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Harper Woods 50th parade

Katrina Frank walked with the Gardeners in the Harper Woods 50th anniversary parade last Sunday. She was just one of more than 1,200 people who participated in the celebration. For more pictures of the day's fun, turn to 8A.

Photo by Hank DePue

WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, May 3
The Women of Grosse Pointe Methodist Church, 211 Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms, hold their Spring Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items for sale include slightly used toys, jewelry, antiques and books. For more information, call (313) 886-2363.

Sunday, May 6
The Trent-David Salon, 20788 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts special Hairathon-Nalathon from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to raise money for the Karmans Cancer Institute. Appointments are required. Call (313) 881-5655.

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

Tuesday, May 8
The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets at for lunch 11 a.m. in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Following lunch, speaker John Hartig discusses American Heritage Rivers. Those interested in learning more should call Dick Kay at (313) 886-3567 or Ed Olsen at (313) 824-2827.

Wednesday, May 9
The Harper Woods Public Library presents an investment seminar by Michael Casey of Commonwealth Financial Network titled "The Top Ten Myths of Investing" at 7 p.m. To register for this free presentation, call (313) 343-2575. The library is located at 19601 Harper Ave., I-94 at the Allard exit.

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City voters approve \$2.6m park bond by 4-1 margin

By Jim Stickford, Staff Writer
City of Grosse Pointe voters, by a margin of 819-189, approved the sale of \$2.6 million in bonds for the purpose of upgrading and improving Neff Park.

The vote was the culmination of over a year's work by the City's council and a special park committee. The money will be used to build a new pool and bathhouse.

Supporters of the project said that the pool, which dates back over 30 years, is outdated. In addition a new bathhouse is needed for a variety of reasons, including the need to meet new handicap-accessible standards.

A series of public meetings were held last winter to show residents what the project would look like and to receive input on what should be done and what shouldn't be done.

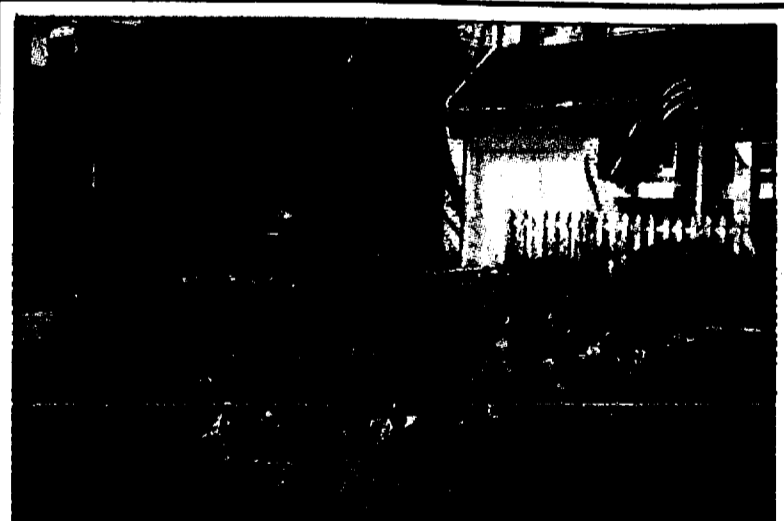
The next step, said city manager Mike Overton, is to actually sell the

Work will begin after Labor Day and should be completed by Memorial Day 2002.

bonds. The council then must finalize the plans and hire a contractor. Work in the Neff Park will begin after Labor Day. The improvements should be completed by Memorial Day 2002.

City clerk Julie Arthur said the turnout was good. The City has a total of 4,681 registered voters. Recently retired city manager Tom Kressbach was on hand to watch the votes being counted.

"After working so hard on this project before I retired, it's satisfying to see that the citizens of the City will have a great park," Kressbach said.



Holland in the Shores

Don Haigh did it again. He produced a bumper crop of car-stopping tulips — 1,000 in all — in front of his home on Hawthorne in Grosse Pointe Shores. Several years ago, he had a similar burst of foliage and shared it with the editors at the Grosse Pointe News.

Shores rejects historical society funding request

By Jim Stickford, Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Shores village board of trustees, while praising the job done by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, turned down a request to donate \$5,000 to the organization.

Trustee Brian Hunt questioned society representatives Mryna Smith and Lisa Gandelot as to why the group asked for \$5,000 from each of the Pointe communities. Hunt also asked some questions about the society's balance sheet — what its assets are against what its debts and obligations are.

Smith presented figures from the year 1999, saying that the society's books are usually audited in July, so the 2000 figures wouldn't be available for a few more months. She added that the society has to pay for its office as well as the cost of a part-time curator.

Trustee Karl Kratz asked about any specific projects the society was working on that might require money. Gandelot mentioned the upcoming historical encampment that will take place in the Farms Pier Park in May. The project is being done in conjunction with Detroit's 300th anniversary.

During the weekend of May 19, historical reenactors will be in the park to educate the public about the first 100 or so years of Detroit's history. The project is bigger and more expensive than originally anticipated, Gandelot said.

Board president John Huettner III asked if the other Pointes had given the society \$5,000 as requested. Gandelot said the City and Farms gave the full amount. The Park and Woods are currently taking the request under advisement and haven't given a final answer.

Hunt noted that the society has \$50,000 in assets and wanted to know why the group's board wanted to get voted to deny the society's governments involved with the society. Gandelot said the society doesn't want local governments involved, but noted that it's not uncommon for local governments to make donations to

local groups. She cited contributions the Shores makes every year to Services for Older Citizens and the Children's Home of Detroit.

Hunt was quick to point out that these groups provide specific services to residents, services that are a regular part of a government's duty. He was also not impressed with the argument that because the society's records are open to anyone interested in researching the history of a home in the Pointes, the society is helping people decide to live in the Pointes.

Smith said that society records show that 104 Shores residents have made contributions in one form or another. Hunt asked why the society didn't appeal directly to the public for funding of instead of going to the government. He said he's never been approached, as a private citizen, for funding and said that all the Shores residents to make a contribution of \$100 to get the \$5,000 it was requesting from the village. He then wrote a check for \$100 and said now they only had to get 49 people to contribute.

Trustee Dr. James Cooper said he was uncomfortable with the precedent that would be set if the board gave the society money. He said there are many worthy civic groups in the Pointes such as the War Memorial, the Neighborhood Club, the Rotary, that service the public, but the Shores doesn't give them money.

Cooper added that part of his job is justifying how the taxpayers' money is spent and why. He was uncomfortable with the request. Hunt agreed, saying he had a hard time dictating how Shores residents should spend their charitable dollars. That would be what the board would do if they gave the society \$5,000.

The board unanimously voted to deny the society's request for a \$5,000 contribution.

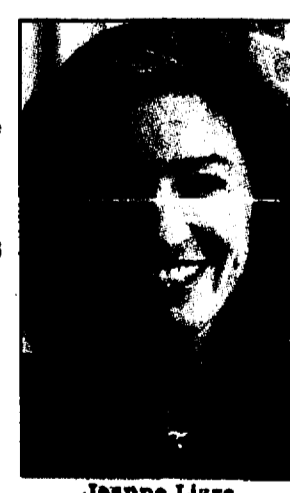
"I'm disappointed that the Shores chose not to support us financially," Gandelot said.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Jeanne Lizza

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
Age: 40
Family: Husband, Michael Liddane; three daughters, Allison Liddane, 9, Micaela Liddane, 7, and Maria Liddane, 4; and one son, Thomas Liddane, 6
Claim to fame: Special needs program volunteer coordinator



Jeanne Lizza

Quote: "This has not been a hard thing. I don't see this as being time-consuming. I get to see positive outcomes."
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3 a.m. traffic stop uncovers near-fatal assault

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

A Royal Oak man was critically injured during the early morning hours of Tuesday, May 1.

According to police, the 62-year-old victim, was assaulted by a 30-year-old Hazel Park man at about 3 a.m. Tuesday in an office building on Kercheval.

"The suspect was stopped by officer Frank Zielinski," said public safety director Robert Ferber. "It was about 3:15 a.m. when officer

Zielinski spotted the suspect driving the wrong way down McMillan."

Zielinski stopped the suspect in the area of Ridge, said Ferber. The suspect was covered with blood and had the victim's pants and wallet.

"Zielinski put two and two together," said Ferber. "He found out where the suspect came from. He was joined at the scene by fellow officers and they broke into the building. They then followed a blood trail to the victim."

The victim was covered with blood as the result of deep cuts, said Ferber. His condition was such that it was unlikely that he would have been able to get help himself.

"If officer Zielinski hadn't been alert at 3:15 a.m. on a quiet Tuesday morning, we probably wouldn't have been able to get to the victim in time to save his life," Ferber said. "It shows how important routine traffic stops can be and how important it is to be alert. This stop could

have easily gone sour."

Farms EMS technicians were on the scene "almost immediately," Ferber said. The victim was taken to St. John Hospital for emergency treatment.

Hospital spokesman Mike Kairis said he remains in critical condition.

Crime scene investigators found several possible weapons, but the victim was most likely cut with some sort of razor blade.

"I would say that the suspect has cooperated to the

best of his ability," Ferber said. "But you have to take into consideration how upset he was and his condition at the time he was taken into custody. We've been unable to talk to the victim because of his condition, so at this time we can only speculate."

State police forensics investigators were called to the scene of the crime at about 5 a.m., Ferber said. They spent the rest of Tuesday morning collecting blood, hair and fiber samples. Much of the office

building, including the restaurant, was closed to the public during the investigation.

As of press time the suspect was in police custody, but hadn't been formally charged.

"If officer Zielinski hadn't been alert and stopped the suspect, if we hadn't gotten to the scene of the attack in time to save the victim," Ferber said. "We would have ended up with a multi-jurisdictional investigation with few leads."

Tree vandals target Park

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Vandals who chopped down a 40-foot evergreen at Patterson Park have planted the seeds of frontier justice.

"If we ever find who did this, being prosecuted is the least he has to worry about," said Brian Colter, the Grosse Pointe Park city forester.

"Someone should have to pay," said Pat Deck, former chair of the city's beautification commission.

The evergreen, a Norway spruce, was chopped down sometime during the night of Friday, April 20. Growth rings showed the tree was 53 years old. Because the case is ongoing, police wouldn't identify the people under investigation. Other sources said one of the suspects was a male troublemaker fresh from a run-in with a park guard.

People in Grosse Pointe Park are fed up with tree vandalism, including the theft of plaques marking trees planted in memory of loved ones.

Last summer, an unknown group tried to uproot two red maples from Patterson's award-winning tree islands. Colter, who planted the maples last summer, said the \$380 specimens survived because the suspected youths were "too weak" to lift the 300-pound root balls.

Two weeks ago, a 17-year-old boy stole a freshly planted dogwood from Windmill Pointe Park. It wasn't the crime of the century.

Terri Soloman, the city's recreation director, followed a trail of dirt from the ornamental tree's root ball to the boy's home on nearby Barrington.

"It was almost like he wanted to be caught," said Soloman. "It was a cry for help."

The youth barely escaped criminal prosecution.

"Excuses don't count," said Dave Hiller, the Park's deputy director of public safety. "When you get to a certain age, you have to own up to it. He got a break because of all the circumstances. We met with him

and his father, and there is a tremendous cooperative effort on their part. That means a lot to us."

Authorities might not be so lenient about the vandalized spruce at Patterson.

Colter, using a formula from the International Society of Arboriculture he said has been upheld in court, said the spruce was worth nearly \$3,900.

"That's conservative," he said. "For all intents and purposes, it's irreplaceable."

The suspect could face felony charges for causing more than \$1,000 damage.

Deck said criminals should be held to task, not coddled.

"We live in a society of the law of the deepest pocket," she said. "When someone has to pay for something, they pay attention. It's not until there's a consequence that people care."

Last week, Colter planted a replacement tree next to where the Norway spruce had grown since 1948.

"It will be better than ever," he said.

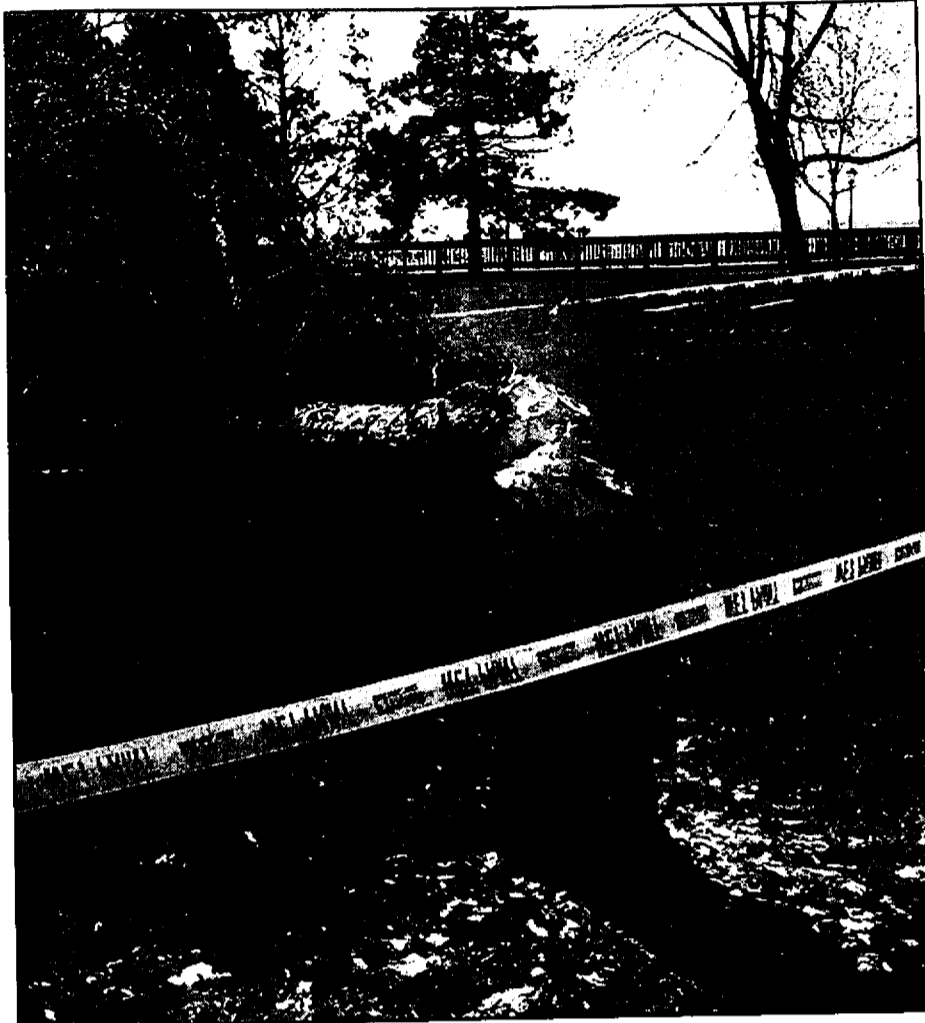


Photo by Brian Colter

Visitors to Patterson Park discovered the remains of a 40-foot Norway spruce that had been growing since Harry Truman's first term as president. The vandals responsible could face felony charges.

Farms to finish street work following sewer separation

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

With warm weather finally here on a consistent basis, Grosse Pointe Farms is able to complete the sewer separation project that began in the fall of 1999.

Most of the work was completed last fall. The sewer lines were installed, but there wasn't enough time in the building season left to finish all the road work. So Farms officials decided to put a temporary coat of asphalt over certain streets until the spring.

With spring here, the project can be completed. Director of public services Joe Leonard said a number of streets in the Farms will have work done between now and the middle of June.

Merriweather, Forsythe, Harbor Hill, Edgemere, Dyar Lane, Meadow Lane and Lakeshore, from Fisher to Carmel Lane, will have mill work done on the undersurface before the street is resurfaced.

Other streets, including Pine Court, Beverly Lane, Hillcrest Lane, Sunset Lane and Provençal, will be resurfaced. There will be some additional curb and gutter work done on Forsythe, Harbor Hill and Elm Court.

During the construction project, some private driveway approaches were damaged on Kenwood, Merriweather, Meadow Lane, Provençal and Lakeshore. These approaches will also be repaired.

This work is the comple-

tion of the sewer separation project, said Leonard. The Farms will fix other roads during the late summer. These are roads that didn't suffer any damage as a result of construction. This is just the routine street repair work that's done every year.

Right now he said they are looking at Beaupre, from Fisher to Kerby and Hillcrest from Beaupre to Williams. He said he'll know more in the next few weeks about what the Farms will do later in the summer.



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Brian Colter, city forester in Grosse Pointe Park, counts 53 growth rings in the Norway spruce vandals chopped down last week at Patterson Park.

H.W. dance recital



The 17th annual Dance Recital sponsored by the Harper Woods Recreation Department brought together students from several of the dance classes they offer throughout the year. Children and adults shared the spotlight and demonstrated their skills on the Harper Woods High School stage. Dance director Nonny Pesegna, and instructors Julie Lieberknecht, Mary Salada, Kim Brus and Lisa Tabor are the pillars of the dance program in Harper Woods.

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Pointer gives special effort to children with special needs

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The Lizza-Liddane house in Grosse Pointe Woods is pretty typical of young families in the Grosse Pointes. Daughters Allison Liddane, 9, Micaela Liddane, 7, and Maria Liddane, 4, have their calendars filled with soccer, tennis, swimming and piano.

"The kids are always up and busy," said their mother, Jeanne Lizza.

Even though son Thomas Liddane, 6, has plenty of activities on his agenda, some of them are made possible because of his mother.

Thomas Liddane is speech and language impaired, which sometimes makes it difficult for him to participate in many mainstream

activities like his sisters. Lizza heard similar concerns of other parents of special needs children, too, especially late last winter when the Grosse Pointe Public School System was considering discontinuing its SCAMP program, a social and recreational program for special needs children.

Although SCAMP was spared from being cut, parents in the area said there was still a deficiency of recreational programs for special needs children.

"All children like having places to go," said Lizza. "These kids aren't much different."

One of the top requests of parents was a horseback riding program similar to one Lizza's son attended in

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Chesterfield Township. Lizza contacted the Easter Seals of Michigan and the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club about starting a program locally.

"It wasn't like I had to convince the Hunt Club," said Lizza. "(General manager) Darrell Finken has been wonderfully supportive."

With a bit of fundraising to purchase helmets and a specially equipped saddle and the club's offer to provide four of its schooling horses, the once-a-week riding program was established last June for 16 children and 26 on a waiting list all by

word of mouth. "She's great to work with," said Finken. "She knows how to organize; she sees both sides of a situation."

After the riding program got off the ground, Lizza approached the Neighborhood Club about expanding its activities for special needs children.

"Jeanne came to us with some wonderful ideas, but of some of them we had to say, 'That's a great idea, but we don't have the room,' but Jeanne always found a way around those obstacles," said Neighborhood Club director John Bruce.

Lizza's first project with the Neighborhood Club was starting a three-hour recreational therapy program. She raised several thousand dollars talking up the program with everyone she knew.

"Equipment for special needs kids is very expensive," said Lizza. "You know — special kids, special prices — but every \$25 or \$50 adds up."

Finding professionals to teach special needs children can also be a challenge, but not only did Lizza find a physical therapist to run the recreational therapy class, she also enlisted an occupational therapist to donate her time. Since the program began in November, Lizza and her family volunteer to set up equipment before every Saturday morning class.

Since November, offerings for special needs kids have snowballed. Lizza has helped the Neighborhood Club establish handwriting, computer, exercise, dance and a sports sampler class for the special needs set.

Lizza has also served as the link between the Neighborhood Club and a program called Kids on the Go, a summer physical, occupational and speech therapy program for special needs children based out of Bi-County Hospital in Warren which was looking to expand.

Lizza saw that expanding a program like this was not enough.

"Therapies can be expen-

sive and they're not always covered by insurance," said Lizza.

So far, Lizza has brought in about \$10,000 in camp sponsorships. She hopes to raise another \$10,000 by the time the program begins in June.

Grosse Pointe Community Education, which has also heeded the call to expand its offerings to special needs students, has relied on Lizza's help, too.

"Jeanne has helped with a new program called Fast Forward, a computer-based language and reading program," said Community Education program supervisor John Fundukian. "She not only helped get this program off the ground, but she's done a lot of the leg-work like learning about the program, finding an instructor and providing us with contacts."

"Most of these classes don't pertain to Thomas, but they are still important," said Lizza. "No one is in this arena by choice. It's nice to make these parents' days a little easier because you never know when you may need that same kind of support."

While Lizza may give others support through her volunteer efforts, the paycheck for her has been enormous.

"This has not been a hard thing," said Lizza. "I don't see this as being time-consuming, I get to see positive outcomes. This is a very appreciative group. I get hugs all the time from parents."

Allard bridge reappears over weekend

By Darren Donaldson
Staff Writer

"They said they were going to do it, but I didn't believe it," said city manager Jim Leidlein about Midwest Bridge's quick erection of the Allard bridge last weekend.

The span over I-94 was nothing but air on Friday. By Saturday night, cement arched over the freeway connecting the two sides of Harper Avenue. Not quite drivable but impressive nonetheless.

"We kicked butt on Saturday," said project manager Bob Luttrell. "We have a really good crew and they had a very productive day."

On Monday and Tuesday the crew poured the abutment cement while traffic whizzed by. He mentioned grout, tail spans, setting beams and tensioning — construction talk for finishing the thing. He said that the Allard bridge would most likely open in three weeks, as always, dependent upon the weather.

With its vital position in front of the police and fire stations, Allard has gotten preferential treatment at the top of the list. Leidlein confirms that the Allard disruption has not and will not cause any problems with emergency response to Harper Woods residents. The Woodside bridge is still open and serves as the gateway to the east side of the freeway for police and fire.

Midwest Bridge is overseeing the reconstruction of 33 bridges from Eight Mile south to Gratiot along the I-



The Allard overpass spanning I-94 took shape last weekend as Midwest Bridge Co. continued its reconstruction efforts.

94 corridor. Pedestrian bridges are also being replaced along the route.

"I am hoping that the pedestrian crew starts moving a little faster," Luttrell added. "They have had to deal with an additional revision; each pedestrian bridge must be raised a foot higher than they were due to the frequency of trucks hitting the current ones. I'd hate to be walking on one of those when that happened."

In bidding the project, Midwest Bridge was faced with a fairly new provision

in the contract negotiations. Construction companies must pay lane rental when they shut down the freeway; \$1,250 for all lanes on one side, \$1,000 for two lanes and \$500 for one. From 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. on the weekends, no rental is applied.

"We had to figure that into our offer," Luttrell said.

Instead of placing time incentives on the projects which usually result in faster completion but more headaches for drivers, the lane rental will get the job done in a commuter friendly

way. "This is a year-and-a-half project," Luttrell said. "We will not start any project unless we know that we can finish it before next winter. We probably will not begin demolition of any bridges after mid-September."

Luttrell predicts all of the spans will be finished by summer of 2002.

This weekend only east-bound I-94 will be closed. The closure will begin at Gratiot in Detroit and continue to I-696.

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The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan will hold a Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 2001 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Offices, 17147 Maumee Avenue, on the proposed 2001 City tax levy and on the proposed 2001-2002 City budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection during regular business hours in the office of the City Clerk beginning May 11, 2001.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this meeting.

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the public hearing on the proposed millage rate and the proposed City budget.

Michael Overton,
City Manager- Clerk
G.P.N.: 05/03/01

Village of Grosse Pointe Shores
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NOTICE OF ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS for the ANNUAL VILLAGE ELECTION to be held on TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2001

To the Qualified Electors of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores:

Qualified registered electors of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, counties of Wayne and Macomb, Michigan, confined to home or hospital by illness or disability, or are 60 years of age or more, or plan to be absent from the community on the noted election day, may apply for Absent Voter Ballots through Saturday, May 12, 2001 at 2:00 p.m.

Applications must be made prior to Saturday, May 12th at the Village Administrative Offices, 795 Lake Shore Road (second floor), Grosse Pointe Shores, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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Take carbon from energy equation

Last in a three-part series

The energy sources that have been used by mankind since the dawn of history have involved the release of carbon atoms. In the Stone Age, man used wood fires as his energy source to cook his food and warm himself. Wood contains a 10-1 ratio of carbon to hydrogen.

With the beginning of the Industrial Revolution in the 18th century, man made the switch to coal as the energy source. Coal was plentiful and more easily transported. It was also more energy dense, containing only two molecules of carbon for every molecule of hydrogen.

The automotive revolution brought another new fuel, petroleum. Oil had an even higher energy density. It had only one molecule of carbon for every two of hydrogen. Oil was also more easily transported and produced less soot. By 1960, oil had surpassed coal as the world's principal fuel source.

At the beginning of the 21st century, yet another fuel has begun to rival oil as an energy source, natural gas. It is the cleanest of the fossil fuels with only one unit of carbon for every four units of hydrogen.

Throughout history, mankind has

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been steadily decarbonizing his energy sources to capitalize on the hydrogen and keep the energy value, while lessening the carbon emissions.

For nearly all of human history, the emphasis has been on producing the energy without regard to the effect that the release of the carbon was having on the global ecosystem. However, the past century's discovery of carbon's role in changing Earth's climate and the possible risks this represents, has changed the way we have come to view how we consume energy.

Since 1751, more than 271 billion tons of carbon have been added to the atmosphere through the burning of fossil fuels. The clear consequence of this addition is a rise in carbon dioxide, the principal "greenhouse gas" that is linked to the entire concept of global warming.

The obvious question that can be reasonably asked is why not eliminate carbon from the fuel equation entirely and go directly to pure hydrogen as the fuel? In some ways this transformation is already underway. Hydrogen, the most abundant element in the universe, is commonly used to fuel the space shuttle. It can

be transported by pipeline and stored in either liquid or gaseous forms. Even though it currently costs more to produce hydrogen than petroleum, the idea of hydrogen becoming the major carrier of energy is being given a great boost by the development of the fuel cell.

The U.S. National Renewable Energy Laboratory released a report last year that concluded, "there are no technical showstoppers to implementing a near-term hydrogen fuel infrastructure for direct hydrogen fuel cell vehicles."

With the ratification by California of a requirement that 2 percent of new cars sold in the state be zero-emission by 2002, fuel cells for automotive use are nearing the market. DaimlerChrysler has committed \$1.5 billion to fuel cell production over the next several years and will sell 20-30 of its fuel cell buses in Europe by 2002. It plans to mass-produce 100,000 fuel cell, hydrogen-powered cars by 2004. Toyota and Honda will begin marketing fuel cell cars in 2003.

In their 1999 book "The Long Boom," former Shell executive Peter Schwartz and his colleagues assert

that fuel cells will replace the internal combustion engine within two decades, and "by 2050 the world is running on hydrogen, or close enough to call it the Hydrogen Age."

The technology currently exists to refit today's internal combustion engine from gasoline to hydrogen directly. Unfortunately, the infrastructure to deliver supplies of hydrogen to the corner gas station is still not ready for implementation. It is feasible, however. Marc Jensen and Marc Ross of the University of Michigan estimate that building 10,000 such stations, covering 10-15 percent of U.S. filling stations, would be sufficient incentive to motivate auto-makers to begin mass production of direct hydrogen vehicles. An investment of \$3 to \$15 billion would be needed in order to achieve this goal.

After initially supplementing the petroleum economy, a hydrogen economy is inevitable. Environmental considerations are demanding it, and practical applications are putting it within the reach of the consumer. More information to the public is needed to help bring understanding and a greater will for early adoption of the process.

For information on how you can learn more, get involved and take part, contact Hydrogen Now!, the international non-profit organization dedicated to public information on the disseminating Hydrogen Economy visit www.hydrogennow.org or call (866) GO-H2-NOW.

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Offering from the loft

Remember 'Friends Day'

I opened a paper the other morning and there was an advertisement reminding me to remember my hairdresser on Hairdresser's Day. Heaven forbid I should forget!

As a matter of fact, very few women who have steady appointments for their hair would ever forget to acknowledge the importance of these good friends in their lives. Who came to my door with flowers, food and curling iron when I came home from the hospital last month? Forget her? Never!

We are reminded daily through various media sources to acknowledge Secretaries Day, Grandparents Day and Take Our Children to Work Day, along with all the regular holidays we routinely celebrate.

Surely most of these are commercially inspired gimmicks and I don't protest any celebration of life, but I do have strong feelings about the ways in which we honor our fellow humans.

Briefly stated, I would prefer that we acknowledge one another on a daily basis with equal parts of reverence and love each day, birthdays and spontaneous surprises being delightful expectations.

We are asked to stop shooting at each other during holy days and for divorcing parents to play nice during the holidays for the sake of the children. The Vatican requests no protests for this 24-hour period.

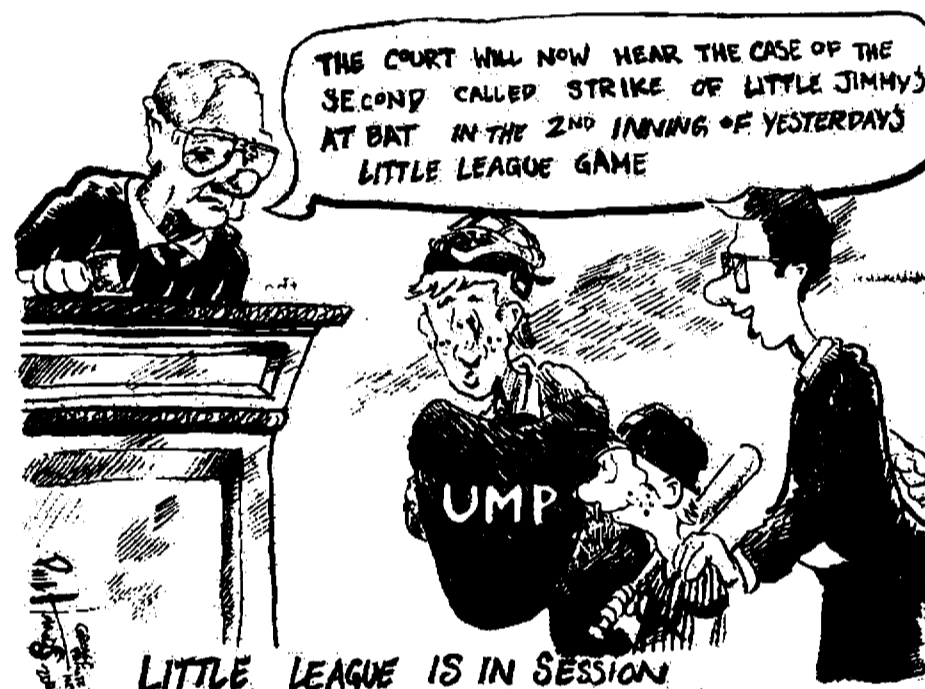
Does any of this make any sense other than to prove that, yes, we can exist in a peaceful state, but choose not to on our own terms for our own reasons.

Right here, right now in this incredibly beautiful month, in this lovely community we call home, splendid gifts are being offered to us once again.

Mother Nature is ironically replenishing every corner, and her palette is more magnificent that ever.

Somewhere in this town there is someone who doesn't have a car and would love to go for a ride up the lake and catch a glimpse of those wonderful islands of flowers.

We don't need an ad to tell us to remember Mother's Day, but maybe a few post-a-notes around the house to remind us to remember to be a friend to someone who needs one wouldn't be a bad idea.



Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at [HANDSP@kenyon.edu](mailto:HANSDEP@kenyon.edu)

Letters

Petition on Mack-Moross

To the Editor:
Back in March, I read with great interest the proposal that appeared in the Grosse Pointe News that was presented by the Grosse Pointe police and command officers regarding moving the city hall complex to Mack and Moross. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend a more formal presentation of the ideas/recommendations by the unions of these at the March council meeting.

In the seven years since our taxes were raised 1 1/2 mills to purchase the property, it is by far the best idea for usage of a portion of that land, and I agree wholeheartedly that whatever else goes there will be fully utilized with the police presence there to protect and enhance it. There appears to be ample room at the site for additional usage by our residents for whatever the Farms taxpayers decide, whether a recreational complex or library, etc.

It was quite apparent to the standing-room-only crowd that attended the council meeting that the sincere, well-presented propos-

al fell on deaf ears. After a half-hour presentation by the union president in which many issues from safety to cost were addressed, not one council person had a single comment, question or input. I have read with great interest many letters that have since appeared in letters to the editor in the Grosse Pointe News and have spoken with many residents who also feel that the move of the municipal building is a great idea.

It appears that the current city council is still in the dark about what to do with this property and needs to listen to the residents who elected them. They need to act in the best interest regarding safety and community values and move the municipal offices now before spending any more money on their outdated, undersized and poorly located current facility.

The city needs to spend as much time and effort updating the city's infrastructure as it does on flowers and cosmetic appearances. The city council needs to start policing its own facilities with the same vigor that it pursues with the Hill merchants' buildings.

In the coming weeks, petitions will be circulated by

concerned residents requesting that this proposal be placed on the ballot for the November election. It is also time to replace the four council members who are up for election in November with citizens who care for the safety of this community as well as its appearance.

It is time to bring Grosse Pointe Farms into the 21st century and further enhance our city with a beautiful municipal complex at the gateway of our wonderful community. Please have your voice heard and sign the petition when presented.

Jamie Chancey
Grosse Pointe Farms

Lifeguarding

To the Editor:
I would like to echo the sentiment of Mr. Lindberg's article in the April 26 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, "Lifeguards hold the cards for summer employment."

The job of lifeguard is more than sunbathers and hanging around the pool. Grosse Pointe lifeguards help ensure the high quality of our parks, the safety of patrons, and perhaps most importantly, provide role models for children in the

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The Stickford Files

I can't prove it, but I'm pretty sure that the creation of all these new area codes is being done solely to mess with my mind. If that's the case then you have my apologies for becoming what the military so charmingly called "collateral damage." (That's a fancy way of saying innocent bystander).

Now I know what you're thinking. That the telephone company has a variety of excellent and legitimate reasons for making a call from Grosse Pointe Shores to St. Clair Shores a long-distance transaction with all the costs associated with long-distance service. While you might not like the idea that it's now cheaper to

call your nation's capital than it is to call across town, you accept it.

Well, I say hoey. Sorry for the strong language, but that's how I feel. Why do we need these new area codes? Well I'm told it's because of all the new telephone numbers. With a seven-digit telephone number system, you're limited to the number of telephone numbers you can have. Since the number 1 is reserved for making long-distance calls, you're even more limited that you might think as to the number of numbers you can have. (I leave it to people who can actually do math to tell me how many telephone numbers you can derive from a seven digit exchange where the numbers zero and one can't be used as a first digit).

Why do we need all these new telephone numbers? Is it because metro Detroit population is growing so rapidly? Not really, while



there was a growth in population over the past 10 years, I seriously doubt that it was responsible for the creation of four or five new area codes within the past 10 years. The 313 code used to extend from Ann Arbor to Detroit up to Flint. Now 313 is about the size of a non-commemorative postage stamp.

The real culprit is the proliferation of new electronic gadgets that allow a person to have 427 telephone numbers.

OK, that's exaggeration, but this isn't. A person can

have a regular old-fashioned telephone in his or her house. An office telephone number, a cellular telephone number, a number for his fax machine, a number for his computer modem. If that person is married, the spouse can have a cellular telephone, pager and whatever.

If that person has teenaged children, then the kids can have their own private line at home as well as their own cellular telephones, each unit with its own number. This way lies madness.

Well, I refuse to play that game. I don't own a cellular telephone. I don't own a pager. My computer modem is hooked up to my regular telephone line. I do have an office number, but that's it. Yet somehow I manage to stay in touch. I communicate with people and I'm not that hard to get a hold of.

I think the telephone company resents people like me. People who believe in snail mail, not e-mail. People, who when they're driving a car are driving a car, not talking on the telephone and being an accident waiting to happen.

I don't have a pager, so when I'm not at my desk people have to leave a message. I can't count the number of times that I've called someone and gotten their voice mail. The message gives a pager number.

I call the pager, get a response and am told that the person's in a meeting and it's not a good time to

talk. If it's not a good time to talk then turn off your damn pager and check your answering machine regularly. Is that such a chore?

So to retaliate against people like me, people who believe that just as there's a time to die, a time to heal, a time for every purpose, there sure as heck is a time to talk on the telephone, (and that time isn't when you're driving, in a movie theater, shopping, or in a meeting), they split area codes. They charge more for services. Competition doesn't help the average consumer because there's no money in it.

Well, I don't care. I'm sticking to my guns. I'm not getting a cellular telephone or a pager or additional lines in my home for computers and fax machines. I won't be a part of the problem. Harumph!

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fyi

by Ben Burns

Bronzed Al

Albert Ament has been bronzed. More specifically, he has been inducted into the Wayne State Warriors Hall of Fame. A bronze likeness of "Big Al" will hang with the other 146 members of the Hall at WSU.

Now when Ament went to Wayne State he was a Tartar, but the marketing powers that be under President Irvin Reid decided that



Ben Burns President



Albert "Big Al" Ament has been inducted into the Wayne State Warriors Hall of Fame. A bronze likeness of will hang with the other 146 members of the Hall at WSU.

nickname was more recognizable as a nasty substance that sticks to your teeth and gives your dental hygienist an excuse to pry about in your mouth with a miniature crowbar and scraper. So we jumped to the not particularly original Warriors.

In any event, Ament, an outstanding basketball player at Grosse Pointe South, lettered four years on the WSU varsity basketball team from 1985-86 through 1988-89. He set a school record for total points during his career with 654, a record that still stands. He finished his senior year with an average 23.4 points, 11.4 rebounds, 583 shooting and .795 free throws. He was named to the All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) team his senior year, was co-captain of his team and was a GLIAC All-Academic selection. Those are all perfectly good reasons to name the former Grosse Pointe Park resident to a Hall of Fame.

But consider Ament's accomplishments after he graduated cum laude from WSU with a degree in English. He completed an MA in French in 1993 and then did two two-year tours in the Peace Corps. From 1989-91 he was a high school English teacher in Chad and in 1993-95 he was an English teacher trainer on the island of Madagascar. In 1996-97, Ament worked for Catholic Relief Services in Rwanda and for CARE in Zaire. In 1999 he finished a master of education degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and he now teaches French and English at Bladensburg High School in Prince George's County, Md., near the nation's capital.

Ament and his wife, Godeliv, live in D.C. with their son, Emmanuel. Ament's teachers at South and his parents, Ernest and Beryl, deserve to take a bow for the results of their good work in raising Al Ament — Hall of Fame athlete and Hall of Fame human being. Ernie and Beryl Ament

still live in the Park and are naturally proud of their first son's accomplishments. Ernie Ament is a retired WSU professor and former chair of the Department of Greek and Latin and Beryl Ament supervised the WSU office of transfer credit.

Mixed message

The attractive waitresses at the Clairpointe Restaurant in the Village must have gotten a reaction to the handmade sign on the side of the cash register. "We appreciate singles," it said. Later someone added, "Money, that is."

Fish story 2

Farms resident John Conway and his son Billie,

13, spent the trout opener last Saturday fishing the Muskegon River from their boat near Newaygo. Suddenly Billie said, "Dad, look at that!" "That" was a sturgeon that John Conway estimated at 8 feet long and over 120 pounds.

John Conway has seen a few sharks in fishing expeditions to places like Belize, so he's used to seeing big fish. "Billie was white he was so excited," John said.

He never did hear how they did on trout the rest of the day, but John Conway reported the water is clear because of zebra mussels, the nasty little foreign import.

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Execution of Timothy McVeigh

The impending execution of Timothy McVeigh refines the ongoing controversy raging about the death penalty. The country is divided on it, with most of us saying it's OK; it's a good thing; it's The Law; it's "justice."

There's a long history of the human condition in which it was taken for granted that you put your life in jeopardy by taking a life. Outside of the exigencies of war and the necessity of self-defense, you simply shouldn't get away with murder.

The reasoning is that if people thought they could get away with murder, there would be many more murders, more than society could or would tolerate. Then, as now, the powers-that-be made the laws and enforced them. Death was the consequence of a wide variety of crimes. For being a heretic or an infidel, you could be burned at the stake. For being in the wrong class or against the government, you could face the guillotine.

If death was not enough, you could be drawn and quartered or boiled in oil. A very famous rabbi was crucified for being a potential threat to Roman rule. The existing government had punishments, deterrents for challenging the status quo.

Only a hundred years ago or so there were public hangings in England, punishment for pickpockets who were caught. Interestingly, in the crowd that came to watch, because public hangings were high drama then, pickpockets were still active. Only a few were caught and so the public hanging was obviously not a deterrent.

The whole idea of the death penalty as a punishment, as a deterrent to further crime, was fixed in the minds of our predecessors. Punishment is an old biblical device. God himself used it against the rebellious and disobedient people.

Punishment was a "lesson," a reason to stop and think, a reason to obey the law, because the alternative may



Dr. Victor Bloom

well be the wrath of God.

According to the Bible, the people apparently didn't learn the lesson God had in mind from what he did to the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, nor the floods and plagues that the wrathful God heaped on his human creations.

He created us mortal and fallible, but with the gift of "free will" so we could make a choice, exercise our wills and take the consequences. According to Judeo-Christian ancient belief, "original sin" comes from the earliest disobedience of the word of God, and so he gave us work and pain and shame and a variety of other punishments, which were to be carried down through the generations. That was a big punishment for the crime of giving in to temptation, for eating the forbidden fruit, for wanting forbidden knowledge.

The Christian heritage started with the story of Christ. God came down to Earth to preach in the form of a man — a perfect man. This time he eschewed the wrath and the pain of punishment and became a role model for forgiveness, mercy, compassion, redemption and salvation.

According to this belief system, God is love and a loving God does not punish in this life. He has what we all want from our parents: unconditional love.

According to a controversial passage in scripture, judgment is his, only he who gives life can take a life. In this reasoning, neither Jesus nor Jehovah was against incarceration or torture, just the death penalty.

Many studies by social scientists have demonstrated that in historic as well as in modern times, the death penalty is no deter-

rent after all. The obvious example is the United States, which is one of the few modern democracies that still practices the death penalty and yet boasts the highest murder rate.

Another is the fact that contiguous states, one carrying out the death penalty and the other not, did not show a significant statistical difference in their murder rates.

So take for the moment the argument that the death penalty is not a deterrent, what is the point of the state executing a convicted murderer? It seems the only benefit is the psychological satisfaction of surviving friends and relatives for revenge, for the satisfaction of killing the murderer — an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, Mosaic Law.

Those opposed to the death penalty argue that only God can take a life, can mete out justice. But it is obvious that short of the death penalty, it is man or collective humankind, The People, who decide on a just punishment for the commitment of a crime.

Our criminal justice system provides an public trial in an open court, decided by a jury consisting of the defendant's peers — a flawed system, but it's the best we've got. And The People, We, have found Timothy McVeigh guilty of mass murder and have decided in favor of carrying out the death penalty.

In this case, the evidence was so compelling and the crime so egregious and heinous that death seems to be the only appropriate punishment. The strongest argument for death, in this era of mercy, is the feelings of many of the friends and relatives of the victims. They want justice, they want "closure." They want satisfaction. They feel that retribution is theirs, retribution is "justice."

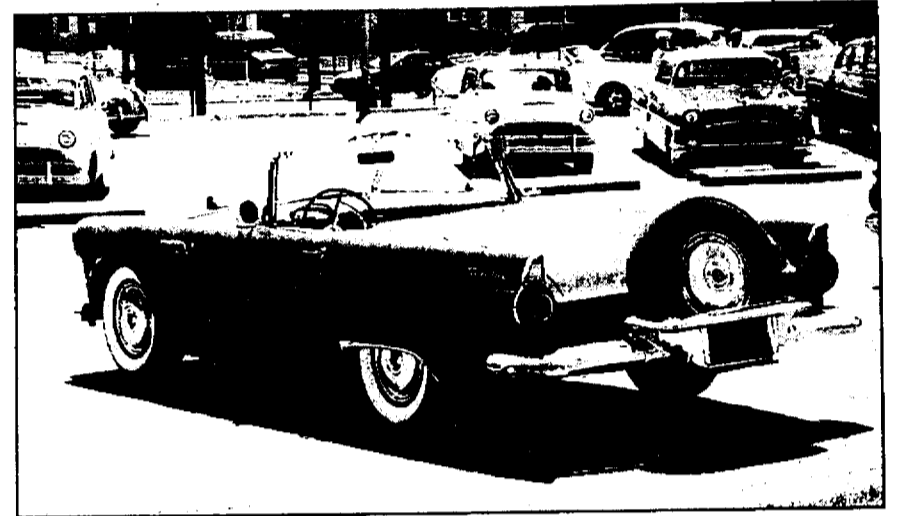
But not all of them want the death penalty. Bud Welch, a victim's father, is

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Harper Woods celebrates 50 years

Parade marches down Beaconsfield to honor the city's 50th anniversary.

Photos by Hank DePuys



Five candidates seek three spots on Shores board

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

On May 15 the voters of Grosse Pointe Shores have the opportunity to greatly change the makeup of the village's board of trustees.

There are five candidates, including two challengers, running for three seats on the board. One of the incumbents was only appointed to the board a few months ago. The candidates bring with them a variety of experience and opinions.

The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores itself is unique among the Grosse Pointes for a variety of reasons. First of all, it's a village, not a city. It crosses county lines and consists of Grosse Pointe Township in Wayne County and Lake Township in Macomb County.

The term of office for trustees is only two years. Most council positions in the other Pointes are for four years. The geography of the Shores is also unusual. It is narrow and very long.

The village also has no schools, no businesses, no churches or even any parking meters in the village. It is made up almost entirely of homes, with the exception of the village hall and the harbor area, which consists of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Osius Park.

This means that, for the most part, the issues the board of trustees are asked to consider are whether to grant zoning variances and what the policy for Osius Park and the surrounding harbor area should be.



Gloria Anton

Gloria Anton

Gloria Anton, 66, is a retired school teacher. She taught in the Harper Woods school system from 1965 to 1995. She grew up in Grosse Pointe Park.

When asked why she was running for office, Anton said probably for the same reason she became a teacher — to make a difference.

"I feel I want to be a part of the community," said Anton. "I've done volunteer work for the Barbara Karmanos Institute. I guess you could say that I'm not much of a joiner, but I've volunteered, in the past, to raise money for cystic fibrosis. Both my niece and my nephew have the disease."

Anton has been attending board meetings and recently praised Comcast Cable for providing the Fox Cable News network. She calls herself a news junkie, but feels that CNN is too biased and has a liberal slant. She also thinks Bill O'Reilly is very funny.

Anton has also asked the board to look at widening the sidewalk on Lakeshore from Vernier to the Grosse Pointe Farms border.

"I'm a walker and there are sections of the sidewalk that are so close to the street that you get splashed by traffic when there's water or slush in the gutter. There are also many bikers and in-line skaters who use the sidewalks, making them very crowded. I don't know how much land the village owns, but I'd like to see the board investigate the possibility of widening the sidewalk, see how feasible it is. I've heard from some who own houses

on Lakeshore who oppose this idea and I understand their hesitancy, but it's worth checking out in my mind."

When asked about variances, Anton said she thinks it shouldn't be easy to get one. Variances are, after all, contrary to village laws and they do have an impact on the neighborhood and the residents who have lived by local ordinances.

"I feel more comfortable saying no to variance requests," Anton said. "Especially when there's a neighbor who has concerns. I believe neighbors have to agree to a variance before it's approved. It's unfortunate, but who says that everyone has to get all that they want all of the time."

As for Osius Park, Anton said that she voted against the activities building as it was presented to the public last year. She said she thought it was too big and the proposed site as indicat-

ed on the ballot was the wrong place for such a building.

Anton currently serves on the park ad hoc committee. She joined at the request of board member Dr. Richard Mertz. Saying that she's not a boater, Anton does think that harbor needs cleaning up.

"Maybe if I were a boater, I'd be more concerned about the harbor," Anton said. "I support additions and improvements to the park, but I want to save as much green space as possible. I also think we have to make the park friendly to the demographic breakdown of the Shores. We will get the latest census information in May, but I feel that we are an older community. I know there are young families in the Shores, but with the recent 24 percent increase in the average home value of a house in the Shores, it's getting harder to sell homes. As of April 7, there were 28

houses for sale in the village.

"It seems to me that this makes it hard for young people to buy into the community. If I were a young person, I would hesitate to invest in the community. This is a difference of opinion I have with Dr. Mertz. He wants to make the park more attractive to people with kids. I don't want to forget our older residents who enjoy the park."

Anton feels that a new pool house might be a good idea. But it shouldn't be too expensive. The board has to be fiscally responsible. Any activities building should be part of a pool house. She would like it to overlook the lake.

"When we develop a master plan for the park, we have to realize that it might take the village 10 or 15 years to do everything on it," Anton said. "Attention should be given to the pool, then the harbor. But as I've said, I'm

not a boater."



Dr. James Cooper

Dr. James Cooper

Incumbent Dr. James Cooper, 43, was first elected to the board in 1999. He is married to Daria Cooper and they have four children. "I ran for the board

because I was asked to do so by a group of swim team families," Cooper said. "That was my involvement with the Shores at the time. My four children are all involved with the swim team. My wife is involved and I'm the swim team announcer. When there was an open seat, I was asked to run."

Cooper is also involved with several other organizations. He was a charter member and past president of the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary and has been involved with local dental organizations. He said serving on the Shores board is quite a different experience from serving on civic groups.

"When you're on the board, you have harder decisions to make," said Cooper. "You can't always do what's popular. You have to do what you think is right for the village. What I find difficult are the zoning variance deci-

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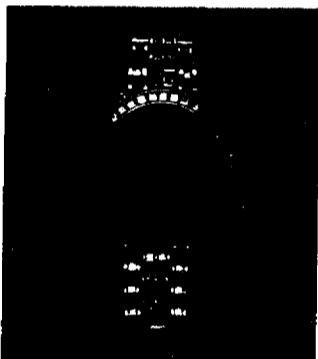
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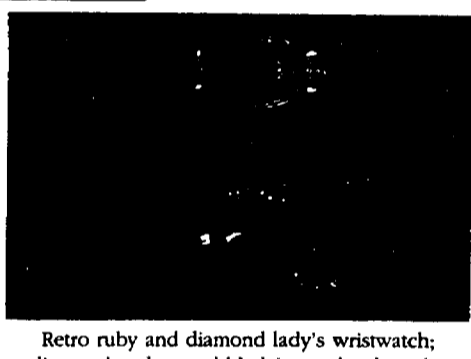
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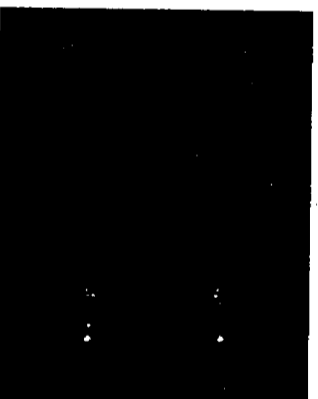
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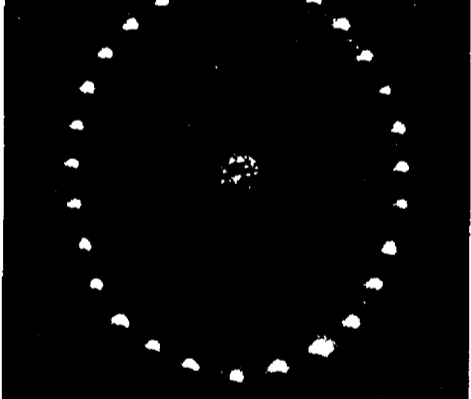
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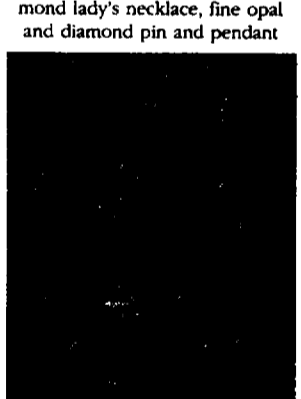
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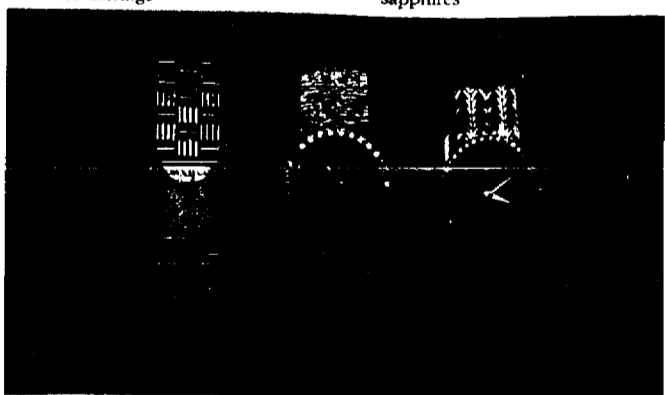
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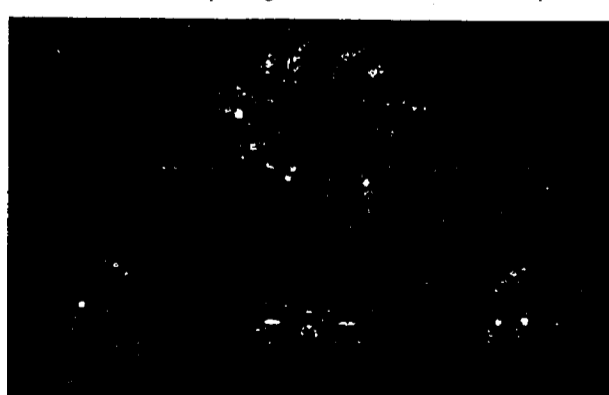
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AAA's energy conservation guidelines, contained in the booklet "AAA Gas Watcher's Guide" are available from AAA Michigan and in abbreviated form online at www.aaamich.com.

The guide is a 12-page brochure that covers a variety of ways motorists can save fuel and money, while driving safely and protecting the environment.

The advice contained in the guide encourages motorists to systematically rethink their approach to day-to-day driving. Some of the key tips contained in the guide are:

- Change driving attitudes. Make fuel conservation top-of-mind when choosing which vehicle to drive, the distance of the destination, and what trips and errands to run.
- Consider driving style consequences. Save fuel by slowing down, maintaining steady speeds and avoiding rapid acceleration and sudden stops.

Leave plenty of time to reach destinations and don't let the engine idle.

• Don't be fuelish. Shop for the lowest gas prices locally, but don't drive excessive miles hoping to save a few cents per gallon.

• Practice good vehicle maintenance by making certain tires are properly inflated, the air filter is clean, the engine and chassis are properly lubricated and spark plugs are in good condition.

• Check your vehicle owner's manual to make certain the grade of gasoline being purchased is the correct one. Most vehicles are designed to operate on lower cost regular gasoline.

Save money by considering car pools and public transportation as a form of commuting. Car pools for school and children's activities can also cut fuel costs.

For a free copy of the "Gas Watcher's Guide," stop by your local AAA Michigan office or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Public Relations, AAA Michigan, 1 Auto Club Drive, Dearborn, Mich. 48126.

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Smith said that the society might consider making a funding request next year. If all the other Pointes make a contribution, she said, it would make it easier to return to the Shores board in 2002.

Dr. Bloom

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quoted as saying, "When we take Tim McVeigh out of that cage to execute him, it isn't going to bring Julie Marie back."

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Many of those who oppose the death penalty on the basis of scripture give us pause to wonder whether

once again We The People are again violating God's law and will suffer the consequences.

Dr. Bloom is clinical associate professor of psychiatry, Wayne State University School of Medicine. He is a member of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis and on the editorial board of the Wayne County Medical Society. He welcomes comments at his e-mail address, vbloom@compuserve.com, and visits to his website, www.factotem.com/vbloom.

Letters

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community.

The job is a tremendous opportunity for young people who seek responsibility, like to work with people, and want to teach. Among the guards I worked with during my six years at Neff Park, I can count several Ivy League graduates,

lawyers, teachers, two future doctors, a DIA curator, and officers in the Air Force, Navy and Marines. The list could go on.

I am a captain in the Marine Corps, and I credit my time as a lifeguard with teaching me many of the principles and skills, I use today: leadership, fitness, tact, teaching skills, organi-

zational skills, and more. Additionally, the flexibility of the job and a great park director, Diane Zedan, enabled me to take a finance internship and attend Officer Candidate School while remaining a lifeguard.

To young people I say, look into this great job. To the community I say, take an interest in your lifeguards as they take care of your parks, your children and you. Through lifeguarding I developed skills, friendships, and a relationship to the community that will last a lifetime.

Douglas N. Wolfe
Captain
United States
Marine Corps

State project

To the Editor:

In my class we are studying the states. We are doing projects called Parade of States. We are responsible for gathering as much information as possible. I have to gather a lot of information on Michigan.

If your readers could send me things such as postcards, pictures, facts, products, travel brochures, pam-

phlets, perhaps even a license plate.

Thank you for anything you can send me. Please send everything to Rebecca Schlotfeldt, Wilkeson Elementary, P.O. Box A/PI, Wilkeson, Wash. 98396.

Rebecca Schlotfeldt
Fifth-grader
Wilkeson, Wash.

Great state

To the Editor:

I am in the fifth grade at Northeast Elementary in Kearney, Neb. I have adopted your state as a class project.

I will be doing a report and other projects in which I will give information about your state's history, economy, culture, physical region and climate. Then in May, my class is having a States' Fair. I will display and report everything I have learned about your state.

I am writing in hopes of getting some postcards that will help me report about your state. It would be helpful to me if you could print this letter in your newspaper.

I have visited your state, and decided to pick it for my

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Take a bow

The Wayne County Council for Arts, History and Humanities will bestow its County Commissioner's Award on the Grosse Pointe Theater (GPT) at a program next Monday at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

They cite the fact that the amateur group has been "producing great community theater since 1948" and said it sets the standard for quality live theater. They also

noted the theater's community service, college scholarships for local high-schoolers, youth theater and charitable donations. They also cited GPT as "a leading force in the area's creative well-being."

Nice going, folks.

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

school project. I hope your readers can help with my project. I will write the newspaper again in May if you would like and let you know how everything went on our state day. Thanks for

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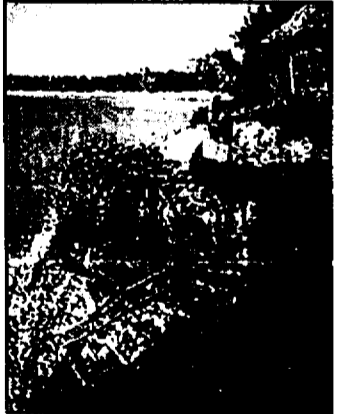
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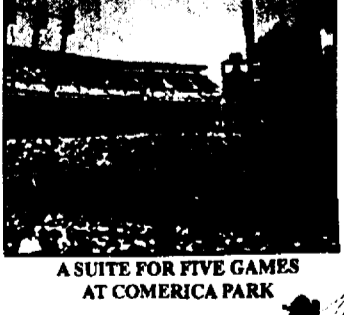
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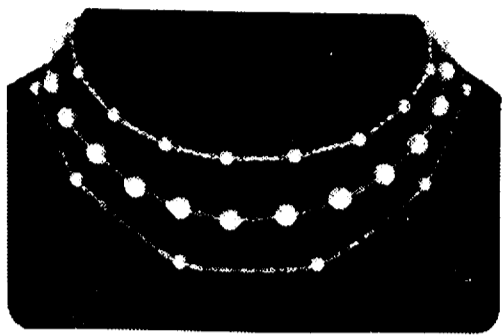
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Candidates

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sions. There's usually at least one variance request every meeting and you end up having to make a decision that really affects a resident."

Cooper agreed that the board, more often than not, grants a variance request. While there might be some modifications to the request itself, it's rare that the board flat out says no to a request.

"It's difficult deciding whether to grant a request," Cooper said. "We try to compromise with variance requests, come to some sort of consensus, whether it's with neighbors who are affected or with other people who might be involved. We're trying to keep everyone happy. That's very difficult; it's not always black and white."

Cooper went on to say that the Shores has many unusually shaped lots where houses were built in such a way as to be non-conforming when zoning regulations were finally set.

"We have to compromise when dealing with pre-existing conditions," said Cooper.

When asked directly if variances, which are in effect requests to not be bound by laws everyone else has to abide by, should be hard to get, Cooper said that they should. But he added that situations are unique and he has to look at all information.

"We don't rubber stamp requests," said Cooper. "We often ask for modifications. We do very rarely totally deny a request. I've debated this question in my mind several times."

When asked about the future of Osius Park, Cooper said in the past couple of years, the climate toward the park has often been very hostile. That's why he likes the special citizens ad hoc committee that has been developing a master plan for the park over the past several months.

"They can build on old ideas and bring new ideas to the board," Cooper said. "They can look at the whole park, not just one part."

He said that the success of activity buildings in the Woods and the Park show that voters like them. He also said that it's good to have citizen input because it builds consensus during the formative stage of the project.

"Each committee member becomes an ambassador for the park," Cooper said. "I believe the board should be looking at improvements to the park. It's a wonderful facility that can have more use."

Cooper said that he's really enjoyed serving on the board of trustees. He's taking classes offered by the Michigan Municipal League at its elected official academy. It meets every month and helps local officials understand the various facets of local government.



Karl Kratz

Karl Kratz
Board of trustee Karl Kratz's situation is unusual, but was only appointed to the position in February to serve out the remaining few months of the term of a board member who moved from the Shores.

Kratz ran for the board in 2000, but didn't win a seat. He is married to Diane Kratz. They have no children. He works as a business director for Henkel Surface Technologies. He and his wife are a part of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Group and they take in strays until they can be adopted.

Before joining the board, Kratz served on the Shores' planning commission, which has the responsibility of hearing site plan approval and variance requests. They then pass their recommendations on to the board of trustees which, acting as a zoning board of appeals, accepts or rejects the commission's recommendations.

"I've been involved with the planning commission, in one capacity or another, for the past couple of years," said Kratz. "When I was a planning commission commissioner, we decided to send out notices to all those affected by issues going before the commission. We all visited the homes in question and checked out the situation. We would get input from neighbors and try to reach some sort of compromise. Some of the things the planning commission has done recently has helped out tremendously. Working situations out prior to board meetings. In the past neighbors would come to board meetings and everything would go back to square one. We've gotten a lot of positive feedback."

Kratz went on to say it shouldn't be easy to get a variance. He believes that since the planning commission has enacted its new rules, a lot of requests that probably would have been voted down by the board of trustees have been taken off the agenda.

"I think this has helped the board with its deliberations," Kratz said.

When asked about Osius Park's future, Kratz said he was looking forward to the plans that will be presented by the ad hoc committee. He added that he was the chairman of the committee that developed the resident survey that went out before the 2000 advisory election.

Gloria Anton was also a member of that team.

"I believe we need a longterm master plan for the park," Kratz said. "I want to see what the committee says, what the residents have to say. I do know that I would like to see some sort of shelter in the park to protect people from the rain. But beyond that, I would be open to whatever the ad hoc committee says. I appreciate what they are doing in getting the ball rolling."

Kratz also said that he would support some sort of non-binding referendum, such as the Shores had last year, to determine whether the community should go forward with whatever plans the board and ad hoc committee came up with.

"We have to educate the community," said Kratz. "Once we do that, they should vote on the issue. My role, as I see it, is to provide the community with all the information and options and let them vote on what direction we will take."

Kratz said that he voted against the activities building, as it was presented on the ballot, last year. He said he was not in favor of such a huge building because the park is small and doesn't have the space for such an edifice.

"I will support what the majority wants," Kratz said. "Maybe if it's a really close election, I might be willing, as a member of the board, to make a decision on what is best for the community."

Kratz would like to continue to support the efforts of the planning commission. He thinks he's helped the group and would be a good liaison between the commission and the board. He also said that he would support any efforts to review current zoning rules and, if appropriate, support rewriting those rules as needed.

"We don't need bigfoot housing like they have on the west side," Kratz said.

"We've recently made changes in zoning to prevent bigfoot housing and I support those efforts. I think the board is doing a good job and should continue as it is."

Dan Schulte

Candidate Dan Schulte, 47, is married to MaryJo



Dan Schulte

Schulte. They have two children, Patrick and Caroline. He is an industrial film director, writer and producer. He ran for a seat on the board in 2000, losing by a small margin.

Schulte said he was motivated to run last year because of encouragement from his friends and neighbors.

"I wouldn't like to 'live' on the board," Schulte said. "I think I would probably serve one or two terms and then get out. By then my children will be older and I will probably have to spend more time with them. Right now they are 7 and 5."

Schulte is a strong believer in protecting the environment. He would like to see the board investigate whether it is feasible to upgrade the recycling program. He noted that cities like Ann Arbor have a more comprehensive recycling program. Right now the Shores only collects types 1 and 2 plastics. Other programs recycle plastic types 3 through 5.

"If we don't face up to this problem now, then our children or our children's children will have to deal with it," Schulte said.

As to his view on variances, Schulte said he believes it should not be that easy to get a variance.

"It shouldn't be impossible," said Schulte. "It should be taken on a case-by-case basis. I do think the neighbor's point-of-view should be taken into account. Part of the beauty of any home is the property around it. My standard would be that if someone could show an

unnecessary hardship, then grant the variance request. But we'd still have to take the neighbor's view into mind."

As for rewriting zoning regulations, Schulte said that right now the Shores has plenty of laws already on the books. He feels it's the way that laws are enforced that set the tone. He also doesn't want to get the board into the position where it's taken to court.

Schulte currently serves on the park ad hoc committee. He believes the village has a beautiful park and believes it needs to be maintained.

"I can see some improvements and changes that need to be made," Schulte said. "I don't think we need to reinvent the park to get more people to come. It's a beautiful park and we shouldn't have to beg people to go there. We have wonderful old-growth trees that make the park tranquil. Whatever is done, we shouldn't cut down those old-growth trees. Saplings maybe, but not a 150-year-old elm."

If the village never built an activities building, said Schulte, it wouldn't break

his heart. If there has to be one, he said he wouldn't reject an attractive, low-maintenance building.

"If you've ever seen some of the buildings on state land up north that are made of stone, then you know the kind of building I would favor," said Schulte. "They're worth appreciating. When I go to the park, I like that it's a sanctuary from the hustle and bustle of urban life. If we put a building in the park, I want it to contribute to that feeling of tranquility, a building that would add to the sense of sanctuary."

Schulte said he voted against the activities building last year. He said he didn't like what was proposed and thought it shouldn't be big, but he also said he's not against all buildings in the park.

"I don't think we need a place for weddings," said Schulte. "Most people belong to clubs. And remember, my two kids swim and take full advantage of the park. My vision is a large, single room where people can congregate. I don't want to see a series of annexes."

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY FOR FILING
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Nominating petitions for the following City offices must be filed with the City Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2001:

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G.P.N.: 05/03/2001 & 05/10/2001

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE PROPOSED
2001/2002 CITY BUDGET

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 2001 in the City Hall at 90 Kerby Road, on the proposed 2001-2002 City Budget. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The proposed Budget is on file in the Office of the City Clerk for public inspection during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The following is a summary of the proposed Budget:

| GENERAL FUND | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS | |
| Municipal Court | \$ 214,150 |
| General Government | 910,500 |
| Public Safety | 3,638,967 |
| Public Service | 389,300 |
| Public Works | 1,381,895 |
| Parks & Recreation | 788,990 |
| Other Functions | 753,500 |
| Contingency | 720,000 |
| Transfer - Other Funds | 2,343,398 |
| Total | \$11,140,700 |
| MEANS OF FINANCING | |
| Taxes | \$8,461,000 |
| Licenses & Permits | 213,600 |
| State Shared Revenue | 1,054,700 |
| Charges for Service | 721,900 |
| Fines/Forfeits | 210,000 |
| Interest Income | 300,000 |
| Other Revenue | 179,500 |
| Total | \$11,140,700 |

Public comments, oral or written are welcome at the Public Hearing on the proposed City Budget.

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G.P.N.: 05/03/01

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Candidates

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As a member of the ad hoc committee, Schulte said he's not naive. The committee could come up with a plan only to see the board reject it. He said that committee members have a wide variety of views, which is a good thing. Some members want to do a lot with the park, while others want to do a little.

"I'm on the end of the spectrum that wants to do a little," Schulte said. "I don't think the board will do something just because that's what the ad hoc committee says should be done. We on the committee are here to provide the board with advice. We could come up with plans all the live-long day, but we're not elected officials. We're on a different level from the council. That's the truth. But it would also be insulting to the people who have given so much of their time if the council had no intention of listening to what we have to say."

Rose Garland Thornton

Board member Rose Garland Thornton, 81, is the veteran of this year's slate of candidates. She has served on the board of trustees for 14 years. She is proud of her advocacy of issues important to senior citizens. She has served on the board of Pointe Area Assisted Transportation System (PAATS) since its inception.

Thornton has also fought for minor home repair fund-



Rose Garland Thornton

ing for senior citizens as well. She is the mother of three children and has been widowed twice. Before her entry into public life, Thornton was a homemaker and even taught Sunday school at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

When asked about variances, Thornton said that she believes it should be tougher to get them.

"I feel it's too easy to get a variance right now," Thornton said. "I believe the board should weigh the issues more and I think we could be harder."

Thornton is proud of her tenure on the board of trustees and believes that the current board is "a good group of people." The Shores was the first Pointe community to have sewer separation.

Thornton also believes that given the high taxes Shores residents have to pay, it's not necessary for the

Shores to build big structures or extravagant buildings in the park.

"Our taxes are high," Thornton said. "I think we don't have to go in for big projects and raise our taxes. I'm for keeping our taxes down. If we keep up our park and maintain it properly, we don't have to go in for big projects."

Thornton also said that she doesn't think park improvements will make any difference as to whether young people will move to the community.

"We repaired the pool two or three years ago," said Thornton. "So I don't think it needs replacing right now."

As for an activities building, Thornton said she voted against the activities building as it was represented on last year's ballot. She said it was too big and she didn't like the talk going around about having rooms that could be rented out.

"We could use some sort of building, maybe, just for the children," said Thornton. "But most people in the Shores belong to clubs. I certainly wouldn't want a building that could be used for wedding receptions. I was the only person on the board to vote against the activities building. I thought it was too costly."

Thornton said she's proud of her years on the board and believes that her record speaks for itself.

"I don't believe in putting up a lot of signs," Thornton said. "People should know what I've done and what I stand for. I am for the taxpayers. As to the election, whatever happens, happens."

Telephone con rears its head

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms detective Rick Good wants to warn Grosse Pointers about a telephone con that could result in thieves stealing long distance telephone service from the victim.

"Our department received a flier about this crime," Good said. "The victim will be contacted by someone claiming to be a serviceman with AT&T. The caller says they need to test the telephone lines and asks the victim to hit the numbers 9 and 0, and hit the pound (#) key and hang up."

What this does, said Good, is give the caller access to the victim's long distance service. The victim won't even know that he or she has been a victim of a crime until the next telephone bill.

"This scam is being done at a lot of jails and prisons," Good said. "In our jail here in the Farms, prisoners have to make collect calls.

By using the "9-0-#" racket, it seems they can open up prison and jail telephones to long distance telephone service."

Jon Peterson, external affairs director for Ameritech in Detroit, said that this is "an age-old scam that comes in waves."

"This is usually played on our business customers," said Peterson. "They have their own telephone systems and the technology allows someone to call long distance from an outside line. People in jail or prison have a lot of time on their hands. Sometimes they use this time to try and steal long distance service."

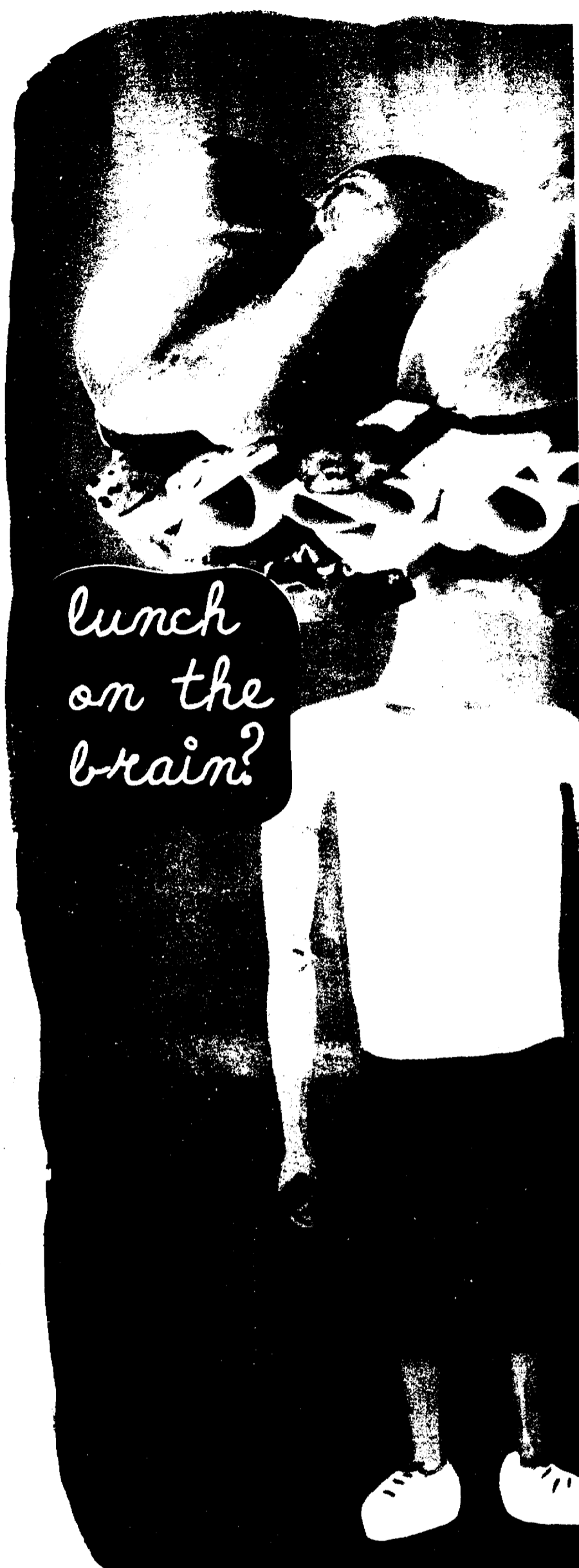
Peterson said that this is not the only telephone racket being run on unsuspecting consumers. One popular con is for someone to call a business and say that records show the business hasn't ordered toner for printers or copy machines and would they like to order

some toner.

"The next thing the business people know, they have hundreds of dollars of toner sent to them," Peterson said. "Another popular fraud is for someone to call and say that there's been an accident, your son or daughter has been hurt. The caller then says to call an 809 area code number for more information. 809 is in the Caribbean. The victim can end up with a \$50 telephone bill for a two-minute telephone call."

Peterson also urges telephone customers to be very wary of giving out detailed personal information to people over the telephone.

"My rule-of-thumb is if you wouldn't give out your Social Security number or your date of birth or your mother's maiden name to a stranger who came to your front door, why would you give that information to some stranger who called you on the telephone."



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Stolen Jeep

A woman living in the 18000 block of Kingsville in Harper Woods parked her 2000 Jeep Cherokee in her driveway at 12:15 a.m. on April 26. She woke up the next morning at 8:30 to find it missing. By the time she discovered the theft the vehicle had been recovered.

Detroit police pulled over the suspicious vehicle at 3:45 a.m. The vent window had been broken, one indication of a possibly stolen vehicle. As they approached the Jeep, they discovered that the ignition had been punched out.

When the man could not produce any registration or other link to the vehicle, he was arrested.

Smashing time

A Harper Woods scout car on routine patrol northbound on Kelly in the early morning hours of April 26 noticed a shattered windshield on a car parked in the 19000 block. A closer inspection revealed that the passenger's side window was also shattered.

Officers determined that the vehicle was not entered and upon her arrival the owner of the car confirmed nothing was missing. The vehicle belonged to the business she owns and is parked there some nights.

No evidence was found at the scene.

Fence abuse

On the morning of April 26, the owner of a home in the 19000 block of Woodland left for work at 5:45, her wooden privacy fence intact. Upon her return at 12:15 p.m. she found two sections of the fence lying in the sidewalk.

She reported to police that the fence seemed to be pulled down by force and then stepped or jumped on to cause further damage to several of the slats.

A malicious destruction of property report was filed.

— Darren Donaldson

Armed robbery

An armed robbery took place last week in Grosse Pointe Park.

A Detroit man in his mid-20s who police described as a habitual criminal has been charged with the crime and sent to the Wayne County Jail.

The robbery took place on Monday, April 23, at 12:07 p.m., in the 15000 block of Mack Avenue. The gunman used a pump action, long barrel air rifle to rob a pedestrian of \$320 in what police characterized as a crime of opportunity.

Acting on a description provided by the victim, Park police observed the suspect walking along Charlevoix near Ashland in Detroit when he started running

away. He was caught at an address on Marlborough.

Police recovered the stolen money and weapon.

Driver hits tree, misses kid

A Grosse Pointe Woods policeman assigned to crossing guard duty at Wedgewood and Hollywood was unable to investigate thoroughly a 20-year-old Harrison Township man accused of nearly running down a Woods bicyclist.

The aborted incident unfolded on Tuesday, April 24, at 3:21 p.m. A Woods boy riding a bicycle home from school told the officer a car had jumped the curb, nearly hit him and scraped a tree.

The officer found the driver standing with two friends in the 800 block of Hollywood. The car in question was parked with slight damage. Inside, the officer found a 24-pack of beer containing seven unopened cans.

The driver, a resident of Harrison Township, said his car's steering mechanism had failed.

"It wasn't my fault," said the man.

The officer quickly checked the steering wheel and found everything in order.

"Oh, now it wants to work," the man told the officer.

The officer quickly wrote a ticket before returning to his crossing guard assignment. Later investigation revealed the driver was wanted in Ann Arbor for underage drinking.

Larcenies

A number of larcenies occurred recently in Grosse Pointe Park.

On Wednesday, April 18, a thief pretending to take a moped for a test drive took off without returning. Police recovered the bike in Detroit and returned it to its owner in the 1300 block of Beaconsfield. The Park city attorney is preparing charges.

Sometime between April 22 and 26, unknown thieves entered a garage in the 1000 block of Harvard. They stole a boy's and girl's Schwinn GS bicycles, and a set of golf clubs. There are no suspects.

During the night of Monday, April 23, someone broke out the window of a vehicle parked in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield. The

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owner reported a missing Motorola cell phone.

The next night, Tuesday, April 24, a child's big wheel was stolen from a driveway in the 1000 block of Maryland.

Lastly, police have a suspect in the theft of a boy's Fisher BMX bicycle taken from the 1400 block of Lakepointe Friday, April 27, at 7 p.m.

Failed car theft

On Thursday, April 26, at about 4 p.m., thieves failed to steal a 1999 Jeep Cherokee parked on the street on Charlevoix and Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park.

The vehicle's steering column had been damaged.

Police said the would-be thieves may have left the area in a 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass.

Traffic watch

Police in Grosse Pointe Woods are conducting a traffic study in the 700 block of Blairmoor through Sunday, May 6.

The action began last week after a resident alerted police to speeding drivers. The resident expressed concern for the safety of neighborhood children.

Two officers will monitor the street twice daily for 20 minutes each. A report will result in recommendations.

Garage sale

A resident of the 1200 block of Hampton has been reminded of a Grosse Pointe Woods ordinance forbidding the display of garage sale signs on city property.

Garage entered; van entered; phone stolen

Neighborhood youths have been implicated in the reported theft of a Nokia cell phone plus charger from an unlocked van stored in an open garage in the 1900 block of Beaufait in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The incident was reported to police on the evening of Saturday, April 29.

Bike stolen

On Thursday, April 26, at 5:50 p.m., a boy visiting friends in the 1600 block of Prestwick in Grosse Pointe

Woods left the house to discover someone had stolen his bicycle.

The missing bike was described as a black men's 20-inch BMX Dyno Comp with silver pegs on both wheels.

Scouting the Woods

On Thursday, April 26, at 4:30 p.m., a man serving probation and his partner were found hanging around the area of Littlestone and Eastbourne in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The pair told police they were looking for work but couldn't provide any business cards or a business name.

While one man walked through the neighborhood, another waited behind the wheel of a tan 1981 Chrysler four-door, license number VAL 302.

Police sent the men on their way, but first advised them of the Woods' ordinance regarding solicitors.

Car entered

On Wednesday, April 25, at 10:36 p.m., an 18-year-old man from Chesterfield Township told Grosse Pointe Woods police someone had broken into his car. Stolen items included two 12-inch box speakers, compact disks and a Baja brand amplifier.

The vehicle had been parked in the municipal lot on Mack Avenue and Ridgmont.

Brush fire

On Sunday, April 22 at about 7:45 p.m., Grosse Pointe Woods officers used fire extinguishers to put out a brush fire of unknown origin at Mason Elementary school.

Anniversaries

The following public safety officers are celebrating anniversaries in Grosse Pointe Park:

• Sgt. Steven Johnson, 24 years.

• Sgt. Joseph Srebernak, 11 years.

— Brad Lindberg

OUIL in Shores

A Grosse Pointe Shores patrol officer spotted a 1997 black Ford pickup on

Lakeshore heading toward St. Clair Shores drifting over the white line and hitting the curb at 9:52 p.m. on Sunday, April 29. When the officer pulled the driver, a 47-year-old St. Clair Shores man, over, he asked him if he had anything to drink.

The driver replied in an excessively forthright way, "yes, I've been drinking a bit." His failure to pass field sobriety tests given by the officer was ample evidence of that fact. The driver then blew a .18 on his preliminary breath test (PBT). He is free on \$100 bond.

OUIL in Farms

A Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officer was stopped at the light at the intersection of Fisher and Grosse Pointe Boulevard at 1:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 29, when he spotted a 1996 Ford Taurus make an extremely wide turn onto Fisher from St. Paul.

The driver, a 45-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman, had to correct the turn before hitting a parked car. She continued down Fisher, almost hitting the curb near the central branch of the public library before turning on to Kercheval. She was finally pulled over after just turning on to Kenwood from Kercheval.

The officer detected the odor of alcohol coming from the driver and asked her if she had been drinking at all that evening. The driver said no, but was unable to pass all her sobriety tests, more specifically reciting the alphabet. She was tripped up at the letter T. She then blew a .20 on her PBT. She is free on \$500 bond.

Flower power

Grosse Pointe Farms police were called to a home in the 100 block of Stephens on Thursday, April 26. There they learned that someone threw a heavy flower pot through the front window of the home in question, breaking the glass storm window and the interior window. A glass bowl inside the house was also broken. The incident took place at about 9:30 p.m. Police are looking for suspects.

Car fire

Grosse Pointe Farms firefighters were called to the 100 block of Kercheval at 4:20 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25. Once on the scene,

they found a car parked on the street with a fire under the hood.

They used a "slim jim" to open a door to allow them access to the hood release mechanism located in the interior of the car. Once the hood was popped, the fire was extinguished. An investigation revealed that the origin of the fire was electrical in nature.

Park it over there

City of Grosse Pointe public safety officers received a telephone report indicating that two youths were smashing parking meters on Mack near Rivard at 4:19 p.m. on Saturday, April 28.

A patrol car was immediately dispatched to the scene — and sure enough the officer saw two 14-year-old City of Grosse Pointe youths attempting to pry off the head of the meter using a pipe. The two youths had smashed the window on the meter, but hadn't been able to pry open the coin box. They were immediately taken into custody and were arrested for malicious destruction of public property. The matter now is before Wayne County's juvenile court.

OUIL in the City

A City of Grosse Pointe patrol officer clocked a 1993 Chrysler LeBaron traveling 10 mph over the speed limit while it was heading east on Jefferson at 4:08 a.m. on Saturday, April 28.

The officer also saw that the car was driving down the center white line on the street. When he pulled the vehicle over, he asked the driver, a 32-year-old Roseville woman, if she had been drinking. She admitted to having "a couple of drinks" earlier that evening. She failed her field sobriety tests, but was unable to blow hard enough to register a reading on the portable PBT machine kept in squad cars.

When at the City public safety department station, the driver was finally able to blow hard enough into the Breathalyzer machine to register a blood alcohol level of .19. She is free on \$100 bond.

— Jim Stickford

Corrections

Corrections will be printed every week as necessary. If there is an error of fact in any story, call the newsroom at (313) 882-0294.

The April 29 story, "Lifeguards hold the cards for summer employment," misspelled the name of Andy Rabe.

Letters welcome

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your Letters to the Editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday.

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RACE TIME: Runners — 1:00 p.m. Walkers — 1:02 p.m.

COURSE: Please note — Due to anticipated road construction on Jefferson, the route has been altered for this year and is .2 mile shorter than the usual 3.1 miles (5 kilometers). Maps are posted in the Cottage Hospital lobby prior to the race start.

The race begins on Kercheval Avenue, in front of Cottage Hospital. Orange traffic cones mark the entire route. A time split is given at each mile mark. Water is provided at the 2-

mile mark and the Finish Line. Marshals are assigned to all cross streets.

PRE-RACE STRETCH: Limber up with certified fitness instructors from the Bon Secours Cottage Vital Fitness exercise program, from 12:30 to 12:45 p.m., outside the Kercheval entrance to the Lobby.

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SCHOOL NOTES

CHADD meeting

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder will hold its final support group meeting of the school year on Tuesday, May 8, at South Lake High School, 21900 E. Nine Mile, in St. Clair Shores in the second floor resource room.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (810) 447-2845.

'Cinderella' at St. Clare

The seventh graders at St. Clare of Montefalco School will present "Cinderella" in the church social hall on Friday, May

4, at 7 p.m. This is an encore performance of the student-written, produced and directed play that has been performed at area nursing homes as part of their community service commitment. Admission is free.

ULS car wash

The University Liggett School sophomore class will hold a car wash on Saturday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school's arts wing entrance on 1045 Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Sophomores will wash vehicles for \$5 with funds raised going to support class activities.



Grosse Pointe South High School senior Nick Gable is the creator of this year's Art Fest poster.

G.P. South holds art fest May 8-11

Grosse Pointe South High School will hold its 20th Annual Art Fest Tuesday, May 8 through Friday, May 11, in Cleminson Hall.

Several hundred pieces of student art work will be on display including drawings, paintings, ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, photography, fibers and metals.

Participating students will donate 20 percent of the proceeds from the sale of their work to the Robert R. Rathburn Memorial Fund, established for scholarships, art awards and enrichment

activities. Personal donations may also be made to the fund.

The Art Fest will be open to the public Tuesday, May 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. Awards will be presented at 8 p.m. The show will continue Wednesday and Thursday, May 9 and 10 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. The show will end on Friday, May 11 at noon and purchased art may be picked up that day between noon and 3 p.m.

For more information, call (313) 943-2147.

North physics teacher named Teacher of Promise

By Bonnie Caprara
 Staff Writer

In Don Pata's class at Grosse Pointe North High School, physics has little to do with what's in a book.

It's about building cars with mousetraps and chairs out of cardboard boxes.

It's that kind of ingenuity that earned Pata the Michigan Science Teachers Association Teacher of Promise Award.

Pata, a Grosse Pointe South High School and Wayne State University graduate, joined the North faculty in September 1999.

Pata spent a year in Ghana teaching science and math. A health complication cut his tour short, but allowed him to find what he called his dream job at North.

As a teacher, Pata said he has modeled many of his teaching techniques on his experiences as a student.

"It wasn't necessarily the hard learning, but teachers who let me learn on my own," said Pata.

In his own classes, Pata said he tries to draw upon his students' everyday experiences.

"I let them develop their own ideas through their own experiences," said Pata. "It's through the guidance of the teacher instead of the teacher being the expert."

"He's a very hands-on teacher who gets students involved in actual learning,"



Donald Pata

said North science department co-chair Art Weible. "I've seen a lot of kids in his class before and after school and he uses a lot of technology and a lot of probes. I also see lots smiling faces which is something I'm not used to seeing."

In the summer when he's not teaching, Pata is in the classroom himself. Last year, he attended a four-week physics institute at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. This summer, he'll be attending a three-week physics institute in Portland, Ore.

Not surprisingly, Pata was nominated by his former physics teacher and 2001 Presidential Award for Excellence recipient Mark Davids of South.

St. Paul School kicks off 75-year anniversary celebration

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

What started out as a concept for a neighborhood parochial school in the 1920s still thrives today as a school that attracts students from the metropolitan Detroit east side looking for a strong faith- and academic-based learning environment.

St. Paul School is celebrating its history, evolution and future with a year-long 75-year celebration which began Tuesday, April 24.

"We had a rededication of the school's cornerstone and talked about how it was the foundation of the school," said St. Paul assistant principal Kathleen Steele. "We talked to the kids about how the school has been standing all these years and how through all their learning how a strong foundation can build and grow for them."

Later in the day, each grade offered its contributions for a school time capsule to be opened in 2026 for the school's 100th anniversary.

Each grade was assigned specific contributions. Kindergarten parents were asked to write letters to

their child to be read in 25 years. Seventh graders had the task of finding prices of things from the cost of lunch at the school cafeteria to the cost of the current church renovation.

"Some of the really neat things that were included was advice our eighth graders gave to the Class of 2026 like 'Make your own judgments of teachers. Don't make them based on what the kids in the other classes before you tell you,'" said Steele. "Our fourth graders wrote about their favorite places they liked to go on vacation like Harbor Springs and Disney Land and the places they'd like to visit in 25 years, which was every place from Sandusky to the Moon."

Activities and projects commemorating the school's 75 years will continue throughout next school year.

In 1926, the parishioners of St. Paul had voted to erect a parish school. Since 1887, the Academy of the Sacred Heart served as a free school for members of the parish, but its then four-room school house could not accommodate the demand.

In 1927, St. Paul School



The Rev. Robert McCabe and Deacon Rich Schubek officiated at St. Paul School's 75-year anniversary celebration Mass on Tuesday, April 24. The Mass included a rededication of the school's cornerstone led by the school's leadership council.

opened its doors to 390 students in grades 1-10. In 1930, it held commencement for its first graduating class of six students.

St. Paul has seen growth and flux throughout the years. The school's first addition was built in 1951 and another one followed in 1963 which accommodates the school's gymnasium and cafeteria.

By 1971, with the cost of running a high school deemed "unrealistic" and

costs that were seen to be skyrocketing in the future, parishioners voted to close the high school.

There was, however, a consensus that the parish could continue to operate a grade school. A kindergarten was established in 1975 and a preschool was started in 1993.

St. Paul now educates 535 students from preschool through grade 8.

"The building has housed different types of students

over the years, but the philosophy continues," said Steele. "We see kids coming from a wider area and our eighth graders continue on into a wider area."

But Steele contends the school's mission remains the same.

"Being a Catholic school, what we do here is based on the teachings, values and beliefs of Jesus Christ," said Steele. "You'll see changes in the way we deliver that, like through technology, but the core values and beliefs remain constant."

75 years of St. Paul School history

1926: Members of St. Paul parish vote to establish an elementary and high school.

1927: St. Paul School opens its doors to 390 students in grades 1-10.

1930: First 12th-grade graduating class of six students.

1951: Addition built.

1963: Second addition built — 11 classrooms, gymnasium and cafeteria.

1971: High school closed.

1975: Kindergarten established.

1993: Preschool established.

South musicians sweep music festival

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The sounds of Grosse Pointe South High School went international as the school's symphony orchestra, symphonic band and jazz ensemble all took first place in their respective categories at the International Festival of Music in Toronto the weekend of April 27.

The 85 South musicians competed against 1,000 students from 10 schools across the northeast United States. This was South's first year competing in the music festival.

The orchestra, which also received the festival's Best Overall Orchestra Award, performed selections from Saint-Seans' "Dance Macabre," featuring a violin solo by senior Pamela



Grosse Pointe South High School symphony orchestra, symphonic band and jazz ensemble swept their respective categories with first place ratings at the International Festival of Music in Toronto the weekend of April 27.

Handley. The band, which also received the William D. Revelli Best Overall Band Award, played selections

from Wagner's "Trauersymphonie." "This was the best they ever performed," said band director Dan White. "They

rose to a new level this past weekend. We raised our expectations and the kids responded well."

Both White and orchestra director Joe Bauer credit the students' performance to a revitalization of the music program at South.

This past year, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra has performed and worked with orchestra students in small ensembles through the DSO and district's In a Chord program. White enlisted the help of Wayne State University director of bands Doug Bianchi to work with his students.

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Students who received a second division rating include Nadja Burke, violin solo; Wynneth Daywalt, violin solo; Koral Lennartz, Margaret Deinek, Martha Marr and Mackenzie Schmidt, string quartet; Jennifer Paone and Mycha Artis, violin duet; and Samantha John, violin solo.

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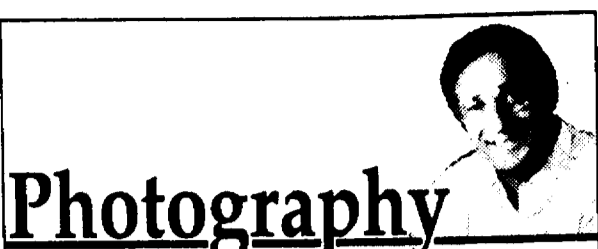
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Photography

By Monte Nagler

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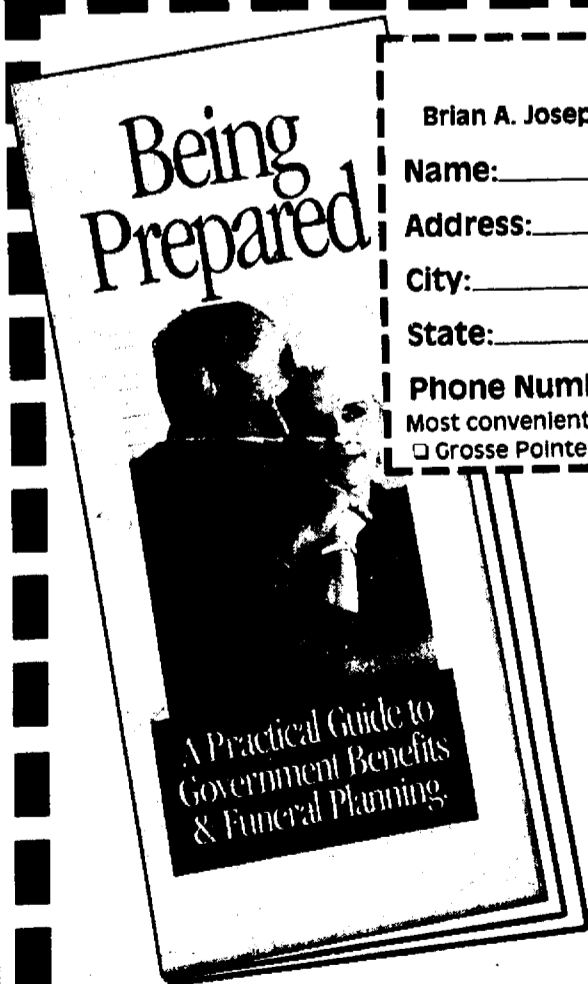
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Lois M. Alcott

Former Grosse Pointe City and Park resident Lois M. Alcott, of Detroit, died of complications of a stroke on Saturday, April 21, 2001. She was 86.

Mrs. Alcott was born in Chicago and attended North Central College in Naperville, Ill.

Mrs. Alcott enjoyed writing poetry, playing the piano, painting, sewing and making hats. She was also a member of the Grosse Pointe High School Mother's Club in the late 1950s and Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Mrs. Alcott is survived by two daughters, the Rev. Dr. Lynne A. Kogel and Deborah Trafton; two sons, William D. III and Paul; a brother, Robert P. Mellander; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A grave side service for Mrs. Alcott will be held Saturday, May 5, at 10 a.m. at Union Cemetery in St. Charles, Ill. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Yurs Funeral Home in St. Charles.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Ecumenical Theological Seminary, 2930 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48201.



Constance G. Hodgman

Alumni Association and Christ Church Grosse Pointe. She was a duplicate bridge life master and director and directed bridge games at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and various clubs.

Mrs. Hodgman is survived by two daughters, Suzanne B. Henderson and Patricia G. (Timothy) Fox; two sons, Philip C. (Loretta) Gibbs and James R. Gibbs; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husbands, Philip Gibbs and Daniel Hodgman.

A memorial service for Mrs. Hodgman will be held Thursday, May 3, at 4 p.m. at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Verheyden Funeral Home.

Constance Gibbs Hodgman

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Constance Gibbs Hodgman died of heart failure on Friday, April 27, 2001, at St. Anne's Convalescent Home. She was 89.

Mrs. Hodgman, a 50-year resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, was born in Alverton, Ohio, and was a graduate of Highland Park High School and the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Hodgman was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, U-M

Mrs. Hodgman is survived by two daughters, Suzanne B. Henderson and Patricia G. (Timothy) Fox; two sons, Philip C. (Loretta) Gibbs and James R. Gibbs; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husbands, Philip Gibbs and Daniel Hodgman.

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Lloyd Reaume Marentette

City of Grosse Pointe resident Lloyd Reaume Marentette died Tuesday, May 1, 2001, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. He was 88.

Mr. Marentette was born July 26, 1912, in Amherstberg, Ontario, and had lived in the area for 70 years. He was a graduate of Assumption College and

University of Detroit Law School. He served as a civilian employee of the U.S. Army Air Force intelligence unit during World War II.

Mr. Marentette was a manufacturer's representative for several firms and was vice president of Cadillac Plastics.

Mr. Marentette was a member of the Grosse Pointe Club.

Survivors include his wife, Gail; two sons, David B. and Daniel B.; four stepchildren; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was predeceased by his first wife, Margaret Booth Marentette, in 1994.

A funeral service for Mr. Marentette will be held Friday, May 4, at 4 p.m. at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Wm. R. Hamilton Co.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Women's

Diagnostic Imaging Center, Bon Secours Hospital, 468 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Joyce H. Wimsatt

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Joyce H. Wimsatt, of Dearborn, died Tuesday, April 24, 2001. She was 81.

Mrs. Wimsatt was born Aug. 14, 1919, in Detroit and was a homemaker.

Survivors include three daughters, Suzanne J. Hoffman, Elizabeth W. Hall and Margaret M. Smokovitz; four sons, Daniel P. Jr., David F., Timothy M. and Stephen P.; 19 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Daniel P., and a son, Christopher R.

A funeral Mass for Mrs. Wimsatt was celebrated Saturday, April 28, at

Church of the Divine Child in Dearborn. Monsignor Herman W. Kucyk officiated. Interment is at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. Funeral arrangements were handled by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Directors in Garden City.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Church of the Divine Child or St. Paul of the Cross Retreat House.

Jean C. Woelfel

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident Jean C. Woelfel, of Westland, died Tuesday, April 24, 2001, in Ann Arbor. She was 82.

Mrs. Woelfel was born June 25, 1918, in New Albany, Ind. She received a master's degree in nursing from the University of Maryland.

Mrs. Woelfel retired from Bon Secours Hospital in

1981 where she was a registered nurse. She held the positions of head nurse, nursing administrator and in service coordinator. She was also a member of the American Nurses Association.

Mrs. Woelfel is survived by four sons, Richard Frank Jr. (Trina) of Lake Conroe, Texas, Gregory (Sue) of Canton, William W. (Pam) of Harper Woods and John F. (Kim) of Niles; a sister, Alison Webster of Annapolis, Md.; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard Frank Sr., and a daughter, Nancy J.

A funeral service for Mrs. Woelfel was held Friday, April 27, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. The Rev. Robert O. Brown officiated.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Presbyterian Village.

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The c. 1839 Vaughan-Vernor estate in Bloomfield Hills will be open Saturday, May 5 through Sunday, June 3.

Tours will be offered Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

No on-site parking is available. Parking will be provided on weekdays at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 1100 Lone Pine in

Bloomfield Hills, and on weekends at Birmingham Covington School, 1525 Covington in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$17 at the door or \$13 for DHS/ASID members.

They can be purchased locally at: Kramer's Bed, Bath & Window Fashions, 16906 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe; Pointe Pedlar, 88 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe; The League Shop, 72 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe; Connor Park Florist, 21480 Mack in St. Clair Shores or the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

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Project includes all related building trades for the construction of a decorative municipal sign which includes brick piers, decorative wood top and (2) electronic message centers.

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Sealed bids will be received by the City of Harper Woods at the City Clerk's Office, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI. 48225 2095 up to 2:00 p.m. local time, Thursday, May 17, 2001, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the office of the Owner at 10:00 a.m., local time, Wednesday, May 9, 2001.

Bidding documents for construction of the Project are available at the Office of the Architect/Engineer at the address and telephone number given above. Contract documents are also available for viewing at the office of the Owner, Construction Association of Michigan in Bloomfield Hills, P.W. Dodge of Southfield and Daily Construction Reports of Madison Heights.

Bids will be completed and submitted on form(s) provided, signed by an authorized agent of the bidder and submitted as required by the Instructions to Bidders. Bids failing to meet these requirements will not be considered.

BID GUARANTEE:
A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Harper Woods, or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and surety Company in an amount equal to not less than five percent (5%) of the maximum bid amount, shall be submitted with each bid. Withdrawal of bids of prohibited for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of bids.

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The successful Bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

RIGHT TO REJECT:
The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof, to waive irregularities and/or informality and to make the award in part or in its entirety as may appear to be in the best interest of the Owner.

Mickey D. Todd,
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POSTED: April 25, 2001
G.P.N.: 05/03/2001

Dow in black for 2001; tech still under water

The Dow Jones Industrials Index continues to lead the parade, with three consecutive "up" weeks!

Last week, the DJI gained another 230 points, or 2.2 percent, to close at 10,810 Friday.

The NASDAQ Composite Index took on a little water last week, sinking 88 points, or 4.1 percent, closing Friday at 2,076.

Doubts of tech profit recovery soon and continued profit-taking are holding back the NASDAQ. The chart pattern of the DJI for the past two months looks like an almost perfect "W."

With a continued upward momentum from last week, the Dow seems poised to mount a sixth attack on the 11,310 peak it achieved around last Labor Day.

How to get even

If that stock that cost you 25 hit bottom last March at 10, did you realize then that you had a paper loss of 60 percent? And now the Free Press featured your stock as one of the April winners.

At last week's close of 15, the headline said your stock was up 50 percent in two weeks!

But at 15 on your books your stock is still 40 percent underwater.

How could you be up 50 percent and underwater 40 percent at the same time?

They say that figures don't lie, but it sure looks like some liars can figure!



By Joseph Mengden

In the pool

Barron's (April 23) feature writer Andrew Bary quotes Bob Willens, accounting expert at Lehman Brothers.

Willens predicts that the Financial Accounting Standards Board will not make its June 30 deadline, barring the use of pooling accounting in mergers.

The new rules, likely delayed until year-end, would have prohibited pooling and made purchase accounting more attractive by eliminating the need to write down goodwill.

But a new hooker is to be added. Under the proposed new purchase rules, certain intangible items, like patents and subscription lists, will still have to be written down over time, thus depressing reported earnings.

So look for a stampede of new merger announcements this summer and fall, which can be closed under the "old" pooling rules and no goodwill at all.

MESP (college savings)

The Michigan Education

Let's talk...STOCKS

Savings Program (MESP) offered through the Michigan Department of Treasury provides a smart flexible way to save for college with some tax-savings and minimum costs.

Parents, grandparents and friends at any income level may contribute to a MESP account on behalf of a beneficiary. There are no age, income or residency restrictions. You can even open an account for yourself.

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Each designated beneficiary has a lifetime deposit limit, currently \$125,000, for all accounts in his or her name. Account values in the future may increase over the limit as a result of investment earnings.

The MESP account can be used to pay for qualified higher education expenses at eligible colleges, universities or other post-secondary institutions anywhere in the United States. Vocational, trade schools and some schools abroad also qualify.

Qualified expenses include tuition, fees, supplies, certain room and

board costs, books and equipment. For room and board to be eligible, the student must be enrolled at least half-time.

If the beneficiary chooses not to attend college, the account owner can transfer the account to another member of the family of the original beneficiary.

Otherwise, non-eligible withdrawals are subject to a 10 percent federally mandated penalty, and also be subject to certain federal and state income taxes.

There are certain Michigan income tax benefits available to MESP participants.

The amount contributed each year by the account owner can be deducted from Michigan income taxes, up to \$5,000 per individual or \$10,000 for joint filers.

Investment earnings grow federally tax-deferred, with income taxes eventually paid at the student's tax bracket, which is presumably lower than that of the donor.

Withdrawal of investment earnings used to pay student's qualified education expenses are exempt from Michigan income tax.

During the first year only, the State of Michigan provides a matching grant — with a few strings attached:

| Week ended Friday 2001 | Bulls (Up) | Bears (Down) |
|------------------------|------------|--------------|
| April 20 | +17 | -3 |
| April 27 | +13 | -7 |

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

- 1) The beneficiary must be 6 years old or younger;
- 2) The beneficiary must be a Michigan resident; and
- 3) The beneficiary resides in a household with a family income of \$80,000, or less.

If the above three criteria are met, the State of Michigan offers a matching grant of \$1 for each \$3 contributed, up to a maximum state match of \$200 (first year only).

Investment of monies in the MESP 529 plan are managed by TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing Inc. (TFI), a subsidiary of Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association. TIAA-CREF is a nationally recognized financial services organization with over \$290 billion in assets under management, including selected pension funds of University of Michigan retirees and employees.

TFI's investment philosophy follows the time-tested method of "years to invest" to determine the appropriate allocation of equity, bond and money market mutual fund investments.

Money magazine (May 2001) announced, "We've indicated our five favorite (out of 38) state operated 529 savings plans — Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, New York and Utah."

This national program is only 6 months old. On April 11, Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus announced, "The MESP is only 5 months old, and more than 15,000 accounts have been opened with over \$30.5 million in investments."

To learn more about the MESP, call toll-free: 1 (877) 861-MESP.

Ask for the MESP Disclosure Booklet and Enrollment Materials.

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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Eastland update

- New retailers at Eastland Center include:
- Divas, which sells men's and women's accessories, including jewelry and T-shirts;
 - Baskets-2-Go, custom-designed gift baskets and novelties;
 - Tie Box, men's and boys' dress ties, shirts, hats and casual wear;
 - Glass Gallery, spun and blown glass sculptures;
 - Tickers, a watch retailers; and
 - Sun Station, which features outdoor eyewear.
- At the food court, new vendors include:
- Malibu Cafe, serving fresh seafood, and
 - Bunchys, which features chicken and pizza.
- Mall hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

Business People

JoAnne Gunn has been promoted to store manager at Hudson's Eastland. Gunn joined Hudson's in 1997 and most recently was store manager at the Fairlane location. Before that, she was store manager at Hudson's Southland. Later this year, Hudson's name will change to Marshall Field's.



At Jacobson's Grosse Pointe, Cynthia Hauser-Reynolds has been named general manager. She comes to the Pointes from Jacobson's stores in Birmingham and Livonia. Reynolds has 24 years of retail experience, including at Lord & Taylor in Illinois, Neiman Marcus in Chicago and Dallas, and Henri-Bendel in Chicago and Troy. She joined Jacobson's in 1998. Reynolds is on the board of the Grosse Pointe Village Association.

At St. John Hospital and Medical Center, Derrick Johnson has been appointed vice president of operations. Johnson has 17 years experience in hospital administration. His most recent position was chief operating officer at the Harlem Hospital Center in New York. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in hospital administration and urban planning from Columbia University.



Dr. Stephen Krawetz, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics at the Wayne State University School of Medicine, has won the Research Excellence Award. The award recognized Krawetz for his contributions to medical research. Krawetz, a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, has been studying gene therapy.



Dr. Richard Bai has been named the first-ever Physician Partner of the Year at Bi-County Hospital in Warren. Bai was nominated by non-physician employees for demonstrating courtesy to others, showing respect to patients and staff, working with Bi-County employees in a harmonious manner and having the ability to discuss differences of opinion in a constructive manner. A resident of Grosse Pointe Shores, Bai has been affiliated with Bi-County for 28 years.

[Melodies and Money For Mom?]

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Tech Readers e-speak out!

Since I couldn't afford gas to go anywhere last week (who could?), I decided to sit down at the old computer (PC) and answer some of the e-mail questions I received.

Better yet, I'll answer them in this column.

One of the most frequent-asked questions was how did I learn so much about PCs and the Internet?

I'd like to say it was pure genius and hard work on my part, but too many people I know around the Grosse Pointes would tell the truth and thus destroy my fantasy image.

The truth is I have a friend who has spent 30 years with IBM and, in the course of those 30 years, has dragged me kicking and screaming into the computer age.

He even sold me my first IBM PC back in the early 1980s. After that it was simply a matter of finding out about the latest tech toys and whether I could afford them.

Today, it is even tougher to keep up on what is going on within the Internet and computers, but I have found help.

For example, when I wanted to expand my historical knowledge of computers, I went to The Virtual Museum of Computing

(vmoc.museophile.com). Note that there is no "www" in front of it. There is none needed.

This site boasts "an eclectic collection of World Wide Web hyperlinks (hotlinks) connected with the history of computing and online computer-based exhibits."

I would agree, and suggest that if your son or daughter comes home from school with an assignment on computers, computer history and how they have been used, this is an excellent place to start. That should keep them occupied until the "Simpsons" comes on the tube.

Remember, just because it's on the Internet, doesn't make it true.

When I wrote the column about the development of the Internet a few weeks ago, what I didn't know I found at two websites. The first was "The History of the Internet" at www.davesite.com.

It followed the development of the Internet from the 1957 launch of Sputnik, the first man-made object put into earth orbit, through its explosive growth through the 1990s. It also traces the telecommunications backbone required for the Internet. (If you wonder why I described Sputnik, ask your kids if they ever heard

Pointers on Technology



By Mike Maurer

of it.)

The Internet Society website (info.isoc.org) was the organizational home for the many groups involved in establishing standards for the Internet, and is actively involved in public policy issues related to the Internet.

Frequent question No. 2 is how do I learn the language of the Internet? Well, you could start by asking your preschooler. That's supposed to be funny, but I wonder if it will be in 10 years.

How about paying a visit to "The Help Guide" (www.imaginarylandscape.com)? It's a good place to start. It is a "user-friendly and graphically appealing" help website. I think it's a nice way of saying they've dumbed it down for those of us who don't wear pocket protectors or know how a slide-rule works.

Their words, not mine, are "Think of us as a friendly service station that gives out free road maps." Would all those who have gotten a free road map at a service station in the last five years please raise your right hand? Would all those who think of their service station (\$1.79 per gallon) as a friendly place please raise their left hands? That's

what I thought. You can take your hands out of your pockets now.

That site also covers other common concerns, such as children and the Internet, practicing safe computing, dealing with e-mail spam and Internet fraud.

George Bush isn't the only one who has trouble with big words, especially if they have to do with computing and the Internet.

If you run into an incomprehensible word that you must know the meaning of, visit NetLingo (www.netlingo.com).

It's one of the best, and most comprehensive, computer dictionaries on the internet. It will even tell you all about Smileys and emoticons :-).

You can also find a glossary of computer and Internet terms in The World Almanac (that's a book), but the print is so small and the library is so far away. And with the price of gas ... ride your bike! See you next week!

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.

Pointers against phone solicitors

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A group of Grosse Pointe residents support a move to hamstring telemarketers. "They make me livid," said Kathie Morinelli of Grosse Pointe Farms. "They always call during dinner," agreed Dan Jensen. Help is one the way. A bill by state Sen. Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids, would let residential telephone customers sign a "do not call" list. The list will be off limits to telemarketing companies. "Sounds good to me," said Morinelli.

The list will be administered by state regulators, but protected against prying eyes by being exempt from the Freedom of Information Act.

"This is both a privacy issue and a consumer protection issue," said Steil. "People have a right not to be bothered."

The bill is in committee, but has strong support from Steil's constituents. "We've had 650 letters of support," said Karen Szczepanski, the senator's communications director. She's also received "tons" of telephone calls — all supportive except one.

"It was from a telemarketing company," she said.

Until phone solicitors are curbed, residents will have to rely on homegrown anti-telemarketing techniques. "I tell them to get a real job," said Morinelli. "This is my phone. I pay the bill to use the phone for my purposes."

Bob DuMouchelle said, "I don't know how they make money. Everyone I know hangs up on them."

Telemarketers no longer have a chance to bother Jensen.

"I have a block on my phone," he said.

Business group honors Pointers

Dr. Jane Thomas of Grosse Pointe Park and the Honorable Dorothy Tomstock Riley of Grosse Pointe Farms were two of the most notable role models from around the state to be honored by the Michigan Business and Professional Association at their fifth annual Women's Leadership

Conference last month at Burton Manor in Livonia. Riley, a retired Michigan Supreme Court Justice, received the award in the Government category. Thomas, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Wayne State University School of Medicine, received the award in the Education cat-

egory. Also honored were Dr. Margaret Talburtt, Executive Director of the Michigan Women's Foundation; Irma Elder, owner of Elder Automotive Group; Dr. Gail Daly, RN, Director of the Clinical Ethics Center at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center; Roberta Jasina, a WWJ News Radio 950 personality; and Patricia Allen Cole, President and CEO of Cole Financial Services in Detroit.

"These women were selected because of their significant achievements in the professional field, recognition by their peers for outstanding service, and contributions to the advancement of issues related to women in the business world," said Ed Deeb, MBPA president and Grosse Pointe Shores resident.

ed as part of the day long conference aimed at helping women get ahead in the workplace.

There were two seminars: "Power of Money When Women Invest" and "Shared Secrets of Powerful Women."

MBPA is a business organization representing 15,000 professional men and women employing more than 140,000 people in Michigan.

Members include attorneys, accountants, real estate and insurance agents, retailers, wholesalers, architects and engineers among others, operating throughout Michigan.

The organization is the fastest growing small business association in the Midwest.

The awards were present-

Software fair May 11

On Friday, May 11, DBC Systems will hold its first software fair. The event takes place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Georgian Inn in Roseville.

The fair will focus on software solutions for manufacturers, distributors and service organizations.

Topics include financial software, manufacturing solutions, radio frequency warehouse management, EDI solutions, point of sale

software for counter sales and more.

DBC Systems, located on Harper in St. Clair Shores, was founded in 1994 by Grosse Pointe resident Dave Bilbrey.

Bilbrey and his two daughters manage the company, which provides business software sales and support.

To register for the software fair, call (810) 776-2650.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF LAST DAY FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR CITY OFFICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the City Charter and the Michigan Election Law of 1964, as amended. Tuesday, May 15, 2001 is the last day for filing Nominating Petitions for the following City Offices:

Four (4) COUNCIL MEMBERS
One (1) MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Petitions will be received by the City Clerk until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2001.

Shane L. Reeside,
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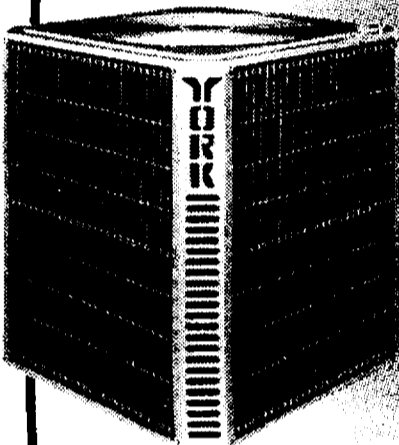
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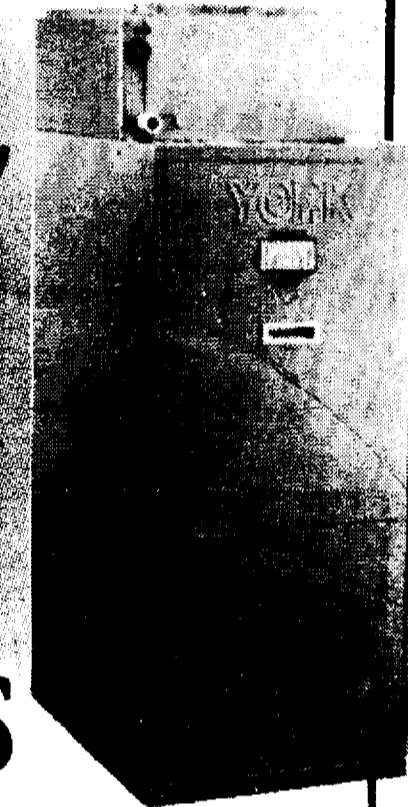
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Denny Dent is having an art attack



By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Denny Dent is poised on stage amidst black and silence. To the first chainsaw-edged riffs of Jimi Hendrix's "Foxy Lady," Dent conducts to the canvas with three brushes in each hand, taking the singe of the chords and translating them into day-glo electric strokes on canvas. Dent's brushes sway, punch and slash on the canvas as his body does to the music.

Dent segues into "Purple Haze," continuing the dance on stage and on the canvas. By the end of his seven-and-a-half-minute performance, Dent has captured the essence of Hendrix's music and his image.

It's what Dent calls a two-fisted art attack.

Over the past 20 years, Dent has captured the music and images of hundreds of people from David Bowie to Ludwig von Beethoven, accompanied by a symphony orchestra. He's also painted former president Gerald Ford to patriotic music and Martin Luther King Jr. to his "I Have a Dream" speech and gospel music.

Whom he'll paint at the Grosse Pointe Academy Action Auction on Saturday, May 12, where three of his paintings

will go up for bids, remains to be seen.

"The organizers of the auction have asked to keep it a secret," said Dent.

Dent, 53, was born in Oakland, Calif., to a family of artists. His mother was a painter. His grandfather, a cabinet maker and also ambidextrous, claimed they are descendants of the Italian Renaissance artist, Titian.

Until 1981, Dent considered himself the stereotypical struggling artist, dabbling in painting, etchings, tissue paper collages, airbrushing and poetry.

"I had resigned myself to that being the way things would be for me," Dent said.

When a Las Vegas radio station was planning a first anniversary vigil of the death of John Lennon, Dent persuaded organizers to let him paint at the vigil.

"With John Lennon's passing, I wanted to make a statement about his life," Dent said. "His music, the 60s — that was a big part of my life. I was saddened that he was taken from us in such a manner."

Dent made his statement with two portraits of Lennon, one of a young Beatle and another circa his Starting Over

years, set to music. Some 1,800 people heard it.

"Many of the people there were emotionally charged," Dent said. "They stormed the stage. They were moved. They cheered me on. I found something that suited me — or maybe it found me."

A few days later, Dent was asked to appear with Steppenwolf for a paltry fee of \$50. He then took his show on the road to about 500 or 600 college campuses across the country. At Woodstock '94, he had garnered a national reputation as the world's rock and roll artist.

But rock and roll isn't Dent's only muse or message.

"It has evolved," said Dent. "I enjoy some rock and roll, but my favorites now are classical and new age jazz. Twenty years ago, it was different."

Regardless of the music, Dent said, "The painting is the by-product of the performance which is inspired by the music."

"This has given me a platform to deliver my message — art is expression from the heart. It has nothing to do with song or dance or paint, but in the way you do something. It's a message that crosses over."

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to different groups of people."

In recent years, the range of groups of people has become more illustrious. Dent had been invited to perform at the White House twice by former president Bill Clinton. He also painted a portrait of Pope John Paul II at the World Youth Day in Denver.

The range of a Dent painting has broadened to the stars, too. A typical 6-foot-by-4-foot portrait now brings in anywhere from \$20,000 to \$80,000.

Those sums may be record breakers considering a typical painting performance runs anywhere from eight to 12 minutes. But Dent has refused to be included in the Guinness Book of World Records after three requests.

"It's never been about a race, it's a dance," said Dent. "I don't want to be known as the fastest painter, but when the music is done, the dance and the painting is done."



Action Auction promises greatest show in the Grosse Pointes

Denny Dent's performance and art work won't be the only showstoppers under the big top at this year's Grosse Pointe Academy's Action Auction.

Items in this year's 34th annual carnival-themed auction feature food (a Tuscan grill dinner for 24 at DaEdoardo Restaurant), drinks (a wine tasting party for 50 at Neiman Marcus in Troy), entertainment (a jazz party for 40 featuring Bess Bonier), a clown — a bejeweled 18-karat white gold pin — and even eight tickets to the Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus.

If running off to the circus isn't your style, you can drive to one in a 2001 Jaguar S-Type V-8 sedan.

Over 1,000 items will be available at the Preview Auction on Wednesday, May 9, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. and at the Action Auction on Saturday, May 12, from 5 to 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$65 for the Preview Auction and \$110 for the Preview and Action Auction and may be obtained by calling, (313) 886-1221, ext. 182.

Proceeds benefit the school's educational and scholarship programs and campus maintenance.



This 2001 Jaguar S-Type V-8 sedan is one of more than 1,000 items up for bid at this year's Grosse Pointe Academy's Action Auction.



Promise Ball

The Promise Ball, a black-tie benefit for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, will be held on Friday, May 4, at the Townsend Hotel Ballroom in Birmingham. The foundation's mission is to fund research and education to find a cure for diabetes and its complications.

Among those who attended a recent preview party for the event were, from left, Grosse Pointers Donald Smolenski, president of the metropolitan Detroit chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, and Paula Smolenski; and Michele and Dennis Eldson, honorary co-chairmen of the preview.

Other Grosse Pointers on the committees for the benefit include Stephanie Germack, Sybil Jaques, Marge Slezak and Sharon Snyder. For more information about the ball, call (248) 355-1133.

Babies

Grace Cecilia Kucharski

Gary and Valerie Kucharski of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a daughter, Grace Cecilia Kucharski, born Feb. 13, 2001.

Maternal grandparents are Ken and Cecile Block of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Paternal grandmother is Virginia Kucharski of Clinton Township.

Kendall Elizabeth Volpe

Jamie and Tracie Volpe of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a daughter, Kendall Elizabeth Volpe, born March 5, 2001.

Maternal grandparents are Doug and Elaine Dold of Grosse Pointe Park.

Paternal grandparents are Lou and Joan Volpe of Redford. Great-grandparents are Robert and Mary Carr of Temperance, David and Jean Eisey of Redford, and Mary Volpe of Cokeburg, Pa.

Ellise Kathryn Westerheide

Jay and Anne Westerheide of Sidney, Ohio, are the parents of a daughter, Ellise Kathryn Westerheide, born March 21, 2001.

Maternal grandparents are Frank and Judi Zimmer of Grosse Pointe Woods. Paternal grandparents are Tom and Judy Westerheide of Sidney, Ohio. Great-grandparents are Margaret Zimmer of the City of Grosse Pointe and Colin and Dolly Whyte of Orlando, Fla.

CROP Walk on May 6 will help fight hunger

The Grosse Pointe CROP Walk will be Sunday, May 6 and will begin and end at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross. Starting time is 2 p.m., with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The approximately 5-mile route will go northwest on Moross to Chalfonte, south on Chalfonte to Fisher, southeast on Fisher Road to Lakeshore, north on Lakeshore to Moross, then northwest on Moross and

the disasters. The aid was available because of funds raised through CROP Walks around the country.

In other countries, Church World Service uses CROP Walk dollars to operate development programs that help people to improve their lives so that hunger might not be a continuing threat.

The other 25 percent of the funds raised in the Grosse Pointe CROP Walk is distributed to local agen-

“Bursting into Bloom” will, for the first time, be held under tents on the school lawn at the corner of Fisher and Grosse Pointe Boulevard in Grosse Pointe Farms.

In addition to the usual flats and plants supplied by Allemon’s Landscape Center on Mack in Detroit, there will be a garden boutique featuring garden accessories, outdoor furniture, statuary and crafts. Some of the plant varieties



The committee for “The Mad Hatter Tea Party” is planning a family fundraiser for the Children’s Center. In the back row, from left, are Peggy Clark, Corlyss Jenkins, Marilynn Magreta and Janet Serba. In the middle, from left, are Ann Howe and Amy Devone. In the front, from left, are Jane McFeely and Julie Foust.

to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 12. For more information or pre-order forms, call (313) 886-3423.

Heads up: The “Mad Hatter Tea Party,” a family-style benefit for abused and neglected children, will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at the Children’s Center, 79 West Alexandrine in Detroit. The event is a fundraiser for the “Touch the Heart of a Child” capital campaign to build the Paul D. Marsh building and expand the programs of the Center.

The Children’s Center provides programs and services to at-risk children and families in need of support and helps them shape their own futures. Founded in 1929, the Center was one of the first child-guidance clinics in the nation. Today it serves more than 5,000 children annually.

Children will have an opportunity to create a Pewabic tile for a mural in the center’s new building



Libby Follis, at the left, and Peggy Kross are co-chairmen for “Bursting into Bloom,” a flower sale sponsored by the Mothers’ Club of Grosse Pointe South High School on May 11-12.

(tiles are \$20); create a Mother’s Day present, gift wrap it and take it home; decorate sugar cookies; take pictures with Alice in Wonderland characters; and be a guest at a tea party. A silent auction and entertainment will also be available at the party.

Co-chairmen of the event are Grosse Pointers Lisa and William Clay Ford Jr.

and Julie and Tony Foust. Other Grosse Pointers on the committee are Jana Brownell, Peggy Clark, Liz Gregory, Ann Howe, Sue Kirchner, Michelle Klekamp, Marilynn Magreta and Jane McFeely.

Tickets are \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door. Call (313) 831-5535, ext. 1254 or 1251. Space is limited.



Victorian Tea

Treat someone special — a mother, grandmother, aunt, child or friend — to a Victorian Tea at the Whitney restaurant from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 12 (the day before Mother’s Day). The event will benefit the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association, a non-profit organization that works to combat autoimmune diseases such as lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, juvenile diabetes, multiple sclerosis and others. AARDA is based in the Detroit area and is the only organization dedicated to promoting a collaborative research effort to find a cure for all autoimmune diseases.

Preparing for the tea are, from left, Barbara Willett of Grosse Pointe Shores; Chloe Pittel, 6; Florence Willett, Alexandra Pittel, 5; and Cheryl Nix. Tickets are \$48 for adults; \$30 for children. Call (810) 776-3900.

back to the church. Restroom and water breaks will be spaced along the route for walkers’ comfort.

Last year the Grosse Pointe area CROP Walk raised \$23,956 to fight hunger around the world.

Bill Evans, an 87-year-old member of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, was recognized as the second leading walker in the state last year. He raised \$7,290 for the local walk.

Grosse Pointe’s CROP Walk is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association and its affiliated congregations. Of the funds raised, 75 percent are channeled through Church World Service to help hungry people all over the world.

Last fall, when earthquakes occurred in El Salvador and India, Church World Service partners and colleagues were able to begin providing emergency assistance within a few hours to those affected by

cies that are assisting hungry people. This year the local agencies receiving funds as a result of the Walk are Calvary Senior Center, the Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS), Crossroads East, Eastside Emergency Center, The Metropolitan Christian Council and St. Vincent DePaul Food Outlets.

This is the 22nd consecutive year that a CROP Walk has been held in the Grosse Pointes. In the previous 21 years, more than \$537,000 has been raised for the fight against hunger.

For more information, call the Rev. Mary Ann Shipley of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church at (313) 886-2363 or the Rev. Bart Beebe of First English Lutheran Church at (313) 884-5040.

Blooming sale: The Mothers’ Club of Grosse Pointe South High School will hold its annual two-day flower sale on Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12.

for sale will include: impatiens, begonias, geraniums, ground cover, hanging baskets, heliotrope, sweet potato vine, bacopa, sunscape daisies, cobbity daisies, Mexican heather, penta, helichrysum, verbena, che-nille, lantana and more.

Croissant sandwiches, hot dogs, subs and beverages will be available at Le Petit Cafe.

Every penny of the proceeds will benefit the school through scholarship, enrichment and preservation programs.

Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 11; 8 a.m.

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Jewelry sale is slated May 3-5

The American Cancer Society’s Discovery Shops will host a Jewelry Extravaganza in all metro-Detroit area shops from Thursday, May 3 through Saturday, May 5. The Jewelry Extravaganza is an annual sales event featuring fine and costume jewelry donated by generous and supportive local residents interested in helping further the fight against cancer.

Preparations are underway for this event and donations of jewelry are still needed. Individuals interested in donating jewelry are encouraged to peruse their jewelry boxes and gather their old favorites, their not so favorites and those pieces they simply forgot about, and drop them by the nearest Discovery Shop. Donations for the extravaganza are currently being accepted at all six metro-Detroit locations during normal business hours. All donations are tax-deductible and, as always, proceeds from the extravaganza help to fund cancer research and local programs and services of the American Cancer

Society. The six metro-Detroit area Discovery Shops are located in the communities of Grosse Pointe Farms, Livonia, Plymouth, Rochester, St. Clair Shores and Sterling Heights. For directions to the nearest Discovery Shop or for more information about donating your jewelry, call the American Cancer Society at (248) 557-5353.

Lecture is about Detroit’s tricentennial

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society and the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House will host Detroit 300 executive director Maude Lyon in a free Dr. Frank Bicknell Memorial Lecture on Thursday, May 3, at 7 p.m. in the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Activities Center, 1100 Lakeshore.

Get an insider’s perspective on the plans for celebrating Detroit’s Tricentennial. Reservations are suggested. Call (313) 884-7010.

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This easterliness.

"Christ is arisen . . .
So let our joy be full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be."
With this exchange
We greet each other in
The one-verse-hymn of
Some 900 years ago.

We are on the Easter Road!
This is no time to drag
Down in cynic second-guessing!
"Once to everyone and nation
Comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of truth with falsehood,
For the good or evil side."

"New occasions teach new duties;
Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still and onward
Who would keep abreast of truth."
Truth is always rising up among us;
Our perception tends to keep us
Down in our essential human-ness.

"Christ is risen!
He keeps rising again!
Alleluia!"



Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity, sponsored by Grosse Pointe Partners, recently dedicated a completed home in Detroit. In the back row, from left, are the Rev. Tom Rice, Dave Buckler and Jack Williams, all of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church; Dick Johnson of Grosse Pointe United Church; and Chaplain Cunningham of Grosse Pointe United Church. In the front are homeowner Debbie Scruggs and her children, Rome and Japan. Not shown: the Rev. Eddie Bray of Grosse Pointe United Church.

BCBC seeks local angels

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network are accepting nominations for the annual Caring for Children Angel Awards from now until Friday, June 8.

Now in its third year, the Angel Award is a statewide recognition program honoring individuals who distinguish themselves through their outstanding work for children in the state.

This year, one angel will be chosen from each of five regions of the state; and the Grand Angel will be selected from those five finalists.

"We're looking for people who volunteer their time to improve the lives of Michigan's children," said Diana C. Jones, Blues vice president of community affairs.

"We know this kind of selfless work goes on all over the state, and we want to recognize those unsung heroes and heroines who perform quiet miracles every day. We need to hear from community members statewide to help us find those angels. Anyone can nominate individuals whose volunteer work benefits Michigan's children."

The Angel Award program presents a \$5,000 grant to the first place winner's designated non-profit organization, as well as \$1,000 grants to each of the other four regional winners' organizations.

Only non-profit charitable organizations with a tax-exempt status are eligible for contributions connected with the award. If the winner or finalists are associated with a non-qualifying program, a qualifying program related to his or her service may be designated.

The Blues will also recognize each of the five angels at a reception to be held on Thursday, Nov. 15, at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan offices in Detroit.

A panel of judges in each of the five regions will select a regional winner and judges from all five regions will select the Grand Angel. The five regions are south-east, mid-Michigan, west-east and Upper Peninsula.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, June 8. Nomination forms and additional information are available by calling the Blues' toll-free line at (800) 733-BLUE (2583) or from the Blues' web site at www.bcbsm.com/angel.

Concert slated at St. James

St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan in Grosse Pointe Farms, will present a one-hour spring concert by the Metropolitan Arts Brass Quintet at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 6. The ensemble will feature music by Bach, Debussy and others. The concert is free and will be followed by a reception. For more information, call (313) 884-0511 or (313) 886-4377.

St. Paul Lutheran hosts speaker May 5

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church will present "A Journey to Our Savior Lutheran Church, Rocky Boy Montana," at 1

p.m. Saturday, May 5, at the church, 375 Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The speaker will be the Rev. Fred Overdier. Rocky Boy is a Lutheran mission ministry among Native American Indians.

Overdier will discuss the

daily life of Native Americans today and will use slides, videos and artifacts. The program will appeal to people of all ages. Light refreshments will be served. For reservations, call (313) 881-6670 or (313) 884-9453.

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Social Security roots form retirement program

Older voters more than any other are responsible for the ascension of the Republican Party.

According to a recent survey linking voter preference with age, this shift is an outgrowth of the older voters who went to the polls. Since older voters represent a major chunk of the voting populace, this realignment in voting patterns is important. Thank you notes are not expected but "thank you" legislation from the GOP would seem to be in order.

Such thank you legislation will become increasingly welcome in view of what appears to be a critical view of benefits received by older citizens. Never mind that many live at a poverty level and even those with private pensions are finding it difficult to maintain themselves. There is beginning to rise from the ranks voices of dissenters who claim there is too much being done for the older population.

Elizabeth Ann Kutz argues in a book "The

Benefits of Old Age," University of Chicago Press, no problem occurs in old age that does not occur in other ages, whether it be poverty, mental or physical disability, isolation or malnutrition. Be that as it may, young people have years ahead to better their lot. All that older citizens have is the here and now.

Implicit in such arguments against benefits for senior citizens is the rising rate of Social Security. It is true that the increasing number of older citizens and the declining number of younger workers is creating problems, but it is also true that older citizens are not the only beneficiaries. It includes other members of the population. The support of dependent children is an example. The excellent benefit comes out of Social Security. Such a benefit is right and proper. The only question that should be asked is this: Should such a benefit as this come from Social Security or wouldn't it be better if it came from a



Prime Time

By Marian Trainor

tax-supported fund?

Social Security, after all, is a trust fund. Workers who have paid into it should expect to reap the benefits of those contributions at retirement age. When Social Security entitlements are shifted from one program to another, the fund is diffused, making it difficult to honor the first obligation.

Another factor which critics of old-age benefits should consider is if benefits are seriously cut then families might have to give support. This is not a happy proposition to ponder. Such a situation would be demeaning to older people and place a burden on the younger genera-

tion, who may have a difficult time supporting themselves and their families even with both spouses working. Better for all to contribute Social Security while working towards ways and means of creative funding and more efficient disbursement of funds.

Another area of dissension in funding that concerns the older citizens is funding for schools. Bond issues and millages for schools are defeated regularly. Some officials and young adults have blamed the elder electorate for those defeats. There is little doubt that schools do need additional support. But taxes for older people are becoming excessive and burdensome.

When it comes to older people, shouldn't the question be asked: If school taxes were tied, all their working lives they have built and supported schools, shouldn't they have tax breaks now due to curtailed income?

Perhaps schools and older citizens both would get a break if taxes were tied to income rather than property values. There are older affluent citizens who could afford more to deduction but

it seems unfair to make it difficult for those with less to keep their homes because of increased taxes. It's a touchy subject but one that needs exploring, consideration and new solutions.

Another touchy subject is that of return on investments in youth by older taxpayers. "All that many older people hear of youth is in connection with delinquency crimes and drugs," said Denny Abbott, director of Child Advocacy Inc., a part of a national federally funded organization to help represent young people in legal matters.

Older citizens, many of them victims of crime, emphasized that they did not dislike young people but cited cases in which teenagers who were arrested for violent crimes were released immediately in the custody of their parents and were rearrested soon for similar crimes.

No one will argue that there are more responsible good young citizens than the delinquents who receive more public attention, thus downgrading the reputations of all young people. On the other hand, no one should blame older citizens for not voting for higher taxes unless stricter methods of dealing with young delinquents are employed.

Respect for older citizens comes hard under any circumstance. The value placed in the wisdom of age has been replaced by the value placed on technical skills. Skills once passed on from one generation to another generation have become

obsolete. Handmade has been replaced by machine. Older persons are no longer repositories of the know-how that once supported the household. Displaced in this vital area, they have lost what was an important link with the young.

Problems, no matter how great, are never pleasant to face. Consideration of them makes one feel like the customer who enters a restaurant and says: "I need a bowl of soup and a few kind words." When the waitress brings the soup, she says "Don't eat the soup." It's not very cheering. However, a few proposed solutions to the problems may fill the kind word request. You'll have to supply your own soup.

Social Security has been described as a disaster looking for a place to happen. Part of the problem lies in the effect the lengthening period has on the cost of doing business. Retirees are living longer and collecting a great number of benefit checks.

A solution mentioned is a separation of welfare programs financed under the general revenues. Social Security has evolved into a broad social — instead of retirement — program. Today's payroll tax is not just to support the elderly but also the sick, disabled and their dependents.

Clearly there is need for improvements. All along the line, not only in the Social Security system but also in other areas, to make retirement a more secure financial prospect.

Nursing home, home care, assisted living — which is the best choice?

Elder care options such as home care and assisted living are becoming increasingly popular, as they allow seniors to maintain a high degree of independent living. But for many elderly Americans, nursing homes may still be a more practical option.

Marilyn Rantz, co-author of "The New Nursing Homes: A 20-Minute Way to Find Great Long-term Care," suggests considering these factors when deciding whether nursing home care is the best choice for you or your loved one:

- Local availability of services. Depending on where you live, options such as home care or live-in help may not be widely available. Your Area Agency on Aging can let you know what your local options are.

- Type of care needed. In assisted living facilities, registered nurses are rarely on duty around the clock and rehabilitation therapists may not be readily available. If you or your loved one needs extensive nursing or rehab care, a nursing home may be more suitable.

- Your ability to pay. Assisted living facilities are often marketed to more affluent seniors, since the cost is often paid for from personal funds. If you are without significant savings or long-term care insurance, a Medicaid-certified nursing home may be your best or only option.

Long Term Care Insurance seminar offered

A free seminar on long term care insurance will be offered Wednesdays, May 16 and 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The seminar will be conducted by James H. O'Connor of ACSIA Insurance.

Learn what long term care insurance is, what it covers, what Medicare and Medicare supplements pay towards long term care, when long term care insurance is necessary, how much coverage is needed, is it affordable, and can people with health conditions qualify.

Participants will receive a free copy of "The Shopper's Guide to Long Term Care Insurance."

For more information and registration, call O'Connor at (313) 823-8070.

"The good news is, there are some really quality nursing homes out there," says Rantz. "People just need to know where to look and what to look for." Rantz's book provides a set of questions to ask, a list of answers you should receive, and a way to evaluate and

rate the things you see when touring a nursing home.

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Chronic wounds require specialized care

By James McCarty
Special Writer

When you were young, a soothing kiss from your mother or father usually made a cut feel better. Jump to adulthood. A minor cut or abrasion might require antiseptic and a bandage — or in the worst case, stitches — but often it simply heals on its own. That's not the case for everyone.

Some people suffer from chronic wounds which cannot heal with standard treatment. The condition occurs when the tissue around the wound is deprived of oxygen, blood or certain nutrients. An estimated 5 million Americans — many of them paraplegics or individuals



James McCarty

diagnosed with vascular disease or diabetes — must contend with non-healing wounds.

Nationally, annual chronic wound care costs are more than \$20 billion and is growing at a rate of almost 10 percent a year.

Several major medical conditions may lead to chronic wounds:

- Venous stasis is a condition where small check valves in a person's veins fail, preventing blood from returning to the heart and causing it to pool in a body extremity. Without a new

supply of oxygen-rich blood, sores and wounds cannot heal. Venous stasis is usually caused by heredity, obesity, or prolonged periods of standing.

- Arterial disease is another vascular disorder that can lead to chronic wounds. Unlike venous stasis, arterial disease prevents blood from reaching the wound.

Often caused by smoking, high cholesterol and diabetes, the disease constricts arteries. To overcome arterial disease, vascular surgeons frequently perform angioplasties or bypass surgery, allowing blood to return to the wound area.

- About 60 to 70 percent of people with diabetes have mild to severe forms of nerve damage called neuropathy in their feet or lower limbs. Few, if any, sensations are felt in those parts of the body. These individuals are often unaware of cuts, blisters or other abrasions until they become serious. Because diabetics are also prone to poor blood circulation, these wounds may not heal.

- Pressure sores occur when the body remains in one position — sometimes for as little as two or three hours — while pressed against an object. This compresses the blood vessels under the skin. Without a supply of blood, the skin in that area dies and a wound forms. The absence of blood makes it unlikely the wound will heal. Pressure sores are prevalent among paraplegics and the elderly who have difficulties moving their bodies.

Specialized care, such as that given at the Bon Secours Cottage WoundCare Center located at Cottage

Hospital, is an effective approach for the treatment of chronic wounds. By focusing only on wound care and using the latest in technology and treatment, recovery can be shortened from as long as 16 weeks to four. In addition, short- and long-term disabilities may be minimized. At the WoundCare Center, physicians and nurses find and treat the causes of nonhealing wounds while effectively managing conditions resulting from venous stasis, arterial disease, diabetic neuropathy and pressure sores. Wounds related to trauma, burns, lymph edema, surgery and other health problems are also treated successfully.

Working with the patient's primary care physician, the WoundCare Center staff designs a comprehensive treatment plan for the chronic wound and educates patients and their families on wound prevention.

Physicians from disciplines such as primary care, podiatry, infectious disease, orthopedics, general surgery, vascular surgery and dermatology work together, sharing their expertise and experience to help the patient.

Other WoundCare staff includes:

- Nurses skilled in wound care
- Physical and occupational therapists
- Dietitians
- Social workers and home care personnel

At the WoundCare Center, patients may also benefit from the use of a new product, Apligraf, which is grown from living human cells anatomically the same as skin. Ideal for closing hard-to-heal wounds such as skin ulcers, pressure sores, surgery wounds and burns, it is placed over a wound in an outpatient procedure.

Ultimately, preventing chronic wounds is the best course of action. Here are some steps to take:

- Proper nutrition is essential in the healing process. For example, an adequate amount of protein is necessary for wounds to heal. Protein builds new cells and is a chief source of fuel for the body. Before making diet changes, however, check with your regular physician.

- Stay active with exercise to increase blood circulation, but check with your doctor before you start any exercise program.

- If you have diabetes, you are highly susceptible to chronic wounds, especially in the lower limbs. Inspect feet often. Look for cracks, blisters or scratches.

- Frequent position changes are one way to prevent pressure sores. If you're sitting in a chair, shift your body at least once every two hours. If someone is bedridden, turn him or her every two hours around the clock.

- Since older adults are prone to chronic wounds, avoid doing anything that throws them off balance or risks a fall.

- Always call your doctor if a cut, blister or bruise does not begin to show signs of healing after one day.

Nonhealing wounds are painful and debilitating to anyone who suffers from them. Fortunately, there are steps to avoid them.

Dr. McCarty is a Bon Secours Cottage physician specializing in podiatry. He sees patients at Shores Podiatry Associates in Roseville. For an appointment, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at (800) 303-7315.

Do something special with Mom on Mother's Day

Mother-daughter relationships are among the most complicated we experience. They often comprise many conflicting feelings such as love, anger, worry, resentment, envy and need.

According to Mayo Clinic Women's HealthSource, this critical relationship changes as both mother and daughter age and there are several ways to improve it along the way. Here are some suggestions for enhancing your relationship with mom:

- Look through old photo albums and have your mother identify the people in them.

- Listen to your mother tell stories from her past. It's your history too.

- Tell your mother stories about your day, but don't complain and don't expect her to solve your problems anymore.

- Prepare an old family recipe together.
- Plant a garden, take a

class or start a book club together. Create a memory jar. Write down a memory of your mother each day and put it in a container. At the end of the year, present it to her.

- Send your mother flowers on your birthday. It's her day, too.

This Mother's Day, Mayo Clinic is offering women a free copy of Mayo Clinic Women's HealthSource, a monthly newsletter filled with accurate answers and timely advice for women to use in their daily lives. The newsletter helps women recognize the warning signs of illness, provides tips to reduce stress and gives guidance about nutrition, exercise, aging and weight control.

For your free issue, write to: Mayo Clinic, Mother's Day Offer, Centerplace 5, 200 First Street SW, Rochester, MN 55905.

Diabetes education program is offered during May, June

The Bon Secours Cottage Adult Outpatient Diabetes Education Program was awarded education recognition by the American Diabetes Association and certification by the Michigan Department of Public Health. The award is given to education programs that demonstrate quality through a rigorous and detailed peer review process.

The outpatient diabetes education program is offered to non-pregnant adults who are referred by their physicians. This comprehensive program helps people with diabetes learn how to eat well while staying on individual meal plans, how to exercise for fun, and how to prevent long-term problems, control and monitor blood

sugar and recognize signs of high and low blood sugar. An individual assessment by a nurse and dietitian, by appointment only, is required before the start of class. The fee is covered by many insurance plans.

A morning session is offered from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. May 15, 17, 22 and 24; evening sessions are offered from 6 to 9 p.m. June 12, 19 and 26. All classes take place in the Bon Brae Center Classroom, 22300 Bon Brae, in St. Clair Shores.

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

Center helps patients live with diabetes

The Bon Secours Cottage Health Services Diabetes Center at 22300 Bon Brae in St. Clair Shores offers individuals with diabetes educational literature, videotapes and outpatient counseling to help them "live well" with diabetes. The center is a key component of the successful Adult Outpatient Diabetes Program that emphasizes education as the primary factor in successfully managing diabetes.

According to Outpatient Diabetes Program coordinator Vivian Brzezicki, BSN, diabetes can be a difficult disease to live with, because everything individuals eat affects their blood sugar levels. But with the proper education, diabetes can be effectively managed.

Individual counseling is offered at the center on topics which include diet, exercise, foot care, administering insulin injections and more. Visitors also can view educational videos at the facility or check them out to watch at home with family members.

Persons need not be enrolled in the Bon Secours Cottage Outpatient Diabetes Program to use the resource center for counseling or to get free or low-cost educational materials to help them manage their disease. However, a physician referral is required and appointments are necessary. For more information, call (810) 779-7661.

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Stage & Screen DSO notes

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Verdi's jest

The Michigan Opera Theatre will open its Spring season with Giuseppe Verdi's romantic comedy Falstaff, Saturday, May 12 through Sunday, May 20, on the stage of the Michigan Opera House, 1526 Broadway. Performances will be offered Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, at 2 p.m.

Tickets range from \$18 to \$98. Call (313) 237-7464.

Dramatic trio
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Mercury delivers hazardous message

By Mimi Drennan
Special Writer
Look up the word mercury in the dictionary and you'll find its symbol Hg and its definition:

A silver white metal which is liquid and volatile at room temperature. As temperatures increase, the amount of mercury vaporized increases. Metallic mercury is used in pressure and temperature indicating instruments, as an electrical conductor, and as the amalgamating material for dental fillings. It is often called quicksilver.

Marilyn Kiefer, a St. Clair Shores registered nurse who is the Michigan coordinator for DAMS, the Dental Amalgam Mercury Syndrome, has a more definitive evaluation of mercury.

DAMS, a grassroots, non-profit organization with chapters across the United States, Canada and Europe, was founded in 1989, and is dedicated to educating the public about the possible health hazards caused from exposure to mercury in dental amalgams (silver fillings). Dental amalgams contain about 50 percent mercury, which has been scientifically demonstrated to be more toxic than lead, cadmium and arsenic. Mercury damages the brain, nervous system, thyroid, pituitary, adrenal glands, heart and lungs, as well as hormones and enzymes.

Kiefer cautions pregnant women to delay seeing a dentist unless absolutely necessary, as research has shown that mercury passes through the placental barrier and can cause birth defects.

When mercury fillings were introduced, many dentists were concerned about the toxic effects, but the material, less expensive than gold and easier to use, was widely accepted by the dental profession. It was called "silver amalgam." Silver for its color and amalgam for the alloy formed by

mixing mercury with other metals. For over 160 years, it was assumed that once dental fillings were placed in the mouth, the mercury was locked in or stabilized. But recent research has proven that false.

Several years ago, researchers learned that mercury vapor is continuously released throughout the lifetime of the fillings and is absorbed at a rate of 80 percent through the lungs and into the arterial blood. Further research indicates a relationship between mercury amalgams and both immunosuppressive and neurological disorders.

"Any toxic material that cannot be held in the hand should never be planted in our mouths next to our cranial nerves," Kiefer said. Her own physical history is representative of many of the DAMS case histories.

In 1987, after many years of being plagued by debilitating ailments, she was referred to and visited a dentist who did metal sensitivity testing. It was in his office that she first suspected she was a classic case of low dosage mercury poisoning, when she scanned a book entitled "Mercury Poisoning from Dental Amalgam, a Hazard to the Human Brain," written by Patrick Stortebecker, M.D., Ph.D.

Every word she read described many of her own symptoms which included fatigue, emotional instability, shyness, rashes, debilitating headaches, stuttering, lung problems, insomnia, allergies, immune problems, mood swings, anxiety and depression — she had experienced all of them and more.

At the age of 47, Kiefer even thought she had Alzheimer's Disease.

In 1987, the University of Calgary Faculty of Medicine demonstrated that trace amounts of mercury can

cause the type of damage to nerves that is characteristic of the damage found in Alzheimer's Disease. The level of mercury exposure is consistent with those levels found in humans of mercury/silver amalgam dental fillings.

Kiefer's dentist recommended she have all the visible mercury amalgams removed. He also extracted their mercury core under each of her good caps.

Gold placed over mercury acts to accelerate the release of toxic mercury vapors, according to research.

After the prolonged and painful process, Kiefer almost immediately saw fewer rashes, headaches and periods of depression.

Kiefer's advice is "not to panic."

"Your teeth may not be killing you, but you should question your dentist about the use of mercury in his or her practice."

Having spent endless hours gathering mercury-related case histories, compiling scientific data and amassing useful material to aid DAMS, the mother of four and grandmother of six said, "The bottom line is we have to eliminate mercury from all biological uses if we want to have a physically and emotionally healthy future for all."

For more information, call Kiefer at (313) 884-0000 or by e-mail at a1122@detroit.freenet.org. Or contact DAMS Inc. at (800) 311-6265 or e-mail at dentaltruth@yahoo.com.

Beautification Award applications sought

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center Inc. seeks applicants for its 2001 beautification awards. The Garden Center is a non-profit organization which promotes beautification and education in the community. Its activities include awarding of grants and scholarships, presentation of workshops and lectures. It also serves as a resource center for gardening topics.

proposals are judged on the degree of community visibility, excellence in design, suitability of plant material and ease of maintenance.

The award is available to Grosse Pointe municipalities, the Grosse Pointe school district, historic sites, local churches and more.

Applicants should call (313) 881-4594 for an application form. The deadline for returning the form is Friday, May 11.


Woods Senior Commission offers seminar on May 10

The Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Commission will sponsor a senior seminar from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at the Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza.

Stabenow's staff and Judy Smith of St. John Health System will speak.

Admission is free for Woods seniors and their guests. To register, call (313) 343-2408. Seniors who need transportation should contact PAATS at least three days in advance. Call (313) 343-2580.


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Entertainment

Being a professional comedian is no laughing matter

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

Jeff Fritz, 29, has been a part of our town's comedic renaissance for the past two years as a main-stage member of the Detroit branch of the Second City comedy organization.

The Park resident grew up in Walled Lake and went to Oakland Community College and Specs Howard School of Broadcasting. He was an avid editor of video tape for a video company that does a lot of work for Ford Motor Co.

"I started taking classes offered by Second City about five years ago," Fritz said. "Anyone can take these classes. They have an extensive training center. The course lasts eight weeks and there are levels A - E, basically for people with no stage experience. Levels 1-5 are for people with some experience. They have writing courses and straight acting classes that emphasize the techniques of acting."

Second City, Fritz said, is an improvisation, or improv, group. They write using the techniques of improvisation. But once the sketches are written and the show is complete, it's straight acting.

"The original Second City, which is based in Chicago, started out as an improv group, but it has evolved since then," Fritz said. "After our show, we have a 'set' where we are free to

improv. That's how we write our next show, taking the best of the improv."

Fritz has been improving for five years. He said that as people come and take classes, they sometimes go out and start their own troupes, such as Planet Ant in Hamtramck.

"I really enjoy teaching," Fritz said. "I always liked acting and comedy. I grew up watching Saturday Night Live. When I started taking classes I never expected to be where I am today. I took classes through level 3 and then auditioned. There are many Second City troupes around — Chicago, Toronto. There are training centers in Los Angeles and New York. There are three touring companies. In Chicago there are 1,200 students. Here, maybe 100-200."

Fritz said that all the world wants to go to Chicago for training. In that respect, Detroit and the opportunities people can enjoy here are a well-kept secret.

"We teach the same thing," Fritz said. "I tried out for the tour troupe that's based in Detroit. They're understudies for the main troupe and play colleges and places where people will hire us. I was with the touring troupe for 3 1/2 years. I even started directing them eight months ago. In December 2000 I got to join the main stage."

Fritz said that the "really



Grosse Pointe Park resident Jeff Fritz is a professional comedian. He doesn't read *The New York Times* for fun. It's his job, because keeping up with current events is what sketch comedians do.

Fritz is currently associated with the Detroit chapter of Second City. Their new show "Ebay of Pigs" is currently playing in downtown Detroit.

cool thing" about Second City is that once you start to excel, opportunities open up.

"People in Los Angeles love Second City," Fritz said. "There are alumni who write for Conan O'Brien or Saturday Night Live. Larry Campbell and Eric Black have pilots in L.A. I was Larry's understudy. That was the first thing I did when I was hired on. Jerry Minor, who's from here, is on Saturday Night Live."

Besides performing for Second City, Fritz is writing a two-man show with Antoine McKay, who is on the main stage with Fritz. They intend to take the show to Los Angeles.

"HBO has Black Box Theater, where it could be performed," Fritz said. "Right now we don't know what it's about. We're trying to sell ourselves to an agent. It's tough. Right now the show is sketch comedy with a 1960s feel. Our 'grand' theme seems to be shown in scenes with people searching for something to fulfill their lives, solving problems."

Just as Fritz is evolving as a performer, Second City in Detroit is evolving. He said the shows now have through lines and people are starting

to see recurring characters. One downside to being a professional comedian is that now when he watches comedy, he can tend to over-analyze.

"A show can be ruined," Fritz said. "You see something and say to yourself, 'they're doing a man vs. machine bit or a fish out of water routine.' That's why I had to stop watching Saturday Night Live."

Fritz believes that for comedy to work, it has to connect with the audience. That means doing bits based on human nature and talking about the truth.

"Comedy comes from everyday stuff," Fritz said. "If we did straight political satire, we'd lose 90 percent of our audience. Nothing gets old faster. Nixon jokes from 1974 are awfully dated. But if you write about bouncing a check, people can relate no matter what year it is."

Fritz is a fan of smarter comedy. His humor also tends to be darker. He said there is a song from the Chicago troupe that has four senior citizens singing about cancer. They never use the word, but the song is about all their friends getting the disease. It's very dark and he thinks it's very funny.

But not everything he likes works with an audience.

"I had this sketch that took place in the 1500s," Fritz said. "It was about a bunch of monks smashing printing presses because Bibles were being printed in English and cutting in on the monks' racket. It didn't go over well. People thought we were being mean. I thought it was funny."

Fritz believes in picking on the more powerful classes in society. He believes it's easy to pick on the little guy the way they do in shock radio and that's just cheap and cruel.

"Why doesn't Howard Stern pick on people who can get him fired?" Fritz said. "We make fun of bad education not because it's funny that kids can't read, but because I think kids should be able to read. And reading the newspapers every day is part of my job."

For now, Fritz's ambition is to remain a working actor. He believes that he has to set realistic goals and work hard to achieve them.

"People have a lot of illusions in this business," Fritz said. "One is that this isn't hard work. It is. I'm always looking for work. And when you get work, you have to be on time and prepared to work hard. I have bosses

here and in Chicago. That's a fact of life that there's no getting around. Some people think things will just happen for the good. I've seen a lot of talented people who say, 'my time will come.' No, it won't unless you're willing to work for it."

That's one great thing about Second City, Fritz said. Those bosses he has to please will help him with finding connections in Los Angeles or New York. There is truth to the cliché about success being who you know and how hard you work.

"I'd like to have some sort of nice, solid television spot," Fritz said. "Let's face it, people watch television more than they go to the theater. Right now we're doing more commercials to get people down to the stage, but it's a TV world. That's just the nature of the beast."

Being on stage hasn't kept Fritz totally anonymous. He said he's been recognized a couple of times and to be honest, it's a little disconcerting.

"I found it surreal, because we're not famous people," Fritz said. "With the new ballpark downtown, people have gone wandering off and 'discovered' us despite the fact that Second City has been in Detroit since the early 1990s."

Three local groups join for Preservation Week

The Grosse Pointe area will join thousands of individuals around the country as part of a nationwide celebration of the 30th annual National Historic Preservation Week, hosted by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Explains National Trust President Richard Moe, "In this age of sprawl, it's more important than ever to rediscover the role historic neighborhoods play in towns and cities across the nation. Preservation Week is a time for students, families and communities to come together and rally round these marvelous and irreplaceable neighborhood anchors."

As part of the week long celebration, citizens nationwide will participate in reunions, career days,

pageants, workshops, clean-up days, rallies, reenactments, and home and garden tours.

In Grosse Pointe, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and the Grosse Pointe Farms Historic District Committee are teaming up to present "Everyone Can Be A Preservationist" — A Preservation Week Event at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House on Saturday, May 12.

The day long event will explore preservation projects at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House to help attendees discover how the same principles can be applied to their own homes, gardens, paintings and furniture. For \$5, visitors can attend the morning session, the afternoon session or both.

The three morning sessions run from 10:30 a.m. until noon. They are:

- "Preserving Homes." John Fletcher, a building restoration specialist with Grunwell-Cashero.

- "Preserving Landscapes and Gardens." Ford House President John Miller will take garden lovers through the 87-acres to explore restoration projects in the gardens and on the grounds.

- "Preserving Paintings." Kenneth Katz, a private painting conservator, will share tips for minimizing the negative effects of time on paintings.

Afternoon sessions run from 1 to 2 p.m. They are:

- "Preserving Homes." The morning session repeated.

- "Preserving Landscapes and Gardens." The morning session repeated with professional gardener Mildred Anthony.

- "Preserving Furniture." Mark Cervasi, a furniture conservator with Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, will share how to care for these functional and often complex heirlooms.

Advance registration is recommended. Call (313) 884-4222.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, chartered by Congress in 1949, is a private, nonprofit organization with more than a quarter million members. It provides leadership, education and advocacy to save America's diverse historic places and to revitalize communities. The National Trust has six regional offices and 20 historic sites and works with thousands of local community groups nationwide.

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12:00 PM THE ECONOMIC CLUB OF DETROIT
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1:00 PM THE EASTSIDE EXAMINER
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Host Julia Keim and guests highlight upcoming local, non-profit special events. (Repeated: M-Sun 3:00 AM, M/W/F/Sun 7:30 PM)

1:30 PM CONVERSATIONS WITH COLLECTORS
Guests Carol Coves, Children's Books
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2:00 PM THE LEGAL INSIDER
Guest Michael Talbot, Judge Mich. Court of Appeals
Hosts local attorneys David Draper and Douglas Dempsey take an inside look at current legal issues. (Repeated: M-Sun 4:00 AM, M/W/F/Sun 5:30 PM)

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3:00 PM THINGS TO DO AT THE WAR MEMORIAL
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Barbecue sauce gets flavor boost from coffee

Summer is just around the corner. Dig out the grill and fire it up. Forget the kitchen, head for the back yard and grab on to what's not going to be here long enough — summer.

I used my grill all winter long but it sure is more fun without my sub-zero parka.

Let's kick off grilling season with a different take on barbecue sauce. This week's recipe is from a restaurant called Valhalla in Park City, Utah, where the chef adds coffee to the barbecue sauce, giving it a rich, smoky flavor.

À LA ANNIE

By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



chicken broth
1/4 cup **strongly brewed coffee**
2 **tablespoons unsulfured molasses**
3 **tablespoons honey salt and pepper to taste**

Melt the butter in a medium sauce pan. Add the shallots, garlic and habanero and cook (and stir) over a low-medium heat until the shallots begin to brown, about 8 minutes. Stir in the coriander and the cumin and cook for a quick 30 seconds. Add the tomato paste, turn up the heat to medium-high and cook (and stir) for about a minute, until the mixture becomes glossy.

Add the sherry, lower the heat, cook (and stir) until the mix becomes slightly syrupy, about 7

minutes. Stir in the stock, coffee and the molasses and simmer (medium-low) uncovered, until the sauce reduces to 1 1/2 cups. This will take about an hour. Stir often.

Last, stir in the honey and season with salt and pepper. Brush this unique barbecue sauce on grilling chicken, pork or lamb. Store leftover sauce in the refrigerator.

This recipe produced enough sauce for six split chicken breasts (on the bone). I plan to double or even triple the recipe the next time I prepare this tasty sauce — which will be soon. Pass the extra sauce at the table.

OK, there are a lot of ingredients and the recipe requires some time and attention. It was worth it. Those of you who enjoy cooking probably have most of the ingredients on hand, like I did.

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Members of Sinfonia who are residents of the Grosse Pointes are, from left: Alexander Sikorski, percussion; Sharon Gruner, cello; Carly Hanna, viola; Emily Shipman, viola; Taylor Huber, violin; Kyle Kwiatkowski, violin; and Joseph Hong, violin. Not shown is Kimberly Sutton, cello.

Volunteers needed

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MOMS

The MOMS Club of Grosse Pointe will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 10,

at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church. The international non-profit organization provides a forum for at-home mothers. Children are welcome at all meetings. The speaker will be Diane Strickler, founding director of The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. Call (313) 824-9667 or (313) 640-9847.

Rose Society

The Grosse Pointe Rose Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, at the Neighborhood Club. The program includes a video about arranging and displaying roses by Lois Wier, a consulting rosarian, rose judge and arrangement judge. The public is invited. For more information, call Ann Gualdoni at (810) 566-5396.

Herb Society

The Grosse Pointe unit of the Herb Society of America will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, in the administration building of the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook.

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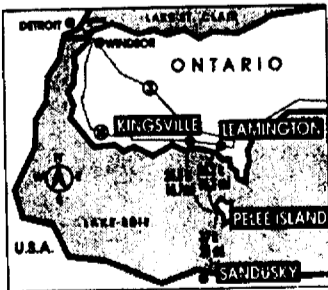
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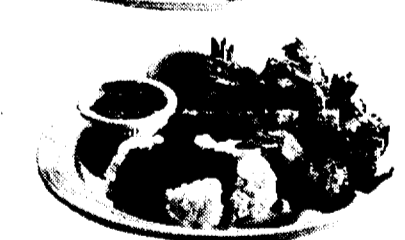


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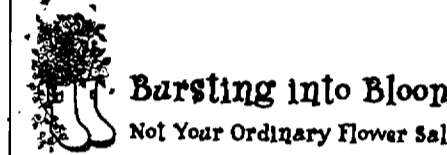
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May 4, 2001

Blue Devils have a share of MAC White baseball lead

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

One was tough. One was easy. But Grosse Pointe South's two victories last week kept the Blue Devils undefeated in the Macomb Area Conference White Division baseball race.

South opened the league season with a 5-4 victory over crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North, then used a seven-run first inning to coast to a 13-2 romp over Anchor Bay.

"We outhit North 12-4 but they made some outstanding throws to keep us from scoring," said South coach Dan

Griesbaum. "They made two real good plays to get runners trying to stretch singles into doubles and (center fielder) Scott Schaft made a great throw to cut a runner down at the plate."

The Blue Devils broke a 4-4 tie with a run in the seventh inning. Chris Getz led off with a single, took second on Andrew Vlasak's sacrifice and scored on Mark Peppler's single, his third hit and second RBI of the game.

South opened the scoring in the second on a single by Pat Michels and John Halpin's double. Hobie

Schleicher's RBI single drove in the tying run for North in the bottom of the second.

The Norsemen went ahead 3-1 with a pair of runs in the fourth. John Sharon and Austin Carter had singles and both scored on Schleicher's second hit of the game.

The seesaw battle continued as South regained the lead with three runs in the fifth. Matt Middleton was hit by a pitch, Halpin reached base on an error and Dan Keogh knocked in a run with a single. After a fielder's choice, Vlasak and

Peppler each hit RBI singles.

North tied the game at 4-4 in the fifth when Steve Hardin, who walked, came around to score on an error.

Vlasak pitched the first six innings to record the win. He allowed four hits, walked four and struck out four. Getz pitched a scoreless seventh to get a save.

Getz, Vlasak and Keogh each had two hits for the Blue Devils.

"We played just well enough to lose," said North coach Frank Summers.

In South's other league game, Getz triggered the

first-inning outburst with a leadoff homer. Mike Hackett and Vlasak each hit two-run doubles and Michels and Sean McLeod hit RBI singles for the Blue Devils.

Vlasak finished with two doubles and two RBIs. Hackett, Michels, Halpin and Gordie Mackenzie also drove in two runs apiece. Mackenzie's fifth-inning single ended the game on a mercy rule.

Middleton pitched the first four innings and picked up the win. He allowed one hit and struck out five.

South also played well in the Blissfield tournament

last weekend, losing to the host team 3-2 in eight innings in the championship game.

"They're a good team," Griesbaum said of Blissfield. "They were state champs in Division III last year and they're the favorite to repeat. They made some excellent fielding plays but we should have scored more runs. We outhit them 11-6."

The Blue Devils got their 11 hits off Royals ace Derek Feldkamp, who is one of the top high school pitchers in the state.

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Local rowers help Michigan

There was a distinct local flavor to last weekend's Big Ten women's rowing championships in Belleville.

Two members of the winning Michigan squad, Julie Brescoll and Corrin Cunningham, are from Grosse Pointe, while Wisconsin and Michigan State also had former Detroit Boat Club rowers on their teams.

The Wolverines scored 56

points with first-place finishes in the first and second varsity eights, the first varsity four and the novice eight events.

Brescoll, a junior Engineering student who graduated from Grosse Pointe North and Cunningham, a freshman LS&A student and Grosse Pointe South graduate, were members of Michigan's second varsity eight.

The second varsity eight crew, which dominated the morning heat, also won easily in the final. The crew jumped out to an early lead and won by more than seven seconds to clinch the team championship.

Rowing for Michigan State, which was third with 36 points, were freshmen Kirsten Kulek and Stacey Atkinson from North and junior Lori Kingstrom from Regina.



Several former Detroit Boat Club competitors and Grosse Pointers rowed at the Big Ten women's rowing championships. From left, are Kirsten Kulek, Lori Kingstrom, Meredith Blair, Danielle Amato, Corrin Cunningham, Stacey Atkinson and Julie Brescoll. Brescoll and Cunningham were members of the champion Michigan team. Blair rowed for Wisconsin and the others were members of the Michigan State squad.

Regina earns first victory

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

Regina and Lake Shore battled through two solid halves of soccer, but when the final horn sounded, the Saddletites had a 1-0 victory.

It was their first of the season.

"The girls played very hard and they earned the win," Regina head coach

Terrence McClorey said. "We were happy to finally get a victory after playing some tough games the past few weeks."

Crystal Kosebutzki scored the game's only goal and Sarah Thompson recorded her first shutout of the season.

"It was our second

Michigan advances to the Central Region Championships May 12-13 in Oak Ridge, Tenn. The Wolverines will be looking for their third straight region title and a fourth consecutive bid to the NCAA Championships, which will be held May 26-28 in Gainesville, Ga.

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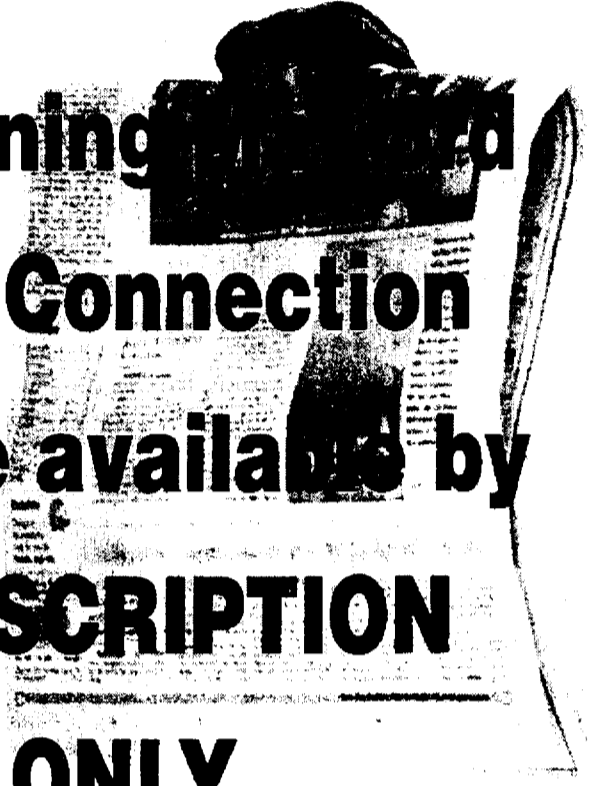
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Work less later — prevent weeds now

Of all the gardening projects we perform, weeding has got to be the worst one. Weeding is time consuming and no one I know likes to do it. This year does not have to be another year fighting to keep your beds clean of weeds. Even though there is no 100 percent guaranteed method to prevent all the weeds, there are a few ways you can prevent most of them. This way you can spend more of your time enjoying your garden instead of maintaining it.

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By David Soulliere
Soulliere Garden Center

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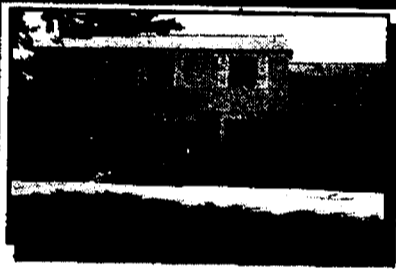
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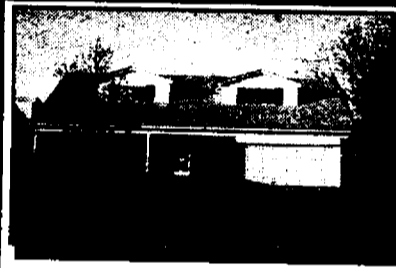
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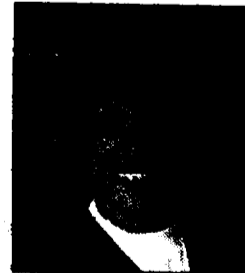


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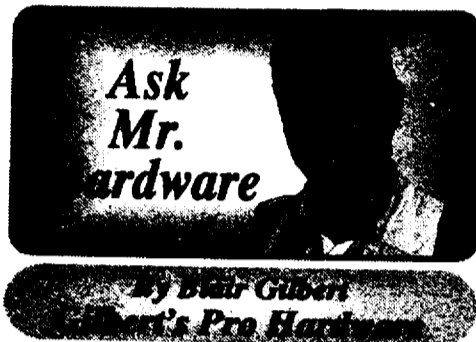
Ghosts in the house or loose electrical terminals?

Q. Mr. Hardware, I have had a problem with flickering lights in our kitchen and basement. It usually occurs when the washing machine starts up, but that's not always when it happens. We have circuit breakers and they are all on. What should I do? — S.J. of Roseville.

A. S.J., you should address this problem straightaway. Loose wires can cause heat and with heat can come fire. Not only that but the power drop could be causing damage to the motor on the washing machine.

It would seem that the problem is not in the light fixture because more than one is acting up. Often we get light fixtures with loose rivets in the bulb socket. Besides causing the light to flicker, bulbs do not last very long due to the surging electricity.

Your first step will be to find the loose link in the system causing the voltage drop. Are the affected lights on the same circuit breaker? If you turn off the circuit breaker that controls the kitchen lights, do the basement lights go out? If they



do, what of the washing machine? Test it with the breaker off, is it on the same circuit?

If everything is on the same circuit breaker, you may have the answer to your problem. Here is the big question — are you comfortable turning off the main breaker and removing the circuit breaker in question? If you are, you may need to go to a store with circuit breakers and get a replacement. While you are there, get a hands-on explanation on how to safely remove and replace your brand of breakers. With this in mind, get the brand and model of your electrical panel before you go.

Yes, these things are brand specific and are not universal.

Be sure to disconnect the power when working with any electricity. For extra safety, use good quality, well insulated tools. Wear dry rubber-soled shoes on a dry surface, and do not use an aluminum ladder.

When you are ready to disconnect the wire from the old breaker, first try to tighten the screw holding the wire. Was the screw loose? If it was, the breaker may not have been bad after all. Tighten the wire and reinstall the breaker.

This may not be where the problem is even if all the affected appliances are on the same circuit. There may be a junction box where wires meet and are joined with wire nuts. The loose connection could be in one of these and not in the electrical panel after all. Checking the boxes with the power off and tightening all the wire nuts might solve the problem. The problem could also be a receptacle in the middle of the circuit that has loose connections.

What if your lights and the

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Whenever dealing with electricity, be safe, sane, and never take chances when you are not sure of what you are doing.

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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such as pachysandra, ivy, periwinkle or other perennials is another solution in preventing excessive weed growth. When these plants grow to form a dense mat of green growth, weeds cannot compete. A thick patch of ground cover does take a few years to grow and in the meantime you will have to pull a few weeds, but it will be worth it in the long run.

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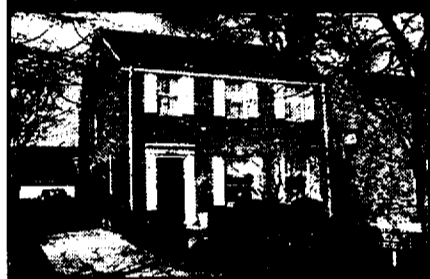
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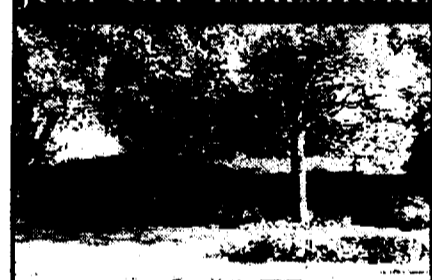
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How to transform ho-hum kitchen and bath

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To keep its selection fresh and on the cutting edge, Amerock creates new, exclusive designs every year.

When choosing knobs and pulls, make sure they'll stand out against the cabinet background to provide a focal point. Ceramic and resin knobs tend to be more delicately rendered and generally go better with a simple painted or lacquered surface. More heavily detailed metal hardware is well-paired with wood-grain finishes. Consider choosing finishes that match or complement your appliances, faucets or cookware.



'Fruit and Veggie' knobs by Amerock add a delicious touch to kitchen and bath cabinet doors.

After removing the old hardware, wipe down the door or drawer fronts and check the holes for wear. You may have to repair them, or fill them in and drill new holes, before installing your new knobs and pulls so they'll fit securely.

Decorative back plates are available that cover old holes. Back plates can also be used when switching from a single knob to a pull with two holes or vice versa.

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How to select a standby generator

If you are considering a backup generator purchase, there are important sizing and code requirements that you need to know to ensure a safe and adequate standby generator installation.

Sizing the generator takes into account the total kilowatt (kW) requirements of the electrical equipment to be served. Undersizing can leave you frustrated while oversizing is just a waste of money. Pay particular attention to anything with an electric motor. Starting a motor requires three to seven times the current used during normal operation. Allowing for this startup or inrush of current when sizing the generator is crucial.

Electrical connections to the wiring system of the home, farm, or business require a double-throw transfer switch. This is not a do-it-yourself project! Involve an experienced electrical contractor to ensure a safe, reliable installation that meets all local and national code requirements. Another safety consideration is where the genera-

tor is placed. Unless you vent the generator fumes to the outside, never locate it inside a building, garage or basement.

A new publication is now available that contains a wealth of information about standby generators. Called "Sizing and Selecting Your Standby Generator," this 20-page illustrated guide helps homeowners, farmers and small-business owners understand a correctly sized and safely installed standby generation system.

To order this booklet, call the National Food and Energy Council (NFEC) at (573) 875-7155 or fax (573) 449-5322. The price is \$6.25 plus shipping and handling. Learn more about this, and other electrical topics at www.nfec.org.

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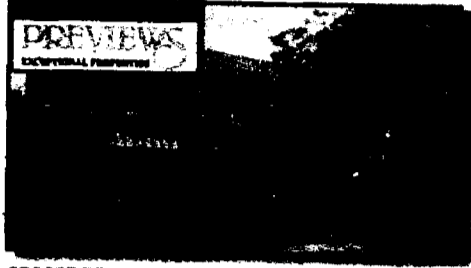


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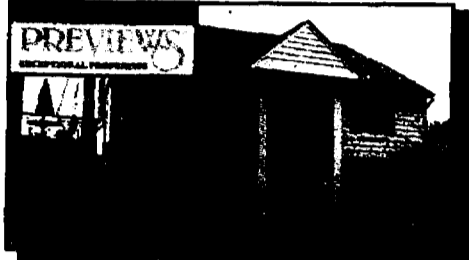
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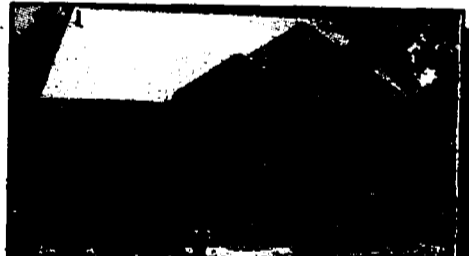
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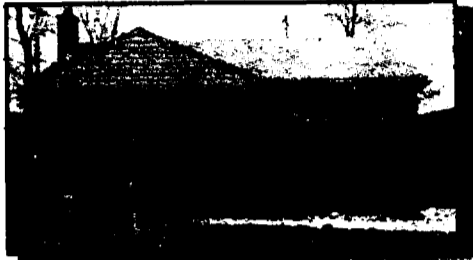
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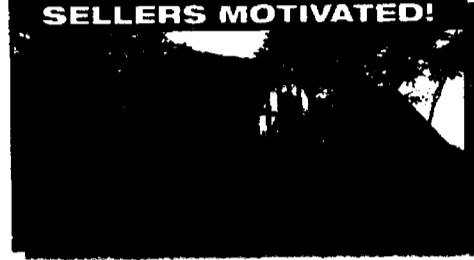


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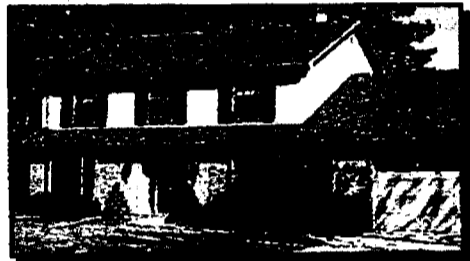


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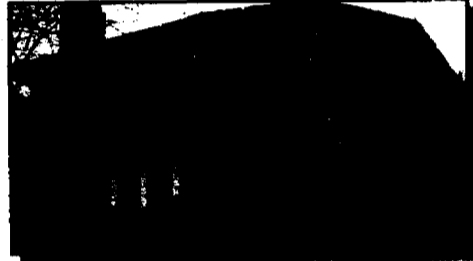
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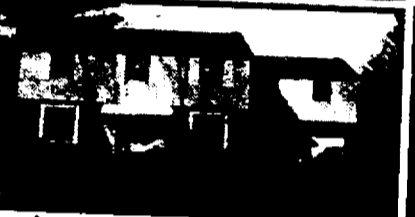
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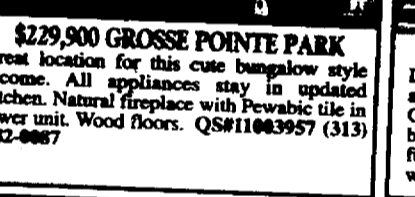
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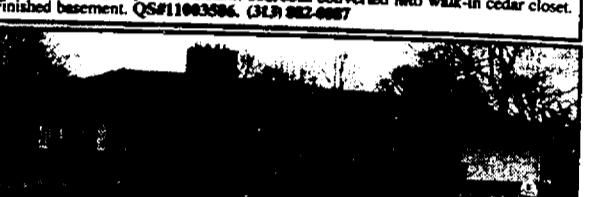
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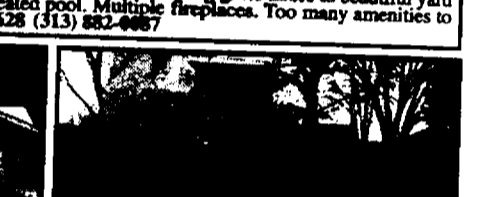
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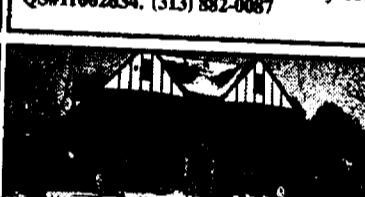
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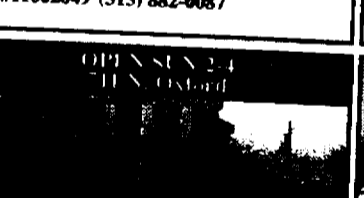
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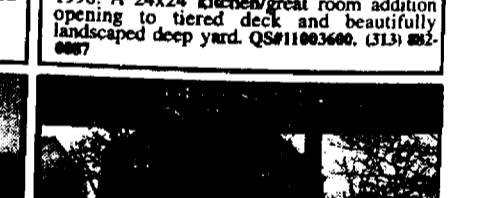
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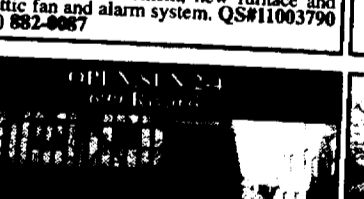
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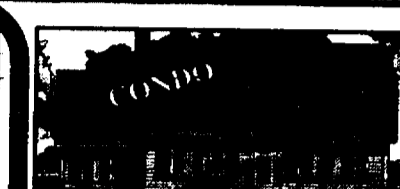
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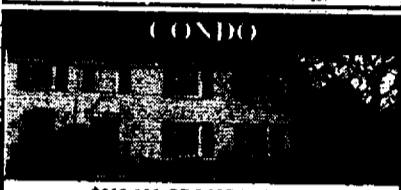
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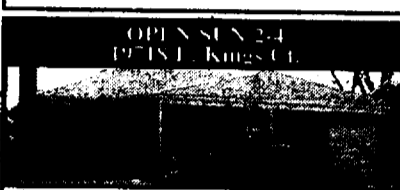
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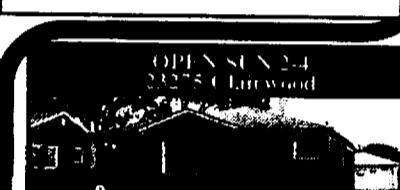
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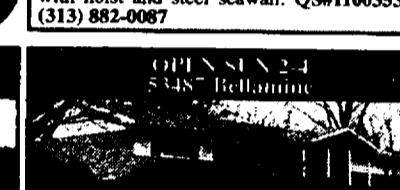
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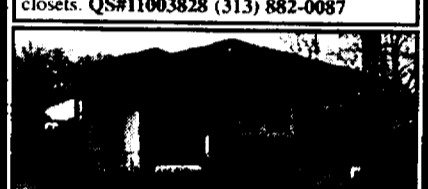
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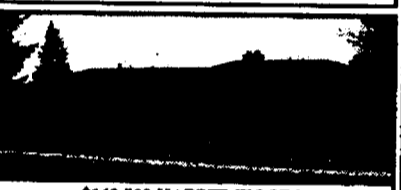
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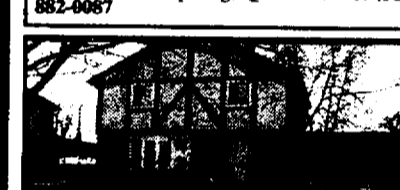
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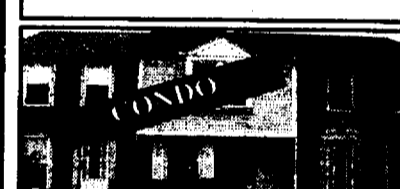
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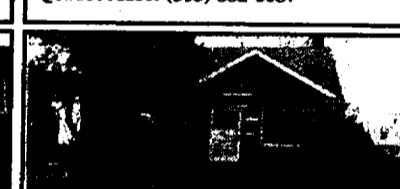
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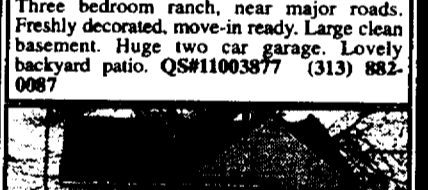
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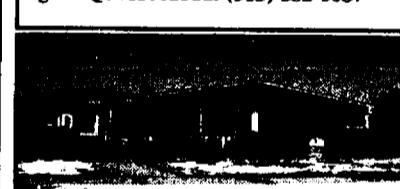
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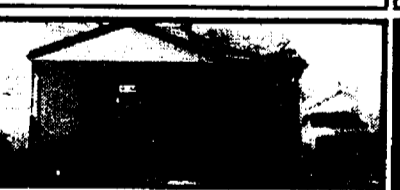
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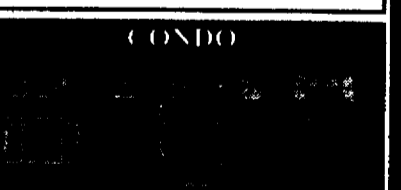
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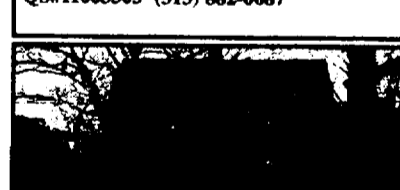
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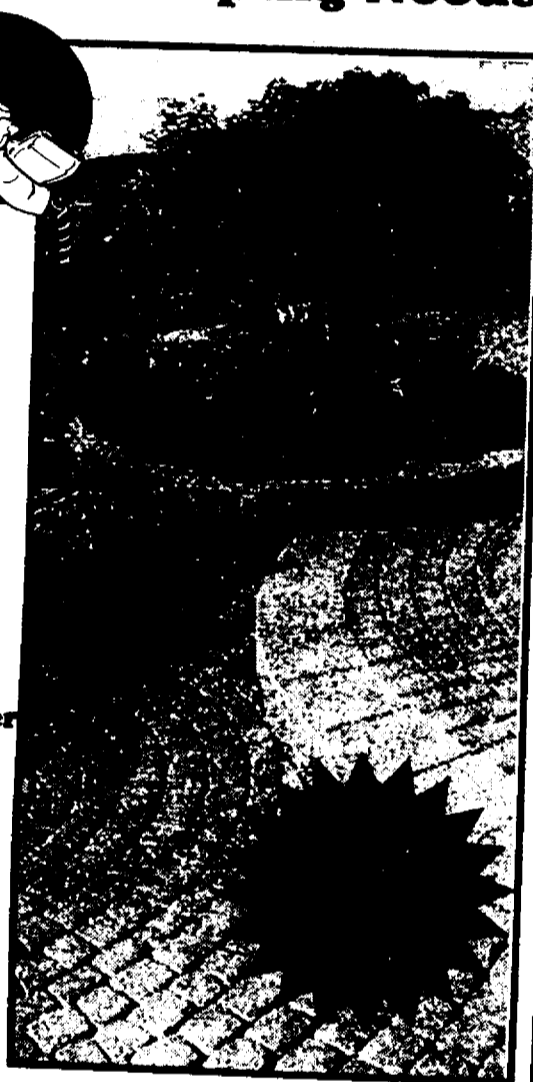
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Antiques and Collecting

Phonographs became popular household items in the early 1900s. A large, clunky wooden box topped by a metal or wooden horn was the most popular shape for the new music-making machines. The phonograph had to hold a record that was shaped like a disc or a cylinder. It had to be open so that the record could turn. The horn amplified the music. The strange-looking device was tolerated because the idea of music on demand was so appealing.

A few of the early designers tried to hide the phonograph mechanism by making it to resemble another piece of furniture. One phonograph, made about 1910, was a forerunner of the jukebox. Twelve cylinders were kept inside the top of a round table in a restaurant. A coin was inserted, and one could select a song. The music played and could be heard through a small earphone on a flexible tube. A small, portable phonograph was housed in a box shaped like a stack of books. Another was put inside a box topped by a statue of Buddha.

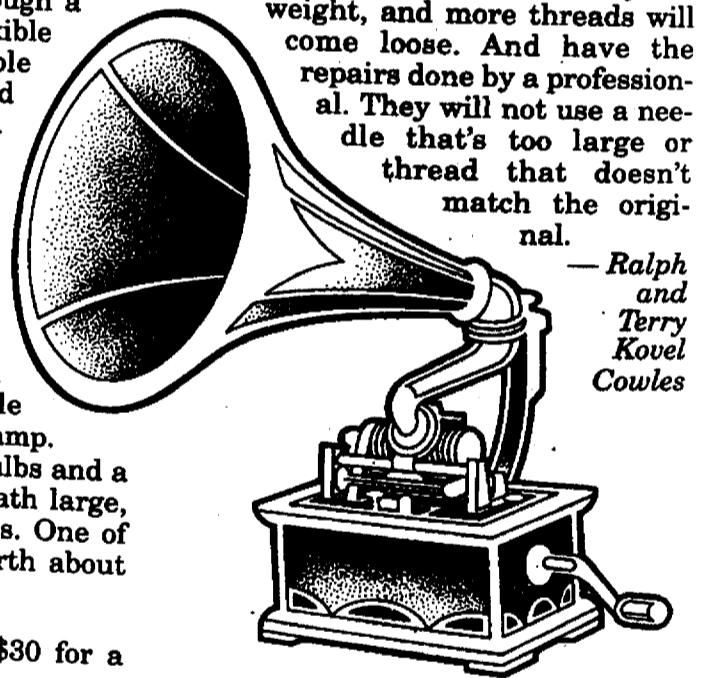
The most unusual were the Lampaphone and Phonolamp. They were popular around 1920. One was a table lamp, the other a floor lamp. Each had electric light bulbs and a phonograph hidden beneath large, fringed parchment shades. One of these oddities is now worth about \$4,000.

quilt she bought at a house sale. The quilt is made of small circles of fabric gathered by a thread around the edge of the circle. The process of gathering the thread doubles the fabric. The edges of the doubled circles are stitched together to form a quilt that is large enough to cover a

queen-size bed. We are displaying it on a quilt rack right now. Some of the circles are loose. Should we get it repaired?

A. Your daughter bought a "yo-yo" quilt. It is also called a "powder-puff" quilt or a "shower-cap" quilt. It's really a coverlet or spread, not a quilt. It is only one layer and was not made with batting or backing. The yo-yo design was especially popular during the 1920s and '30s. You can repair your quilt, but we have two suggestions: Don't display it on a quilt rack, because the single layer of fabric can be pulled by its weight, and more threads will come loose. And have the repairs done by a professional. They will not use a needle that's too large or thread that doesn't match the original.

— Ralph and Terry Kovel Cowles



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Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by St. Clair Shores Community Education in cooperation with Onkaid Builders Institute. The seminar is scheduled for Monday/Wednesday, May 14 - 23, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Lakeview High School, 21100 11 Mile in St. Clair Shores.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the con-

struction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$175 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Preregistration with payment is required no later than Thursday, May 10, to St. Clair Shores Community Education. Call (810) 285-8980 to register.

A passion for collecting, displaying antiques

Antiques are like old books. They hold a limitless universe of knowledge waiting patiently to be revealed.

Like a red violin, waiting for its next owner as it passes through history from generation to generation. And people who collect antiques are as passionate about their collections as they are about the pursuit and discovery of something old that brings them closer to the past.

An antique, by definition, is an object at least 100 years old. Many are heirlooms that have been handed down from generation to generation: furniture, silver, china, stoneware, folk art, quilts, toys and other family collectibles. Some antiques are treasured finds that evoke a nostalgic memory or tradition. Others are collected because of their monetary value such as furniture, art and historic pieces.

Europe's old markets, Portobello Road and Bermondsey in London, Porta Portunese in Rome, El Rastro in Madrid and Le Marche' aux Puces in Paris, have been enticing collectors for ages. Millions have cut their collectors' teeth in the crowded, nostalgic



lanes of these antique markets.

Collecting and antiquing also remains a top leisure time activity

in the United States. "Antique Road Show," e-Bay, and American and European flea markets are

thriving. A subculture of avid collectors have been born, filling the urge to acquire through tag sales, estate sales, flea markets, antique shops and open air antique fairs. Located on city streets, or a mile or two down country roads, these sales often brim with coveted treasures, or junk just waiting to be renewed and transformed into something functional.

And just what types of items do people search far and wide to acquire? A few of the most sought after antique pieces for serious and nostalgic collectors include:

- Items that are amusing or have historical significance.
- Political subjects, cars, airplanes, balloons, Western subjects and well-known artists.
- Photographs of 19th or early 20th century celebrities or transportation.
- Fashion photos by well-known photographers.
- American Indian subjects; historical landmarks and events.
- Books in good condition with a dust cover and no missing pages.

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Antiques

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- Old toys and vintage clothing.
- Turn of the century furniture.

Serious collectors, like Jeff Wilson from Northfield, Minn., are well aware of the lure of the hunt. Wilson has been collecting antiques ever since he could remember. "My family collected so I was always surrounded by old things," he notes. "My love for antiques can't be focused on one thing. It extends to anything eclectic and eccentric. I collect things that evoke a story. When I look at a piece, I wonder why it survived. Why did people take care of this piece and preserve it through the years? What made it special — the curve of the wood, the fabric, a memory? That's the lure that draws me into antiques."

Being able to incorporate his love of antiquing into his job is a perk for Wilson. As vice-president of design and product development at Midwest of Cannon Falls, a Minnesota-based giftware company, Wilson has had the opportunity to introduce some of his antique pieces into the company's line, manufacturing them as antique replicas. "We are very clear in stating that we are not trying to pass

our replicas off as antiques," says Wilson. "We are making reproductions of antiques that are affordable and accessible to people who may not have access to original antiques due to price points or availability. Yet, if you put the original and the replica side by side, you may have difficulty telling which is which. The quality and detail of our reproductions are that good."

Wilson isn't the only one with the antique bug at Midwest of Cannon Falls. CEO and president Kathy Brekken has done her share of antiquing and after heading up the family business for nearly 20 years, has found it a refreshing resource for "researching" new product ideas.

She reminisces, "Thanks to my grandma, I've always liked old stuff. My mother is a far more practical-oriented individual and had little time for things that just sat around to be dusted. I would go with my grandma into her attic and I loved the idea of a connection to the past. My grandma and grandpa had many things that were family heirlooms: the desk my grandfather's family brought from Maine to the Midwest; the lovely Chinese tapestries and furniture from an ancestor who raised her family in Shanghai."

Brekken is just as enthusiastic

about antique reproductions. "I love the concept of replicas because it allows people to have a sense of history and older style without having to pay the price for it. Midwest of Cannon Falls' replicas are wonderful because they are so exact and true to the original. Our sources excel in duplicating pieces, so using original antiques for reproduction fit their skill set perfectly. And, frankly, we couldn't redesign it better!" She adds, "Replicas are reminiscent of a time and a look, and I love that. Unfortunately for my pocketbook, when it comes to my personal buying, I prefer the truly old and original."

Talking with other collectors, the consensus was they often purchased replicas to fill in their collections. One woman said that not everyone could afford to acquire all the original antiques they wanted and complementing with replicas simply added to the wholeness of her collection. It also satisfied her desire for a particular piece she couldn't afford, or sometimes filled in when she couldn't locate the original.

The big question that lies behind each antique, reproduction or just plain junk that you couldn't resist purchasing is, "What do I do with this when I get it home?" We turned to other experts at Midwest

of Cannon Falls to give us some direction. We found that creating a personal statement in today's decorating dovetails with the trend of antiquing and flea market finds.

"Antiques and flea market finds have become so popular in decorating," says Ingrid Liss, creative director of the company. "Shabby chic is considered today's most popular trend. Items that have been discarded are now being retrieved and revived. The trend includes mixing items whose elegance has faded over time with newer styles. You'll find the patina of age and wear resonates with beauty and personality."

The eclectic mix of decorating with antiques offers an undeniable personal statement. A slight imperfection adds a sense of history. A worn finish can actually enliven the room with character. By adding affordable antique replicas or reconstructing old junk as accents to original antiques, people are able to complement the old with the new, while retaining the story of each piece.

For more information regarding Midwest of Cannon Falls and their antique replicas, visit their website at www.midwestofcannonfalls.com.

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15-year mortgage vs. 30-year mortgage

The 30-year mortgage is as much a fixture of American life as baseball and apple pie. While the 30-year mortgage has its benefits, it is very rarely a wise financial decision.

First of all, the interest rate on a 30-year mortgage is generally a half percent higher than the interest rate on a 15-year mortgage.

Second, and more importantly, the total interest payments over the life of the mortgage are nearly three times more than the total interest payments on a 15-year mortgage.

Consider, for example, a \$200,000 30-year mortgage at 7.5 percent. The monthly payments would be \$1,398. If you keep the mortgage for 30 years, you will have paid \$305,044 in interest.

In other words, the \$200,000 mortgage will cost you \$505,044.

The same mortgage with a 15-year term will probably cost you 7 percent. Your monthly payments would be \$1,797, a \$399 difference. If you keep the mortgage for 15 years, you will have paid \$125,105 in interest.

In other words, the \$200,000 mortgage will now cost you \$325,105. This means that you will save \$179,939 if you go with the 15-year mortgage as opposed to the 30-year mortgage.

So for \$399 a month, you save a half percent on the interest rate, and \$179,939.

There are those that suggest that you can turn your 30-year mortgage into a 15-year mortgage by simply making the extra monthly payments (in this case, \$399).

They believe that if you make that extra \$399 monthly payment of a 30-year mortgage, you will still end up paying off the mortgage in 15 years, and still save all that interest money. They further state that you would have the option not to make that extra monthly payment if you chose a 30-year term.

While you would have the option of not making that extra monthly payment, you would not pay the mortgage off in 15 years.

In the scenario above with the 30-year mortgage, if you make an extra \$399 monthly payment, the total interest payments would be \$142,976. The mortgage would be paid off in 16 years, not 15 years.

In addition to taking 16 years to pay off the mortgage, you would be paying \$17,871 more interest than



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the 15-year mortgage.

This goes to show that while you would certainly save money by making extra payments on a 30-year mortgage, you will save even more money with the 15-year mortgage. In the case of a \$200,000 mortgage, you would save an extra \$17,871.

Another issue to consider would be the tax consequences of your decision. You should consult with your tax adviser regarding the deductibility of mortgage interest.

Generally, while the 30-year mortgage may give you greater tax benefits, the 15-year mortgage will save you more money.

It is hardly ever a wise decision to lose money just to gain a tax deduction.

As in any other financial decision, all the issues, such as total cost, the highest and best use of your money, the financial risk involved and the tax consequences, should be considered before deciding one way or another.

Remember, the longer the term of the mortgage, the less the monthly payment will be. This means that you can probably qualify for a larger mortgage if you choose a 30-year term.

This also means that you will be sacrificing long-term savings for a more expensive home.

As an alternative to either a 30- or 15-year term, there are 10-, 20-, 25- and, in some cases 45-year mortgages.

At any rate, if your intention is to save money, the 30-year mortgage should be the exception, not the rule, when choosing the best mortgage.

This column contains only general information on the subject matter and does not constitute legal, tax or investment advice.

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Luxury Living In Grosse Pointe!

Provencal



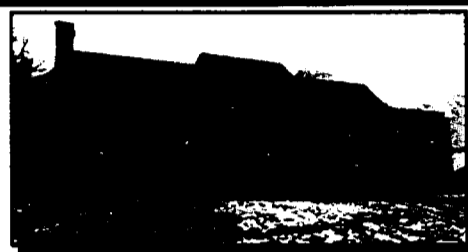
Exquisite luxury seven bedroom country estate. This magnificent home, set on a gracious site of over two acres in a private neighborhood of elegant homes, offers total seclusion and tranquility. \$4,500,000.

Grosse Pointe Farms



Outstanding four bedroom Mt. Vernon style Colonial on a most sought after street near the lake and Farms Pier. Completely updated and professionally decorated, this home has an abundance of extra rooms and a most flexible floor plan. A great value just got even better!

On the Water



This magical French Chateau estate offers a charismatic blending of regal splendor and delicate charm. Construction has just been completed, presenting a once in a lifetime opportunity to customize the interior to your personal specifications. \$5,250,000.

Grosse Pointe Park



The stunning gourmet kitchen in this lovely Tudor style home will take your breath away! This four bedroom home has magnificent plaster detailing and refinished hardwood floors. Beautiful leaded glass windows and doors. Central air conditioning and a finished third floor. \$545,000.

Grosse Pointe Park



Pristine newer home near The Village! This lovely three bedroom, two and one half bath home was built only five and one half years ago and provides the ultimate in living comfort. Spectacular lower level recreation room with octagonal ceiling, carpet and drywall. The first floor family room has a vaulted ceiling and fireplace. Well landscaped totally private garden.

Grosse Pointe Park



A beautiful, character filled home with many amenities at a very exciting price! Four bedrooms, three and one half baths, a very spacious living room and a beautiful fenced garden with a fully equipped swimming pool of your own to enjoy this summer. Make haste and call! \$398,000.

Lakeshore For \$669,500!!



A wonderful combination of historical elegance complimented by contemporary convenience on Lakeshore. Inviting entrance hall with fireplace and double doors leading to a spectacular living room. Kitchen with cherry cabinetry. Four bedrooms, three and one half baths. Now \$669,500.

Provencal



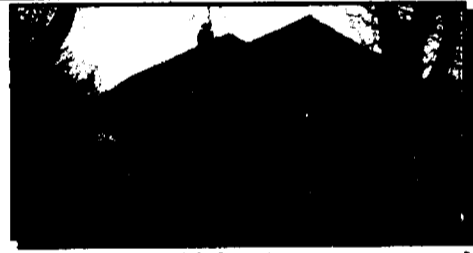
Totally restored and renovated using only the finest materials, this beautiful five bedroom home offers either Provencal or Lakeshore as its address! The choice is yours and the lake view from most of the rooms is breathtaking. All bedrooms have new private baths. \$1,995,000.

Grosse Pointe



Outstanding five bedroom, five and one half bath home on Lincoln. Four brand new bathrooms, new powder room and a huge new gourmet kitchen with Gaggenau appliances and Sub-Zero refrigerator. Family room and a den which could be a first floor bedroom. \$642,000.

Canal Home



Completely remodeled contemporary on a canal with steel seawall and custom dock. Stunning use of Corian and marble in the state of the art kitchen and bathrooms. Andersen windows and doorwalls, brick paver patios, family room with vaulted ceiling and skylight. \$549,000.

Grosse Pointe Park



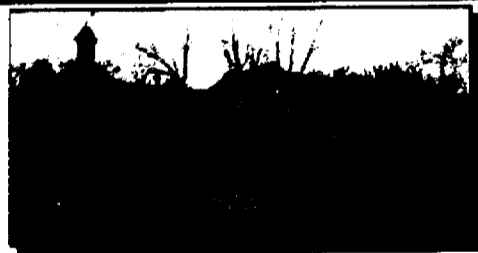
Gracious four bedroom English in the wonderful Windmill Pointe area. Spectacular entrance hall with circular stairway to the second floor. Many fine architectural details including Palladian windows. Two full baths, first floor powder room and a charming garden room are just some of the desirable features in this exciting home. \$435,000

Sleeping Beauty



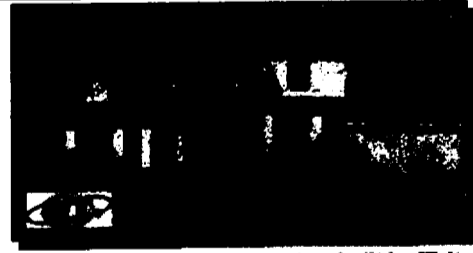
All the fine old world craftsmanship has been preserved in this home. The living room has stunning wood accents, beamed ceiling, random pegged oak floor and an outstanding fireplace. Master bedroom with fireplace! Now \$599,000.

One of a Kind



In a word this home is dazzling! It's unique architecture puts it in a class on it's own with a spectacular octagonal living room and lavish amenities throughout. Fabulous new kitchen with eating area and a newly constructed family room by the Blake Company. First floor master suite provides comfortable and elegant one floor living with extra second floor bedrooms. \$788,000.

Grosse Pointe Farms



This meticulous home was custom built by Walter Mast and it just sparkles! This home has it all including three bedrooms, two and one half baths, a large family room with wet bar and fireplace, a spectacular kitchen and a finished basement. A great value at a brand new price: \$419,000.

Waterfront



Magnificent lakefront property with huge, park-like, professionally landscaped gardens overlooking Lake St. Clair. Four bedrooms, two full baths - one with skylight and one with Jacuzzi, large updated kitchen and a recreation room with wet bar. Extra rooms galore including family room, den, sitting room and Florida room.

Grosse Pointe Woods



Dazzling three bedroom ranch on a huge, park-like lot with outstanding landscaping, brick patio and pergola. Family room with built-in entertainment center, first floor laundry room and a fabulous new kitchen.

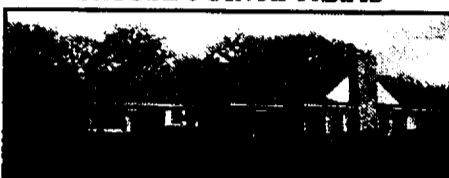






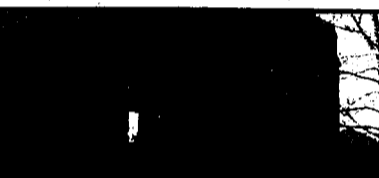


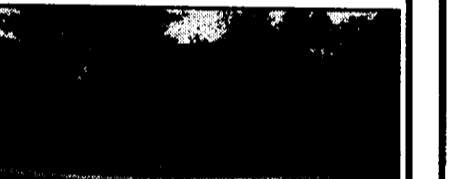





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| <p>FIRST OFFERING 130 LOTHROP GROSSE POINTE FARMS</p>  <p>Superbly maintained Cape Cod sits on a park like lot. Features a new spacious kitchen with Jenn Aire grill range, dishwasher, tile floor, gorgeous cupboards etc... huge family room and living room with natural fireplace. First floor master bedroom with updated bath and Jacuzzi. Huge finished basement.</p> | <p>FIRST OFFERING 523 ST. CLAIR GROSSE POINTE CITY</p>  <p>Simply perfect three bedroom, one and one half bath with first floor master bedroom (22 X 14) with sliding glass doors to deck. New kitchen, glass block windows, multiple fireplaces, two tired deck. Fabulous finished basement with carpet, fireplace and glass block wet bar. Price to sell at \$289,000</p> | <p>314 UNIVERSITY PLACE GROSSE POINTE</p>  <p>Turn of the century plantation revival Colonial...Stunning 7,600 square feet. Elegant tiered foyer with fourth floor attic and skylight greenhouse. Four natural fireplaces. Wonderfully placed on one and one half lots. Updated boiler and roof. Three car garage.</p> | <p>1024 HARVARD GROSSE POINTE PARK</p>  <p>Stunning English Colonial located on one of the Parks finest streets. Updated kitchen, gorgeous den with natural fireplace, four bedrooms, three and one half baths, family room, professionally finished basement, three car attached garage. Detailed plastering, hardwood floors. \$625,000</p> |
| <p>723 UNIVERSITY GROSSE POINTE CITY</p>  <p>Priced at \$309,000 for that purchaser who wants a great location. Some T.L.C. and you've got a gem. Library, three bedrooms, one and one half baths, living room with natural fireplace, sun room, great lot, great master bedroom, new kitchen, central air, full basement, attached garage.</p> | <p>CHALFONTE (VACANT LAND) GROSSE POINTE FARMS</p>  <p>Nice area of Grosse Pointe Farms on the corner of Madison and Chalfonte. Build your own house. Spacious land to suit your design. Lot size S130 X 128 X N99 X E131.</p> <p>For more information go to www.lewgp.com</p> | <p>91 MUIR ROAD GROSSE POINTE FARMS</p>  <p>Great two family. Separate gas and electric, new kitchens and carpeting, newer windows. Great income or could be converted to single. Superb location.</p> | <p>657-59 NEFF GROSSE POINTE CITY</p>  <p>Elegant two family flat in excellent Grosse Pointe location. This Tudor style brick home has updated kitchens, newer roof, driveway and most windows. Located a "stones throw" from Kercheval's Village shopping, the neighborhood club and park.</p> |
| <p>622 NOTRE DAME GROSSE POINTE CITY</p>  <p>This house has been completely remodeled!!! New kitchen with new dishwasher and stove, upstairs addition with three bedrooms, master bedroom has 8' X 10' walk in closet. New windows, new roof, hardwood floors, two new bathrooms, central air, two car garage and great neutral decor. Great old world charm with all the amenities.</p> | <p>291 MERRIWEATHER GROSSE POINTE FARMS</p>  <p>One and one half bath Colonial Approximately 2,000 square feet. Completely renovated. New hardwood floors on first floor, new spacious granite kitchen, den, lower level family room carpeted with second fireplace. Brick patio in backyard.</p> | <p>90 DEEPLANDS GROSSE POINTE SHORES</p>  <p>Fantastic "Park-like setting" only four houses on the court. Updated Colonial features four bedrooms, two and one half baths, 24 foot family room, den, sunken living room, formal dining room, recreation room in basement.</p> | <p>99 STEPHENS GROSSE POINTE FARMS</p>  <p>Prestigious location off Grosse Pointe Boulevard, five bedroom, three and one half bath updated Colonial resting on 150 X 174 lot. New roof, new landscaping, new sprinkler system. Refinished hardwood floors, second floor laundry room, full basement. Attached garage. \$975,000.</p> |
| <p>243 BEAUPRE GROSSE POINTE FARMS</p>  <p>Sharp two bedroom ranch with open floor plan in excellent Farms location. Wood paneled library with built-in shelving. Natural fireplace in living room. Dining room. Florida room to well kept rear grounds. Large open basement.</p> | <p>266 FISHER ROAD GROSSE POINTE FARMS</p>  <p>Classic center entrance Colonial, all spacious rooms, hardwood floors/ leaded glass formal dining room, country kitchen with breakfast nook, large living room with natural fireplace. 20x13 foot recreation room in basement 18 foot deck with hot tub.</p> | <p>1234 WAYBURN GROSSE POINTE PARK</p>  <p>Just move in this charming bungalow and call it home. Beautiful natural woodwork, hardwood floors and spacious rooms. Kitchen with appliances and updates including new flooring, cabinets, counter and sink. Updated bath on main floor. Second floor bedroom features a generous carpeted sitting room.</p> | <p>FIRST OFFERING 22725 ROSEDALE ST. CLAIR SHORES</p>  <p>Absolutely gorgeous!!! inside and out. Beautiful family room located off one new kitchen!! Refinished bathroom, recreation room in basement. Central air, nice open lot.</p> |

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2001

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- 1024 HarvardGPP
- 22725 RosedaleSCS
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OPEN HOMES

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2001

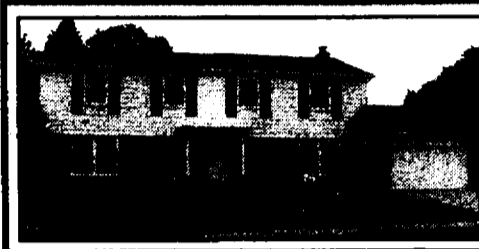
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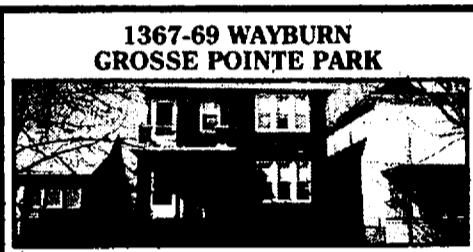
**830 WHITTIER
GROSSE POINTE PARK**
Breathtaking!!! This five bedroom four and one half bath English has been meticulously renovated. Kitchen is brand new. Large formal dining room, den, master suite with large bedroom and sitting area. Multiple fireplaces, leaded and stain glass galore. Refinished hardwood floors with cherry-in-lay, central air, recreation room featuring wet bar. Three car garage.



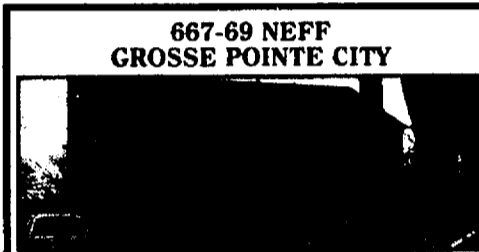
PRICE REDUCTION
**20123 DOYLE CT.
GROSSE POINTE WOODS**
Center entrance Colonial in quiet cul-de-sac. Open entrance foyer to formal living room, paneled library, spacious kitchen with eating space, formal dining room, large family room with brick hearth fireplace and walkout to patio. First floor laundry, four bedrooms, two full baths and more!
For more information go to: www.lewgp.com



**21 FISHER
GROSSE POINTE CITY.**
Exquisite Colonial with unique floor plan. Two story entrance foyer, first floor living space with hardwood floors. Dramatic dining room, step down great room with fireplace. Walking distance to Grosse Pointe South High.



**1367-69 WAYBURN
GROSSE POINTE PARK**
Live in one unit, and let the other pay towards your mortgage. Separate basements, furnaces, electrical, stove and refrigerator in each unit to stay. The upper unit has extra room that is used as a bedroom, parking off street, out back.



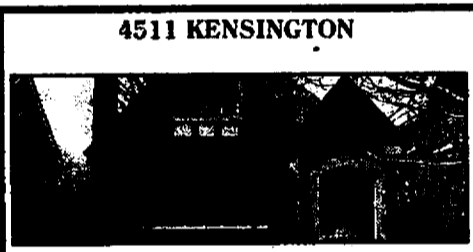
**667-69 NEFF
GROSSE POINTE CITY**
Hard to find side-by-side duplex. Three bedrooms, one and one half baths in each unit, separate basements, separate furnaces, call for details.



**898 LAKEPOINTE
GROSSE POINTE PARK**
One of a kind home, some hardwood floors, marble entrance foyer, lots of closets throughout home. Florida room with natural fireplace, one bathroom on first floor has tiled shower stall. Close to elementary school, within walking distance to bus line at Jefferson Avenue to downtown.



4212 GRAYTON
Possible four bedroom single family home. Upstairs could be used as a mother in law suite, two newer furnaces, two hot water heaters, separate electric, new double wide driveway. Some new windows, two sun rooms, lots of updates, new carpet, front walk, landscaping, new gutters and downspouts.



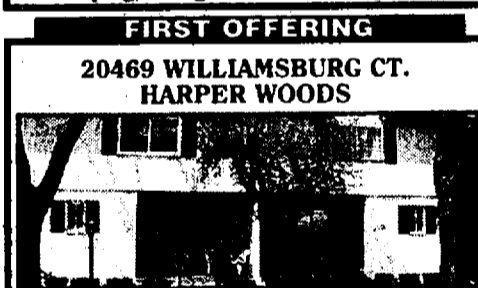
4511 KENSINGTON
The finest of East English Village refinished with too many updates to list. Freshly painted custom log cabin design wood floors. Built in leaded glass bookcases, family room addition and remodeled kitchen. New Lenox complete heat system, air conditioning, new three car garage, home warranty.



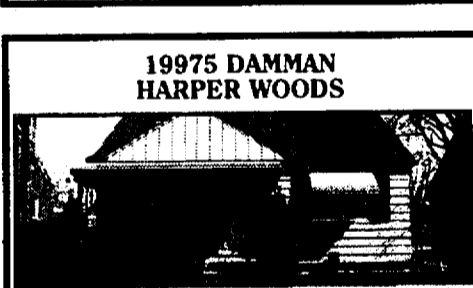
PRICE REDUCTION
**23709 JEFFERSON
ST. CLAIR SHORES**
Rebuild a long standing family business or create a new one on this prime piece of St. Clair Shores property. Immediately south of the Nautical Mile. One of a kind opportunity on one of a kind piece of property on Jefferson!!!



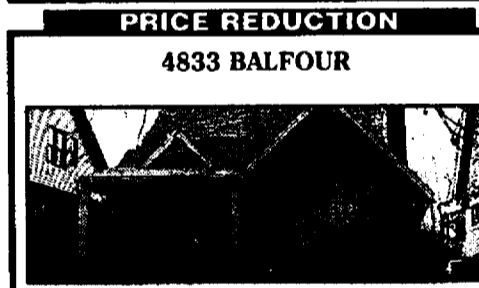
FIRST OFFERING
4376 YORKSHIRE
Stunning English bungalow in East English Village. Features spacious rooms, some new windows, hardwood floors and plaster walls with coved ceiling throughout. Living room is tastefully decorated and features a fireplace and charming mantle. Open floor plan.



FIRST OFFERING
**20469 WILLIAMSBURG CT.
HARPER WOODS**
Pride of ownership shows in this beautiful townhouse at the end of the cul de sac overlooking the courtyard. Newer kitchen with built-ins, new lavatory, furnace and central air. Finished basement, Grosse Pointe Schools.



**19975 DAMMAN
HARPER WOODS**
Tons of updates in this charming three bedroom bungalow. Updated kitchen, completely renovated second floor, finished basement with carpet, entertainment center bar and newly remodeled half bath. Some new windows, air conditioning, landscaped fenced yard with above ground pool. Home warranty.



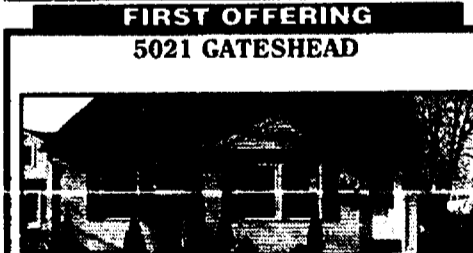
PRICE REDUCTION
4833 BALFOUR
Nicely decorated throughout home, lots of natural woodwork, built in china cabinet in dining room. Cedar closet in hallway, coved ceiling in living room. Newer furnace, central air, hot water tank, new light fixtures.
\$96,900.



8120 JEFFERSON
**WATERFRONT CONDOMINIUM
"THE NEW GOLD COAST"**
Indian Village Manor, first floor waterfront unit. This beautiful 1928 vintage building has been restored to once again a prestigious address. Natural fireplace, formal dining room, huge master suite with bathroom.



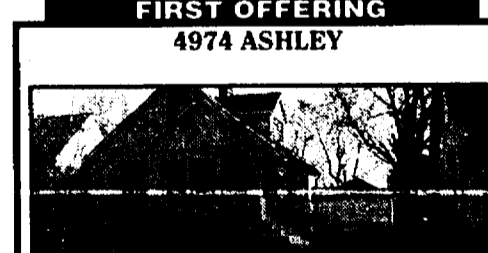
FIRST OFFERING
19176 CHESHIRE
Newer furnace, newer windows, hardwood floors, completely updated kitchen, new cabinets, countertops, built in dishwasher, new light fixtures, ceiling fans; copper pipes, newer landscaping, coved ceilings, natural fireplace in living room. Glass block windows in basement.



FIRST OFFERING
5021 GATESHEAD
Sharp custom three bedroom, two bath ranch. Gourmet kitchen with granite counter and free standing island. Tumbled marble counter and splash. New electric, copper plumbing, roof, windows. First floor laundry, large master bedroom.



FIRST OFFERING
15638 COLLINGHAM
Perfect brick bungalow with tons of updates. Newer carpeting, fresh paint, new built-in cabinetry in kitchen and bath. Spacious third bedroom with ample closet space. Finished basement with glass block windows. Great rear yard with wood deck.



FIRST OFFERING
4974 ASHLEY
Clean three bedroom four houses from Mack and Grosse Pointe. Newer roof, hardwood floors on first floor, huge upstairs bedroom. Possible fourth bedroom in basement.



View from the lake is reminiscent of a Victorian village.

...ever find yourself wistfully
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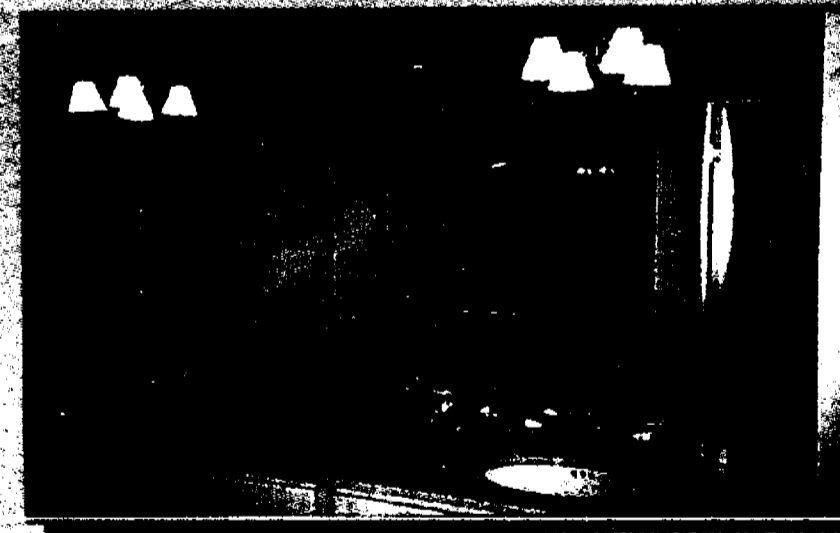
... must see the Grand Cottages at
... Lake St. Clair. Built and developed by
... Co., experts in multi-family construction
... years, the development "steps back to the charm
... the dawn of a new millennium.

... as you approach from the water
... a classic Victorian village, with a row of
... lamps illuminating the curved entry,
... porches and custom landscaping front each

home, and the splendor of color tells us this isn't an
average condominium development.

Architectural inspiration for Grand Cottages at Cately
Landing comes from the classic, grand homes of the
The beautiful Victorian architecture features top
of a heavy woodwork, decorative elements, and
decorative ironwork, and more.

Decorative flourishes such as gilded wood accents,
white painted columns, cast-iron railings, and
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Victorian homes have second level balconies with
porches are built of cedar with white painted railings. The
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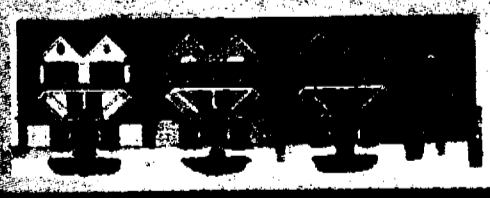
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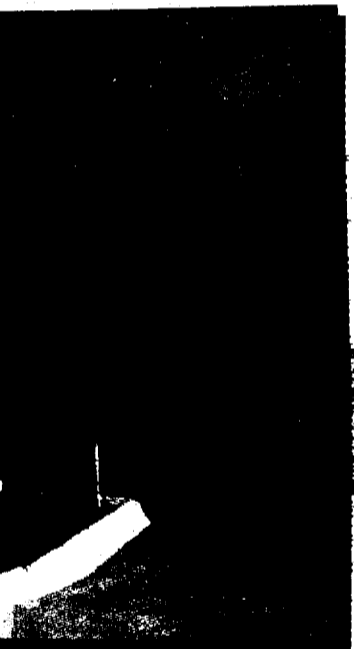


Yesterday's Charm ...

Grand Cottages

AT FELICITY LANDING

...or plans avail-
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...out. "We've taken full
...waterfront" says builder
...At the Grand Cottages,
...mer moments watching
...the shoreline walkway,

and cozy winter freighter spotting from the many interior lake vistas. "It feels like you are on vacation" says Piku.

The high level of finish and function affords owners convenience and comfort for everyday living. Kitchens are outfitted with gourmet stainless steel appliances, granite snackbars, and beautiful cabinets in maple, oak or hickory woods. The luxurious master bath has marble counters and double sinks. An Ultra Thermo-Masseur tub infuses the bathwater with warm air, for optimal soothing. There is also a european contoured acrylic shower and private throne room.

Standard mechanical features on the Grand Cottages are outstanding. Each home has state of the art zoned Lennox gas forced air heating and cooling, with separate thermostats on each level. Hot water is on a recirculating system, so you'll never have to wait. All homes are pre-wired for five cable television locations (from two different cable service providers), as well as satellite. Computer grade wiring and a central station alarm system is standard.

As the old adage goes "the glory is in the details" and developer Piku Management Co. has a reputation for paying great attention to those very important details. "Chris is not just an excellent builder", says a Grand Cottage owner, "he's an exceptional builder."

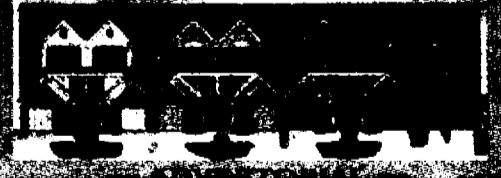
Grand Cottages at Felicity Landing is located on Jefferson Ave., just south of Shook Road, in Harrison Township. They can be viewed at Sunday open house from 1:00-5:00, or by appointment, and are priced starting at \$300,000. For more information, contact Piku Management Co., (313) 885-7979.

GRAND COTTAGES AT FELICITY LANDING

Today's Comforts



Elevator shown
finished in marble



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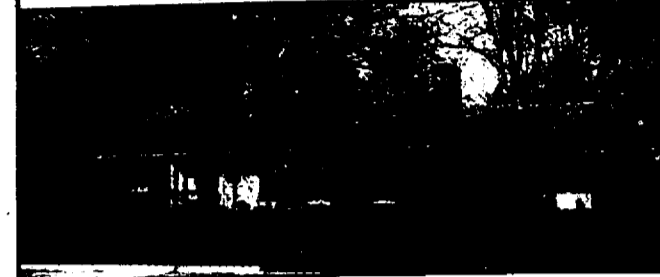
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FIRST OFFERING



WONDERFUL five bedroom, three and one half bath Colonial on one-half acre lot in "the City". 4433 square feet. Large family room, three fireplaces, three car garage, security system. Much more! #11

FIRST OFFERING



EARLY AMERICAN RANCH on quiet cul-de-sac. Large private grounds landscaped like a clearing in the forest. Three bedrooms, one and one half baths, fresh paint and new carpet throughout. #12

FIRST OFFERING



BEAUTIFUL Colonial, second home from the Lake. Four bedrooms, three baths, two laboratories. 3320 square feet. Large family room with natural fireplace. Attached garage, first floor laundry. Much more! #13

FIRST OFFERING



WALKING DISTANCE to Yacht Club. Beautiful Ranch with modern kitchen, large foyer and new roof. Den or fourth bedroom could be great home office. #14

FIRST OFFERING



WINDMILL POINTE COLONIAL featuring first floor bedroom suite and family room. Three bedrooms and bath on second floor. Newer driveway, ceramic counter and wood floor in kitchen. #15

FIRST OFFERING



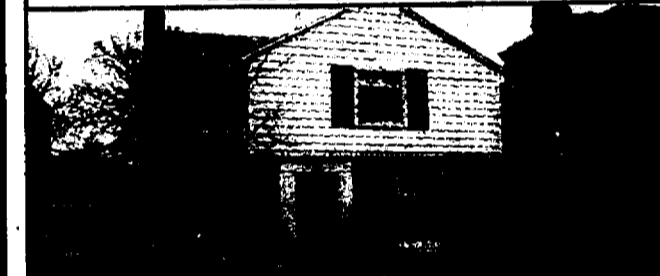
ABSOLUTE DOLL HOUSE. Very charming throughout. Four bedrooms, two full baths plus den. Newer white kitchen. Unbelievable master suite with huge bath and closet space for everything. Must see! #16

FIRST OFFERING



EXCEPTIONAL CHARMING Cape Cod. Totally custom throughout. Gourmet kitchen opens to large Great Room with 12 foot ceiling. Fabulous first floor master suite. Three natural fireplaces, three bedrooms, two and one half baths, 2200 square feet. #17

FIRST OFFERING



CHARMING COLONIAL in the Farms. Spacious room sizes, generous closet space. Deck off of screened porch. Paneled Recreation Room. Walk to schools, library and Hill. #18

FIRST OFFERING



QUIET WOODS CUL-DE-SAC. Charming three bedroom, two bath home with two fireplaces, large Master Suite and Family Room. New Kitchen, bath, roof, windows and landscaping. #19

\$915,000



QUIET FARMS STREET. Large foyer. Family room has vaulted ceiling with skylights, modern kitchen with Corian countertop. Four bedrooms, three full baths, two powder rooms, first floor laundry. #20

\$875,000



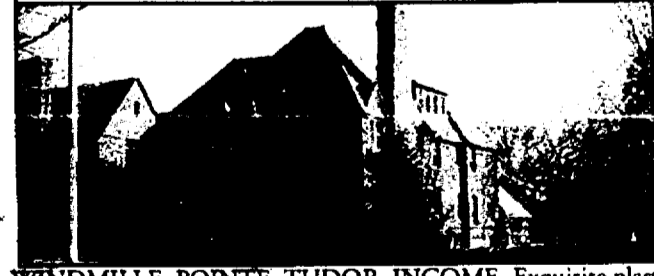
FAMILY HOME in great Shores location. Five bedrooms, three and one half baths, very large family room, random width pegged flooring, new furnace and central air, first floor laundry. Beautiful yard with large deck. #21

\$625,000



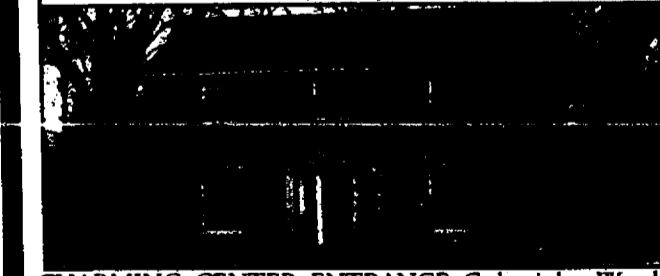
FIVE BEDROOM - GROSSE POINTE CITY, East of Kercheval with large FAMILY ROOM, three and one half baths, three car garage. 3500 square feet. Walk to Village, Park & School. #22

\$499,000



WINDMILLE POINTE TUDOR INCOME. Exquisite plaster detailing and multiple fireplaces. Eight bedrooms and six full bathrooms. Four car garage, large landscaped lot. Immediate occupancy. #23

\$459,000



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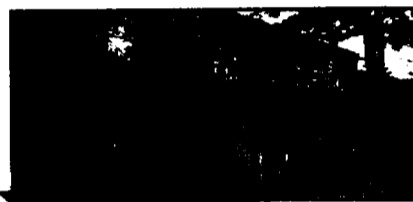


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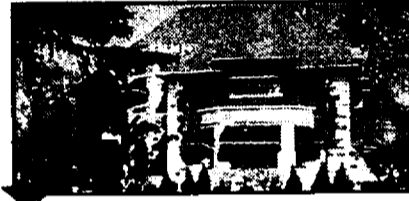
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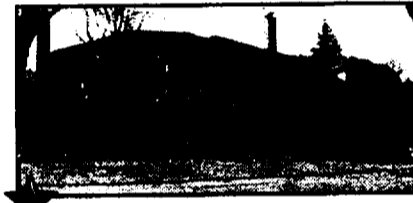
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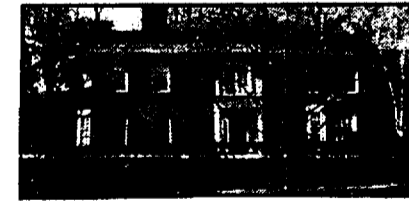
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Coupon Corner

By Marge Svenson

Food storage savings

Plastics are something that the rest of us depend upon when it comes to cleaning, cooking and grilling. Plastics make life a little easier, and many kinds can be used repeatedly. Plastic storage bags and bowl covers, for instance, can be washed, dried and reused.

Here are this week's coupon savings in plastic and other food-storage items:

- Save 75 cents on any size package of Glad Ovenware, reusable pans and lids that can go from the freezer to the oven or microwave. Expires July 1.

- Glad also offers a 35-cent coupon on Cling Wrap, 200 square feet or larger. Expires June 17.

- Gladware has a 50-cent coupon for any package of its reusable containers, which are dishwasher and microwave safe. Gladware is now available in two new sizes, big and small bowls. Expires July 1.

- Ziploc offers a 75-cent coupon on any storage bags with zippers. Expires May 27.

- Save 55 cents on Saran's QuickCovers lids, which can be stretched across open containers to keep food fresh. The lids are available in large, medium and small sizes. Expires May 27.

- Reynolds has a number of coupons for plastic and aluminum products. Save \$1 on any Reynolds Extra Wide Plastic Wrap. Save 35 cents on any size of Reynolds Oven Bags and 35 cents on any size of plastic wrap in clear, color or prints. Save 75 cents on any 50-count Reynolds Wrappers pop-up foil sheets and 45 cents on any size Reynolds Wrap Aluminum Foil. Offers expire July 31.

- Chore Boy has a 40-cent coupon for any two sponges and a

35-cent coupon for any one scourer. Expires May 31.

Delectable desserts

- Mrs. Smith's offers a \$1 coupon on any of its Restaurant Classics, Cookies & Cream Pies or Fruit Pies. Expires Sept. 30. Save 35 cents on Mrs. Smith's Carrot Cake.

- Save 75 cents on any one 48-oz. package of Edy's Starburst, Snickers, Twix, M&M's, 3 Musketeers or Milky Way Ice Cream and Sherbets. Offer expires Dec. 31, 2001. Check out www.icecreamsweeps.com for information about how to win a year's supply of ice cream.

- Edwards offers a \$1 coupon on any one of Edwards Whole Pie or two Edwards Singles desserts, including Turtle Pie and Cookie Dough Sundae varieties. Expires June 30.

- Get a free Pepperidge Farm frozen product (up to \$3 in value) with the purchase of any three Pepperidge Farm frozen items. Check grocery store bulletin boards for more information about this rebate. Expires Sept. 30.

- Counting calories? Splenda has a \$2 mail-in rebate on purchase of any granular or packet box. Expires Dec. 31, 2001. Check grocery store displays or www.splenda.com for additional details.

- Save 75 cents on any Duncan Hines Cake Mix and a can of frosting in any flavor. Expires May 13.

- Pillsbury offers a 40-cent coupon on any of its Sweet Rolls. Expires May 31. The company also offers a 55-cent coupon on any one package of its refrigerated cookie or brownie dough (excluding shape cookies). Expires May 27.

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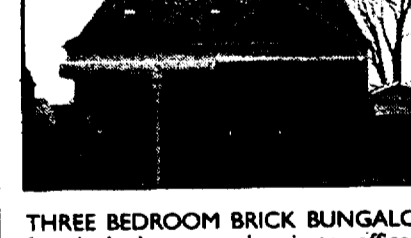
Building seminar offered in May

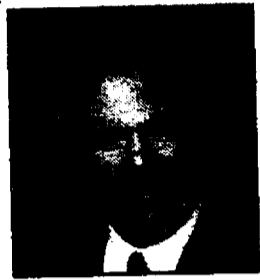
St. Clair Shores Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will offer a comprehensive 24-hour seminar on Getting the Most for Your Home Building Dollar on Tuesday/Thursday, May 22 - 31, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Lakeview High School in St. Clair Shores.

Whether you work with a contractor or on your own, you can save thousands of dollars by understanding the home building process. Everything needed to plan and build a home will be covered including estimating

costs, buying property, financing, building codes and permits, insurance requirements as well as the basics of wood frame construction, concrete, masonry, roofing and more. The instructor will also discuss new techniques and materials now entering the home-building market. The seminar costs \$175 plus \$25 for two textbooks.

Preregistration with payment is required by Friday, May 18, to St. Clair Shores Community Education. For more information, call (810) 285-8889.

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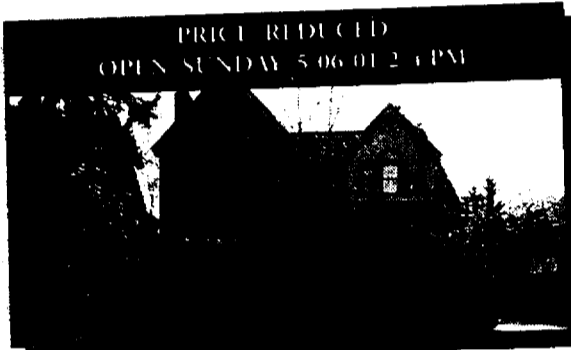
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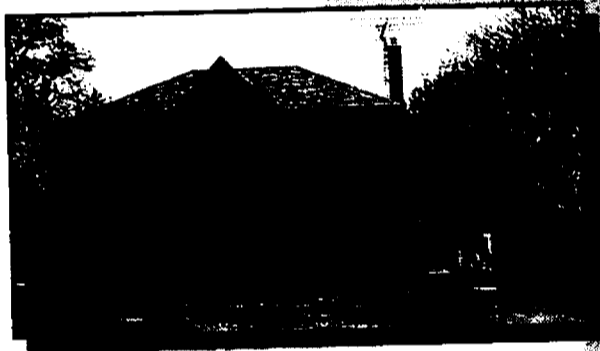
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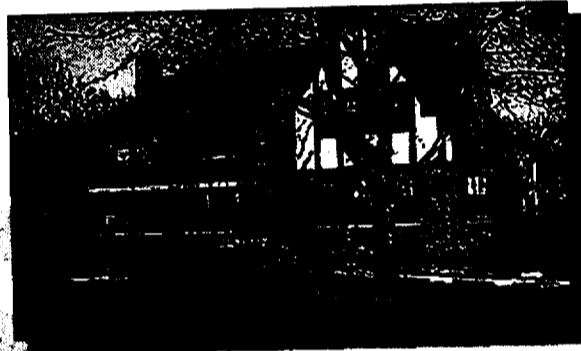
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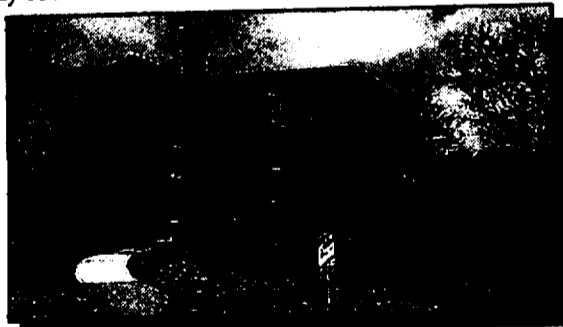
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Exceptional center entrance Colonial in premier Windmill Pointe Sub. Very spacious lot (90x180). Master with full bath, library, Florida room and finished knotty pine recreation room (22x12). Newer roof, gas forced air furnace with central air conditioning. Refinished hardwood floors, very clean and well maintained. **\$389,000** Ask for John Cotzias

Safety is in the air this spring

UL encourages consumers to practice tool, lawn and garden safety.

Whether you're clipping, cutting, mulching or mowing, chances are you'll be using motorized equipment or tools this year for your spring cleaning, lawn/garden maintenance or home improvement projects. And while powerful electric or gasoline motors that whirl metal blades or grind razor-sharp teeth make many household chores easier, they can also make them dangerous.

In the United States, more than 70,000 people made hospital visits last year due to lawn mower mishaps; another 28,000 injuries occurred with other powered lawn/garden equipment. Additionally, 78,000 victims were treated in emergency rooms after power saw accidents.

The safety professionals at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) recommend that you follow these safety precautions when using lawn/garden equipment and power saws:

Lawn mowers

- Before operating your mower, make sure you have read the owner's manual thoroughly, noting all safety and operating instructions. Learn the controls well enough to act instantly in an emergency and to stop the machine quickly.

- If you have a gasoline-fueled mower, store the gas in a UL listed safety can. Fill the mower outside, away from possible ignition sources. Before starting the mower, be sure it is on level ground and disengage all clutches.

- Always start the mower outdoors. Never operate the mower where carbon monoxide can collect, such as in a closed garage, storage

shed or basement.

- Electrically powered lawn mowers should not be used on wet grass. Use an extension cord designed for outdoor use and rated for the power needs of your mower. To reduce the risk of cutting the cord while you're mowing, start mowing in the area nearest the electrical outlet, then mow away from the outlet so the power cord will be behind you.

- Make sure all safety guards are in place and keep the mower's blades sharp. If you do hit a foreign object or have a mower malfunction, remember to turn off the mower and disconnect the power cord before inspecting for damage.

- Keep your hands and feet away from mower's blades. Never reach under the mower for any reason while the mower is in operation and make all adjustments with the motor off.

- Safe footwear is important, especially with walk-behind mowers. Make sure your shoes provide good traction to reduce slipping and have sturdy soles to resist punctures. Never work barefoot or in sandals, canvas shoes, etc.

- Never leave a lawn mower operational while unattended. Curious children, eager to help out, may get seriously injured.

Lawn and garden tools

- Before using any appliance or tool, read and follow the manufacturer's use and care instructions that come with the product.

- Always look for the familiar UL Listing Mark before purchasing a power tool, garden appliance or any other electrical product.

- Before each use, inspect power tools and electric garden appliances for frayed power cords and cracked or broken casings. If the product is damaged, don't use it or

attempt to repair it yourself. Return the product or have a qualified repair shop examine it.

- Always wear proper attire. Keep your clothing, hands and feet away from cutting blades at all times. Never wear jewelry when working with tools. Always wear safety glasses.

- Pay attention to warning markings. Don't allow tools to get wet unless they are labeled "immersible." When using tools outside, make sure they are appropriate for outdoor use.

- Never alter a product or remove safety features such as blade guards or electric plug grounding pins.

- Use only properly rated outdoor extension cords with outdoor electrical tools.

- Check the switch on a power tool or garden appliance to make sure it's "OFF" before you plug it in.

- Unplug all portable electrically operated power tools when not in use. These tools contain electricity even when turned "off" but still plugged in.

- Use and store power tools and garden appliances away from water sources to avoid electric shock. Never use power tools and appliances in the rain.

- Have a qualified technician install ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) receptacles in all outdoor outlets. After installations test your GFCIs monthly.

- Never carry an appliance by the cords and never yank the cord when removing it from a receptacle. When disconnecting the cord always grasp the plug — not the wire. Keep the cord away from heat, oil and sharp edges.



Power saws

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

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

- Always wait for the saw blade to stop before pulling away from a cut to avoid "kickback." Kickback can occur when the blade jams or binds in the wood and throws the saw toward the operator (portable power saws) or the wood toward the operator (stationary equipment).

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

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

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

- Use clamps or a vise to hold work in place. It's safer than using

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No one likes to be billed at a "casual calling" rate for long-distance telephone calls — where costs can be more than \$2 per minute.

Telephone companies usually assess the casual calling rate to "non-subscribers" — those persons not on the company's billing system. Calls billed under this rate are usually at a company's highest rate.

The following circumstances could result in a customer's long-distance calls being billed at a casual calling rate:

- You forget to select a long-distance company when you move, order an additional telephone line,

- or remove a temporary block of long-distance service.

- You make long-distance calls during a period when you are "between" long-distance companies.

- You use a telephone line to connect your computer to an Internet Service Provider (ISP), and your ISP changes the dial-in number to a long-distance number without your knowledge. Or, after notification of a number change, you fail to check and make sure the new number will not result in long-distance calls to your ISP.

- You use a 10-10 dial-around service without proper enrollment or registration.

- You place an international call and your long-distance calling plan does not include international calls.

- You use a directory assistance speed-dial service that automatically places a long distance call for you — not knowing which company will handle the call, or at what rate.

Avoid casual calling rates

- When moving, contact your local and long-distance telephone companies and set up your accounts and calling plans for your new residence or business. If you have a new line installed in an existing home or business, make

sure the long-distance service for the line is with the company you prefer and the rates correspond to your calling plan.

- When returning to full service after long-distance service has been blocked for nonpayment, contact your local and long-distance companies to make sure you are returned to your preferred long-distance company and calling plan.

- If you switch long-distance companies or calling plans, contact the new company within seven to 10 days and verify that the change is in effect — on all lines.

- Always verify the need for pre-registering before using a 10-10 dial-around service to place a long-distance call. Some dial-around services require preregistration.

- Before placing an international call, check with your long-distance company to make sure your calling plan covers such calls.

- Avoid using a directory assistance service that offers to speed-dial the long-distance number for you.

Always carefully review your telephone bill each month to make sure all charges are proper.

For more information, call the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) at (800) 292-

Safety

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your hands and frees both to operate the tool.

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

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

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

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

- If you need to use an extension cord with your saw, make sure it is in good condition and make sure

it's heavy enough to carry the current your product will draw.

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

Household appliances need to be maintained and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

For more information, visit UL's web site at www.ul.com.



Absolutely gorgeous French Country home located on the fifth tee of the Detroit Golf Club. An entertainer's delight with old-world craftsmanship, tasteful updates and a flowing layout. This 3,836 square foot, immaculate home has 4 bedrooms, 2 full and 2 half baths, 3 natural fireplaces, formal dining room, cozy breakfast room, library/study, spacious bedrooms, finished basement with recreation room, large windows with stunning view, two car heated garage, and the list goes on and on. You won't be disappointed!! Offering Price \$639,900. Ask for Hans Stahl. ML#21026086

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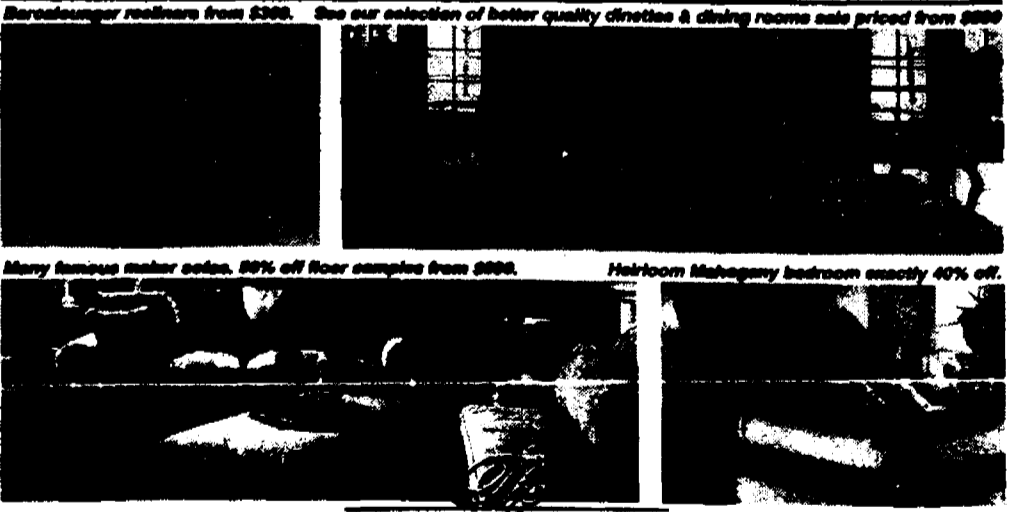
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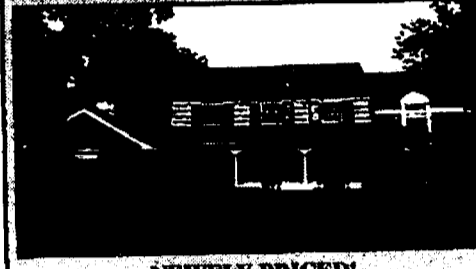
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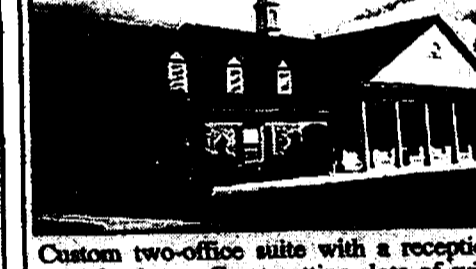
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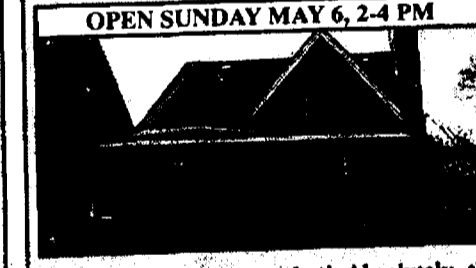
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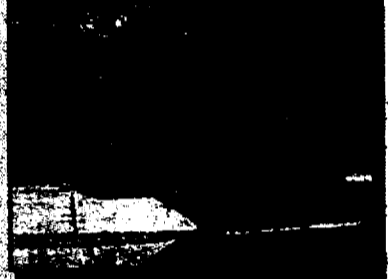
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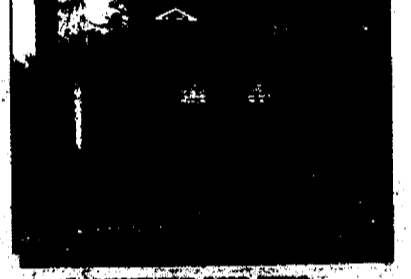
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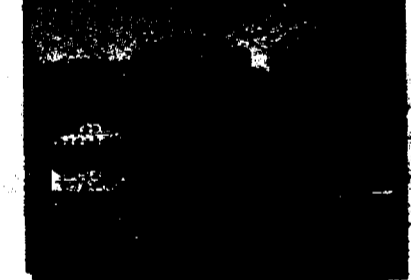
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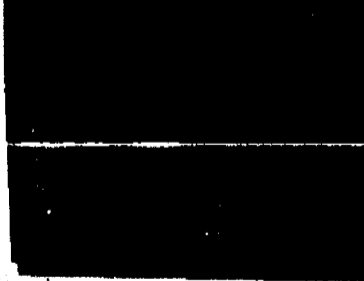
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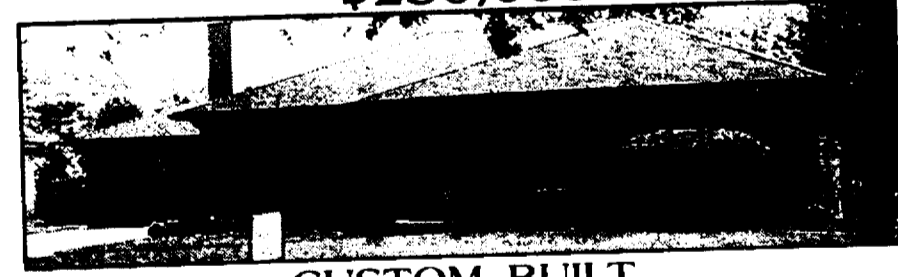
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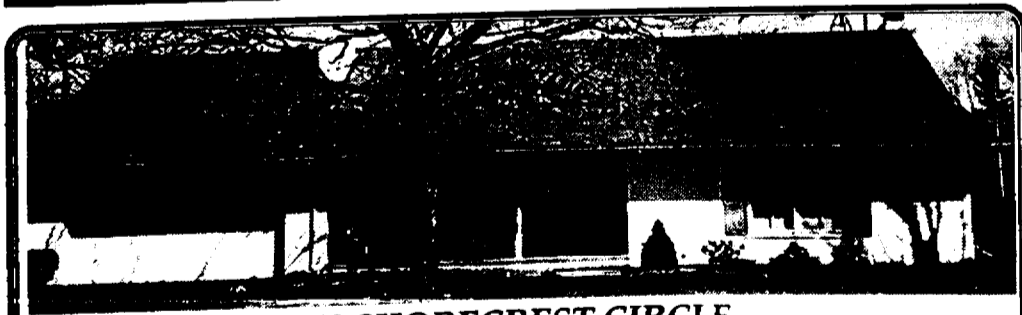
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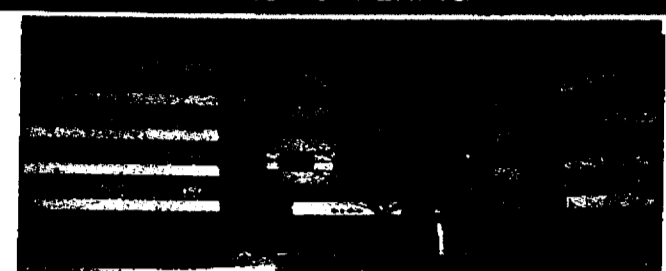
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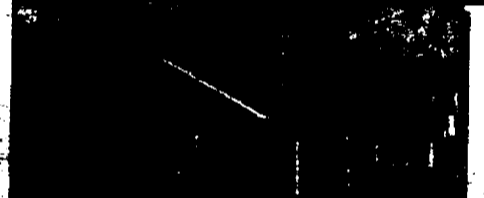
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Home design can foster healthier "downtime"

Plopping down in front of the television can be relaxing, but experts agree that getting the most out of "downtime" requires activities that rejuvenate. When planning for relaxation, it's important to select activities that you enjoy, particularly those that enable you to forget the day by focusing on one thing — like gardening or reading.

It's also important to design living spaces that promote relaxation and

calm, says the lifestyle experts at Patio Enclosures, Inc., a company that designs sun rooms for homes across the nation.

Creating spaces in your home that facilitate relaxing activities such as meditating, yoga, gardening and woodworking provide an environment for being alone with ourselves in quiet and reflection, a valuable activity. According to Judith Handelsman, author of *Spiritual Gardening*, quiet time with ourselves can

be described as dormant — a period of time that, like plants and animals, is set aside for healing and growth.

"Dormancy in plants is just the other side of growth," says Handelsman. It's required for regrowth and rejuvenation.

But, we need an environment void of stress and noise to achieve these restoration benefits.

Increasing numbers of Americans seem to be getting the message about downtime.

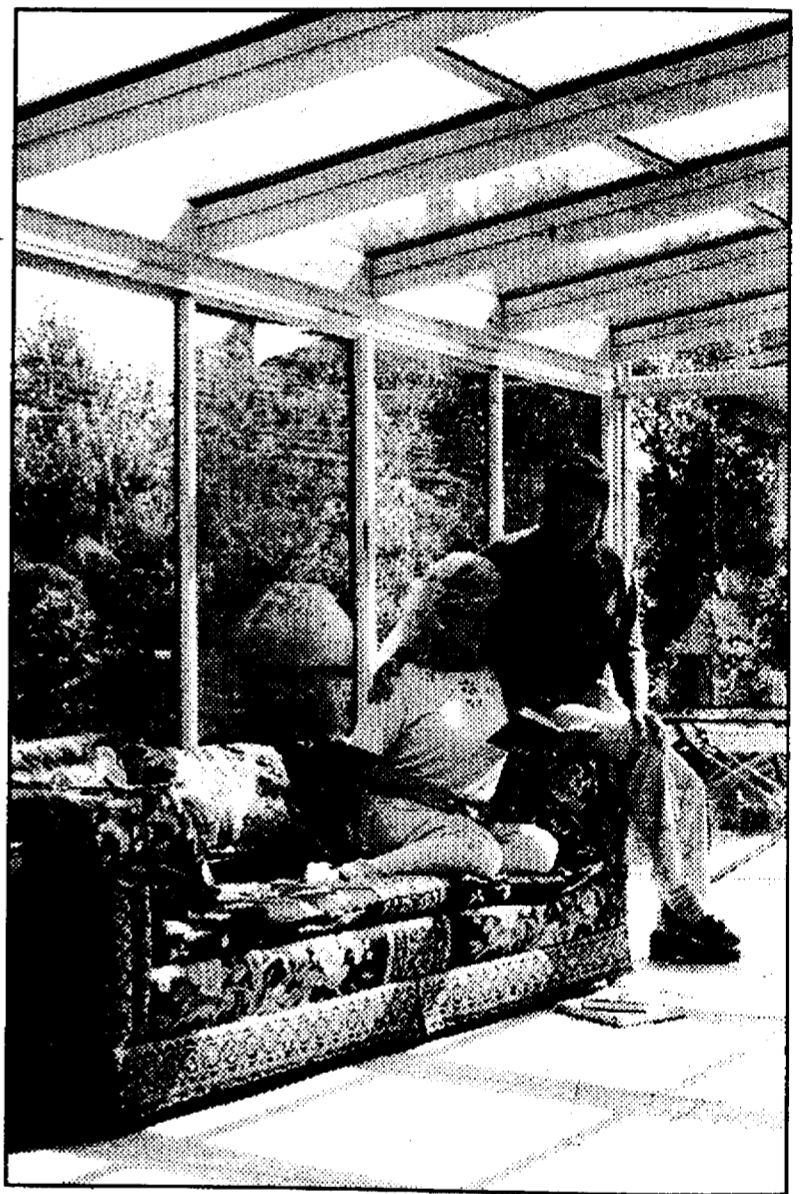
"A subtle transformation is taking place in our culture from a casual lifestyle to a spiritual lifestyle," reports the National Housewares Manufacturers Association. "While Americans still thoroughly embrace the casual living trend, many are combining that lifestyle with their own desire to express their inner feelings throughout the home."

Glass enclosed rooms are playing a large role in this trend toward nurturing the spirit, says Rick Jones, president of Patio Enclosures Inc., North America's largest sun room manufacturer and installation company. "Homeowners are using sun rooms to create in-home havens with hot tubs, rock gardens, fountains, indoor gardens and candles. In fact, relaxation is a major reason homeowners add sun rooms to their homes," Jones said.

Sun rooms are ideal for creating a sanctuary to achieve "quiet time" within the home. These glass-enclosed room additions appear to be separate from the rest of the house, while still being physically connected. The view to the out-of-doors fosters reflection and connection to the earth.

"My new glass room has become my

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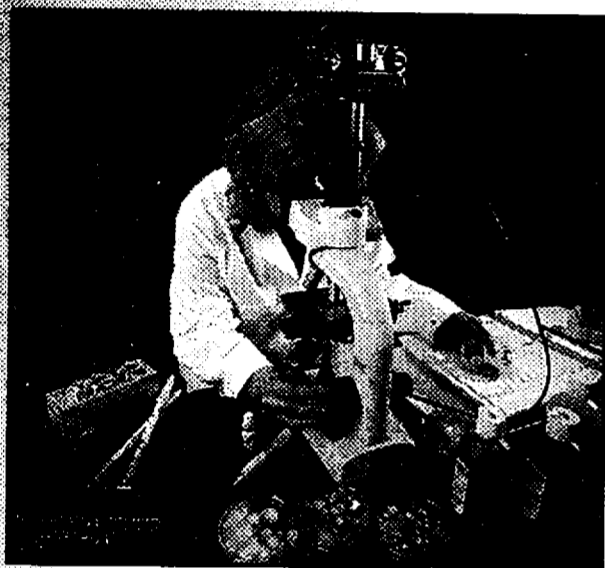
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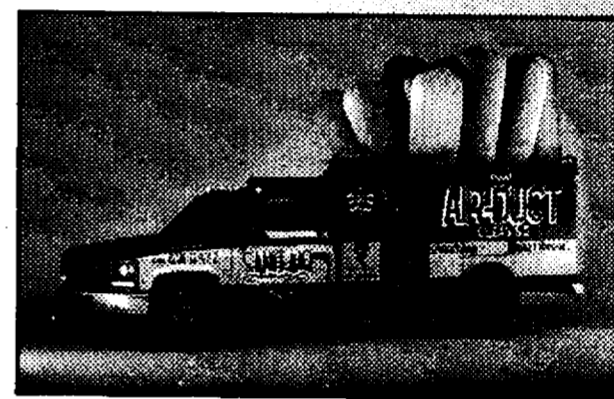
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"Wood flooring is a true classic and therefore a wonderful chameleon," says New York designer Susan Aiello. "Depending on the wood species and finish you choose, it can create a richly traditional setting, or it can be sleekly contemporary and anything in between. It can be formal or informal, sophisticated or rustic, and you can make it uniquely yours with borders or inlays."

"On the practical side, wood flooring is extremely durable," she adds. "It can be sanded and refinished to last a lifetime, and since it is so easy to maintain, it is also a healthy choice for people with allergies or respiratory problems."

But before you buy, you should become acquainted with the different wood species, types of flooring, and finishes. Also be aware that in this field comparison-shopping pays off, and that includes going on line. BeaverHome.com, one of the first dot-coms to offer hardwood flooring on line, and to make sure you get up close and personal with their products before you decide to buy, they will overnight samples.

However, the floor you buy may look slightly different than the sample, warns Cole Martin, president of BeaverHome. "Each hardwood board has a unique life story," he explains. "During the years it takes a tree to mature, it develops a one-of-a-kind pattern and texture. Grain patterns result from the tree's growth rings. One ring for every year in the forest. Even boards from the same tree will show color variations. 'Younger' wood closer to the bark is lighter than wood from the inner portion of the tree, and minerals and other elements in the earth affect color as well. So, in the end, no two pieces of wood look exactly alike. And that's what gives a hardwood floor its special beauty and charm. It's genuine and natural."

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Strip flooring, the most common, ranges in widths from 1 to 3 feet. It provides a neutral, versatile look. Plank flooring is defined as boards that are at least 3 inches wide. They are often used to create a country look. Planks of varying widths are sometimes combined for uncommon visual interest. Parquet flooring consists of wood squares arranged in geometric patterns, from simple to ornate.

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Wood Species

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Currently, there's a trend towards Cherry with its straight, close grain and light reddish-brown color. This species complements more formal, traditional rooms. Beech and birch, both light-colored woods, are better for modern, sophisticated interiors.

But more exotic woods are entering the fray. BeaverHome, for example, is now

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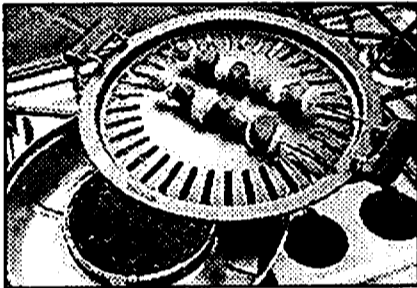
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Needless to say, it's not a healthy situation. But there is a solution, a way to remove all of that unhealthy dirt, dust, pollen, animal dander, hair, spores, mildew, bacteria and other contaminants that get pulled into your duct system. It's the solution offered by Breath of Life Air Duct Cleaning Co., a family owned and operated business that is improving indoor air quality all over the area.

“We treat each house as if it were our own,” said Breath of Life Owner and Technician Gabriel Nicholas. “Four years ago, I decided to make indoor air quality a personal concern. My family now makes it a priority to see that homeowners have the opportunity to breathe clean, healthy air inside their own homes,” Nicholas said.

Breath of Life uses the exclusive HEPA-AIRE cleaning system, which incorporates a powerful vacuum connected at the furnace end of the system and high-pressure air through the ductwork. The duct system is also brushed with an electric powered AIRE-SWEEP Power Brush System. This power agitation system effectively removes caked on debris from various types and configurations of ductwork. The process was developed by Abatement Technologies of Georgia, an industry leader in source removal duct cleaning.

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The vacuum has a filtration system so efficient that it can trap tiny specks of foreign matter 1/300th the diameter of a human hair and returns indoor air to “hospital quality.”

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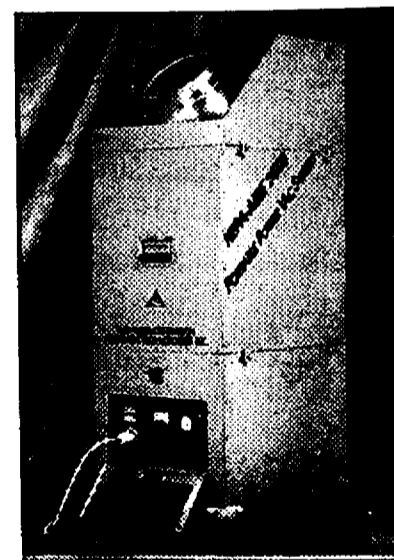
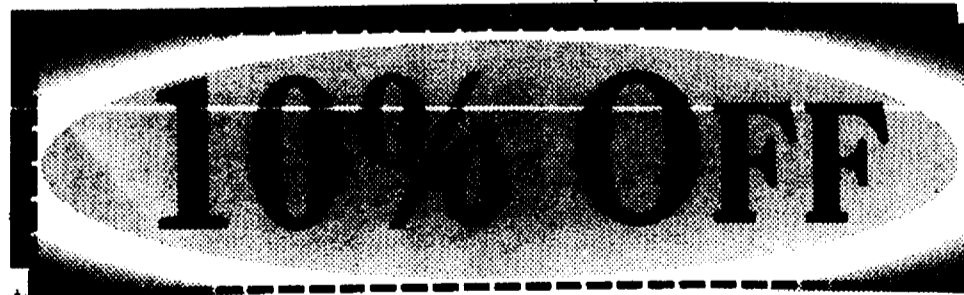
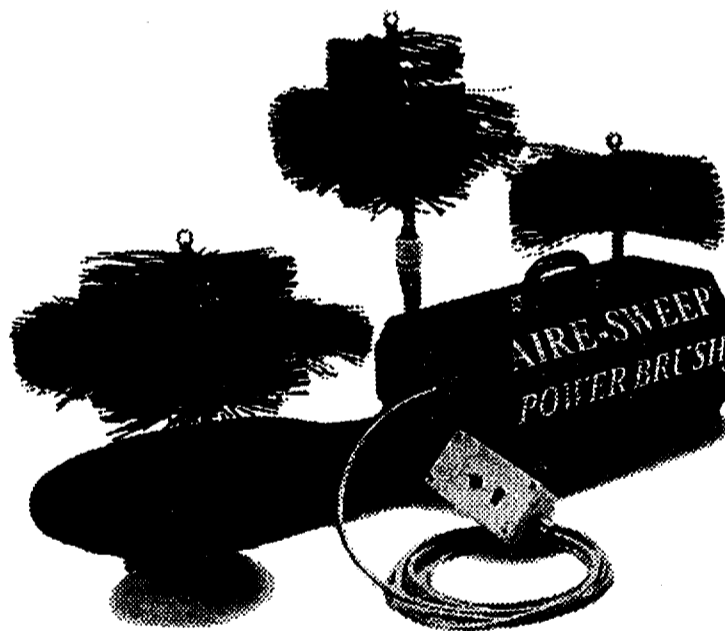
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After all, top manufacturing and industrial companies perform safety reviews on an average of every six months, some even more often. The payoff is a lower accident rate, a healthier workforce and lower insurance premiums.

So any home project, from a simple paint job to major remodeling, should begin with the intention that a job well done is a job safely done. Some key points to follow include:

- Use the correct tools for the job. From trying to drive a nail with a wrench when the hammer is out of reach to using gasoline as a solvent, home mechanics' incorrect use of tools causes a range of

injuries. For every task, make sure that you have the recommended tools—and don't substitute.

- If you are unsure of how to use a tool, swallow your pride and ask for instructions. This is particularly true regarding borrowed or rented tools.

- Only use tools that are in top condition. Besides producing poor results, bad tools produce injuries. For power saws, dull blades may jam in material or skip, and with all power tools, worn cords and motors pose the risk of electric shock.

- Keep your workplace clean. In fact, the phrase "clean as you go" may make a good sign to hang over the workbench. Dust, filings, etc. can clog power tools and filters, and more than one nail hiding in a pile of sawdust has caused a puncture wound.

- Don't take shortcuts. There are reasons why instructions are printed or handed down with the steps carefully laid out. Don't try to reinvent a tried-and-true method.

- Wear the appropriate clothing at all times. This means long pants, sturdy

shoes (steel-tipped are best) and gloves when called for, especially when handling chemicals. Safety glasses or goggles should be used for the majority of workshop projects.

- Conversely, take off whatever clothing or jewelry may create a hazard. This includes neckties, neckchains, bracelets, watches and rings. All of these items have at one time been caught in a tool or even on a nail.

- Be mentally prepared for the job. If you are distracted, upset, or otherwise not focused on your task, put it off for another time.

- Remember to keep tools and hardware well out of the reach of children. Kids love to emulate adults, but obviously don't have the same skill level. Teach children to respect tools, warn them of their dangers and instruct them in their proper use.

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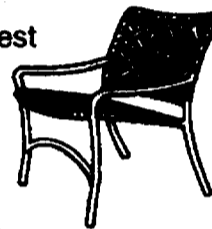
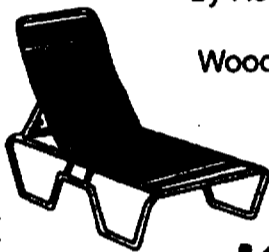
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Add a little natural green when decorating this spring

Sometimes, new furniture just isn't in the budget, and new paint or wallpaper may not be allowed in a rental unit. So when spring finally blooms and you crave a change of indoor scenery, what can you do? Try asking Mother Nature, and you'll find that she has plenty of suggestions that will not only make your space look great, but make it healthier, too.

Yes, we're talking about indoor houseplants, and if you've given up on them due to past experiences... well, most of us have been guilty of planticide at one time or another. While some houseplants require more care than others, there are a number of varieties that practically thrive with minimum care. A general knowledge of what they need is all it takes to have your friends marveling at your green thumb.

First, here is a list of a few of the heartiest houseplants, with some of their requirements.

Pothos are plants which are lovely, fast growing and easy to multiply. The solid

green variety is known as jade pothos, the golden variety has green leaves with streaks of yellow, and white and green leaves are a feature of marble pothos. The plants are very versatile, and do as well on sunny windowsills as they do on coffee tables. They aren't deep-rooting plants, so waterings should be done once or twice a week, depending on how much sun they get.

The sanseveria is also known as the snake plant and mother-in-law's tongue. It has long, slender green and gold leaves that grow in an almost vertical position, obtaining an indoor height of two feet or more. They look great on plant stands or even as a dining room table centerpiece. Related to succulents, sanseveria can withstand infrequent waterings, making them a great choice for those who are away from home a lot.

Most palms don't like indoor living, though there are a few that do well inside. The parlor palm, often called the table palm, will slowly and gracefully achieve a height of three to four feet in a

large pot when placed near a consistent light source. Lady palms from Asia are full, leafy plants that appreciate a more humid environment but will grow steadily if well-fed. The kentia palm is perfect for rooms with cathedral ceilings, as it will attain a height of up to 10 or more feet grown indoors.

A few well-placed ficus plants can create a forest look indoors, but many people complain that they're fussy and prone to heavy leaf drop. Actually, a ficus is one of the best plants at indicating when it is stressed, as leaf drop occurs when the soil dries out or when it isn't getting enough light. Ficus plants like plenty of bright filtered light, soil that is kept moist and consistent maintenance.

One of the keys to keeping your houseplants healthy is consistency. Set up regular routines, such as opening the drapes or shades at the same time every day, and stick to a regular watering schedule. Never let the soil dry out completely between waterings, and don't let

the plants sit in a pot-liner full of water unless you want root-rot. Feed on a regular schedule, too, and always follow the directions on the fertilizer.

Sunlight is best for houseplants, of course, but don't think of bathing your Boston fern in direct sun. Follow the recommendations from the nursery, but remember that any plant will suffer if it is more than 10 feet away from its light source. If your abode is virtually sunless, you can still grow plants, though. While incandescent light is a poor substitute for sunshine, most plants will adapt and do well with fluorescent lighting. Cool-white tubes are the best, but be sure to keep the plants at least 10 inches away.

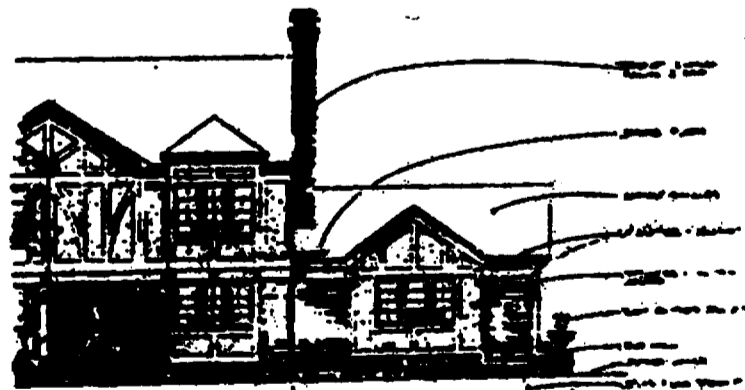
With the addition of houseplants, you're doing yourself more than just an aesthetic favor. Research by NASA found that many common houseplants are excellent filters for a variety of indoor toxins produced by off-gassing, like formaldehyde and benzene. Among the best were golden pothos, ficus, philodendron, aloe vera and spider plants.

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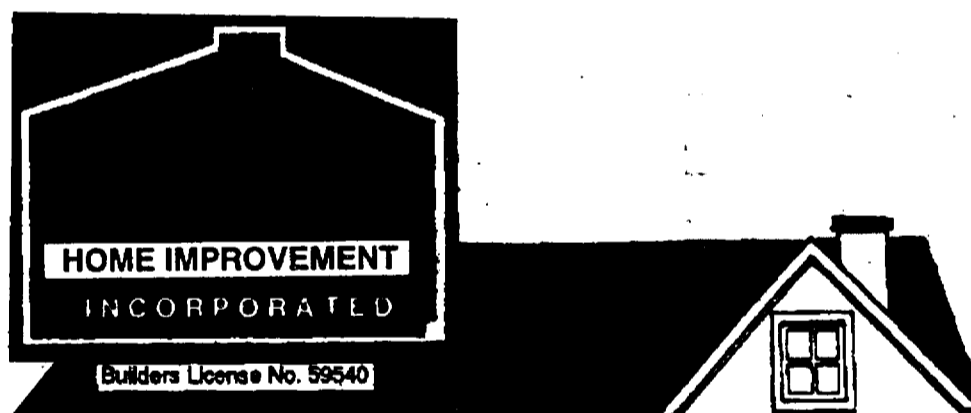
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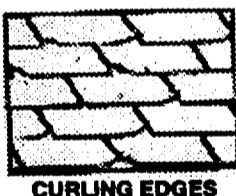
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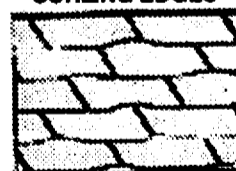
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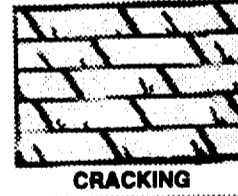
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As we enter a new millennium, more emphasis is being placed on preserving and protecting the world's environment. In this age of environmental consciousness, consumers are looking for products that are - well - "greener" than ever before.

Brick has been a popular building material since 2300 BC - way before it was cool to be green - and brick is

friendlier to the environment than many new convenience materials. In terms of air emissions distributed over the life cycle of the structure, brick has a lower environmental impact than fiber cement board products and synthetic stucco.

It stands to reason that brick, made from a combination of the distinctly earthly elements of clay, water and fire, is about as back-to-the-basics as build-

ing products come. This assumption has been confirmed in recent years by industry and academic research on sustainable buildings and green architecture. In fact, the American Institute of Architect's Environmental Resource Guide (1996) advises architects to "select brick, tile or concrete masonry products when possible." Let's take a look at some of the specific attributes that make brick an environmentally friendly building choice.

Brick As A Building Material

First, brick's mass prevents temperature extremes on the outside of a building from affecting temperature on the inside. Sometimes called "thermal lag," this process translates into year-round comfort and energy savings for occupants. An insulated brick cavity wall resists heat gain more than 50 times better than double-reflective glass and nine times better than an insulated metal sandwich-panel wall. Second, brick walls require less insulation than lightweight walls (i.e., synthetic stucco, vinyl, aluminum or wood) for the same energy performance.

Publications are full of articles pertaining to global warming and the effects it is having on weather patterns which often prove destructive.

Using brick as a building material offers homeowners a sense of safety because brick can withstand severe wind and weather. Following the devastation of Hurricane Floyd, a brick "Hurricane House" - built to withstand 100 to 110 mph winds with little or no damage - made its debut in a Norfolk, Va.-area Parade of Homes.

Finally, consumers building with brick can rest assured that the brick on their houses will last. Brick stands the test of time. The Ziggurat at Ur, which is made of fired clay brick, has been standing since 2300 BC. The famous Great Wall

of China, constructed around 210 BC, is made of 3,873,000,000 individual bricks. In this country, one of the more famous historic brick buildings is Independence Hall built in Philadelphia in the 1700s.

Mining And Manufacturing

As brick originates from the earth's clay, it thrives as a nearly inexhaustible natural resource and is manufactured in 38 states. Furthermore, the clay mining process is virtually harmless to the environment, and a single small mining site may be used for more than a century.

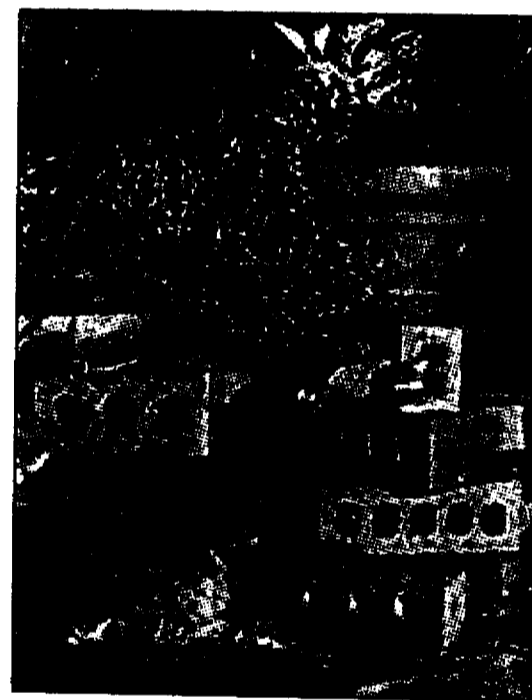
After they have been depleted, clay pits can be converted into wildlife preserves or lakes for sport, recreation or conservation use. Carolina Ceramic Inc., a brick manufacturer in Columbia, South

Carolina, converted its clay pit into a 2,000-acre wildlife refuge for deer, turkey, dove and quail. And Acme Brick has transformed more than a dozen of its depleted pits to wildlife sanctuaries stocked with corn-fed catfish.

Unlike other building materials, brick creates little waste when it is manufactured.

Mining one pound of clay produces nearly one pound of brick with only slight moisture and mineral loss. In comparison, up to 70 percent of the ore used in making steel amounts to waste. The figure is even higher for aluminum - up to 88 percent of the ore used is waste. Disposing of these wastes requires additional energy, adding to the environmental impact of manufacturing.

The amount of energy needed to produce brick is lower than most competing building materials. It takes 50 times more energy to produce one pound of aluminum than to produce the same amount of brick. Brick manufacturing conserves



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energy in another way as well. Virtually all U.S. brick plants are located within a 20-mile radius of their manufacturing facility, minimizing the energy expended in transporting the raw material to manufacturing sites. No raw clay is imported into the United States, while approximately 90 percent of the ore used for aluminum and about 25 percent used for steel must be imported. Consumers seeking that "Made in the USA" seal can rest assured that virtually all brick used in the United States is manufactured domestically.

Recycling Brick

In an effort to recycle the popularity of old or antique brick is on the rise. Used brick is becoming a fashionable alternative in residential construction. In some areas of the country, "antique" brick commands a higher price than new brick.

Recently, Chicago common brick manufactured in the 1930s was in very high demand. People ordered it from all over the country for its quaint, historical and aged appeal.

The generation now in a position to purchase homes is more environmentally conscious than any generation before it. Like it or not, the trend they have created toward purchasing more natural products has become a factor in the home buying process. "When polled, most Americans identify themselves as environmentalists," according to Kenneth A. Hooker, editor of "Masonry Construction". Furthermore he states, "The environmental issues surrounding construction are certain to continue growing in importance."

The greener side of brick is, indeed, multi-faceted, encompassing the naturally occurring elements of its origin, its energy efficiency, earth-friendly manufacturing and unmatched product life. So, what are you waiting for?

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Give those old walls more than a new coat of paint

If you've decided that it's finally time to change the color scheme of your surroundings, there are a lot of options to consider, ones that go way beyond what shade will still be pleasing years from now. But for the sake of argument, let's say that you wish to turn those old beige walls to something brighter, say a light gold. Now, just a trip to the paint store and a little elbow grease, and your new environment will be done, right?

Well, it could be . . . but do you want just a new color, or something that will make your friends say, "I love what you've done to the place," and really mean it? With very little effort, your walls can take on tones and textures that will look like you hired a pricey interior decorator.

First, start with the paint, as not all are created equal. With any paint job, it's best to start with a primer coat. For interior walls that are already painted or new drywall, an interior latex primer should be sufficient. If the walls to be painted are a darker colored or stained,

choose a primer/sealer. If you're planning on using an oil-based enamel, make sure that the primer is oil-based, too, as it will have a compatible gloss. For concrete or masonry walls, special primers are available.

When you decide on the color, you'll also face the question of what finish to put on your walls. Consider what the space is used for, and choose the finish accordingly:

- Gloss finishes look best on trim, cabinetry and interior doors. They are fairly easy to clean, but not recommended for an area that will receive continued washings.

- Semi-Gloss finishes are easily cleaned and found in a huge range of colors. As they brighten up rooms, they are great in bathrooms, bedrooms, playrooms and basements.

- Satin finishes clean easily and reflect the true nature of their color remarkably. It's sort of a cross between gloss and flat finishes. Many designers choose this fin-

ish for an overall tone extending throughout the house.

- Flat finishes are terrific at hiding imperfections and marks on walls, and they allow the room's furnishings and decor to stand out against the background.

As they are not the easiest finish to clean, reserve their use to ceilings and more formal rooms where they are unlikely to be soiled by cooking or creative children.

Now comes the question: Do you want those walls to just reflect a solid color? If your furniture and other decor tend to scream with colors and patterns, the answer is likely to be yes. But your freshly-painted walls can actually add texture, depth and even highlight tones that will blend more thoroughly with your accessories.

One of the easiest methods of adding visual texture to walls is the sponging method. It simply involves laying a sponge into either a compatible or contrasting color, then dabbing it on the sur-

face over the base coat.

For subtle texturing, select a shade just off that of the base coat. For example, those light gold walls will become more antique-looking with a light sponging of a gold-brown, while using a yellow-gold will visually open up the space and make it seem brighter.

Another popular texturing technique involves applying a light coat of the base color, and then rubbing it down with an absorbent cloth. It looks superb in rooms with full sun; the light exposing the nuances of color created by uneven rubbing. It works best on semi-porous walls, such as plaster and stucco, or walls that are marred by age.

A wallpaper-like effect can be created by the raking technique, though a steady and consistent hand is required. After the base coat has been applied, it is allowed to dry to a point where it will not run if scored. Then, with an actual rake, comb, or even chopsticks, a linear pattern is drawn across the paint, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally.



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Trust is the key when hiring a contractor

For even the handiest of us, there comes a time when a home improvement project is either just too big to handle alone or it suddenly takes on a life of its own. The only way to get it done is with professional help, and that usually means hiring a contractor. But for as many great contractor stories as are out there, there are also a number of horror stories.

Here are a few tips to make your time with a contractor a match made in heaven rather than a relationship from hell.

When it's time to call a contractor, do plenty of research on who is available. Ask family, friends, even your bank teller if you have to . . . word-of-mouth recommendations are often the best. After a time, pick the three most referred names, and begin calling each one. The top questions to ask are:

- What are their specialties; is your project one where they are experienced?
- Can they give you the names of several clients who have had similar projects done?

• Are they and their workers fully insured, including workman's compensation? Would there be any liability to you in case of an injury?

• Are they licensed? For how long? Are they bonded?

• What kind of payment schedule will be required? Is it flexible?

• If they hire subcontractors, how are they paid?

If they pass the first test posed by these questions, you may want to get an estimate from them. To protect yourself, here's what you should come to the meeting with:

- A working drawing, prepared by an architect or draftsman, with detailed specifications

- A detailed list of all facets of the job
- All choices of colors, flooring and other treatments to be included in the project

• An estimated date when you will need the work completed

Remember to get an estimate from each based on exactly the same specifications. Don't necessarily go with the low-ball estimate; refer back to the contractor's reputation, and if possible, your viewing of their work. Take into consideration all of the answers to your questions. Once you've

made your decision, it's time to draw up a contract.

Within the terms of the contract, you'll want to include all of the aforementioned

propositions, but there are a few things you must make sure are completely spelled out. Foremost is your protection against the fees of any subcontractor's work; make sure that their fees are the sole responsibility of the contractors.

Next, only sign if you're sure that all work-related liability insurance is handled by those doing the job.

Remember, once that contract is signed, you have certain responsibilities, too. If suddenly you decide to change the look of your design, you're going to have some renegotiations ahead. The contractor is under no obligation to redo things at your whim, so be sure that what you'll get is what you want.

In terms of payment, most experts agree that one-third of the cost of the entire project is the standard rate for a down payment. Under no circumstances should the entire fee be paid up front. Before paying off the remainder, have the job thoroughly inspected to make sure that it is up to local codes and to your original intentions.



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Step 2: Choose high-efficiency electric

appliances. When buying new appliances, or replacing old ones, it pays to buy the most efficient equipment you can afford, especially for home cooling, heating, and water heating.

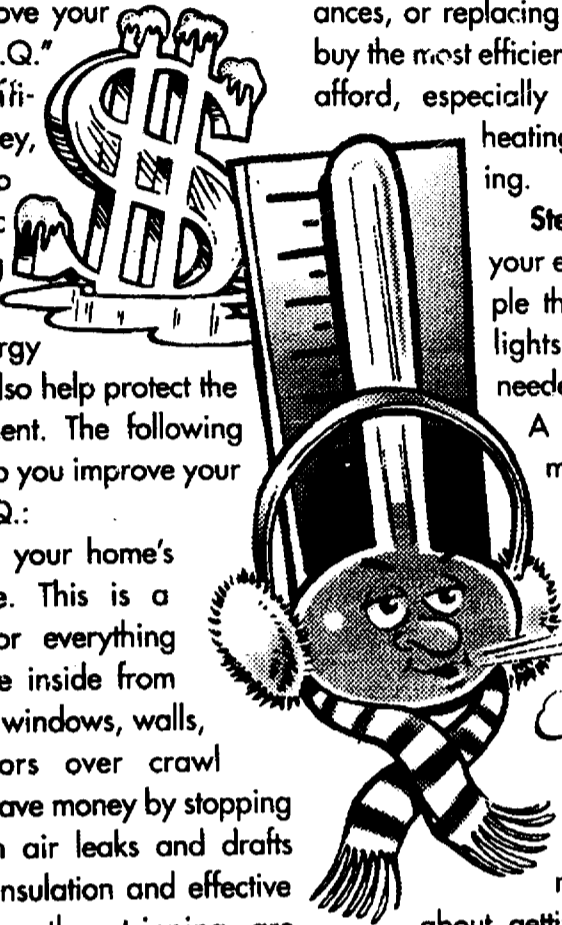
Step 3: Take control of your energy use. Even simple things like turning off lights when they're not needed can save energy.

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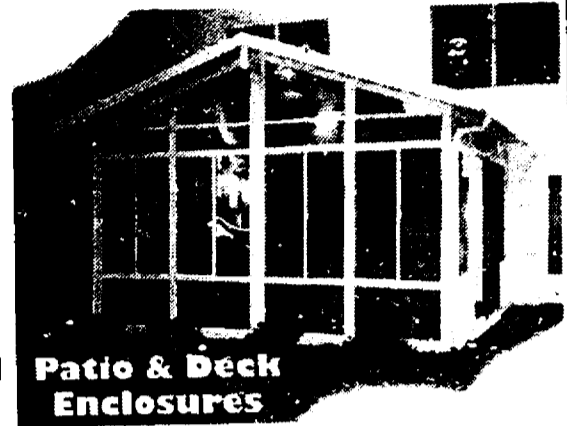
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Buying or selling, spring is the time to spruce up

Lots of things warm up during the spring, and the housing market is definitely one of them. The peak real estate season is from March through September, so if you're planning a move, now is the time for a crash course in home inspection.

Whether you're a buyer or seller, learning home inspection techniques can prove invaluable. While it's true that banks generally won't allow a mortgage

loan without an evaluation done by a certified inspector, knowing the key points may save you time and money in the long run. Besides, home inspectors are only human, and you may catch something that they have missed.

Cosmetic flaws, like stained carpets, bad paint jobs, etc., are areas outside of this important realm. Those areas are a matter of discretion between the seller and the buyer. What counts in an inspec-

tion, and to the bank, are structural and utility problems, and evidence of contamination by radon, lead and asbestos.

For a potential buyer and their chosen inspector, a paper trail on the home's maintenance is a good place to start. They will want to know what repairs and remodeling have been done, and who did the work. Receipts, blueprints, building permits and code certificates should be made available and verified if there are any questions. Utility bills, showing usage during summer and winter months, also need to be looked at to determine whether the home is well insulated or if the plumbing is prone to leakage.

An inspection begins outside of the home, where the first matter is to check how water drains away from the property. The ground around the foundation should slope away from the home at a sufficient angle for drainage, with no uneven dips. The roof overhangs should also clear the outside walls and be pitched enough to displace rainwater, with no sagging areas. Likewise, all downspouts should be long enough and follow the slope of the ground away from the house.

If there are trees or other foliage growing next to the house, they should be trimmed in a pattern that will keep them from interfering with the structure or power and cable lines. Check the roots, too, as healthy trees can mangle pipes and foundation walls.

Wood exteriors will be examined for insect infestation, from termites to worms, and any indication of those may mean another more costly inspection by an exterminator. Wood that shows signs of rot or fungus will devalue the house, as will warped wood in door and window frames, porch flooring and soffits.

Brick and stucco exteriors that show cracks are highly suspect, as these may point out problems with either the foundation or the original building materials and construction. With sided homes, cracked, bowed or curled material can also be a red flag for other problems.

A roof should be checked from top to bottom, that is from the shingles to the ceiling of the attic. The roof should not sag in any areas, and shingles should be

tight against each other and not cracking. The flashing on the exterior should appear sound and fairly fresh, with a minimum of overpatching on an older house. Inside, the attic ceiling should be dry with unwarped boards. If any water stains are present, a record should be provided as to when the problem was fixed.

While in the attic, check the insulation. Make sure that it extends to the edge of the roofline, and that it is of adequate R-value for your region. Also, check all of the attic wiring, as it often tends to get neglected over the years. Water damage, mice and common material decay can damage wiring, particularly in homes that are many decades old.

Moving downstairs, an inspector will keep an eye on the straightness of walls and the evenness of floors, and whether there are any cracks or bowing, especially in plaster walls (a sign of moisture problems). Any broken pipes through the years may also have left stains on interior ceilings, walls and floors. As water damage is one of the more prevalent problems in homes, all floors under and around sinks and tubs will be checked for signs of present or past damage.

Wall switches should work without any hesitation in power, and each socket should be tested for performance. No wiring should be exposed on any outlets or hard-wired lights and appliances.

The plumbing throughout the house should have strong and even water flow in sinks, showers, toilets and washers. The outflow pipes should all drain quickly, and the condition of all exposed pipes should be visibly checked. Even if no leaks are present, telltale rust or lime spots on basement floors or loose tiles around faucets can indicate a previous problem. Again, check the records.

In the basement, a recent water problem is easily spotted. Walls stay damp in cellars for a long time, as ground moisture continues to seep in even in relatively dry months. Often the musty, dank smell of a wet basement is a giveaway, too, as is crumbling paint and stains on the walls. If the problem has been solved, a seller should repair the water damage and provide documentation to the repair and its guarantee.

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Putting things together: a basic lesson

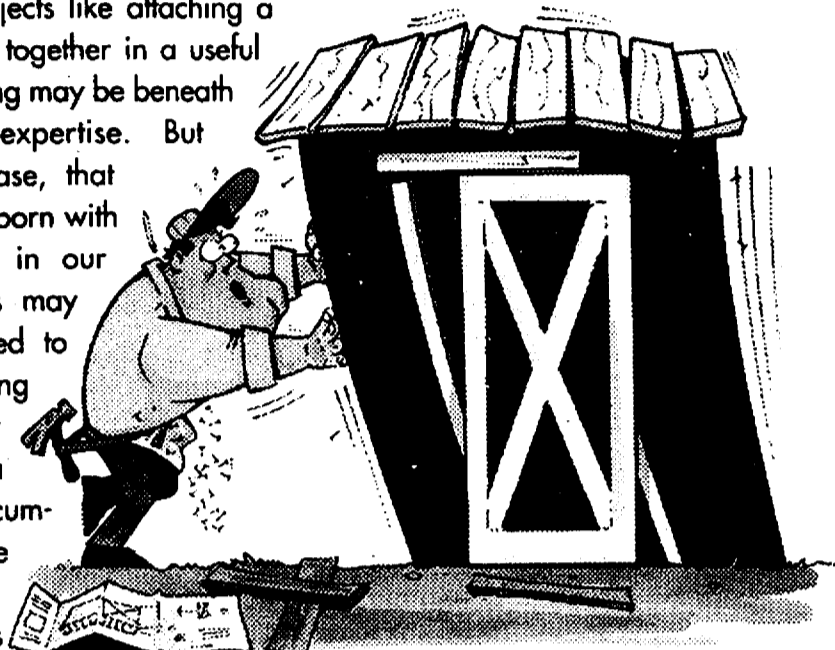
For those of you who are experienced in attaching one board to another, or more complex projects like attaching a number of boards together in a useful design, the following may be beneath your level of expertise. But acknowledge, please, that not all of us were born with a silver hammer in our hands; our genes may not be predisposed to instinctively knowing why a screw may be better than a nail under the circumstances. Please bear with us.

Millions of us have toolboxes in our homes, and a majority probably have a motley assortment of nails, screws, glue sticks and other fasteners lining the bottom of those boxes. When we need something to connect or stick one thing to another, we root through this jumble and find something sharp, usually by virtue of a stick to the fingertip. Then we take up the trusty hammer (or wrench or whatever else can drive a nail) and hack it into the drywall or stucco, leaving a large chip. But that's okay... the picture we're hanging will hide it.

While it seems the most basic of knowledge for using tools, choosing the right fastener can actually be a tough decision. So let's review the essential hardwares:

Nails have been in use for millennia, and many hundreds of tons are sold each year. They are sized by the

"penny" system, written as a "d". For example, a two pennyweight nail is



labeled "2d". To calculate its length, divide the penny size by four and add one-half inch. Thus a 2d nail is one inch long.

For framing type of work, or projects where looks aren't so important, use the standard flat-head nails. But for cabinetry, paneling or-trim work, it's better to use a finishing nail, which has a head just slightly larger than the nail's diameter. Once in, these nails can even be sunk below the surface of the wood by hammering the head with another nail. The resulting indentation can then be puttied over for a clean, unblemished look.

To get a strong hold when using nails, figure on leaving approximately half of the nail's length joined inside the opposing surface. That means that when nailing a couple of 1x2s together, use an 8d nail.

A lot of home carpenters recommend

the use of screws for just about everything. They hold better in the long run and are easier to remove without damaging the material than nails. But they're more labor-intensive, expensive, and they show more than finishing nails. Plus, you're slightly more likely to split a board with a screw. But in some instances, like with hinges, they are irreplaceable.

Most of the time you'll be using wood screws, which have wide threads meant to grip into softer surfaces, but there are certain screws that are meant to be used on drywall and other surfaces. Make sure that if your project revolves around wood, you don't mistakenly buy a box of sheet-metal screws. These have sharper, more heavier threads to go through metal, and they can wreak havoc on wood and be very hard to remove.

Flathead screws can be sunk flush with the surface, or, like finishing nails, be sunk lower and patched over. Otherwise, roundhead screws are fine for small jobs

where you don't mind the head showing. Stainless steel ones are great for all types of heavy-duty work, but attractive brass and bronze and black ones are available to match trim or hardware.

For a professional, craftsman type look to your project, you may want to consider using wooden dowels. Usually fashioned from medium to hard woods like ash, maple and white birch, they can usually be found in diameters from 3/16 of an inch to more than two inches. For making chests and cabinetry, they not only look right but hold better than just about anything. They require some precisely driven holes, so you may want to practice a bit before drilling a one-inch hole into that expensive bird's-eye maple.

For joining boards together at right angles, pick up a box of corrugated wood fasteners. These sharp, wavy little plates of steel or aluminum are driven in horizontally across the boards, providing a tighter and more secure fit when used in conjunction with regular nails.

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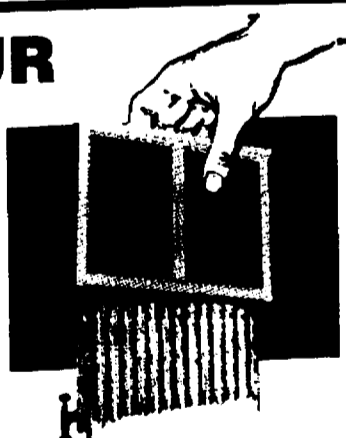
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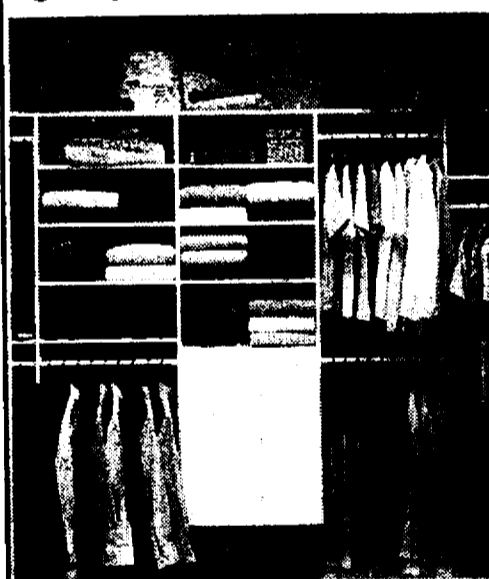
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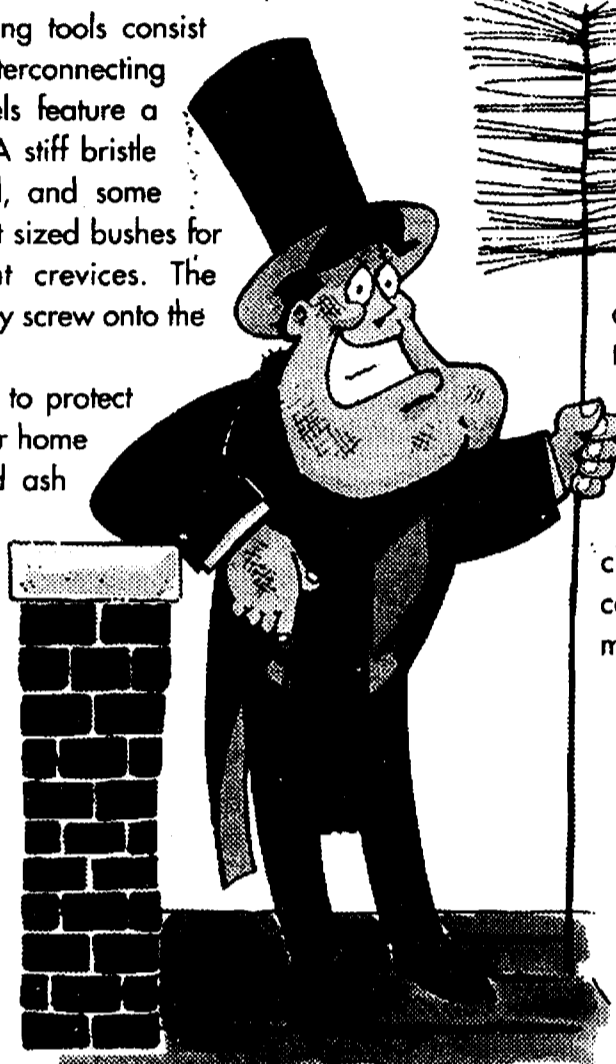
It may be fairly easy to clean those places that are out in the open, but it's another to clean those spaces that are out of view. No, we're not talking about under the fridge or behind the stove, but places where cleaning really matters for home safety and the resident's health: the often overlooked areas of the chimney and ductwork.

Unfortunately, there are thousands of chimney fires across the U.S. and Canada every year. Build-ups of ash, dirt and creosote in fireplaces and flues can combust and slowly burn, spreading to roofs and interior walls after the fire is out and the family is in bed. While it's a dirty job, it's a good idea to tackle it before the next heating season begins.

You could just pick up the phone and call a chimney cleaning service, but an investment now in some simple tools will save you a fair amount of money over the years. An average service call will cost around one hundred or more dollars, while the do-it-yourself tools can be found for less.

Chimney cleaning tools consist of a series of interconnecting rods; some models feature a telescoping rod. A stiff bristle brush is included, and some sets have different sized bushes for getting into tight crevices. The brushes will usually screw onto the main rod.

You'll first want to protect the interior of your home from the dirt and ash that's going to fall through your fireplace. Cover the floor with dropcloths to at least 10 feet away from the hearth. You may also want to consider masking the walls around the fireplace as well. Chimney dirt is greasy stuff and



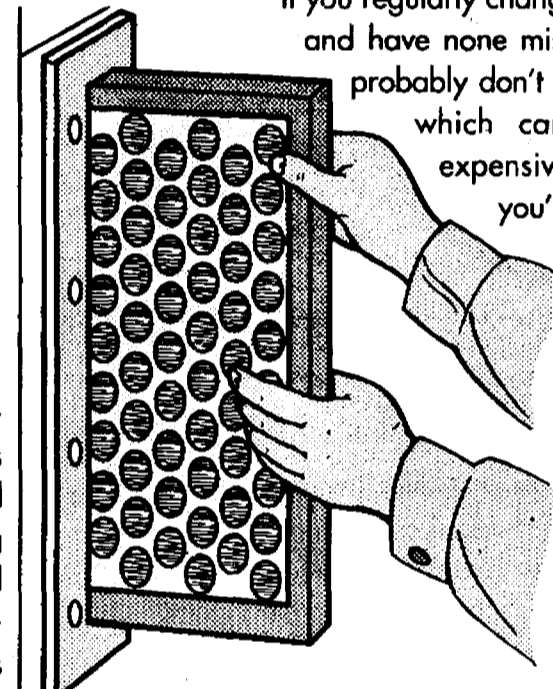
difficult to clean off painted walls. Once you've opened the flue damper, it's time to make your way carefully to the roof.

Remove the chimney cap carefully, and make sure it is in

thoroughly, then brush the sides of the fireplace. After that, you're ready for a careful cleanup with a vacuum, being careful not to track any grime away from the hearth.

Should you clean your interior ductwork? The EPA recommends that ducts that are connected to fuel-burning fireplaces, stoves and furnaces be cleaned yearly, before the start of the heating season. The main reason to do this is to protect those inside the home from carbon monoxide poisoning, though it is also a fire prevention method. Cooling coils, fans and heat exchanges should also be cleaned.

If you regularly change your air filters, and have none missing, your ducts probably don't require cleaning, which can be a rather expensive process. If you're doing a major remodeling project that will cause a lot of dust, you should seal off your registers to keep them from becoming contaminated. One reason to have the ducts



good shape. This valuable little piece keeps large cinders and sparks from exiting onto your roof, and keeps birds from nesting in the chimney as well. Push the brushes down the sides of the chimney in an up-and-down motion, and continue until only very fine dust is falling into the fireplace. Replace the cap, and carefully exit the roof.

Back inside, reach up with the brush to clean the lower chimney and damper

cleaned is the presence of molds and fungi growing within them. Their spores may cause daily allergic reactions, and exacerbate the symptoms of asthma. If this is a problem in your home, contact a professional, who may be able to kill the living contaminants with the introduction of a biocide.

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After washing the walls, dusting the bookshelves and even chasing the dust bunnies from under the beds, most of us are pretty satisfied with our spring cleaning rituals. Unfortunately, there is one area of our homes that is always dirty, and we can't even see it. In fact, the most unclean part of our indoor environments is the air within, but it's often the last thing we think to take care of.

For some facts, consider that the EPA has stated that the air in our homes can be 40 to 70 times more polluted than the air outside. The American Medical Association tells us that 50% of illnesses are either caused or aggravated by polluted air in closed environments. One cubic foot of air can contain 30 million dust and pollutant particles. Now consider that we spend an average of 80%

of our time indoors, and that we breathe an average of 500 cubic feet of air on a daily basis. A calculator isn't needed to figure out that we're breathing far too much bad air.

What is all that airborne garbage made of? When the EPA coined the term "Sick Building Syndrome", it listed a huge number of contaminants that are believed to cause headaches; eye, nose and throat irritation; nausea; fatigue; dry and itchy skin; and inability to concentrate. What they found as some of the main culprits were:

- Microbial contaminants, such as spores, molds, bacteria and viruses
- Indoor contaminants, such as smoke, personal care products (colognes, hair-spray, etc.), cleaning products, pets, trash and cooking fumes
- Contaminates from outdoors, like smog, pollen, dirt and living organisms
- Off-gassing from structural products, like plywood, particle board,

paints, solvents, pesticides, and treated carpets and fabrics

Now, throw in the dust mites that we're all aware are lurking in just about every area of our homes, and you get the picture. It's no wonder that asthma and allergy diagnoses are jumping.

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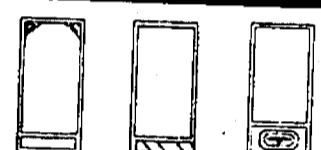
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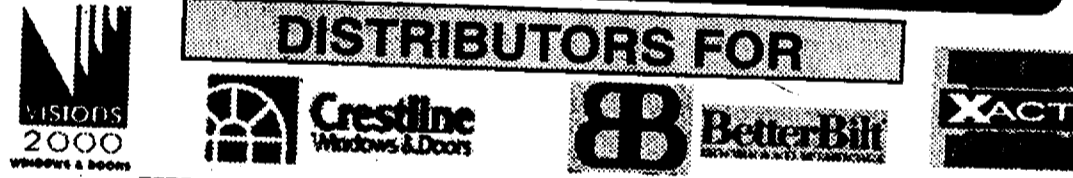
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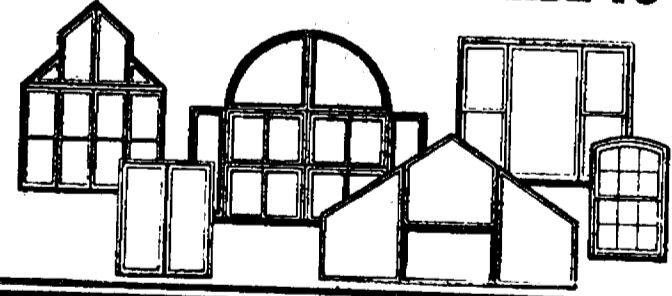
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