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■ To help students, staff and public safety officers to become better prepared for school emergencies, Grosse Pointe North High School held a lockdown drill. Drills are expected at other Grosse Pointe public secondary schools this year. Page 15A.

Sports

■ Mike McCarthy, a race car driver and Grosse Pointe Farms detective, is gearing up to defend his title as champion of the Spec Racer Reneau series at Waterford Hills. Page 1C.

■ Jay Ricci wore the new HANS safety device during the first race of the Barber Dodge Pro Series at Sebring International Raceway. Despite a bad qualifying session, Ricci passed numerous competitors to finish in the middle of the pack. Page 3C.

WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, March 31

The Center for Spirituality at Christ Church Grosse Pointe invites the community to participate in a "Personal Journey to Jerusalem — The Labyrinth as a Walking Meditation." The program starts at 1 p.m. and lasts four hours. The fee is \$20. For more information, call (313) 885-4641, extension 101.

Heartland Health Care Georgian East Nursing Center, 201401 Mack in St. Clair Shores, hosts the eighth annual Easter Egg Hunt at 1:30 p.m.

Children of the community are invited to join the residents for refreshments after the hunt. The Easter Bunny will be available for free photos with children 12 and under. Prizes will be awarded to the children who find specially marked eggs.

Admission is free. For more information, call Elizabeth H. Platt at (810) 778-0800.

The All-American Auction to benefit Richard Elementary School starts at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$20. For more information, call (313) 861-1461.

Sunday, April 1

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. Turn your clocks ahead one hour when going to bed Saturday night. Also don't forget to change your smoke detector batteries.

Monday, April 2

The Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Woods city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza. The meeting is open to the public.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. at the Wicking Library of Grosse Pointe South High School. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

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Appeals court upholds North lights ruling

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The Michigan State Court of Appeals turned the lights out on a suit filed by neighbors of Grosse Pointe North High School against Grosse Pointe Woods and the Grosse Pointe Public School System over their opposition to the erection of lights on the school's football field and the scheduling of Friday night football games.

The eight original plaintiffs who filed suit in Wayne County Circuit Court in 1996 alleged that the installation of lights at North's football field and the occurrence of night games was a

nuisance and had violated their contractual rights and municipal ordinances. In May 1998, the circuit court entered a judgment of no cause of action in favor of the city and the school district.

The appeal court's ruling stood behind the circuit court's decision that even though noise from the crowd sometimes exceeded the city's noise ordinance of a limit of 85 decibels, the intent of the ordinance focused on mechanical sounds, not ambient sound, or human or crowd noise.

The appeal court also backed up the circuit court's ruling that the football games at North were not a nuisance and the plaintiffs

themselves had not contracted any agreement with the city and the school district to prevent the installation of lights or the holding of evening athletic events nor were they third-party beneficiaries of an agreement made in May 1965 between the mayor and the board of education stating that there would be no evening football games.

"I believe the course of action our city took was the appropriate one," said Woods mayor Robert Novitski in reference to the city's decision to allow lights on the field. "The plaintiffs gave us a lot of information and things to think about, but ultimately, we

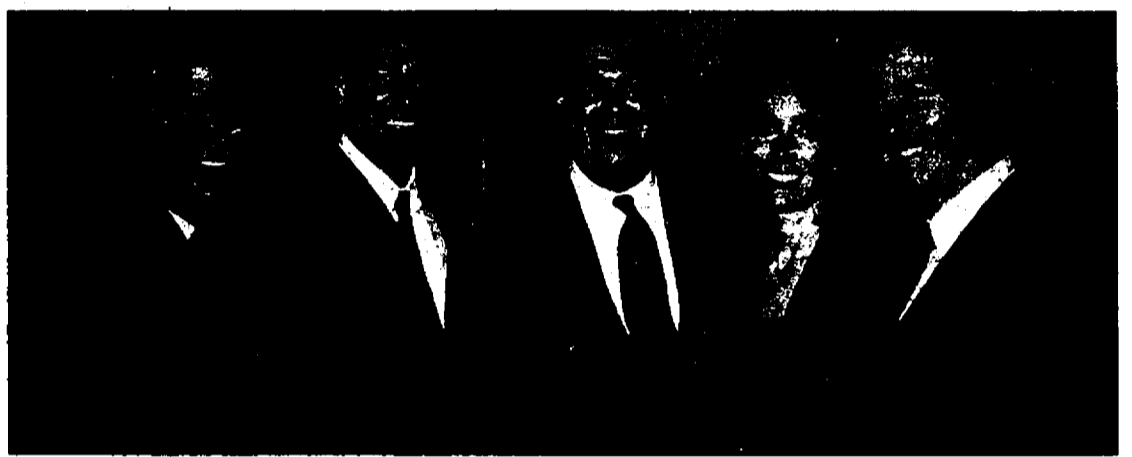
had to make a decision. It's nice to bring some closure on this."

"We got the right decision," said Mark McInerney, attorney for the school district.

Speaking for the six remaining plaintiffs, attorney John Lizza said, "The court recognized the merit of our clients' position in part by saying, 'There is no dispute in this case that the plaintiffs are aggrieved by the light and noise the defendants have caused to invade their homes,' but in effect, the court's 'social conscience' outweighed justice. Now the residents can either put up or shut up with the night events or move."

Spencer for hire

Republican supporters, including many Grosse Pointers, were on hand March 2 for former U.S. Rep. Spencer Abraham's swearing in as Secretary of the Department of Energy. At the ceremony in Washington, D.C., were, from left, Randy Agley, State Rep. Andrew Richner, Abraham, Annette Bacola and her husband, Bob Cummings.



Snowbirds' return means more refuse

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

The return of warm weather means the return of many part-time residents to Grosse Pointe Shores.

Brett Smith, head of the Shores' department of public works, said the village's garbage tonnage reflects the number of homeowners in residence at any given time.

"We have a lot of people in this community who head to Florida around Christmas time," Smith said.

"Garbage pickups, by the ton, usually drop by about 20 percent after the holiday — just like clockwork. When they come back in April and May, the tonnage increases."

Smith said the savings to residents is minimal because the village still employs the same number of trash-

men. "We don't get a list of residents who go out of town," said Smith. "Even if we did, the workers would be spending so much time checking the sheets to see what houses to skip, it would be quicker to just check out the houses themselves."

What savings are gained come from sending less waste to the dump, said Smith. The Shores has rear yard pickup, which means that residents don't have to put their trash out on the curb.

"Now that spring is here we will be picking up garden waste," Smith said. "We start on Monday, April 2. This waste must be in a clear plastic bag and be out on the curb. The bags have to be clear to make sure that stuff that shouldn't be with the organic waste isn't in there."

Yard waste is picked up the same day that regular trash is picked up, Smith said. What day that is depends on what street a resident lives on.

Garden waste includes grass clippings, leaves and branches, Smith said. He added that the village's recycling program has been going well and he considers it a success.

Historical society asks cities for funds

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

In an effort to get more secure funding for its projects, the Grosse Pointe Historical Society has gone before several city councils requesting an annual donation of \$5,000.

Society member Myrna Smith, who spoke to the City of Grosse Pointe's council, said the money is needed to help with a variety of projects, including the mortgage on the Provençal-Weir House and rent for society offices.

"We have a lot of expenses," Smith said. "We employ a part-time curator and a secretary that is responsible for getting out our mailings. We put on lectures as well. On the third Saturday of every month we put on a tour of the Provençal-Weir House at the corner of Kercheval and Lakeview in the Farms."

The society is also respon-

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Myrna Smith, Grosse Pointe Historical Society

sible for preserving artifacts donated by some of the old families of Grosse Pointe, said Smith.

"We're the only ones left

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Preparing for spring
Despite the early spring cold, contractors Scott Adragna and Mike Regan put a new roof on the Hill's gazebo, as part of the Farms' efforts to get the structure ready for the upcoming spring and summer months.

POINTER OF INTEREST

Cynthia Dooley

Home: City of Grosse Pointe

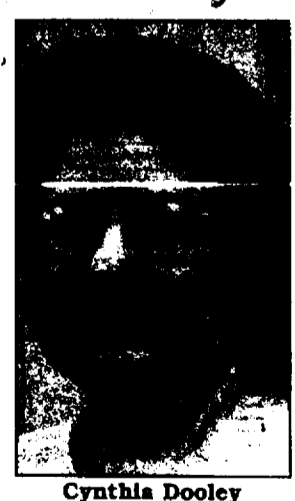
Age: 47

Family: Husband, John

Occupation: Librarian at the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Center

Quote: "It's not always my being able to influence them, but getting them to influence each other."

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ Despite the long, dreary winter, construction has been going forward on the addition which will expand Kerby School to more than twice its present size. The addition, which is costing \$514,492, will contain a gymnasium and classrooms.

■ Two stray but healthy chickens have created a problem for Grosse Pointe Park police.

The potential drumsticks were found strutting in the 1000 block of Balfour by patrolman Don DelPlace. As the arresting officer, he felt he was entitled to the Sunday dinner.

But chief Arthur Louwers knew the two feathered travelers wouldn't be enough to feed his 32 men, so he gave the fowl to the Mother Superior at Bon Secours Hospital.

■ The Wayne County Road Commission has informed officials in Grosse Pointe Park and City that it will relinquish jurisdiction over Kercheval Avenue.

Farms officials have always said their portion of Kercheval lies within city property.

25 years ago this week

■ Leaders of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial are asking the community for \$135,000 in support for 1976.

The Pointes' community and cultural center is two-thirds self-supporting through income from investment endowment and activities fees, and doesn't use any tax money.

Once a year, Pointe residents are asked by the center's volunteer board of directors to contribute whatever they can.

■ Unless a near miracle occurs, the Punch and Judy Theater could star in a real-life version of "The Last Picture Show."

Due to economic setbacks and tough competition from newer, bigger theaters, the movie house at 21 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms may soon close for good.

■ Heavy ice during the winter has left behind 69 damaged docks at Lake Front Park in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"We've had dock damage every year but nothing to this extent," said Gregg Pishea, assistant recreation director. He said winds caused ice to form on the docks. After the wind died down, the ice remained and took "the iron with it and cracked the wood."

Repairs will cost \$10,500.

■ The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association is appealing a Wayne County Circuit Court judge's decision that prohibits all but residential use of the house located at 40 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Last May, the association bought the 15-room house and property, which is located next door to the memorial center, for about \$1.3 million. Association officials want to expand the overcrowded community center.

■ With Memorial Day approaching, the contractor hired to build a new entrance to Windmill Pointe Park is hoping for good weather.

Grosse Pointe Park officials have awarded a \$219,000 contract for the work.

■ Grosse Pointe North High School's hockey coach, Mike Manzella, has resigned from the job he held eight years.

Manzella had become frustrated dealing with the off-ice escapades of his players, many of whom left the team shorthanded during the last two seasons after school-imposed suspensions for drinking and smoking.

The "straw that broke the camel's back," said Manzella, was having to borrow a goalie from an opposing team in order to complete a game. When North's only remaining goalie had to leave a game with an injury, the Norsemen's backup goalie was off serving a suspension.

To the snickers of onlookers, the Falcons handed over a goalie for the rest of the game.

■ What a difference two years makes.

The Grosse Pointe Woods city council has approved unanimously a variance request that will allow lights around the football field at Grosse Pointe North High School.

The 7-0 vote was the mirror image of the council's action in 1994, when its members denied the school system's similar request.

■ Grosse Pointe voters have backed Republican Sen. Robert Dole over Patrick Buchanan 59-to-19 percent in the Michigan Republican Primary.

■ "To say I was proud of this team would be an injustice," said Drake Turcotte, coach of the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Midget A Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs had just beaten the Southgate Wings 5-1 to capture the state championship.

— Brad Lindberg

5 years ago this week



Snow removal — a tale of two cities

There wasn't much difference in temperature between the Hill (top) in Grosse Pointe Farms and Village (bottom) in the City of Grosse Pointe last Friday, so why is there less snow in the Village? (From the March 28, 1996 Grosse Pointe News.)

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Society

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Smith said. "We get our money from membership dues of \$35 a year. Sometimes people donate money as well."

The Farms agreed to the annual donation of \$5,000 and Smith said the society is grateful for the contribution. But she added that while the society is physically located in the Farms, it is not the Farms historical society, it's the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, which is why they are going before all the Pointe councils and requesting funding.

The City's council agreed to a one-time donation of \$5,000. Councilmembers said they didn't like the idea of making the donation an automatic annual thing. When asked if the society would be sending a representative before the City's council on an annual basis, Smith said they just might do that.

The Grosse Pointe Shores board of trustees didn't say yes to the society's request and they didn't say no.

"We asked for a copy of the society's budget," said trustee Karl Kratz. "We want to see what they're spending their money on. We tabled the request until we get a better understanding of what they're doing with the money they have. We're not against or for the request, we just want to know what the money will be used for. The answer we give will depend on the information we get."

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Crime on the run

Park police report near-record low

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Young thugs outdid themselves last year in Grosse Pointe Park.

They committed nearly twice the larcenies than their adult counterparts.

But even enterprise by the up-and-coming criminal class couldn't dull a sparkling year

2000 for the Park department of public safety.

Crime last year in the Park dropped 12 percent overall from the year before.

Almost across the board, numbers dwindled.

The number of reported major crimes went down 18 percent to rest a percentage point away from the all-time low set in 1998.

Robbery was down; larceny, too. Assault and battery dropped by one-third; drunken driving by a fifth. Auto theft stalled at 51, yet thefts from motor vehicles plummeted.

"There is a correlation between the advent of public safety and crime reduction," said Richard Caretti, the Park director of public safety.

Before the Park in 1986 combined its separate police and fire departments into a single public safety department, manpower limitations allowed only two patrol cars to cruise the city at the same time.

Since the public safety department was created, said Caretti, "there is a minimum of five patrol cars on the road. I'm sure that has made a contribution to

crime reduction."

As overall crime in the Park continued a 10-year trend downward, police statisticians haven't throw away their calculators.

Illegal drugs continue to be a problem. Reported incidents in 2000 increased from 29 to 35. Weapons possession jumped 400 percent, from 2 to 10.

The Park's most notable firearms crime last year took place on a frigid night in December. On lower Mack Avenue, a man aimed a

cocked shotgun at a plainclothes Park officer.

The officer jumped from his patrol car and the gunman retreated behind the locked door of an apartment nearby.

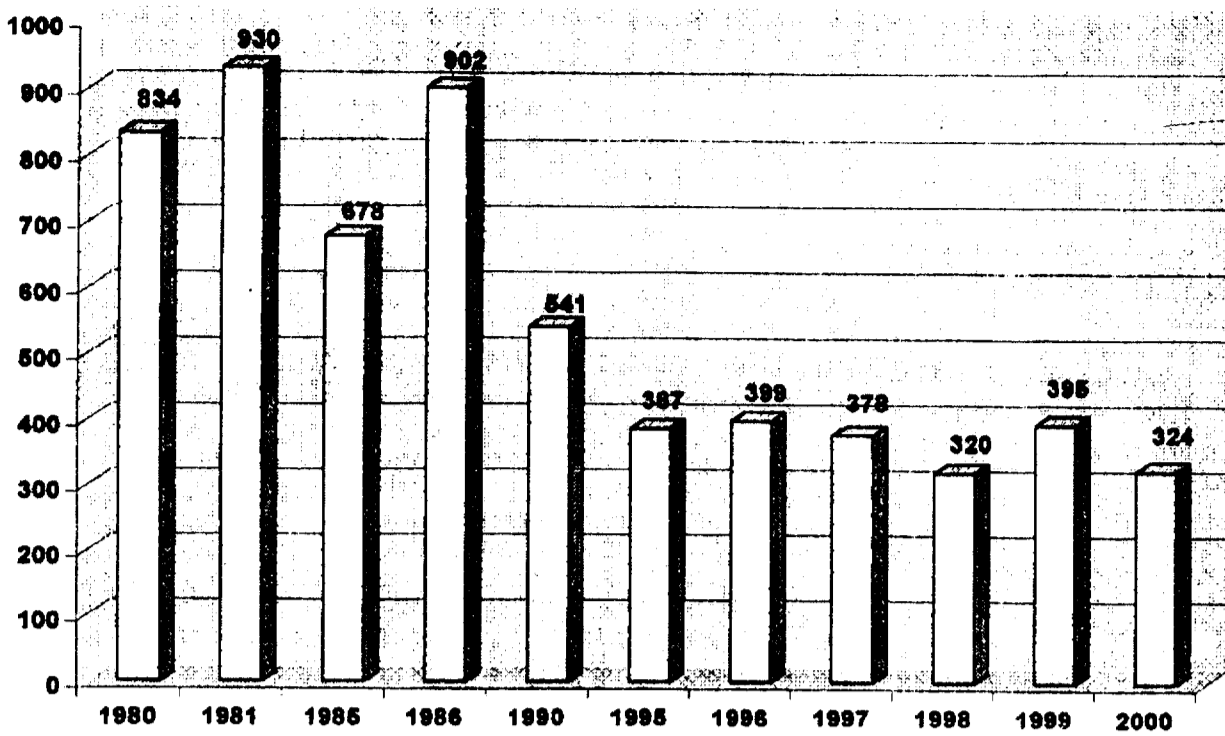
The radio alert, "barricaded gunman," activated the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods special response team. An hour-long standoff ended without injury when the man gave up.

A jump in burglaries, from 25 to 34, was due in part to a crime spree late last year along the business district on lower Mack.

"Trace evidence was found at a couple of the crime scenes," said Caretti. "Through diligent work by detectives, the suspects were found. Since then, we haven't had a break-in."

Larceny was the most common offense in the Park. In 2000, the Park's 228 larcenies represented a 24 percent reduction from 1999.

Juveniles prowling the Park last year committed 27 larcenies, adults only 15.



Major crime in Grosse Pointe Park dropped 18 percent last year to nearly match the city's all-time low of 1998.

"Many larcenies were by juveniles strong-arming property from other juveniles," said Caretti. A typical case involved boys knocking young riders off bicycles and pedaling away.

A 53 percent drop in robbery, from 13 to six, tied another all-time low, according to Caretti.

"Of the six robberies," he said, "four were closed (solved)."

"Auto thefts have remained relatively constant since 1990, averaging in the low 50s," said Caretti. In 1986, before the public safety arrangement became fully operational, 205 vehicles were stolen.

Fire runs increased last year from 40 to 51.

"On the positive side," said Caretti, "because of our prompt response and aggressive attacks, a major-

ity of fires were stopped. Damage was kept to a minimum."

He added, "The most impressive statistic related to injury accidents. In 1999, there were 16 injury accidents, which was the lowest number recorded in our 60 years of record keeping. In the year 2000, there were 11 injury accidents, which was a 32 percent decrease from our all-time low."

There hasn't been a pedestrian fatality in the Park for 29 years. Caretti called the statistic "our proudest record. That's the longest time period for any comparable city in the tri-county area."

Park police in 2000 arrested 470 adults and 106 juveniles.

"Many of these arrests were due to the quick response and aggressive

investigation of the crime scene," said Caretti. "We were able to clear 60 percent of all reported crimes."

By comparison, the statewide clearance rate is about 33 percent.

"We're almost double the state average," said Caretti. He credited the detective bureau.

"To show the kind of results the detectives are getting," Caretti explained, "the state average clearance rate for robberies is 12 percent. In Grosse Pointe Park, it's 66 percent. That's a lot of good, solid detective work."

The Park public safety department is at full staff. The department has 45 officers with a combined 482 years in local law enforcement.

Thirteen of those officers received awards last year. In addition, the ranks complet-

ed a combined 2,703 hours of training, both classroom and in the field.

Other highlights of the year included:

- January: arresting two car thieves and solving five vehicle thefts.

- June: establishing a bicycle patrol.

- April: working with the Detroit Police violent crimes unit to catch a purse snatcher and attempted car thief.

- April: using the new thermal imaging camera to spot the source of a fire in a smoke-filled house.

Caretti, a former Detroit police precinct commander who joined the Park in 1985, credited his troops for an exceptional year 2000.

He said, "I call to your attention their professionalism, dedication and commitment to this community."

Postal, newsprint increases force G.P. News price hike

For the first time in six years, the Grosse Pointe News cover price will go up at newsstands and for subscribers beginning with next week's April 5 issue of the paper.

Publisher Robert G. Edgar said the price increase is being forced on the publication due to several postal increases over the past six years, including an 8 percent increase on Jan. 1.

Further, the United States Postal Service Board of Governors is currently petitioning the Postal Rate Commission for another increase. According to a recent report in Publishers' Auxiliary, a trade publication of the National Newspapers Association, the USPS governors are threatening to override the com-

mission if it denies an additional rate increase.

"The bottom line," said Edgar, "is that we all can expect higher postal costs, maybe even within the year."

Newspaper publishers are also reeling from exploding newsprint costs as the near world monopoly on newsprint has dried up surplus inventory and sent paper costs skyrocketing.

Beginning with the April 5 edition of the Grosse Pointe News, the cover price of the paper will be \$1. Single-copy purchasers of the paper will need four quarters to buy the paper at news racks. Dimes and nickels will not be accepted.

Subscribers will continue to save money over the newsstand price. A one-year

subscription will be \$37, which equates to 71 cents an issue and is still less than the current cover price of 75 cents. Further savings can be realized with a two-year subscription for \$70 (67 cents per copy) or a three-year subscription for \$98 (64 cents per issue).

Another area in which postal costs have hit the newspaper industry hard is the cost of mailing to subscribers out of the primary market area, especially for publications like the Grosse Pointe News where many subscribers live out of state or out of the area for much or all of the year.

"In many cases," pointed out John Minnis, editor and general manager, "it costs us twice as much to mail the

paper to our readers outside the Pointes, particularly at winter or summer homes, than we are currently charging for subscriptions."

Consequently, subscriptions outside the tri-county area will cost \$65 per year or \$1.25 per week. Due to the additional mailing costs, discounts for two- or three-year out-of-area subscriptions will not be offered, Minnis said.

For those subscribers who change addresses out of the Pointes for a portion of the year, their subscription costs will be at the higher rate per issue during the time they are out of the Pointes. Therefore, their subscriptions may expire sooner than they would have otherwise.

Another option, Minnis

pointed out, is for those who are out of town but would still like to keep abreast of the news, obituaries, weddings, engagements and sports to subscribe to the Grosse Pointe News website for only \$20 a year.

"That way," Minnis said, "you can save \$45 a year if you are a former Pointer living permanently out of town or you can stop your local subscription during the time you are in Florida, for example, and start it up again when you get back. Just remember to bring your laptop with you for the winter."

Newspaper subscribers

currently get free access to the Grosse Pointe News website — grossepointe-news.com — but they are still required to enter credit card information online.

"Currently our newspaper and website subscription databases are not linked," Minnis explained, "so we have to verify subscriber status manually. If you are in fact a subscriber, your credit card will not be charged for website access."


If you have any questions, call the Grosse Pointe News circulation department at (313) 343-5577 or Minnis at (313) 343-5590.



On the rise

The City of Grosse Pointe public safety department promoted several officers on March 6. At the ceremony, from left, were deputy director Dennis Van Dale, director Al Fincham, detective Sgt. Arthur Maes, detective Lt. James Fox, Lt. Paul Onderbeke and city manager Thomas Kresbach.

Maes, who has been on the force for 26 years, was promoted to the rank of sergeant. He was assigned to the detective bureau in 1999. Fox, who has 18 years of seniority, was promoted to lieutenant after becoming a sergeant in 1997 and becoming detective commander. New lieutenant Onderbeke has 18 years of service with the department and has been fire inspector since 1989. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1998. Congratulations, men.



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Pointer opens up kids' world through books

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

In a community like the Grosse Pointes, children are often exposed to reading at a very young age. By preschool, children's literary heroes are often a monkey named George or a mouse named Arthur. By the middle of the elementary years, many children have found a magical escape to the world of Harry Potter, Hogwarts and Muggles. By high school, most kids know how to surf the Web to expand on what they've learned in the classroom for a report. Reading has made their world as fanciful as it is big. City of Grosse Pointe resi-

dent Cynthia Dooley works with kids who pride themselves on street smarts, kids with edgy attitudes honed in some of Wayne County's roughest neighborhoods. Unfortunately, for most, the streets are all they know. Once they're locked inside the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Center, their attitudes soften and they find that the world they know is much smaller than they thought it was. It is there she has a captive audience to introduce to the world of reading.

Dooley has been the staff librarian at the detention center for the past 15 years. The mission of the Wayne

POINTER OF INTEREST

County Library, which hired Dooley, was to encourage recreational reading for the residents of the 150-child facility, half of whom reside at the center from anywhere from two weeks to two years.

The job was quite a shift for Dooley who had moved from Salt Lake City, Utah, where she had worked for the Salt Lake County Library System, before coming to the Detroit area to work on her master's degree at Wayne State University. Instead of working with the resources of a metropolitan library system, the library at the detention center was no more than books on a cart.

"When I started, it was garbage," said Dooley. "I purged about two-thirds of it within the first week. I had things like a college economics textbook from the 1930s. It was really quite pathetic."

Even with a limited budget, Dooley's goal was to build a collection of high interest, easy-to-read books.

Finding books that would whet their appetites for reading had been almost literally a beg, borrow and steal approach for Dooley for many years. Her first year's budget was \$800, the second year's budget, \$1,000. Between 1990 and 1996, her

budget barely covered her salary and magazine subscriptions. Occasionally she'd come across donations, like \$5,000 retail value worth of review copies that were being given away by the Detroit Public Schools.

"And some of those things were on my wish list," said Dooley.

There were, however, many donations she turned away, even during the leanest times.

"I try to expose them to new things and things they can relate to," said Dooley. "My 14-year-old boys are interested in non-fiction, like books about animals, and they like the Goosebumps books. These are books they would have read when they were 8 or 9 years old, which is where many of them left off in school."

About 30 percent of the facility's residents are girls, whom she says tend to be better and more experienced readers, with tastes for selections from Stephen King or Dean Koontz.

The challenge is not just in finding appealing books, but keeping them on the shelves.

"The best materials disappear rather quickly, especially books on volcanoes

and the Titanic," said Dooley. "I have mixed feelings about that. Some of these kids come from homes where they had no books."

Among some of her challenges in reaching out to some of these kids is her part-time schedule and the transience of the facility's residents.

"If a kid is curious about a subject, I give him a book or talk to him about it and hope it follows him," said Dooley. "And it's not always my being able to influence them, but getting them to influence each other. It's always exciting to hear one boy say, 'Hey! You've got to see this!'"

Dooley credited much of the metamorphosis from a cart to a state-of-art library to current facility executive director Leonard Dixon. While the previous administration saw security and staffing as a headache in giving the library a respective place of its own, Dixon found an easy answer in setting up a library in one of the center's classrooms. When plans were being drawn for the current building near Greentown, it was Dixon who asked, "Where is the library? Where is the art room?"

Dixon transferred the credit back to Dooley.

"She's excellent," said Dixon. "She's taken the library from an old, dilapidated makeshift area to a

state-of-art library. It's orderly, there are books everywhere and she's out there beating the pavement to get services for these kids."

Last October, Dooley was named one of two honored as a youth worker by the Citizens for Wayne County Youth Her Outstanding Youth Staff award reads: "By diligence and hard work, she has fed the minds and imaginations of our youth."

"Cynthia Dooley is one of the most dedicated librarians I've met," said Wayne County librarian Pat Klemans. "Her focus is on educating the children and encouraging them in recreational reading. She constantly searches for reading material that will appeal to them, keeping in mind their abilities, backgrounds and interests."

Today, Dooley oversees a 1,000-square foot library with a collection of 4,500 books and five computers in the detention center's brand new facility near Greentown. Her work is hardly done and the Wayne County Library is expected to make her position full-time within the next few weeks.

"I didn't plan on being here this long, but I love it — loving books and being with teenagers," said Dooley.

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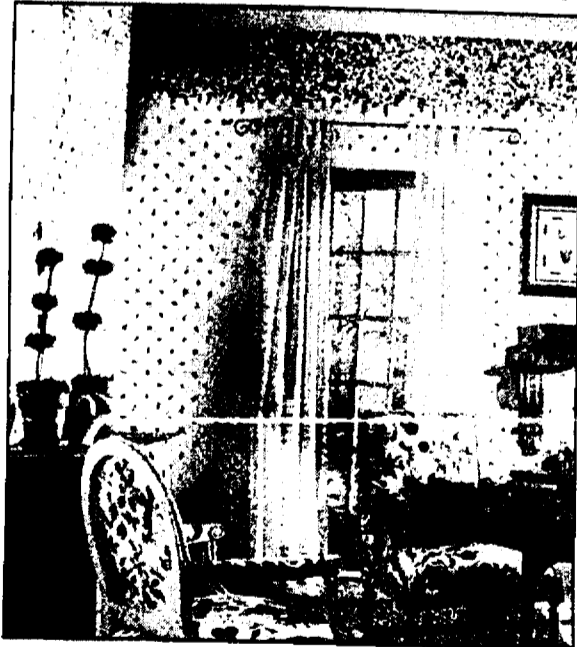


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By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Now that he's retired, Jack Boni has time for the important things in life.

But if the Grosse Pointe Woods resident is going to spend another summer fishing on Lake St. Clair, he knows he and his fellow boaters at Lake Front Park need more water under the keel.

Boni belongs to a group of Lake Front boat owners who earlier this month allocated \$80,000 from their harbor fund to dredge the shallow waters at the mouth of the Woods marina.

Faced with the same choice last year, boaters voted to delay the project. They wanted to see how far lake levels would drop this year or, in a longshot, if the lake would rise and eliminate the need to dig a channel.

But predictions of declining water levels prevailed and boaters at the Woods municipal marina have acted accordingly.

"Based on soundings taken this winter by the city's engineering group, we decided to do something," said Boni, who is also a member of the Woods recreation commission.

Plans drawn by the Woods engineering consultant call

for dredging a 400-foot-long channel from the mouth of the Milk River marina into Lake St. Clair. Workers will also scoop bottom land from the marina's roughly 15 wells reserved for sailboats.

The Woods municipal harbor consists of boat slips lining the banks of the Milk River from Jefferson to the lake.

Because the Woods Lake Front Park is located in St. Clair Shores, officials in the latter community will have to approve of the project. The Shores water resources commission will hear the matter on Tuesday, April 3. Woods officials anticipate the project will be approved.

If the dredging project goes through, work will be finished by Memorial Day, according to Ted Bidigare, the Woods city administrator.

"All federal and state permits have been obtained," said Bidigare. Samples of muck targeted for removal are within state limits for contamination, according to Scott Lockwood, a consulting engineer with the Woods engineering firm of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick of Shelby Township. Dredged material will be shipped to Dickinson Island, part of the St. Clair delta south of Algonac.

"No material will be brought ashore," said

Bidigare. "It will be taken directly to the dump site."

By postponing the project from last year, Boni and his boating cohorts will likely save the Woods thousands of dollars.

"It was a very smart move on the boaters' part," said Boni.

The harbor fund consists of proceeds from renting municipal boat wells. The money can only be used for harbor-related expenses.

Last spring, the Woods received bids up to \$420,000 to dredge 8,500 cubic yards of muck from the Milk River marina. The idea floundered.

"Boaters didn't want to spend that much money," said Lockwood.

This year's proposal has been scaled down. Lockwood's design calls for dredging a four-foot deep swath 400-by-60 feet from the mouth of the Milk River toward the lake.

Not only is the revised plan about 20 percent of the scope of last year's, the unit price for dredging has dropped to about \$45 per cubic yard. The savings amount to about \$5 per cubic yard, according to Lockwood. He attributed the price reduction to supply and demand.

"Last year was the first

year (recently) we saw water levels so low," he explained. "A lot of marinas were panicking. Dredging companies had the ability to raise prices."

Buoys will mark the dredged channel. Soundings in January showed depths in the target area as shallow as 3-feet-2 inches.

"A lot of boaters were saying that if you didn't make the turn exactly right (from the marina into the lake), you'd hit bottom," said Melissa Warnack, the Woods recreation supervisor and manager of boat dock operations.

Recent soundings in the Milk River ranged from 3-feet-2 inches to more than six feet.

"We will dredge selected boat wells where boaters encountered difficulties last season," said Bidigare.

The news pleased Boni, who won't have to worry about grounding his 25-foot Sea Ray while navigating off the mouth of the Woods harbor.

Questions remain, however, about next year. The Great Lakes are expected to continue their downward trend.

"If the water goes down much more, I don't know what we're going to do," he said. "You can't just keep on dredging."

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Ostridges and clams?

By Kelly Fordon

Here's the story of Dr. Rebecca van Beneden: Several years ago, the clams off the coast of Maine started growing large and — to the clam-eating population — rather annoying tumors. After this was established as a trend and not a freak occurrence, the scientific community took action.

Enter Van Beneden. In order to figure out what was going on, Van Beneden decided to grow her own clams. She set up two tanks, putting clean water in one and water contaminated with herbicides used by local blueberry farmers — which had been running off into the sea — in the other. Voila! The clams in the clean water remained healthy and the clams in the other tank grew the same gonadal tumors they were sprouting in the sea.

Dr. Sandra Steingraber told this story at the lecture on Breast Cancer and the Environment recently at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. While the study proved that the herbicides caused cancer in clams, she said the effect on human health is still uncertain and will be for quite a while. In order to establish a "significant" human threat, scientists must be 95 percent sure that the outcome is not due to chance, contamination or any other outside factor.

Given the sluggish nature of these

Guest opinion

studies, women in Maine should keep up with the research, according to Steingraber, because "coincidentally" the rates of both ovarian and breast cancer in the surrounding area are extremely high.

Since scientists sometimes suspect a connection between chemical exposure and disease years before they can testify to it, learning about ongoing research is one of the most important reasons to attend the LocalMotion lectures that are being held monthly at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial through July.

In an upcoming lecture on Wednesday, April 25, Steve Lerner will discuss how to reduce exposure to a myriad of toxic chemicals, both the known toxicants and the "possible" toxicants, such as phthalates, which are widely used in cosmetics and have been known to cause birth defects in rats.

At the last lecture, Steingraber, who is the author of "Living Downstream — An Ecologist Looks at Cancer and the Environment," told the audience that cancer rate increases in the United States cannot be attributed to longer life expectancy and earlier detection, a common misperception. She explained that at mid-century 25 percent of the

American population could expect a diagnosis of cancer.

Today cancer strikes 40 percent of the population. That's an age-adjusted increase, which means that a 50-year-old man in 1950 had a 25 percent chance of contracting cancer and that same man today would have a 40 percent chance. At the same time, according to Steingraber, the production of synthetic chemicals increased by a factor of 350 percent.

Jump to Grosse Pointe, where a recent scientific study yielded a "scientifically significant" result. A 1999 study by the Michigan Department of Community Health found that the Zip codes 48230 and 48236 have a "significantly higher incidence of breast cancer than the rest of the white population in the state as a whole." The study suggested that the results mimic those found in other affluent suburbs across the country where women have their first child at a later age, have fewer children and tend to breast feed for shorter periods of time. It is thought that these factors may increase the woman's exposure to estrogen, which may increase her risk for cancer.

The tendency here is to tick off the list of risk factors and heave a sigh of relief if you don't meet the criterion.

But what about the fact that women in affluent areas frequent dry cleaners, which use a known carcinogen called perchloroethylene? What about the fact that women in affluent areas have their lawns and houses sprayed with chemicals similar to the ones used in Maine? What about Detroit incinerators and industries? What about the hospital incinerators? What about the pesticides used on food?

Consider this: Of the estimated 75,000 chemicals currently in use in the United States less than 3 percent of them have been tested for potential carcinogenicity. Then consider the fact that renowned medical authorities and environmental experts from all over the country — two presidential scholars; one Time Magazine "Hero for the Planet" — are flying in to Grosse Pointe to address these issues.

How can we pass up the information?

I had a friend who said she wasn't going to the lectures, because "she'd rather not know." There are probably a lot of women in Maine who feel the same way, but I sure wouldn't want to be one of them.

For more information, call LocalMotion at: (734) 623-0773.

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Hydrogen fuel on horizon?

Part 1 of a three-part series.
A new association, comprising leading scientists, industry leaders and government representatives from all over the world, to introduce the immediate potential of hydrogen as a primary fuel has been formed.

The organization is called Hydrogen Now! and is headquartered in Fort Collins, Colo., under the direction of Maurice Albertson of Colorado State University, professional engineer and co-creator of the Peace Corps.

"Hydrogen Now! will bring the results of work that has been done on hydrogen as a fuel source over the past 50 years to the public," said Albertson. "Hydrogen is the most abundant element in the universe. Its use can be renewable, inexhaustible, non-toxic and non-polluting."

"The primary research and development has been virtually completed," said Phil Walker, Hydrogen Now! public information director. "After a simple conversion, hydrogen as a fuel could now be used in every internal combustion engine in the world. Waste, even hazardous waste, can be used to generate hydrogen, so waste cleanup can be directly tied to the generation of hydrogen. Our job is to begin exploring the ways to implement

the technology and to share that information with the public."

Hydrogen Now! will proceed cautiously with its program of public information. "We don't want to give the public the idea that they can start using hydrogen energy everywhere today," says Albertson. "But the fact is that we are ready to begin the process of implementation and the development of an infrastructure that will result in a smooth transition to the Hydrogen Economy."

The organization has drawn together the work that has been done and is continuing to be done by the world's major energy companies, private inventors, and the scientific community.

"Several countries, outside the United States, are way ahead of us in terms of bringing the Hydrogen Economy to the their people," said Walker. "Our job at Hydrogen Now! is to bring a new level of awareness to the public."

Hydrogen Now! will launch a nationwide program of information on talk radio, newspapers, magazines, television and via the Internet.

For more information, call Hydrogen Now! toll-free at (866) GO-H2-NOW or access the web site, www.HydrogenNow.org.



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

Letters

Testimonial

To the Editor:

I was a client/patient of Dr. Diane M. McCormack, psychologist, and had the pleasure of becoming acquainted when working together with her during our therapeutic relationship, a relationship that saved me from suicide.

I found her to be very studious with a broad range of knowledge and experience. She was very sharp/bright, hard working and a most reliable individual. I also found her to be a very outstanding professional and an asset to our community.

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I strongly hope you will make our community aware

of her service located at 131 Kercheval Ave., Suite 305 in Grosse Pointe Farms; phone at (313) 884-6420.

S.D.F.

Letter response

To the Editor:

As chairperson of the Grosse Pointe Shores Park Committee, I would like to respond to the letter writer of "Shores Park," published in the Grosse Pointe News March 15:

Our committee members appreciate the support you have given us in the efforts we are making to develop a master plan for our park. You can be assured that we will carefully evaluate the park survey results, and those opinions of the residents will be included in our visioning and focusing sessions with the planning consultant we are about to hire.

With regard to your concern about "bubbling the tennis courts and pool," our very vocal and creative committee members toss out dozens of ideas from the remote to the reasonable. The planning consultant will keep us on track and will be well aware of the wants and needs of the community. Keep in mind that

our final master plan will be arrived at by the consensus of our entire committee and other members of our community.

We welcome all residents to attend our monthly meetings. Please check the cable news for dates and times.

Susan Kopf
Grosse Pointe Shores

Thanks for support

To the Editor:

The French Back to Back Program of Grosse Pointe recently held a wine tasting to raise funds to support this year's travel and host activities.

The families involved are especially appreciative of the wonderful community support received from Bon Secours Cottage Health Services, Breadsmith, Charvat The Florist Inc., CostCo Wholesale, Josef's French Pastry Shop, and Vintage Bistro. We would also like to thank Brian Osuch of PRP Wines for his time and excellent presentation.

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We've come a long way

Being a woman in the 21st century is nicer than it must have been during the first two-thirds of the 20th century. We've come a long way, bay-beh.

In the year 2001, women are more valuable, credible, respected, honest and visible than, say, women in the year 1930.

"Cooking as Men Like It" was published in 1930. It was written by a man named J. George Frederick. I think the J stands for "Jerk."

(You probably see where this is going.)

How to cook for men? Men instead of, say, soccer moms or vegetarians or Irish Wolfhounds or lactose-intolerant leopards or mothers-in-law or diabetic monks?

I expected this book to be filled with recipes for manly

stuff, served up on trenchers in large gamey chunks — recipes for hearty caribou stew, for example, or directions on how to prepare grizzly bear ribs over a campfire or instructions for distilling corn whiskey and gutting deer.

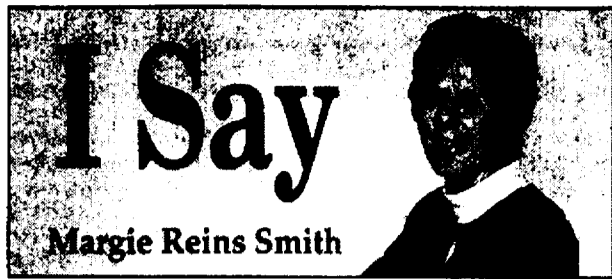
I anticipated no recipes for quiche; no instructions on how to suspend cling peach slices in yellow jello; no serving suggestions for petits fours or kiwi frappes. I did not expect to find information on preparing canapes or souffles or dainty cucumber tea sandwiches.

Before I opened it, the book reeked of "victuals."

My friends will understand why I was intrigued by this book in the first place.

I do not enjoy cooking. I cook only because sometimes, somebody has to do it or we'd all starve or overdose on greasy fast food. I do enjoy eating, however. Also dining, snacking, going to restaurants, planning picnics and attending parties where the food has been lovingly prepared by other people.

I don't mind making a



meal for guests now and then, provided I can whip up a simple, delicious, reliable recipe.

But I'd rather set the table and clean up the kitchen after a dinner party than prepare the food for one.

I also dig in my heels, cross my arms and tap one toe whenever someone starts talking about how to dress/act/speak/cook/ whatever... for men.

Are men odd mutations? Are they unstable varieties of homo sapiens with specific dietary needs and strict nutritional requirements? Are men strange breeds of tropical fish or odd endangered desert reptiles or deep sea one-celled plants?

I think not.

Hence my interest in this so-called book. At first, anyway.

As I began ruffling through the dingy little treatise, I stumbled over stuff like this:

"... It is a false ideal for so many women today to 'come out of the kitchen' and slur all interest in food in favor of chimerical pursuits of one kind and another which so often come to naught... This exodus from the hearth is a condition particularly dangerous to women's basic happiness and fundamental status in life."

Eeeech. Gag. Retch.

"I have long been one of those men who have cheered woman onward in her desire for a career," he says, "and I still applaud those few who

have genuine power and ability. They should specialize.

"But it is a curious fact that the abler and the more successful such women are, the more surely they come, after a period of years, to the conclusion that for genuine happiness there is no substitute for the simpler joys of life — food preparation and dining at home being some of the best of these."

Glorp! Aaaaaaaak. He goes on: "The truth is that most women, like most men, are not born for greatness or high place, and that to act as if you were is only to make yourself ridiculous and unhappy..."

"A woman cannot evade the responsibility of serving good food, just as a man cannot evade special family financial responsibilities... I do not care how fair or wealthy or famous she be... she is not 'fair' to me or to most other men if she cannot prepare me an appetizing meal."

Eeeeeek. This is a book about how women SHOULD clean, cook, serve and cater to men. It's not about recipes at all.

Even if you consider the year of the book's publication, Jerk has an unreasonably high opinion of himself and of men in general.

He also has an unreasonably low opinion of women. They should be subservient, he says, and should know their place. He threatens to withdraw his approval if women refuse to stick to what he sees as their gender-specific tasks. Like cooking. Cooking what men want. And serving men. And pleasing men. Probably cleaning up the kitchen afterward as well.

This is 2001. I know a man who cooks because he likes to cook. He orders quiche, too. I know women who enjoy English high tea and will also tackle a whole lobster with gusto. I know a woman who hunts deer with a bow and arrow. And I know a man who likes madrigals. They've come a long way.

This book by Jerk Frederick should be placed under tinted glass in a museum, a testimony of just how far we've all come, bay-beh.

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Medicalizing addiction

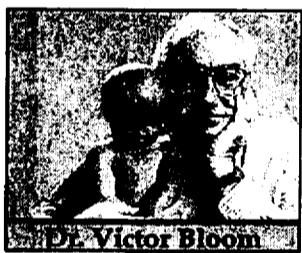
Criminalizing addiction has not worked. Legalizing drugs is too drastic. Medicalizing addiction may be the answer to this chronic problem. What is meant by medicalizing addiction?

Mental health professionals have long known that most addiction comes from attempts at self-medicating psychological and neurochemical problems. Psychological problems usually have their basis in growing up in dysfunctional families with inadequate parenting. Inadequate parenting usually comes from a similarly disturbed childhood of the parent, characterized by chaos, abuse and neglect, so there is usually a pattern of passing down emotional problems from generation to generation.

We have learned that some of the inherited problems are genetic as well as environmental, and that many environmental problems are socio-cultural in origin, and so the latest buzz-word in psychiatry is "biopsychosocial." Needless to say, emotional problems are deep and complex and necessitate expert evaluation and treatment.

One of the most common causes of addiction, starting with attempts at self-medication is bipolar disorder, also known as manic-depression. These are people with mood disturbances, people with labile (changeable) moods, in which feelings are felt in excess. Emotions may be high (manic) or low (depressive). In these people the mood may change drastically with minimal provocation. We call them hyper-excitable or hypersensitive, even explosive. Sometimes the slightest insult or rejection will cause a massive emotional reaction, which may or may not show on the outside.

It is probable that recent school shootings were perpetrated by such people, who could not take the cruel teasing and bullying which often occurs in everyday life.



Dr. Victor Bloom

They were teased once too often and it was the straw that broke the camel's back, leading to fantasies of revenge which are impulsively carried out, or sometimes after long planning. It is hard for most of us to realize how bad some people can feel when they are badly treated. Imagine the worst feeling you ever had, and multiply it by 10 or 100. That is how bad a person with a neurochemical imbalance can feel. Just because it doesn't show, doesn't mean it isn't there. People learn early on to cover up their feelings and not show their vulnerability.

The teenage years are known to be times of emotional turmoil in any event, and those with a susceptibility to extremes of emotion are looking for ways to ease the pain of everyday life. Almost all teenagers succumb to the temptation to try illegal drugs, mostly marijuana, which is very available.

Alcohol is also readily available to underage teenagers and some of them find the buzz or artificial high is intoxicating, in more ways than one. Those with the most emotional pain actually look to get bombed out of their mind with alcohol, drinking to the point of getting sick or unconscious.

Amazingly, despite horrendous experiences with excess alcohol, they repeat it again and again and are on their way to becoming chronic alcoholics. Those who enjoy marijuana give sophisticated explanations of their growing dependency. They enjoy the feeling, the reaction to music and sex is

more intense, sounds and colors are more vivid, they call it consciousness-expanding, a higher state than ordinary sobriety.

Dependence on alcohol and marijuana often leads to experiments with harder street drugs, such as cocaine and heroin. In a large percentage of cases, cocaine is addicting with the very first experience, it is so exhilarating and mind-blowing. The teenager prefers being high than suffering the exaggerated pain of everyday life, and so seeks more and more opportunities to get high. After a while, increasing amounts of addictive substance is needed to produce a high and then life becomes consumed with getting the next fix and avoiding withdrawal symptoms, which are horrible. At this time there is a complete breakdown of personality and positive character traits and the person is obsessed with doing whatever it takes to get the next fix. There is such a drive and determination to get more of the drug that values and morals go out the window. Kids in such a state will commit larceny and assault, hock the parents, jewelry or any items of value. As was vividly dramatized in the film, "Traffic," a young girl will resort to prostitution to maintain her cocaine habit. Without help, the youngster will be lost, go down the drain.

The movie showed that often these young druggies will be caught and arrested, and if convicted, serve extensive jail sentences, and their lives will be ruined. Presently our jails are full of drug convicts, and there is little indication that incarceration has served any useful purpose. It certainly has not been a deterrent, as the drug trade is as active and pervasive as ever, and few of the young addicts get adequate medical care.

The famous American psychiatrist, Karl Menninger,

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Two faces of Eve

Sarah McCandless read Grace recently from her first book: "Grosse Pointe Girl, Tales from a Suburban Adolescence," at Barnes & Noble in Detroit. At about the same time, Kristen Schulte was making friends with people who live next to a garbage dump in the Philippines.



Ben Burns

Sarah, daughter of John and Lynn McCandless, and a talented writer, penned an entertaining, mocking account of our lifestyles here on the shores of Lake St. Clair. And Kristen, daughter of Tom and Nancy Schulte, took a college spring break on the other side of the world to experience Third World lifestyles.

Both sets of parents were understandably nervous. But Mara Shorr, editor-in-chief of the Tower — the award-winning student newspaper at South — reports that Sarah's father John, a public relations executive, became her oneman media agency "promoting the book to any and everyone who would listen," according to Sarah.

Ellen Bowen, South's famed choral music teacher — who has been described as the Vince Lombardi of choral music after the late Green Bay Packers coach, who was nationally famous for his winning ways — had this to say about Ms. McCandless, according to Shorr: "I admired her and enjoyed working with her. Her humor was on my wavelength." Bowen described the 1992 graduate as bright and mature, a well-liked honor student, who like Shorr was an editor of the Tower.

Kristen told an Ann Arbor News reporter, Don Farber, about staying with families which made their living mining a garbage dump for recyclables. Last year the mountain of trash collapsed, killing several hundred Filipinos.

"We heard the story from survivors," Kristen said. "We stayed with families there one night. It was just complete immersion. It opened my eyes to how I live," the U-M freshman told Farber.

Kristen wasn't the only Grosse Pointe spring breaker from U-M on a

Philippines odyssey. Others who made the trip under the auspices of Ann Arbor's First Presbyterian Church included Dan Grano, son of Supreme Court Justice Maura Corrigan and Wayne State Law Professor Joe Grano; Marianne Smith, daughter of Gary and Susan Smith; Kevin Messacar, son of Rosemary and Greg Messacar; and John Kurap, son of Kathy and Michael Kurap.

Kathy Kurap reported: "I think they were a bit blown over by the kindness and hospitality of these people who had so little or had lost so much. And I'm sure it helped them focus on ways that they could make a difference in this world of ours. As one of them said, 'I will NEVER go on a spring break to Cancun again.'"

Limited seating

Famed modern western mystery writer Tony Hillerman will grace the Pierce Middle School Auditorium stage as part of the celebration of National Library Week by our Public Libraries. I just finished "Hunting Badger," another good read and part of his

series on Navajo detectives fighting crime in the great Southwest. Hillerman is past president of the Mystery Writers of America and has earned their Edgar and Grand Master awards. You can pick up free tickets for the 7:30 p.m. appearance on Wednesday, April 4 at any of the Library branches until the seating is gone.

Or you could come to the Central Library on April 3 at 9 a.m. and listen to me read from "A Giraffe and a Half," by the late Shel Silverstein. The libraries haven't bothered printing any tickets for my appearance. But since I will be reading to tots you might wind up sitting on the floor.

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**Jane Grambo
Mary Ellen Brayton,
Co-chairs
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U.S. City Government (101)

To the Editor:

Government doesn't manufacture anything — nothing — not even a box of toothpicks. It judiciously dispenses taxes so that each tax-paying family receives the same benefits — roads, sewers, water, police, fire protection and family parks like our Pier Park.

Since there are no "checks and balances" it is imperative that our city councils religiously enforce the principle of "general welfare," sometimes called "common good" — every family pays taxes, every family receives the same benefits. It should take our council members less than a minute to determine the legitimacy of any proposed city project.

In the March 15 issue of the Grosse Pointe News there were five well-scripted letters with two old failed themes: 1. Big government is better and, 2. Government can solve society's social problems.

St. Clair Shores is bigger than Grosse Pointe Farms and they do have an indoor ice rink (one of the many items on the Neighborhood Club's wish list for your taxes), but they never clean walks when it snows. Now, citizens of Grosse Pointe Farms, you can't have everything, unless you want to raise taxes. Take your pick, ice rink or having your snow removed.

Our kids have a drinking problem because you taxpayers haven't provided enough after-school activities for little Johnny and it's your fault if he becomes a full-blown drunk, indicates one letter. Solution: Build a multi-million dollar indoor ice box so that Johnny can whack other kids with his hockey stick in the middle of July — that should keep him sober. (I don't think so either. Johnny needs loving, caring, giving parents.)

A letter stated that all ages would be enhanced with the litany of goodies the Neighborhood Club has for us — young and old.

Think about that, fellow taxpayers. Think about nine of your friends and acquaintances. Are there not 10 different social agendas among you? Sure there are. If the government decides social agenda, you have a 10 percent chance of getting your agenda and a 90 percent chance of using your taxes for someone else's agenda.

The plan is to establish a "Joint Recreation Commission," but remember if it walks, squawks, flies and swims like a duck, it is a duck. When government chooses your social agenda it's socialism. Free men choose their own agenda.

A while back, 40-plus tax paying citizens from all over the Farms petitioned the council to build a hill on our Mack/Moross property. All families could enjoy it and it would cost pennies. They were ignored. Later, an entire block of citizens asked for a referendum to zone our Mack/Moross property into a family park. Word came back that "one of these days" it might be considered. Now there is an effort to move city offices to our Mack/Moross property. All of these are legitimate uses of our property. All three fall within the perimeters of acceptable city use. It's time our council represented the citizens of Grosse Pointe Farms. Not one member was elected to establish a different form of government in our midst.

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**S.E. Girardin
Grosse Pointe Farms**

Mold and remodel

To the Editor:

Ever since the opportunity to build something on the site at Mack and Moross presented itself to this community, we have felt strongly that the best use of this land would be the public safety headquarters. There is ample land to erect buildings for police, fire and administrative offices.

If there is any property left, the emphasis should be placed on a library ample for our community. The current library is woefully inadequate for a community that prides itself on a superior school system.

Why the building of a new library has not been a priority in our community is indeed a colossal mystery. To focus whatsoever on utilizing this precious land on yet another sports activity is unconscionable.

Meanwhile, it was recently announced that the current headquarters on Kerby

Road would be remodeled to the tune of \$2 million. We feel this is an appalling lack of discretion with taxpayers' funds. It is our strong conviction that this remodeling project should be completely discarded for the reasons cited by Officer Dan Jensen in "Farms public safety unions seek station at Mack/Moross" in the March 15 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.

This community relies on the intelligence, responsibility, good judgment and prudence of the august body of its mayor and city council. It is imperative that they perform in a manner that is accountable to the taxpayers of this community. At the very least, the entire community should be asked for their opinions on this matter.

**Allen and Madeleine
Phillips
Grosse Pointe Farms**

Corn field suburbs

To the Editor:

My hat is off to the letter writer of "Mack/Moross," published in the March 22 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, for his common sense comments about proposed usage of the site.

I was impressed by his litany of existing Grosse Pointe-area recreational outlets. However, the letter writer omitted one aspect affecting east-siders of all ages. It is something which not only provides a tremendous recreational outlet, but also adds a huge kick to property values here. It is a recreation advantage that corn field suburbs can dream about, but never copy our proximity to acres of wide-open recreational water!

As I'm not a Farms resident, I won't presume to advise Farms citizens what to do with their real estate, but am content trusting the respective, elected representatives to reflect the will and good judgment of their electorate. As for me, I'm counting my blessings — "Si Quaeis Peninsulam Amoenam Circumspice."

**Jay R. Hackleman
Grosse Pointe Park**

Classroom assistants

To the Editor:

We are writing this letter in support of our wonderful elementary classroom assistants. We understand the stress of negotiating a contract. It leaves one feeling unappreciated and adds undue stress to the working environment. Please settle this contract soon. Our jobs as educators in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools would be impossible without their assistance in a number of areas.

Our classroom assistants are an essential part of our school community. They are part of our schools. They know the children and families. They sometimes are involved in Kid's Club before school, lunch supervision in the middle of the day as well as several after school activities such as the CODA program, student council, music concerts and Band-O-Rama. They are in charge of caring for our computer labs, organizing our libraries, creating and updating our web pages and ordering supplies. Our assistants offer us valuable insights into our children's lives at home and their behavior outside of the classroom. Students feel comfortable in a place where they have many people who care about them. In this way, our classroom assistants provide a fundamental service.

Classroom assistants are not "bored housewives" but rather community members looking to make a difference in the lives of children. The outstanding commitment to the socio-emotional health and custodial care of children should be commended.

Classroom assistants make sure children are cleaned up after accidents, warm if they don't have adequate clothing, are eating their lunches and are being safe. They listen to them

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wrote a book called, "The Crime of Punishment." In it he reasons that punishment in itself is a crime. Time has shown that it serves little purpose, especially in the case of drug addicts.

Therefore, it makes more sense to medicalize the addiction problem. Right now the government is spending billions fighting a losing war against drugs. If a portion of this money were put into government programs to train more mental health workers in rehabilitation (rehab) of addicts, more young people will be helped rather than simply discarded.

Presently we understand the social, psychological and neurochemical precursors to drug addiction much better than before. Many rehab centers are truly helping

drug addicts, but there are not enough of them. It is time to stop wasting money waging war against powerful South American countries whose economies depend largely on the drug trade. It is a losing war. Rehab centers are winning the war with selected individuals, one by one. We can and should increase these numbers by diverting more attention to treatment and care, which does some good, rather than incarceration and punishment, which does no good.

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Letters

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when they have problems. They conference with them when their parents can't make it to a student-led conference. They write letters to them when they are away at fifth-grade camp when they know no one else will. They have even been known to visit them at camp. It would be impossible to provide an environment that is so child-centered without the help of our classroom assistants.

Our classroom assistants provide invaluable help to teachers in differentiating instruction for all students. They are able to give attention to children one-on-one or in small groups. They help to monitor the class assignments they have missed. They act as surrogate parents by helping with homework, checking it and signing their assignment books. Assistants help students using the computer and in guiding their research efforts. They are always there to support classroom instruction.

The assistants perform a number of clerical tasks as well. This saves teachers hours before and after

school and lets us concentrate on planning and instruction. They sometimes help by checking work, organizing field trips, collecting permission slips, organizing emergency forms, making photocopies, helping to create educational support tools like posters, and also helping in the main office.

This letter could go on and on mentioning the ways in which we depend on our assistants to help our children have the best educational experience possible. It seems unclear what the job description of our assistants includes. Our assistants often go above and beyond what would ever be expected. They have marshaled Halloween parades, dressed as clowns to welcome kids to Kindergarten Roundup, purchased, organized and distributed pre-MEAP snacks for the fourth and fifth-grade classes. They have driven kids to concert rehearsals and field trips when parents have not volunteered. Often these tasks occur outside of the school day. They do all of these things with a willingness to serve and a desire to make children's lives better. In doing so, they enrich us all.

Our classroom assistants

deserve a fair and equitable agreement that demonstrates to them and the community that we understand their significant role in the lives of our children. Because of their commitment to children, willingness to help, and their effectiveness they also deserve our gratitude. We hope these contract negotiations are used as a vehicle to let our classroom assistants know how important to our schools and to our communities they are.

Poupard School Teachers

Opposes campaign reform bill

To the Editor:

The McCain-Feingold campaign reform bill is a blatant assault on our rights to free speech. Even though Sen. McCain wraps himself in the American flag as the true defender of our way of life, an honest examination of the results of his bill will show that it will kill our rights to express dissent to government policy or to voice a new or unpopular opinion.

McCain's bill should be relabeled the Incumbent

Congress Member Preservation Act. Challengers have a difficult time now running against the power of incumbency, McCain's bill would deny the challenger the right to raise money for issue-oriented advertising. It would also stop groups of concerned citizens from gaining general support for their positions.

Whether you are pro-life or pro-choice, want more guns or more gun control, whether you are a real estate developer or a Sierra Club member, your organization will not be able to run issue-oriented advertising which attempts to change public opinion toward your cause.

It is rare for the average National Rifle Association (NRA) member and American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) member to agree on anything. Yet the NRA and the ACLU agree that campaign finance reform will restrict their members' free speech.

Congress should focus on an immediate tax cut to stimulate the economy, or on educational improvements, or on an energy policy that will keep our lights burning, our cars running and Midwesterners working.

Sears Taylor Grosse Pointe Park

Woods Easter egg hunt

The Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue, in conjunction with Grosse Pointe Woods, is sponsoring a free Easter egg hunt for children age 2-8 on Saturday, April 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ghesquiere Park. Children

must be accompanied by an adult. Participants are asked to register by April 4 at the following locations: Grosse Pointe Woods city hall, Josefs French Pastry Shoppe, Harvard Coney Island, Rainy Day Art Supply or AAA Grosse Pointe.

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A Fact of Life



BRIAN A. JOSEPH
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The body of the deceased is placed in a wood casket appropriate for viewing or an alternative container if direct cremation is chosen.

Experts advise that this viewing or identification process, provides emotional reinforcement that death has taken place and should remain an important part of the grieving process.

The casket or container is taken to the crematory and placed in a retort—a specially designed furnace—where intense heat or fire reduces the body to a few pounds of bone fragments in about two to four hours.

The family has several choices of what to do with the deceased person's cremated remains. They may choose placement in a perpetual care cemetery, in which the remains are contained in an urn, and then buried. Some families choose inurnment (in-urn-ment) where the cremated remains are placed in a niche within a columbarium.

Many cemeteries and churches offer facilities for inurnment. Others may choose to place the urn in another place of significance, often that place will be in the home. Finally, families may choose to have the remains scattered. It is NOT legal to scatter remains in some locations, so families should ask their funeral director for advice and about state restrictions.

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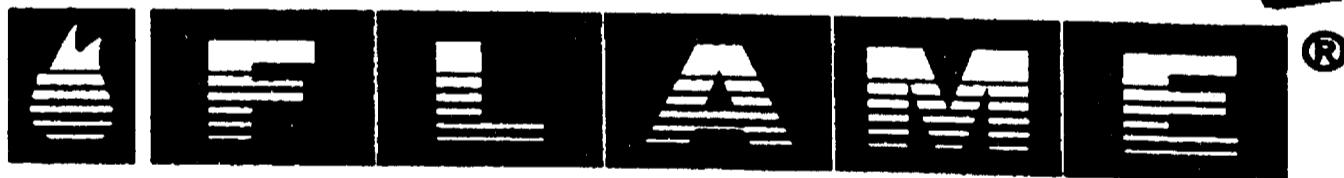
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High & mighty

A drugged-out 16-year-old Detroit male armed with a piece of wood reportedly caused \$1,200 damage to two Grosse Pointe Park police cars.

On Monday, March 19, at 5:30 a.m., a Park patrolman saw the youth fighting at Mack and Yorkshire. As the officer intervened, the youth turned on him and a second officer deployed as backup.

The teenager ran away but was caught and restrained. According to police, the youth said he was high on narcotics at the time and they are preparing numerous charges against the boy, who has been released to his family.

Wire fire

Smoking wires in a house built in the 1300 block Harvard prompted a fire last week in Grosse Pointe Park.

According to reports of Monday, March 18, at 4:40 p.m., officers "found new wiring in the home as the cause of the problem." The power to the home was shut off and an electrician was called.

Taken for ride

A good deed goes unpunished but a Grosse Pointe couple led with their car recently when they tried to drive home a stranger who had them down in the back of the night.

The adventure ended at the police station where the chastened couple and the toasted tease passed out in the car.

While driving home on March 17, at the Woods residence, the suspect was flagged down by a patrolman, dumbfounded by the area of Marter.

The woman, obviously taken for a ride home from the area of Moross and upon reaching the destination, the confused and redirected the couple to the area of Mack and Kelly. While on the revised destination, the woman passed out in the Woods residence.

Their local police officers took the man into custody. She made a telephone call and released a short time later.

Sty, sloppy, drunken and noxious

On March 11 at 5:10 a.m., public safety officers responded to the 1300 block of Wood after numerous calls to 911.

Someone with a white shirt pulled over his head and been reported pounding the doors of at least four homes.

Officers quickly located the subject, a drunken 24-year-old man from Grosse Pointe Park who slurred like drunk he was.

In the first description of the kind to make the Woods police blotter this year, officers said the man "was soaking wet and his clothes were covered with mud."

His lower lip was cut and bleeding.

His gait was unsteady. He smelled heavily of intoxicants," added police.

Effective communication was nearly impossible due to the subject's intoxicated state.

Allowed the shelter of a police cruiser, the shivering man became enraged when asked why he was roaming the neighborhood banging on doors. His yelling, cursing and struggling didn't let up through the lengthy process of being arrested, handcuffed and taken to jail.

Officers charged him with prowling and "tumultuous conduct."

Man defends his property

On Friday, March 16, at 11:35 p.m., an unknown

teenage male was seen standing next to a car parked in the driveway of a home in the 1400 block of Aline in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The homeowner yelled at the teenager, who ran east on Aline, met up with another unknown subject, and left the area. Nothing had been stolen from the parked car, which had been left unlocked.

Jail time

On the morning of Wednesday, March 14, a 41-year-old Detroit man showed up in Grosse Pointe Woods municipal court on charges related to a drunken driving conviction. The man had reportedly violated the terms of his sentence by missing appointments with a probation officer and not paying fines.

Municipal judge Lynne Pierce ordered the man into custody, whereupon he failed a preliminary breath test by registering a blood alcohol content of .036 percent. Pierce felt 10 days in jail would give the man time to reconsider his behavior and chart a new course of action.

Shoplifting

Grosse Pointe Woods police are investigating a case of shoplifting that points to a hometown violator.

According to statements by an employee of a store in the 20400 block of Mack, the shoplifting suspect left the establishment on Wednesday, March 14, at 7:40 p.m., carrying a bag of unpaid merchandise. The store security alarm sounded as the alleged shoplifter walked out of the store.

The employee tailed the suspect over a wall to a car parked in a church parking lot. As the subject entered a silver 2001 Pontiac two door, the witness wrote down the license plate and followed in his own car.

On Sunningdale, the accused stopped and said he hadn't taken anything, that he was delivering a pizza. Police traced the license plate to a local address.

Window shot

While investigating a "bang" that came from her garage, a woman living in the 900 block of Moorland Drive in Grosse Pointe Woods discovered a window that police think had been broken by a BB or pellet gun.

There was no other damage in the incident that took place on Friday, March 23 at about 4:30 p.m., although shattered glass had fallen on a car parked inside the garage.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Lawn damaged

For the third time in recent months, someone drove over the lawn of a 73-year-old woman living in the 1000 block of Torrey in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The act took place sometime on Sunday, March 18, but wasn't reported to police until two days later.

Officers confirmed the damage but have no suspects.

Drifting driver found drinking

A drifting driver wound up in jail last week charged with being under the influence of alcohol.

On Thursday, March 22, at 12:41 a.m., while patrolling the sliver of Grosse Pointe Woods that extends to the area of northbound Harper near Allard, a Woods officer noticed a driver weaving down the road and nearly striking the curb.

The officer tailed the suspicious driver into Harper Woods and saw him nearly run a stop sign at Harper and Beaufait.

During the subsequent traffic stop, the driver, a 29-year-old man from Detroit, reeked of alcohol while he fumbled through his wallet trying to locate his registration and proof of insurance.

The Woods officer also saw beer seeping from an open bottle on the floorboards of the man's car. Soon thereafter, the man registered a .191 percent blood alcohol level and was taken to jail.

A few hours later, after his system had purged itself of alcohol, the man posted \$100 bond and was released pending a hearing in municipal court.

— Brad Lindberg

OUILs in Shores

Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers arrested several people recently for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquors.

The first incident took place on St. Patrick's Day at 8:37 p.m. A patrol officer spotted a 1990 Chevrolet heading south on Lakeshore. The vehicle kept crossing over the center line and then suddenly pulling back into its traffic lane.

When the officer pulled the vehicle over, he asked the driver, a 35-year-old Detroit woman, if she had been drinking.

The driver replied, "yes, I'm drunk and my boyfriend jumped out of the car and I

don't know where I am." She failed her field sobriety tests and blew a .20 on her preliminary breath test (PBT). She is free on \$100 bond.

The second incident took place on Sunday, March 18, at 12:37 a.m. Police spotted a 2000 Dodge Durango heading south on Lakeshore crossing the center line several times. When the officer pulled the vehicle over, he asked the driver, a 52-year-old West Bloomfield man, if he had been drinking.

The driver admitted to having "four or five" martinis. He failed his field sobriety tests, one of which was to recite the alphabet. He blew a .126 on his PBT and is free on \$100 bond.

At 9:55 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, a Shores patrol officer spotted a 1987 Dodge van cross the center line several times while heading south on Lakeshore. When the officer pulled the vehicle over, he could smell the odor of alcohol coming from the driver, a Detroit man.

When asked if he had been drinking, the driver replied, "yes, a beer." He failed his field sobriety tests and blew a .224 on his preliminary breath test (PBT). He is free on \$100 bond.

The second incident that week took place at 1:25 a.m. on Monday, March 26. A patrol officer, while pulling out of headquarters, spotted a 1994 Ford van run a red light at the intersection of Vernier and Lakeshore. The van proceeded north on Lakeshore and was eventually pulled over. The driver, a Warren man, admitted to drinking "some beer." He blew a .245 on his PBT.

Farms drinker

A Farms public safety officer spotted a Jeep heading north on Moross run a red light at Chalfonte at 2 a.m. on Saturday, March 17. The officer caught up with the vehicle after it stopped at a gas station at Mack and Moross. He asked the driver, a 20-year-old Park man, if he had been drinking. The driver admitted to having "four beers."

The driver proceeded to fail his field sobriety tests and blew a .134 on his PBT. When confronted with this evidence, the driver revised his beverage consumption estimate upwards to "seven or eight beers."

Don't loiter

Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers noticed a 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Park youth hanging around a house in the 200 block of Grosse Pointe Boulevard at 10:05 p.m. on Friday, March 16.

When police asked the youth what he was doing hanging around the street at such a late hour, the youth said that he was waiting for some friends who were on Cloverly. But when police checked, the friends were gone. He also gave police a false name. When police asked the youth to remove his hands from his jacket pockets, he seemed reluctant. A search of the pockets turned up a baggie containing a small amount of a substance that resembled marijuana. They also found a marijuana pipe.

The youth was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bad thief

City of Grosse Pointe police were sent to the 800 block of Loraine at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 16, to investigate a report of an unsuccessful car theft. When they got to the house, they were told by witnesses that the neighbor of the owner of a 1990 Chrysler saw a young man behind the wheel of his locked car. When he went to confront the youth, he fled the scene on foot. He ran north to Mack and then west on Mack, all the time being followed. The man finally caught the youth and flagged down a Detroit squad car and the youth was captured and taken to the City public safety station.

The suspect, a 16-year-old Detroit youth, was released to the custody of his mother after a call to Wayne County juvenile authorities revealed that they had no room to house the offender. The youth had a screwdriver in his possession at the time of his capture.

Bad luck

City of Grosse Pointe public safety officers arrested a 47-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquors after they investigated an accident at the corner of Cadieux and Kercheval — an accident that was caused by the other driver.

The incident took place at 7:54 p.m. on Friday, March 16. The Woods man was on Cadieux crossing Kercheval in his Ford Expedition when another vehicle coming from the opposite direction suddenly tried to turn onto Kercheval. Their two vehicles collided.

When police arrived at the scene, they took the driver, a 15-year-old girl driving with a learner's permit, and her mother to St. John hospital. When they questioned the Woods man, they smelled alcohol coming from his breath and gave him a series of field sobriety tests, which he failed. He ended up being charged with driving while operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquors. Police do emphasize that at the time of the accident, aside from driving while drunk, he was not violating any traffic laws as far as they could tell.

A second driver was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquors at 1 a.m. on Saturday, March 17. A City patrol officer spotted a 2000 Ford Taurus heading east on Mack. The vehicle was straddling the parking lane and the driving lane. When the officer pulled the car over, he detected the odor of alcohol coming from the driver, a 31-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man.

The driver refused to take a PBT, but agreed to take a more scientifically accurate Breathalyzer test at City headquarters. He blew a .10.

Groceries gone

A Grosse Pointe Farms patrol officer spotted two people pushing three grocery carts in an alley behind a store in the 18800 block of Mack at 3:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 25. Due to the extreme lateness of the hour, the officer decided to investigate.

When the two spotted the officer, they ran. One suspect got away. Another suspect who was behind some wooden pallets and was originally not seen by the officer also ran away. But the officer was able to intercept one suspect, a 21-year-old Detroit man. He turned out to be an employee who was suspended two weeks earlier for passing a counterfeit \$50 bill.

The suspect had keys to the store on him. The manager was contacted. He told police that no one should have been going in or out of the store at that hour. The total value of the groceries, cigarettes and liquor in the shopping cart was valued at over \$2,100. Het has been charged with larceny.

— Jim Stickford

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To Parents and Teachers of Children with Special Needs



The Michigan Department of Education is proposing a comprehensive revision of the Michigan Special Education Rules. The process of revision and approval is moving **very** fast. We believe it is too fast and are very, very concerned. While we believe the proposed rules have some excellent revisions, they also raise many significant questions. We must receive answers to these questions in order to take appropriate action on behalf of our children. Let us explain our concerns and what actions you can take if you agree.

The new rules would allow each County to develop their own individual plans for the delivery of special education services. This varies significantly from the current plan in which every County must follow the same set of State rules. We fear that implementation of the new rules would lead to significant inconsistencies in programs available across the State. We are concerned as to why State Lawmakers would risk allowing inconsistencies in special education programming, when tremendous efforts are presently being made to **promote** consistency in general education. (Examples include: Proposal A, Mandatory State Assessments and Intervention Programs, and State Curricular Frameworks). The County Plans would certainly be heavily influenced by the largest and/or the most needy cities in each County. We question if that is in the best interests of all students?

The new rules eliminate clear and consistent class size limits in special education programs. These clear limits would be replaced with a vague "instructional ratio". This ratio concept is not well explained nor does it appear to take into account the unique needs of specific disabilities. The number of students one teacher would be responsible for is not clearly defined.

The proposed rules eliminate all mandates for categorical programs. (Examples include but are not limited to: "Autistic Impaired", "Emotionally Impaired", "Trainable Mentally Impaired".) Each County Plan would determine what categorical programs, if any, would exist in that County. It is unclear what options our local district would have to operate categorical programs that our schools and families might want. Also unclear is how these programs would be funded. Would our Grosse Pointe students receive a fair share of the County special education millage? What if we chose to operate programs beyond those specified in the new "County Plan"? Would the funding for our children's programs be jeopardized? **ALL OF THIS IS UNCLEAR IN THE PROPOSED RULES.**

There are other, specific rule changes that are of concern. The change in the "mental impairment" categories has some positive aspects, but also raises serious concerns. It is unclear how the change that eliminates "subcategories" will negatively impact families' access to other State benefits that rely on such subcategories to determine who is eligible for the benefits. These benefits include such things as the Medicaid Waiver, Family Subsidy, and SSI. Also, the change in the "mental impairment" definition includes the phrase "subaverage intellectual functioning". We believe the term "subaverage" is demeaning and disrespectful. The definition could very easily be reworded and still be very clear in meaning.

The Grosse Pointe Special Education PTO strongly believes that the rule revision process is moving too fast. Not enough input has been obtained from school-based professionals and from parents. There are major ambiguities and unanswered questions. There are significant points with which we disagree. The process **MUST** be slowed down, questions answered and more input allowed before the rules go before the House and Senate for approval.

What do we do about the unanswered questions, lack of clarity and outright disagreement with some of the proposed rule changes? **GET INVOLVED!**

There is a meeting planned for **parents** at the Wayne County RESA, 33500 Van Born Rd., Wayne, Michigan 734-334-1300, on March 29th at 6:00 PM to explain/discuss the proposed rules. Please try to attend this meeting to become informed and to express your opinion. Your input does matter.

In addition there are public hearings scheduled for direct input to the Michigan Department of Education. These hearings are scheduled in our area on April 4 and 5 at the Hotel St. Regis in the New Center area of Detroit. The April 4th session is from 6:30 - 9:00 PM. The April 5th session is from 9:00 - 11:30 AM.

You may also contact: The State Department of Education directly by writing to Mr. David Brock, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Compliance Program, Office of Special Education, Michigan Department of Education, P.O. Box 30008, Lansing, Michigan 48909. You can email him through the Department website at www.mde.state.mi.us and click on public comments.

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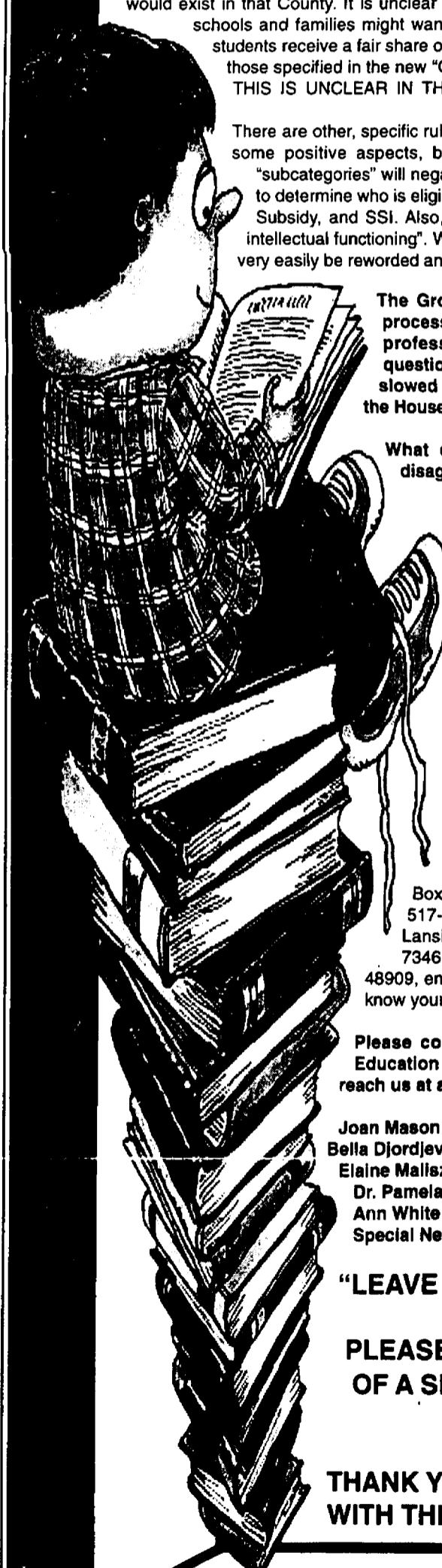
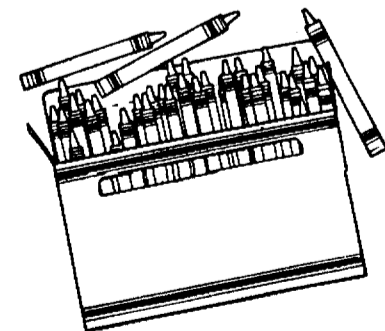
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Award puts Kerby in a blue mood

Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer
On Friday, March 23, everyone at Kerby Elementary School was in a blue mood. Students wore blue ribbon neckers. Visitors came in from as far as Lansing. There was cheering during a Power Point presentation in the gym.
"What better way to celebrate the Kerby's blue ribbon recognition from the Michigan Department of Education?"

Kerby was one of 22 out of 100 eligible schools in the state to receive the recognition.

In the first round of the application process, principal Debbie Hubbell had to answer 75 questions about the school. After the answers were reviewed by an evaluation team, a site visitation team came to

Kerby to verify the answers with those findings evaluated by a selection committee. State Board of Education president Kathleen Straus said: "All Blue Ribbon Schools are great and this is one of them. They all have committed, caring and dedicated teachers, a high percentage of dedicated parents and agencies and kids who respond to it all."

Hubbell said that parent involvement has been a hallmark of Kerby's success and isn't just limited to fundraising.

"Our parents are involved in committees and tutoring and our lunch time enrichment program which we created to give kids opportunities to be successful," said Hubbell.

Some of the lunch time enrichment activities include aerobics, junior great books and nutrition and foreign language classes.

Many kids are part of the Mileage Club and earn points for completing laps around the school's quarter-mile walking path. The computer lab is often open to give kids a quiet place to go and the library often holds special days like beach day. This spring, Kerby will offer a junior master gardening program.

Hubbell also credited much of the school's Blue Ribbon attributes to a climate of caring and respect for one another.

"We have our Kerby Keys to Success: respect, responsibility and self-discipline," said Hubbell. "They're pasted on the walls, but we try to get them to live those things."

"We also have Kerby Karing Kids. When a student is especially caring, a teacher or student can nominate them and their names are posted on a board in the hallway."

Hubbell added: "I'm also very proud of our district's commitment to an excellent curriculum."

MEAP, CP3T and Grosse Pointe Writing Assessment scores were also part of the Blue Ribbon evaluation process.

Kerby will be eligible to apply for Blue Ribbon status in five years. In that time, Hubbell said her school will work on integrating technology in the classroom, expanding the school's physical space, improving student's constructive responses in the science curriculum and improving and maintaining the school's academic success.

At the March 23 assembly, Straus told Kerby students: "You are a perfect example of how a school works together from your superintendent to your principal to your teachers and even you."

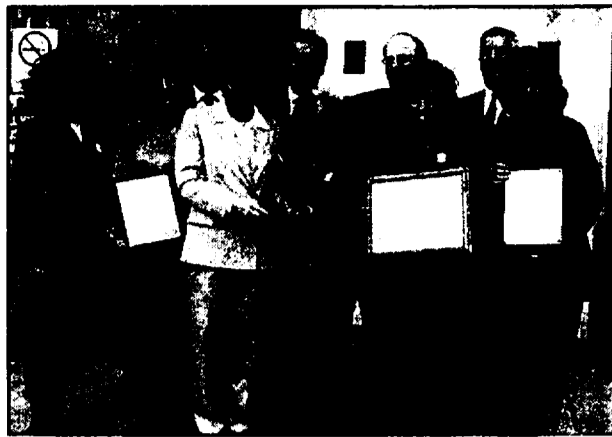


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State Board of Education president Kathleen Straus, third from right, presented Kerby Elementary principal Debbie Hubbell with Kerby's Michigan Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award. Also in attendance at the Friday, March 23, award ceremony were Grosse Pointe Public School System superintendent Suzanne Klein, Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors president Nancy Velek, State Board of Education trustee Marianne McGuire and district assistant superintendent Susan Allan, front row; and Michigan Department of Education Blue Ribbon coordinator Art Vrettas, district director of school and community development Lee Waras, Grosse Pointe Farms mayor Ed Gaffney and Kerby PTO president Pat Burke, back row.

G.P. North, police practice procedures in lockdown drill

Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer
There are fire drills and tornado drills.

Now there are lockdown drills.

Grosse Pointe North High School held its second lockdown drill since last year. The lockdown drill is designed to bring order and to students and staff building who are put in immediate danger as in the case that happened in California, and Colorado.

Unlike last year's drill which was held during class time, the Tuesday, March 27, drill was held during the passing time between first and second hour classes.

Within 20 to 30 seconds, students and staff emptied the hallways and took cover in the nearest classroom. Students remained in the classrooms in a corner away from view of doors and windows for about 20 minutes until they were given an all-clear signal.

In that 20 minutes, school

administrators, Grosse Pointe Woods public safety, observers from mutual aid public safety departments and the Pointe's Special Response Team (SRT) checked all classrooms, hallways, doorways and practiced their response and maneuvers.

After the drill, Grosse Pointe Woods public safety director Michael Makowski said, "This went very well. The kids took this very seriously and it gave us some material to review. This was

a very valuable practice for the SRT, the police, the administrators and the students."

North assistant principal Tom Teetaert said, "We have fire drills and tornado drills and now we have a procedure in place in case of an emergency like this. It's not mandated that we do this, but we feel every high school ought to practice this."

Makowski added: "We want to practice and have the kids familiar with the

procedure so we can reduce the amount of panic in case of an actual emergency."

Superintendent of schools Suzanne Klein said that lockdown drills are being planned for all secondary schools this year and will be held yearly so that new staff, students and public safety employees will be familiar with procedures.

Grosse Pointe Board of Education trustee and North parent Linda Farmer said, "From a parent's point of view, it's reassuring

there's a plan in place."

Students were briefed on procedures with a video and through public address announcements prior to the drill and were told that a drill would take place "sometime before the end of the month."

School administrators, Woods public safety and the SRT will review the drill and feedback they received from students and staff.

South teacher gets Presidential award

Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer
Grosse Pointe South High School physics teacher Mark Davids recently received a Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching in Washington, D.C. by the National Science Foundation and the White House.

Presidential Awards are based on exceptional classroom practices and professional leadership outside of the classroom.

Davids has been teaching physics for 28 years, with the past 15 years at South. He has given workshops and presentations at local, state and national conferences and is past president of the Detroit Metro Area Physics Teachers, the Michigan section of the American Association of Physics Teachers and the Metropolitan Detroit Science Teachers

Association.

Davids' students and colleagues describe him as "creative" and an "enthusiastic master teacher who constantly challenges all students to achieve their maximum potentials."

Official ceremonies commemorating Davids' achievements were conducted at the Smithsonian, the National Academy of Sciences, the State Department and the White House. He received an award from President George W. Bush and a check for \$7,500.

"It was a great week," said Davids. "We had a private party at the Smithsonian. We had a talk from Frances Collins, the director of the National Genome Project and President Bush spoke to us at the White House. We also met with the directors of the National Science Foundation, the National Academy of Sciences and many other government officials."



Bolting into books

Lillian Kachadourian's second grade class at Trombly Elementary School designed their own T-shirts to promote Read Across America month and to promote the school's book fair which runs through Thursday, March 29, in the school gym. Pictured with the second-graders are book fair coordinators Denise Cara, Judy Corbett and Melissa Levasseur.

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Students at area schools learn to use their brains

"Ooh! Gross! Let me see it gain!"
"Can I touch it?"
Grosse Pointe students were thrilled at the chance to examine and touch human brains during Brain Awareness Week, March 12-17.

Staff and residents from the Department of Neurological Surgery at Wayne State University visited students at Brownell Middle School and Maire and Ferry elementary schools to talk about brain development, how the brain works, diseases of the brain and the effect of drugs and alcohol on the brain. The brains were provided by Wayne State University's

Department of Anatomy and cell biology.
Murali Guthikonda, M.D., neurosurgeon in the department of neurological surgery at Wayne State University and chief of skull base neurosurgery met with seventh-graders at Brownell. Her discussion included video segments of a tumor removal and still life photos of what happens to the face when it gets hit in a boxing match.

Julie Pilitsis, M.D., third year neurosurgical resident in WSU's department of neurosurgery had third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students act out parts of the brain and demonstrated the usefulness of a helmet with



Donna Bednarczyk, Sarah Gergory, Rachel Bekowies and Martin Petz observe a human brain at Maire Elementary School.

a Jack and Jill egg.
Melinda Michael of WSU's department of neurosurgery presented a video and also talked about helmet safety with third-graders at Ferry.

All kids reveled at seeing and touching a human brain.

"It feels different than I thought it would," said Maire fifth-grader Rachel

Bekowies. "It's firmer." Bikes, Boards and Blades supported the event by donating two bicycle helmets which were won by Eddie Harvey at Maire and Christine Bedway at Ferry.

Story and photo by Maire parent Patricia Bekowies.

Burns says good-bye to St. Paul after 18 years

Bonnie Caprara Staff Writer

When Elizabeth Burns came back to teaching in the mid-1970s, she figured the Catholic schools were a good place to get her feet wet after taking time out to be a stay-at-home mother of her young children.

Instead of taking her teaching job at Redford High School, she came to St. Paul as a stepping stone to a public school teaching job. Two years ago, Burns went on to become the school's assistant principal, then principal at St. Paul School.

At the end of June, Burns will leave St. Paul after 18

years to, as she joked, "clean out my linen closet."
In lighthearted seriousness, Burns said, "My husband, John, and I have a couple of trips planned and I plan on spending time with my kids and grandkids."
During her time at St. Paul, Burns has been through the baby boomlet which resulted in an increase from 435 students in the time she's been at the school.

Despite the choices of excellent parochial, private in public schools in the area, Burns said running a successful Catholic school has its challenges.

"It's not a place they have to escape to," said Burns. "It's a matter of being competitive in academics, social activities and facilities. People have to see if they're choosing religion they're not

giving up anything."
Burns also credited church and parish leadership for part of the school's success during her time at St. Paul.

"We have had three pastors — Monsignor Canfield, Monsignor Martin and Bishop Blair — who have supported Catholic schools," said Burns. "Their support and the parish support have been two of the pluses of being here."

The biggest change Burns has seen in her 18 years is the use of technology, not just in the classroom, but its role in running a school.

"Educational theories have changed," said Burns. "Some have come back around, sometimes with new names, but technology has been the biggest change. It's how teachers get involved. It's how we get sup-

plies. It's in every facet of our lives."
Being careful not to single out a particular favorite memory, Burns said, "I cherish every memory. I love what I do. I love my work."
One of Burns' last profound memories of the school will be on April 24 when the school will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a rededication of the school's cornerstone.



Tickets on sale for 'Fame' at Parcels

More than 160 cast and crew members are part of Parcels Middle School's spring musical, "Fame," which runs Thursday through Saturday, April 5-7, at the Parcels auditorium. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$3 students (under 14) and seniors and are available at the door or at Parcels on Monday, April 2, from 8 to 9 a.m. or 2 to 4 p.m. in the front hall. Cast members include Allan Fullerton, Wynn Butler and Lindsey Kurtz, front row; Emily Finan and Dino Ruggeri, second row; Katie Storehr, Ben Lupo and Michelle El-Hosni, third row; Andrew Casinelli, Carmon Bens and Kelly Ritter, fourth row; and Dan Gassel, Ashlee Ruggeri and Terrell Thompson, back row. For more information, call (313) 343-2104.

Pierce presents 'Tom Sawyer'

Pierce Middle School will present "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31, at the door or by calling at 7 p.m.

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Bicycle safety should be top priority, says AAA

Most bicyclists enjoy the thrill of riding, but safety must come first — and not risky behavior, AAA Michigan says. Traditionally bigger risk takers, males are often exposed to peril "on wheels." In Michigan, males comprised 21 of the 25 bicyclists killed in motor vehicle crashes (84 percent) in 1999. Ten of the 21 male bicyclists killed (48 percent) were

under 16 years of age. Nationwide, most of the bicyclists killed or injured in 1999 were males (88 percent and 80 percent, respectively).

The bicyclist fatality rate per capita in the United States was more than seven times as high for males as for females, and the injury rate per capita was more than four times as high for males as for females. "The high rate of male fatalities and injuries in car/bike crashes over the years is a cause for concern and action," said Richard J. Miller, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Like young drivers, some male bicyclists neither see themselves at risk, nor see the need to make safety a priority. They may actually seek out dangerous situations so they can test their skills and as a way to make bike riding more exciting and fun. Females also are inclined to engage in risk-taking for fun while riding, but to a lesser extent."

Miller says bicyclists are not always using their heads — or protecting them by wearing bicycle helmets. Less than 20 percent of individuals report wearing helmets and helmet use among teen riders is extremely low. This is tragic since helmets reduce the risk of serious head injury by 85 percent, and research concerning known helmet use in Michigan reveals that most people killed in 1999 chose not to wear them. Wearing bicycle helmets might have saved many of those lives.

Children and adults should make safety a priority. Kids may need extra guidance from parents to develop perceptual, judgment and decision-making skills.

The three major causes of car/bike crashes for kids under 16 are:
• **Dangerous Driveway** — Kids can learn to avoid the biggest cause of car/bike crashes for young riders: riding out of the driveway without looking. Bicyclists should stop and look all ways before riding into the road. They should yield to nearby pedestrians and then edge out far enough to see around "sight obstructions" like bushes or parked cars.

If traffic is coming, they must wait until it is clear, then look again both ways and enter the roadway when safe.

• **Who's There?** — Making left turns or swerves without checking traffic first, without signaling, and perhaps moving directly into the path of a motor vehicle, is a serious mistake. Bicyclists should follow the "rules of the road." Always ride in a straight line. When preparing to change lanes on a multiple lane road, look behind and yield to overtaking traffic.

To make a left turn from the right lane, give the left-hand signal (extend the left hand to the side), and when it's safe, move over to the left lane. Give the left-hand signal again and then turn when it is safe to do so.

• **Critical Crossroads** — Bicyclists who run stop signs take a big risk, which may leave an approaching motorist too little time to avoid a collision. When riding, bicyclists should obey all traffic signs and signals. This includes acting with good judgment. Getting off the bike and walking across the road at busy intersections will often be the safest course to take. "One surprising thing that we've learned from accident studies," says Miller, "is while the kids involved in car/bike crashes were most often at fault, they generally knew the traffic laws they violated. They violated them anyway because of competing needs ("Got to get home or Mom will be mad!") or faulty expectations, ("No one ever comes down this street — why stop at the stop sign?").

As parents, we've got to teach all youngsters not to risk their safety," says Miller. "In 1999, 12 bicyclists under 16 years of age died in crashes with motor vehicles, 48 percent of the 25 total bicyclist fatalities in Michigan. More than 2,230 bicyclists were injured."

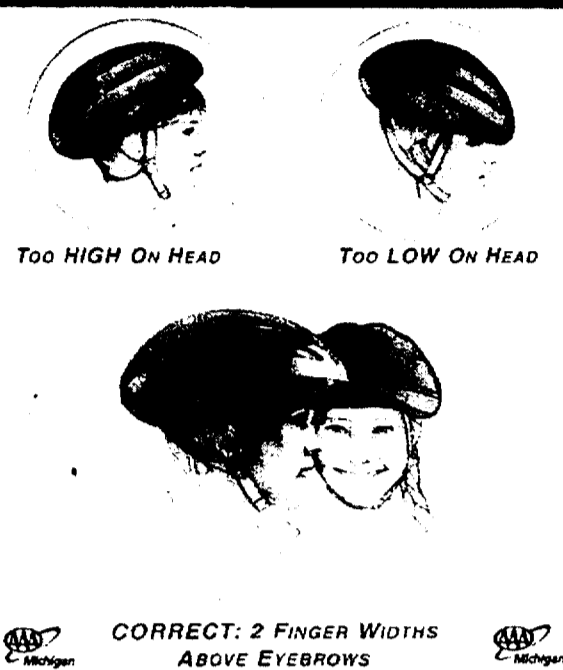
Not wearing a helmet, riding out of a driveway without stopping, running stop signs and turning left without yielding are risks too great to take for all bicyclists, Miller says.

Being cautious means avoiding injury — and staying alive.

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SUV makes Michigan's 'most wanted' list

The 1999 and 2000 Jeep Cherokees are the most wanted vehicles in Michigan — most wanted, that is, by car thieves. The popular sport utility vehicle claimed the top two spots on the Auto Theft Prevention Authority's (ATPA) "Top 10 Most Stolen Car" list in 2000 (based on all model years).

Coming in a strong third was the Pontiac Grand Am (1999). The 2000 Grand Am also posted a strong showing at sixth. In 1999 the number of Michigan auto thefts fell 4 percent from the previous year, said the ATPA. From 1986 to 1999, Michigan thefts have decreased 25 percent. During this same

time period, the national theft rate is down 6 percent. Janet Deni, vice president and chief claims officer for AAA Michigan, noted that 54,018 auto thefts were reported to the ATPA in Michigan in 1999. She added that a statewide Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching program conducted last summer by AAA and the ATPA has helped reduce those numbers.

"Not only does VIN etching make a car less appealing to car thieves, but an etched vehicle may qualify for a discount on the comprehensive portion of an auto insurance premium,"

said Deni. AAA Michigan, for example, offers a 5-percent discount for etched vehicles. Nearly 22,000 vehicles have been etched since the joint program began in 1995. In addition to anti-theft measures, AAA Michigan is strongly committed to fighting all forms of insurance fraud. Since 1984, when AAA Michigan's Claims Investigation Unit (CIU) was established, the company has worked with law enforcement and community groups to deter fraud and save policyholders millions of dollars.

Michigan's top 10 stolen vehicles for 2000 (all model years):

1. Jeep Cherokee (2000)
2. Jeep Cherokee (1999)
3. Pontiac Grand Am (1999)
4. Ford Taurus (1999)
5. Dodge Intrepid (1999)
6. Pontiac Grand Am (2000)
7. Ford Taurus (1998)
8. Dodge Intrepid (2000)
9. Ford Taurus (1997)
10. Oldsmobile Alero (1999)

To help reduce the chances of becoming a victim of auto theft, AAA Michigan offers the following tips:

- Lock it and pocket the key.
- Park in a well-lit, well-traveled location.
- Don't leave valuables in view.
- Turn on auto theft devices, such as kill switch or alarm.
- Etch windows with Vehicle Identification Number.

City of **Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan**
Bids will be accepted for installation of a sprinkler system this Spring at Patterson Park, located in the City of Grosse Pointe Park. All interested bidders can pick up a bid package from the Parks & Recreation Office located at 14920 Windmill Pointe Drive, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Liquid Assets, the design consultant, has provided blue prints which show detailed instructions and the materials needed to complete this project. Interested Bidders must have five years of experience in installing similar commercial sprinkler systems and a minimum of three references.
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AAUW book sale slated for September

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer
Local bookworms and bargain hunters will focus on Grosse Pointe Woods this fall as the annual AAUW used book sale returns to the heart of town.

The annual sale, proceeds from which the American Association of University Women will use for scholarships, will take place in the Woods community center, which is part of the city hall complex on Mack Avenue.

The five-day event, which features thousands of used hard and soft cover books at rock bottom prices, is scheduled for Sept. 25-29.

AAUW organizers will pay \$1,060 to rent the community center. Woods officials agreed with Terry Smith, the community center supervisor, not to raise the rental fee from last year.

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Highlander is great blend of a station wagon, minivan, SUV

By Richard A. Wright

I was a little apprehensive about Toyota's newest sport-utility, the Highlander, because of its name. It brought to mind the Studebaker Scotsman, a stripped-down model which would certainly be politically incorrect today, resting as it did on an ethnic stereotype. Surely, Toyota would not be politically incorrect.

It is not. The Highlander name probably derives from the fierce television series character rather than any Scottish ethnic traits. It was not stripped down (cheap). In fact, it was one of the nicest sport-utilities yet.

We gave the Highlander a pretty thorough test of both highway and city driving. We drove it to Frederick, Md., where we dined at May's Crab House, well worth an all-day drive. Especially in the Highlander, because at the end of the day we were not tired or stiff, just hungry.

The next day, we drove into Washington to visit the Smithsonian. I exited I-270 in Rockville, Md., to park and take the Metro into Washington's government area. Through pure dumb luck, this plan was thwarted because there was no parking left at the station. So we drove into Washington, through more dumb luck exited the freeway at just the right place to take a bridge across the Potomac into the mall area, drove by sight toward the Washington Monument and found a free parking spot just yards from the Smithsonian.

I have been in Washington fairly often — I was stationed in Arlington, Va., for a time, but had never noticed until this trip how much Washington is like Paris. It has a highly visible marker, the Washington Monument, just as Paris has the Eiffel Tower.

Also, many of the buildings in the government area are low rather than high-rise and many have the peculiar architectural styling cues of Paris, rather than New York or London. And the area around the mall is made for walking.

Anyway, the Highlander was a delight to drive, whether in the complex traffic patterns of suburban Washington — or Detroit — or all day on the interstates. If you are thinking of buying a Lexus RX 300 sport-utility, check out the Highlander first. The Lexus RX 300 is one of the best-looking of the SUVs, but the Highlander looks very much like it. It performs much the same. But it costs about \$10,000 less.

Based on the same platform as the Lexus RX 300, Toyota's new Highlander



Autos

By Richard Wright

may well be the best blend of a station wagon, a minivan and a sport-utility available on the market today. Available only with a V-6 and an automatic transmission driving power to the front or all the wheels, Highlander is sold in one trim level with a Limited package listed on the option sheet.

First impressions get an A — roomy interior, car-like ride and handling, peppy V-6 engine, and a sense of Toyota reliability.

I give a lower grade to the odd dash-mounted gear selector (I don't care for it in the RX 300 either). But that may be my own idiosyncrasy. A clumsy oaf anyway, I kept bumping my coffee on the gear lever as I lifted it from the otherwise very handy and well-placed cupholder.

My prediction (my crystal ball is often quite murky, but this one is easy) is that the new Highlander will quickly enhance Toyota's sales position in the United States, already around 10 percent, higher than most independents like Nash and Hudson at their peak and higher than Chrysler Corp. through much of the '60s, '70s and '80s.

The Highlander and the Lexus RX 300 are based on modified Toyota Camry platform and running gear. The Highlander is longer, taller and wider than the Lexus but is also lighter than the RX 300, so acceleration and braking are impressive.

Four-wheel disc brakes equipped with electronic brake force distribution (EBD) and brake assist (which maximizes braking power during a panic stop) are standard on the Highlander.

Our test vehicle was a 4x2 V-6 with solid performance provided by the same 3.0-liter V-6 used in the RX, rated at 220 horsepower at 5,800 rpm. This V-6 features Variable Valve Timing with intelligence (VVT-i). Standard engine, which also uses VVT-i to maximize power and efficiency, is a 2.4-liter inline four rated at 155 horsepower.

The four-speed automatic transmission provides a "snow mode" for easier traction on slippery surfaces. With only about 7 inches of ground clearance and fully independent suspension

front and rear, Highlander isn't really designed for racing across the Serengeti. But SUV buyers usually stay on the road and this vehicle should work great in snow. Happily, we didn't get to test that thesis.

Toyota's Vehicle Skid Control (VSC) system, which includes traction control, is optional. It is designed to sense when the vehicle isn't responding to the driver's steering inputs and apply selective braking to bring the vehicle back under control.

The Highlander features whiplash injury lessening (WIL) front seats, five three-point seat belts equipped with automatic and emergency locking retractors (ALR/ELR), front seat belts with pre-tensioners and force limiters and ISO-FIX child seat anchors. Daytime running lights and side air bags are optional.

With the rear 60/40 split folding seat, a voluminous cargo space can be obtained, 81.4 cubic feet with rear seat folded down. Air conditioning, CD/cassette stereo with six speakers, cruise control, tilt steering wheel and generous cup holders are standard.

The Limited trim gives you premium sound equipment, automatic climate control, remote keyless entry, woodgrain interior trim, alloy wheels with full-size spare and fog lights, among other features. Leather upholstery is available on V6 models.

Warranty is basic three-year/36,000 miles, drivetrain five-year/60,000 miles, with rust protection for five years, unlimited mileage. Roadside service is not available.

EPA mileage estimates are 18 mpg city/22 mpg highway. All Highlanders have automatic transmissions.

With prices starting as low as \$23,995 for a two-wheel front-drive four-cylinder model, the Highlander looks like it will be very competitive. Our test vehicle was a well-equipped two-wheel-drive V-6, Highlander with skid control, appearance package and convenience package had a sticker price of \$28,950. Base price was \$25,095.

Toyota expects to sell 70,000 Highlanders in 2001. I'll bet on that.



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Market tells Greenspan, 'Too little, too late'

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and the Federal Open Market Committee cut short-term interest rates by 50 basis points (1 basis point is 1/100th of 1 percent) a week ago, Tuesday, March 20.

The 1/2-point decline, to 5 percent, was what the majority of Fed watchers had predicted.

But the prior week's collapse of 821 points in the Dow had unsettled things.

A very vocal minority were demanding "at least a 3/4 of 1 percent cut," and when it didn't come, they picked up their bats, balls and bases and left the game.

Another severe market decline ensued. From 2:30 p.m. Tuesday (the time of the Fed's announcement) to Thursday afternoon, about 48 hours, the bears beat down the Dow almost 900 points, to 9,106.

In the closing hour of trading, a powerful rally developed, but the Dow ended south for the day.

Last Friday's trading saw the Dow gaining 115 points.



By Joe Mengden

But for the week, the industrials lost a net 318 points, or 3.2 percent, closing at 9,504, on a weekly volume of 6.7 billion (yes, billion) shares!

The Dow's late recovery helped the NASDAQ with its Composite posting its first weekly gain after seven straight weekly losses, albeit a gain of only 36 points, closing at 1,928.

Some bull traders on the floor started saying that Thursday was the "bottom" and that a major rally was in the making.

But cooler heads, including Rich Bernstein, quantitative strategist at Merrill Lynch, said, "There's been no capitulation in tech yet. And capitulation won't come until people forget about this sector."

Meanwhile, the next scheduled Fed committee meeting is May 15.

Remember 1937?

Thanks to John K. "Jack" Roney, retired partner of Wm. C. Roney & Co. and resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, LTS spent a quiet evening reading "The Fitch Summary of November 1937" with stock prices as of October 20, 1937.

This summary was distributed to select customers of the Roney firm, then located at 2232 Union Guardian Building at 500 Griswold Street. Roney's

phone number was CHerry 6700. The firm also had branches in Grand Rapids, Port Huron, Saginaw and Bay City.

The stock summary format wasn't that different from the current Standard & Poor's Stock Guide.

But it only contained 11 pages with 625 listings, of which 45 were for preferred stocks.

Seventy-five of the listings traded on the New York Curb, now called the American Stock Exchange.

The Curb's listing requirements, especially the minimum trading "float," was less than that of the NYSE. Some Curb stocks of that era of interest to Grosse Pointers include:

- Cord Corp. (CD, about 2 1/8 in late October 1937).
- Ex-Cell-O Corp. (XLO, about 10).
- Fisk Rubber (FX, about 6 7/8).
- Ford Motor Canada "A" (FMC, about 17).
- Michigan Bumper (MBP, about 1 1/4) and
- Standard Oil of Ohio (SOH, about 23).

Most investors remember 1929 as the "Big Crash" of the Great Depression. Not so, although it was still a big

crash. The strong recovery of the market in 1930-31 led to an even bigger crash, with the real bottom being in 1932, when Roosevelt trounced Hoover to win the presidency.

There was an old saying prior to WWII, "Many of those who survived 1929 and 1932, went broke in 1938!"

The markets really didn't recover until the war clouds overshadowed Europe in 1939.

Mack capitalism
LTS first arrived in Detroit in 1949 and purchased a home at 1654 Newcastle Road in the Woods off Mack Avenue.

Mack was a humpback asphalt road with water-filled ditches on each side. The present concrete boulevard arrived sometime in the 1950s.

Among the Mack Avenue merchants were the Purple Pickle (established in 1967) west of the post office; Beaupre Service Station (established in 1946) on the corner of Fisher; and Coins & Stamps Inc. (established in 1957) near University.

The PP (not the Pink Panther) was founded by a

Weekly price changes of 20 favorite stocks		
Week ended Friday 2001	Bulls (Up)	Bears (Down)
March 16	+2	-18
March 23	+10	-10

Source: The New York Times. Twenty stocks held by largest number of accounts at Merrill Lynch.

well-known local restaurateur/hotelkeeper, Ken Frankford, who then owned the Harper House, now known as the Parkcrest Motel.

Later, the name PP was changed to the "Wooden Nickel," which operated as a "soup and sandwich" shop. No beer or wine was served because Ken said that sippers dilly-dally too long, reducing the table turnover ratio.



The staff calls all "regular" and carry-out patrons by their first names.

One gentleman has the same luncheon order every day. When he walks in, his order is on the grill before he is seated. (If he ever wants a different order, he'd better holler from the front door!)

Not much staff turnover either, two ladies are third-generation employees.

So where did the name come from? LTS checked with Richard Spieske, owner of Coins & Stamps down Mack Avenue, the only remaining shop in the Pointes catering exclusively to numismatists and philatelists.

Spieske found the reference in the Coin World Almanac (Amos Press): "WOODEN NICKELS — Originally, substitute for coins used in 1931-35 depression, having originated in Tenino, WA. Issued in round and rectangular form and in many denominations."

Take it from LTS: Order the bowl of homemade Beef Barley Soup and Sandwich #8.

And don't take any wooden nickels in change this week.

Joseph Mengden is a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe and former chairman of First of Michigan. He is also a member of the Financial Analysts Society of Detroit Inc.

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Business People

Jennifer Strobl has joined Creative Perceptions as senior graphic designer.

Creative Perceptions is a graphic design studio based in Detroit.

A resident of Grosse Pointe Park, Strobl was formerly creative director for Midnite Oil Creative.

Grosse Pointe Park resident William Patterson has been promoted to partner at DP & Company, an advertising and brand marketing communications company in Southfield.

Patterson had been the company's director of integrated marketing services. Before joining DP in 1997, Patterson was senior vice president at McCann Relationship Marketing Worldwide, where he headed up the Buick and GMC programs.

Dean Etsios of Grosse Pointe Farms has been named principal of the law firm of Kitch, Drutchas, Wagner, Denardis & Vaitutti in Detroit.

Etsios specializes in defense litigation, including medical malpractice, general negligence and product liability.

He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan before graduating from the Indiana University School of Law.

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Computer education for fun, profit — and pranks

If learning about computers is still on your "to do" list, the new Community Education brochure for the Grosse Pointe Public School System is out and offers some interesting opportunities to learn the basics of home computers, or sharpen your existing personal computer (PC) skills.

Three classes for rookies — Computers Made Simple (is that an oxymoron?), Computers Made Simple II and Internet For Beginners — offer new users a way to allay their technology fears in a comfortable atmosphere. Of course, comfortable means your classmates also only know where to find the on-off switch.

Okay, I'll stop the teasing. Computers Made Simple is for the absolute beginner

(you don't know where the on-off switch is). It has hands-on exploration of word processing, databases and spreadsheets. Databases and spreadsheets may sound scary, but the class is taught in plain English, so relax.

Computers Made Simple II is just what you think it is, going a little further down the road to computer literacy. You'll learn more, get some extra practice and possibly learn what I know: computers are fun and useful.

Exploring the World Wide Web for fun and profit is what you'll find in the Internet 2001 class. You'll learn all about uniform resource locators (called URLs or web addresses), search engines, cookies and



By Mike Maurer

bookmarks. You should have knowledge of one of the common Microsoft Windows operating systems and some basic keyboarding skills. I believe that means you must be able to type with more than two fingers.

In the stock market, the bear has awakened from its long hibernation. You can visit a plethora of financial websites in the Stock Market Internet class. Learn about setting up a

self-directed IRA, managing your own accounts or just keeping an eye on your broker and/or your portfolio. You can learn to access technical analysis and analysts' recommendations. One small disclaimer: You will not get specific stock or investment advice. So, if you invest in BubblingYuck.com, don't call the school board and complain when the bubbles go flat and you lose your shirt.

have little fun with your computer-literate friends, try using one of the many search engines with "April Fool" as the topic.

You'll find all sorts of websites offering some cute, or some nasty, PC pranks. As usual, think before you act. Does the person you want to stick it to have the appropriate sense of humor?

Now, you didn't hear it here, but you might want to visit The Free Site (www.thefreesite.com). Look at the right-hand column about halfway down. I would tell you more, but then I'd be an accessory.

If you do play a computer prank, make sure you know how to delete it or deactivate it from your friend's computer. You would look silly wearing a computer monitor on your head.

Another fun Internet site I found this week was BlueRay (www.blueray.com/dictionary). Follow the link to

"strange and unusual dictionaries."

If you're a Scrabble player, you'll have a ball. There's The White Queen's Dictionary of One Letter Words, The Dictionary of All-Consonant Words and The Dictionary of All-Vowel Words (aieee!).

My favorite was The Dictionary of the Forbidden (insert fiendish laugh here).

Send me your favorite websites and what you have (legally) done with them, and I'll share them with everyone.

Jay Hackleman sent me one on the Eastside Republican Club (www.eastside-republican-club.org), and look, he gets a free mention!

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

Home business or doing business at home?

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

When is a house not a home?

When it's a business.

What makes it a business? A lot of things, but the line's not as clear as it used to be.

In the cyber age, its hard to find someone who doesn't tap into work at home.

"In my business, I have access to our mainframe from my laptop," said Daniel Clark, an employee of the Social Security Administration who also serves on the Grosse Pointe Park city council.

He said, "Where do you draw the line?"

"The test," said Vernon Ausherman, an attorney and Park councilman, "is how intrusive or disturbing home-based business-related activity is to neighbors."

Greg Theokis, an attorney and member of the Park city council said, "There's a fine line here."

"We should have some standards," said Park mayor Palmer Heenan, an attorney.

The Park city council this week agreed to a recommendation by its newest member, attorney Samuel Nouhan, to review an ordinance outlawing the use of a residential address for business purposes.

The ordinance forbids the practice of any business, trade, profession or occupation in a residence.

"That's very broad," said councilwoman Margo Parker, who isn't an attorney but could be if she wanted to. Strict interpretation of the ordinance could backfire. Babysitters and Avon ladies would become criminals.

"Interpreted literally," said Ausherman, "any lawyer who picks up the home telephone is conducting business."

There are reportedly more than 100 businesses that list residential addresses in Grosse Pointe Park. Rick Brown, who co-owns Great Lakes Audio with his wife, is one of them.

Brown, a manufacturers representative of sound and audio equipment, has no employees, although his wife helps out about 10 to 15 hours per week.

"The majority of our business takes place at our clients' locations," said Brown. "A small part of the house is used for business."

Business correspondence passes through his home mailbox. A slow and irregular stream of product literature and samples are delivered to his door.

"I occasionally receive sound equipment that we send out to clients," he said.

"You're not moving pianos in and out?" asked Ausherman. Brown said no.

Ron Carmona, the Park's building official, has investigated numerous allegations

of homes being used for business purposes.

"Had any of those occasions been a cause for action, we would have acted accordingly," said Carmona. Nevertheless, Carmona said the city's broad ordinance doesn't help.

"I would like as much direction as possible," he said.

According to Dennis Levasseur, the Park's municipal attorney, a number of business-related activities are consistent with the valid use of residential property.

Examples include making telephone calls, using a home computer, receiving and sending mail, storing business documents and receiving occasional deliveries.

Noncompliance, while hard to define, is easy to see. "The essence is that you are drawing the public into the neighborhood," said

Levasseur. "You advertise the home as a place of work where somebody would come in and want to do business with you."

Residential businesslike activities become actual businesses, he explained, when the resident hangs out a sign, has employees working on the property, draws patients or clients into the dwelling.

"The occasional business customer or visitor probably doesn't constitute business use under the law," said Levasseur.

Clark said, "The intent of the ordinance is to prevent impositions on the neighborhood."

While discussing what makes a home into a business, another unresolved issue came up.

"I'm not sure we have a definition of what constitutes a business," said Dale Krajniak, the Park city administrator.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Wayne County Parks System's Rules and Regulations to make the following addition to rule in Section VIII. Boating:

8.4 Prior to loading any watercraft onto trailer or any transport vehicle, the motor of said watercraft must be turned off. The watercraft must then be manually loaded onto the trailer or transport vehicle. It is unlawful to "power load" any watercraft on to any transport vehicle.

The hearing will be held:

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2001, 10:00 a.m.
Commission Chambers Room 400
Wayne County Building
600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan

Copies of the above item may be obtained or reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit, MI. 48226. (313)224-0903.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on the certification of revenues and appropriated budgetary expenditure adjustments to the FY 2000-2001 Appropriation Ordinance as follows:

1 Certifying a revenue decrease in the amount of \$460,410 in the Juvenile Justice Abuse/Neglect Fund, a net revenue reduction of \$758,847 in the Circuit Court Fund, and certifying additional revenue of \$594,546 in the Friend of the Court Fund.

all in accordance with budget adjustment No. 01-35-116.

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Cellular antennas going up

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Nextel Communications is going to hang three cellular antennas on the Pointe Plaza office building near Mack Avenue and Moross in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The action is a sign of the times as demand proliferates for wireless communication. Yet dark areas persist where reception is spotty.

"We need to be at that corner," said Randall Reeves, Nextel's senior attorney in the Great Lakes area. "That section of Grosse Pointe Woods is a problem service area."

Cellular communication has blossomed.

Within the last few years in the Grosse Pointes, nondescript antennas have been placed on the smokestacks at South High School and Cottage Hospital in the Farms. In the Shores, antennas have been clus-

tered on the spire at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

As with those existing locations, the rectangular, 1-by-5-foot antennas slated for Mack and Moross will be camouflaged to match the building's brick facade. The units are only seven inches deep.

"They're flat little gadgets," said George Catlin, the Woods legal counsel. "You'll probably need a pair of binoculars to see them."

Catlin entered the discussion because the Woods has an ordinance against locating cellular towers within a mile of each other. Nextel's plan, however, calls for antennas, not towers.

"Nextel does not propose to construct a commercial antenna tower, but rather to add antennas to an existing building," said Reeves in written answers to the concerns of Woods administrators.

In the same written state-

ment, he said antennas would comply "with the intent of the city's ordinance to minimize the number of towers constructed in Grosse Pointe Woods."

Although cellular telephones seem to be everywhere, not every goose is golden.

A proposal by Metricom a few months ago to put communications antennas on light poles in Grosse Pointe Park has faded into the wireless sunset.

"They (Metricom) have fallen on hard times, as have many dot-coms," said Harold Deason, the Park's attorney.

Metricom's common stock, which trades on the NASDAQ, has dropped from about \$70 per share to near zero since May, 2000.

Vernon Ausherman, a Park councilman, added, "Apparently, they have walked off the court, or been forced off."



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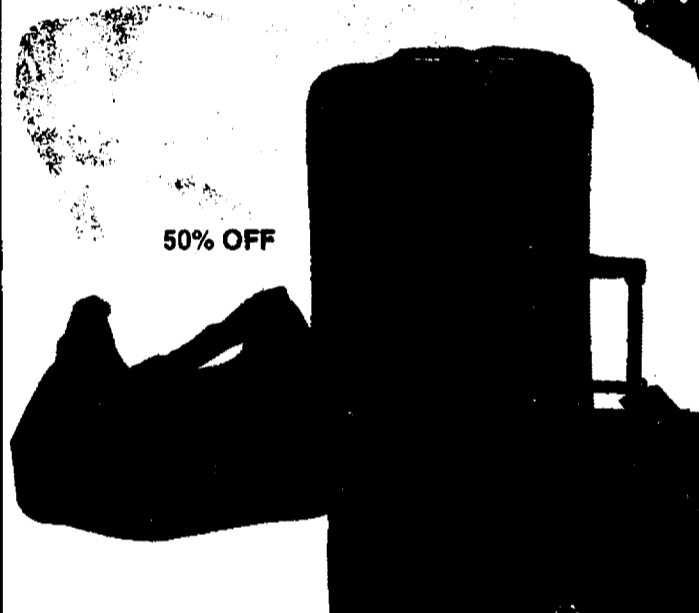
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Grosse Pointe celebrates National Library Week

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Dust off your library card. Do an Irish jig. Catch a free movie. The Grosse Pointe Public Library is celebrating National Library Week, April 1-7, in a big way. "We hope with this program we have fostered an interest for all ages," said Vicky Bloom, library director. "We have something for seniors, we have an author for children and authors for adults."

Not only will there be something for everyone, but the library will offer free video rentals and will waive overdue fines all week. The library will also hold a raffle for a \$50 gift certificate to The Hill restaurant and four tickets to see the Grosse Pointe Theatre's performance of "Oliver."

Monday, April 2

Nature photographer Jim Simek will provide a glimpse of the flora and fauna of the sub-Arctic town of Churchill, Manitoba, Canada, as well as those of the Great Lakes region at 7 p.m. at the Woods Branch.

For more information and registration, call (313) 343-2072.

Tuesday, April 3

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library will host its annual Celebrity Read-Aloud at all three branches.

Woods Branch: Grosse Pointe War Memorial community television interview host Johanna Gilbert will read "Hey, Look! The Happy Book" at 9 a.m.

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officer Daniel Koerber follows with "Officer Buckle and Gloria" at 10 a.m.

Central Library: Grosse Pointe News FYI columnist Ben Burns will read "A Giraffe and a Half" to children at 9 a.m.

If you miss Gilbert reading "Hey, Look! The Happy Book" at the Woods Branch, you can catch her at the Central Library at 10 a.m.

Park Branch: Debbie Ruggeri of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society and a special four-legged guest will be on hand to read "A Mother for Chocco" and "McDuff Moves In" at 9:30 a.m.

Grosse Pointe Park public safety officer Joseph Srebernak follows at 10 a.m. with "Officer

Buckle and Gloria." Judy Dara of the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology will read "Arthur's Eyes" at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 4

Elvira Woodruff, author of "Awfully Short for the Fourth Grade" and "Dear Austin: Letters From the Underground Railroad," will bring a suitcase full of wacky props to explain the making of a picture book for children in grades K-3 at the central library at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Book and book-on-tape fans will get a double delight when Tony Hillerman, author of the Jim Chee and Joe Leaphorn Navaho police novels, and narrator George Guidall visit the Pierce Library at 7:30 p.m. followed by an autograph reception at the Park branch.

For information and reservations, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 220.

Thursday, April 5

Generations on Line, a program to help senior citizens learn and explore the possibilities of the Internet, will be held at the Central Library at 3 p.m.

For information and registration, call (313) 343-2074.

Fergus O'Byrne, a founding member of the Irish folk band Ryan's Fancy, and singer, storyteller, actor, writer and step dancer Jim Payne bring "A Celebration of Newfoundland" to the Park Branch at 4 p.m. and to the Woods Branch at 6:30 p.m. Registrations may be taken at the Park Branch at (313) 343-2071 or the Woods Branch at (313) 343-2072.



Photo by Bonnie Caprara
Grosse Pointe News FYI columnist Ben Burns, left, shares Shel Silverstein's "A Giraffe and a Half," with Annie, Kelly, and Christian Schulte. Burns will read to children at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 3, at the Central Library.

Hillerman, Guidall present lecture

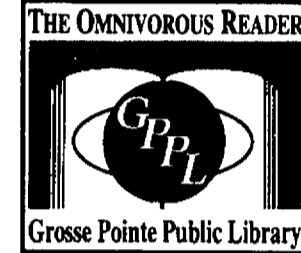
By Heien Gregory

Grosse Pointe Public Library Mark your calendar. The Grosse Pointe Public Library is bringing best-selling author Tony Hillerman to Grosse Pointe for a rare Midwestern visit along with George Guidall, the award-winning narrator of Hillerman's stories for Recorded Books.

Hillerman and Guidall will speak at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4, at Pierce Middle School Auditorium.

Afterward, the Grosse Pointe Park Branch Library will host an autograph reception. Hillerman, creator of the



Grosse Pointe Public Library

the Macavity. He has also won a Western Writers of America Spur Award and Special Friends of the Dineen Award by the Navajo Nation. Born in Sacred Heart, Okla., on May 23, 1925, the youngest of three children, Hillerman served in combat in World War II and was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Purple Heart after being wounded in 1945.

He edited The New Mexican, a Santa Fe daily. He taught on the journalism faculty of the University of

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Eating disorders most deadly mental illnesses for teens

Teri Ouillette just wanted to lose a little weight.

So the high school student started to exercise a little more. She joined the track team — just for fun. And after the first season, she just kept running throughout the year.

"It started out as me just wanting to get better for the next track season," Ouillette says. "And then I wanted to lose weight, and lose more weight. I'd ignore my body when it would say it was hungry."

When she finally went to the doctor, she was 98 pounds. And her mom, Robin, says Teri was confused, indecisive and would "cry at the drop of a hat."

Teri Ouillette is one of an estimated 5 million American men and women who may suffer from the psychiatric illnesses anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and binge-eating disorders, according to the American Anorexia Bulimia Association.

Physicians and researchers at the University of Michigan Health System are encouraging everyone to learn and recognize the signs of eating disorders and make sure loved ones find the help that they need to get better, including a new counseling program at U-M.

"Eating disorders kill people," says Dr. David Rosen, director of the Teenage and Young Adult Health program and clinical associate professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases at the U-M Health System. "I think that in the public's view of mental health conditions, many people think depression kills more people because they commit suicide, or that schizophrenia kills people because people who are psychotic sometimes do very dangerous things."

"The reality is that eating disorders kill more people than all of the other mental health conditions combined."

Contrary to what some may think, Rosen says eating disorders are much more common now than they have

Reasons not to run on empty

Have you ever heard someone say, "It seems I'm always running on fumes, but I can't afford to fill it up." Think again, warns the Car Care Council. Maybe you can't afford not to keep the tank at least half full.

There's a risk in running on empty: on fuel injected vehicles, the fuel pump, mounted inside the gas tank, is cooled by gasoline that surrounds it. Insufficient gas in the tank allows the pump to overheat. Further, if the fuel filter is dirty, the pump works harder to move the gasoline from the tank to the engine.

More work, more amperage, more heat and more wear on the fuel pump.

The bad news: in hot weather, when gasoline returns to the tank from the hot engine (these systems continuously recirculate fuel between the tank and the engine), its cooling capability is diminished, further shortening the life of the pump. Replacing a fuel pump can cost \$500 or more.

All adds up to two bits of advice: gas up when the gauge shows half full and change the fuel filter every 10,000 to 20,000 miles.

Reason No. 2 not to run near empty is to reduce the danger of running out of gas. How can you be sure you won't be stalled in traffic with the engine running and the gauge on "E?"

Reason No. 3 is to prevent contamination from getting into the gas line. Whatever moisture or sediment may be in the tank is more likely to be drawn into the system when the tank is nearly empty. That can cause the engine to run poorly or stall out completely. The Council offers a free brochure on roadside emergencies. Send

been in the past.

"We're not sure exactly why that is, whether or not we're just finding them better or whether they actually are increasing in frequency over what they have been in the past," he explains.

The two most common eating disorders are anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa. Anorexia nervosa is marked by the desire for thinness that leads to voluntary starvation. Sufferers tend to believe they are overweight even though they may be very thin. Anorexia nervosa tends to afflict younger women. "The books say 14 years old, but we're seeing them at ages 10, 11, 12 and 13 and then we see anorexia again at around age 18," Rosen says.

Bulimia nervosa, sometimes called the binge/purge syndrome, is a disorder in which a person eats compulsively and then eliminates the food by self-induced vomiting, laxatives, fasting or excessive exercise. Bulimia nervosa tends to afflict older teenagers around the ages of 17 and 18, Rosen says.

New research is showing that eating disorders may arise, at least in part, due to a person's genes. "Some people are actually predisposed to the development of eating disorders," Rosen says. "The pathway by which any one person develops an eating disorder is going to be unique. It's going to be based on genetic factors, family factors, personality factors. And then, of course, I don't want to exclude the role that society, culture and the media play in purporting a thin ideal that is unachievable, but that young women aspire toward."

Early signs and symptoms that someone has an eating disorder may include starting to count calories and fat grams or eliminating certain classes of food altogether such as fat or carbohydrates.

Later signs may include obvious weight loss, the need to go to the bathroom after every meal, dramatic and obvious changes in eating habits and choosing not

a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Car Care Council, Department SRE0-EM, 42 Park Drive, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452.

to eat around others anymore.

"By the time patients are having symptoms, by the time they're complaining of dizziness, of hair loss, of dry skin or constipation, by the time somebody's menstrual periods are gone, that's already too late," Rosen says. "That's somebody whose body has already started to show the signs of severe malnutrition and who we wish we could have gotten to sooner."

If you're concerned or someone you know may have an eating disorder, find professional help to sort things out, Rosen says. If you know for sure that someone has an eating disorder, seek out assistance because it is likely to progress. The longer the eating disorder is present, the harder it is to provide effective treatment, he adds.

Currently underway at the U-M Women's Identity Intervention Program is a research project designed to test a new type of counseling to decrease symptoms of anorexia nervosa or bulimia nervosa and to improve health and well-being in women with these disorders. For more information about the study, call (800) 742-2300, category 2200.

"Many of the folks who go on to develop eating disorders start out in pursuit of some health goal, whether it's weight reduction or a healthier diet," Rosen says. "What suggests an eating disorder is when those efforts start to be maladaptive, when those efforts start to make you feel worse instead of better, when those efforts get out of control or when you feel like you've lost control over what's happening to you."

Teri Ouillette knows those feelings. She would do exercises every night before bed, "and I felt like I had to do it,

and if I didn't, I'd feel really bad about myself. I was really stressed out all the time. I started not wanting to hang out with my friends. I felt really tired and I was really sore from running so much. I felt really weak and my head felt cloudy all the time."

She knew she had a problem when everyone else around her was eating and drinking and, for some reason, her body kept telling her she couldn't have it. "I started thinking it was unfair, and I wanted it, so that's kind of what made me think I had a problem."

Ouillette finally went to Rosen who assured her that she did have an eating disorder. Help from Rosen as well as a therapist has given Ouillette her life back.

"I feel great now," she says. "I will eat anything. If my friends want to go out for pizza, I'll go out. I have a lot more friends now. I don't feel as withdrawn and I actually can pay attention to things now."

Rosen hopes that National Eating Disorders Awareness week makes people realize that eating disorders are a real problem, that the problem often goes unrecognized and that it doesn't get a lot of attention because people are ashamed of it.

"We really count on parents, on brothers and sisters, on friends, on boyfriends and girlfriends," Rosen says, "to help identify those who may be at risk and work towards, in a very loving way, getting them the help that they need to get better."

Facts about eating disorders:

• Experts say that the key issue in anorexia nervosa is not food, but is more directly related to the person's desire

for attention or approval. People who develop the binge/purge pattern of bulimia tend to be perfectionists who strive to please others.

• Eating disorders go beyond the extremes of anorexia, bulimia and binge eating disorder. Dangerous fad diets are also widespread in this country,

according to the American Anorexia Bulimia Association.

• Treatments for eating disorders may include medication, psychotherapy, nutritional counseling, group therapy or family therapy. In some cases, hospitalization may be recommended.

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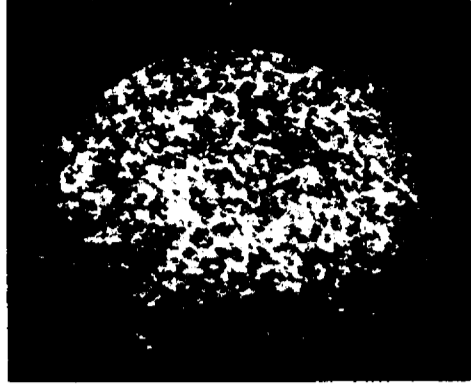
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing to consider:
An ordinance to amend the Wayne County Code to create a comprehensive economic development program for Wayne County within the Department of Jobs and Economic Development; to establish the powers and duties of the department; to establish an economic development fund and plan and the program goals, objectives, eligibility criteria, and procedures therefore; to create a planning commission; to establish extraordinary ethical standards and procedures for persons appointed and employed to administer the comprehensive program; and to provide misdemeanor penalties for a violation of those ethical standards.
The hearing will be held:
THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2001, 10:00 a.m.
Commission Chambers Room 400
Wayne County Building
600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan
Copies of the proposed ordinance may be reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit, MI. 48226. (313)224-0903.
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Zucchini quiche features phyllo dough

For most of America, Easter is the first major family get-together after the holiday season. There's plenty of time to plan a festive Easter meal to share with your loved ones. This week's feature, Tarta me Kolokithia (zucchini quiche), is the first of a three-part series to help you build your Easter brunch buffet.

from your kitchen. If you're invited to a party, arrive with a dish that will be the talk of the table. The following take on quiche (egg and custard pie) is unique in that its crust is phyllo dough rather than the usual pastry crust. The recipe is from "Greek Cuisine," a cookbook on loan to me from Debbie Muccioli of Grosse Pointe Woods.



Tarta me Kolokithia (Zucchini quiche)
2 lbs. fresh green zucchini
1/2 cup butter or margarine, divided
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
10 slices bacon, chopped, cooked, and drained of fat (optional)
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley
3 eggs, lightly beaten
1 cup heavy cream
1 cup grated Romano cheese

2 tablespoons plain, fine bread crumbs
8 to 10 sheets of phyllo dough
9- or 10-inch deep glass pie dish OR 12-inch quiche dish

Wash the zucchini, cut off the stems and coarsely shred in a food processor or by hand, using a cheese grater. Place the grated zucchini in a colander and sprinkle generously with salt. Drain for a few minutes. Using a large rubber spatula or the palm of your

hand, press the zucchini into the colander to squeeze out as much liquid as possible. Set aside.

In a large saute pan, cook the chopped onions in 1/4 cup of the butter over medium to high heat until they become translucent, about five minutes. Add the zucchini and continue to cook over moderate heat for 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in the cooked bacon pieces and parsley and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, beat together the eggs and

the cream. Using a spatula, fold in the cheese, bread crumbs and the zucchini mixture. Season with white or black pepper.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Melt the remaining 1/4 cup butter in a small pan or microwave in a small bowl. Remove the phyllo dough from the package and pull 8 to 10 sheets from the top. Carefully roll up the remaining dough, slip it back into the plastic wrapper and secure the end to preserve it for later use.

Moving quickly, so the dough doesn't dry out, place a single sheet of dough into the pie or quiche pan. Using a sharp knife, cut around the dough to fit the crust. Lay the cut piece of dough on top of the other sheets and cut through so all of the sheets are uniform in size. Place a sheet of cut dough back into the pie pan and brush it completely with melted butter.

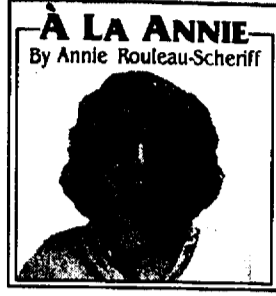
Repeat this process with the remaining sheets of

dough, brushing only one sheet at a time. Pour the zucchini mixture into the prepared dish and smooth over with a spatula. Bake at 400 degrees for about 40 minutes, until the surface is golden brown. Remove from oven, let stand for 30 minutes and serve.

The phyllo dough is a bit more difficult to work with than an ordinary pie crust. The final presentation of the quiche, however, is worth the effort. I made this recipe twice, once with the bacon, once without. I added more onion when I omitted bacon.

Make the zucchini quiche a day before serving and reheat it in a low (250-275 degrees) oven. Whenever you're serving a large meal, separate the "do-ahead" recipes and prepare them in advance to save time. This rich custard pie will fit nicely on your Easter 2001 table.

Great cookbook, Debbie. Thanks!



À LA ANNIE
By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

If you're throwing the party, keep it simple by starting with a prepared ham from the Ham Supreme Shop (on Harper). Surround it with homemade side dishes

Meetings

Auxiliary

The Ben Secours Nursing Care Auxiliary is looking for new members. The auxiliary is a fundraising organization that contributes money to the Nursing Care Center. A new group will meet in the evenings for working women who want to volunteer their time but cannot attend meetings during the day.

The auxiliary operates a gift shop and sponsors fundraisers such as the Christmas Fair, an auction, a golf outing and races.

For more information about joining the group, call Katherine Kotsis at (313) 881-4451 or Betsy Martin at (313) 886-1827.

G.P. Audubon

Grosse Pointe Audubon will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 16, at the Neighborhood Club.

"Animal Migration" is the topic of the program to

be presented by Jim Nowak, assistant with Oakland County Parks and Recreation. Guests are welcome. For more information, call (313) 882-6899 or (313) 822-7080.

MOMS Club

The MOMS Club of Grosse Pointe will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 5, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack.

The speaker will be an officer from the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety department. Fingerprint identification kits will be available for \$1.

The MOMS Club is an international non-profit organization that provides a forum for at-home mothers. Children are welcome at all activities.

For more information, call (313) 824-9667 or (313) 640-9847.

Windmill Pointe Garden Club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 4, at the Children's Home of Detroit.

The program will be "Annals for a Perennial Garden," by George Papadalis. Sue Auch will be the hostess; Blossom Bingham, co-hostess.

Herb Society

The Grosse Pointe unit of the Herb Society of America has invited the friends of Grace Adams Harrison to celebrate her 97th birthday.

An afternoon tea will be held in her honor from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at the home of Ann Estier.

Guests are encouraged to wear their most elaborate hats. Call (313) 822-4091.

Library

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New Mexico from 1966 to 1987, serving as department chairman from 1976 to 1981.

Hillerman has been married to Marie Unzner for 53 years. Unzner finally told him: "You've always wanted to write a novel. Why don't you quit your job and give it a try?"

Hillerman kept his job at



Tony Hillerman

the university, but wrote a book, "The Blessing Way." The rest, as they say, is history.

George Guidall is the

exclusive narrator for Hillerman's stories on Recorded Books. According to Publisher's Weekly, Guidall is "considered to be among the best in the spoken-audio field."

An actor for over 30 years, Guidall has played leading roles on and off-Broadway, appeared in films, prime time television and major soap operas. He received the Obie Award for Best Performance in an Off-Broadway production. Recognized by the Library Journal as "one of the industry's most gifted readers," Guidall has recorded more than 250 books, ranging from Dostoyevski's "Crime and Punishment" to recent best-sellers.

For more information on the program, visit the Grosse Pointe Public Library web site at www.gp.lib.mi.us and click on Library Programs.

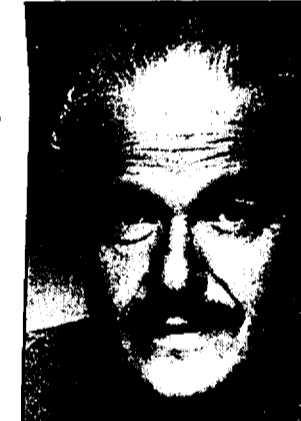
Hillerman's books and tapes are available for sale at Border's Bookstore in the Village.

A few good sites for Hillerman fans include "The Unofficial Hillerman

Homepage" at www.umsl.edu/~smueller, "Flight Over Four Corners" at www.nationalgeographic.com/fourcorners and "Q&A Interview" at www.pbs.org/als/feature/hillerman.

Seating is limited. Pick up your free ticket to the program at any branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 220.



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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: GENERATOR FOR PUBLIC WORKS: GENSET, DIESEL-POWERED 60 Hz, 60KW

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236, until 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2001, at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the item as described above.

Copies of the specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in the bidding and to accept any bid it deems to be in the best interest of the City. Envelopes containing bids should be clearly marked "Generator Bids - Public Works".

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing to consider:

An ordinance to amend sub-section 121-8 of the Wayne County Code to specific certain minimum required features of a computer automated contract management system.

The hearing will be held:

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2001, 11:00 a.m.
Commission Hearing Room 402
Wayne County Building
600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan

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Take care when administering prescription drugs

Life is a series of changes, changes that come so gradually we barely notice until we can no longer ignore them and then we wonder what happened. This is particularly true of physical changes. One day we have energy and endurance to spare, and then suddenly, or so it seems, all the things we once could whiz through take longer to accomplish and leave us tired out.

Our appetite may change and we don't sleep as well as we once did. We seek medical help more often and may end up taking not only

what has been prescribed, but over-the-counter drugs as well, or past prescriptions that once helped when we weren't feeling up to par.

Not a smart thing to do according to an article in the Johns Hopkins Medical Letter, which warns that after 50 our bodies begin to react differently to the same medicines we may have been taking for decades. Familiar drugs may have more potent side effects, some insignificant, others more dramatic. The article cites Valium as an example.

Prime Time

By Marian Trainor



It might simply relax the muscles of a 35-year-old man but could make an older woman unsteady with the risk that she could fall and possibly break a hip.

Until recently there has been little attempt to determine whether older people respond differently to new drugs. Now the Food and Drug Administration requires drug companies to provide information to physicians on the specific effects prescription drugs have on older people.

What causes the difference between younger and older people in their reaction to drugs? It has been found that as we grow older, the proportion of muscle and water in our bodies decreases while the level of fat increases. These changes can affect the amount of the drug that is absorbed. Also, since there is less water in our bodies as we age, drugs that are water-soluble are less diluted and more concentrated for a given dosage level.

Moreover, the kidneys and the liver — the two organs mainly responsible for breaking down and removing drugs from the bloodstream — begin to function less efficiently with age, allowing the level of drugs to build up in the blood and produce a greater impact than was intended.

People past the age of 50 who tend to suffer a greater number of illnesses also take more drugs than younger people. Between the ages of 55 and 64, men and women are given an average of eight prescriptions for medicine every year. Older people take not only prescription drugs but also over-the-counter drugs. All these medications can have adverse interactions with one another. While physicians and pharmacists carefully seek to avoid interactions among the primary effects of a combination of drugs, the combined effects are sometimes overlooked.

We are advised to keep a record of all medication. Note the name of the drug, the physician who prescribed it, the amount you take and the number of times in a day you take it, along with any allergies or other reactions the medications have caused. Leave a space where you can check off doses as you take them, so you don't lose track. If for some reason you need to see a new doctor, take your medication record with you so your new doctor can see what medications you are currently taking.

Be sure to contact your doctor immediately if you notice any new side effects. Avoid taking medicine in the dark, and if in need of glasses for reading, put them on to make certain you have the right container. Don't take drugs prescribed for someone else; they might react badly with other medi-

cine you take or cause an allergic reaction. Store your medicine in a cool, dry place, not in the bathroom medicine cabinet where steam might affect it. Don't drink alcoholic beverages unless your physician approves it.

According to the Food and Drug Administration, of the 100 medicines most commonly prescribed, over half contain at least one substance that reacts badly with alcohol.

Finally, be aware that the pharmaceutical industry is undergoing what might be described as a "marketing metamorphosis." Drug companies are spending millions on advertising and publicity promoting prescription drugs to consumers instead of doctors as they have done previously.

Whether the drugs are good for some people, yet bad for others, despite the negative side effects caused by some drugs, consumers are asking for them by brand name without possessing all the information or background they need. Studies show that a significant number of people ask their doctor about advertised drugs. The drug companies say this is good because it stimulates people to deal with previously ignored symptoms and see their doctor about them.

While the FDA requires all disclosure about side effects to be safe and sure, the best procedure is to let your doctor decide what medicines are best for you.

Empathy training helps bridge the generation gap

Because aging offers a special set of limitations that are easier to understand if you experience them, Services for Older Citizens (SOC) offers Empathy Training, a hands-on approach to learning that includes what it is like to have cataracts, glaucoma, yellowing of the lens, loss of taste, arthritis and hearing loss.

Empathy Training is helpful to youth groups, church groups and service clubs — Brownies and Girl Scouts can earn a badge.

SOC offers a variety of programs to help seniors maintain their independence. For more information, or if you would like to schedule empathy training for your group, call Sharon Maier at (313) 882-9600. A donation of \$2 per participant is suggested.



Brownie Girl Scout Troop 3010, of Mason Elementary School, try picking up candy pills with their special arthritic gloves. SOC's Empathy Training uses a variety of supplies to simulate the limitations of aging.

SOC loans medical equipment

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) recently opened a medical equipment loan closet to help senior citizens maintain their independence. The loan closet is free to residents of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, although donations are accepted.

The loan closet offers walkers, grabbers, canes, wheel chairs, tub benches, transfer chairs, toilet rails, raised toilet seats, bedside commodes and wooden crutches.

"We see the loan closet as a way to further reach out to our senior population," says Sharon Maier, SOC executive director. "Coming home after a hospital stay offers enough challenges without having to worry about purchasing extra equipment that you will only need for a little while."

SOC's mission is to help senior citizens maintain their independence. The loan closet is a needed addition to SOC's other programs; Meals at Home, Food and Friendship, Minor Home Repair, Case

Coordination, Screening for Medicaid Waiver Program, Information and Referral, Interfaith Caregivers, and the SOC Cable Show.

Donations of medical

equipment in good condition are accepted by SOC at their offices at 17150 Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe. For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

High blood pressure may contribute to dementia

By Matilda Charles

Researchers at England's University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne found that high blood pressure may contribute to the development of dementia in elderly people.

One of the researchers, Dr. Gary A. Ford, reported on the study in an article in *Hypertension: Journal of the American Heart Association* last year. Ford noted that even mild to moderate levels of high blood pressure appear to reduce mental awareness in elderly people, and this could indicate a possible factor in the onset of dementia.

The study involved groups with an average age of 76. One group had above-normal high blood pressure and one group had normal levels. The participants were tested for memory, word and picture recognition, and for spatial memory. The tests

also included reaction times. "In nearly every aspect of cognitive function (studied)," said Ford, "those with high blood pressure performed worse than those with normal blood pressure."

There is no known treatment for dementia. The best course remains prevention. And if reducing high blood pressure is a preventative measure, then both doctors and patients should focus on making that a priority.

Note: None of the participants in the study who had high blood pressure was taking medication for the condition. But after the study, each began receiving treatment.

You can e-mail Matilda Charles at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32803.

Borders plans cancer talks

Each year, more than 1 million people in the United States are diagnosed with cancer. The risk of developing cancer changes with gender, age, where you live, individual habits such as diet and exercise, and family history.

Today, people diagnosed with cancer are living longer than ever before. If the cancer is caught early, there's an excellent chance for full recovery. Knowledge is a powerful weapon when it comes to the fight against cancer.

In April — Cancer Control Month — join Bon Secours Cottage Health Services' cancer care professionals for a series of informal discussions for cancer patients, their families and interested individuals in the cafe at Borders Books in the

Village. Topics will include:

- Breast Cancer, from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 5, presented by Dr. Jadranka Dragovic, medical director, Radiation Oncology Services. Risk factors, prevention, diagnosis and treatment options for breast cancer will be explored.

- Prostate Cancer, from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 26, presented by Dragovic. Find out about treatment options available for prostate cancer.

- Cancer Fatigue, from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 28, presented by Jacquelyn Fisher, director of the cancer Program. Discover what causes fatigue from cancer treatment and how it can effectively be managed.

All programs are free, but preregistration is requested. Call (810) 779-7900.



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- Beauty Shop

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To keep weight off, change habits

By Susanne Consiglio
Special Writer

Spring is just around the corner, which means we will be shedding coats and layers of clothing. Suddenly it hits us that we need to lose weight.

Time to get started. We only have a short time to lose all the pounds we've gained over the last five years.

You might be thinking "diet."

But which one? Most "diets" make promises of losing weight. They often sound too good to be true. Going on a diet implies you will finish it at some point. That's when the pounds reappear.

If you've had enough of the diets and gimmicks, you're ready for a change. Instead of losing large amounts of weight rapidly, consistent weight loss is the best insurance to avoid regaining weight three to six months later.

Everyone can drop pounds. The important issue is: Are you committed to doing what it takes to keep weight off?

Stop dieting and start making small and steady habit changes along with nutrition improvements. They work and can lead to weight loss if you practice them regularly. The rewards will follow. You'll feel better, look better and have more energy.

- Instead of soda pop, drink water, bottled or flavored, which contains no added sugar.
- Read the nutrition facts food label on packaged items. For example, if the serving size of crackers is 7, then limit your portion to that amount.
- Stay out of the chip and cookie aisle to avoid having these items in your home every week. For occasional treats, purchase single-serving 1-oz. chips or cookie packages.
- Include fresh fruits and vegetables between

meals to replace fatty and sugary snacks that contribute to weight gain.

- Do not skip meals. Spread your calories throughout the day. It will prevent you from getting too hungry, which can lead to binge eating.
- Reduce carbohydrate calories by limiting your portions. For example, if you are having potatoes, rice or pasta, don't eat bread with the meal.
- Do not eat two hours before bedtime. We don't need an 11-ounce bag of chips at 1,600 calories or a pint of ice cream containing 1,000 calories as an evening snack.
- Remove fried food from your meals and snacks for one month. After one month, continue to set limits for yourself by eating no more than two fried items per month.
- Another place to get rid of needless calories is to reduce added fats. Limit butter, margarine, oil, salad dressing, mayonnaise, sour cream, cream cheese and gravy. Every tablespoon is about 100 calories. One pound is 3,500 calories. Think of how you can eliminate 500 calories every day to promote at least one pound weight loss each week.
- There are many tasty enjoyable meals in restaurants. Choose grilled, shish kebab or stir-fry items, which can be significantly lower in fat calories.
- Get moving! About 20-30 minutes of activity four or five days per week will increase your metabolic rate for burning calories. Sitting on the couch will not.

Susanne Consiglio is a registered dietitian in private practice in St. Clair Shores. For information, call (810) 778-4877.

Bon Secours Cottage helps people stay fit, trim

Stay healthy, fit and keep the blues at bay this winter by signing up for one of the numerous fitness classes offered by Bon Secours Cottage Health Services. Nationally certified, experienced fitness instructors teach all classes. Preregistration and payment are required.

Fitness and conditioning programs take place at the Bon Brae Center, 22300 Bon Brae in St. Clair Shores.

Dates for the winter/spring 2001 Fitness Program are Feb. 26 through April 12; and April 23 through June 9.

Senior Fitness I and II

— This program welcomes anyone over age 60, at any fitness level. It offers a warm-up, very low-impact aerobics, walking, strength and floor exercises and use of cardio equipment. Senior Fitness I (more intense senior level) includes slightly faster music, a longer aerobic segment and slightly more intense strength training than Senior Fitness II. Both classes take place Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Senior Fitness I is offered from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.; Senior Fitness II is from 10:35 to 11:35 a.m. The cost is \$42.

and Thursdays. The cost is \$35.

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— This program focuses on safe strengthening of the major muscle groups, which improves overall fitness for maintaining independence. Format includes an educational component and use of 1- to 10-lb. weights. The program is offered from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The cost is \$63.

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FlexFIT — This class is offered as an addition to your cardio fitness program. Stretches and flexibility exercises help make everyday movements smooth and comfortable. The program is offered from 8:20 to 8:50 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. The cost is \$21.

CardioFIT — This low-impact, high-energy aerobics class enhances your cardiovascular fitness and includes a strengthening-and-toning segment. It is offered from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. or 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The cost is \$53 for three days weekly; \$35 for two days.

Cardio Kickboxing — A high-energy program, this class offers a challenging workout that combines current kickboxing techniques with traditional aerobic moves. The program is offered from 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. The cost is \$49.

Tai Chi — This class is for anyone between the ages of 18 and 108. It teaches an ancient Chinese martial art form that blends slow movements into a standing meditation. Tai Chi is offered from 7 to 8 a.m. Wednesdays (beginners) and Fridays (beginners and intermediates). The cost is \$25 for one day weekly; \$49 for two days.

CardioMix — This class will keep you challenged and motivated. It offers cross-training rotations that include circuit training, high- and low-impact aerobics, weight training and sculpting. Flexibility and balance exercises are included. The program is offered from 6 to 7 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for \$53; from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for \$35; and from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Saturdays for \$17.

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Cross-Training Workout — This complete cardio workout mixes low-impact aerobics with the Reebok Step and kickboxing. The session finishes with a strong abdominal workout. The class is offered from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$35.

For more information or to register, call Bon Secours Cottage Community Health Promotion at (810) 779-7900 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

Jazz comes to G.P. Unitarian

The Johnnie Allen Sextet, featuring Charlie Gabriel, will present a concert at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee.

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Students learn about integrated pest management

By The Community Health Status Advisory Board

Larry Swain went to Lansing with a mission. As a result, Detroit's Lewis Cass Technical High School hasn't used indoor pesticides for at least four years.

It took a catastrophe, in Swain's opinion, to get there.

In 1995, Swain was busy certifying pesticide applicators as an employee with the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). Something went terribly wrong.

Methyl parathion, a restricted-use, highly toxic organophosphate insecticide intended to lethally tinker with the nervous systems of cotton-loving boll weevils in the steamy south, was turning up in the nervous systems of children in Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago.

"Someone realized methyl parathion did an excellent job of controlling roaches," said Swain. "It was being sold to families as 'roach milk.'"

The potential risks sparked a regional investigation and a national alert. The supply route carrying the deadly insecticide north from Louisiana was found and pinched off. Superfund money, and lots of it, paid for moon-suited men to clean contaminated houses.

And Larry Swain found his calling: an opportunity to address pesticide abuse throughout the state. It coincided directly with the

law. In 1986, Michigan passed a law requiring schools, health care facilities and public buildings to implement integrated pest management programs before applying pesticides. Among other things, the law said a pesticide applicator had to be certified to apply pesticides on someone else's property.

Then the law changed in some important ways. The state decided pesticide applicators using ready-to-use pesticidal concoctions only needed training if they worked for a pesticide control company — not if they didn't. This meant school custodians, for example, did not need training as long as they were applying ready-to-use pesticides. Swain noticed the change, but didn't think much about it until the methyl parathion disaster.

"I got concerned about what might happen if untrained people continued to spray chemicals that could harm children in schools," he said.

So he went to Lansing as a community program manager in MDA's Pesticide and Plant Management division. He developed a training program to teach integrated pest management (IPM) strategies to pesticide applicators, city groundskeepers, school custodians and, most impressively, school children.

"Integrated pest manage-

ment," Swain said, "is the process of managing pests using environmentally sound approaches relying on a combination of common-sense practices. It's a holistic approach with the purpose of managing pests with the least hazard to people, property and the environment. And it's the law."

It's Friday afternoon in March. At Cass Tech, kids wearing book-burdened backpacks stream down the stairs, through the halls, toward the front door to join the rest of other school children milling out front. It's time to go home.

In Michael C. Jones's science room, the scene is notably different. A handful of seniors huddle around a colorful drawing depicting a fat roach scoping the base of a locker. "Got Milk?" the roach thirstily asks cartoon students. The artwork is part of Cass Tech's Integrated Pest Management Team's outreach work.

Senior Shanika Coach, who works on the Team's outreach, said, "We use art work, educational pamphlets and PowerPoint presentations to make everyone aware of the program. That's how we impose a challenge to other students so they will not feel free to throw candy wrappers on the floor. A roach can live in a candy wrapper for three

weeks. Candy wrappers invite trouble."

Jones oversees the student team, but that's all. Pest control at Cass Tech is up to the students, who get technical guidance and educational assistance from the University of Michigan and Michigan's Department of Agriculture.

"We don't have to worry about chemicals in school harming students or the environment," said IPM Team member and senior Travis Taylor, who works the deployment and collection angle.

The IPM Team, approximately 20 students, identifies problem infestations, leaky pipes, overflowing waste baskets and deploys an appropriate pest management strategy from their superior bag of tricks.

Enhanced Vitamin D pills are effective against mice and rats, which gorge on the substance and then have heart attacks. Tiny ensign wasps, which don't even notice humans, gobble up cockroach eggs. Parasitic worms (microscopic nematodes) make fast work of adult cockroaches. Sticky traps and a few other tools do the clean-up work.

"When we catch a mouse," said Justin Watson, who works on the Team's administration, "we look at how it is and can tell where it came from. Then we backtrack and, more times than not, we find a hole. A mouse can get through a

hole the size of a dime. For a rat, it's the size of a quarter. We report it. We write a letter to the engineer to get good support."

There is nothing haphazard about the students' approach. Meticulous forms detail pest sightings throughout the school.

Detailed maps show exactly where kitchen, pool, locker room, janitorial closets the team has deployed which management technique. There's a final form that tallies the number of captured and killed pests — adults, nymphs or eggs — to show the success of a given strategy. Too many zeros, indicating no captures, and the IPM Team knows they need to be more vigilant.

"IPM is not just us as students, it's the school as a whole," said Taylor. "We work with the school's engineers and electricians . . . but sanitation is the top step in IPM."

Jones explains that Cass Tech's program is not strictly about rats and roaches.

"The students learn a higher order of thinking. They see the problems, put the plan together, analyze it and decide what to do based on scientific knowledge. It's a process they can use in the real world," he said.

Swain is a proud man.

Most of all, he admits, he is proud of the Cass Tech students.

"I wanted to prove that pesticides alone were not doing the job. I also wanted the kids to learn about environmental issues and about taking control . . . things they could apply in life," Swain said. "And I wanted to prove that IPM works."

The non-toxic, innovative program model from Lewis Cass Technical High School is being implemented at Walter French Academy in Lansing, and it soon will be in the Detroit Public School system. Saginaw Emerson Elementary School is implementing a version of the program, and the Dansville Public School system has already adopted the model.

Can Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores schools be far behind? It's a lesson we all need to learn.

The Community Health Status Advisory Board (CHSAB) is a coalition of local residents and health care professionals working to improve the health status of the region by identifying major issues and promoting activities to increase public awareness.

For information about the board or a meeting schedule, call (734) 727-7037.

Physicians, nurses travel to Philippines for medical-surgical care mission

Several Bon Secours Cottage physicians and nurses recently donated their time and expertise on a medical-surgical mission to the Bataan province of the Philippines. For one week in January, 46 missionaries, seven of them from Bon Secours Cottage, performed surgeries and provided medical care to 2,600 residents in the area. They worked together with nine physicians and technicians from

the Philippines.

According to mission leader Dr. Carlito Cruz of the City of Grosse Pointe, "It was a wonderful experience. 'Mission accomplished' would be an understatement. This was my sixth mission, and it was the best one yet. We performed 72 major operations and 46 minor surgeries. At three outpatient centers, 1,043 medical consultations and 1,155 pediatric consulta-

tions were performed. An additional 241 people were treated by a dentist."

The missionary crew began work each day at 8 a.m., had lunch brought in, and continued until 6 p.m. Bataan General Hospital provided five operating rooms for the surgeries.

"We also were able to donate two anesthesia machines, two electrocautery machines and two EKG machines to the hospi-

tal," Cruz said. "We donated to the local Rotary Club the medications that we did not use."

Before departing, Lennie Juco, R.N., who also took part in the mission, headed up an effort to collect toys for orphans. The items, along with some money that was used to buy furniture, were donated to children at the King's Garden Children's Home in Bataan.

"We gave the children 34 hand puppets that were made by volunteers at Bon Secours and a large box of toys," Juco said. "The children were very disciplined, and speak English at their school. The visit was an eye-opener, and made me fully realize the needs of these children."

In addition to Cruz and Juco, Bon Secours Cottage staff who took part in the mission were: Dr. Steven Harrington, Dr. Mark Sadzikowski, and Grosse Pointers Renzie Talaban, R.N., Dr. Manuela Ocampo and Agnes Topacio, R.N.

New Public Act safeguards those 'who protect and serve'

A new law signed by Gov. John Engler in January (Public Act 458) hands down substantial penalties for those who drive unsafely near police cars, fire trucks, ambulances and other emergency vehicles. There are now two basic requirements for motorists approaching a parked emergency vehicle with flashing lights:

most of us follow anyway." Penalties for those who violate the new law fall into three distinct categories:

1. a person who violates the law
2. a person who violates the law and causes injury to emergency response personnel
3. a person who violates the law and causes death to emergency response personnel.

Violation of the law would result in a misdemeanor charge punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 and/or imprisonment for up

to 90 days. Violation of the law causing injury would result in a felony charge punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for up to two years. Violation of the law causing death also results in a felony charge, punishable by a maximum fine of \$7,500 and/or imprisonment for up to 15 years.


"The bottom line is that it doesn't pay to drive carelessly in the vicinity of an emergency vehicle," said Miller. "By exercising patience and courtesy, we will be helping to protect those who serve all of us."

If movement to an adjacent lane is not possible due to weather, road conditions or the presence of other vehicles, then motorists must follow the requirement for roads without two adjacent lanes in the same direction.

On a road without two or more adjacent lanes in the same direction: The driver must reduce and maintain a safe speed for weather, road conditions and traffic conditions, while proceeding with "due care and caution."

"Every day, men and women in law enforcement, emergency health care and fire-fighting risk their lives to save one of us," said Richard Miller, manager of community safety services for AAA Michigan.

"This new law basically mandates a practice of common driving courtesy that



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Fatty fish cuts risk of death from heart attack

Older individuals are less likely to die from a heart attack if they eat at least one serving of fatty fish per week, according to a study presented at the American Heart Association's 41st annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention.

Eating fatty fish at least once a week was associated with a 44 percent lower risk of dying from a heart attack among a group of older adults, average age 72. In contrast, eating fried fish — which is typically lean — was not associated with a lower risk of dying from a heart attack. Examples of fatty fish are tuna, salmon and mackerel; examples of lean fish are cod, catfish and snapper.

"Our findings are consistent with results of prior studies done in predominantly middle-aged adults," says Dr. Dariush Mozaffarian, lead author of the study and fellow in cardiology and health services research at the University of Washington/Seattle Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Fish is thought to protect against death from heart attack because it contains good fats called omega-3 (or n-3) polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs).

"Fatty fish are more abundant in omega-3 fatty acids, while fried fish are typically lean fish without significant omega-3 fatty acids. Because these omega-3 fatty acids may protect against dying from a heart attack,

eating fatty fish may be of greater benefit than eating fried fish," says Mozaffarian.

The researchers found that individuals with a higher intake of fatty fish had higher plasma levels of omega-3 PUFAs. There was no correlation between intake of fried fish and plasma levels of omega-3 PUFAs.

Many deaths from heart disease are due to cardiac arrhythmias, or heart rhythm disturbances, and omega-3 fatty acids may reduce the risk of arrhythmias, he says.

"The study suggests that modest consumption of fatty fish at any age maybe beneficial," says Dr. David S. Siscovick, professor of medicine and epidemiology at the

University of Washington's Cardiovascular Health Research Unit and a co-author of the study.

"When encouraging people to eat a healthy diet, it may be important to differentiate which types of fish are good sources of omega-3 fatty acids," he says.

The study involved a group of 348 individuals who were enrolled in the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute's Cardiovascular Health Study, launched in 1988 to assess the determinants of heart disease and strokes among older adults. Researchers used the database, which involved nearly 4,000 men and women age 65 and older, to determine the relationship between eating fatty fish, eating fried

fish and the risk of fatal heart attacks and coronary heart disease.

At the beginning of the study, all participants were free of known cardiovascular disease. Mozaffarian and his colleagues used a detailed food questionnaire to assess the participants' usual diet. Participants were followed for an average of 6.8 years.

The researchers did not determine which specific types of fatty fish were consumed, therefore it is not possible to recommend one type of fatty fish, tuna or salmon, for example, over another.

"The study highlights the

benefit of one or two servings per week of fish rich in omega-3-PUFAs, not all fish," says Siscovick.

In October 2000, the American Heart Association issued updated dietary guidelines for healthy adults which recommend eating at least two servings of fatty fish per week. For more information on the 2000 dietary guidelines, visit www.americanheart.org.

Co-authors of the study are Rozenn N. Lemaitre, Ph.D.; Dr. Lewis H. Kuller; Dr. Greg Burke; Dr. Caroline Blum; and Russell Tracy, Ph.D.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Grosse Pointe, County of Wayne, Michigan, who is not already registered to vote may register for the Special Election to be held on May 1, 2001 in the City of Grosse Pointe.

On Monday, April 2, 2001, which is the last day for receiving registrations for the election to be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2001, the City Clerk will be at the Clerk's office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of receiving registrations of qualified electors.

The following proposition will be submitted to the electors of the City of Grosse Pointe at the election:

BOND PROPOSAL

Shall the City of Grosse Pointe, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,600,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor in one or more series, payable in not to exceed twenty (20) years from the date of issuance, for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of acquiring and constructing a new swimming pool, children's wading pool and bathhouse, including demolition of existing structures, landscaping and related site improvements? The estimated millage to be levied in 2001 is 0.36 mills (\$0.36 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 0.55 mills (\$0.55 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

The last day for receiving registrations for the Special Election will be **Monday, April 2, 2001.**

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DSO concert spotlights pianist Leif Ove Andsnes

Last weekend, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra with Musical Director Neeme Järvi on the podium gave a concert in which the two halves amounted to totally disparate programs.

One was immensely satisfying. The other could be characterized as a nod to hometown music.

The Overture to Carl Maria von Weber's opera, "Der Freischütz," was a perfect prelude to the first half, which represented the German romantic tradition. Its performance achieved a gratifying balance between the drama of the opera's story and romantic musical expression. Though Weber bridges the transition from the classical to the romantic period, his music lends itself to Järvi's and the DSO's distinctly romantic treatment. At times it had the lilt of an Italian opera and it proved to be a very appropriate anticipation of

the melodious and fanciful Schumann piano concerto that followed.

Soloist was Leif Ove Andsnes, who has already won the hearts and musical appreciation of Detroit audiences for past performances of the Grieg and Rachmaninoff concertos with the DSO and a brilliant evening of Schumann piano trios.

In that performance only last May, Andsnes shared the Detroit Institute of Arts Recital Hall stage with violinist Kristjan Tetzlaff and his cellist sister Tanya to impress the Pro Musica audience with their insight and mastery of those fiendishly difficult trios.

Tetzlaff will solo with the DSO next season and is certainly an artist not to miss.

While the Schumann piano concerto is a much bigger work than any of the trios, it lends itself to more forthright interpretation

and has a more direct audience appeal. Andsnes' sensitive playing ranged from high emotion to poetry and was delivered with impeccable virtuoso technique. The piano and orchestra parts are integrated and interdependent to an unusually high degree and gave rise to a particularly noteworthy aspect of the performance.

Andsnes and Järvi seemed to communicate by telepathy as they picked up each other's phrasing in ways that created a high degree of spontaneity. The results were stunningly beautiful and lyrical.

In a solo moment, Andsnes' first movement cadenza rolled off the keyboard in a cascade of beautifully modulated runs. The notes were sharply etched, yet the tone remained lush throughout, which was true of the entire performance.

The pianist responded to prolonged applause with an

encore that in itself was worth the price of admission. The piece, which hardly anyone recognized, was a Liszt transcription of a song by Chopin. It was mystifying to listen to, as there

State of the Arts



By Alex Sucek

were Chopinesque moments that were somewhat obscured by a grander style, yet there was little of the histrionics we usually associate with Liszt. It is a musical jewel rescued from obscurity and Andsnes gave it an elegantly graceful

treatment that fairly took the breath away.

After intermission came what Maestro Järvi characterized as "The American Half." Highlighted was the world premiere of a symphony by John Campbell, a product of the Philadelphia College of the Performing Arts and now freelance composer based in Berlin, Germany, and mutual friend of Järvi's Estonian compatriot, composer Arvo Part.

Campbell deserves credit for a wealth of original musical ideas, skillful orchestration and a well-crafted, traditional symphonic form. His throbbing, basic rhythms and his jazz-influenced passages for trombone, tuba and trumpet in the Scherzo added lively interest.

As a whole, however, the work seemed episodic and disconnected. The musical ideas did not seem to be developed but rather assembled in a row so that the music did not command and hold the attention. The one possible exception was

the hymn-like third movement with its solemn contrast to the bustle and rush of the scherzo.

One more piece of American music brought the program to an end. George Chadwick's "Jubilee" was as refreshing as a piece of apple pie with echoes of Stephen Foster and holiday fanfares reminiscent of our nation at the start of the 20th century. While the themes and style now seem a little clichéd, they are nonetheless enjoyable as reminders of an earlier America.

With his usual good judgment, Maestro Järvi did not leave it there. For an encore, he gave an example of American music in its highest spirits with his typically vibrant treatment of Sousa's "Washington Post March." The audience cheered and everyone went home happy.

Järvi is still here this weekend with another rich program: "The Accursed Huntsman" by Cesar Frank, Cello Concerto No. 1 by Saint-Saens and



Fontbonne fashion show

The 36th annual St. John Hospital and Medical Center Fontbonne Auxiliary Fashion Show will be held on Wednesday, April 4, at Penna's of Sterling. WDIV-TV health reporter Lila Lazarus will emcee the evening's program. Funds will benefit the St. John Pediatrics Department.

From left, are Grosse Pointers Debra Arnone, general chairman of the event, and Dr. Ali Rabani, chief of pediatrics at the hospital.

Fashions will be presented by Neiman Marcus. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m.; dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$48 and there will be a raffle drawing, door prizes and a 50-50 drawing. For tickets, call (313) 343-3675.

War Memorial has spring-time offerings

For the next two weeks, the War Memorial will be offering a "basketful" of Easter opportunities to share with your family.

From the kitchens of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York, Pastry Chef Michelle Bommarito, responsible for research, development and testing of various recipes for the

It pays to have auto belts, hoses inspected regularly

When warning lights turn on, the steering gets stiff and the car overheats, the cause may be from just one drive belt.

One drive belt powers the alternator that keeps the battery charged, the fan that cools the radiator, the water pump that circulates coolant through the engine, the air conditioner compressor and the air pump in the emissions system.

Before the advent of this single "serpentine" belt, as many as four different belts drove various components. The serpentine belt found on later model vehicles "snakes" from pulley to pulley, driving each accessory. But once it fails, you don't go very far.

Worn or improperly adjusted drive belts are found on one out of four vehicles inspected in National Car Care Month check lanes. The good news is that the serpentine belts are easy to inspect and replace. Look for cracks or frayed sections of the belt.

Cooling system hoses are another component that cause vehicles to fail inspection. Better to fail the inspection than fail on the road says the Car Care Council. An engine can be ruined in a matter of seconds when a hose breaks. There seldom are warning signs other than those resulting from a visual inspection.

These hoses may carry 7,500 gallons of coolant per hour under pressure. Temperatures are in the 215-degree range. They've got to be good and, when they are not, the stakes are

"Martha Stewart Living Show," now offers her talents to the Grosse Pointe community at the War Memorial. Her class on "Spring Cookie Decorating" is offered on Thursday, March 29, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Learn how you and your children can turn all that Easter candy into a quaint Easter Bunny Hutch. The

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class, properly called "Easter Bunny Hutch," is offered on Saturday, March 31, from 1 to 3 p.m. This easy and fun project, suitable for one child and one adult, transforms green coconut lawns into memorable keepsakes.

On March 31, the secrets of the graceful art of Ukrainian Easter Egg Painting known as "Pysanky" will be offered to those 8 years and older.

If your children have not experienced the glamour and glitz of the traditional Easter Bonnet Parades in New York or Atlantic City, then you'll want to offer them the opportunity to experience "The Easter Bonnet Parade" presented

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As featured in Hour Magazine, Harrison brings to Grosse Pointe children the concepts of manners, tea parties and Easter Bonnet Parades from her hometown, Atlanta.

Easter holiday would not be complete without a visit with the Easter Bunny. Join the Easter Bunny for brunch on Saturday, April 7, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The event offers photo opportunities, a brunch menu, an Easter egg hunt on the back lawn and gifts for everyone!

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Bargain basement

The basement of St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier in Grosse Pointe Park, will be brimming with bargains on kids' clothes, toys and accessories during a Spring Mom-to-Mom indoor garage sale benefit for the St. Clare School Parent Teacher Organization, Saturday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendor tables are available for \$15 for a single or \$25 for a double. Vendor reservations must be made

by Thursday, April 5. Call (313) 884-0638.

Eggstravaganza

Your youngsters, ages 1 to 10, can enjoy the music and fun of Max the Moose and meet the Easter Bunny himself during an Easter Eggstravaganza at the historic Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores, Saturday, April 14, at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$8. Reservations are required. Call (313) 884-4222.

Brownell on stage

The Drama Club of Brownell Middle School will bring the musical favorite Guys and Dolls, Jr. to the stage of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Auditorium, Wednesday, April 4 and Thursday, April 5, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 7, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the War Memorial. Call (313) 343-2115.

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Author! Author!

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Art appreciation

Give your creative kids a greater appreciation of art all mediums enlightening programs at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward in Detroit. Aspiring artists, ages 5 to 8, accompanied by an adult, can create their own storybook during a Cover to Cover for Little Hands Youth Class, Saturday, March 31, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. On that same date, from 1 to 3 p.m., those same children can make imaginative Dinnerware. The fees for both classes are \$12 per child and \$10 per adult with a \$2 discount for DIA members. Reservations required (313) 833-4249.

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Performing puppets

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Zoo news

Talk to the animals at the Detroit Zoo, at Ten Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak. Experience the spectacular \$6 million National Amphibian Conservation Center. This state-of-the-art village, dedicated to the conservation, preservation, exhibition and interpretation of amphibian life, houses a host of amazing animals including Japanese giant salamanders, hellbenders, emperor newts and darting poison frogs. The Zoo is open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Zoo admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors and students, ages 2 to 12. Call (248) 398-0903.

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Detroit's past

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Farms' McCarthy gearing up for successful season

Racer gets ready to defend title

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

A high speed rivalry will resume in May on the race track in Waterford Hills.

When the green flag drops for the first race of the season the weekend of May 5-6, two old friends will become foes once again.

Engines will rev and tires squeal as the two race car drivers compete for a goal only one of them can have.

Mike McCarthy and Glen Gehrke are friends most of the time.

Last season in the Spec Racer Reneau Series at the Waterford course about 25 miles north of Detroit, the two drivers raced nose-to-tail and side-by-side.

"One weekend we were within one second of each

other in each race," said McCarthy, a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

As the series wore on, the cars began showing battle damage. Nose cones were cracked from the occasional nudge. Black rubber blotches on otherwise shiny fenders signaled close-in driving with no room to spare.

"It gets pretty close," said Gehrke of Davisburg, near Clarkston.

"Rubbin' racin'," shrugged McCarthy, who is also a detective with the Farms department of public safety.

McCarthy and his racing nemesis, Gehrke, are friends off the track. At Waterford last year, their pit areas were located next to each other. Members of the two

teams pooled resources and barbequed between heats.

"At the beginning of the season, our crews would eat lunch together," said McCarthy, who'd sit with Gehrke and swap notes about the 11-turn road course.

"Toward the end of the season," McCarthy said, "we were sitting at opposite ends of the table."

Gehrke said, "An hour before going out (on the track), we both fall into our shells and concentrate on what it takes."

McCarthy won 16 of 20 races last year to earn the series championship. He credited his success, in part, Gehrke.

"He pushed me to the next level," said McCarthy.

"Every time our team thought we were doing something right, Gehrke was right on us. Successful

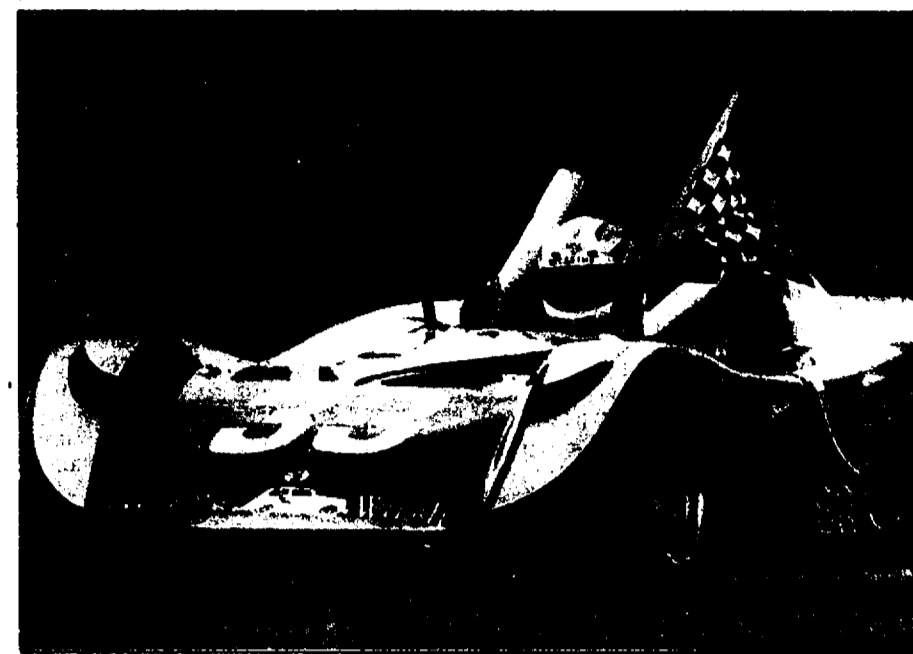
as the season was, it was probably the most difficult and competitive year I've ever had. We just happened to finish ahead of him."

McCarthy said his arch rival is a "good guy," but the on-track duel is gearing up as the racers prepare for the series to resume next month.

"I'm expecting a challenging year," said McCarthy. "No. 76 (Gehrke's car) is going to be coming out of the blocks."

"I hope so," said Gehrke, who won the Spec series championship in 1998 and 1999.

This is McCarthy's third year in the Spec series.



Grosse Pointe Farms' Mike McCarthy, above, is optimistic he can wave the checkered flag several times this season.



McCarthy, above, tinkers with his race car, preparing it for the rigors of the upcoming season.

Before that, he won four championships as a Legend driver. His first year on the Legend circuit, he won rookie of the year.

Spec Reneau cars, which look like Can-Am racers from the 1960s, are larger and faster than Legends, which look like pint-sized Ford coupes of the 1930s.

Although the nimble Legends are quicker, Specs are faster. Top speed on Waterford's 1/3-mile back straight is about 105 mph.

McCarthy said Spec cars are unforgiving.

"You have to be a smooth driver," he said. Spec cars are built to equal specifica-

tions. The Reneau engines are built and tuned to a common standard.

Transmissions are sealed. All parts are identical. Anyone caught monkeying with the engines after they've arrived from the factory is disqualified.

"Other than the paint jobs, the cars are identical," said Gehrke. "The intent of the class is to design a reasonably budgeted car that rewards driver capability rather than how much money you have to hop things up."

Only the car's suspension and wheel alignment can be customized.

McCarthy likes a loose suspension, where the back end is more apt to kick out or fishtail slightly, around corners. As McCarthy drives through a turn, his car's loose rear end will slide out a few degrees to effectively help point the front end through the corner.

"I can stay on the accelerator longer," he said.

With tight suspensions, "cars push" through corners, meaning the front wants to go straight as the driver turns the steering wheel.

"In a pushing condition," said McCarthy, "you have to lift the gas pedal to complete the turn."

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Assumption is 1st in Bidy A division

Several Grosse Pointers were on the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church team that won the Bidy A division at the recent Pan Orthodox basketball tournament.

Assumption's Bidy A team beat Southfield St. John Armenian 42-26 for its first championship since 1993. It was the 10th title for Assumption's 10-12-year-old team.

Assumption jumped out to an early lead and never trailed in the contest. Assumption advanced to the championship game with a victory over St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Troy.

Members of the team were Stefan Ahee, Andre Ahee, James Bertakis, James Costa, Ryan Krupka, Michael Mallis, Nick Masouras, Genna Panagopoulos, Jimmy Saros, Costa Sirdenis, Paul Stergladis and Thomas Panageas.

Assumption's Bidy B team also made it to the championship game in its division after beating St. John Armenian 13-8 in double overtime in the semifinals.

The 8-10-year-old squad lost to a team from Windsor in the finals.

Members of that team were Evan Aronis, Dean Bakoulas, Michael Bertakis, Stephanie Butsaris, Barbie Cardasis, Maria Daskas, Angela Dittmer, Dean Kocouves, Yianni Panagopoulos, Nick Pavle, James Penz, Christina Penz and Thomas Stergladis.

Both teams are coached by John Costa of Grosse Pointe Woods and Michael Bertakis of Grosse Pointe Park.

Assumption hosted the 34th annual tournament which brings Orthodox teams from around the Midwest to compete in Bidy A and B, Junior, Intermediate, Women's and Senior divisions.



State champs

Grosse Pointe Woods residents Eric Dloski, left, and Robby Floyd are members of the Great Lakes Panthers hockey team that won the Michigan Hockey Cup Bantam AA championship at Michigan Tech University. The Panthers beat Jackson 4-0 in the championship game after defeating the Plymouth Whalers 3-2 in the semifinals. The Panthers also beat Port Huron, Marquette and Dearborn in the first round. The team will play in the USA Hockey Bantam National Championships in Atlanta, Ga., from April 4-8. Dloski and Floyd are both freshmen at Grosse Pointe North. The Panthers' home rink is Great Lakes Sports City in Fraser.

Notre Dame High to host annual baseball camp

Notre Dame is hosting its annual Spring Baseball Camp 2001 from Thursday, April 19, through Saturday, April 21, in the high school gymnasium.

The camp is for boys and girls in grades four through eight. All campers will be grouped by age and ability. Each camper will learn fundamental drill work, base running, throwing, receiving and hitting; a positive mental approach; physical preparation to the game; competitive aspects of teamwork; and a desire to hustle and learn the game the Notre Dame way.

"The camp is a benefit to any youngster who wants to become a better all-around baseball player," camp director and Notre Dame head varsity baseball coach Angelo Gust said.

Participants should bring a long sleeve shirt, batting helmet, glove and bat, catcher's gear, shorts, sweat socks, tennis shoes, enthusiasm and a great attitude.

The cost is \$75 per player, which includes a free t-shirt, Notre Dame cap and use of batting cages.

Gust's coaching staff includes Bob DelPapa, Dick Tomzak, Jim Thorton, Frank Swaney and several Notre Dame players.

Gust has guided the Fightin' Irish to a 37-9 record in the state playoffs in his nine seasons at the helm.

They have won seven district titles, six regional crowns and played in the state semifinals four times. In addition, the Irish have won a division title and played in the Catholic League A-B Division championship game twice.

Mail check or money order to Notre Dame Baseball Camp, c/o Angelo Gust, 20254 Kelly, Harper Woods, MI 48225-1287.

For further information, contact Notre Dame's athletic office at (313) 526-1800 or Gust at (313) 331-2820.



Sure shot

Lauren Sullivan, 13, of Grosse Pointe Park has earned an invitation to compete in the National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. Sullivan, an honor student at Pierce Middle School, won a bronze medal at the Michigan Junior Olympic Shooting Championships earlier this year. She has been shooting competitive small bore rifle since she was 9, and has won several individual and team events, including the Michigan United Conservation Club's state shoot and the National Rifle Association four-position state championship in the sub-junior team category. The course of fire for Olympic-style rifle shooting consists of 20 shots each from 50 meters in the prone, kneeling and standing positions.

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Crushers rule

The Grosse Pointe Crushers under-8 indoor soccer team completed an undefeated season. In front, from left, are Josias Yglesias, Alex Eschenburg, Adam Black, Joel Makowski, Riley Walters, Jack Schulte and Zachary VanEislander. In back, from left, are coach Brian Black, James Counsman, Daniel McCallum, Ben Schreiber, David VanEislander, Andrew Safran, Henry Fildes and coach Frank Schulte. Not pictured is R.C. Nelson.

Grosse Pointe racer wears HANS device at Sebring

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Jay Ricci came from nearly dead last to nip at the front runners in the first race of the 2001 Barber Dodge Pro Series.

Ricci passed a number of cars, some twice, to finish 16th this month at Sebring International Raceway in Sebring, Fla. Ricci, 24, of Grosse Pointe, is in his second year on the open-wheel Barber Dodge circuit.

In a hot first lap, Ricci avoided two pile-ups and passed six cars. His aggressive start confirmed predictions by ESPN2 producers who mounted a television camera on his J.D. Byrider-sponsored car.

"By my qualifying so far back in the field, they figured there'd be some action with me moving up," said Ricci.

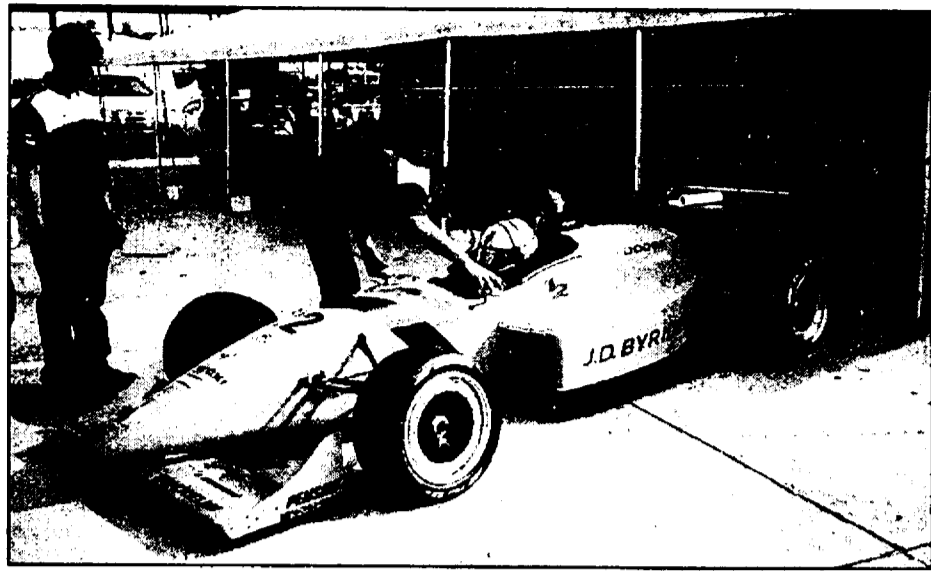
On lap two, Ricci passed three more cars before cooling his heels in the pits for a stop-and-go penalty. Although the setback ended Ricci's chances for a top-10

Pointer is in select group

Grosse Pointer Holly Huth recently became one of eight 12-and-under girls to represent the Midwest Section in the United States Tennis Association Intersectionals in Indianapolis on April 28 and 29.

She qualified for the intersectionals at the USTA Midwest Section Training Center tournament at the University of Michigan.

Huth is also one of six 12-and-under girls endorsed by the Midwest Section to qualify for the Supernational Winter Championships in Mobile, Ala., from April 12 through 18.



A mechanic adjusts the mirrors of Jay Ricci's race car prior to the first race of the 2001 Barber Dodge Pro Series at Sebring International Raceway in Sebring, Fla.

finish, he got back on track and reclaimed the field.

Hitting more than 150 mph on the backstretch and slowing to a nimble 50 mph in the tightest of the 3.7-mile Sebring racetrack's 17 turns, Ricci repassed four cars before the 17-lap event ended.

The checkered flag climaxed a come-from-behind week for Ricci. A 30-minute qualifying session the day before the race turned into a frustrating standoff between a sluggish engine and an unbalanced suspension. The problem relegated Ricci next to last in the 23-car starting field.

"Qualifying was terrible," said Ricci. "My motor was way down in power."

Speed traps, where race crews time cars at certain sections of track, showed Ricci losing 1.8 seconds to the leaders on the back straight.

"That tells you how bad the engine was," he said. "If you take away the straightaway, I would have qualified about 13th."

Another gremlin crept into the car's suspension.

"My right front corner weight was 45 pounds heavier than the left front corner," said Ricci. "It changed the entire balance of the car."

The condition caused the car to "push," meaning it wanted to go straight as Ricci wrestled through Sebring's seven left-hand turns.

By race day, Barber Dodge mechanics had the car in shape. A few minutes into the race, however, Ricci paid for passing someone on the pace lap. Track marshals waving black flags sent him to the pits for a stop-and-go penalty.

"Running in the top 15 was no problem until I got black-flagged," said Ricci.

Although "bummed" at finishing 16th, Ricci said his repeated charges from the back of the pack reflect hours of practice during the off-season.

"That gives me a lot of confidence going into Phoenix," he said.

Round two of the Barber Dodge series will be held at Phoenix International Raceway on April 21. Speeds on the semi-oval course are expected to approach 160 mph.

Ricci and the Barber Dodge contingent will compete on Belle Isle as part of the CART Grand Prix of Detroit on June 17.

Ricci is one of only two Barber Dodge drivers wearing the new head and neck support unit, or HANS device. The yoke-like piece of safety equipment is designed to keep the driver's head from snapping forward and causing neck injuries in a frontal crash.

Despite its safety record, some drivers criticized earlier versions of the HANS as too bulky. They said it limited head movement. It took Ricci only a few laps in test-

ing to get used to the upgraded version.

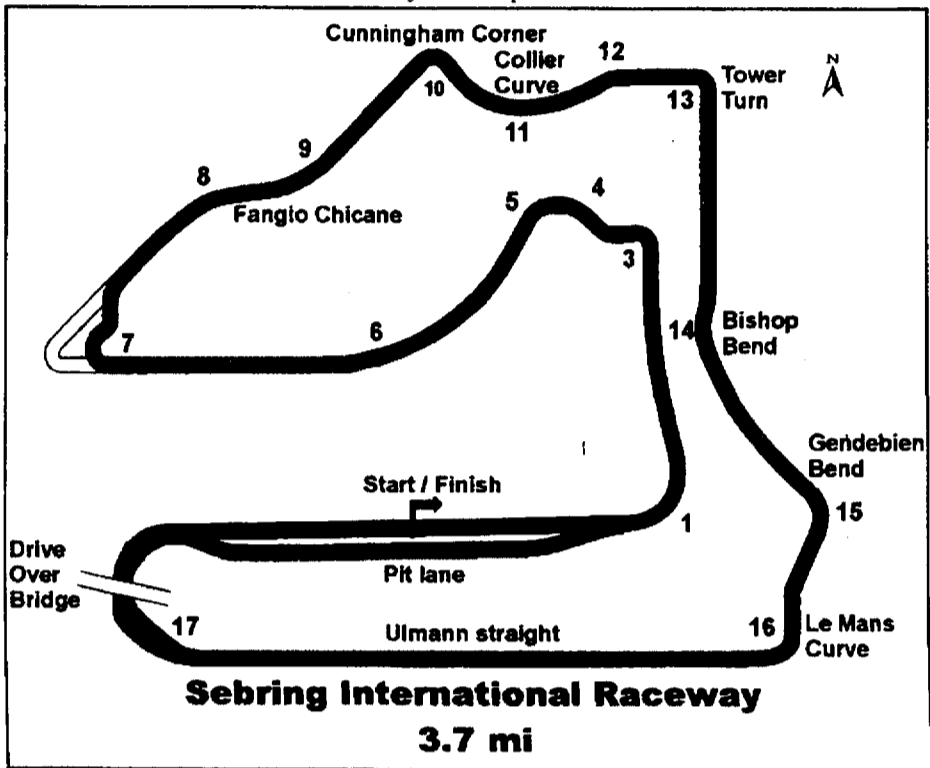
"It's awesome," he said. "You don't even know it's there. It might restrict head movement from side to side, but if you use your mirrors, it doesn't matter."

Having worn it in a race, Ricci likes HANS even more.

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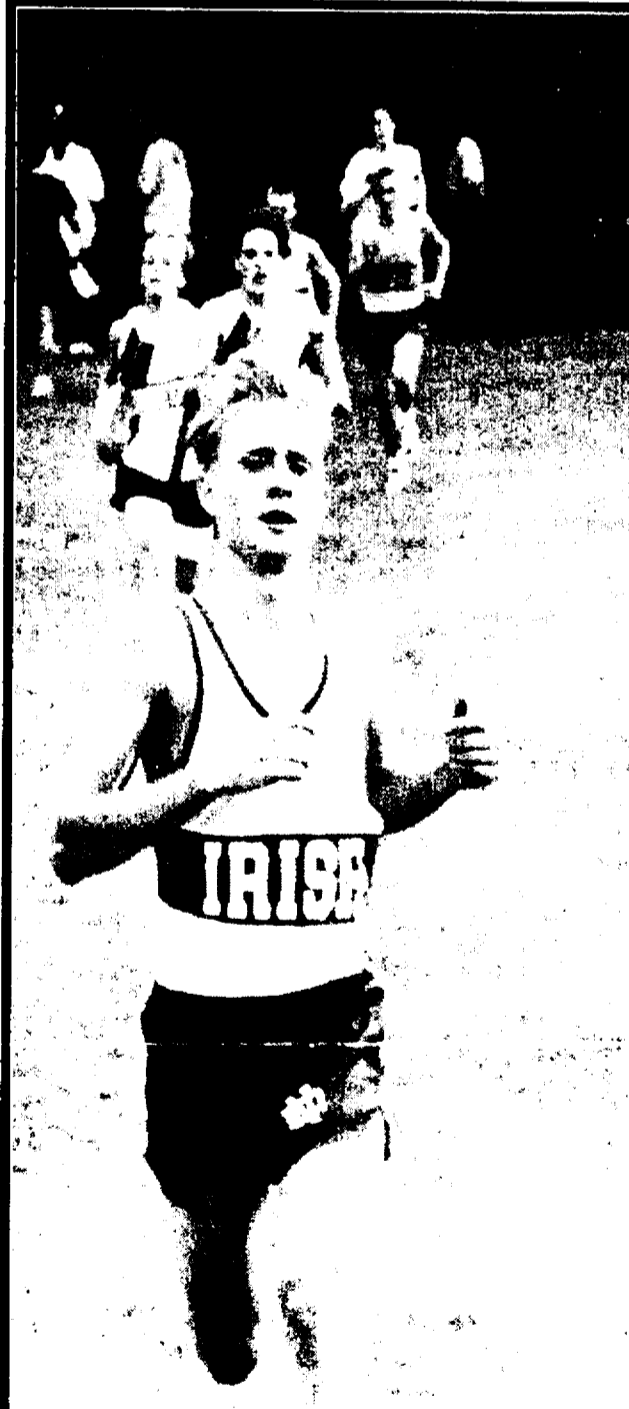
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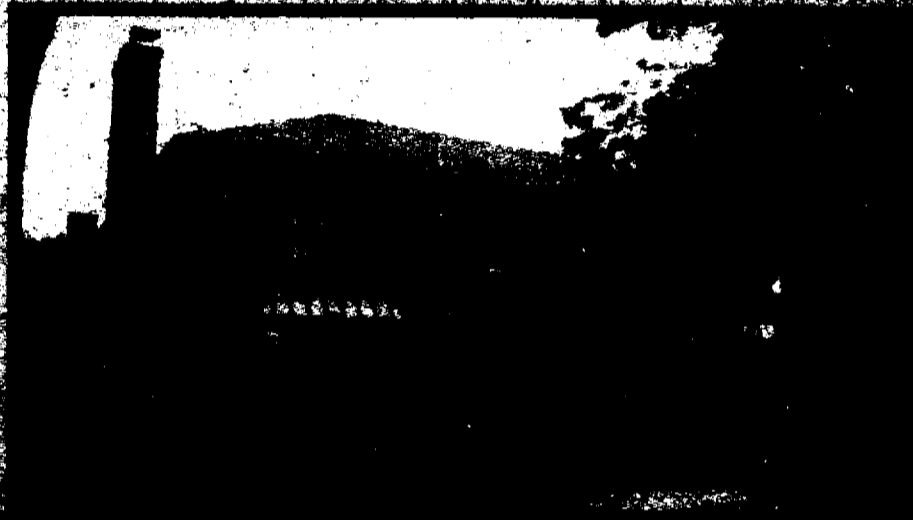
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Grass seed variety must match growing conditions

Q. I am planning to over-seed my lawn this spring. What type of grass seed should I use?

A. Early spring is a great time to seed. You will have better results when you over-seed your lawn if you pick the type of grass seed that best fits your growing conditions. The additional precipitation we receive in the spring will keep your maintenance duties down to a minimum.

Lawn grass seed for northern climates such as ours are divided into three types: fescue, ryegrass and bluegrass. Each type has its own benefits and there are many cultivar varieties in each of the three categories. A cultivar is a hybrid variety of its class of seed such as "merit" Kentucky bluegrass. A cultivar will have improved traits about itself over the common variety. These traits may be color, cold hardiness, disease resistance or shade tolerance. Hybrid varieties will have a name in front of the common seed name. An example is "Morningside" perennial ryegrass, where Morningside indicates that this is a hybrid.

Kentucky bluegrass is the most common type of grass seed in our area. The color is usually dark green and it grows into a thick turf. There are many hybrid types of bluegrass available along with common Kentucky bluegrass. Cheaper blends of grass seed will contain only common bluegrass. Unfortunately, if your lawn is shaded more than half the day, bluegrass turf will thin out. Kentucky bluegrass seed grows best in sunny areas that will be watered regularly during the summer.

Ryegrass is a quick-growing seed type that is very durable to wear



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and tear. The grass blade is a shiny green color and many newer hybrid varieties look a lot like bluegrass. This type of seed is great for a backyard that will receive heavy traffic, like children playing or a large dog that will wear down the lawn by running over the same area of grass repeatedly.

Fescue grass seed comes in three types. Tall fescues are wide bladed and are used more in parks just so that there is green grass growing. Turf type tall fescues are dwarf hybrid varieties that are more drought-resistant and look more like bluegrass. Last are creeping fescues that have fine grass blades. Turf type fescues are growing in popularity since they will grow in areas that do not receive much moisture or care during the summer. Fescue grasses will also grow in shaded areas where bluegrass will not.

Most grass seed blends you buy today are a mixture of the above varieties. When a lawn is grown with a mixture of different varieties it will be more disease and insect-resistant. If the lawn suffers damage due to insects or disease and one type of grass declines, the other varieties of grass in the lawn will stay alive, thus prevent-

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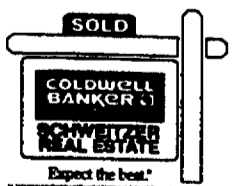
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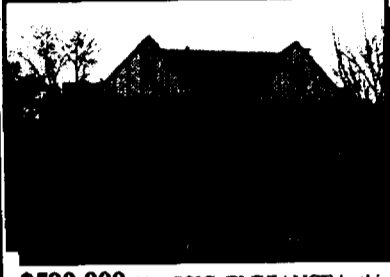
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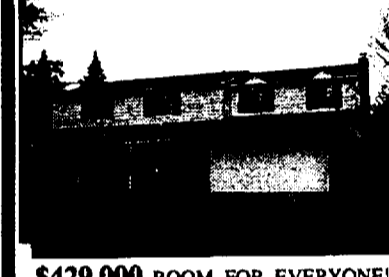
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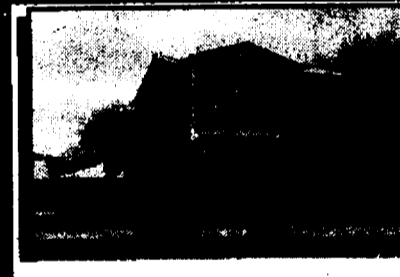
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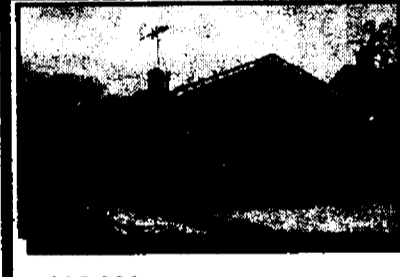
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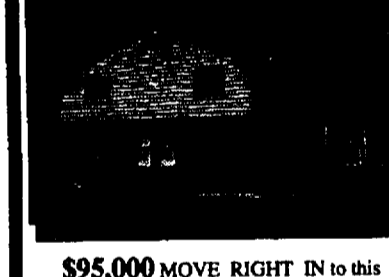
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Bathroom vent can be an exhausting choice

Q. Blair, I would like to have an exhaust fan installed. I live in St. Clair Shores and am not sure if the city requires an electrician to do the exhaust fan. I would also appreciate your advice as to the pros and cons of having the fan exhausted out the wall (bathroom is on an outer wall which borders my neighbor's driveway) vs. vented through the ceiling into the attic (I live in a ranch). Illene of St. Clair Shores.

A. Illene, the city building department requires a permit for



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the electrical circuit for the fan. Only a licensed electrician can pull a permit for you, unless you pull a homeowner's permit. Whenever

you are in doubt, call the city building department. They are eager to answer questions and do not require you to give your address.

They may also want a permit for the roof vent (if you go that route), because they want a permit for roof repairs.

Now, where to vent the fan?

1. Through the roof is good because warm, moist air rises. Bad if it warms the roof or attic and promotes ice dams in that area. The roof vent should be a quality unit to prevent cold air from back flowing down into the bathroom.

2. Through the sidewall is good because a fan can move more air through a shorter distance. Mount the fan high on the wall to capture the most steam. Then direct the air down a foot or so then out through the wall. Venting down, then out through the wall decreases the potential of cold air to leak past the flappers and back into the bathroom. Cold air does not "flow up" very well.

3. Do you have an overhang? Are your gutters away from the side of

the house or do they touch the side of the house? If you have enough overhang to install a vent and not have it directly over a window you could get the best of both worlds. The fan could be in the ceiling and the exhaust hose would be between the ceiling joists out to the overhang. A vent in the overhang (soffit) discharging down reduces airflow back into the bathroom.

When you look at exhaust fans consider airflow, noise (sones), and possibly lights or heaters. As you will find, more airflow equals more noise. Less noise equals more money. A quality unit will be quieter, and considering the cost of labor, well worth the money spent. You will be stuck with this decision for a long time.

Send your questions to: Mr. Hardware c/o Gilbert's Pro Hardware at 21912 Harper in St. Clair Shores 48080; call (810) 776-9532; e-mail staff@mrhardware.com; or visit www.mrhardware.com to review other columns.

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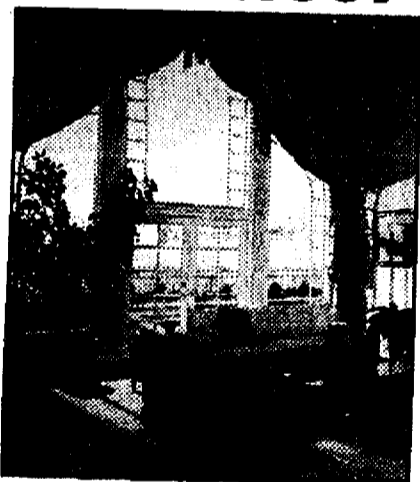
ing the loss of the whole lawn. Many mixtures of grass seed are designated as sunny, shady, quick grow and like. It is important to look at the ingredient label to see the mixture and varieties of grass seed you are buying. Hybrid seeds are always better than common varieties. Avoid seed mixes with too much annual ryegrass. The annual ryegrass will germinate

fast but will not come back next year.

David Soulliere is a Michigan certified nurseryman at Soulliere Garden Center, 23919 Little Mack in St. Clair Shores, between Nine and 10 Mile. Phone (810) 776-2811 or go to www.MichiganGardens.com on the Internet for further information. E-mail at soulliereg@cs.com.

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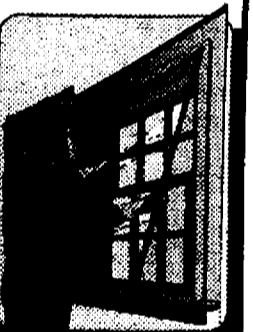
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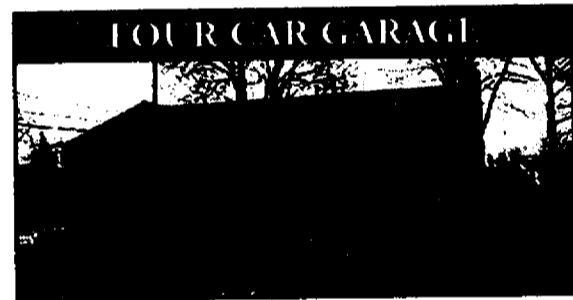
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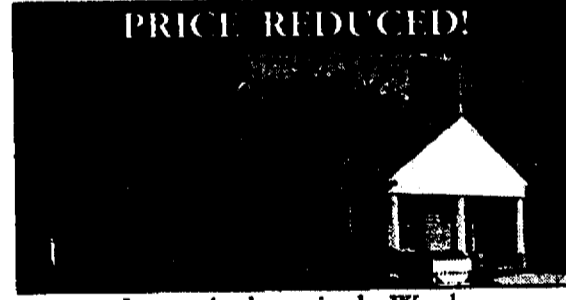
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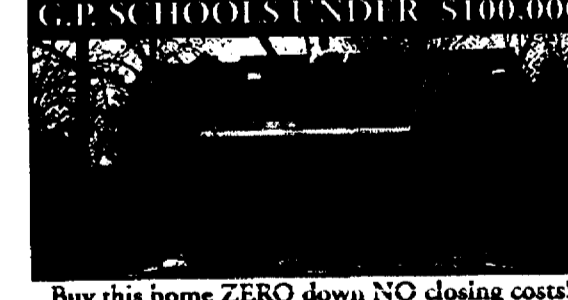
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Jumbo options for jumbo mortgages

Q. What is the current limit on conforming mortgages and is there any way to avoid paying the higher interest rate on a jumbo mortgage?

A. The limit this year on conforming mortgages is \$275,000. This means that any mortgage over \$275,000 is considered a jumbo mortgage.

A jumbo mortgage carries a higher interest rate (normally 1/2 percent) than a standard conforming mortgage. This is because jumbo mortgages generally cannot be sold to the same investors as conforming mortgages.

In essence, there are fewer funding sources (supply) for jumbo loans than conforming loans. For this reason, they command a higher interest rate.

As far as avoiding the higher rate, there are several options. The first option has to do with the way the loan is structured and is really dependent on your situation.

For instance, if you only need a certain amount of money for a limited period of time, you may consider splitting your loan request into two smaller parts as opposed to a larger single mortgage.

In this case, a home equity line of credit or a second mortgage could serve your immediate need for funds and then be repaid when you no longer need the money.

The first mortgage will serve your long-term need for funding, and the second mortgage or line of credit will serve your short-term need. Once you repay the second mortgage, you have only the lower rate first mortgage left, as opposed to the higher rate jumbo mortgage that you no longer need.

Even if your needs are not short-term, a first and second combo could still save you money. For example, consider a \$325,000 loan request.

Option 1:
\$325,000 15-year jumbo mortgage @ 7 percent = monthly payment of \$2,921.

Option 2:
\$275,000 15-year first mortgage @ 6.5 percent; and \$50,000 15-year second mortgage @ 8.5 percent = total monthly payment of \$2,338.

In this example, option 2 represents a monthly savings of \$33, an annual savings of \$396, and a total savings of \$5,991 in interest over the life of the loan.

While this structure may not



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work for larger loan requests, it is certainly an option to consider.

Another option to consider would be an adjustable rate mortgage (ARM). These are available in many varieties, the most common being one-year, five-year and seven-year.

In essence, the interest rate on the loan would be fixed for one, or five, or seven years, and then adjust up or down annually. The amount of the adjustment is capped and is dependent on a monetary index as determined by the bond market.

The advantage to an ARM lies in the fact that the initial interest rate is normally lower than a fixed rate mortgage. For instance, a 15-year fixed jumbo mortgage may carry an interest rate of 7.25 percent, while a 15-year adjustable rate jumbo mortgage may carry an initial interest rate of 7 percent.

The issue to consider in these instances is how long you plan to keep the mortgage. If you don't plan on keeping the mortgage for a time frame longer than the initial fixed period, then an ARM may serve your needs better than a fixed rate mortgage.

Adjustable rate mortgages can be dangerous in that they carry the risk of a higher interest rate in the future, after the fixed period ends.

At any rate, the option you choose will ultimately depend on your circumstances, and it may be better to live with the fixed rate jumbo mortgage.

This column contains only general information on the subject matter and does not constitute legal, tax or investment advice.

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Spring Home & Garden Show redefines shopping

The Spring Home & Garden Show starts Thursday, April 5 through Sunday, April 8, from 2 to 10 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at Novi Expo Center, located at I-96 and Novi Road.

"No more driving all around town to comparison shop and find home and garden companies," said Stephen J. Taglione, president of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and of Westminster & Abbey Homes in Bingham Farms. "We've already done that for you." The non-profit BIA is the sponsor of the event.

Roger Swain, "the man with the red suspenders," as he is known to millions of viewers who have watched him for 15 years as the host of PBS' "The Victory Garden," will share gardening insights at the Garden Theater. Joining Swain is Nancy Lindley, "Michigan's Rose Lady," who will educate homeowners on winter-hardy roses.

Other highlights include 18 landscaped flowering garden displays and greenhouses and growers for homeowners to purchase plants direct from the source. The Garden Marketplace will feature other companies also selling plants, trees, flowers, tools and yard accessories, including a garden auger for the end of your drill and a leaf bag holder.

Homeowners can bring bathroom pictures for the ugliest

Bathroom Contest, sponsored by Mathison Supply, WJR Radio and The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Parade of Homes, sponsored by Standard Federal Bank, The Detroit News & Free Press Classified Marketplace and BIA, offers a free plan book featuring a pictorial display of 83 new homes.

Additional show features include demonstrations on decorating, home repair and remodeling and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes.

Exhibitors will have advice, ideas and innovations for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yard/gardens, spas, remodeling, interior design, decorative accessories, home offices, arts and crafts, furniture, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

BIA also sponsors the Home Improvement Show at Macomb Sports & Expo Center, GMC Builders Home and Garden Show at Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center and the Home Improvement Show and Fall Remodeling & Furniture Show at Novi Expo Center.

Admission to the Spring Home & Garden Show is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and children 6 to 12 and children under 6 are admitted free. Ample parking is available at Novi Expo Center for a fee. For more information, visit <http://www.builders.org> or call (248) 862-1019.

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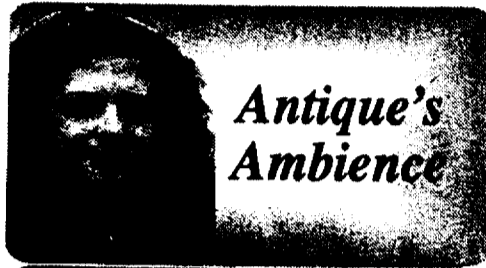
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Victorian charm found and graciously shared

At the end of February, my husband, son and I drove to Florida to visit my husband's parents — "snow birds" who enjoy the winter weather there in Lake Worth. Our first overnight stop in Florida was on highway A1A, 25 miles north of Daytona Beach at a town called Flagler. The town provided that trip's first glimpse of the ocean — which seemed forever to come to on that long drive. The first hotel we stopped by was called the Topaz. The hotel offered an ocean view with miles of peaceful Flagler Beach accessible directly across the two-lane highway.

What a delight to open the lobby door and see an endless variety of antiques displayed as far as one could see. The hotel offered authentic furnished antique rooms complete with balconies and private baths. I felt like I was visiting the Hearst Castle, and thinking the owner must certainly be as fascinating as Hearst himself. The hotel personnel were considerate; we felt lucky to have found this place to settle into for the night.

The main hotel was built in the 1920s and was fully renovated to its original beauty. The antiques



Antique's Ambience

By Diane Morelli

are from the collection of the Lee family, proprietors of the hotel.

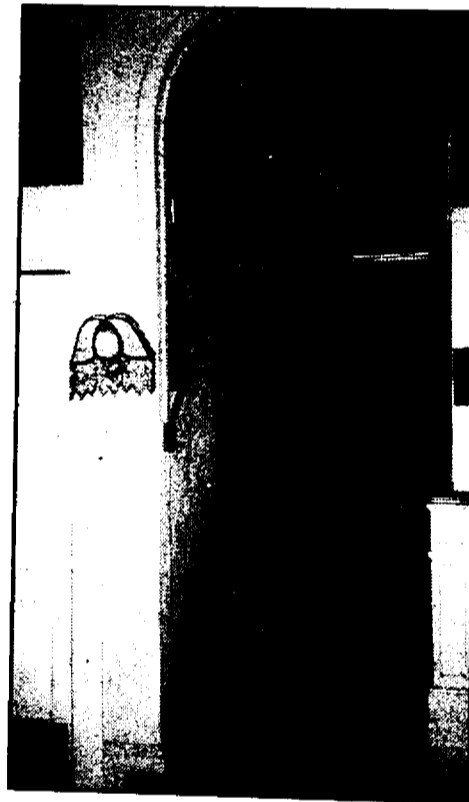
The Topaz is located at 1224 South Oceanshore Boulevard in Flagler Beach, Fla. 32136: Phone at (904) 439-3301.

Q. I have what I believe is a porcelain piece that is very beautiful and am wondering if you can tell me anything about it. It has two pieces, a lid and a base. It is round — approximately 4 by 2 inches and is cream colored with light blue forget-me-not flowers with pink and brown accents on both the lid and base. There is a date and a couple of initials on the bottom which read: M.L. July 31/1912. Also, a stamp on the bottom reads BAVARIA, Z.5 & Co.

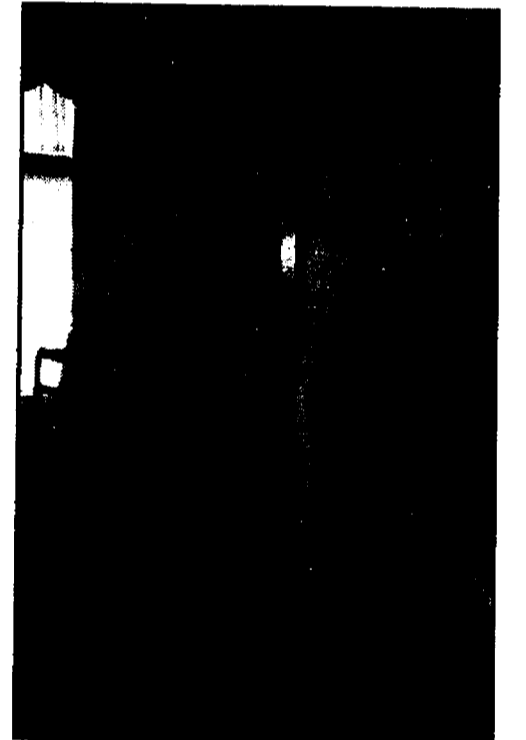


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Timeless charm overwhelms in this Victorian parlor.



This stairway leads to several of the 12 authentic antique furnished rooms available.

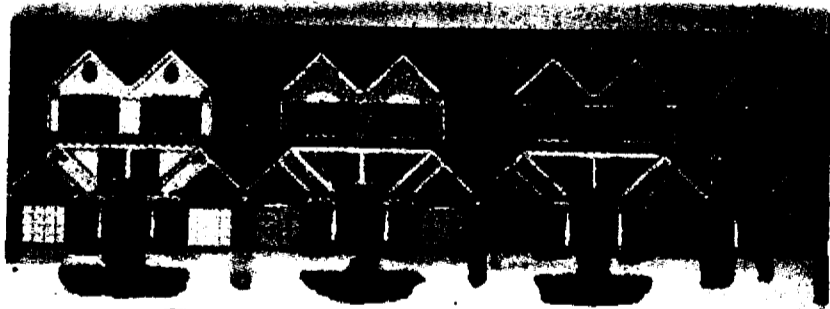


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Can you tell me what this is and is it valuable besides being a beautiful piece? — J.J. of St. Clair Shores.

A. Cosmetic jars are sought after by a wide array of collectors. The Bavarian piece you have is called a cream and powder jar, which was used in Victorian times to hold face powders, talcum or beauty creams.

In the 1800s, Bavaria, Germany was the heart of Germany's pottery industry. Chinaware vases, novelties and table accessories were decorated with transfer prints or by hand by artists who often signed their work.

According to the book

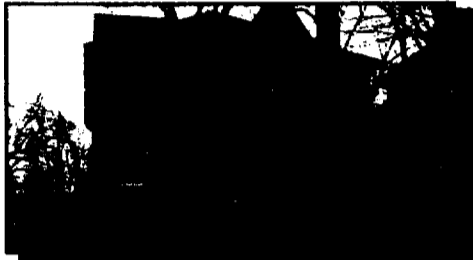
"Collector's Guide to Victoriana," prices of Bavaria pieces are affected by size, shape, decorative pattern, materials used, manufacturer, if known, and condition. The book prices powder and cream jars from \$5 to \$200, with an average price of \$30 to \$75. Since your cosmetic jar is elaborately hand painted, signed and dated, I believe the price to be in the above average range.

Send your questions about antiques and collectibles to: Diane Morelli c/o Grosse Pointe News at 96 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms 48236, fax (313) 882-1585; e-mail dmorelli@grossepointe-news.com.

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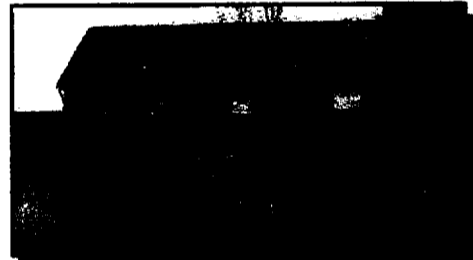
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Vacation in your own backyard

Turn your deck into the perfect outdoor retreat

People take vacations to escape the day-to-day activities of their everyday lives. But many are starting to realize that they don't need to own a second home or travel to an exotic location to enjoy a vacation. They are discovering the perfect getaway in their own back-

yards — the deck.

According to a 1999 study that surveyed contractors, 54 percent agree that relaxing is a primary reason for adding a deck. Pat Coughlin, product manager for The Flood Co., makers of deck cleaners and stains for more than 150 years, illustrates how a deck can be turned into the ideal vacation spot.

A private camp ground

By building a fire pit into the deck, any lazy weekend can turn into a camping trip. If a pit fire doesn't seem appealing, purchase a chiminea. Chimineas are a nice alternative for a portable campfire.

Accessories are not the only way to establish the mood of the perfect vacation. The color of a deck can provide the ambiance as well. "A gray or white deck may convey a sophisticated or nautical feel while a red, brown or green may provide a feeling of outdoor adventure," says Coughlin. "If you want a rustic look to your deck, stain it with a semi-transparent stain in a 'natural' color so the wood grain can show through."

The Flood Co. manufactures semi-transparent and solid stains to achieve the look you desire. Stains will last for years so vacation time won't be spent keeping the deck in shape. Flood Semi-Transparent Deck & Siding Stain is guaranteed against peeling and fading on decks for three years and siding for five. Flood Solid Color Deck & Siding Stain is guaranteed against peeling on decks for five years and siding for 15. Both are available in a wide array of colors.

Backyard pampering

While sleeping under the stars is a favorite of some, it's not preferred by all. Some vacationers want some rest and relaxation, doing as little as possible while on their furlough. Relaxing on the deck with lounge chairs, a pitcher of iced tea and a good read provides the perfect substitute for Club Med.

"The secret to creating a calming effect on a deck is in the colors used to stain it," says Coughlin. "If you feel more comfortable with warm tones, such as reds and browns, be sure to stain your deck with those colors. If you prefer softer hues, stain your deck in pastels or whites."

Keep color preferences top-of-mind when selecting outdoor furniture for a pampering retreat. Various fabrics and materials are available for outdoor furniture today and will help set the mood of any deck.

The place to party

To some people, a vacation isn't a

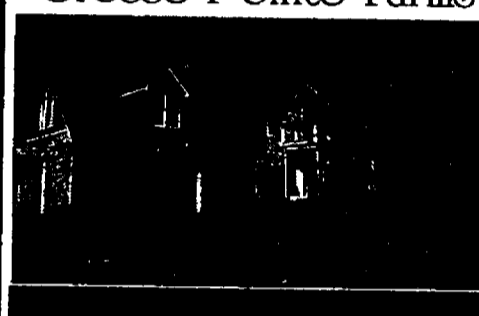
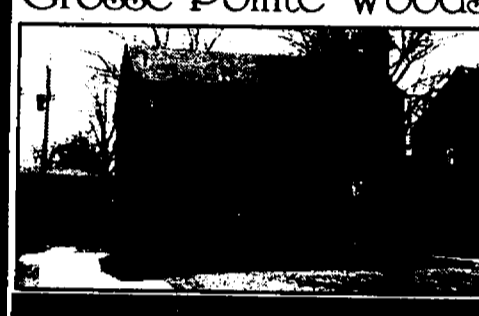

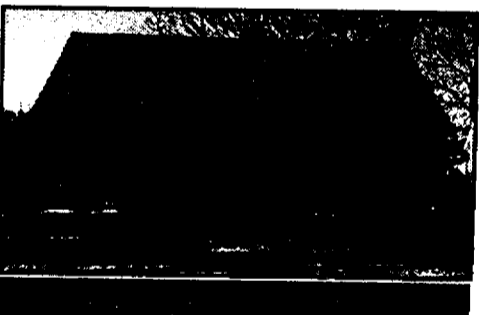
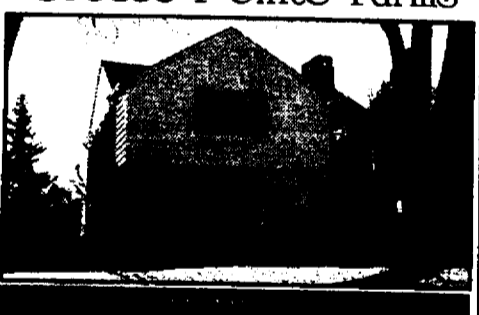


vacation unless it's spent dining and socializing with friends. Deck owners are beginning to realize the potential their decks have as the weekend hot spot and are using gas grills and bar sets to create it.

Choosing a bright or unique deck stain color can add to the festivity of an outdoor vacation. Shades of yellow, red, green and blue can add a creative, fun flair. Lights and outdoor speakers add the finishing touches to the perfect deck soiree. Installing lights in the step risers is a safety addition, and it also gives the deck dimension during the evening. Outdoor speakers will pump up the volume as well as the party atmosphere.

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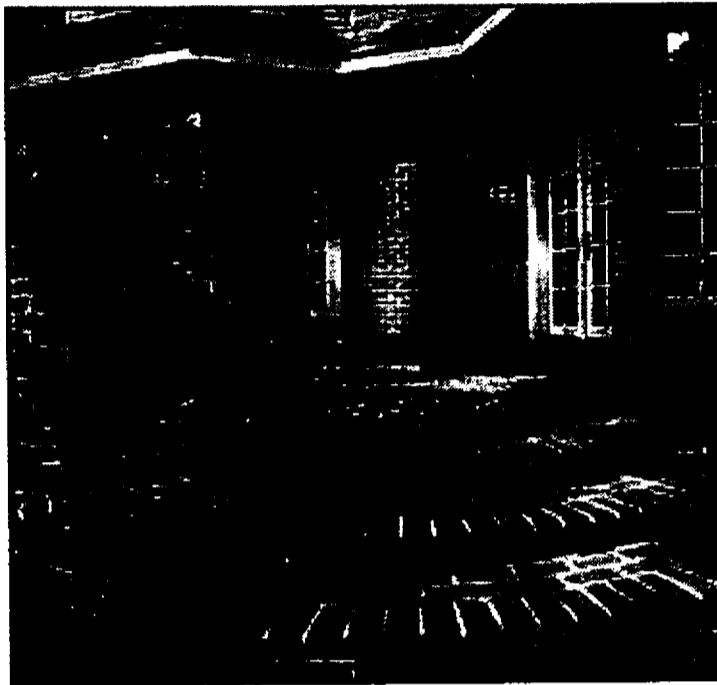
Make a statement with genuine brick pavers

Just as your home makes a statement about who you are and what you value, so do the patios, walkways and driveways that connect your home to the outside world. They deserve the same attention to detail as does the home itself. Perhaps the most important decision you will make in planning your home's paved venues is the selection of the right paving product.

Brick pavers, that is genuine clay paving bricks, have a timeless appeal that imparts an image of classic elegance to homes of any style — from traditional to ultra-modern. In fact, many of the finest homes in America are graced with courtyards, terraces, garden paths and drives paved with brick. Kathy Frederick, a Realtor with Northern Virginia Homes, describes the appeal of brick in both aesthetic and practical terms, saying, "Brick presents a quiet but stately elegance, yet is still warm and welcoming. It never goes out of style. Adding a brick walkway or driveway can also add great value to

your home. In every way, your return is far greater than your investment."

The primal elements of clay, water and fire come together to form brick pavers. They bring a natural harmony to every landscape design because they are the paving material that comes from the earth itself. Comprised of selected blends of clay and shale, paving brick is molded and pressed into shape either by machine or by hand. After a brick has been formed under pressure, it is dried and fired at nearly 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit until the particles fuse together to form a very strong bond. Paving bricks are so strong that many can withstand loads exceeding 12,000 pounds per square inch. Part of



their strength is related to the density achieved when manufacturing. It is also this density that makes paving brick impervious to most stains.

The colors of paving bricks tend to be earth tones or blends of muted colors, typically red, brown, greenish gray, tan and even cream.

These colors are characteristic of the clays mined from the earth and vary with the source area or region. Darker colors and blends of dark and light brick arise from the process of flashing, which imparts a permanent color into the paving brick. The high temperature at which clay paving brick is fired allows the color to endure forever without fading.

One great advantage of brick pavers is the almost endless number of design options available through patterns created using brick of various sizes, shapes, colors and textures. Within the broad category of genuine clay pavers lies a diversity of products ranging from hand-made, water struck brick with their old-fashioned appeal to modern, extruded brick known for their precise look. Featuring colors drawn from a rich palette of natural earth tones, patterns range from simple to intricate and may be laid using mortar or without it.

The type of brick, the intricacy of

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Free home-buying seminar

Standard Federal Bank will hold a free home-buying seminar on how to select and finance a home on Saturday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church — Roy A. Allen Family Life Center, 4924 Joy Road in Detroit.

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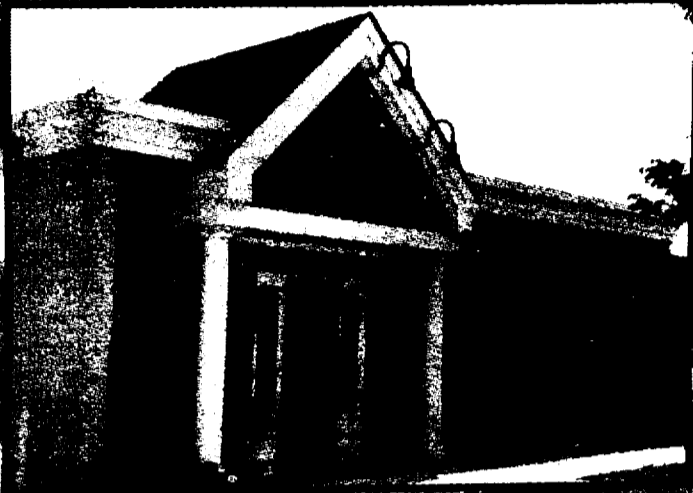
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If you've ever gone through the process of renovating or buying a kitchen or bath, you quickly learn that it involves much more than selecting cabinets. There are so many things to consider ... flooring, lighting, plumbing, electrical issues, moldings, countertops. The list goes on.

Fortunately, Woodmaster Kitchens' team of designers, project managers, installation experts and established subcontractors can help you put it all together. They can take your indecisions and turn them into good decisions when making that financial investment in your home.

"Most of the clients who come into our store are overwhelmed after they have visited a home center," says Raffael Brugnoli, vice president of Woodmaster Kitchens and a Certified Kitchen Designer (CKD). "They have seen so many different designs and cabinets that they don't know where to begin. It can be very overwhelming to try to do it on your own.

After more than 50 years in business, Woodmaster Kitchens indeed has the expertise to design and build a kitchen, bath, entertainment center, or even a closet organizer system from start to finish.



"My dad, Ontario, has worked in construction all of his life. When he was growing up in Italy he worked alongside his grandfather making special wagons. He immigrated in 1948, and two years later, started a construction business with his cousin in Detroit. Eventually my dad struck out on his own and formed Ontario Construction Company. Moving to Harper Woods in 1956, he had his office in his home and many times would make a sale right out of his truck. It was easy for a client to make a decision within an hour since there were minimal selections and simple plans," says Brugnoli.

"Today it is much more complex. There are literally hundreds of products and designs to choose from."

"I grew up working in the business. I would go out with my dad on installations. After studying landscape architecture at Michigan State University, I had to decide what direction to take....should I work for the state, work for someone else, or start my own company. I decided to join my dad."

When Raffael joined the company in 1980, he helped change the focus of the business to designing and building kitchens and baths. He started when the economic climate was very poor. "I remember telling my dad that we could only go uphill from this point. Every year we have increased our business."



He adds, "It's been challenging but rewarding."

His dad is currently semi-retired, but Brugnoli quickly took over the business. He's no longer hands-on with the design aspect of the showroom."

About a year ago, Woodmaster Kitchens consolidated its location on Harper Avenue. Brugnoli and his staff reworked the store with dim lighting and crowded aisles. It now features bright and sparkling halogen lighting. The building recently

Brugnoli brought the same skills and attention to detail that his staff put into every new customer's project.

Brugnoli is trained as a Certified Kitchen Designer (CKD). His fellow designer, Peter Sutton, has an interior design background. The store manager, Anthony Muer, has been designing and supervising projects for many years.

Woodmaster Kitchens is also a member of the Signature Select firm to utilize companions in the kitchen and bath industry to provide products at the best prices.

The company also offers comprehensive services. "We handle everything, project management, and finally, the installation. We avoid unnecessary delays, and increase our client's satisfaction."

How does a client get started?

"We begin by building a relationship. We ask that all clients visit our showroom. It gives them an opportunity to see our products and begin exploring design possibilities.

"I then visit the potential client's home for a 2-3 hour meeting. This is a home analysis — a survey of the family and the environment. I ask questions to the answers. I'm interested in discovering their tastes and preferences. I also take measurements and provide a projected cost analysis."

"We understand that our clients have hectic schedules. We've been very successful at providing a great deal of service in a short period of time," says Brugnoli.

"Most potential clients are particularly pleased at how quickly they have the quote," he adds.

After Brugnoli is finished with the initial part of the project and the client has made a commitment to continue, the Woodmaster team begins honing in on a final design, keeping in mind the client's design objectives and budget. Raffael also works through the selection sheets of the contract with the client. Everything from cabinet knobs to flooring, light fixtures to molding might be included.

The next step is for the interior designer and the project manager to visit the client's home to recheck measurements and review the engineering of the project. Once this has been done, the final plan is laid out, along with the other appropriate documents such as a construction plan, electrical plan, series of elevations, and isometric drawings showing spe-

points out, "he will always be involved in the business, but loves working in our newly relocated

their production office and showroom into one renovated the entire building, formerly an old hardware has a beautiful wood entrance, an open ceiling, received a St. Clair Shores Beautification award.

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through the National Kitchen and Bath Association. degree from Eastern Michigan. And his project supervising commercial and residential construction

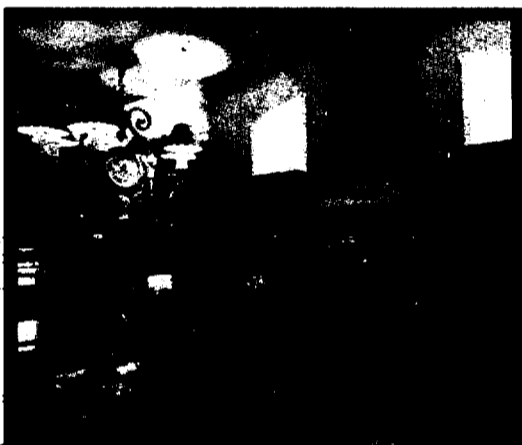
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cific cabinet or construction details.

From these plans, and the selection sheets, the designer begins ordering the materials and products necessary to complete the project. Whether it is a large cabinet order or a single knob, each item is carefully considered; it is the details that set each project apart. After the orders are placed, they are monitored and tracked through a purchase order system.

As the orders begin arriving, they are inventoried and stored prior to installation. The project manager coordinates with the designers, ensuring his familiarity with the plans and any special needs. He schedules the installation staff and any subcontractors. This protects against unnecessary delays once the installation is ready to begin.

Throughout the entire process all members of the Woodmaster Kitchens team are continuously involved in the project.

"When we're designing a kitchen, we are very aware that it is "in all parts of the house." We have been complimented on how quickly we finish the project," says Brugnani.

"After the project is finished we have a post project evaluation that we ask our clients to complete. We review them to see if there are any areas in which we might improve our services. We have been cited in the surveys for our 'integrity', 'creativity', and 'willingness to go the extra mile.'"

Most of Woodmaster Kitchens' business comes from the Grosse Pointe area. "About 75% is from the Grosse Pointes and 25% from areas north of St. Clair Shores. Approximately 95% of our business is renovations and 5% is new home upgrades."

Woodmaster Kitchens' projects have been featured in a number of national magazines. Most recently one of the company's kitchens was featured on the 2000 Grosse Pointe Holiday Walk, a fundraiser for Grosse Pointe South High School, and is currently in the Spring 2001 issue of Signature Kitchens and Bath magazine.

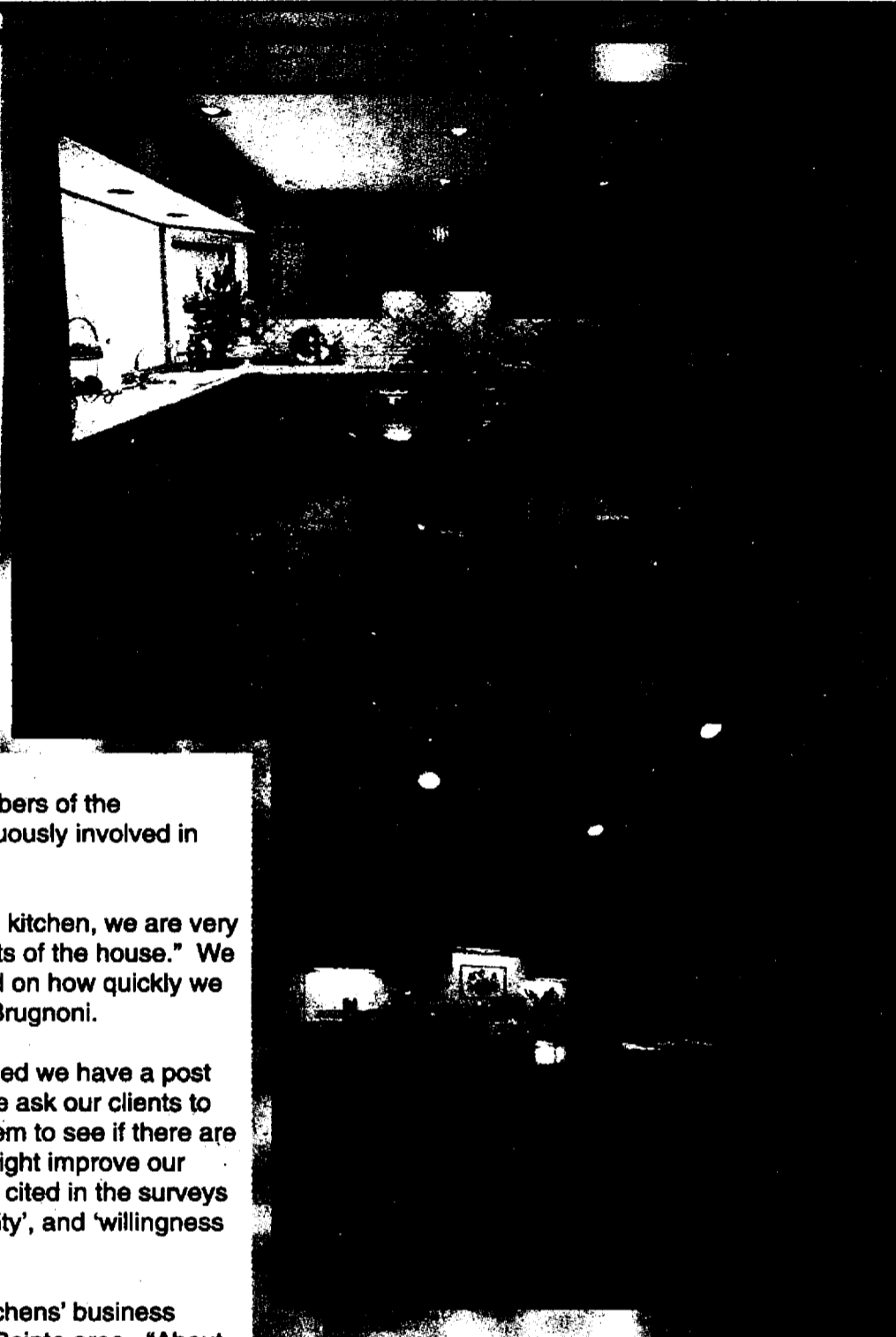
In addition to kitchens and baths, Woodmaster Kitchens also does custom-designed entertainment centers, wood and vinyl replacement windows, computer work stations, offices for the home and workplace, wet and dry bar cabinetry, and fireplace mantels. We're also doing high-end closets...cherry wood closets are very popular," he adds.

Soon Woodmaster Kitchens will have a website, but that won't replace the personal service that has kept them in business for 50 years. "We're looking at the internet as an opportunity to enhance our services but never to replace our one-on-one personal meetings and consultations," he concludes.



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Earth's energy can heat and cool your home

A new electric technology — GeoExchange heating and cooling systems — takes advantage of the ground's free energy to give you lower heating and cooling costs. The GeoExchange system offers year-round energy savings compared with other systems, says Edison Electric Institute.

And now, GeoExchange systems can even heat your floors through radiant floor heating, and assist your water heater in producing hot water.

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Note: According to Edison

Electric Institute, compact fluorescent lamps, like the Phillip's Earth Light, use up to 75 percent less

Brick pavers

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the design and the type of installation (mortared or mortarless) you have chosen should all be considered when determining whether your paving project is best suited to a do-it-yourself or professional installation. For example, because antique-style, hand-made brick, by the nature of their design and manufacturing process, will vary in size, they demand more artistry in patterning and should probably be installed by a mason skilled in adjusting for the variability. While this type of paver may not be the right choice for a do-it-yourselfer, it creates a soft, rich look that can't be duplicated. Hand-made brick could be a crucial design element in achieving historical accuracy through the use of simple, traditional brick paving patterns.

Many manufacturers have adapted to modern technology brought from Europe and are now producing brick pavers with unprecedented accuracy in dimensions. This more modern paving brick is well-suited to complex designs and patterns which require a high degree of uniformity among the individual paving brick.

Paving brick is available at your local brick distributor's showroom, your best source of information on paving brick, including do-it-yourself installation tips and names of qualified installers in your area. You can visit the showroom of a brick distributor and select your paving brick just as you would the brick on your house. Because genuine clay pavers are made from the same material as brick used to build homes, brick companies can easily provide paving brick to match or complement the brick on an existing or new home. For a distributor near you, visit www.brick-info.org.

Most people assume that any paving product that looks like brick is, in fact, brick. Not so. Paving brick is made of clay, the traditional source material of brick manufacturers. Concrete pavers, which may appear similar to their clay counterpart on the shelf, are

electricity compared to incandescent lamps.

For more information on energy-efficient lighting and GeoExchange heating and cooling system, call your energy company.

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actually a very different product.

Concrete pavers, similar to concrete block, consist of cement and aggregate. Formed in molds, a vibration process provides the combined materials with density. Over time, the units gain strength due to the curing or hardening of the cement. Colors other than gray are achieved by adding pigments to the mixture of cement and aggregate.

Because it is not inherent to the material, the pigment added to concrete pavers can erode, eventually exposing the color of the aggregate and perhaps resulting in a complete change from the original color of the concrete paver. Dark pigments in particular can fade over time. Unfortunately, once the color has faded, it is impossible to bring the color back to its original appearance without replacing the concrete paver.

Like modern, extruded brick pavers, concrete pavers are manufactured with highly accurate dimensions and are typically available at large home improvement retailers. Retail malls and commercial establishments have done a great job utilizing concrete pavers, but they are used less frequently in upscale residential. "Why," you might ask? The answers are simple.

Clay, like all quality materials, keeps looking better and better over time. It ages well and wears well. Brick, on a house or on the ground, conveys a sense of permanency — it just says "home." Brick is loved for its natural origins, its rich tonalities and its uniqueness. Like snowflakes, no two bricks are alike. Be aware of the statement your home is making. Genuine clay pavers provide a warm welcome that will endure, and even improve, after years of enjoyment.

The cost of both clay pavers and concrete pavers are more than asphalt or concrete initially; however, long-term durability and aesthetic appeal must be factored into an assessment of the cost-effectiveness of any paving option. Most segmental paver installers lay both clay and concrete pavers for the same price. Likewise, the cost of the two types of pavers is relatively similar.

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Good Housekeeping

Faster food: GoodHousekeeping's favorite shortcuts

- If you're going to need noodles for your stew, put the water on to boil as soon as you get home.
- Do two tasks at once, but make sure only one requires close attention. You can saute onions while you're slicing other veggies, for example, or measuring out the rice and noodles for your side dish.
- Use your microwave as a "pre-cooker" for ingredients — potatoes, squash — that normally take a long time.
- Cut meat into cubes to speed up cooking time (sharp knives are a must).

- Slice long-cooking vegetables — carrots, parsnips — thinner than usual.

Q. I usually buy fresh Brussels sprouts from the supermarket in 10- or 12-ounce containers, but my friend told me I should try the ones from the green market that are sold on the stalk. What does she mean?

A. Brussels sprouts grow on a thick stalk of a 2- to 3-foot-tall plant with large leaves at the top and in between the sprouts to shelter them from harsh sun or heavy rain. If you find Brussels sprouts on the stalk, buy them — they're most likely locally grown and very fresh.

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Household Help

By Sam Mazzotta

Q. We moved into our first house this winter. With spring approaching, my wife and I are wondering how to keep the lawn as green as it was when we bought it (last fall). — Bernie G., White Plains, N.Y.

A. First, congratulations on your new home. Switching from the convenience of renting an apartment to caring for your own property is quite a challenge, but seeing the results of your hard work will be worth it.

So let's get down to the joy of lawn care. The lush, green lawn that came with the house will make your job much easier, but in order to keep it looking great, remember these general guidelines.

- Fertilize the lawn only in springtime, after the first mowing. Make sure you're providing the right type of fertilizer: If you don't know the type of grass, remove a small plug of the sod and take it to a nursery. A pro can tell you the type of fertilizer needed. He or she can also tell you how often to water and at what height to set your mower's blade.

- Mow the grass only after it has grown about 2 inches high, and only when it is completely dry. Check the yard for debris before turning on the mower.

- Set the mower blade to cut the grass to its recommended height. Cut the grass too short, and you'll start seeing yellow or bald spots. Enough of the shoot must remain to absorb sunlight. Don't attempt the "golf course" look.

- Pick a pattern to mow: either back-and-forth "rows," or a spiral pattern, and stick to the one you settle on. Reverse direction each time you mow.

- Remove weeds as soon as they appear, before they take hold among your lawn's root system. Pull them by hand if possible; however, if weeds begin to take over, you may need to treat the lawn with an herbicide.

- Check the buildup of thatch beneath the grass; this mixture of dead grass, leaves and other debris gradually cuts off air, sun and water from the lawn. Take 1-by-2-inch samples of sod from several areas of the lawn, and measure the straw-colored area between grass and soil. If it's more than 1/2 inch thick, that area of the lawn has a problem.

Keeping a beautiful lawn can be a real science. I recommend that

you buy at least one guide to lawn care, and that you get to know the lawn care expert at your local nursery. With a bit of work, you'll have a nice lawn from spring to fall.

Q. I have several projects to do in my main bathroom, but the wall tiles above the tub are my first priority. Due to my own neglect, several tiles have loosened to the point of almost falling out. In addition, some of the grout around the good tiles is either chipping out or has mildew stains. Fortunately, I have about a half box of extra tiles to use if need be.

Should I replace some of the tiles and regrout the others, or both?

A. The age and condition of your bathroom tiles will determine whether you'll have to tear out most of your wall. However, if only a few tiles are chipped or have hairline cracks, then replace only those.

If the above is present, use a variable speed drill with a carbide bit to begin the repair. Next, drill several holes (one to each side of the damaged tile) and then use a hammer and chisel to split the tile. After you carefully remove the old tile, scrape away the old grout with a sharp utility knife. Of course, always use eye goggles and a pair of work gloves when doing this job.

Test the fit of a new tile in the space and check it out. Be sure the wallboard is completely dry before applying the new tile. Next, apply a generous coat of adhesive on the back of the replacement. Use firm and direct pressure until the tile becomes seated. Due to the fact that you are only replacing some tiles, you can apply the grout on the same day. Apply the grout with the proper float around the entire perimeter of each tile. With a squeezed-out damp sponge, carefully wipe away any excess grout. After a few hours, polish the tile with a clean, dry cloth.

Apply the same method to other areas of damage but only scrape out the old grout with an awl or utility knife. You should also use a store brand tub and tile caulk at the base of the tile around the tub.

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Children's "favorites" change so quickly when they are young. To handle the rapid switch from purple dinosaurs to sports superstars, it is recommended to steer clear of complete theme rooms with the bedding, borders, and walls all in the latest craze. Designers and moms think it is better to use neutral bedding and highlight an interest or accent a room with playful touches such as pillows or cabinet knobs. Amerock's Kid'z and Sport'z line of cabinet hardware simply brings fun to a child's room.

Kid'z is a collection of adorable pets for nurseries and children's rooms. There are green-maned lions, purple hippos, and more realistically colored giraffes, tigers, elephants and zebras; also a teddy bear in a blue muffler and a miniature ark featuring Noah himself.

Also for children (and for the child in all of us) is Sport'z, a col-

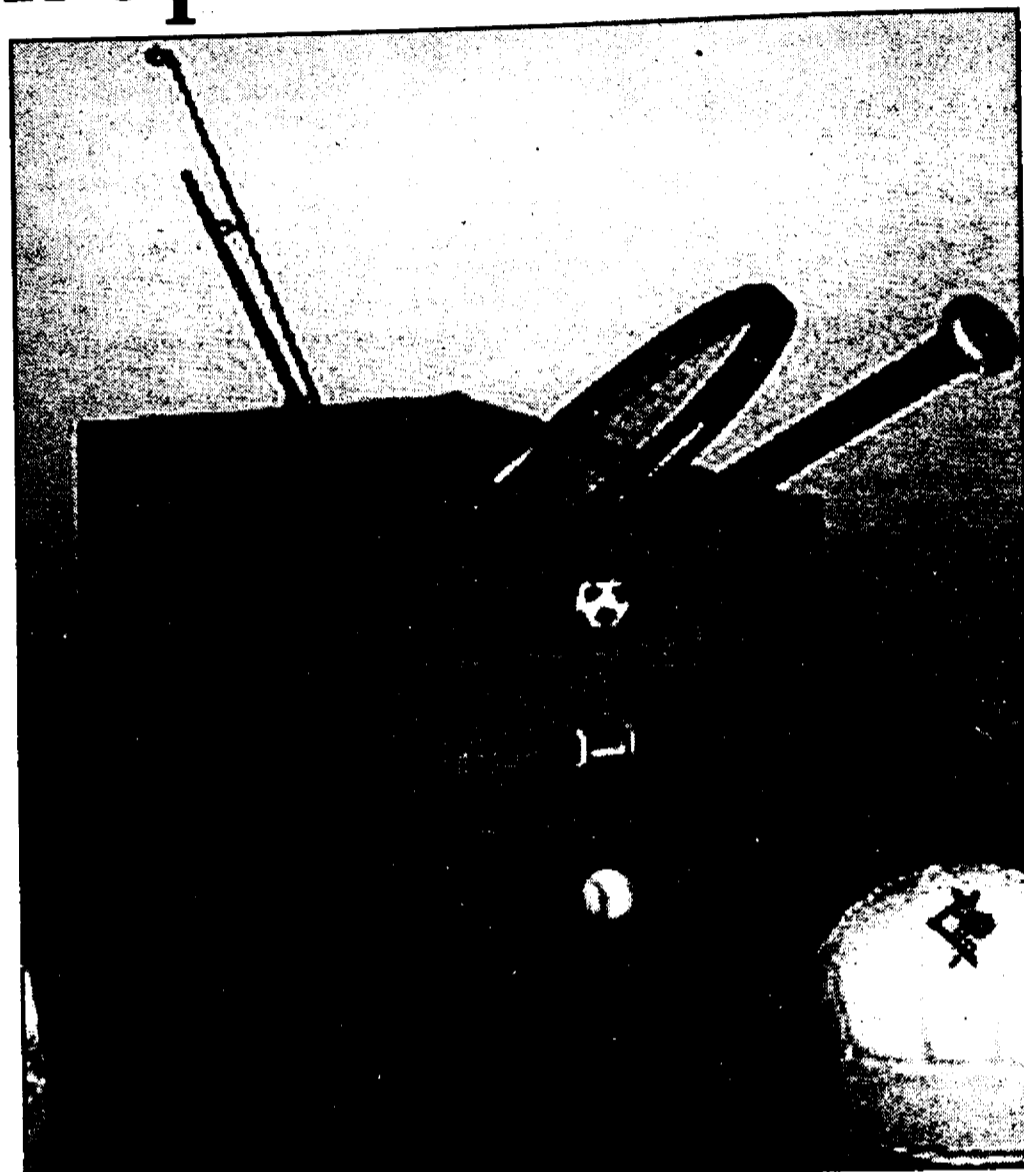
lection for sports fans that includes baseballs, basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, and golf balls. The knobs in Sport'z and Kid'z are made of hand-painted resin and can be used alone, in combination with one another, or with more traditional knobs and pulls.

Accent'z are available at home centers and hardware stores throughout the country. Prices range from \$3.99 to \$8.99 per unit.

Amerock's line of cabinet accessories also includes hinges, drawer slides, safety latches, shelving, storage and organizer systems. The company is the world's largest manufacturer of decorative cabinet hardware, with exclusive new designs added every year. Many products carry the Guardian guaranteed lifetime finish and all are warranted against defects in material and workmanship for as long as the original consumer owns the product. Amerock Corporation, based in Rockford, Ill., has been in business since 1929.

For a brochure or further information on Accent'z Hardware, call (815) 969-6308 or visit www.amerock.com

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Amerock's Sport'z designs playfully accent a child's bedroom.

Faux finishing paint guide

By Michael Collihole

You can faux finish on most surfaces; first prime the surface or apply a base coat.

- Repair and wash the surface. Repair and tape any holes if needed. Wash the surface with bleach and water if needed. All surfaces must be sound, clean, and dry.

- Prime or base coat the surface. Why should I prime? If you don't, there's always a chance of peeling. Priming provides a clean surface on which to work.

Tip: You can tint your primer and use that as your base coat.

- What paint do I use? You can use (washable) semi-gloss, eggshell, satin, or a latex flat (non-washable).

Tip: Buy a tin of white paint and add your own tint colors (available in a tube called Tint All).

Tip: Add Floetrol to your paint (it will stay wet longer).

- Where do I start? First apply

the base coat (paint or tinted primer). Make the base coat dark and work light (you can always cover your mistakes).

Tip: Dampen the wall first. This makes it easier to apply the finish and gives you more time to work with the effect.

Tip: Some tools work better when they are damp.

- Sections. Work in sections and always keep a damp cloth nearby to wipe off your mistakes.

Tip: Practice your technique on a board — or on paper — before starting.

Tip: Apply masking tape around the edges of objects such as light switches, baseboards, and ceilings.

Corners, ceilings, and floors: To tackle the corners of a room, or to avoid applying the effect to ceilings or floors, hold a sheet of cardboard against the surface you are not currently painting.

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REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

**700 APTS./FLATS/DUPLEX
POINTE/HARPER WOODS**

1 bedroom upper. \$475, utilities included. (313)824-4624

1107 Beaconsfield- 2 bedroom, \$750/month. \$1,200 security. Showing 2- 6p.m. Sunday.

1224 Wayburn- 2 bedroom lower, living room, dining room, kitchen, remodeled bathroom. Private laundry, private storage, off-street parking. No pets. \$750. (734)513-2469

1226 Wayburn- 2 bedroom upper, living room, dining room, remodeled kitchen, remodeled bathroom, air, private storage, private laundry, off-street parking. No pets. \$850. (734)513-2469

1242 Maryland, upper, 3 bedroom, newer kitchen, new stove, basement washer, dryer, \$750. Shown Saturday, 12- 1pm.

1334 Somerset, 2 bedroom, refinished hardwood floors, freshly painted, all appliances, off street parking. \$750. 313-330-5720

**700 APTS./FLATS/DUPLEX
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1385 Somerset. Special 3 bedroom upper, features natural fireplace, renovated kitchen, new plush carpet & paint. \$895/ month plus utilities. Call 313-822-8660, 313-660-0101.

19215 Roscommon, 2 bedroom duplex. Grosse Pointe schools. Appliances, pets negotiable. \$700 plus utilities. (313)245-0810

2 bedroom furnished carriage house, laundry, air, no pets. Security deposit, \$1,500/month plus utilities. 313-882-3965

2 bedroom, Grosse Pointe. Includes heat/water, appliances, coin laundry, parking. \$625. 313-886-2920

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2000 square foot upper. Central air, 2 bedroom, master with dressing room, living room, dining room, library. 2 1/2 baths. Summer porch. 2 car garage. New carpeting throughout. Immaculate. April 1 occupancy. \$1,250/month. 751 Harcourt Road. (313)824-1508

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POINTE/HARPER WOODS**

3 bedroom upper. Somerset, appliances. \$800. 313-882-2667

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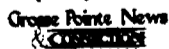
373 Neff- 3 bedroom upper, 2,000 sq. ft. \$1,200. Available May 1. (313)885-1144, after 6pm.

389 Neff, 2 bedroom upper, private basement, appliances, air. Landscape service. 313-884-1375

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POINTE/HARPER WOODS**

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POINTE/HARPER WOODS**

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MUIR Road, Farms. Large, 2 bedroom upper, appliances, garage, and heat included. \$750/ month plus security. No pets. (313)882-7978

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SOMERSET- 3 bedroom lower, appliances, no pets, credit history required. \$850. (313)885-2206

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COMPLETELY remodeled 3 bedroom lower flat. Available April 1st. \$600/ month, 1 1/2 month's security. Brian. 313-885-3410

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DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY**

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1 bedroom apartment, Roseville area, 700 square feet, all appliances. (248)542-3940

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**705 HOUSES FOR RENT
POINTES HARPER WOODS**

1200 S. Renaud, 3 bedroom, huge. All appliances included. Lawn & snow included. \$2,500/ month. Mint. 810-783-8024

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HARPER Woods/ Grosse Pointe schools. 3 bedroom, 2 car garage, immediate occupancy. \$1,125. Appliances included. No pets. Credit report required. 313-805-1318

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EXECUTIVE rental, Grosse Pointe Farms, completely furnished, Tastefully appointed 2 bedroom home ready for you today. Short & long term available. Fireplace, master suite, renovated kitchen. \$1,750/ month. Call 313-885-8843, 313-822-8660

EXECUTIVE Woods colonial. Like new. 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 bathrooms. \$9,500 plus. (313)882-7784

GROSSE Pointe Farms bungalow. 3 bedroom, 2 baths. With appliances. \$1,400/ month. Credit check. (313)886-3442

GROSSE Pointe Park- 3 bedroom brick colonial near parks, 2 1/2 baths, fireplace, patio, 2 car garage, all appliances. \$1,600. 313-821-8760 or 519-253-9763

GROSSE Pointe Park- 3 bedroom, colonial. All appliances, finished basement. \$900. Rental Pros, 810-773-Rent

GROSSE Pointe Woods, 1366 Anita. This charming and spacious brick bungalow home as 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, 1 1/2 car garage. Hardwood floors, air, patio, all appliances and much more. It's completely updated and in perfect condition. Close to schools and parks. \$1,450. Open house, Friday, 4- 6, Saturday 11- 1. 313-610-9977

GROSSE Pointe Woods, 3 bedroom, 3 bath. (313)886-9147

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NOTTINGHAM, south of Jefferson, updated 2 bedroom, all appliances, washer & dryer, off street parking, private basement, \$595/ month. Schultes Real Estate. 810-573-3900

SOUTH of Vernier, east of Mack, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 1/2 car, \$2,200/ month. 810-286-2330, 810-295-0509

**706 HOUSES FOR RENT
DETROIT, WAYNE COUNTY**

3 bedroom house for rent, \$725. Option to buy. Call for information, 313-886-0261

7/ Mack, 2 bedroom, basement, garage. Private. Updated. \$595/ month. (248)549-8587

DETROIT, St. John Hospital area. 5215 LaFontaine, 2 bedroom home. \$675/ month plus security deposit. Credit check, no pets. 313-881-1163

LODEWYCK- 4 bedroom brick colonial. Dining room. Basement, garage. \$700. Rental Pros, 313-882-Rent

**707 HOUSES FOR RENT
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EASTPOINTE- 2 bedrooms, major appliances, laundry room, full basement. \$700. (313)886-1943, evenings.

LAKEFRONT, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, central air, full basement, 2 1/2 car garage. Jefferson/ 10 1/2. \$1,600. (810)775-7777.

ST. Clair Shores- 3 bedroom brick ranch. 1.5 baths. Finished basement. \$850. Rental Pros. 810-773-Rent

**709 TOWNHOUSES/
CONDOS FOR RENT**

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**709 TOWNHOUSES/
CONDOS FOR RENT**

BEAUTIFUL Shores Condo, 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, garage, storage, all appliances, \$795/ month, plus security. 810-856-7284

LAKEPOINTE Towers, St. Clair Shores. Large 1 bedroom, 2 bath. Indoor parking, pool, exercise room. Golf. \$800/ month. Tom, (313)885-6604

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TO SHARE**

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HARBOR Springs/ Goodheart. Lake Michigan, sandy beachfront, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$2,500/ week. Efficiency cottage, \$750/ week. Both for \$3,000. (734)429-9459, (231)526-7988.

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Grosse Pointe News & CONNECTION

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

800 HOUSES FOR SALE

1015 Hawthorne, Grosse Pointe Woods. English 3 bedroom, 2 bath, completely renovated with high end products. Much more! Drive by for flyer. Motivated sellers. \$275,000. Open house Sunday, 12pm-4pm, (313)886-3829

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800 HOUSES FOR SALE

GROSSE Pointe Schools, 20227 Lennon, Harper Woods. Open Sunday 1- 3. Brick ranch. 3 bedroom with possible 4th. 2 1/2 baths. Was the builders model & house, new air, 2 1/2 garage. \$158,000, new listing priced to sell. Hughes Realty, (313)885-5500.

800 HOUSES FOR SALE

21336 Prestwick. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, brick ranch. Completely renovated, new bathroom, roof, central air, refinished hardwood floors, paint throughout. \$137,000. Open Sunday, 2pm- 4pm. Agent owned. (313)467-5502

800 HOUSES FOR SALE

GROSSE Pointe Woods, Scott built, 5 bedroom colonial with 2 full and 2 half baths. Updated kitchen, finished basement, central air, first floor laundry, 2 1/2 car garage and much more. Move in condition. Call for appointment (313)882-5353

800 HOUSES FOR SALE

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1814 Severn. Pretty center entrance colonial. 3 bedroom. Open Sunday 1-4pm. \$279,900. (313)885-1140

20466 Eastwood, Harper Woods, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, brick ranch, finished basement with half bath, 2 fireplaces, screened porch, newer roof, windows, kitchen. Lots of storage. New 3 car garage, shed, concrete on 100X185' lot. A must see! \$204,900. (313)640-4461. By Owner.

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538 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe City, 5 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, carport, guest house, reduced to \$449,000 www.forsalebyowner.com reference number 9998537. Call: 313-331-2009

699 Rivard, Grosse Pointe City. Realtors welcome, 3%. 5 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath classic English tudor. 2836 square feet, huge family room, fabulous wood details throughout, new roof, windows & landscaping, close to shopping. Must see. \$459,000. Call for appointment, 313-882-9065

781 Washington, Grosse Pointe City. Realtors welcome, 3%. Beautiful French Chateau Colonial. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2,500 square feet, new Morris kitchen with granite counter tops, tumbled marble foyer, new baths, huge lot with 3 tier deck and hot tub. \$495,000. Call today for appointment. (313)882-9065

DETROIT, 11131 Nottingham. 2 bedroom duplex, must see, a bargain at \$60,000. Like new! (313)521-5125

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GROSSE Pointe Woods colonial. 1 1/2 baths, 3 bedrooms, excellent condition. New driveway. Call 313-886-4682

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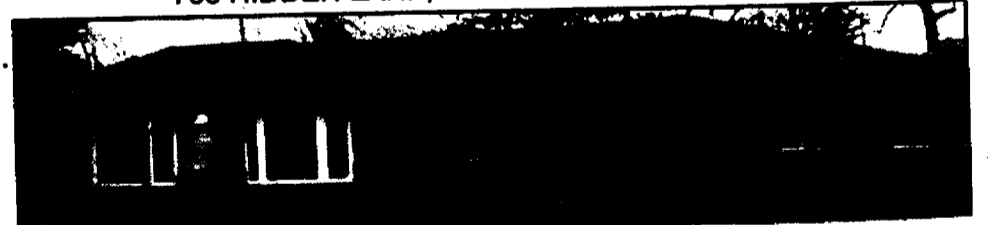
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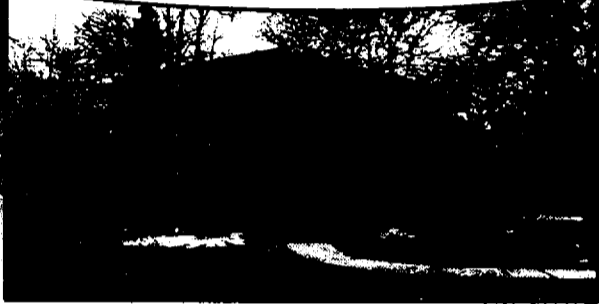
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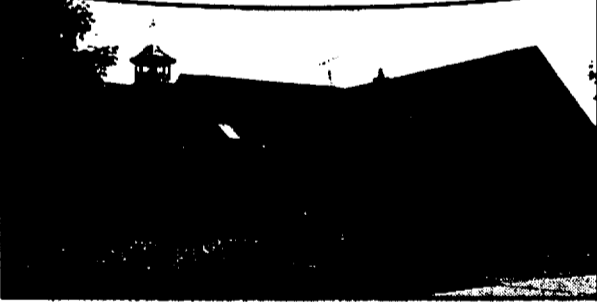
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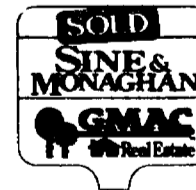
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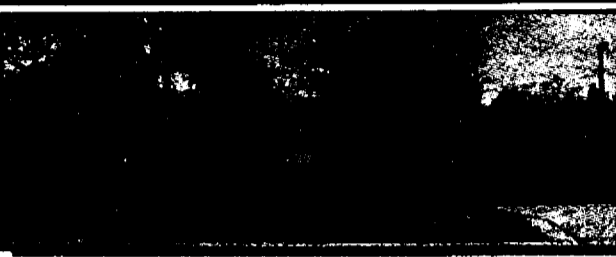







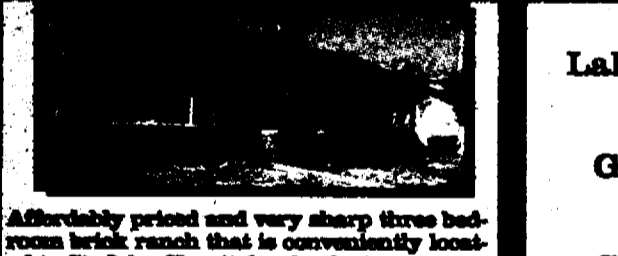
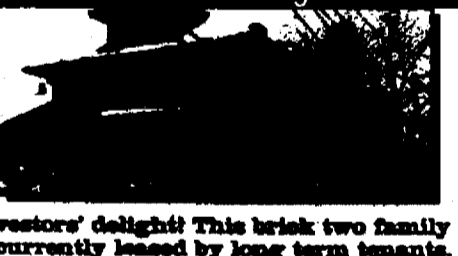


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