Grosse Pointe Police Department as a patrolman in 1925, was promoted to sergeant in 1935 and was named chief in 1937. He retired in 1963 after 38 years of service.

Mr. Trombly was an 80-year parishioner of St. Paul Catholic Church and a member of the church's Ushers Club, athletic board, bowling league and was active in its Boy Scouts troop. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Gabriel Richard Council and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He was also a member and past president of the Southeast Michigan Chiefs of Police and a founder and member of the Grosse Pointe chapter of the Metropolitan Club of Michigan.

Mr. Trombly is survived by his wife of 69 years, Marion; a daughter, Patricia Elliott; two sons, Thomas and Barry; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a son, John, five sisters and three brothers.

A memorial service for Mr. Trombly was held Saturday, March 11, at St. Ann's Assisted Living Center. Interment will take place on Saturday, April 15 at St. Paul Catholic Church at 11 a.m.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church, 5900 McClellan, Detroit, MI 48213.

Herbert J. Wilson

A private funeral service will be held for Grosse Pointe Woods resident Herbert J. Wilson who died at Bon Secours Hospital on Sunday, March 12, 2000. He was 84. Mr. Wilson was born in

Detroit and was a 1935 graduate of Northwestern High School in Detroit and a 1939 graduate of the University of Michigan. He was a major in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a commercial Realtor.

Mr. Wilson was president of the James and Lynelle Holden Fund, a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, the Society of Industrial Realtors and the Institute of Real Estate Appraisers. He was also an ardent bowler.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his sister, Marion.

Interment will be at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak. Funeral arrangements are being handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Salvation Army, 16130 Northland, Southfield, MI 48075 or Children's Hospital of Michigan, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit, MI 48201-9932.

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RIMANELLI, Daniel Edward - March 9, 2000. Beloved son of Edward (Marie). Proud brother of Nicholas. Loving grandson of Antonio (Edda) Rimanelli & Michel (Samira) Abajian. Also survived by many loving Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews. Mass was held at St. Therese of Lisieux; March 13, 2000. Services by Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons.

The AAUW book sale stays in the Woods

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Continuing a nearly 10-year-old tradition, the local branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its annual book sale in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The sale will take place this fall at the Woods community center, which is part of the city hall complex on Mack.

The Woods city council has rented the community center to the non-profit AAUW every year since 1991, according to

Robert Novitke, mayor of the Woods.

Carolyn Sullivan, a member of the Grosse Pointe AAUW and Woods resident, said, "We are very happy to be (at the community center). We look forward to being there in September."

This year's sale marks the 38th anniversary of the book sale.

"Money raised goes toward scholarships for women," said Sullivan. "Some of the money stays in the community at local universities (such as Wayne State and University of Detroit

Mercy). The rest of it goes to the national program."

For 2000, the Woods rented the center at the 1999 rate of \$1,060.

Sullivan said the university group will start collecting books in June for the Sept. 19-23 sale.

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Getting out the vote

What do the school millage renewals mean for taxpayers and students?

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

There's a millage election coming up in the Pointes?

Voters in the Grosse Pointe Public School System will go to the polls Tuesday, March 28, to decide whether to renew three existing school millages — at least that's what Your Education System (Y.E.S.) co-chairman Mark Weber is hoping.

"My main concern is that we have a lot going on in this community," said Weber, who is also a father of two Grosse Pointe South High School students. "One thing that isn't going well is voter apathy. Our concern is that if people vote, they're going to vote 'yes.' This issue is important to everyone in housing value and the future in this community. It's just getting people out to vote."

The district is asking voters to renew a 6.7655 mill general operating hold harmless homestead millage, a 1.3129 mill technology hold harmless millage and a 18 mill non-homestead millage. The ballot language technically defines it as an increase since the current millage expires June 30 and will be set to zero before the new millage goes into effect July 1.

Schools and the quality of life

"A strong school system makes for a strong community," said Weber. "When we're looking at Grosse Pointe five, 10, 15, 20 years down the line, how is Grosse Pointe going to be competitive with other communities that are around the area? What makes them pick Grosse Pointe over newer communities with newer facilities and newer homes? The shining star, at least for me, is the school system that makes Grosse Pointe competitive in the future and certainly enhances the quality of life for all of us whether or not we have children."

Doug Andrus, Realtor and co-owner of Prudential Grosse Pointe Real Estate in the Woods, echoed many of the same points as Weber.

"All the different issues we consider the values and amenities of life — police, fire, parks and schools — that's what people buy," said Andrus. "Schools are a big part of the package. It's a life support system for kids and families. How many districts have teachers and administrators who dedicate so much of their time to kids? Plus, we have real neighborhood schools. Most kids can walk within 5 to 10 minutes to school in most cases."

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors is also supporting the millage renewals.

Continuing academic excellence

"As a school principal, a special education director and superintendent, I've spent a fair amount of time over the last 15 years or so talking with parents about what they want for their children and what they expect," said superintendent of schools Suzanne Klein.

"They are high expectations," continued Klein. "They want their children to be well-educated. They want them to be successful human beings. They're walking out at the end of grade 12 as a student who is ready for college or university, ready for some kind of work experience or bridge experience."

Klein also said that parents who inquire about the district are not only impressed with MEAP scores, which are often above most district scores around the state, but are surprised to find the number of Advanced Placement courses the high schools offer — 27 in the 1998-99 school year.

However, efforts are not always concentrated on the best and the brightest. Klein took pride in recognizing the accomplishments of special education and speech and language services, which are man-

dated programs, as well as reading and math support specialists in each building.

"We have a lot of students who enter at different points of time," said Klein. "What we find sometimes is that students may not have had the same types of offerings or advantages, so sometimes we have to offer the support to get those kids up to speed."

Technologically speaking

Over the last five years, taxpayers have contributed \$12.5 million to transform the district from a paper-and-pencil to a printer-and-port operation. Of that \$12.5 million, over \$5.2 million was spent on computer, audiovisual and peripheral equipment; \$1.9 million was spent on infrastructure improvements and \$1.7 million was spent on servers and network equipment and the balance on training, maintenance and upgrades.

However, the district says it's far from completing the groundwork. Already, the network is bogged down with traffic and the district wants to enhance its Wide Area Network which will not only improve speed, but provide audio and video capabilities.

The district also wants to expand its phone system and upgrade science labs in the middle and high schools.

The technology millage provides 5 percent of the revenue for the district's total budget — a deal, said Y.E.S. co-chairman Bryan Kadrich, who is also vice president of sales of Cablecon, a cable and connector wholesale distributor.

"We spend about 8 to 9 percent of our capital budget on technology a year in my company, and we have a low-tech business," said Kadrich, who is also the parent of a Mason Elementary School student, a Grosse Pointe North High School student and a North grad.

The state's school aid act allows the technology millage to be levied outside of the local "gap" millages and monies that come from the state foundation grant.

"We're allowed to do certain earmarked things," said Klein. "You can't buy general instructional account kinds of things out of it. There are very strict requirements."

Business benefits and commitments

Although business and non-homestead property owners

contribute 5.9 percent of the district's revenue, or \$4.9 million, it's a hefty tax bill considering the 24 mill levy, 18 mills which is voter-approved.

However, the district will face a bigger loss if the 18 mill levy is not passed. If voters turn down the non-homestead millage, the district will lose an additional \$5 million in state foundation grant money.

"It encourages local business people to see themselves as investors in the community," said Klein.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident and business owner

Sandy Gillespie is one of those "investors." Gillespie, who owns a building in which one of her two businesses, Something Special, is located, said the non-homestead tax "goes with the territory."

"Why not vote for it?" said Gillespie. "Good schools are important to the community and kids need to be educated and have up-to-date computers and facilities. I also benefit by having very well-educated young ladies who work for me."

Gillespie has five part-time employees who are students in the public schools.

Fiscal accountability

Revenue from local taxes make up 25 percent of the district's operating budget.

"It's very important we continue the tradition of excellence in our school system that we've had and we expect into the future," said Weber. "It's critical we remain on the cutting edge of education in this community."

What would happen if the homestead or none of the millage requests pass?

"We would have to go back to

See VOTE, page 15A

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2000 THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 28, 2000, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of submitting the following proposals to vote of the qualified electors of the School District.

PROPOSAL 1 GENERAL OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL HOLD HARMLESS (GAP)

This proposal would continue the existing authorization as reduced by application of the Headlee amendment. It would not represent an increase in the school property tax millage rate over that approved by the taxpayers with the passage of the 1995 millage authorization.

"As a renewal of authorization which expired with the 1999 tax levy, shall the limitation on the tax upon taxable homestead and qualified agricultural property in The Grosse Pointe Public School System, County of Wayne, Michigan, be increased by 6.7655 mills (\$6.7655 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for five (5) years, the years 2000 to 2004, inclusive, to provide funds for general operating expenses of The Grosse Pointe Public School System? If approved, this millage would raise an estimated \$13,300,000 for the District in 2000.

PROPOSAL 2 TECHNOLOGY MILLAGE PROPOSAL HOLD HARMLESS

If authorized, the levy would be earmarked to fund the school system's technology plan over the next five years.

"As a renewal of authorization which expired with the 1999 tax levy, shall the limitation on the tax upon taxable homestead and qualified agricultural property in The Grosse Pointe Public School System, County of Wayne, Michigan, be increased by 1.3129 mills (\$1.3129 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for five (5) years, the years 2000 to 2004, inclusive, to provide operating funds for the purpose of acquiring, installing, operating and maintaining technology for the Grosse Pointe Public School System? If approved, this millage would raise an estimated \$2,500,000 for the District in 2000.

PROPOSAL 3 NONHOMESTEAD MILLAGE PROPOSAL

The renewal of authorization will allow The Grosse Pointe Public School System to continue to levy the mills previously levied for general operating purposes on nonhomestead property (business, commercial, rental and seasonal homes) which expired with the 1999 tax levy. The levy of the statutory rate of 18 mills against nonhomestead property is required for the School District to receive revenues at the full foundation allowance permitted by the State.

"As a renewal of authorization which expired with the 1999 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable nonhomestead property in The Grosse Pointe Public School System, County of Wayne, Michigan, be increased to eighteen (18) mills (\$18.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for five (5) years, the years 2000 to 2004, inclusive, to provide funds for operating expenses of The Grosse Pointe Public School System? If approved, this millage would raise an estimated \$4,900,000 for the District in 2000.

Each person voting on the above proposition must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United State of America over eighteen (18) years of age;
- (b) A registered elector of the City of Township in which he or she resides.

The places of voting for the special election to be held on March 28, 2000, will be as follows:

- PRECINCT A - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe Park vote at PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.
 - PRECINCT B - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe vote at MAIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 740 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan.
 - PRECINCT C - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe Farms vote at BROWNELL MIDDLE SCHOOL, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.
 - PRECINCT D - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods vote at PARCELLS MIDDLE SCHOOL, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.
 - PRECINCT E - All voters in the Township of Grosse Pointe vote at the GROSSE POINTE SHORES ADMINISTRATION OFFICES, 795 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan.
 - PRECINCT F - All voters in the City of Harper Woods portion of the Grosse Pointe Public School System vote at POUFARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 20655 Lennon, City of Harper Woods, Michigan.
- ABSENT VOTER COUNTING BOARD: (All absentee voter ballots) Voting place at BARNES SCHOOL, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

Each person voting in this election must be a registered elector in the City of Township within the School District in which the person resides.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following statements have been received from the Treasurer of Wayne County as to previously voted increases in the constitutional tax rate limitation affecting taxable property in the School District, to wit:

I, RAYMOND J. WOJCIWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that as of March 7, 2000, the total of all voted increases in excess of the Constitutional fifteen mill tax limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting the taxable property of Local Unit:

THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM Wayne County, Michigan			
Grosse Pointe Township, Cities of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, and part of Harper Woods, Wayne County, Michigan			
Local Unit	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	November 3, 1998	1 mill	2000 thru 2001
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2000 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2000 Indefinitely
The Grosse Pointe Public School System	August 4, 1998	1 mill	2000 thru 2001
	None	None	

Signed: Raymond J. Wojtowicz
Wayne County Treasurer

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan.

Dated: March 7, 2000

G.P.N.: 03/16/00 & 03/23/00

Joan Dindoffer,
Secretary, Board of Education

Where to vote?

Polls for the district millage election will be open at the following locations Tuesday, March 28, from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. at the following locations:

- Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, for Grosse Pointe Park residents.
- Maire Elementary School, 740 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe, for City of Grosse Pointe residents.
- Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, for Grosse Pointe Farms residents.
- Parcels Middle School, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, for Grosse Pointe Woods residents.
- Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Office, 795 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, for Grosse Pointe Shores residents.
- Poupard Elementary School, 20655 Lennon, Harper Woods, for Harper Woods residents.

Registered voters may pick up an absentee ballot at any district building. Ballots must be returned to Barnes School, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, by Saturday, March 25 at 2 p.m.

Emergency absentee ballots must be returned to Barnes by Tuesday, March 28 at 4 p.m.

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The Board of Education of The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for installation of new boilers and steam trap repairs at Trombly Elementary School.

Specifications and Bid Forms will be available at a **MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING** on Thursday, April 6, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. beginning in the receiving room at Trombly School, 820 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park, MI. 48230.

Sealed bids will be due Thursday, April 20, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI. 48230 which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

Please direct questions to Larry Yankauskas, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, (313)343-2070.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The Board of Education of The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for roofing projects at our Pierce Middle School, Grosse Pointe South High School and Ferry Elementary School.

Specifications and Bid Forms will be available at a **MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING** on Wednesday, March 17, 2000 beginning in the receiving room at Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, MI. 48230 at 9:00 a.m. then on to South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI. 48236, and finishing at Ferry Elementary School, 748 Roslyn Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. 48236.

Sealed bids will be due Friday, March 31, 2000, at 1:00 p.m. at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI. 48230 which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

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Community School students get credit

English students earn dual credit with University of Detroit Mercy

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Students at Grosse Pointe Community School are not only on the cutting edge of high school English, but at the university level, too.

Six students are enrolled in University of Detroit Mercy's English 491-Information Architecture. The class focuses on basic techniques of electronic culture, like simple programming, understanding electronic cultural theory and applying that theory to essays and projects. Students meet for the class twice a week with U-D Mercy English department chairperson Hugh Culik.

"The purpose of the class is to discover how the structure of language has an effect on the message that's conveyed," said assistant superintendent for administrative services Marjorie Parsons. "They learn how messages are changed by the way they're presented; it's

a study of rhetoric and how one would convey a message graphically."

Although students attend class in Grosse Pointe South High School, Parsons said that the class will have a distance learning component to it where students at South will be able to teleconference with students who are also enrolled in English 491 at U-D Mercy to have on-line discussions.

Culik felt the Community School/U-D Mercy hook-up was a natural.

"The Grosse Pointe Public School System and U-D Mercy face the same problems," said Culik. "We both have a long tradition of substantial achievement and a culture that's changing electronically and we both have to preserve what our traditional strengths are. The things we've tried to establish over the last few years seem to be speaking the same thing."

English 491 is also part of a



Hugh Culik meets with Community School students enrolled in University of Detroit Mercy's English 491 at Grosse Pointe South High School.

new degree program at U-D to students and the district Mercy called electronic critique.

Students will receive two college credits from U-D Mercy upon successful completion of the course. The class is offered

For an on-line overview of the class, visit libarts.udmercy.edu/~enl491 on the web.



East side meets 'West Side'

J.P. Dutka, of the City of Grosse Pointe; Matt DeFour, of Grosse Pointe Woods; and Richard Li, of Grosse Pointe Shores, top row; and Eric Wines, of Eastpointe; Dominique Hargis, of St. Clair Shores; Drew DeFour, of Grosse Pointe Woods; and Dan Grano, of Grosse Pointe Park, star in the University of Detroit Jesuit High School production of "West Side Story," March 23-26 at Berkley High School Auditorium, 2325 Catalpa in Berkley. For tickets and information call (313) 862-5400, ext. 280.

Lions coach, South, Staples celebrate win

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

It was a win-win situation for Detroit Lions head coach Bobby Ross and Grosse Pointe South High School Thursday, March 9.

On behalf of Staples and CBS Sports, Mike Carron, general manager of Staples' City of Grosse Pointe location, presented Ross with a Coach of the Week award which he earned for his team's 33-17 win against the Washington Redskins on Dec. 5.

Ross in turn presented a \$5,000 gift certificate to interim principal Ben Walker. South was selected at random as a school in the Lions' hometown to share in the promotional award. South sophomore and track and field athlete Katherine Behringer entered South into the drawing at the

Staples' Grosse Pointe store. Behringer was also given a \$50 Staples gift certificate for submitting the winning school entry.

As part of the presentation ceremony, Ross gave students an inspirational speech about perseverance and keeping a positive attitude and asked the students to "pull for me and the Lions in the 2000 season."

"We're thrilled this is happening today," said South interim principal Ben Walker. "We're allowing the faculty to put together a wish list of things they'd like to acquire."

"It's an important program for the community and beneficial to the school," said Staples Grosse Pointe store general manager Mike Carron. "It's always a win-win situation when you can give back to the community."



Photo by Bonnie Caprara

Grosse Pointe South interim principal Ben Walker, Detroit Lions head coach Bobby Ross, South sophomore Katherine Behringer and Staples City of Grosse Pointe store general manager Mike Carron celebrate Ross' CBS Sports/Staples Coach of the Week Award. Ross shared the award with South, which received a \$5,000 Staples gift certificate.

St. Clare essayists win contest

Three students from St. Clare of Montefalco School have been named local winners in the 31st annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three students, who earned the first, second and third place awards for their school are eighth-graders Seth Quaranta, first place, Amesha Tate, second place and Patrick LaRiviere, third place. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first-place winner, Quaranta's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Quaranta's first-place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected. The top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000.

In addition, the top 110 essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with state officials and be featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game

dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges that include a state government official and the sponsoring teachers of last year's top two statewide winners, will determine the ranking of the top ten statewide winners this year.

Several thousand eighth-grade students from nearly 500 Michigan schools participated in the 1999-2000 America & Me Essay Contest. The topic of the 1999-2000 contest was "My American Hero for the 21st Century."

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South singers present Winter Follies Revue

The award-winning Grosse Pointe South High School Pointe Singers, Tower Belles and Pointe Chorus will perform a special concert on Saturday, March 18, in the North High School Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. Students will perform selections from "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," "Smokey Joe's Cafe," "The Will Rogers Follies" and others. Tickets may be purchased at Posterity, A Gallery on Kercheval in the Village. Ticket prices are \$8, \$10 and \$20 (includes Valet Parking). For reservations call (313) 343-2140 or (313) 884-1457.



Poupard families take advantage of computer labs

Third-grader Anthony Viola and his parents, Jim and Stephanie, take advantage of open computer labs at Poupard Elementary School during the months of February and March. Parents and students played computer games, explored the Internet and visited many interesting web sites.

SCHOOL NOTES

North Child Care Trike-A-Thon

The Grosse Pointe North High School Child Care Program will hold a Trike-A-Thon to benefit the Children's Hospital of Detroit's Pediatric Cancer Unit on Thursday, March 23. Three- and 4-year-old preschoolers will be working to support this event by triking around the gym from 12:35-1:50 p.m. For more information or to make a donation, call Karen Feringa at (313) 343-2310.

Pierce open house

Pierce Middle School will hold an Open House and Coney Island Dinner Thursday, March 23 from 6-8 p.m. Faculty and student representatives will be on hand to make presentations and answer questions for Maire, Defer and Trombly fifth-graders and their families. For more information, call (313) 343-2094.

Corrections

In the March 9 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, a story on page 10A, "District decides to continue special ed summer camp," said, "About 40-50 families have enrolled in SCAMP each summer at no cost to the district." It should have noted that SCAMP is a fee-based program.

The "Candy for wildlife" photo on page 11A of the March 2 Grosse Pointe News should have made mention of Mason Elementary School third-grader Kathryn Martin who was not in the photo, but was also instrumental in helping raise \$75 for the National Wildlife Foundation through a candy sale at Mason.

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Pontiac continues to 'build excitement' with the Montana

Attitude and appearances mean a lot. Sometimes, more than substance.

George W. Bush is under fire from his critics for his "frat boy smirk." Al Gore is rapped for his "wooden" demeanor. These evaluations

General Motors divisions. "We build excitement," Pontiac claims, and through the years its styling and promotion of the same cars as other GM divisions has often borne that out. The Pontiac Montana is in that tradition.

Like Chrysler, Pontiac offers driver's-side sliding doors on both 112- and 120-inch wheelbase sizes, (our test vehicle was the 120) but Montana adds a power option for the passenger-side door. And Pontiac's minivan can accommodate eight-passenger seating in both sizes. The Montana can be equipped with modular seats that weigh just 38 pounds each and are relatively easy to remove.

The Montana is comfortable inside and controls are easy to see and use. Its four-speed automatic transmission is silky smooth and, for a 4,000-pound van, it is in fact fun to drive.



The 2000 Pontiac Montana is a nice-looking minivan with a sporty flair.

Autos By Richard Wright

may be more influential with the media and with voters than their positions on issues.

This is true of automobiles, also. Some are fun, some confer prestige on their owners, some are "smart," some are out of fashion. Engines? Quality? These can influence attitudes and, more importantly, sales.

Pontiac has traditionally done a superior job in working with vehicles common to other

The 2000 Pontiac Montana has a sporty attitude. And an improved standard 3.4-liter, 185-hp V-6 gives the Montana good response to back it up.

Its handling is car-like, apparently still an advantage despite the great popularity of trucks. Its antilock brakes, heated leather seats, reading lamps, new paint schemes and available eight-passenger seating all make the Montana a worthy challenger in the minivan market.

Dual front and side airbags are standard, as are antilock brakes, puncture-sealant type tires and a ventilation system that features a replaceable pollen filter. Rear-seat audio controls can be had with uplevel radios or a CD unit, and extended-wheelbase models can be fitted with MontanaVision, a rear-seat entertainment system that includes an overhead LCD monitor and video-game inputs.

An optional sport performance and handling package offers upgraded tires on premium wheels, a luggage rack and sport-tuned suspension with automatic load leveling and traction control.

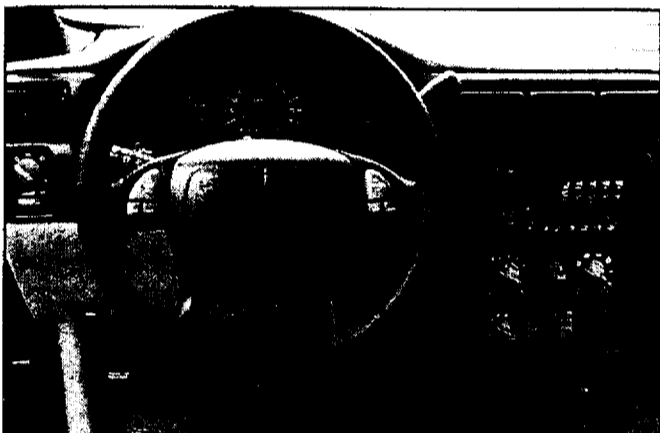
The automatic sliding door is a great convenience. It is designed to reverse direction when it senses an object — like your kid or your d

The Montana comes with a basic three-year/36,000-mile warranty, which includes roadside service for that period. Warranty against rust is six-year/100,000-miles.

Minivan buyers are not usu-



Interior of the Montana is comfortable and attractive.



Instrument panel is easy to read and controls are within easy reach.

ally greatly concerned about fuel economy, but with the price of gasoline in a steep climb you might want to know that EPA mileage estimates for the Montana (available only with automatic transmission) are 18 mpg city/25 mpg highway.

The standard Montana is 187 inches long, 73 inches wide and 67 inches high, with a 112-inch wheelbase. Maximum cargo capacity is 133 cubic feet. The extended Montana is 201 inches long with a 120-inch wheelbase. Its maximum cargo capacity is

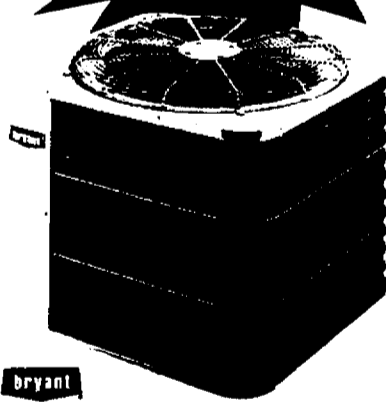
155 cubic feet. Maximum towing capacity is 2,000 pounds for both sizes.

Base price for the six-passenger four-door 112-inch-wheelbase Montana is \$24,220. Prices for the extended Montana start at \$26,090.

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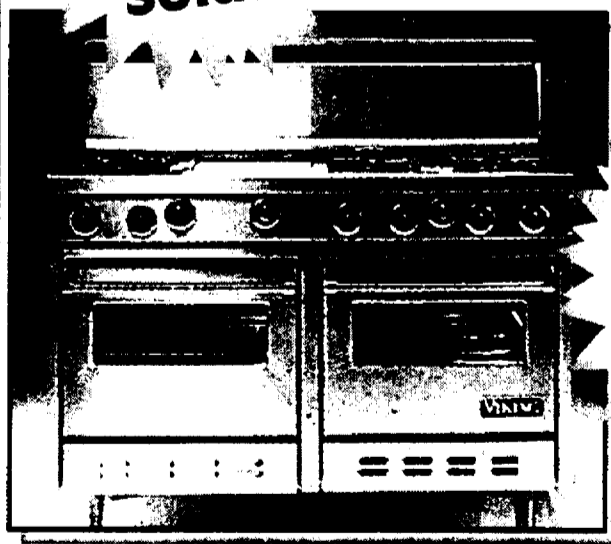


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March 7 — the day Ivory soap sank in P&G tub

They say the Procter & Gamble (PG, about 53 3/8, off 35 points last week) folks in Cincinnati are still looking for that missing bar of Ivory soap.

Now, PG stockholders know how the former NBD shareholders, now Bank One (ONE, about 24 5/8), feel about their missing charge-card holders, and the CMS Energy (CMS, about 17 3/16) shareholders feel about their balloon running out of gas.

But don't Dial (DL, about 11, off 4 1/2 points last week) for help.

These two slippery soaps sank 40 percent and 30 percent, respectively, on their announcements of lower earnings forecasts.

If consumer staples aren't stable any more, are there any "safe" stocks left to own?

Don't ask Warren Buffet; his Berkshire Hathaway (BRKA, about 41,300, off 3,750 last week) is still the most expensive stock on the NYSE!

But BRKA has just about been cut in half by losses at Coca-Cola (KO, about 44 13/16, off 5 1/8 last week) and Gillette (G, about 29 15/16, off 4 9/16 last week).

Up until recently, most conservative investors felt comfortable buying stocks of companies which make the products they used around the house, things you could feel, eat or use every week.

So let's check the company which practically owns your kitchen, General Foods.

Don't bother, it's owned by Philip Morris, which got tanked last fall as a tobacco stock.

Instead, let's look up Kellogg (K, about 22 15/16, off only 7/8

last week), which has been almost cut in half this past year.

LTS' favorite growth and income stock has been Wm. Wrigley Jr. (WWY, about 61 3/4, off 3 5/16 last week).

The fact that half the children of the world have never learned to chew Wrigley's gum, doesn't help. WWY is off almost 37 percent from its 52-week high.



By Joseph Mengden

Rotation

Individuals and institutions continue to readjust their portfolios.

Tax-free accounts (not subject to federal capital gains taxes) can be rotated in and out of equity portfolio sectors without the confiscation of part of their capital by deduction of capital gains taxes.

How often have you heard, "I can't sell my XYZ stock, I can't afford the tax!"

Or, "My adviser tells me, at my age, I'd be stupid to sell and pay President Bill the tax, better to hold it until I die, then the tax is forgiven."

The rotation continued last week.

The "New Economy" of tech and Internet stocks saw a huge infusion of new cash.

The NASDAQ Composite topped a new record high of 5,000 last week, only two months after it passed through the 4,000 level.

The DJI score last week was: Bears-3, Bulls-2.

For the week, the Dow lost 438 points, or 4.2 percent, closing below 10,000 again, at 9,929.

Much of the money flowing out of the "Old Economy" NYSE stocks went into the "New Economy" NASDAQ stocks, which were up 134 points, or 2.7 percent.

NASDAQ vs. NYSE

Barron's (March 13) reports Bianco Research of Barrington,

Let's talk...STOCKS

Ill., estimates that the total market capitalization (number of shares times the price of all listed stocks) of the NASDAQ will exceed that of the NYSE in a year or two.

Bianco, which tracks the market, reports the 4,600 stocks listed on NASDAQ have a current market cap of \$6.6 trillion, up 150 percent from the \$4.4 trillion as of the start of 1999 (14 months ago).

On the NYSE, the 3,000 U.S. listed stocks have a current market cap of \$10.2 trillion, down \$800 billion since the beginning of this year, but up \$200 billion from the start of 1999.

The momentum of the "New Economy" stocks, according to Bianco, will propel the NASDAQ beyond the NYSE in a year or two.

More about

asset allocation

Last week, we had just finished preparation of our personal balance sheet, with the assets either on the left side, or at top.

That would place the liabilities either on the right side, or at bottom.

Remember for the assets, we had two columns of data on the

right, No. 1 for estimated Cost and No. 2 for Market Value, probably as of Dec. 31, 1999.

Since the liabilities are all dollar denominated, only one column is needed, since cost equals market value.

To determine your net worth or equity, subtract the liabilities from the assets.

What's the purpose of this number crunching?

In these days of extreme stock market volatility, it's important for you to know your equity market exposure, and the extent of your liquidity relative to your debt obligations (liabilities).

Please go back to assets portion of your balance sheet.

Add two more columns on the right side: No. 3 is labeled "Equity Exposure" and No. 4 is "Dollar Exposure."

Then go down the assets categories.

Transfer the amount in column No. 2 (Market Value) to either column No. 3 (Equity Exposure) or column No. 4 (Dollar Exposure).

The cash, checking account, money market account, savings and bonds are all fixed-income related, so their market value in column No. 2 transfers to column No. 4 (Dollar Exposure).

The marketable securities — the common stocks, equity mutual funds, and convertible debentures — are all subject to market fluctuation, so their market value in column No. 2 transfers to column No. 3 (Equity Exposure).

Separate your miscellaneous assets likewise, with their equity portions in column No. 3 and debt portions in column No. 4.

For this exercise, throw away your fixed assets, the residence, furniture, cars and non-liquid assets, which are non-marketable.

Now add the totals in column No. 3 and No. 4.

This is your investment portfolio.

Column No. 3 is your total exposure to stock market fluctuations, and column No. 4 is

your "deep pockets," dollar assets less subject to stock market fluctuations.

LTS often talks about your "sleep quotient."

If your column No. 3 is \$800,000 and column 4 is \$200,000, are you comfortable, at your age, to have 80 percent of your investment portfolio at risk to stock market fluctuations?

To be continued next week.

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Catering company moves to Mack

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A delicatessen that caters to the office crowd has after weeks of wrangling been allowed to set up shop on Mack in Grosse Pointe Park.

The Park city council took the action this week following advice from its attorney that to do otherwise could result in an uphill legal battle.

Lunchbox Deli, therefore, will move soon into a former pizzeria on Mack between Cadieux and Harvard. The company has outgrown space it rents on lower Jefferson in the Park.

Despite its name, the deli is really a 6-year-old catering company. A staff of three, including a pair of owners, delivers soup, salad and sandwiches to office workers throughout the Grosse Pointes.

Company owners and their landlord have said to the Park council since January that moving into the area of Mack and Harvard won't add to the neighborhood's parking problem. Because sit-down dining isn't part of the plan, Lunchbox shouldn't attract a walk-in crowd.

"We do a route-catering service," said co-owner Michael Lutes, "which means we prepare catered meals for about 120 local business."

Neighboring residents and business owners have opposed the plan. They said Lunchbox would attract more traffic to a area already strapped for parking.

As it is, said many Harvard residents, employees of nearby businesses hog metered parking spots and on-street parking. Delivery trucks clog side streets.

Lutes acknowledged that his company will draw "some walk-in business." But he expects 80 percent of sales to come from catering. The balance will probably come from people picking up carry-out meals, not sitting down to eat.

"But why not open the front door" for walk-ins, said Lutes.

Lutes said Lunchbox is "looking to expand its catering operations." The new location on Mack won't change anything, he said, except "allow us to enhance what we already do."

The Park was on thin ice to deny Lutes' plan. If the issue wound up in court, Park corporate counsel Herold Deason said the city would lose.

"A court would find that Lunchbox is a continuation of an existing use," said Deason.

The deli owners agreed to operate under terms the building's previous tenant followed for nearly a decade.



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Crime

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hours earlier. The two suspects, both from Detroit, were arraigned in court and are being held in lieu of \$7,500 bond and \$2,500 bond pending their preliminary hearings.

One of the suspects had worked at the restaurant, but was fired a few months before. One of the rear windows to the restaurant had been broken.

Florida drinker

A Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officer spotted a car speeding on Moross at 3:18 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7. When the officer pulled the vehicle over, he saw an open bottle of vodka and detected the odor of alcohol emanating from the 42-year-old Florida man who was driving the car.

The driver failed his field sobriety tests and blew a .20 on his PBT. He was taken into custody, but later released on \$500 bond after being charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquors.

Fires fought

A City of Grosse Pointe public safety officer spotted a 26-year-old man standing by an industrial trash receptacle by a Village business at 5:10 a.m. on Friday, March 10.

The officer remembered that three other trash receptacles had been set ablaze between 5 and 6 a.m. on the three previous days, so he went to investigate. The suspect tried to leave the scene on his bicycle but was caught. When questioned he said he was just throwing something away.

The officer checked out the

receptacle and found a cardboard box with three burned out matches inside. Police believe wet snow in the bin prevented the box from igniting. The suspect also had a box of wooden matches similar to the kind found burned in the trash bin.

After questioning the suspect, City officials learned that in addition to the fires set in the City, the suspect also claimed credit for several trash fires set in Detroit. The suspect is currently being held in custody pending the filing of charges for arson.

Pole felled

A City resident reported early on Sunday, March 12, that a light pole by a parking lot near Neff and Mack had fallen down sometime during the previous evening. Police found a huge dent in the pole about two feet above the base, which would indicate a car or truck struck the pole and knocked it down. It had unexpectedly snowed the night before and police believe that was a contributing factor in the incident.

Tire slashed

A tire of a car parked in the parking lot of a business in the 17400 block of Mack was found slashed at 10:41 p.m. on Saturday, March 11. Footprints in the snow that fell that evening showed the vandal, after cutting the tire, walked to the sidewalk and simply left the scene of the crime on foot.

Serious car crash

A 74-year-old woman from St. Clair Shores has been injured seriously in what police believe was a single car crash in Grosse Pointe Woods.

On Monday, March 6, at about 3 p.m., the woman's car jumped the curb on westbound Vernier and hit a tree head on.

Although police were unable to interview her at the scene, the lack of skid marks led police to think the woman had suffered medical problems while driving and lost control of her car.

Cruiser cops out

A Grosse Pointe Woods policeman was in a car chase last week that ended when his cruiser's electrical system conked out.

On Monday, March 6, at 9:53 p.m., the officer pulled over a man for speeding on westbound Vernier between Mack and Harper.

The driver, a 26-year-old man from Eastpointe, and passenger, a 47-year-old man from Detroit, said they couldn't turn off the engine to their 1985 AMC Eagle because the car wouldn't start up again. The Woods officer called for backup.

Investigation revealed the car had been reported stolen by the passenger, who complied with the officer's instructions to exit the car. That done, the driver took off.

As backup arrived, the first officer returned to his cruiser and set off in pursuit along the southbound I-94 service drive. The suspect turned east on Moross, sped through a few Detroit side streets onto Morang at which point the emergency lights, siren and police radio in his car went

dead.

The officer broke off the chase, which he said never topped 70 mph, and returned to Vernier and helped detain the remaining suspect.

Van recovered

Grosse Pointe Park police chased and recovered a stolen van last week less than half a day after it had been reported stolen.

The van, stolen the morning of Wednesday, March 8, from the area of Brooks and Wayburn, was observed that afternoon being driven in the neighborhood of Mack and Phillip in Detroit. Responding Park officers chased the van until the occupants jumped out of the moving vehicle and ran away. The van kept going until striking a tree.

Police arrested one suspect.

Safe stolen

Park police are investigating a suspect in the theft of a large safe from a house in the 1300 block of Maryland. The safe was stolen during the night of Friday, March 10.

Clever report

On Friday, March 10, at 7:52 p.m., a Woods public safety officer logged the following report:

"With their children in tow, (members of a church men's club) hoopsters descended upon the (church) gymnasium for a basketball game.

"But the hollering horde of roundball rooters found the outdoors to be something to shout about, much to the chagrin of a (nearby resident) on Thorn Tree.

"I channeled the children back into the church complex

to control the cacophony."

Van pinched

On Saturday, March 11, at about 5:30 a.m., a woman living in the 2100 block of Stanhope in the Woods heard a loud bang followed by a vehicle taking off at high speed.

She looked out her window to discover her neighbor's black 1998 Jeep had been stolen. Police arrived to find the unknown thief or thieves had left behind a car with a broken steering column.

The abandoned car had been reported stolen from Detroit the previous evening.

Raccoon roused

A homeowner in the 1500 block of West Emory Court in the Woods called police upon finding a live raccoon in the fireplace.

An officer said the raccoon would probably go away if confronted with a rag soaked in ammonia. If not, call an exterminator.

Bonded in

Woods police learned on Sunday, March 12, that a man who entered the police station to post bond had five driving suspensions. Police impounded his car.

Cat burglar

Someone crawled through a window in the 1200 block of Bedford last week, stole a purse containing \$6 and ran

away. The theft took place during the night of Friday, March 10.

Park police recovered the purse on the lawn next door.

No license

While driving on southbound Marter on Friday, March 11, at 8:44 p.m., an 18-year-old Detroit man signaled right, then shifted to the left lane, then entered oncoming traffic.

A nearby Woods policeman witnessed the incident and made a traffic stop.

The man had never acquired a driver's license. A 20-year-old male passenger from Ecorse was found wanted on a Detroit warrant for curfew violation.

Wild driving

On the afternoon of Tuesday, March 7, a 48-year-old Detroit woman who was driving in the right parking lane of southbound Mack made a sharp left turn across two lanes of traffic.

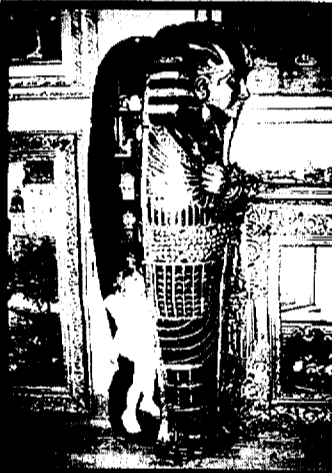
The maneuver caused motorists traveling in the same direction to slam on their brakes to avoid a collision.

A Woods policeman patrolling the area witnessed the action and pulled the woman over.

The officer said the woman's driver's license had been suspended. Police also found an open bottle of cold beer jammed to the right of the driver seat.

—Brad Lindberg

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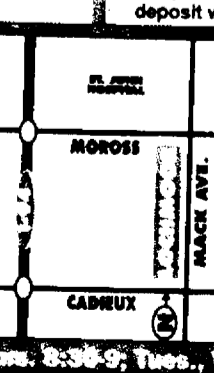
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By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

As deflating as it may be to the collective ego, not every one who has grown old in the Grosse Pointes is one of the "lucky ones."

Many senior citizens in the community have childhood memories tempered by economic depression, dust bowls, war and ration cards.

The only safety net they knew through early adulthood was a self-woven thatch-work of toughness and integrity.

In their younger years, the seniors of today learned to live without, then worked a lifetime trying to make sure their kids wouldn't have to repeat the process.

Yet, changing times threaten to outflank many members of the generation whose fruits are still being reaped today.

Fixed incomes stay fixed no matter if there's a rise in the cost of living. Houses need to be maintained regardless of the homeowner's ability to pay the high cost of repairs.

To help local seniors overcome some of the hardships of old age, Services for Older Citizens was founded 21 years ago.

Since then, the volunteer group has provided what its president called "a circle of caring for senior citizens" in the community.

"There is no other organization in the Grosse Pointes or Harper Woods that would take over this work if we didn't do it," said Frank Sladen, president of the SOC board of

directors.

SOC offers a wide range of services. Sladen said the organization does "simple things" like setting up a schedule for someone who doesn't want to take their pills.

Other services aren't so "simple," he added, "like providing people with nutritious food."

Funded by donations and grants, SOC in 1999 provided local seniors with more than 22,500 hot meals during the year. At least 34 area seniors benefited from SOC's food and friendship program.

Sladen said the food and friendship program is geared for "the increasing number of old-old residents, (who are) capable of coming out of their homes, (and) who would not only benefit from a well-balanced meal but from friendships to counteract their isolation."

In addition, 100 shut-ins received meals on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. "Our volunteers are committed to assuring that shut-ins receive proper nutrition," said Sladen.

SOC is more than a food service.

As part of SOC's minor home repair program, the group last year provided nearly 3,600 repair services to 391 senior homeowners. Work ranged from fixing leaky faucets and broken bathroom fixtures to shoveling snow and cleaning gutters.

Sladen said SOC's clients are as diverse as the programs from which they benefit.

"Trying to put a single focus



The goal of Services for Older Citizens, says the president of its board of directors, Frank Sladen, is to help elderly residents of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods live in the safety of their own homes.

Photo by Brad Lindberg

on one type of person (helped by SOC) is as complicated as if you attempted to say one of your friends is just like any other," he said.

Clients include a 93-year-old blind woman who needs someone to read her mail. Another client is an 80-year-old woman who needed an electrician.

The woman lived in a home where "open wires were behind old steel (kitchen) cabinets," said Sladen. The wires shocked "the client when her hands were wet or when kitchen faucets were being used."

In 1999, the Pointes and Harper Woods awarded SOC about \$100,000 of federally provided Community

Development Block Grants and tax money.

The funds helped "are important in assisting our elderly residents remain safely in their own homes," said Sladen.

Because the community doesn't have senior housing, he added, SOC helps keep "people from having to leave the home and community where they have spent most of their lives."

During 1999, SOC also provided 4,860 information and assistance services to 1,793 callers from the six communities.

"Just this year, 78 of our most frail residents benefited from social work and other services through our case coordination program," said Sladen.

"As you can see," he added, "SOC maximizes its fiscal and volunteer resources on behalf of the older residents of the five communities we serve."

In an example of how time can change a person's outlook, in 1944 a woman moved into a home in the Park.

When SOC was formed in the late 1970s, the woman thought the organization was a good idea, but never thought she'd need its help.

Now, she's a believer.

"In recent years she has received many services, including minor home repair, meals at home, home health care service and in-home counseling," said Sladen. "We arranged for a nurse to visit

her and helped her create a power of attorney."

He said, "People find so many different needs in their lifetime. You can't predict when the need will be. Not even the next day is defined. A person's needs are likely to come when they least expect them."

Like its clients, SOC has changed during its lifetime. "Our services have expanded to meet the needs of more frail elderly residents," said Sladen.

He said SOC has expanded its "on-site" programs like tax assistance service and health clinics.

"While we continue our popularity with the older generation and some of their adult children, SOC faces its own challenges as we face the loss of space to house our services," said Sladen.

The group, which operates out of Barnes School in the Woods, is looking for a new headquarters.

"We are looking to you," said Sladen recently while making the rounds of the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods city councils, "to assist us in locating space for these programs."

He said SOC's mission will continue into the next century "and beyond as changes in demographics are complemented by an evolving aging network at the local, state and federal levels," he said.

"SOC's vision as the recognized leader in the provision, coordination and advocacy of services that help enhance the quality of life for seniors in this community remains strong because of its forward-looking stance to remain a local resource for senior citizens."

SOC has busy 1999

In a wrapup of services provided in 1999 by Services for Older Citizens, the group accomplished the following throughout the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods:

Information and referral program
• Some 2,136 clients used this program for 5,634 service calls. The SOC staff works cooperatively with other service providers to link seniors with appropriate resources.

Case coordination
• Some 91 frail seniors received comprehensive nutritional and psycho-social evaluations in their homes. Services were arranged to help these persons remain safely in their own homes.

Medicaid waiver
• In April 1999, SOC became part of Michigan's new Medicaid Waiver program when it assumed responsibility for screening 255 persons who are eligible for nursing homes and who will rely on the Medicaid program to pay for their care.

They were screened for eligibility for a new state program of in-home care for this population.

Food & friendship
• Nearly 30 seniors were served a balanced, modestly-

priced lunch three to four days a week. Lunch was preceded by an activity program.

Minor home repair
• 396 seniors in all six communities received 3,660 services.

SOC cable show
• SOC's cable TV show aired more than a dozen dif-

ferent times each week throughout the year. Hosted by volunteer Fran Schonenberg, a member of the Grosse Pointe Farms city council, the show includes a broad range of subjects of interest to older adults.

Other services
• \$26,793 was returned to the local economy in prescription drug assistance arranged by the Information and Referral staff for 48 seniors who needed help with their high drug costs.

• More than 200 seniors received assistance in preparing tax and rebate forms.

• Two dozen seniors received door-to-door assisted transportation from SOC's volunteer escort drivers.

• Nearly 700 seniors received flu and other vaccinations, cholesterol and diabetes screening, podiatric evaluation and other services at our two health clinics.

—Brad Lindberg

Shedding dog shakes up GPN newsroom

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

This week's story on Services for Older Citizens has been bumped-up an issue because Danny blew his coat. Heartside Steely Dan "is hairless," said Bill Hurley, owner of the 8-month-old golden retriever.

Hurley, a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, had planned to enter Danny in this weekend's Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show at Cobo Center in downtown Detroit. Nature intervened. The dog lost the bulk of his otherwise thick coat in a frenzy of warm weather shedding.

A feature story on Danny getting ready for the show will have to wait until next year.

This year's dog show takes place on Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., at Cobo Center.

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Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Alfred Ulp

White-Ulp

Rebecca Katherine White, daughter of Stephen and Mary White of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Matthew Alfred Ulp, son of Clayton Ulp of Eastpointe and Debra Flick of Fair Haven, on April 17, 1999, at St. Clare of Montefalco Church.

The Rev. Joseph McCormick officiated at the 5:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Barrister Gardens.

The bride wore an antique white gown with an off-the-shoulder neckline and her mother's headpiece and floor-length veil. She carried a bouquet of cream-colored roses and off-white tulips, stock, Gerbera daisies and ivy.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Jennifer Tracy White of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Bridesmaids were Maria DeSarrano of Royal Oak, Melissa Dickenson of Roseville, Andrea Leon of Howell and Heather Bastuba of New Baltimore.

Attendants wore floor-length cream-colored dresses with chiffon overlays and carried bouquets of cream-colored roses, stock, tulips and ivy.

The groom's brother, Christopher Ulp of Eastpointe, was the best man.

Groomsmen were the groom's brother, Kevin Kosiek

of Fair Haven; Ted Lasater of Warren; John Bastuba of Roseville; and Shawn Flannery of Roseville.

The mother of the bride wore a two-piece champagne-colored dress with pearl trim and carried a bouquet of champagne roses.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length mauve dress with lace trim and carried champagne roses.

Todd Myers played the Scottish bagpipes and escorted the bridal party into the ceremony.

The bride works for GMAC Global Relocation.

The groom is employed by J. and L. Industries.

The newlyweds traveled to Nevada. They live in Harper Woods.



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Gerald Kasprzyk

Pierce-Kasprzyk

Kathryn Carole Pierce, daughter of Don and Sis Pierce of Grosse Pointe Woods, married Jason Gerald Kasprzyk, son of Gerald and Kathy Kasprzyk of Rochester Hills, on Dec. 17, 1999, at St. Paul Catholic Church.

The Rev. G. Michael Bugarin officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a recep-

tion at the Lochmoor Club.

The bride wore a champagne-colored silk satin sheath that featured an off-the-shoulder neckline and hand-made rose trim. She carried a bouquet of blush roses.

The maid of honor was Tracy Diemer of Westfield, N.J.

Bridesmaids were Gail Kachadourian, Sara Rowe and Jenny Galvin, all of Grosse Pointe, Susan Judge Canning of Columbus, Ohio, and Leslie Orzetti of Lewiston, N.Y.

Attendants wore floor-length black sleeveless peau de soie dresses and carried bouquets of burgundy roses.

The best man was Richard Eichler of Rochester.

Groomsmen were the bride's brothers, Donald and Thomas Pierce both of Grosse Pointe Woods; the groom's brother, Kevin Kasprzyk of Rochester; Lee Hosler of College Station, Texas; Mike Katona of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Jesse Nardizzi of Indian River.

Readers were Britta Totte, Carol Kasprzyk Cross and Jaime Nardizzi.

The mother of the bride wore a black beaded jacket in jewel tones and a floor-length black skirt.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length black dress and a beaded jacket.

The bride earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Dayton. She is an insurance sales consultant.

The groom earned a bachelor of science degree from Western Michigan University. He is the branch manager for Hertz Equipment Rental in Grand Rapids.

The couple honeymooned in Banff, Alberta. They live in Grand Rapids.

Zrimec-Kopitzke

Michelle Lynn Zrimec, daughter of Jim and Judy Zrimec of Grosse Pointe Woods, married David Michael Kopitzke, son of David and Sharon Kopitzke of Grosse Pointe Woods, on Oct. 1, 1999,



Mr. and Mrs. David Michael Kopitzke

at the Grosse Pointe Academy Chapel.

The Rev. George Miller officiated at the 5:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Blossom Heath Inn.

The bride wore an ivory satin gown that featured an off-the-shoulder neckline, a Basque waistline, a full skirt and a chapel-length train. She carried a round bouquet of ivory roses, stephanotis and eucalyptus.

The maid of honor was Kelly Appleton.

Bridesmaids were Debra McCarthy, Deborah Trerice, Julie Strande, Patricia Zrimec and the groom's sister, Susan Crudder.

The flower girl was Ryan Crudder.

Attendants wore floor-length navy blue satin dresses that featured Empire waistlines, short sleeves and A-line skirts. They carried jewel-toned bouquets.

The best man was Michael Ketslakh.

Groomsmen were Michael Miller, Peter Kijline, William Hoover, Ray Black and the bride's brother, Michael Zrimec.

Ushers were the groom's brothers, Daniel Kopitzke and Joseph Kopitzke.

The ring bearers were David Crudder, Zakary Kopitzke and Jake Kopitzke.

Readers were Jennifer

Reeves, Ari Kahn and Jane Berger.

The bride earned a bachelor of arts degree in materials logistics management from Michigan State University and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Wisconsin. She is a buyer with Lear Corp.

The groom earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics and business administration from Kalamazoo College. He works for Thomas & Betts in the sales and marketing department.

The couple honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii. They live in St. Clair Shores.



Mr. and Mrs. Steven Charles Walters

Orr-Walters

Catherine Winship Orr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Orr Jr. of Grosse Pointe Shores, married Steven Charles Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walters Jr. of Herndon, Va., on Aug. 28, 1999, at the Grosse Pointe Academy Chapel.

The Rev. Chris Gibson officiated at the 6 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The bride wore a floor-length candlelight satin gown decorated with seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of white roses and blue and white hydrangeas.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Jennifer Lee Orr of Boston.

Bridesmaids were the groom's sisters, Tracy Lee Walters of Sterling, Va., Kelly Anne Walters and Kristin Elise Walters, both of Herndon, Va.; Kerin Orr of Westwood, Mass.; Elizabeth Dunck Hayes of Charlotte, N.C.; Kara Dickey of New York City; and Stephanie Arnold Toohy of Texarkana, Texas.

The flowergirl was Julia Schmidt of Reston, Va.

Attendants wore floor-length pale blue dresses and carried white roses, blue and white hydrangeas.

Jason Sovera Loyer of Vienna, Va., was the best man.

Groomsmen were Joshua

Holman Orr of Westwood, Mass.; Charles Christian Firkin of Annandale, Va.; David Christopher Firkin of McLean, Va.; and Craig Michael James of Pennsylvania.

Ushers were Kevin Kirkwood Schmidt of Indianapolis, Ind.; William Edward Baum Jr. of Richmond, Va.; and Robert Joseph Loy of Daytona, Fla.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length champagne dress and jacket and carried four white long-stemmed roses.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length pale green dress and jacket and also carried four white long-stemmed roses.

The organist and soloist was Debbie Barrows. Christian Fenton, C.J. Fenton and Paul Miller played brass instruments. Readers were Annabel Link and Susannah Silverbrand Cooper.

The bride earned a bachelor of arts degree from Sweetbriar College and a master's degree in public policy from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She is a project manager with America On Line.

The groom attended Virginia Polytechnical Institute. He is an account manager with TAC Worldwide.

The couple traveled to the British Virgin Islands. They live in Reston, Va.

Babies

Ian Patrick Murtagh
Tracy and Patrick Murtagh of Aspen, Colo., are the parents of a son, Ian Patrick Murtagh, born Jan. 3, 2000. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Allen F. Edwards Jr. of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Patrick A. Murtagh of Schenectady, N.Y.

John Colin Canning
Susan Michelle and Russell John Canning of Westerville, Ohio, are the parents of a son, John Colin Canning, born Oct. 11, 1999. Maternal grandparents are Maryann and John Judge of Grosse Pointe Woods. Paternal grandparents are John Canning of Flint and the late Shirley Dean Canning. Maternal great-grandmother is Dorothy A. Pettis of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donald Addison Vercruyse III
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vercruyse Jr. of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a son, Donald Addison Vercruyse III, born Jan. 26, 2000. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John McAllister of Columbus, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park. Paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Donald Vercruyse of St. Clair Shores.

Matthew James Calcaterra and Elizabeth Anne Calcaterra

Donald and Annette Calcaterra Jr. of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of twins, a son and daughter, Matthew James Calcaterra and Elizabeth Anne Calcaterra, born Jan. 13, 2000. Maternal grandparents are Stan and Carol Bell of Eaton Rapids. Paternal grandparents are Donald and Carol Calcaterra of Grosse Pointe Woods. Great-grandmothers are Rose Schmidt of Eastpointe and Ursula Bell of Eaton Rapids.

Harold Riley Susalla
Scott and Molly Susalla of Harper Woods are the parents of a son, Harold Riley Susalla, born Feb. 26, 2000. Maternal grandparents are Barbara and William R. McBrearty of the City of Grosse Pointe. Paternal grandparents are Nell and Paul Susalla of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Kealy Shay Koepsell
Michael T. and Stacy Koepsell of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Kealy Shay Koepsell, born Jan. 16, 2000. Maternal grandparents are Evans Telegadas of Grosse Pointe

Woods and the late Penny Telegadas. Paternal grandparents are the late Donald and Barbara Koepsell.

Christian Joseph Grider
Gary and Jennifer Grider of Roseville are the parents of a son, Christian Joseph Grider, born Feb. 13, 2000. Maternal grandparents are Lynne Foley of St. Clair Shores and Jonathan Egle of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Paternal grandparents are Francis Grider-Jobson and Bill Jobson of Hudson, Fla.

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Pointer named co-chairman of Leave A Legacy

Maxine Niemeyer of Grosse Pointe Woods has been named co-chairman of Leave A Legacy-Southeast Michigan, a campaign encouraging planned gifts to local charities and cultural institutions through wills, trusts, insurance policies and other methods. She is also co-chairman of the finance committee.

"I'm delighted to take part in the third year of this important campaign to encourage people to remember a favorite non-profit organization in their wills," Niemeyer said. "People in Southeast Michigan traditionally are generous with donations during their lifetimes, but we lag behind the rest of the country when it comes to bequests."

Clubs, professional organizations and civic groups may schedule a Leave A Legacy speaker by calling (888) 826-7900.



Women Realtors

Representatives from the Grosse Pointe chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors presented a check for \$3,000 to Genesis House III. The donation was possible because of last December's WCR Christmas tree auction. From left, are Vicky Colwell, president-elect; Usoamaka Ezenwa, director of Genesis House; Judy Sieber, president of WCR; and Beth Pressler, past president of WCR.



Heart Ball

More than 650 people attended the American Heart Association's 13th annual Heart Ball on Feb. 25 at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. Some \$400,000 was raised for cardiovascular research and community education programs.

From left, are Dr. Donald and Dale Austin, Heart Ball co-chairmen; Christa Fortinberry, honorary chairman; and Judie Sherman, who also served as co-chairman with her husband, Roger Sherman.

Meetings

Symphony League

The Grosse Pointe Symphony League (formerly the Grosse Pointe Symphony Women's Association) will hold its next meeting at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 23, at the Lochmoor Club.

After the business meeting luncheon will be served and Davis Gloff will entertain with a program of Irish songs and humor in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Prospective members are welcome.

Reservations are necessary.

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe will meet on Thursday, March 23, at a private club in Grosse Pointe. The evening presentation will include "Spring Into Fashions" by Betty Magee of Hudson's Somerset store. For more information or to make a reservation, call Nancy at (313) 882-1855 or Marcia at (313) 884-4201 by Monday, March 20.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will hold a bridge lun-

cheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5, at the Alger House.

Reservations must be made by noon Friday, March 31. Call (313) 886-3586.

AAUW — Michigan

The American Association of University Women of

Michigan, Detroit AAUW, and the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame will co-sponsor a program beginning at noon, Thursday, March 23, in the Purdy-Kresge Library of Wayne State University.

The performance will feature actress Sakunah DeLaney as Sojourner Truth, Michigan's well-known abolitionist and women's rights advocate.

No reservations are needed.

School of Government

The School of Government will meet for lunch at noon Wednesday, March 22. E. Edwin Dare, deputy secretary of state, will discuss "Looking into the Future with New Ideas and Directions." For reservations, call Delores Voyles at (810) 228-9885.



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Control your asthma or it will control you

By Dr. David Wu
Special Writer

The time and dollars spent on studying the causes and treatment of asthma have paid off significantly in the last five years. Research suggests that asthma is an inflammatory disease that is controllable with medication.

In the past, people with asthma mainly reacted to acute attacks by using some type of "rescue" measure such as an inhaler.



Dr. David Wu

But it is now known that by taking certain medications that reduce inflammation of the airways, individuals with asthma can prevent some asthma attacks and lessen the severity of acute attacks.

According to the National Institutes of Health, 14 million Americans currently have asthma; 5 million of these sufferers are children. As many as 6,000 deaths each year in this country alone are due to asthma, and the condition is race- and gender-blind.

Anatomy of an asthma attack

During an asthma attack, the small airways in the lungs — called bronchi — swell and constrict, impeding the outward passage of stale air. The body's natural response to this swelling is increased mucous secretion to soothe the bronchial tubes. This further blocks the airways.

Asthma sufferers cannot exhale stale air from their lungs and are essentially starved for oxygen-rich air. Typical symptoms of an acute asthma attack are shortness of breath, chest tightness, coughing and wheezing.

What causes asthma?

In most children and adults under age 30 with asthma, allergies play a major role in the onset of the condition and trigger many acute asthma attacks. As many as 50 percent of adult asthma sufferers are allergic to various airborne particles. Some common airborne allergens are molds, animal dander, dust mites, air pollutants and cigarette smoke. These all cause both an acute and chronic inflammatory process in the lungs.

Other asthma triggers may include aspirin and a variety of medications like beta blockers, food preservatives such as sulfites and stress. Weather changes can aggravate symptoms due to pollens in the spring and cold, dry air in the winter. Also, there may be genetic causes in certain populations.

In the last decade, the number of adults and children in the United States who have developed asthma has increased sharply. No one knows for certain why, but it

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Stroke support group brings encouragement

A stroke support group offered by St. John Hospital and Medical Center, in partnership with the American Heart Association, is offering hope and support to stroke survivors and their loved ones.

The Peer Visitation Program uses volunteer visitors who are themselves recovered stroke survivors and caregivers, to call on and telephone persons and families affected by stroke. The intent is to give stroke victims visible proof that it's possible to successfully cope with life after a stroke.

"Stroke causes a wide variety of physical, communicative and emotional changes that disrupt established lifestyles," said Alice Schuster, nurse practitioner, Stroke Team. "We have found that stroke survivors and loved ones move more effectively through recovery with the support of others who have had the same experience."

In addition to lending a sympathetic ear, volunteer visitors share information about their

own experiences to help ease the recuperation process for recent stroke survivors. They also provide general information and resources that can help in the patient's recovery process.

"These volunteers do not provide medical advice, however," Schuster said. "Rather, their personal perspective allows them to provide a special kind of support that cannot always be given by family, friends or

even medical professionals." If you are a stroke survivor and would like to speak to a volunteer visitor, or if you're a survivor who's interested in becoming a volunteer, call (888) 757-5463.

St. John plans women's conference

St. John Health System is moving beyond the basics to help women enhance their lifestyles and focus on health, wealth and spirituality. The System will hold a women's conference, "Moving Beyond the Basics: Health, Wealth and Spirituality," Saturday, March 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Atheneum Suite Hotel and International Banquet Center in Greektown.

The keynote speaker for the conference will be Mother Love, former talk show host of "Forgive or Forget." Also speaking is Marilyn Hubbard, a local author of the newly released book, "Sisters are

Cashing In."

The event will be moderated by Mildred Gaddis, radio talk show host of Inside Detroit on WCHB-AM.

Participants will get a chance to:

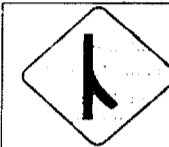
- Learn how to tap into their spirituality and inner strengths to empower themselves for successful relationships
- Learn how sisters are "cashing in" with tips on how

to acquire greater economic freedom and

• Learn interesting ways to enhance well-being on a daily basis.

There will be interactive and information booths on massage, aromatherapy and other areas that help nurture the mind, body and soul.

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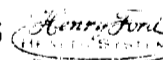
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Message to parents: Do not provide alcohol to minors

Spring is a time of great celebration for young people — spring break, proms and graduations. It's a time when parents are challenged to host the ultimate party for their child. It's a time when many young people expect to use and abuse alcohol at parties.

This expectation puts great pressure on parents to provide alcohol or permit access to it. But the consequences of allowing kids to drink could be disastrous.

A parent provided alcohol for his son and high school friends at a New Year's Eve party. After leaving the party, one intoxicated party-goer was killed and another seriously hurt after their car struck a tree. The parent hosting the party was fined \$3,000 for providing alcohol to minors and is facing a wrongful death civil

suit. He will regret hosting that party for the rest of his life.

In addition to great risk of injury, the consequences to young people for underage drinking can be severe. To name a few, they include suspension from school and from participation in extracurricular activities, revoking one's driver's license, and greatly increased auto insurance rates.

Parents who host parties need to be aware of their responsibilities and the potential problems of providing alcohol to minors. Two myths seem to feed tolerant parental attitudes about alcohol use.

First some adults — especially baby boomer parents — don't think of alcohol as a drug. They view it as "better than" using other drugs, said Doug Johnson, the Washington

County attorney in Minnesota and former chief of the Juvenile Division for alcohol abuse.

The attitude of parents is: "I have to keep my kid off drugs, so let them drink." Alcohol is an addictive, mood-altering chemical that is potentially more dangerous than any other drug.

The second myth is that drinking by underage kids is safer when done at home. "We need to debunk the logic that parents are protecting their kids by allowing them to drink or by providing alcohol in the home," said Kay Provine, prevention specialist at Hazelden. "Parents tell themselves the kids are going to drink anyway, so let's try to control it."

But controlling the amount of alcohol and the behaviors of drinkers is virtually impossi-

ble. Kids drink to become intoxicated. When this happens young people get out of control: they become more violent, sexually active, belligerent. They do things that can destroy lives.

The reasons to not provide alcohol are many. First, alcohol consumption for any youth under 21 is illegal in the United States. The only exception to this in Minnesota, for instance, is that a youth may consume alcohol in the home with a parent's permission. Laws vary by state, but in Minnesota, providing alcohol to minors is a gross misdemeanor punishable by a \$3,000 fine and/or up to one year in prison. A civil suit for damages may result in parents losing everything they own, Provine added.

In addition, research shows that the earlier young people start drinking, the more likely they are to become clinically

diagnosed as alcoholic.

Parents are poor role models if they reinforce the idea that alcohol and other drug use is a necessary and accepted way to entertain at parties. Kids need to know how to have fun without alcohol.

Parents need to talk with their children about alcohol before hosting a party. They can be responsible hosts by setting a no-alcohol rule. Provine suggested that parents greet kids at the door, make certain that no uninvited guests are allowed in, check in on the party frequently, and don't allow guests to come and go. Parents should never leave the party unattended.

The situation that most frequently results in problems is when parties are held while parents are away for the weekend, Johnson said. The word travels fast about such parties, and before you know it the party is out of control, with

hundreds of uninvited guests.

Rules and expectations need to be clearly spelled out with young people before drinking opportunities present themselves. Young people need to be prepared to say no to alcohol in advance of drinking opportunities. Parents need to help them choose parties where there will be no alcohol. Parents need to deliver a clear message: Alcohol and other drug use of any kind is not acceptable.

This article is part of Alive & Free, a series of chemical health columns provided by Hazelden, a nonprofit agency that offers a wide range of information and services relating to addiction and recovery. Address questions to Alive & Free Editor, P.O. Box 11, BC 10, Center City, MN 55012-0011. For more resources on substance abuse, call Hazelden at (800) 257-7800 or check its web site at www.hazelden.org.

Dr. Wu

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probably has a lot to do with indoor air pollutants.

Americans spend more time indoors now than ever before. We spend our days in office buildings with windows that do not open, and we go home to houses that are built to tight energy-efficient standards. The swarms of potential airborne allergens where we work and live are trapped indoors for us to breathe.

Exercise-induced asthma

Exercise-induced asthma is a form of asthma that usually occurs 10 to 15 minutes after exercise, during the cool-down period. Experts are uncertain what causes the condition, but there are theories. It could be triggered by a shift in post-exercise hormones. Or, in some persons, an attack could be brought on by the cold, drying air of increased breathing.

People who experience exercise-induced asthma don't necessarily have problems with

asthma any time other than after exercise. Conversely, some people who suffer from asthma brought on by allergies, weather changes or stress may not experience exercise-induced asthma.

Using a simple rescue inhaler before exercise or during an attack can relieve exercise-induced asthma. Some individuals can prevent post-exercise asthma by taking a long-acting medication before exercise that prevents bronchial constriction.

Be proactive with treatment plan

The important message to individuals who experience symptoms more than twice a week is that they need to take control of their asthma rather than react to it with rescue inhalers or emergency department visits.

People with asthma should develop an action plan with their physicians so they will know when their asthma symptoms are reaching a

severe stage. Devices like a peak-flow meter will measure an asthmatic's ability to exhale. This easy-to-use unit will tell a person if his or her asthma is well controlled, if they need to modify their medications with their physician or if they should seek immediate medical attention.

Asthma is a chronic disease, like diabetes, that can be controlled with the proper medications. Inhaled steroids and other newer medications will control inflammation. Long-acting medications will block the body's production of chemicals that cause asthma symptoms.

Even people with severe asthma can lead virtually normal lives if they follow the individual treatment plan devised by their physicians.

Dr. David Wu is a pulmonologist on staff at Bon Secours Cottage Health Services.

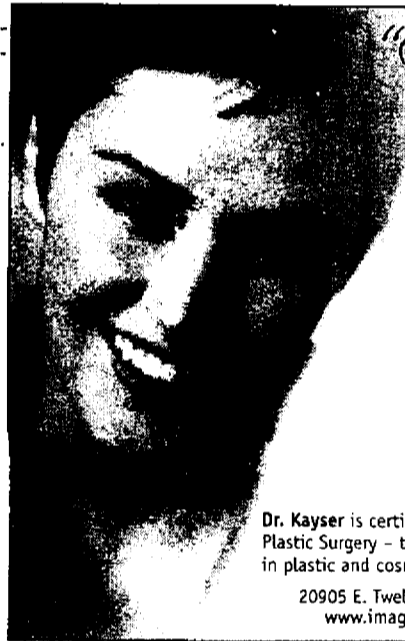
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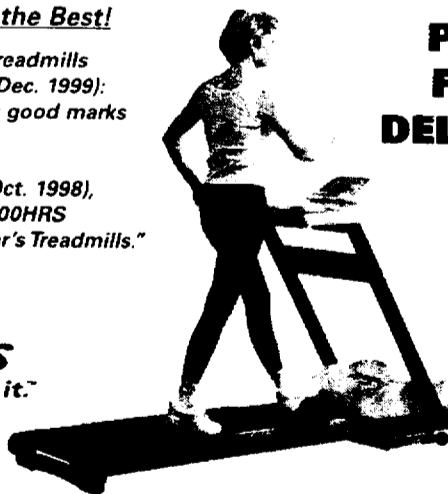
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Forty days and nights —
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for most Christian churches.
But the people of the original covenant
Between God and Abraham's seed
Also remember much of the faith story
In terms of the number forty.

Dust and ashes,
Violet repentance and purple passion,
Shivering in the cold —
We all have to wait for spring.
Lenz the Saxon Germans called it;
The Anglo-Saxons turned it into Lent.
Both kept on waiting for it to come —
And then be gone.

The first day of spring
On society's busy-ness calendar
Usually does not coincide with Ash Wednesday.
The moods and movement of life
Usually demand their own pace and space.
God refuses to be figured out and pinned down
By our calculations and devices.
But God helps us get through them.

Forty is the number of Lent,
When we take everything
More seriously than usual.
Among other things, Lent is
Having to wait for spring.
It is not always a happy time.
But it is what we have to go through
To get to Easter!
Forty!

Theological Academy plans talk

The Lay Theological Academy will present "Breathing the Breath of God: An Invitation to Sabbath Rest," a talk by the Rev. Donald H. Postema, from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

The evening will include music, stories and several chances for participants to practice Sabbath rest.

The Lay Theological Academy is an organization of local churches that have joined together to provide ecumenical educational opportunities for adults. Member congregations are: Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe United Church, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Our

Single Way plans Bible study meetings

The Single Way, a group of interdenominational Christian single adults, holds a Bible study group at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in March. The group meets at Deebe's Coffee House, 29200 Hoover in Warren.

The next general meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at a member's home in St. Clair Shores. The speaker will be David Ring. His topic: "Why Do Bad Things Happen to God's People?"

For more information about either activity, call (810) 776-5535.

Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, St. Ambrose Catholic Church, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, St. Paul Catholic Church and St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church.

For more information about the lecture at Christ Church, call (313) 885-4841.

Youth of First English fight world hunger

Nineteen young people from First English Ev. Lutheran Church participated in World Vision's 30-Hour Famine on Feb. 25 and 26, to fight hunger and poverty around the world.

Participants asked family, friends and neighbors to sponsor them with pledges as they went without food for 30 hours, to identify with those who are hungry.

This year's participants and six adult sponsors included Jon Bay, Sarah Bay, Tom Bay, Kristen Engle, Clair Ford, Megan Ford, Danny Foster, Daniel Hinkle, Nicole McCarthy, Adam Michoski, Jackie Michoski, Jennifer Passamani, Katie Passamani, Robyn Pomaville, Jeff Stein, Kim Stein, Cory Stanton, Beth Swanson and Suzanne Swanson. Patty Ruggiero was chairman of the event, which raised \$1,259.25 to continue the fight against hunger.

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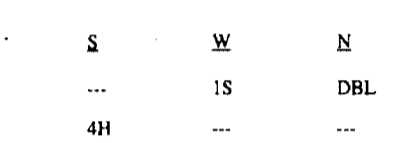
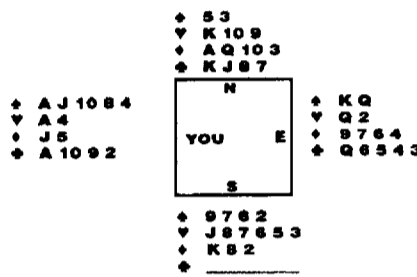
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Let's see how you do.

I. You're sitting West, both vulnerable against one of North America's finest. His technique is superb and his judgment is seldom, if ever, questioned. Quite a game you've gotten into, but you're lucky; you're matched with a gifted partner.

BOTH VUL.



Your opening bid has been given little respect. Partner hasn't 10 HCP or she would have redoubled. The club ace is tempting, but you finally apply the old adage, "If they're good enough to bid they're good enough to lead."

So at trick 1: West spade ace, dummy 3, East king, South 7.

When you see the dummy and first trick you presume there may be four defensive winners-2 spades or the ace and a ruff plus the trump and club ace. But south is a Grand Master. Would he overbid?

Maybe, so at trick 2 continue with your spade 4 (suit preference for a club return) and partner wins her queen. Trick 3: East plays the club 4 and South ruffs with his trump 5. Trick 4: declarer leads his trump 3.

What do you do?

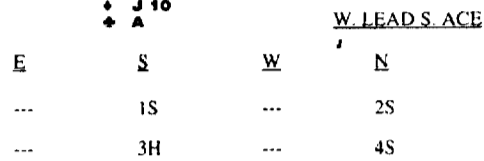
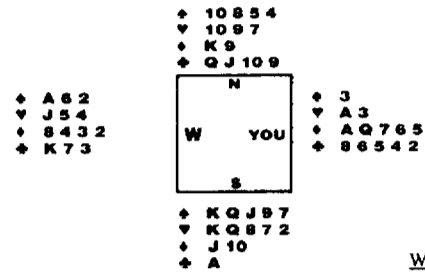
Play low in tempo, hoping declarer will misguess the location of the ace and just maybe East has an honor that will win. You now know you have no club winners and this may be your only chance for the setting trick.

Or should you play your ace? Then what?

Solution: If South had the trump queen he'd play it first knowing his principal danger would be you holding ace, jack, small. As the cards are, our declarer will surely conclude the missing trumps have to be evenly divided to have any chance for victory. If West ducks the trump, he'll play dummy's king and a second heart, trusting the queen, ace will crash together. There's no guess to your play! Trump ace and at trick 5, another spade. If he ruffs low, partner over-ruffs. If he ruffs with dummy's king, East queen is the setting trick.

II. You're sitting East looking at 10 HCP. The bidding suggests South is heavily shaped to the majors. Both Vulnerable. The dummy has over-bid!

BOTH VUL.



Partner's lead seems poorly mused. If it was his intention to cut down ruffing power because declarer had bid a second suit he should lead a low trump and when in with the ace, play his third. As the cards are, a diamond scuttles the contract hopes straight away, but partner persists in spades.

Trick 1: West spade ace. Dummy 4, East 3, South king (unblocking for Dummy entries). Trick 2: West spade 6, Dummy 10 East. What do you do?

This is a hand Mike Lawrence used in the '99 calendar. One of his pupils of only seven year's play made the fine discard I'm highlighting.

When partner continues spades, you (sitting East) can see that your two red aces are all you can now win, as West can't be expected to be on lead again. You can also surmise that declarer's shape is at least 5-5 and 3 minor cards because he's missing high card fire power (aces). If so, both of Dummy's diamonds will disappear on hearts once that suit is established. Declarer does this effectively by always leading hearts from Dummy toward his hand.

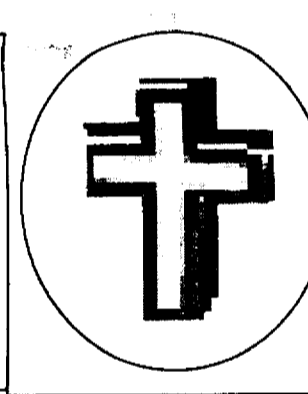
Solution: At trick 2, pitch your heart ace on the second trump play. If declarer is king, queen, jack you're never beating the contract. As the cards are, West will win his jack in time to make the diamond play.

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Find the key to Baldpate at the Grosse Pointe Theatre

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Like a tap dancing Betsy Ross, George M. Cohan in the early 20th century gave his regards to Broadway and the rest of the country in a string of snappy show tunes brimming with patriotic flag waving.

"Over There," written on April 6, 1917, the day the United States declared war on Germany, became for all practical purposes America's theme song for the biggest production to date, World War I.

"I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy" and "Grand Old Flag" will never be topped.

"Harrigan" ("H-A-double R-I-G-A-N spells Harrigan") has transcended the ditties of lesser Tin Pan Alley songwriters.

The author of 500 tunes, Cohan was born literally in a trunk and by age 7 had begun performing up to six shows a

day as a member of the family vaudeville act.

Cohan, America's favorite song and dance man, was the theatrical equivalent of an old time country doctor. He could do a little of everything and made his audience feel good.

Fellow actor William Collier said about his colleague, "George is not the best actor or author or composer or dancer or playwright. But he can dance better than any author, write better than any actor, compose better than any manager, and manage better than any playwright."

Cohan wrote more than 40 plays, including in 1913 the Grosse Pointe Theatre's latest production, the comedy "Seven Keys to Baldpate."

Based on a mystery novel by Earl Derr Biggers, famous for his Charlie Chan series, "Baldpate" was a hit in its day and has remained so despite

such antiquated dialogue as, "Do you think I'd enter into such a dastardly scheme?"

Fortunately for the GPT, that line is spoken by actor James Maniscalco. Playing a crooked politician, Maniscalco fidgets and squirms his way through an enjoyable evening of tongue-in-cheek melodrama. He acts all the time, not just when delivering his lines.

Fingers drumming, he glances furtively around the room while fluttering his heel nervously under a table.

Cohan wrote "Baldpate" the year the federal government began collecting income tax. In thousands of performances over the ensuing decades, audiences have by comparison learned what is and isn't dastardly, but haven't had such an easy time figuring out the tricky happenings that take place among a group of shady characters at the Baldpate Inn.

The plot sort of folds back on itself so, having pleased oneself about having figured out who did it, Cohan throws a screwball near the end of the production that strikes out notions the audience may have had about being clairvoyant.

It's a one-set play, and a stage that could have quickly become tedious has at the GPT been made inviting by set designer Dennis Wickline. His simulated heavy wood paneling, sturdy stone hearth and warm fire make Baldpate an



Is truth stranger than fiction? George M. Cohan's "Seven Keys to Baldpate," the latest production of the Grosse Pointe Theatre, has more twists and turns than a detective novel. In one of the few sedentary scenes in the play, Sal Rubino, left, as shady industrialist Thomas Hayden; Randy Skotarezyk as gunman John Bland; and James Maniscalco as the corrupt Mayor Cargan conspire in the lobby of Baldpate Inn. The production runs through March 25 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Auditorium.

inviting retreat. Wickline should open a resort of his own.

The play is a "mysterious melodramatic farce" about a dime novelist who bets the owner of Baldpate he can write a play in 24 hours.

The plot delivers a whirlwind of activity, despite slow going for the first 20 minutes. Once the action gets up to

speed, it's a nice ride. Amid this flurry of activity, shouting, fighting, gunplay and misplaced bodies, actor R.J. Stewart enters with the force of Wilford Brimley in "Absence of Malice."

Stewart has a voice that can rival any barbershop tenor. He shows skillful phrasing, timing and inflection while round-

ing up the suspects. In real life, Stewart has worked for the PGA Senior Tour and driven carts for Chi Chi Rodriguez and Gary Player.

Whether you guess the play's twists, the key to enjoying Baldpate is suspending disbelief and going with the flow.

What! Another chocolate chip cookie recipe?

It's just another recipe for chocolate chip cookies. So what's so special about this week's feature?

It's the urban legend behind the recipe and, supposedly, how it went public. So the story goes — as told to me by my friend Maureen Nader of Harper Woods and as it was told to her by a fellow employee at the Grosse Pointe Academy. (These stories get passed on and on and on and on.)

A certain gentleman was treating his daughter to lunch at Neiman Marcus (the exact location was not disclosed) and after raving about the chocolate chip cookies, he asked the waitress if he could have the recipe. The waitress told the man that it could be purchased for "two-fifty." Assuming she meant two dollars and fifty cents, he told her to add the recipe to the check. Upon discovering that a \$250 charge had been added to his credit card, the man was outraged.

Unable to receive a credit refund, the man vowed to spread the recipe far and wide and (through the Internet) share the secret of the Neiman Marcus chocolate chip cookies with the world.

Neiman Marcus Chocolate Chip Cookies

- 5 cups oatmeal, finely ground
- 4 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 cups butter, softened to room temperature
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups brown sugar, lightly packed
- 4 eggs

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By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 24 oz. chocolate chips (about 4 cups)
- 1 8 oz. Hershey bar, grated

Place the oatmeal in a food processor (or blender) until it is finely ground. Stir together the ground oatmeal with the flour, soda, baking powder and salt. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, beat together the softened butter with both of the sugars until creamy. Mix in the eggs and vanilla. Stir in the dry ingredients, followed by the chocolate chips and the grated Hershey bar.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Roll the cookie dough into 1-inch balls and place on a no-stick baking sheet about an inch or so apart. (These chocolate chip jewels don't spread very far in the oven.)

Bake at 375 degrees for 9 to 10 minutes (or until golden brown). Cool baked cookies on a wire cooling rack.

The oatmeal acts as a rising agent in the cookies, leaving them light and fluffy. Rolling the dough does make this version of (almost) everyone's favorite cookie a bit more time-consuming, but your efforts will be appreciated.

The recipe makes a truckload of cookies. If you don't own a super huge mixing bowl, cut the recipe in half and settle for half a truckload. (I didn't count but I think I ended up with at least 100 or more cookies.)

Give your chocolate chip cookie recipe a face lift and try the Neiman Marcus way. For the small price of a newspaper, you're holding a \$250 recipe! You've been spared a "needless mark-up."

Lecture on Abraham Lincoln set

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society will sponsor the 12th annual Bicknell Educational Lecture beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

The free lecture will be on "Lincoln's Military Fantasies." The speaker will be Gerald Prokopowicz, director of public programs at the Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne, Ind., and a Lincoln scholar.

Prokopowicz is a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School and the University of Michigan. He earned a doctorate in history from Harvard University. He was a Bicknell lecturer four years ago.

Martha Bicknell Kellner, daughter of the late Dr. Frank Bicknell, established the educational lecture series in honor of her father's 80th birthday. Bicknell, a Grosse Pointer, was a history buff and a member of the Grosse Pointe Historical



Gerald Prokopowicz

Society. He was former chief of urology at Harper, Herman Kiefer and Children's hospitals. Bicknell died in 1999.

The lecture is free, but reservations are requested. A reception will follow the lecture. For reservations, call (313) 884-7010.

The purpose of the society is to preserve and promote the history of the Grosse Pointe community.

Italian society presents film, 'La Balia'

The Italian Heritage Society, affiliated with Wayne State University and under the auspices of the Consulate of Italy in Detroit, will present the premiere of "La Balia," a film that received a 1999 Cannes Film Festival Palme D'or nomination. The film will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday, March 24, in the General Lectures Building in the theater next to the Italian Heritage Room.

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Pointe Shores is chairman of the society. Honorary chairman of the event is Grosse Pointe Woods resident Gianluca Alberini, the consul of Italy.

A reception will follow in the Italian Heritage Room. The cost is \$25 a person; \$20 for faculty and seniors; \$15 for students; \$50 for patrons; \$100 for benefactors. For more information, or to reserve a ticket, call (313) 886-6894.

Chopin concert slated April 1

Piotr Folkert will perform an all-Chopin concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 1 in the auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The event is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Symphony League and the Grosse Pointe Symphony board of directors and is in honor of the late Lawrence LaGore.

David Gloff, classical music radio personality, will read a narrative about Chopin's life between musical selections.

LaGore, who died in July 1999, was a concert pianist, music teacher, ensemble player and past president of the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra and the Tuesday Musicales. LaGore founded the Saturdays at Four concert series and was a leading presence in several musical and arts societies, including the Grosse Pro-Mozart Society, the Grosse



Piotr Folkert

Pointe Chamber Players, the Four Octaves Club, Esprit Piano Teachers' Group and the Detroit Institute of Arts.

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Thursday, March 16

Van Gogh's family

Dr. B. J. Blackford, a descendant of Vincent van Gogh, will provide a unique perspective into the family life that shaped the great artist during a free lecture sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Council for the Arts, Thursday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m., in the Activities Center of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores. Reservations are recommended. Call (313) 884-4222.

Friday, March 17

Mystery & melodrama

Experience thrills n' chills during The Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of George M. Cohan's mysterious, melodramatic farce *Seven Keys to Baldpate*, through Saturday, March 25, in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Performances will be offered Thursday through Saturday, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$13. They can be purchased by calling (313) 886-2993. Performances will be preceded by an elegant buffet in the War Memorial's Crystal Ballroom, Thursday through Saturday, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Reservations are required. Call (313) 881-4004.

Food & fellowship

Enjoy good food and fellowship during a Men's Ecumenical Friday Breakfast, Friday, March 17, at 7:30 a.m., in Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Dr. Robert Neily of St. Michael's Episcopal Church will be the featured speaker for this program, sponsored by the Men's Association of Memorial Church. Admission is \$5. Call (313) 882-5330.

Elegant antiques

See an exciting array of elegant English and American antiques, from more than 40 of the nation's most respected dealers, at the 10th Annual Community House Antiques Festival benefit show and sale, Friday, March 17 through Sunday, March 19, in The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Patrons are welcome Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Guests

can enjoy the brunch lecture *Things to Consider When Collecting Antiques*, presented by Cassie Spencer of Sotheby's of Chicago, Friday, at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$15. A Repair Shop will also be opened during the show. Proceeds benefit Community House enrichment and social service programs. Call (248) 594-6403.

Saturday, March 18

Think Spring

Get expert advice on practical approaches to ecological gardening during St. Clair Shores' Springposium 2000, Saturday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in South Lake High School, 21900 Nine Mile in St. Clair Shores. Tickets are \$6 for St. Clair Shores residents and \$5 for St. Clair Shores seniors or \$10 for non-residents and \$8 for non-resident seniors. Call (810) 447-3338.

Bird watch

Discover a wide variety of fine-feathered friends when Rosann Kovalcik of Wild Birds Unlimited leads a Bird Walk through the picturesque grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Saturday, March 18, at 8 a.m. The fee is \$5. Call (313) 884-4222.

COTS benefit

Bid on a selection of ceramic masks hand-painted by celebrities, including Rosie O'Donnell, Jeff Bridges and Ed McMahon, during the Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS) MaskorAIDE benefit, Saturday, March 18, at 6 p.m., in the Detroit Yacht Club, accessible via the MacArthur Bridge at E. Grand Boulevard and E. Jefferson in Detroit. This elegant evening also includes dinner, dancing and a raffle. Tickets are \$100 or \$200 for patrons. Reservations are required. Call (313) 831-3777.

Family trees

Discover your family tree during a free Genealogy Workshop sponsored by the Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Saturday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Redeemer Lutheran Church, 30003 E. Jefferson in St. Clair Shores. Bring birth, baptismal and marriage certificates along with other ancestral documents. Call (810) 777-4981.

Lovely landscapes

Enhance your home with landscaping tips from Kevin Lees, design manager with Three C's Landscaping, during an Explore Art With the Experts program, Saturday, March 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. The fee is \$50. Call (313) 884-4222.

Live & Learn Courses & adventures

Enhance your mind, body

and spirit by partaking in the courses and adventures offered by the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Professor Michael Farrell will launch a series of cultural tours with a visit to the Detroit Institute of Arts American Galleries, Saturday, March 25, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The fee, which includes lunch at the Scarab Club, is \$65. Explore the intricacies of Independent Publishing, Monday, March 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$40. Get in shape a fun new way with Kickboxing, Fridays, March 31 to June 2, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$72. Register by Monday, March 20, to discover The Wines of Germany and Alsace during a Taste of the Grape Wine Seminar, Mondays, March 27 to April 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$50, plus \$40 for wine. Embark on a metaphysical journey with *The Dynamic Divine Self*, Wednesday, March 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$20. Registration for all new classes can be charged to your Master Card or Visa, via Fax at (313) 884-6638 or phone at (313) 881-7511.



Fine Arts Society

The Fine Arts Society of Detroit presented "I Remember You," a play by Bernard Slade, as its third production of the 1999-2000 season. It was directed by Steve Shrader and produced by Marianne Shrader, both of Grosse Pointe Park.

From left, are cast members Amanda Poland of Detroit, Bill Guigley of Ann Arbor, Paul Gracey of Grosse Pointe Farms and Karen Guarnstrom of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Other Grosse Pointers involved in the production include Jonathon Davis, Shirley Worthman, Dr. Frank van Deventer, Joann and Paul Koch, Sue Owens, Sally van Deventer, Liz Aiken, Roger van Bever and Bill Ouellette.

Wednesday, March 22

Vision lecture

Ophthalmologist Lylas G. Mogk, M.D., will offer the free lecture, *Macular Degeneration: The Complete Guide to Saving and Maximizing Your Sight*, Wednesday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m., in the Central Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 10 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. Reservations are required. Call (313) 343-2074.

Diet & health

Discover the link between nutrition and cancer during a free lecture by Oncologist Robert O'Bryan, M.D., of the Josephine Ford Cancer Center, Wednesday, March 22, at Borders Books & Music, 17141 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe. Call (888) 734-5322.

Oriental rug covered

Edgar Hagopian will present a lecture, with slides, about Oriental rugs at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 22, in the Undercroft of Christ Church Grosse Pointe. The cost is \$6 at the door. Reservations are limited and must be made by Monday, March 20.

Thursday, March 23

Sweet adventure

Treat your sweet tooth to a Detroit Historical Society Behind the Scenes Luncheon Tour of the Morley Candy Factory, 23770 Hall in Clinton Township, Thursday, March 23, at noon. Tickets are \$20 for DHS members and \$30 for all others. Reservations are required. Call (313) 833-4727.

Sunday, March 26

Oscar action

View the Academy Awards during a Hollywood-style, black-tie gala benefiting the Detroit Institute of Arts' Detroit Film Theatre, Sunday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m., in the Roostertail, 100 Marquette in Detroit. Tickets are \$125. Reservations are required. Call (313) 833-7967.

Messiah concert

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra and the Wayne State University Symphonic Chorus and Soloists will pair their talents for a presentation of Handel's *Messiah* Parts II and III, Sunday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m., in Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford in Grosse Pointe Woods. The concert will be preceded by a lecture by Dr. Jack DuBois explaining these rarely

by Madeleine Socia

invited to submit slides to be juried for inclusion in the area's premier fine art show and family fun event, the 17th Annual Art on the Pointe, by Friday, March 31. Proceeds from this event, scheduled for the grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11, benefit the community mental health and substance abuse treatment programs of the Northeast Guidance Center. Entries can be mailed to 270 Kenwood Court in Grosse Pointe Farms, 48236. Call (313) 882-3220.

Alzheimer's aid

Families and friends dealing with the effects of Alzheimer's or related dementia can share knowledge and concerns during free Alzheimer's Association Support Groups, on the second Tuesday of each month, at 1 p.m. or the first and third Thursdays of each month, at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will be held in the Henry Ford Continuing Care-Belmont, 19840 Harper in Harper Woods. Call (313) 640-3379.

Ford House experiences

Experience the grandeur of an Auto Baron lifestyle with a visit to one of "America's Castles," the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. House tours will be offered, on the hour weekdays and on the hour and half-hour weekends, Tuesday through Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. The Tea Room will be closed through Thursday, March 30. Tours are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children. Grounds admission is \$3. Call (313) 884-4222.

Exciting opportunities

Take advantage of exciting opportunities to expand your horizons with classes and events at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter in St. Clair Shores. Check your heart rate, flexibility and body fat during free Fitness Testing, Tuesday, March 21. The artistry of Aaron Copland, Brahms and Bach will be featured during a DeHaven Choral concert, Sunday, March 26. Fees and times vary. Preregistration is required for most programs. Call (810) 779-6111.

Senior review

St. Peter the Apostle Elementary School, 19800 Anita in Harper Woods, presents a series of entertaining and educational options for seniors. Join in the fun of a Movie Review Club, meeting the first Wednesday of each month, from 1 to 2 p.m. Readers can share their views as members of a Book Club, monitored by Harper Woods Librarian Suzanne Kent, on the third Wednesday of each month, from 1 to 2 p.m. Exercise classes for mature adults, as well as people with hip or knee replacements or stroke or heart problems, will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Fees and times vary. Call (313) 343-0771.

On Stage & Screen

DSO notes

Singers, actors and dancers will join the The Detroit Symphony Orchestra in a Musical Journey Through The Emerald Isle during a Celtic celebration, Thursday, March 23 to Sunday, March 26, in Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward in Detroit. Performances will be offered on Thursday, at 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, at 8:30 p.m. and

Sunday, at 3 p.m. Tickets range from \$18 to \$68. Call (313) 576-5111.

Bit o' music

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day weekend with the songs of the Emerald Isle during the Detroit Concert Choir's free A Little Bit of Heaven Spring Concert, Sunday, March 19, at 3 p.m., in Old St. Mary's Church, 646 Monroe in Detroit. Call (313) 882-0118.

On tour

Hear the music of Dvorak, Mendelssohn, Schumann and other classical selections, when Wayne State University's Department of Music hosts the Bohemian Chamber Philharmonic American tour in concert, Tuesday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m., in the WSU Community Arts Auditorium, on the WSU Campus at Cass and Kirby in Detroit. Pointer Kypros Markou will be the guest conductor for this performance which will also feature piano soloist Dorian Ho. Tickets are \$15. Call (313) 577-1795.

Applause x 3

Tennessee Williams' *Five* by Tenn comes to life on the stage of Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass in Detroit, through Saturday, May 6. Also playing, in rotating repertory, through Sunday, April 8, are *Our Town* and *Breaking the Code*. Performances will be offered Thursday through Saturday, at 8 p.m., and select Wednesdays and Sundays, at 2 p.m. The shows will be suspended during WSU's Spring Break, from Sunday, March 12 to Monday, March 20. Tickets range from \$11 to \$18. Call (313) 577-2972.

Exhibitions & Shows

At the DIA

From the old masters to the finest in modern art, discover the beauty and majesty of the galleries and exhibitions at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Revel in the beauty of the spectacular traveling exhibition *Van Gogh: Face to Face*, at the DIA through Sunday, June 4. Tickets are \$16 on weekdays or \$18 on weekends for adults or \$8 for children. On view through Sunday, March 26, are *The Power and Passion of Dance: Photographs From The Carol Halsted Collection* and the dynamic photographs of Robert Frank: *The Americans*. The development of early Italian altarpieces is traced through *Fragments of Devotion: Early Italian Panel Paintings from the DIA Collection* will be displayed through Sunday, May 28. Don't miss your chance to see an exhibition of more than 70 Drawings by Martin Lewis from the DIA's Collection, through Sunday, June 4. Museum hours are Wednesday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Recommended admission is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children and students. Call (313) 833-7963.

New at Pewabic

Wood Fired/Salt Fired: A Group Exhibition, featuring the work of 10 artists, can be seen through Saturday, April 15, in the First Floor Gallery of Pewabic Pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson in Detroit. The Majolica of New York artist Posey Bacopoulos now graces the Second Floor Gallery. The Pewabic Galleries are open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (313) 822-0954.

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Educational adventures

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial offers a full schedule of educational and social adventures for children. Register your little artist, ages 8 and up, by Saturday, March 25, for the annual Pysanky Ukrainian Easter Egg Painting Class, Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$15. Registration for all new classes can be charged to your Master Card or Visa, via Fax at (313) 884-6638 or phone at (313) 881-7511.

Daddy's little girls

Grosse Pointe Farms residents are invited to register now for the Daughter-Dad Dance, Saturday, March 18, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Pier Park Recreation Building, 350 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. The evening includes corsages and photographs. Tickets can be purchased at the Pier Park Gate House or through the Farms City Hall, 90 Kerby in Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$15 per couple and \$5 for each additional daughter. Call (313) 885-6600.

Fabulous follies

Enjoy a night of exceptional musical entertainment when the Grosse Pointe South High School Choir presents a Winter Follies Revue, Saturday, March 18, at 8 p.m., in the Performing

Arts Center of Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets range from \$8 to \$20. They can be purchased at Posterity: A Gallery, 16847 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe. Call (313) 343-2140.

Grease 'n' dance

Rock with the Notre Dame High School Drama Club's production of the rousing musical Grease, Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 26, at 2 p.m., in the Notre Dame Auditorium, 20254 Kelly in Harper Woods. Tickets are \$7. Stay on a roll after the play by dancing the night away, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., in the Notre Dame Gymnasium! Patrons can enjoy '60s music on Friday and '70s music on Saturday. Casino games and refreshments will also be available. Admission is \$5 or free with a Grease ticket stub. Call (313) 885-5500.

Child I.D.

Protect your little ones with Free Child I.D. Fingerprinting, Monday, March 20, from 4 to 7 p.m., in the Grosse Pointe Branch of AAA of Michigan, 19299 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Safety information packets will also be offered. Call (313) 343-6000.

Mon march

Show your support for com-

mon sense gun control by attending a Million Mom March informational meeting, Saturday, March 25, at 9 a.m., in the St. Clair Shores Public Library, 22500 11 Mile in St. Clair Shores. Local organizers will share details about registering for the Mother's Day March on Washington, D.C. Call (313) 821-5357.

Lots to learn

Learn as you play, enjoy live entertainment and watch the stars come out at the Children's Museum of the Detroit Public Schools, 67 E. Kirby in Detroit. Mark Youth Arts Month with a free Meet The Artists crafts workshop, Saturday, March 18, from noon to 2:30 p.m. Girls and boys, ages 4 through 12, can celebrate National Women's History Month with a Women Who Changed the World Workshop, Saturday, March 25, from noon to 2:30 p.m. The fee is \$2. Planetarium demonstrations will be offered on Saturdays, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, from 10 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Reservations are required for some programs. Call (313) 873-8100.

History alive

The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, 20900

Oakwood in Dearborn, bring history to life. The Museum's new \$15 million IMAX Theatre is now showing the film Fantasia 2000. Screenings will be offered daily, beginning at 9 a.m., on the hour in the morning and on the half-hour in the afternoon and evening. Tickets are \$10 for adults or \$8 for seniors and children ages 12 and under. Travel through the past 100 years via the special exhibit Your Place in Time: 20th-Century America. Patrons can also tour the museum's Communications, Lighting, Transportation and Domestic Arts exhibitions. The Village will be closed until Saturday, April 1. The Museum is open daily, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12.50 for adults, \$11.50 for seniors and \$6.25 for children ages five to 12. Call (313) 271-1620.

Strings attached

Experience PuppetArt, Detroit's Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River in Detroit. Purim Spiel, a musical based on the Book of Esther, will entertain audiences, Saturdays, at 2 p.m., through March 25. Tickets are \$5 for children and \$7 for adults. Call (313) 961-7777.

Science fun

The Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R in Detroit, offers

entertaining and educational family fun. The Cyberspace Safari Exhibit Lab features hands-on exhibits integrated with more than 40 Internet-connected computers. Other exciting exhibits include the Singing Bowl, Magnetic Tornado, Jumping Ring, Bike Wheel Gyroscope, Jacob's Ladder and Laser Wave-Guide. Now showing in the Center's IMAX Dome Theatre, on a rotating hourly basis, are the exciting films, Everest, Mysteries of Egypt, Whales, Tropical Rainforest and Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun. Screening times vary. The Detroit Science Center is open Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Admission to the exhibitions, demonstrations and laser show is \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors and children, ages 3 to 17. Admission to the IMAX Domes Theatre is an additional \$4. Call (313) 577-8400.

Detroit's past

Stroll the Streets of Old Detroit; see African American Portraits of Courage and Remember Downtown Hudson's at the Detroit Historical Museum. Children can enjoy traditional African musical instruments during a

Wiggle Giggle Studio program, Saturday, March 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. The historic portion of the special exhibition When the Spirit Moves: African American Dance in History and Art, can be seen at the DHM, through Sunday, April 16. The art portion of this special exhibit can be viewed in either one of the venues. Bob Allison, host of WZZM-TV's Ask Your Neighbor program, will be your guide for the On the Air: Michigan Radio and Television Broadcasting 1920-2000 exhibit on Saturday, March 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. Youngsters can expand their knowledge of the toys, games, transportation, office materials and home life of the past through the hands-on experiences of the I Discover exhibit. Museum Volunteer Orientation will be offered on Saturday, March 25, from 10 a.m. to noon. The Museum is open Wednesday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The suggested admission is \$3 for adults or \$1.50 for seniors, children ages 12 and under enter free. Call (313) 833-1805.

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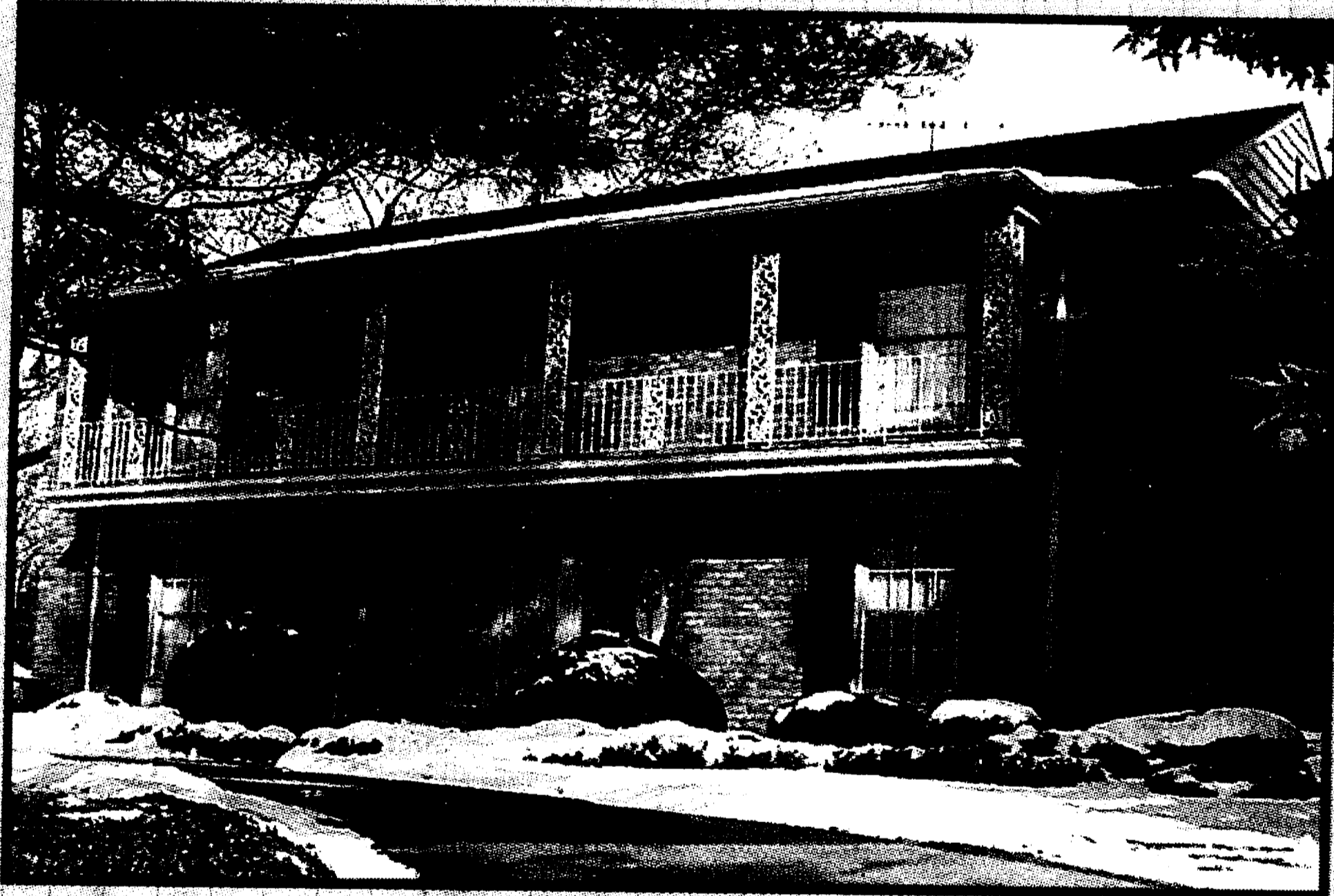
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Get ready for spring bird feeding to bask in song

The amount of sunlight that we are receiving each day has lifted our spirits with the annual hope of the change of the seasons. This lengthening of the day has a different effect upon the birds, causing their hormones to create the urge to nest.

Cardinals have been singing before dawn and throughout the day. The robins that braved the winter and stayed have the best choice of territories and their familiar song rings early through our neighborhoods. The Carolina wren, a year-long songster, gives new luster to his singing. I watched a male perched at the top of the neighbor's tree, breast to the sun, singing repeatedly in hopes of setting up a territory to call his own.

How can we call these birds to our yards, inviting them to stay and entertain us through the spring? This is a great time to respond to their calls by sprucing up the yard to entice them.

As you clean up on these mild March days, keep in mind that birds view your yard a little differently than you do. The small twigs that you rake up or create when pruning are perfect nesting material for house wrens that will return in the next month. Keep a pile of twigs on the ground near some bushes in a place where you



For the Birds

By Rosann Kovalcik
Wild Birds Unlimited

and your family can watch them be chosen as nesting material.

Offer other materials for nesting, placing them in a suet basket or mesh bag hung on a pole or a branch that is easily seen by you and the birds. Commercial nesting materials are available. You can also use household materials such as feathers, soft cotton threads and yarn as well as hair from the family pet.

Now is the right time to check the bird houses that you have, cleaning out the nesting material from last year. If you are adding a nest box to your yard for the first time, stop by Wild Birds Unlimited for a bird housing guide and some expert advice as to how and where to place the house in the yard. The guide will give you recommendations as to house size for individual species of birds.

The vigorous singing of birds

uses a lot of calories. Appetites are up as can be attested to by those of us who are feeding birds now. Spring molt of feathers is an additional physical challenge that requires good nutrition. Make sure that you are offering seed high in fat and protein to help birds meet their dietary needs.

The thistle that you offer needs to be fresh. If you have an older stock of thistle, check it for quality by crushing a small amount of the seed between white paper. You should see an oily residue when you hold the paper to light. If all you get is dust and seed chaff, it's time to buy fresh seed. A variety of feeder types allows birds to eat in different areas of the yard, keeping the peace by dispersing the crowd! Tube feeders can be occupied by house finches in one area, while the platform feeder can be held in reserve for the larger birds. Place your thistle feeder away from others as the goldfinches prefer to feed away from other birds.

Cleanliness of your feeders is very important in keeping birds healthy. Get out the gloves, bleach, a large bucket, your feeder brush and a scraping tool. Empty the feeder of seed and then rinse the feeder out and gently scrape

off any accumulated build up of old seed. Make a bleach and water solution of one-part bleach to 10-parts water in the bucket. Scrub the feeder with the water, using the brush to reach all areas of the feeder. Some feeders can be disassembled so that cleaning is very thorough. Special attention should be paid to thistle feeders, as the compact nature of the seed causes it to be prone to mold.

With our continued dry trend, water provided to birds becomes more of a necessity every year. Check your birdbath for cracks and repair accordingly. Give it the same cleaning that was recommended above for cleaning feeders. Watch the temperature though. If we return to freezing levels, water in cement or ceramic baths can cause cracks. Keep the bath full of fresh, clean water, rinsing and scrubbing every few days when you fill it. The birds will appreciate a drink in between all of that singing!

Enjoy your birds!

Rosann Kovalcik is a certified bird feeding specialist, 30-year bird watcher and owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods; (313) 881-1410.

Pet Care

If your dog has arthritis, the cold, damp weather of late winter can be a factor in the discomfort he or she may feel. Veterinarians point out that arthritic dogs react the same way humans with arthritis do to dropping temperatures and damp weather. Joints become tender or painful. They may swell or become stiff. Dogs that are usually playful seem to want to do nothing more than to lie quietly close to a heat source.

When Beauty, my cousin's 11-year-old dog, began to lag behind on her walks, stumble when she climbed stairs, and ignore the Frisbee games she always loved, my cousin thought Beauty might have developed a hip problem. (Beauty's mother had hip dysplasia.)

It turned out that Beauty had arthritis. An unusually damp and cold winter in South Carolina had caused the condition — which had previously been so mild that no one knew she had it — to flare up.



The veterinarian prescribed a medication to use if Beauty seemed to be in pain. But, he emphasized, the best treatment would involve a special diet and a carefully regulated exercise regimen. Her time outdoors in bad weather was cut back. With her veterinarian's approval, my cousin began putting Beauty through a routine of stair climbing to substitute for her reduced exercise outside the house.

FYI: The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) has a website at www.healthypet.com.

— Peter Edwards
King Features Syndicate



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ON THE COVER...

**80 WOODLAND SHORE,
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Exceptionally well maintained brick center entrance Colonial.

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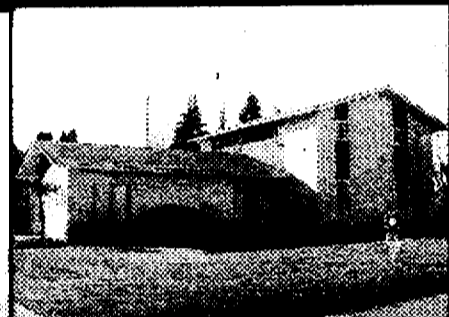
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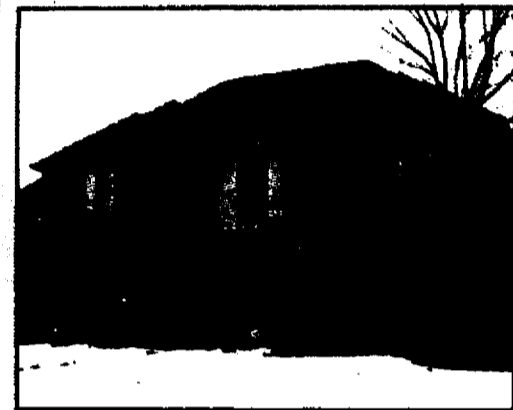
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Beautifully appointed four bedroom colonial with traditional architectural detailing, meticulously maintained. A spacious eat-in kitchen, family room with gas fireplace and wet bar plus a cozy library are just some of the features of this home. You will also find a first floor laundry, newly-finished basement recreation room. Two and one half car garage and a large, private, professionally landscaped backyard. Recent price reduction. Call for an appointment.



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A lovely East English Village Colonial on a deep lot for a great price: 4406 Kensington, \$133,500!! This three bedroom, one bath brick home boasts a long list of updates including: new driveway, garage floor, storm windows, and carpet in 1999; huge bathroom (10x9.2) in 1997; finished basement with a fourth bedroom, office area, workroom, and commode in 2000!! Fresh paint throughout, newly landscaped backyard, steel entry doors, glass block windows, natural fireplace and more. This is a value not to be missed!!!



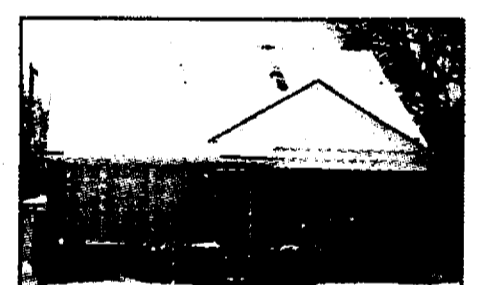
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Prevent crabgrass now for a nice lawn later

Q. What fertilizer should I be putting on my lawn? I would like to thicken up some bare spots and get the lawn growing early this year.

A. If you had crabgrass last year or if your lawn is thin, you should apply crabgrass preventer this spring. Crabgrass has a round stem and flat leaves and usually grows flat and spreading. In the fall the plant turns purplish in color. Crabgrass is an annual and its seeds spread by wind. Normally the crabgrass seed will germinate between mid April and mid May. Crabgrass can be controlled after it germinates, but it is much harder and more costly.

In the spring, most lawns should receive a slow-release lawn fertilizer that is combined with a



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By David Soulliere

crabgrass preventer weed control. We get best results with Crabicide Green from Greenview. The chemical used for weed control will form a barrier preventing the crabgrass seeds from growing.

Spring is a great time to overseed the bare spots in your lawn. By simply raking in some grass seed now you can let Mother Nature take over the job of watering. If you plan to overseed your

lawn, you cannot use the standard crabgrass preventer. Regular crabgrass preventer doesn't know the difference between the crabgrass seeds and your new grass seed. The results would be a big disappointment because none of your grass seed will come up.

Don't fear — there is crabgrass preventer available called Treble from Greenview that will prevent crabgrass and still let your lawn grass seed germinate. It costs a little more but the alternative is not to apply any crabgrass preventer at all and take your chances. If crabgrass becomes a problem later, you can spray the area with a crabgrass killer.

The early spring lawn food differs from summer lawn food in that the nitrogen content is usually lower. All fertilizer products must have a number ratio such as 25-10-10 or 30-4-4. These numbers represent the percentage of nitrogen, phosphate and potash to the weight of the bag of fertilizer. The first number in the analysis on the bag indicates the amount of nitrogen in the bag of fertilizer.

Nitrogen promotes growth and color. The better fertilizers will contain different forms of nitrogen. A blend of quick and slow release nitrogen that will give you

a more even growth pattern and last longer is the best. There is less chance of burning the lawn too with slow release nitrogen.

The second number is the percentage of phosphate. Phosphates promote root growth. The last number indicates the percentage of potash. Potash helps the plant grow strong. Better fertilizers will also contain micro-nutrients such as iron for dark greening.

After you apply the first fertilizing in the spring don't forget about your lawn the rest of the season. An easy way to buy lawn fertilizer is to buy a lawn program. This is usually four bags of fertilizer including your spring crabgrass preventer, a broadleaf weed control for later in the spring, summer lawn food and a winterizer fertilizer. Whether you buy the year program or individual bags you should buy from a garden center since that is where you can find the best advice on lawn care.

David Soulliere is a Michigan certified nurseryman at Soulliere Landscaping and Garden Center, 23919 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, between Nine and 10 mile. Phone (810) 776-2811 for further information. E-mail at soulliereg@cs.com.

Household Help

When your ice-maker freezes you out

Q. I woke up this morning to find water dripping from my refrigerator's freezer door. I found that there was no ice in the tray, but a sheet of slushy water on the floor of my freezer! I turned the ice-maker off and that stopped the dripping, but now what?

A. You may be able to fix the problem yourself, but take that statement with a grain of salt. The trouble may be an ice-clogged water hose.

To find out if the hose is clogged, turn off the ice-maker (you did this already) and remove the tray. Then ease the ice-maker out carefully until you can unplug it. Once this is done, reach back and feel for the clear plastic water hose (about 1/2 inch in diameter) that's attached to the mechanism. Detach it carefully and slide the icemaker out. Place the ice-maker in the sink to defrost.

Next, check the water hose for clogs. Sometimes, ice builds up at the end of the hose, where water is pumped into a small chamber to shape the ice cube. When water can't enter the chamber, it simply reroutes to the nearest exit, usually the outside of the ice tray and the floor of the freezer.

If the ice clog isn't easy to reach, defrost the refrigerator completely.

Finally, replace the ice-maker and tray, and turn it back on. The ice tray should fill with cubes within 24 hours. If it doesn't, or if ice begins to build up on the floor of the freezer again, turn the ice-maker off and call a repairman.

Q. We had our kitchen redecorated a few years ago, using

ceramic tile on the countertops and island. Wear and tear since then has chipped and broken a few of them. How can we repair them?

A. Broken, chipped or discolored ceramic tiles are easy to replace. You'll just need a few tools on hand to do the job: A grout saw (available at your hardware store), glass cutter, chisel (not a woodworking chisel), mallet or hammer, wire brush, tile adhesive, toothpicks, masking tape and grout.

Using the grout saw, remove the grout around the broken tile. Take the glass cutter and score the old tile with an "X," each line running from corner to corner.

Next, pick up the chisel and mallet (or hammer) and tap the center of the tile with the chisel. Start gently and add more force with each tap until the tile breaks into four pieces. Clean out any grout that remains in the tile space, using a wire brush or the grout saw.

When that is done, apply tile adhesive to the back of the replacement tile and ease it gently into place. Then, stick toothpicks all around it, in the ungrouted groove, to keep the tile centered. Anchor it in place with masking tape until the adhesive has dried.

Once the adhesive has dried, remove the masking tape and toothpicks and regrout the tile in place. It's that easy!

Lawn and garden

March may seem a bit early to be thinking of outdoor work, but this is the best month of the year,

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How many inches of insulation are enough?

Q. Mr. Hardware, I was in my attic checking the insulation because of a recurring ice-dam on the front of my house. What I found were several inches of gray pulverized paper stuff. Should I remove this old insulation? Ice Dam Louie of Harper Woods.

A. Louie, you virtually never need to remove the old insulation. You may wish to install more insulation over the old in order to increase the R-value.

The current building code calls for 6.5 inches of blanket insulation in the ceiling giving you an R-value of 19. R-value stands for the ability of a material to impede the flow of heat. The higher the number, the greater the ability to hold in heat.

I am of the opinion that more is merrier. Twelve inches is the minimum for a house I plan to live in for more than three years. In terms of energy savings, it is the best bang for the buck. Adding six inches to the existing ceiling of a 1,000 square-foot house costs about \$300 if done yourself. If you use air-conditioning, you might save this money in as little as two years. Not many home improvements yield a payback so quickly. As a bonus, it will make a home much more comfortable.

Typically, the preferred insulation is fiberglass in a roll or batten style. If there is existing insula-



Ask
Mr.
Hardware

By Blair Gilbert

tion — and it is usually some nasty old crumb up there — then use the unfaced type. Only use the paper or foil faced insulation in new construction when the facing can be against the heated area. It acts as a vapor barrier and you don't want it between layers of insulation. Only use unfaced insulation over old insulation.

Blown in insulation, also known as cellulose (a chopped up, fire-proofed paper), is nice if there are many obstructions in the attic which make blanket-type insulation too difficult to install.

Do not put in so much insulation at the outside walls that it can touch the bottom of the roof boards. If the insulation touches the roof it can melt the snow in the winter and create an ice dam.

An ice dam is when snow on the roof melts and refreezes. This frozen ridge traps snow runoff rather than allowing it to enter the gutter. The water is forced up under the shingles and rots the

roof-boards, rafters and the fascia. The fascia is the face board the gutter is nailed to. Ever wonder why the gutter is falling off?

Always keep the insulation at least an inch from the roof. The air gap will allow air from the overhang vent to enter the attic. This will fend off humidity and keep those roof boards the same temperature as the outside air.

This air gap lets any moisture that does get into the area evaporate away. Less rot, less mold, less damage. Any questions?

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

The woodwright

I always adored my grandmother's pie safe. As a kid, I couldn't tell you what kind of wood it was made from or how it was built, but I could identify every pie that was in it!

Now, you too can make a beautiful pie safe from easy-to-follow plans. Of course, not everyone will use this piece of furniture for storing pies. This pie safe is made spacious enough to house a stereo, lots of CDs, books or just about whatever you like.

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To begin your pie safe, ask for pattern No. 549 and mail \$7.95 to The Woodwright, Dept. 48236, PO Box 1469 Champlain, NY 12919. To purchase The Woodwright catalog, which includes coupons worth \$16, add \$3.95.

— David Moulton,
The Woodwright



Pie safe is a country classic.

Landscaper

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in any part of the United States, to start preparing for the growing season.

The first thing you'll be doing to your lawn this spring is fertilizing it, so use the winter to find out how to get the most from your grass. I know I mentioned this recently, but if you haven't sent a soil sample to a nearby U.S. Department of Agriculture office for analysis, do so as soon as possible.

Start planning your garden, too. Pick up as many catalogs as you need and start browsing. You can also surf the Internet to get ideas about where you can order seeds or plants online, not to mention track down some gardening web sites that will allow you to design your garden from scratch.

Another thing you can do to keep the ball rolling is clean up the tools you'll need. Improper storage may have caused them to rust or water may have damaged wooden handles. For rust problems, clean rusty spots with a soap-filled steel wool pad; dip the pad in turpentine and rub hard.

For water damage, replace the handle or buy a new tool.

Home tips

- When working with brass or steel screws, rub beeswax onto the tip of your screwdriver. Screws will stick to the tip, making it much easier to put them in place. Brass and steel screws can't be held by a magnetic screwdriver, so this saves a lot of aggravation. — Bob P., Pismo Beach, Calif.

- I fix creaky wood floors quickly with talcum powder. I just sprinkle it around the area that's creaking, rub it in lightly and sweep the remaining powder away. — Joyce S., Orlando, Fla.

- When putting up wood paneling in my house, I sprayed black paint on the backboard before starting. This helped to hide the small cracks between each panel much more effectively. — Richard W., Greenville, S.C.

Do you have a question or a home repair tip of your own? Contact Samantha Mazzotta at homeguru2000@hotmail.com, or write *This Is A Hammer*, c/o King Features Syndicate, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32803.

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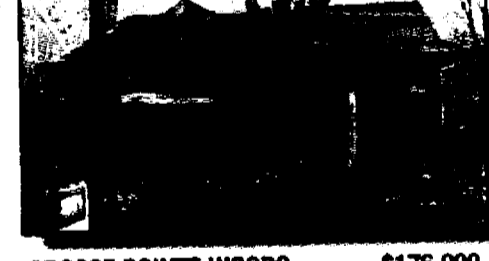
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Coupon Corner

Don't forget the cuddliest and most important member(s) of your family this week. That's right — your pets are always there for you, so be kind and loyal to them as well. If your menagerie is anything like mine (two dogs, two cats), you probably tally up quite a bill at the grocery or pet store every month. Check out these savings for the furry friends in your life:

- Save \$15 and get free shipping on any purchase of \$30 or more at Petstore.com. The online store has a variety of supplies and products for dogs, cats, tropical fish and other small animals. Offer expires March 31.

- Save 20 percent on any purchase of dog or cat toys from PetSmart.com. This offer is valid only online; it is not available at PetSmart stores.

- FancyFeast premium cat food offers a \$1 coupon when you buy 24 cans of gourmet canned food or one 24-can FancyFeast variety pack. Offer expires April 1.

- Ralston Purina has a \$1-off coupon on 4-lb. or larger bags of Purina Kibbles & Chunks, Kibbles and Mini Chunks or a 3.75-lb. or larger package of Butcher's Blend. Expires April 30.

- You can save 65 cents on any size bag or two boxes of Friskies Dental Diet dry cat food or 55 cents on any size bag or two boxes of Friskies dry cat food, if you purchase the items by March 31.

- Purina Cat Chow offers a 50-cent coupon for any two 18-ounce packages or one 3.5-lb. bag of dry cat food. Offer expires April 15.

- Arm & Hammer offers a special \$3 mail-in rebate on one 14-lb. or two 7-lb. bags of new Super Stop odor-eliminating kitty litter. You also can use a \$1-off coupon for purchase of the same sizes of litter. Expires March 31.

- Tidy Cat offers \$1.50 off any two bags of Tidy Cat litter and 75 cents off any one size of Tidy Cat Scoop, with an improved clumping formula. Expires April 30.

- Snacks, snacks, snacks! Our animal companions love them as much as we do. Heinz Pet Products offers several coupons for dog and cat treats: 50-cent coupons for Wagwells dog treats and 35-cent coupons on Pupperoni and Snausages snacks. You also can save 35 cents on any Pounce cat treats. Offers expire April 24.

Stock up on some great deals for supplies — it's time for spring cleaning! Open your windows and sniff that soft, warm breeze. Then, enlist the family's aid one fine Saturday morning, roll up your sleeves and get to work.

Here are some savings on

household cleaning products to help rid your home of the dust and dirt that's accumulated over the winter:

- PLEDGE offers a \$3 coupon for any one of its new "Grab-It" Sweeper and cloths and a \$1 coupon for cloth refills. The electrostatic cloth is supposed to be designed to trap dust, dirt and hair more efficiently. Johnson & Son, Inc., CMS Dept. 46500, 1 Fawcett Dr., Del Rio, Texas, 78840. Expires April 15.

- PROCTER & GAMBLE has .50-cent coupons for any size Comet liquid cleaner and .25-cent coupons for any size Comet powder. Save 50 cents on any size of Cinch, two-in-one spray cleaner. Procter & Gamble, 2150 Sunnybrook Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45237. Expires March 31.

- Clorox offers a \$1 coupon for a new quick-clean product, Clorox Disinfecting Wipes, with and without bleach. The Clorox Co., P.O. Box 880409, El Paso, Texas, 88588-0409. Expires March 31.

- BRAUNNY offers .35-cents off any two packages of three rolls, or four packages of Big Rolls. Fort James Operating Co., CMS Dept. 42000, One Fawcett Dr., Del Rio, Texas, 78840. Expires April 6.

- VIVA offers \$1 off any two packages of Kleenex Viva Scrub Cloths, 50 cents off any two rolls of Kleenex Viva Towels or one Bundle Pak, and 55 cents off any two rolls of Kleenex Viva Job Squad Towels. Kimberly-Clark Tissue Co., Neenah, Wis., 54956. Expires April 30.

- SCRUNGE has a .55-cent coupon for any two Vileda Scrunge scrubber sponges. Freudenberg Household Products, P.O. Box 880925, El Paso, Texas, 88588-0925. Expires April 6.

- LYSOL offers 50 cents off on its antibacterial kitchen cleaner. Reckitt & Colman, CMS Dept. 26600, One Fawcett Dr., Del Rio, Texas, 78840. Expires May 31.

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Able Mortgage Group	(248) 932-4040	8.375	0	8	0	6.5	2	JBN
Aequi-Mutual Mortgage Corp.	(248) 526-3088	7.875	2	7.375	2	6.125	2	JB
Aequi-Mutual Mortgage Corp.	(248) 526-3088	8.125	2	7.75	2	6.125	2	JB
American Capital Services Inc.	(800) 321-7210	8.125	0	7.75	0	7.125	0	JBN/F
American Financial & Investment	(800) 823-3482	7.875	1.575	7.375	1.575	6.875	1.575	JBN
Ameripus Mortgage Corp.	(248) 740-2323	7.625	2.25	7.25	2.25	6.875	0	JB
Ameripus Mortgage Corp.	(248) 740-2323	7.875	2	7.5	2	7	0	JBN
Approved Mortgage Inc.	(734) 455-5091	8	0	7.75	0	7	0	JBN
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Bank One	(800) 583-4636	7.8	2	7.45	1.45	6.15	2	JBN/F
Bank One	(800) 583-4636	7.75	2	7.25	1.45	6.15	2	JBN/F
Capital Mortgage Funding	(248) LOW-RATE	7.625	3	7.25	3	5.875	2	JBN/F
Chase Manhattan	(248) 649-1280	7.875	1.75	7.375	2	6.25	0.75	JN/F
Citizens Bank	(800) 368-8940	8	2	7.825	2	6.375	1	JN/F
Comerica	(800) 292-1300	8	2.125	7.625	2.125	6.75	0.875	JBN/F
Community Bank of Dearborn	(313) 274-1000	7.875	2	7.625	2	6.875	2	JB
Community Federal Credit Union	(734) 453-1200	7.875	2	7.75	2	6	2	JB
Community Home Loans	(248) 262-8580	8	1.875	7.625	1.875	6.25	1	JN/F
Credit Union ONE	(248) 544-1442	8	2	7.375	2	5.75	2	J
Dearborn Fed. Credit Union	(313) 322-9301	8	2	7.5	2	6.75	2	JB
Dearborn Federal Savings	(313) 565-3100	8.25	0	8	0	5.625	2	J
Dearborn Federal Savings	(313) 565-3100	8.075	2	7.625	2	5.875	2	JBN/F
Edgecore Financial Group	(800) LOAN-620	7.75	2.5	7.375	2.5	5.5	2	JBN/F
Edgecore Financial Group	(800) LOAN-620	7.875	2	7.375	2	6	2	JB
Fidelity National Mortgage	(800) 251-5104	8.25	1	7.75	1	6.375	2	JBN/F
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First Federal of Michigan	(800) DIAL-FFM	7.9	2	7.35	2	5.375	2	JN/F
First Federal of Michigan	(800) DIAL-FFM	8.125	0	7.75	0	7.25	0	JBN
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Gallatin Mortgage Co.	(734) 994-1202	7.625	2	7.25	2	5.75	2	JB
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Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 785-4755	7.75	1.5	7.375	1.5	5.625	1	JBN/F
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 785-4755	7.875	2	7.375	2	6.75	0	JBN/F
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Home Federal Savings Bank	(313) 873-3310	8	0	7.625	0	6	1.25	JB
Huntington Mortgage Co.	(800) 538-1812	8	2	7.5	2	6.625	2	JBN/F
International Mortgage Inc.	(248) 548-7076	8.125	0	7.75	0	7	0	JB
JMC Mortgage Corp.	(248) 489-4020	7.375	3.875	7	3.875	6	3.5	JB
JMC Mortgage Corp.	(248) 489-4020	8	2	7.5	2	6.75	2	JB
Keystone Mortgage	(800) 403-8821	7.875	2	7.5	2	6	2	JB
Keystone Mortgage	(800) 403-8821	8.125	0	7.75	0	7	0	JBN
Mainstreet Mortgage	(800) 447-2270	8.375	0	8.125	0	6.75	1	JB
Mainstreet Mortgage	(800) 447-2270	7.75	2.5	7.25	2.5	6.25	2	JB
Milestone Mortgage Corp.	(888) 278-1777	8.125	0	7.75	0	7	0	JB
Milestone Mortgage Corp.	(888) 278-1777	7.875	2	7.5	2	6.5	2	JN/F
MoneyHouse Mort - Ann Arbor	(888) 913-9878	8.125	0	7.75	0	6.75	0	JB
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Mortgage Warehouse	(800) 931-7757	7.5	3.375	7.125	3.375	7.75	0	JB
Mortgage Warehouse	(800) 931-7757	7.75	2.25	7.5	2.25	6.75	0	JBN
National Future Mortgage	(800) 291-7900	7.375	3	6.875	3	6.25	3	JBN
National Future Mortgage	(800) 291-7900	7.875	2	7.5	2	6.5	2	JBN
North American Mortgage	(800) 700-6262	7.875	2	7.375	2	NR	NR	JBN/F
North American Mortgage	(800) 700-6262	8	2	7.5	2	6.75	1	JBN
Paramount Bank	(800) 421-BANK	7.75	2	7.375	2	6.75	0	JBN/F
Paramount Bank	(800) 421-BANK	8.125	2	7.825	2	7	0	JB
Pioneer Mortgage	(248) 344-1544	7.875	2	7.5	2	6.6	2	JB
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Rock Home Loans @ Mich. Natl	(800) 713-2119	8	2	7.5	2.375	6.25	2.25	JF
Rose Mortgage Corp.	(800) 521-5362	7.875	2	7.5	2	6.75	1	JN/F
Rose Mortgage Corp.	(800) 678-6663	7.75	3	7.25	3	5.875	3	JN/F
Source One Mortgage Corp.	(248) 398-6500	7.875	2	7.375	2	6.125	2	JBN/F/BI
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St. James Mortgage Corp.	(800) 837-7005	8.375	0	7.875	0	7.125	0	JB
Standard Federal Bank	(800) HOME-800	7.875	2	7.5	2	5.125	2	JBN/F
TCF Bank	(800) 334-6263	8	2	7.825	2	5.75	2	JBN
Washington Mortgage Company	(888) 927-4266	8	2	7.625	2	6.125	2	JB
World Wide Financial	(248) 647-1199	7.75	2	7.5	2	6.375	1	JB
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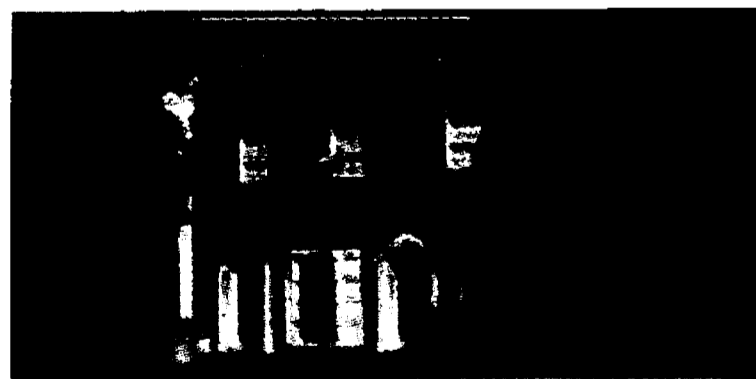
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Exceptionally well maintained brick center entrance colonial in the Shores. Four bedrooms, two full, two half baths, spacious entry foyer, formal living room and dining room, family room with fireplace plus library/den. First floor laundry facility, three car attached garage, two furnaces 1999, professionally landscaped yard. Ready for you to move right in. QS#11000202 (313) 882-0087



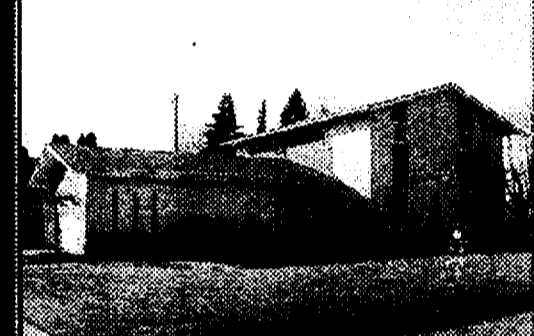
\$439,900 GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Come inside and see this professionally decorated home in the Farms. Crown moldings throughout, patterned hardwood floors. Updated kitchen and lots of storage, tear off roof in '98, new furnace in '94, multiple closets in bedrooms. Large paver patio in professionally landscaped yard. QS#11000258 (313) 882-0087



\$396,000 GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Ready for you to move right into! Four bedroom two and one half bath Colonial. First floor laundry room, hard wood floors. Numerous updates. Mutschler kitchen w/cherry cabinets, carpeted recreation room, garage door w/openers, landscaping, sprinkler system, brick paver in backyard, potting shed and large deck. QS#11000255 (313) 882-0087



\$389,900 GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Beautifully done! Three bedroom, two bath bungalow just a short walk to the Lake. Open floor plan with maple kitchen (98'). Master suite with walk in closet and new bath. Family room with fireplace overlooking in-ground pool. A must see!!! Assumable Mortgage QS#31010 (313) 882-0087



\$349,000 GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Meticulously maintained! In pristine condition! Four bedroom two and one half bath Colonial on a cul-de-sac near Liggett Middle School. Large living room with fireplace, formal dining room, library/den. Newer updated kitchen, spacious first floor laundry room/optional playroom. Hardwood floors and newer windows. QS#31773 (313) 882-0087



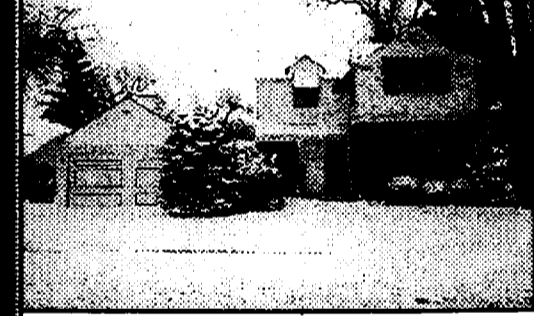
\$288,000 ROCHESTER
Spacious ranch style condo! House Beautiful. Shows like a model. Premium lot. Kitchen and foyer have hardwood floors, great room with fireplace, extensive wood moldings, security system and much more. QS#10000375 (313) 882-0087



\$265,500 GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Updated, very well maintained colonial in the Woods. Formal living room and dining room w/custom window treatments and carpets. Newer kitchen with eating bar and all appliances. Paneled family room w/natural fireplace and newer carpet. Improvement since 1996; roof, windows, door wall, furnaces, water heater, sprinkler system, glass block windows, deck painted and aluminum trim. Basement is finished w/newer carpet, wet bar and lav. Attached garage with openers. QS#10000375 (313) 882-0087



\$259,000 GROSSE POINTE
Lovely Colonial in the City. Recent updates include bath w/skylight, central air and driveway. Newer two and one half garage, brick patio and finished basement. Natural fireplace with gas logs in the large family room. Excellent location. Move in condition. QS#31652 (313) 882-0087



\$249,000 GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Lovely three bedroom traditional Colonial. Large family room with fireplace, attached two car garage, recreation room, gas forced air and central air conditioning. QS#11000371 (313) 882-0087



\$135,000 HARPER WOODS
Great three bedroom brick ranch in Harper Woods, with Grosse Pointe schools. Beautiful hardwood floors throughout. Eating space in kitchen. Large low maintenance yard. This home has great potential. QS#31563 (313) 882-0087



\$112,000 EASTPOINTE
Move right into this totally renovated home. Beautifully updated kitchen w/new cabinets, flooring and counter tops. New bathroom sinks and toilets, carpeting, foyer floor, windows, tear off roof, copper plumbing, front walk, alarm system, painted. Most floors are hardwood, basement is open. Home warranty included. This is a great buy! QS#11000296 (313) 882-0087



\$106,900 EASTPOINTE
Low maintenance house and garage. Copper plumbing, furnace (95'), central air (97), newer windows, roof (95), electrical updated (96) includes 220V to garage with newer vinyl siding. Outstanding hardwood floors, large bedroom. Attractive cherry wood kitchen cabinets. Cozy recreation room with wet bar. QS#11000490 (313) 882-0087



\$99,000 HARPER WOODS
Sharp three bedroom brick bungalow with bay window in dining area/kitchen. Many updates include: bath, windows, furnace, central air. Updated electrical. One and one half car garage with two garage doors (front and rear) ideal for extra car or boat. Freshly painted. QS#11000136 (313) 882-0087



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Charming English tudor move-in-condition. Beautiful hardwood floors, living room with limestone fireplace, updated kitchen with large eating area. Gas forced furnace and central air conditioning, new driveway and garage floor, new roof on garage. Master bedroom with sitting room, could be office or nursery. Finished basement with recreation room and wet bar and fireplace. Screened porch overlooking beautifully landscaped backyard. QS#11000215 (313) 882-0087



\$950,000 GROSSE POINTE
Executive living. Four bedrooms, three full baths and 2 half baths; unique architectural design, hardwood floors, high ceilings. State of the art kitchen w/eating area overlooking large great room. Inviting foyer and dining room, first floor laundry, private library/den overlooks yard. Master suite w/sitting room, fireplace, walk-in closet, jacuzzi and stall shower. Three car attached garage. For a virtual tour, log onto www.realtor.com. QS#31297 (313) 882-0087



\$158,000 HARPER WOODS
Location, condition, parklike yard, attached garage only begin to tell pleasures of this three bedroom brick ranch with Grosse Pointe Schools. Refinished hardwood floors, updated kitchen, circle walk to front door, newer garage door. Natural fireplace in spacious living room, Neutral decor makes moving in easy. (313) 882-0087



\$325,000 ST. CLAIR SHORES
Outstanding brownstone condo with some lake views. Move in condition. Professionally decorated. Features master suite with whirlpool, two way natural fireplace, deck off master bedroom, lakefront gazebo, newly finished lower level w/new wall covering and carpet. New paver patio and landscaping add the finishing touches. QS#11000426 (313) 882-0087



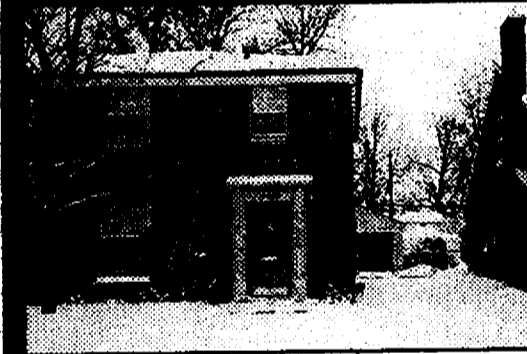
\$319,900 GROSSE POINTE CITY
Fabulous French Colonial in the City. Features a lot of original detailing. New custom kitchen, breakfast nook, w/2 leaded glass china cabinets, crown moldings, hardwood floors, natural fireplace. Finished basement with gas fireplace: New furnace, air, updated electrical, new trim and gutters. 2nd floor sun room 10x11 not included in square footage. QS#11000090 (313) 882-0087



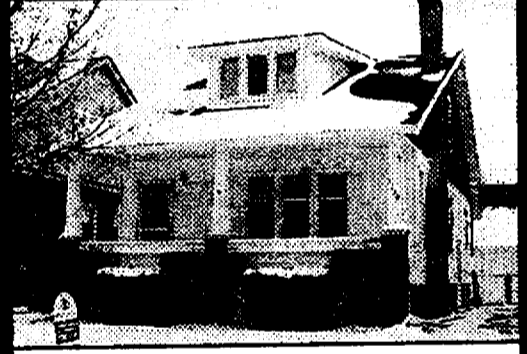
\$309,500 GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Wonderful Tudor in the Farms, close to shopping and schools. Four bedroom, newer furnace and central air 1997, newer kitchen and updated bath. Spacious living room with natural fireplace, formal dining room and den. Finished office space in basement. Copper plumbing, circuit breakers, garage redone with new roof, vinyl siding and gutters. QS#31835 (313) 882-0087



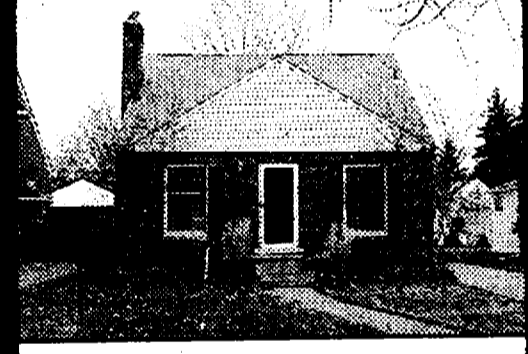
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Sharp brick Colonial. Ready for you to move right into! Three bedroom, one and one half bath, fireplace in living room, first floor laundry, family room open to dining room, door wall to brick patio and deep lot, newer kitchen and bath. Recently refinished hardwood floors, finished carpeted recreation room with wet bar. QS#11000352 (313) 882-0087



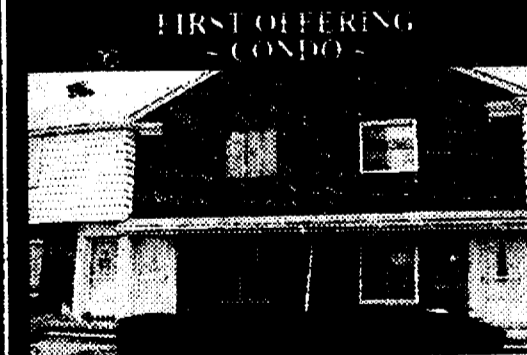
\$176,900 GROSSE POINTE PARK
Fantastic move in condition home. This home features a new kitchen, central air, vinyl siding ('97), and tear off roof in '91. Hardwood floors, a lot of possibilities on the second floor, semi finished basement a must see. Natural fireplace, newer furnace, updated electrical, new storms and screens. QS #11000127 (313) 882-0087



\$172,000 GROSSE POINTE WOODS
A MILLENNIUM HOME, "2000" Anita! Sharp three bedroom bungalow with updated kitchen, hardwood floors, tear off roof '97, furnace and central air '97, natural fireplace, newer landscaping and vinyl trim. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher and window treatments included. QS#31723 (313) 882-0087



\$168,500 GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Wonderful one and one half story brick bungalow in the Woods. New kitchen with ceramic tile floor and back splash, double sink. New front door and marble floor in entrance, living room with natural fireplace and finished hardwood floors. Large master bedroom on second floor with half bath. Large family room with gas fireplace, and new patio. Full bath in basement. QS#11000056 (313) 882-0087



\$82,900 ST. CLAIR SHORES
Lakeshore Village condo! Attractive newly decorated, new closet and front doors. Updated bathroom. Maintenance fee includes insurance and outside maintenance. All appliances are included. QS#11000472 (313) 882-0087



\$65,000 DETROIT
Great investment opportunity. Three bedroom bungalow. One bath plus stall shower in basement. Large second floor bedroom with sitting area has knotty pine paneling and built in dressers and shelving. Two car detached garage. QS#11000055 (313) 882-0087



\$60,000 DETROIT
Great starter home in St. John's Hospital area. Ready to move in. Freshly painted, hardwood floors, cove ceilings. New in '99; furnace, roof, siding, garage doors, stove, refrigerator and carpeting. Updated bath, electrical and basement has been waterproofed. Immediate occupancy available. QS#11000492 (313) 882-0087



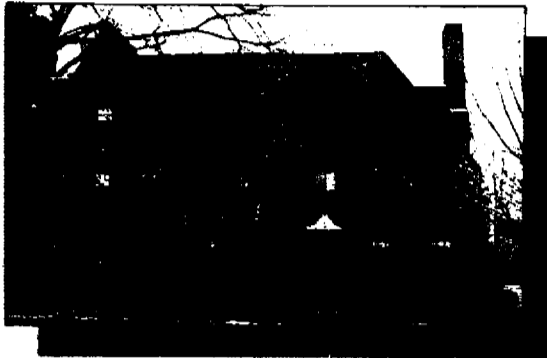
\$55,000 DETROIT
Immediate Occupancy, Certificate of Occupancy completed. New thermopane windows, carpeting, freshly neutrally painted interior. Vinyl side home with double drive, large lot. Included: satellite dish, stove and refrigerator. Don't miss this nice, comfortable home. QS#11000253 (313) 882-0087

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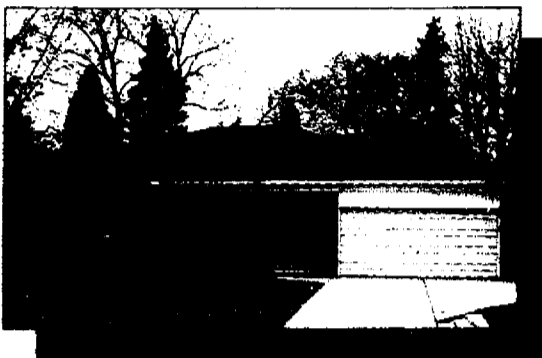
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TERRIFIC Grosse Pointe location for this remodeled townhouse with open floor plan, contemporary kitchen and newer windows.

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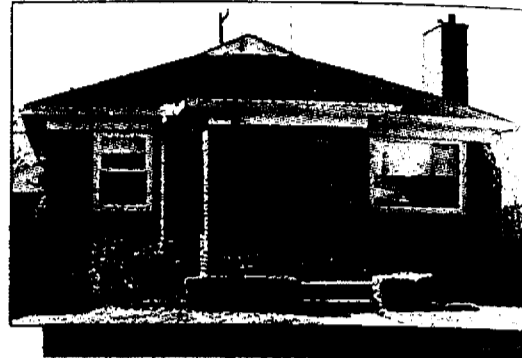
JUST STEPS FROM THE VILLAGE this two bedroom brick ranch features a family room, spacious master bedroom and attached garage.

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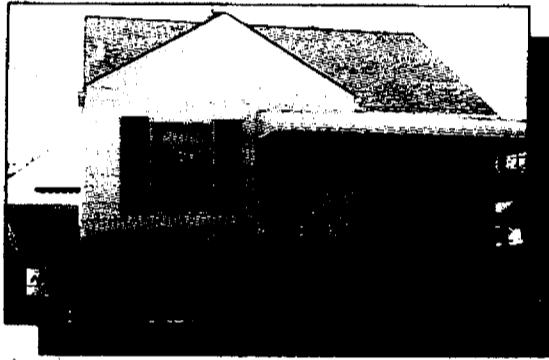
EXCEPTIONAL brick Colonial features new roof, updated kitchen, baths and electric plus newer windows and driveway in desired Grosse Pointe Woods family neighborhood.

NEW OFFERING



STUNNING brick ranch with fresh décor throughout features newer central air, furnace and windows plus new vinyl trim in desired Detroit location.

NEW OFFERING



CHARMING ranch in Harper Woods featuring updated kitchen with breakfast nook, hardwood floors and finished basement.

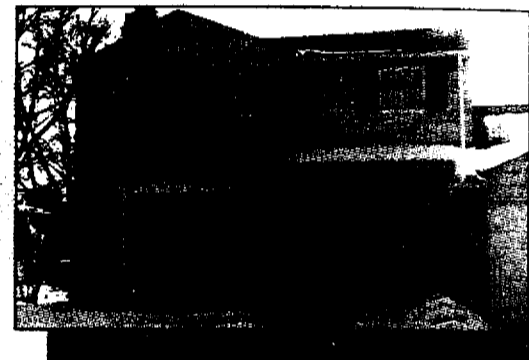
NEW OFFERING



WONDERFUL Fraser location for this five bedroom, two and one half bath colonial with open family room. Immediate occupancy.



DELIGHTFUL fieldstone front home in move-in condition completely redecorated throughout with new kitchen, in Grosse Pointe.



CUSTOM DÉCOR found throughout this Colonial featuring new windows and new kitchen with built-in dishwasher in Grosse Pointe Woods.



FABULOUS three bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial featuring new kitchen and detailed oak flooring in Grosse Pointe.



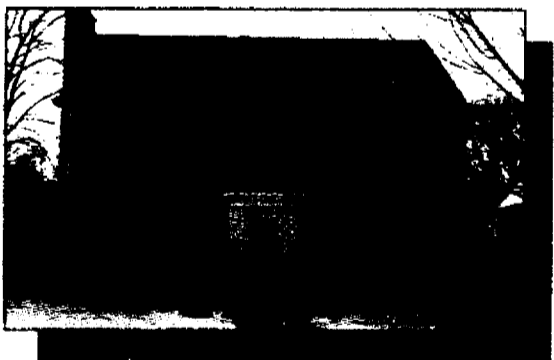
HANDSOME four bedroom, two full bath home on quiet cul-de-sac within walking distance to the lake and Star of the Sea.



SPOTLESS four bedroom, two and one half bath Grosse Pointe Park Colonial with remodeled kitchen and family room.



ENGLISH COLONIAL boasts four bedrooms, two full baths, kitchen with eating area and new second floor in Grosse Pointe Farms.



CLASSIC four bedroom, two full bath Colonial boasts a new family room and newer kitchen in Grosse Pointe location.



MOVE RIGHT INTO this brick Colonial featuring an updated kitchen, new furnace/central air and newer roof in Grosse Pointe Park.



METICULOUS custom built Grosse Pointe Park Tudor features kitchen with eating area, spacious family room and finished basement.



ELEGANT two story foyer enhances this three bedroom home with spacious rooms and open floor plan in Grosse Pointe Woods.



SUPER starter home or rental property priced under \$110,000 in Grosse Pointe Woods with neutral décor, updated kitchen and new furnace.



OUTSTANDING investment opportunity - twelve two bedroom units in great condition with the same floor plan in Grosse Pointe Park.

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FANTASTIC Lakeshore Village condo with super white updated kitchen, newer furnace/central air, finished basement with half bath. Immediate occupancy.

NEW OFFERING



DECEIVINGLY SPACIOUS four bedroom aluminum bungalow offers eat-in kitchen, lots of storage areas and finished basement in friendly Harper Woods neighborhood.

NEW OFFERING



GREAT NORTHEAST Detroit brick bungalow boasts tremendous curb appeal, newer: roof, furnace/central air and living room.

FIRST OFFERING



IMMACULATE Colonial includes newer windows, concrete, plumbing, and paint plus updated kitchen in desired Grosse Pointe Farms location.



PICTURE PERFECT 1996 built home features four bedrooms, two and one half baths and spacious family room in Chesterfield township.



PRESTIGIOUS Grosse Pointe Shores location close to the lake for this four bedroom, three and one half bath home offering 4,000 square feet.

NEW OFFERING



AESTHETICALLY appealing four bedroom brick Tudor in East English Village. Spacious rooms, hardwood floors, and immediate occupancy.

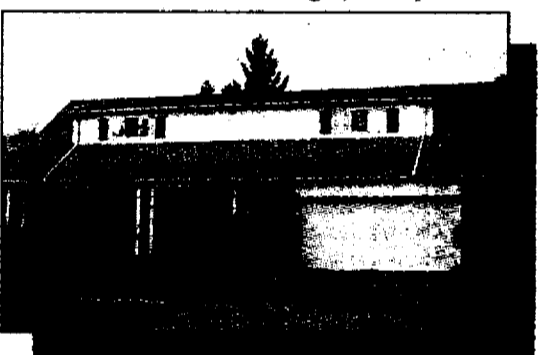
NEW OFFERING



AFFORDABLE Harper Woods location for this three bedroom bungalow freshly painted and carpeted throughout.



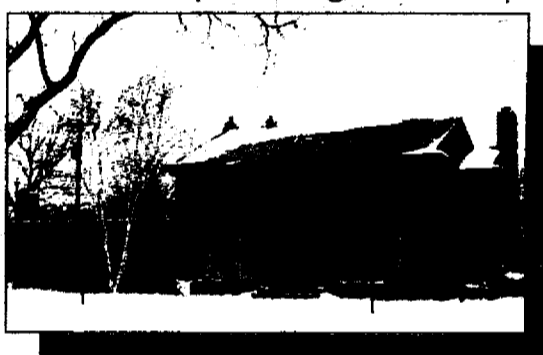
PERFECT starter home freshly painted throughout offers immediate occupancy, 900 square feet, living room and nice yard in Detroit.



SPACIOUS four bedroom Colonial with a fabulous floor plan in a popular Grosse Pointe Woods location. Priced to sell.



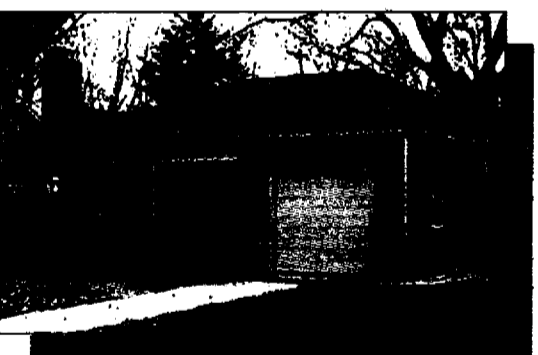
IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY is available on this charming three bedroom Colonial featuring library and Florida room in Grosse Pointe Woods.



STATELY four bedroom, three and one half bath center hall Colonial offers remarkable kitchen, large lot close to Star of the Sea and Hunt Club.



MAGNIFICENT Colonial on coveted Grosse Pointe Farms cul-de-sac close to the Hill and lake front.



COZY with curb appeal this three bedroom brick ranch offers an open floor plan, finished basement with half bath in Grosse Pointe Woods.



SHARP brick 5/5 income featuring two bedrooms per unit, new windows, living room with bay window and natural fireplace in Grosse Pointe.



IRRESTIBLE Harper Woods home with Grosse Pointe Schools includes new kitchen and deck.

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NEWLY decorated ranch offers newer windows, finished basement with full bath and updated kitchen in St. Clair Shores.

Don't lose your home due to unpaid taxes

Wayne county Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz warns Wayne County homeowners to pay their taxes within two years or lose their home.

A new state law shortens the time property owners have to pay delinquent taxes before losing their property. Public Act 123 of 1999 reduces the amount of time to pay taxes from approximately five years to two years, according to Wojtowicz. Homeowners with taxes that are two years delinquent will have their property foreclosed and the property can be sold at public auction.

"We want people to know that the county treasurer's office will do everything we can to assist property owners during this change," says Wojtowicz. Homeowners are to receive information of the change by mail.

Under the new law, owners who fail to pay their 1999 property taxes will lose the property to foreclosure in March 2002.

Property owners who have multiple tax years owing may have to pay as many as three years by March 1, 2001 to avoid losing their property to forfeiture.

Not paying taxes on time will also result in higher interest charges and fees. Taxes that are delinquent for more than one year

will have a substantially higher interest rate (1.5 percent per month, as opposed to the current 1 percent), and will have a \$175 forfeiture fee plus additional administrative fees added.

Wojtowicz is urging the public to avoid problems by paying delinquent taxes on time.

Anyone who knows of a relative, neighbor or friend whose property taxes may be delinquent could help by letting them know of the change in state law. For a statutory fee of \$5, an interested party can be informed of tax billings on a friend's, neighbor's or relative's home. Call the treasurer's office at (313) 224-5990 for the delinquent tax amount.

Frequently asked questions concerning Public Act 123:

Q. If I don't pay my taxes, will I really lose my property?

A. Yes. Property owners who had delinquent taxes under the old law could also lose their property, but they had more time to pay and more second chances. Under the new law, if taxes are delinquent for two years, that's it. The property will be sold to the highest bidder at an auction.

Q. What is a delinquent tax?

A. A delinquent tax is a tax that has been forwarded to the county treasurer for collection on March

1 of the year after it was due.

Q. What happens after the property is forwarded to the county treasurer for collection?

A. The county treasurer adds a 4 percent administration fee and interest of 1 percent per month. After one year, the property is forfeited to the county treasurer.

Q. What does it mean to be in forfeiture? Does that mean I lose the property?

A. No. Forfeiture is not foreclosure. If your property is in forfeiture, you still have a year before it will be foreclosed. However, the interest and fees will be higher. When a property is forfeited, the interest rate goes from 1 percent per month to 1.5 percent per month, back to the date the taxes became delinquent March 1, 2000. A \$175 fee is also added on March 1, 2001.

Q. What happens after my property is in forfeiture?

A. After a property has been in forfeiture for one year, it will be foreclosed. 1999 property taxes will be foreclosed in March 2002.

Q. Will I receive any notification before my property is foreclosed?

A. Yes. Five notifications will be made. Two will be by first-class

mail, two by certified mail and the last notification will be made by personal service. In addition to these notifications, names and addresses of delinquent property owners may be published in the newspaper.

Public Act 123 time line

- July/December 1999 — 1999 property taxes billed by city or township treasurer.

- March 1, 2000 — Unpaid 1999 property taxes are forwarded to county treasurer for collection. County treasurer adds a 4 percent administration fee and 1 percent per month interest.

- Oct. 1, 2000 — County treasurer adds \$15 fee to each parcel.

- March 1, 2002 through March 10, 2002 — Circuit court enters a judgment of foreclosure. From the date of this judgment, property owners have only 21 days to pay the taxes or lose their property.

- March 22, 2002 through March 31, 2002 — Clear title to the property passes to the county. Property is foreclosed. Property owner loses all rights.

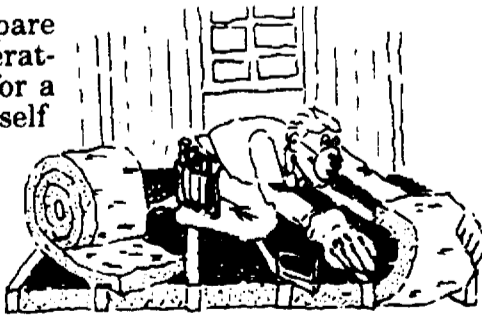
- July 2002 — Property is sold at public auction. None of the proceeds are paid to property owner.

Ten energy-saving ideas

Using energy wisely can reduce consumption and save money on utility bills, according to the American Gas Association. Here are some tips:

1. Seal leaks around doors, windows and other openings, such as pipes or ducts — with caulking or weather-stripping.
2. Set thermostats between 65 and 70 degrees in the winter, at least 5 degrees lower when sleeping, and at 58 degrees when away from home for more than a few hours. Warmer temperatures are recommended for homes with ill or elderly persons or infants.
3. Set water heater temperatures at 140 degrees (at 120 degrees in homes with infants or elderly persons to guard against accidental scalding), and install water-flow restrictors in shower heads and faucets.
4. Change filters or clean the filters in heating and cooling units twice a year. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. If pipes or ducts run through unheated areas, insulate them.
5. Use drapes, shutters, awnings, shade trees, glass with reflective film or solar screens to keep sunlight out in the summer and let it in during the winter.
6. Check to see if attic and basement (or crawl space) have the recommended level of insulation.
7. If you have a wood-burning fireplace, consider installing a natural gas fireplace insert, which can save on energy costs compared with wood. A gas fireplace also will dramatically reduce the air pollution created from burning wood.
8. Consider storm or thermal windows and doors or double paned glass. A less expensive alternative is plastic sheeting, which can be temporarily fastened over doors and windows to retain heat or air conditioning.
9. Be sure that dishwashers, washing machines and clothes dryers are fully loaded before running.
10. When buying new appliances, compare energy efficiency ratings and annual operating costs. A slightly higher initial cost for a high-efficiency appliance could pay itself back in a very short time through energy savings and lower utility bills.

Many natural gas utilities offer assistance and special programs designed to help consumers reduce their energy bills. Contact your local gas utility for more information.



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The magic of borders: Decorating a child's room

Decorating a child's room these days is easier than ever with the magic of borders. Once a color palette is decided, there are endless choices that can be made and then changed, again and again.

For the wallpapering-challenged, borders offer easy installation. For those who are more adventurous, a simple all-over wall pattern, like a stripe, clouds or a faux finish can take on new character as the child matures and his or her tastes change. Add a few accessories, and the room can be made new within a few hours.

There are many exciting patterns and borders, which offer the consumer choices for changing the look of a child's room. There are designs for small children and the older child, right through the teen years. Talented artists from the United States and around the world have teamed up with Chesapeake Wallcoverings to present transitioning designs from rescue vehicles and teddy bears, to endangered wildlife, race cars, extreme sports and romantic pictures of children.

World-famous photographer Kim Anderson hand colors photographs of young children in unexpected situations or quiet moments, capturing the essence of childhood. His pictures of children imitating adults are both romantic and evocative. He identifies a special moment in time and freezes it. Chesapeake Wallcoverings has included Kim Anderson in its recent collection, Kid's Place. Kim Anderson accessories can also be purchased to complement the room, such as framed art, switch plates, towel racks, night lights, shower curtains, and bath accessories.

Photographer Lisa Jane has used her artistic eye to make three contributions to Kid's Place, all having a fairy-like, magical

quality. Up until a few years ago, Lisa Jane was hand-tinting her photographs of children in fantasy settings and costumes to achieve the effect that she now gets by combining the power of the computer, which allows her to change color, scale and placement of objects, and her photographic skills.

Her new book "Enchanted Childhood: The Magical World of Lisa Jane," has received recognition around the world for its unique and enchanting artistry. Look for her borders, which include mermaids and sea fairies, angels, and children in a Victorian garden.

Interior designers are using multiple borders at different heights to really personalize the room. Small children are short and they tend to play on the floor. Why not place the border along the baseboards, where the child can see it best? Older children may want to have the border at their eye level. Place a shelf or rack of pegs low enough for the child to use and hang the border above it. If the room has a very high ceiling, place the border three-fourths of the way down the wall.

The use of many patterns of the same color has been made easier by manufacturers of wallcoverings, allowing one pattern to be used above a border and another



below.

These days, the rooms of older children have become their personal entertainment area. This is where they gather with their friends to listen to music, play or work on the computer, and watch television. The idea of the children's room as their domain has been true for decades in Scandinavian countries. The

United States is just now beginning to recognize each child's need for "personal space," a place where parents must knock before entering. Even a shared room can be personalized with areas for storage and display of art or posters.

Wallpaper borders offer much to the child with his or her own tastes, whether that is race cars or magical fairies. While dragons,

dinosaurs and balloons may have been fine for a 5-year-old, an 8-year-old will begin to express other opinions. He wants bright colors or she wants soft ones — designs that will tell the world what he or she is about. Of course this may change next year. But with a basic wall design, a change is as easy as a new border. A parent also has to turn a blind eye to the posters of rock stars and sports idols.

Try wrapping a border around a hat box or a lamp shade or removing the closet door and wallpapering the interior.

There are many options for decorating a child's room, from a simple border to multiple patterns and accessories. Think about how much time and money you want to invest. Will the room decoration be appropriate in five years? Will it be simple to redecorate? Many of the choices from the photographic artists Kim Anderson and Lisa Jane are timeless and will endure for years.

For more room set photos of children's rooms, some ideas to decorate your entire home, and information about Chesapeake Wallcoverings, visit their web site at www.cheswall.com.

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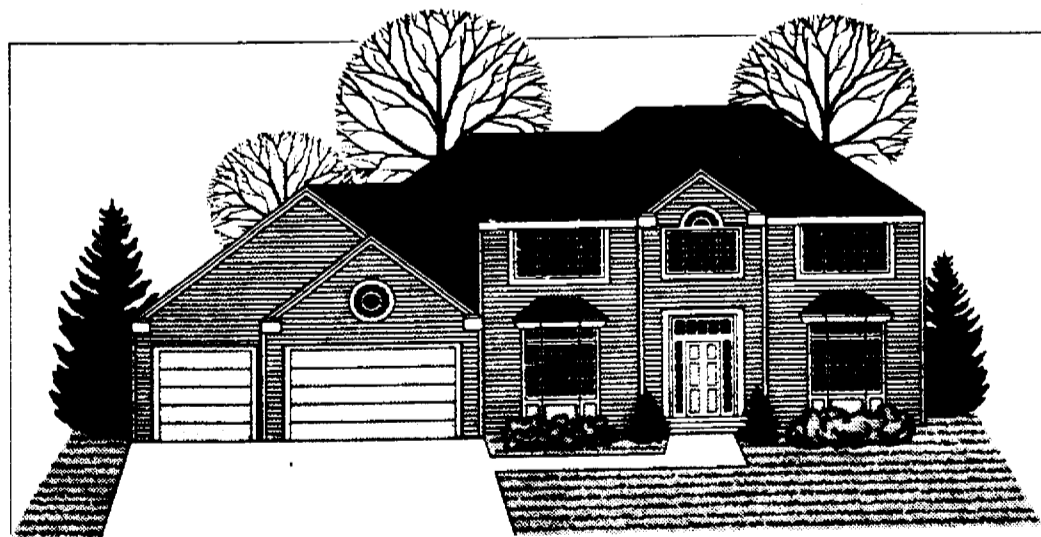
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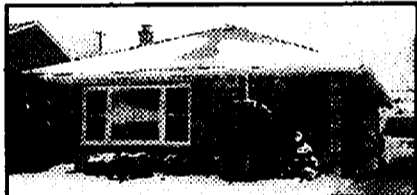
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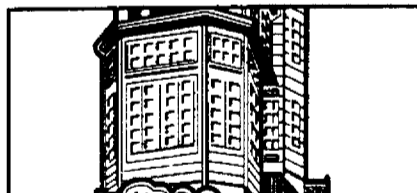
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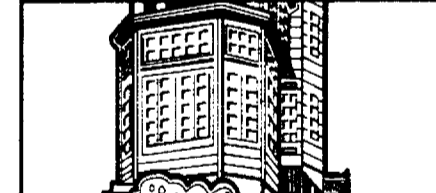
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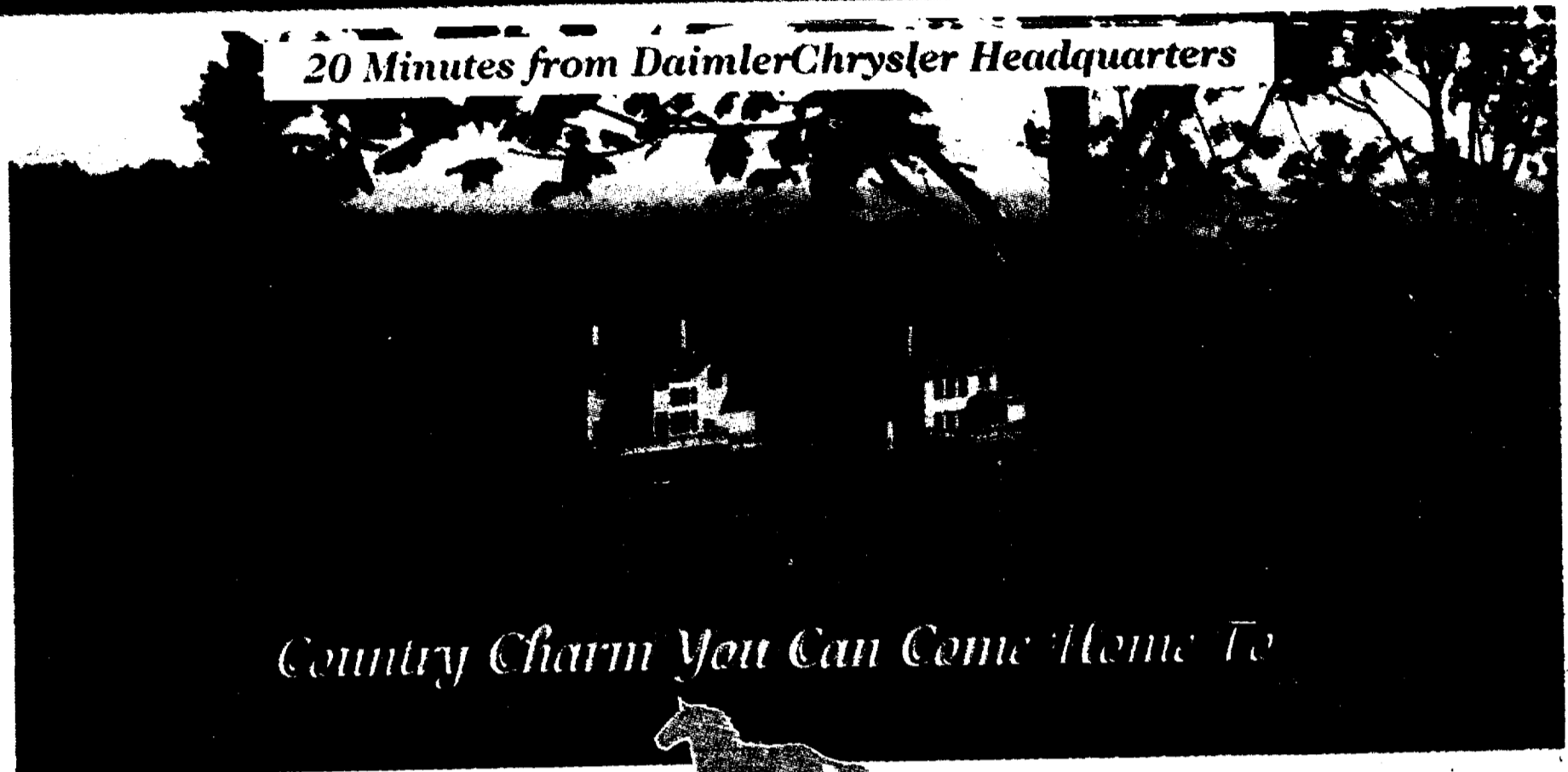


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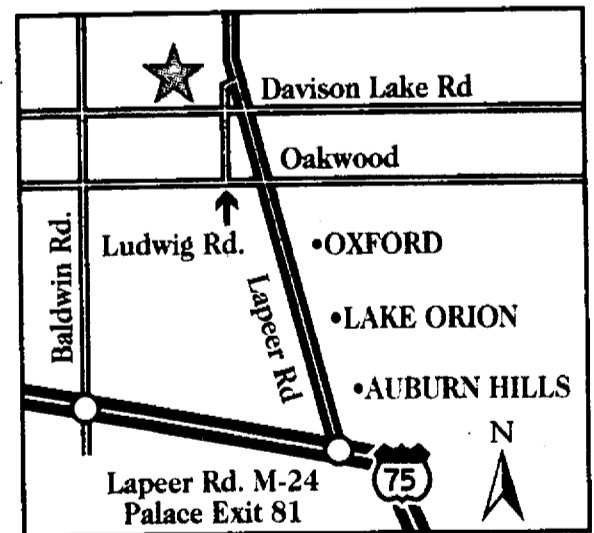
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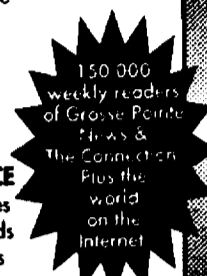
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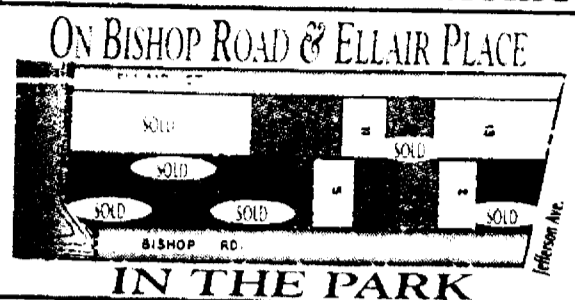
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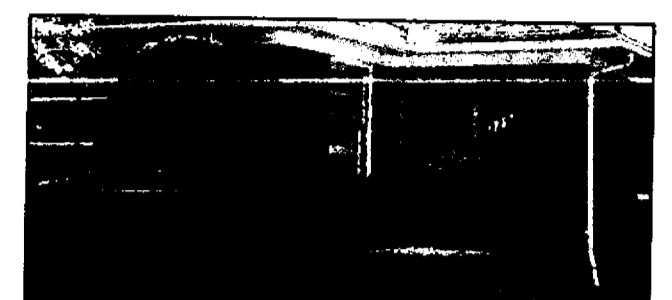
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The Last One



* This is your last chance to own a luxury townhome in this small community in the heart of Grosse Pointe Woods. Design choices are still available as construction nears completion so delay no more! Amenities include three bedrooms, two and one half baths, family room, living room, formal dining room, gourmet kitchen and a first floor laundry.

Grosse Pointe Farms



* An uncompromised lifestyle will be yours in this exquisite residence. Stunning interior design elements are complemented by superlative architectural details. The most sublime master suite, gourmet kitchen and a myriad of other exceptional features.

Grosse Pointe Park



* If you are looking for something truly breathtaking, look no more! This glamorous four bedroom home has it all! Fabulous combination kitchen/eating area/family room, lavish use of ceramic tile, second floor laundry and a cozy den. \$695,000.

Grosse Pointe Shores



* A profusion of New England style charm in a lovely Grosse Pointe Shores location on a quiet street just one block from the lake. Pretty library, dramatic kitchen and breakfast room and a first floor master suite. \$995,000.

Grosse Pointe Shores



* You will never want to leave this stunning home in a prime Grosse Pointe Shores location. Now more desirable than ever with a substantial price adjustment. \$899,000.

Grosse Pointe Woods



* Luxury three bedroom, ranch with two and one half baths just two blocks from the lake in Grosse Pointe Woods. Beautiful landscaping with deck and now with a brand new price! \$535,000.

Grosse Pointe



* One of Grosse Pointe's original historic farmhouse cottages carefully updated! While remaining faithful to it's origins this wonderful three bedroom home is brimming with fine modern amenities. Now with a brand new price!

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* Charming traditional one and one half story still in the loving hands of it's original owner! First floor screened porch, second floor ante-room and a basement recreation room with extra half bath. An extensive list of newer features. \$188,700.

Grosse Pointe Woods
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* A gem! If you are starting out or scaling down this is the answer. Two huge second floor bedrooms, formal living room with fireplace and a formal dining room. New roof, windows and charming front landscaping with new brick walk. \$159,900.

Grosse Pointe Park



* The best of all worlds! This charming four bedroom Park home offers all the fine craftsmanship and architectural details of a bygone era enhanced by 21st century amenities. \$409,000.

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* Simply one of the very best values in town! If you love to entertain, there is a formal dining room, a one-of-a-kind lower level pub room with spectacular hand painted murals, and then a deck for summer picnics all of which can be prepared in the lavish kitchen!

Harper Woods



* One of the very best homes! Beautiful three bedroom brick Colonial with slate floor entrance, a natural fireplace and with a new furnace and central air conditioning. The basement is finished and there is a two car garage. Now with a substantial price adjustment.

St. Clair Shores



* Inviting three bedroom, two full bath ranch offers one floor living at its best! Fenced garden with both a patio and deck, family room with vaulted, beamed ceiling and two skylights, newer windows and furnace and two fireplaces. A great value at \$129,900.

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