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A routine re-roofing job turned into a renovation project when contractors at Neff Park stripped three layers of shingles on the pavilion to discover rotten beams. Examining the job is Frank Schulte, center, City public works supervisor. With Schulte is Rick Dube, left, a plumbing contractor, and Bob Frank, DPW employee.

Photo by Brad Lindberg

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Pavilion caps Neff Park improvements in the City

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Owners of the Pointe's more seasoned houses know that routine maintenance projects have a way of blossoming into major renovations.

The same goes for municipal structures.

When City of Grosse Pointe officials approved re-roofing the Neff Park pavilion, built in the 1920s, they soon learned the job involved more than expected.

"One thing leads to another," said Mike Overton, city manager. "We tore the roof off and discovered a half-dozen rotten rafters."

Crews arrived at the pavilion last week to strip shingles.

"There were three layers," said

Frank Schulte, public works supervisor. "There was cedar shake and a couple layers of asphalt (shingles). We found rotten rafters."

"Then next thing, we're replacing those," Overton said.

New shingles will be the same style and color used on the bathhouse, pool office and an old garage converted to a storage shed.

"All the buildings are going to have the same roofs," Schulte said.

"After that the park should be all new," Overton said.

In recent years the park has undergone major improvements, including construction of the poolhouse and bathhouse. The parking lot is new.

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Smoke-free eatery to open in the Village

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A locally-owned restaurant is expected to open this summer in the Village storefront that became available when Moosejaw Mountaineering moved into a new location on Kercheval.

Chick Taylor, owner of City Kitchen, said the only thing that could postpone a July opening is delay in receiving permission to serve liquor.

"The determining factor is the liquor license," said Taylor, a City of Grosse Pointe resident.

He anticipates regulators at the state Liquor Control Commission taking 90 to 120 days to process his application to serve alcohol.

"I'm in the hands of the

A new, 100 percent non-smoking, American-fare restaurant is headed for the Village.

LCC," he said.

Applications involve background checks. City officials offered to help Taylor by writing a recommendation on his behalf.

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Grosse Pointe Woods Homeowners object to new parking lot

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Preliminary work toward selling a parcel of property to Grosse Pointe Woods for parking is meeting up with opposition from residents in the 1800/1900 block of Beaufait.

Their complaint: Not in our front yard.

A corps of residents has been displaying its opposition by placing signs stating "NO PARKING LOT" on their front lawns.

Beaufait resident Michael Zoltowski, one of the organizers of the sign campaign,

said, "We made them to make sure the city knows how serious we are about this."

The homeowners of a house in the 1800 block of Beaufait has approached the Woods about buying their 1 1/2-lot parcel of property, which is located adjacent to an alley behind a bar and a restaurant. The Woods is considering purchasing the property to build a parking lot.

As one of two conditions before a sale is made, the

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Sloane Barbour Jr.

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods

Age: 65

Family: Wife, Cheryl; son, Sloane III; step-daughter, Alison Haus, 3 grandchildren

Occupation: Owner of Pointe Electronics

Quote: "Because we do custom installation we get to know our customers better. It's all about good service and taking care of the customer."



Sloane Barbour Jr.

News

yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ Opponents of fluoridation outvote those favoring the additive to the Grosse Pointe Farms water supply.

Because the vote is merely advisory, the final decision on fluorine rests with members of the Farms city council.

■ Following a "Scrubaroo" luncheon at the War Memorial Center this week, heads of the five Grosse Pointe municipalities heartily endorse the community's participation in the National Cleanest City Contest for 1955.

Park Mayor Homer Fritsch states, "As the entrance to the Park is the first impression that strangers to the Pointes receive, I as Mayor, and my well-organized and civic-minded Council will do all in our power to assist in a year-round clean up campaign, with the objective of showing lasting improvements as the result of such an effort."

■ Dutch elm disease, the new and growing scourge of summer, is the topic this week during an open meeting at the Neighborhood Club.

Sponsored by the Grosse Pointe and Eastern Michigan Horticultural Society, the meeting features a film on controlling the dreaded disease that has taken such a heavy toll of the Pointe's stately American elm trees.

"Because municipalities can only take measures to protect trees growing on their property, the disease is of vital importance to all property owners," says Paul Marden of the Grosse Pointe Property Owners Association.

25 years ago this week

■ In the midst of double-digit inflation and 17 percent mortgages, it's no secret that municipalities are keeping a close watch on spending.

Members of the Grosse Pointe Park make that clear by turning down a recommendation by administrators to bond \$3.6 million in capital and street improvements.

Administrators hoped council members would put the question before voters on the May presidential primary ballot.

■ Perry Drugs opens on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms. The chain store replaces popular Salem Square market, which lost a bid to renew its lease.

■ Darrell Finken, former manager of the Little Club and who successfully transformed the Old Coach Stop Lounge on lower Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park into the popular Sparkey Herbert's restaurant, plans to introduce a mini mall in the district.

Finken recently approached owners of the Patmon Olds bump shop to develop the block-long building into a mall of 15 to 20 retailers called Park Place.

50 years ago this week



Trees come down

Trees along Kercheval from Moross to Vendome fell the woodsman's ax to make way for the new Vendome area sewer, which will run from Lakeshore through the Mrs. Henry B. Joy estate and connect to sewers at Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Kercheval and Ridge. The sewer is being installed to eliminate flooding during rain storms. Overflow during storms will empty into Lake St. Clair at the foot of Kerby between Grosse Pointe Farms municipal park and Crescent Sail Yacht Club. The authorities say there is no chance of pollution to the extent that it would affect swimming. (Photo by Fred Runnels. From the April 7, 1955 Grosse Pointe News.)

issue with the other. The children must come first."

■ When the Dominican sisters left three years ago, the three-story convent they occupied at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park became 21 empty modest-sized rooms for which the parish could not find a use.

The brick structure, built in 1928, is razed.

10 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe library representatives discuss merging the system onto the information superhighway.

"We'd like to see this happen within the next year," says Charles Hanson, library director.

■ Grosse Pointe Park council members opt not to place a county-wide SMART bus transportation millage proposal before voters in May.

"We are very concerned about placing another millage request before voters within three weeks of a local school millage proposal," says Mayor Palmer Heenan. "The SMART vote is May 23. The school is holding its millage election June 11. We don't want to confuse one

■ Bill Markus, out for a stroll at Windmill Pointe Park marina with his terrier, Scruffy, takes a break on a dock and watches a dredging crew hard at work.

■ Park officials scheduled the project due to low levels of Lake St. Clair.

"It's wonderful," says

Markus, a boat owner, of the plan. "The marina is a wonderful asset for the community."

■ Due to Title IX and creation of numerous girls sports programs, recreation facilities in the Pointe and Harper Woods are near, at and beyond capacity.

In response, leaders of the Neighborhood Club commission a planning consultant to devise a master plan regarding recreation facilities.

■ Eight Grosse Pointe South High School girl's hockey players make the All-State team.

Sarah Fox, Christina Bakalis and Corie D'Angelo are on the first team. Kelly Berg is selected for second team.

Named honorable mention are Nicki Brown, Heather Doughty, Molly Weaver and Elizabeth Moran.

Coach Bill Fox, whose team won a second straight championship, is Coach of the Year.

— Brad Lindberg

5 years ago this week

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WEEK AHEAD

Friday, April 8

St. Paul Catholic Church celebrates a special Mass in honor of Pope John Paul II at noon.

Saturday, April 9

The St. Clare of Montefalco PTO presents its 2005 auction, "We are the Light: A Spotlight on Catholic Education" in the church social hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., followed by a strolling dinner and silent auction beginning at 6 p.m. and a live auction at 9:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. For more information and tickets, call (313) 885-0901 or (313) 881-4991.

Monday, April 11

Gordon the Magician performs "The Mystery of the Lost Library Card" for children at the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Central Branch at 4 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at the Park city hall at 7 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets in the Wicking Library at Grosse Pointe South High School at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12

Caleb Putnam of the Michigan Audubon Society speaks on "Birds of Southeastern Michigan" at the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Ewald Branch at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13

Marlene Hamel of the Detroit Institute of Arts speaks on the Gerard ter Borch exhibition at the Detroit Institute of Arts at the Ewald Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library at 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 14

Lisa Wheeler, author of the children's book, "Porcupining," speaks at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial at 11 a.m.

The program is free, but tickets to enter are required. Tickets may be picked up at any of the Grosse Pointe Public Library branches.

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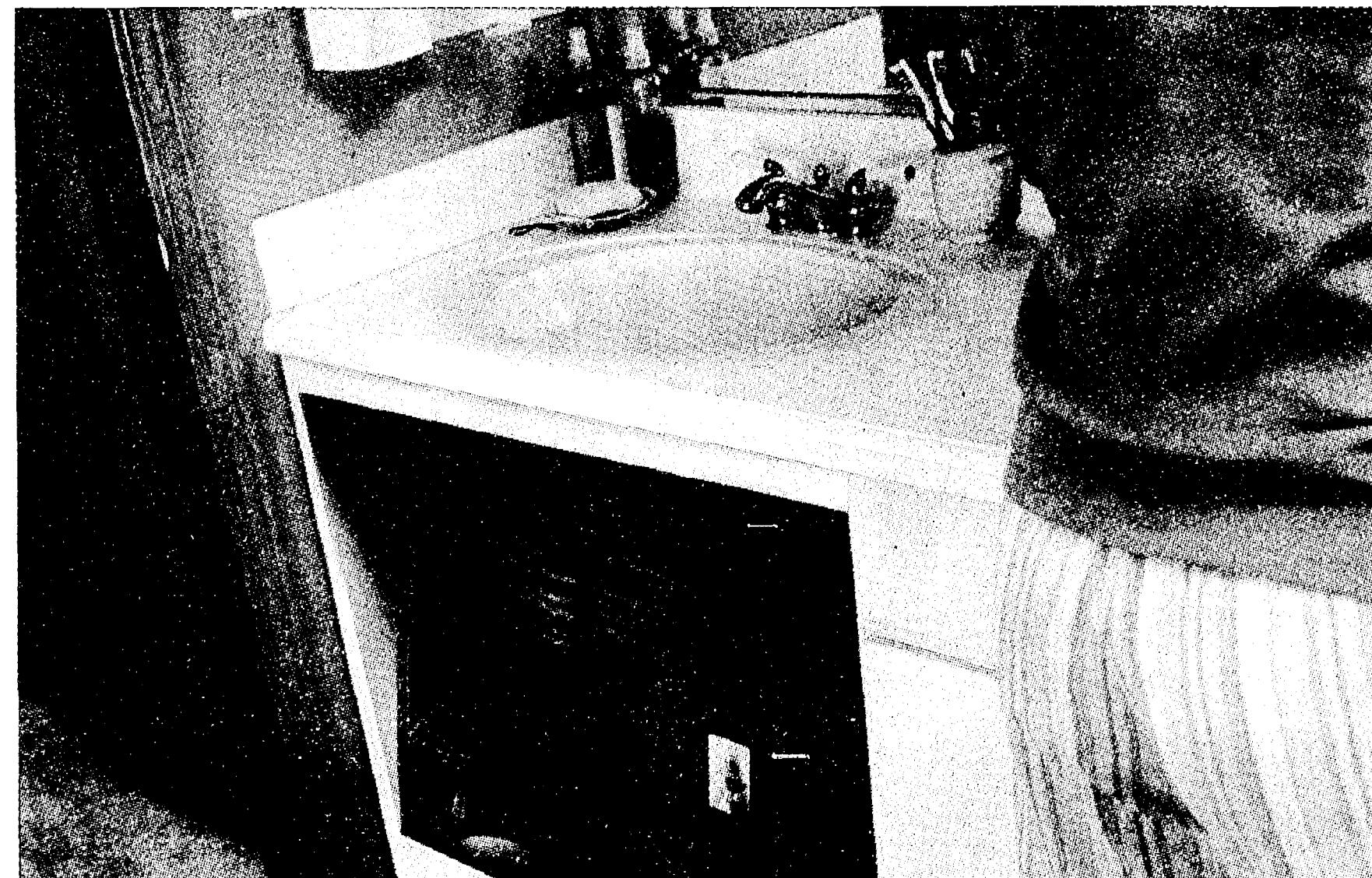
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Drive-through headed for Village CVS

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Customers of CVS in the Village can bypass parking meters when the store's drive-up pharmacy opens by fall.

Transactions at a window to be constructed behind the store on Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe will be limited to dropping off and picking up prescriptions.

Hours of operation match the store's normal business hours: weekdays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"They're trying to cater to the elderly," said Jim Bieri, a retail consultant retained by CVS. "They (customers) can pick up prescriptions at the window as opposed to parking and walking into the store."

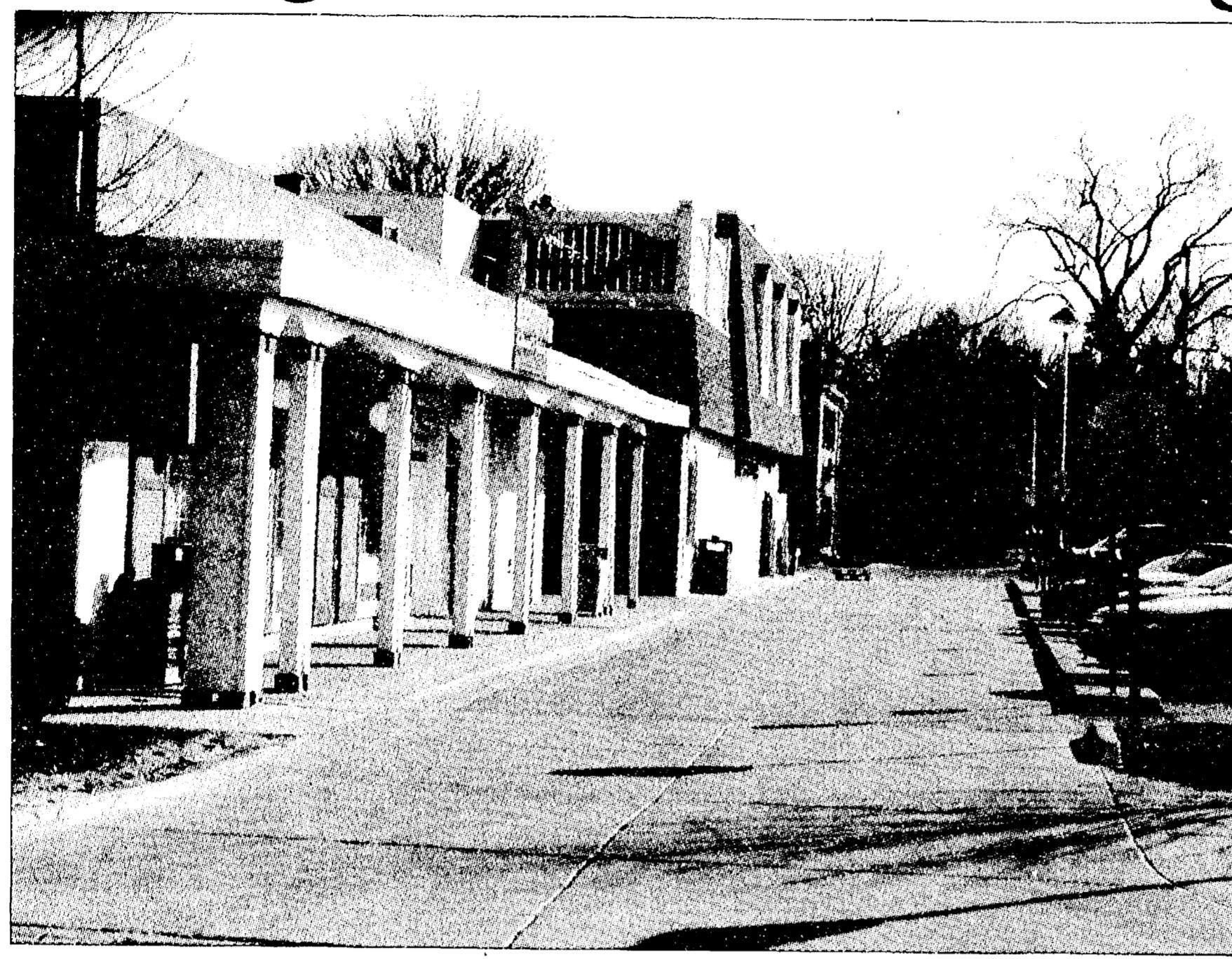
"It's also for our core customers," said Mike DeAngelis, spokesperson at CVS headquarters in Rhode Island. "Eighty percent of our customers are women. Most are mothers. A lot of them don't want to drag their children into the store to pick up or drop off prescriptions."

Mobile patrons will approach the drive-up window on an existing dead-end, two-way alley beginning at St. Clair next to Clairepoint Restaurant and ending behind Panera Bread.

Under the new arrangement, the alley will be made one-way (from St. Clair) and linked with the adjacent municipal parking lot south of Kercheval between St. Clair and Neff.

Motorists exiting the drive-up window will continue up the alley, through the parking lot onto St. Clair, creating an almost circular flow of traffic.

To accommodate the pat-



The alley behind CVS Pharmacy in the Village will be reconfigured to accommodate a drive-up window

Photo by Brad Lindberg

tern, CVS representatives pledged \$75,000 toward reconfiguring the parking lot.

Two existing one-way (in and out) driveways to and from the lot off St. Clair will be reduced to a single, wider, two-way opening.

In addition to drive-up pharmacy customers, delivery trucks also will follow the new route when making runs to CVS and neighboring stores. Trucks currently must back down the alley and, when unloaded, pull straight back out onto St.

Claire.

Dale Scrace, City mayor and an architect who dealt with traffic issues when reconfiguring the Renaissance Center in Detroit, said the changes "should help a lot with the flow of traffic in and out."

"(CVS) has provided a circulation plan that will reduce the use of St. Clair for turning movements by eliminating a curb cut," according to a written analysis by John Jackson of McKenna Assoc., the City's commercial planning consul-

tant.

For pedestrian safety, the pharmacy agreed to establish a crosswalk from the parking lot to the store's back door.

"We can put a stop sign at that intersection," Scrace said.

The alley doubles as a fire lane and is currently off limits to parking. CVS representatives offered to create a lane for drive-ups and a loading dock for trucks.

"(CVS) has worked with the City to reconfigure the parking lot to safely accom-

modate driver-through traffic, parking traffic, waste-removal traffic, delivery traffic, emergency vehicle traffic and any additional traffic that may occur," Jackson said.

Normally, drive-throughs aren't allowed in the Village. Ordinance forbids the service except for banks due to their typically low volume.

Members of the city council this week granted CVS an exception. They said doing so won't impair public health, safety or comfort.

"A pharmacy with a drive-through is equal or less intensive than that of a bank (and) therefore consistent with the zoning ordinance," Jackson said.

Anthony Ricciuti, project manager for CVS, employed by Giffels Inc., architects of Southfield, said there will "never (be) any more than three cars" lined up for drive-up service. "It's in and out."

"Other council concerns regarded possible nuisance caused by lighting and intercom service, vehicle engine noise, exhaust fumes and road dust.

"(CVS) has not provided information with respect to lighting and intercom," Jackson said, but added,

"We want our downtown to maintain individual storefronts," said Mike Overton, city manager. "It gives a much more warm, cozy environment as opposed to a huge, box-type store. We didn't want to see those large stores take up that size. So, where there's a CVS, we've asked that they divide their facade so it looks like a small store in keeping with the Village."

Parking

From page 1A

"We did a poll of our own to find out how the neighbors felt," Zoltowski said. "We got a good response. We got about 50 percent of the people saying they were opposed to having a parking lot. We also have a list of names of 25 people who want their names taken off the petition (to lift the deed restriction).

Zoltowski declined to share the letter, survey and list of names with the Grosse Pointe News.

Speaking on behalf of himself and the other anti-parking lot contingency, Zoltowski said their main objection was the size and placement of a parking lot on the first block of Beaufait off Mack.

"We don't want a parking lot here," Zoltowski said. "We'd be fine if they put parking on Mack. This is a small block. They'd be taking out a good chunk of this block. The parcel they want to purchase is 110 feet; it's about 1/3 of the block. That leaves 210 feet (of residential frontage) for the rest of the block."

Of course, Jim Champion, owner of Champs Rotisserie and Spirits, is in favor of the



White and red lawn signs that read "NO PARKING LOT" are popping up in a subdivision on Beaufait and Lennon in Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods. The residents are protesting a possible land sale (white house, right) that will likely lead to a municipal parking lot on Beaufait adjacent to the Mack alley.

city building a parking lot behind his restaurant. He's even gone as far as to host question and answer nights at his restaurant and to collect signatures to lift the deed restriction.

"I'm just an interested bystander, and naturally I want this, too," Champion said. "This has been a problem for years and years, and nothing's been done until now. There's all this opposition, and it's pretty disappointing. I think if the residents knew what was going on in there and what the landscaping would look like, I think there might be a meeting of the minds."

Not all subdivision residents are against lifting the deed restriction that would prohibit the Woods from building a parking lot at the end of Beaufait. Jeanne Sickles, who lives four blocks away from the disputed property, said she signed off on the deed restriction to allow a parking lot to be built.

"I can understand how those folks don't want to disturb the status quo of the neighborhood," Sickles said. "But that corner is very

congested; there are lots of near-misses at that corner."

At press time Ron Barrows, an attorney charged with lifting the deed restrictions on behalf of the hopeful sellers, said: "I have a call into the teams to see how we're doing. We have a time limit in which we're trying to get this done."

City officials have said little about plans to purchase the property at the risk of divulging information which has been discussed in four closed executive sessions.

Kitchen

From page 1A

"I'm a squeaky-clean person," Taylor said. "I've never had any violations of any sort."

City Kitchen will serve American fare to about 80 seated patrons, with room for 12 more at a bar in addition to a private, basement banquet room holding nearly 50 people.

Taylor described City Kitchen as "upscale yet casual (and) kid-friendly" serving "a lot of fish, seafood and steaks. The restaurant will have a wood-burning pizza oven. It's going to be a 100 percent non-smoking restaurant."

Taylor said, "I've lived in

Grosse Pointe my whole life."

He said he began his restaurant career 25 years ago as a host at Joe Muer's, the former seafood restaurant in downtown Detroit.

At age 20 he was night manager. Three years later he was general manager.

"At that time it was a powerhouse restaurant," Taylor said.

Taylor had been working at Joe Muer's 19 years when it went out of business in 1998. He partnered with Muer to open a grill in Southfield, which closed in February, 2004.

"I wanted to move closer to home," Taylor said.

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The Grosse Pointes

Call for dog walkers to do their 'doo'dy'

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Living on a corner lot, Grosse Pointe Woods resident Dr. William Irving knows there are a number of people who don't pick up after their dogs. As a recent new owner of a Shi-tzu named Bixby, he has noticed the dog remnants their masters leave behind even more.

"The biggest concern is how much of it is found in school yards and areas where children play," Irving said.

said.

Since the winter snow melt, some public works and code enforcement departments have been made more aware of dog droppings uncovered by the winter snow melt.

"We've gotten a few calls, especially about the walkway on Fairford," said Joseph Ahee, the Woods' director of public works.

Each of the Grosse Pointes has ordinances on the books referring to the responsibilities

of owners to pick up after their dogs.

Dog droppings are also hazards in ways other than

being visual and olfactory nuisances.

"It's part of the Lake St.

Clair Watershed

Management Plan to keep the public informed of picking up after their dogs," said Chris Reimel, the Park's

director of public service. "You can get eColi into the water if dog droppings aren't picked up. It gets into our runoff, which goes into our drain, which dumps into the lake."

The Shores and the Park impose civil fines of \$25 for violations.

Fines are imposed rarely, if ever.

"I've never given a ticket to anyone for leaving dog droppings behind in the 20 years I've been here," Demulenae said. "Most people are pretty considerate. Most everyone we see walking is carrying a bag."

"There are a few who let their dogs run around and don't pick up after them, and we go after them," Reimel said.

As for dog walkers such as Ken Maclean of the City of Grosse Pointe, who always carries a scooper when walking his Labrador Retriever, Abby, he says: "I always carry this (scooper). I don't like when dogs do it on my lawn."

Photo by Bonnie Caprara

The after effects of the recent snow melt has revealed copious amounts of dog waste in some neighborhoods. However, many dog walkers such as Ken Maclean, with Abby, of the City of Grosse Pointe carry tools to clean up after their dogs. "I always carry this," Maclean said. "I don't like when dogs do it on my lawn."



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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

During Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Michigan State Police Prevention Services Section is seeking to educate victims regarding the importance of reporting sexual assault.

"Victims of sexual assault are often afraid to come forward because they may feel embarrassed, ashamed or worried about what people may think about them, their family or friends," said Sgt.

Michele Hernandez of the Michigan State Police Prevention Services Section. "Despite this, it is important to report a crime of sexual assault because it can help the victim begin the healing process and give detectives a better chance of catching the offender."

Physical evidence collected from the victim at the scene of the crime plays a

large role in the prosecution of sexual assault cases. The longer a victim waits to report the crime, the less likely detectives will be able to collect necessary evidence.

Additionally, as time passes, it becomes more difficult for the victim to recall important details of the crime.

In 2003, the most recent year for which crime figures are available, there were 10,410 sexual assaults or attempted sexual assaults reported in Michigan.

See ASSAULT, page 19A

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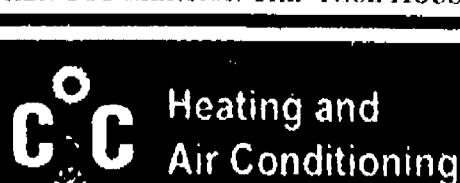
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GP teens invited on laser quest

Middle school students from Grosse Pointe are invited to attend the municipally-sponsored Teen Activities Group gathering at Laser Quest on Saturday, April 23, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Laser Quest is located at 33800 Gratiot in Clinton Township.

The gathering is sponsored by recreation departments from Grosse Pointe City, Farms, Park and Woods.

A \$22 ticket per-person includes four games, pizza, snack and pop.

Registration and payment are due by 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 20. Register at Farms Pier Park between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are limited.

Attendees will meet at Pier Park at 6 p.m. Organizers anticipate returning to the park at approximately 10 p.m.

People interested in being a parent driver or chaperone are asked to call Michele Eickhorst of the Farms recreation department at (313) 343-2405. Call the same telephone number for questions about the teen event.

AAA passes along gas-saving tips

Motorists planning a summer driving trip may take advantage of a free AAA service — the AAA Fuel Cost Calculator — available on the Web site fuelcostcalculator.com. The Web site features current regional fuel prices and estimates the amount and cost of gasoline needed to complete a vacation trip.

As the summer travel season quickly approaches, higher gas prices may also spur motorists to conserve fuel. For energy-conscious consumers, AAA Michigan offers these "gas-saving" tips:

- Slow down. Even a five-mph decrease in speed can affect your gas mileage. Watch your tachometer to gauge engine performance.

- Keep tires properly inflated. Underinflated tires can cut fuel economy by a half percent per pound of pressure below recommended levels.

- Give your car a full tune-up, as recommended by the manufacturer, including

a regular oil and oil filter change. A poorly tuned engine can increase fuel consumption by up to 50 percent or more.

- Do not purchase mid-grade or premium gasoline unless it is considered necessary by the vehicle's manufacturer. Using self-serve regular fuel compared to premium can save an average of 17 cents per gallon.

- Don't let the vehicle idle for more than a minute. Idling consumes half a gallon to one gallon of gas per hour and wastes more fuel than restarting the engine.

- Accelerate gently, brake gradually and avoid hard stops.

- Combine errands into one trip or go to the one location to take care of as many errands as possible.

- When traveling, avoid excess weight and reduce use of car-top carriers and trailers. Additional weight and vehicle add-ons have a negative effect on aerodynamics, causing engines to work harder and burn more

gas.

- Car pool when possible.

- Travel during off-peak times, avoiding rush hour.

- Check the engine oil level when buying gas to be sure the engine is lubricated properly.

- Large trucks — which pull heavy loads and are less aerodynamic than cars — see even greater gains in fuel efficiency with decreased speed. For every 1 mph increase above 55 mph, fuel efficiency generally decreases 2.2 percent.

Gas price 'highs' in Michigan

(Persian Gulf War)

• Feb. 21, 2000 — \$1.502

• Feb. 28, 2000 — \$1.564

• March 6, 2000 — \$1.616

• May 30, 2000 — \$1.675

• June 5, 2000 — \$1.740

• June 12, 2000 — \$2.011

• June 19, 2000 — \$2.078

(new record)

Anything above \$2.078 would be an all-time record in Michigan for self-serve unleaded.

According to the AAA Fuel Cost Calculator, expect the following travel cost:

1. Detroit to Traverse City fuel costs (round trip 500 miles):

Last year — \$36.05

At \$2 a gallon — \$50

2. Detroit to Orlando fuel costs (round trip 2,360 miles):

Last year — \$170.15

At \$2 a gallon — \$236.00

3. Detroit to Chicago fuel costs (round trip 564 miles):

Last year — \$40.66

At \$2 a gallon — \$56.40

4. Detroit to Sandusky, Ohio (round trip 226 miles):

Last year — \$16.29

At \$2 a gallon — \$22.60.

GPW makes its mark on the world

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Anyone who knows the codes for international bumper stickers likely knows the origins of A, B, CDN, DK, EST and FIN.*

Now there's GPW.

Grosse Pointe Woods has joined the rest of the world of showing off its pride and identity with its own international style window cling sticker.



Photo by Bonnie Caprara
Grosse Pointe Woods is now leaving its mark on the world — and on cars — with its new international style window cling sticker.

the community center during park pass registration.

*Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Estonia and Finland.

Grosse Pointe Woods

More fonts, colors make sign permitting easier

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Putting up a sign in Grosse Pointe Woods has become easier as the city has pushed its sign ordinance out of the Colonial era and into the 21st century.

As part of the sign ordinance revisions, which were approved by the city council in February, the planning commission recently adopted a greatly expanded selection of approved fonts and colors for signs.

"Instead of one page of 12 approved fonts, we now have 72 approved fonts," said Gene Tutag, building official. "What we did was stick

with conservative type fonts that blend in with our conservative community."

References to "Colonial" fonts, which had been on the books for over 30 years, were stricken from the revised ordinance.

"We also went from two pages of approved colors to Pantone colors, which are industry standard colors that are used for signs, paints and pharmaceuticals," Tutag said.

The commission selected "muted" tones from the Pantone palette, as called for in the revised ordinance. Bright and neon colors will not be allowed.

In recent years, variance

requests for signs were the norm and not the exception in Grosse Pointe Woods. It was a process which Tutag said typically took months and not days.

"It would take up to two months just to get on the planning commission agenda," Tutag said.

Also, time was money. Tutag said some sign contractors charged extra for jobs they did in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Some sign contractors have told me it cost more money to put up a sign in Grosse Pointe Woods because of the time involved," Tutag said.

Sign permitting is also to

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PET POINTER OF INTEREST

Charlie Simmons

Name: Charlie Simmons.
Parents: Tim and Jen Simmons of Grosse Pointe Park.

Age: About 3 years old.

Nickname: CBJ.

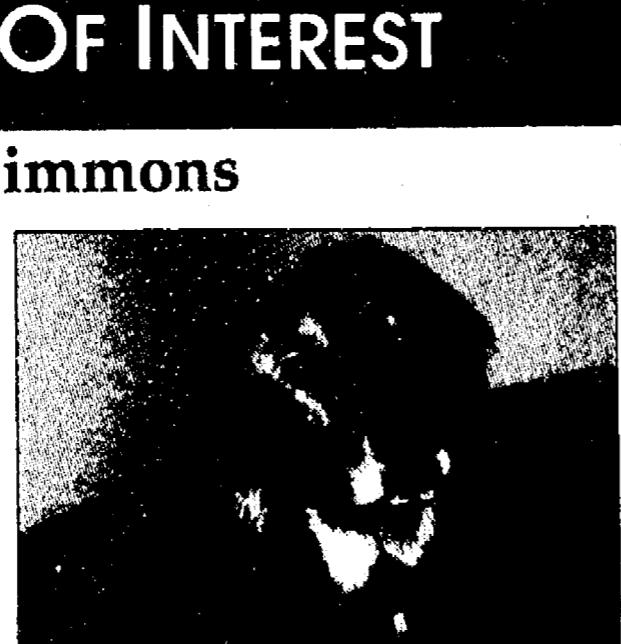
Background: In June 2003, Charlie's mom and dad decided they wanted to adopt a dog. They searched on the Internet for a golden retriever and discovered him fostered by an animal rescue in Maumee, Ohio. They quickly drove to Ohio to meet him and fell in love at first sight. He came home house-trained, obedient, and eager to learn.

Likes: Charlie loves to play with his many dog toys. His favorite possession is his blanket that he carries around in his mouth and sleeps with. He loves going for walks or runs, but mainly just wants to be around people. He weighs 90 pounds but he doesn't realize it as he leans into people's legs or lies on their feet. He always just wants to cuddle and be near (right next to) the people he loves.

He loves going for rides in the car and playing in his backyard. He enjoys running along the fence with Lexy, his best canine friend who lives behind him. He also enjoys lying in his doggie pool beneath the hot summer sun.

People always say that Charlie is a beautiful big red Golden. He is very sweet, and his mom and dad love him very much. His three feline sisters are slowly starting to accept him, but they still seem to prefer when he is away, playing with friends at doggy camp.

If you would like to submit your "Pet Pointer of Interest," deliver or mail a typed outline and photograph to the Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to postmaster@grossepoincenews.com (photos must be high resolution).



Charlie Simmons

FAST FACTS:

Pope lived as example to all of us

The late Pope John Paul II is being revered throughout the world, especially so in Grosse Pointe.

With no less than four churches and three schools, Roman Catholics are well represented in the Pointes, not to mention neighboring Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores. We are truly a "Catholic community" as many churches call themselves today.

But reverence of the popular pope, who died Saturday, April 2, is not limited to Roman Catholics. We received the following statement from Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, home of many Grosse Pointe worshipers:

"His Eminence Metropolitan



Nicholas of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit joined the world in offering prayers during this difficult time of departure of Pope John Paul II. He recognized the pope's historic efforts for Christian unity and cooperation between all religions.

"He respected the openness of His Holiness which created increased dialogue between the Greek Orthodox and Catholic churches which have been separated for over 900 years. It is the same sense of brotherly affection between our churches that we now offer to His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida and the entire Archdiocese of Detroit," said

Metropolitan Nicholas.

"In a most relevant event last November, Archbishop Demetrios, of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, had the opportunity to visit and be with the pope in a special occasion at the Vatican. This was a ceremony during which the pope, responding to the request of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, returned the holy relics of St. John Chrysostom and St. Gregory the Theologian, two of the most prominent fathers of the undivided church. The holy relics now rest at the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople."

The return of the relics reminds us of another great milestone of John Paul II, and that was the May 4, 2001, visit to Greece. It was the first visit by a pope since the Schism. During the visit, Pope John Paul II issued a sweeping apology for "sins of action and omission" by Roman Catholics against Orthodox Christians.

Pope John Paul II was not afraid to humble himself for the past abuses of Roman Catholics. In March 2000 during his first visit to the Holy Land, the pope expressed sorrow for the suffering of Jews at the hands of Christians. Fourteen years earlier, in another example of conciliation to Jews, the pope made a historic visit to Rome's main synagogue.

Early in his papacy, on May 13, 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot. The pope not only recovered, but it is reported that he also personally visited and forgave his assailant.

The late pope's actions speak more than any number of words we can devote to him.

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Letters

Jake's plan too great a burden for taxpayers

To the Editor:

The following letter is in regards to the Jacobson's building redevelopment:

To Mayor Scrace and City of Grosse Pointe Council Members:

I have just returned from vacation and read with great interest the Grosse Pointe News report, "Due diligence next on agenda for Jake's site" (March 24) of the March meeting at the War Memorial to consider the Grosse Pointe St. Clair Association's proposal to acquire and renovate the Jacobson's property.

I cannot believe that you would support a plan to have the City tear down the existing parking deck, at its expense, then give the property to the Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates, along with air rights, have Associates build a new deck and then agree to buy back the new deck for \$9.6 million. You simply cannot put this burden on the taxpayers of the City.

As I have said in previous correspondence to you, it is not the City's job to bail out a developer who has made a bad deal or cannot afford to finance a project. Do not panic! In effect, the Associates wants to put nothing down and have the City put up property that can be used as collateral at a lending institution, build a new deck and have the City buy the new deck from the Associates. The Associates can then sell the air rights

at a handsome profit to any developer who steps in to build the proposed condos.

As I have suggested before, the City should buy the Jacobson's property. It has plenty of collateral and can use tax-free bonds. I feel confident that CVS would want to create goodwill in the community in which it is located. The City can then deal directly with a developer to redevelop the property. Do not let the numbers scare you. There are developers who would jump at this opportunity.

I feel that by placing City Manager Mike Overton and City Attorney Charles Kennedy on your study committee you have put them in an untenable situation. Both are honorable men but are employed by or retained by the City and beholden to the mayor and council for their jobs. I am afraid that this may color their report on this matter since they already know that the mayor has said, "This development team has brought a project I can support." I would recommend that two council persons work with planner John Jackson and that they be empowered to employ a financial consulting firm to review the facts and figures submitted by Associates.

Finally, who are all of the members or shareholders of the Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates? This information has not been made available to the residents that I am aware of. There

needs to be complete disclosure with whom the City is dealing.

Again, I say, do not panic. Except for the Jacobson's property, it is my understanding that the Village is, or will soon be, 100 percent rented. This shows confidence in the area by new merchants.

Do not give up control of the parking deck or create additional taxes for our residents.

John L. King
Former Mayor
of the City of Grosse Pointe

Circulated letter

To the Editor:

Recently I received an unsigned and undated letter, which is apparently being circulated in the Grosse Pointes by the title "Open Letter to Concerned Neighbors."

This diatribe written by Gary M. Wilson, recently hired by Mr. Cullen F. Meathe, who is referred to as "the developer of Kercheval Place in The Village," attacks Robert Edgar, publisher of the Grosse Pointe News and a community leader in the mold of his father, who was the founder of the respected "Voice of Grosse Pointe," and City Councilman John Stevens, a successful architect and businessman who has contributed in many ways to the quality of life of Grosse Pointe residents.

WE GOT THIS STRANGE FEELING IN MY GUT, DOC. IT'S VAGUELY FAMILIAR, BUT I HAVEN'T FELT IT FOR A GOOD 10 OR 15 YEARS.

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GROSSE POINTE NEWS/2005

Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at phands@grossepoincenews.com or go to www.philtoons.com

I moved to Grosse Pointe Shores in 1942 and have benefited, as have my wife and children, from living in a fine community where values are taught, courtesy extended and respect given.

Never in my community service experience, which includes service as a trustee for the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, chairman of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, president of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and the Men's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe, as well as currently serving on the board of directors of Services for Older Citizens, have I ever read anything as scurrilous as Mr. Wilson's letter.

After reading Mr. Wilson's missive, pejorative adjectives seem to be the rule of the day.

Why the hue and cry over

competitive considerations? Where is the due diligence in this process?

Who retains the air rights?

Who will own this development?

Is competitive alternative thought and bidding a thing of the past?

Is this a "turn and earn" or "in and out" for Mr. Meathe?

Is this a business deal that leaves the citizens of the City in debt?

The Village needs help.

We need more fine merchants to complement those in place and to increase offerings to residents.

I cannot vote on this issue, but I pray that those who do will back their decision on more substantive data than Mr. Wilson's letter, which tells us more about Mr. Wilson than the matter at hand.

A panegyric it is not. Every Grosse Pointer has a stake in this issue and deserves more than what Mr. Wilson and his client offer, starting with civility and grace.

Daniel R. Beck

Grosse Pointe Shores
Editor's note: If you would like a copy of Mr. Wilson's "Open Letter to Concerned Neighbors," call editor John Minnis at (313) 343-5590.

Jake's plan preposterous

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe News editorial, "City's cost too steep in Jake's plan" (March 24), regarding the Kercheval Place proposal was outstanding and covered aspects of the proposal that City residents were not aware of.

The following letter was written to the mayor and council members of the City of Grosse Pointe regarding my opposition to assuming a \$9.6 million debt for this proposal which will ultimately be paid by the City

taxpayers. I am also strongly opposed to the City deeding City land to anyone, including a private developer.

Thank you for your very informative editorial.

To Mayor Scrace and City of Grosse Pointe Council Members:

As a lifelong resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, I was in a state of shock after reading about Cullen Meathe's proposal to develop Kercheval Place. Expecting the City of Grosse Pointe taxpayers to pay \$9.6 million toward the project is outrageous for a city that is only one square mile in size, the second smallest of the five Pointes. I predict that "For Sale" signs on homes will triple if this proposal passes.

I strongly disagree with the City giving Mr. Meathe the air rights from the land on which the present parking structure sits. In my opinion, even if the project made sense, which it doesn't, the City should not deed the land.

Unless the City retains the land deed to the parking structure and Mr. Meathe assumes the cost of razing and replacing the site's parking deck, I recommend the proposal be denied.

I commend and support Councilmen John Stevens and Stephen Sholty for their comments and efforts in analyzing the Kercheval Place proposal. At a meeting of the city council at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Sholty presented their unbiased opinions and concerns regarding the proposal.

Everyone is anxious to see the Village developed but not at the expense of the City. The sooner Mr. Meathe's purchase agreement runs out, the sooner other potential developers can come forward.

See LETTERS, page 10A

After exiting from the park, Erma headed for her 3 story apartment house at 270 89th Street. Alas, the life-long Eastsider, had unwittingly emerged on the West Side of Manhattan.

Needless to say she was surprised when she reached the address on the West Side, instead of the East Side.

I NEVER KNEW A BUILDING COULD GROW SO QUICKLY.

270 W. 89th

At a loss, the girls wandered aimlessly about the West Side of Manhattan.

At one point they were chased away from a bad neighborhood by a barrage of sticks and stones.

Suddenly, Erma felt the forceful grip of a strong hand on her tiny six-year-old arm.

AAH!!

Erma and her friend hid from policemen, knowing only that they lock you up if you are naughty.

I DISOBEYED MAMA. THAT'S THE WORST THING YOU CAN DO.

The girls made their way back to the park hoping that when they came out again the world would be as it should.

Unfortunately, as the day wore on and the sky became darker, the park became less inviting.

Suddenly, Erma felt the forceful grip of a strong hand on her tiny six-year-old arm.

AAH!!

Grosse Pointe News editorial cartoonist Phil Hands recently lost his 103-year-old great-grandmother, Erma Kendrick. He called her "Gretma," and he said she lived a full, rich life. She continued telling stories to her family about her childhood and youth until she died. Over the next weeks, Hands will re-tell one of his favorite stories about her childhood in cartoon form. Above is his second installment.

Fragrances

When did it all start? And why do we need so many? I'm speaking of fragrances.

Scents abound when walking through stores, whether they be a grocery, department, discount or specialty. There are racks and displays of products to trick us into thinking we are somewhere else than a smelly room: formulas to make our lives more livable. There are perfumed cleaning products, body washes, shampoos, deodorants, air fresheners and pet products. They come in scents of the outdoors, baked goods, flowers, fruits, and geographic formations (mountains, seas or islands). Fragrances come in combinations to pep you up, soothe and relax you, cover and clean stinky scents and kill germs. Aromas are packaged in forms of candles, toilet paper

rolls, CDs, plug-ins, soap, liquids and solids, bark, leaves, nuts, seeds, potpourri and sachets. The list is limitless.

From where did our need to infuse our lives with aromas, balms and bouquets emanate?

Did it begin with cedar in closets and dressers to replace the memorable moth ball smell? From where did the need to replicate the refreshment of a rain shower or pine needles come? Was it after the need for stick incense? Or maybe it can be traced back to "Calgon take me away" or lemon Pledge, which was followed by a rush to make everything remind us of oranges. From there it just snowballed. Has that scent been duplicated — fresh snow? Not just snow, but high Mount McKinley, untouched-by-upper-atmosphere-stench snow. Yankee Candle better get on that one.

The need to make every-



Ann L. Fouty

thing around us fragrance enhanced spurred a lunchroom conversation with my friend, Fran.

"I washed dishes last night with Joy," I told her. This was not a momentous announcement of life-changing events.

I went on.

"It was an aroma therapy of lavender and ylang ylang combination. The bottle said it's anti-stress and enriched with essences of lavender and ylang ylang, for a soothing and relaxing scent. Its thick, rich suds cuts through grease and leaves your dishes sparkling clean. A whole

new sensation in dish washing."

She replied, "The anti-stress reliever would be if you didn't have to wash dishes."

We laughed.

She ate a piece of broiled chicken, and I ate yet another mouthful of salad, filling the lunchroom with a chicken salad fragrance. Yet another non-candle-captured bouquet.

But it got us to thinking about all the products and all the advertising that proclaim this product, augmented with citrus burst and enhanced with tough

antibacterial substance, it will improve the look of your hands, shine your floors or make your hair behave better. Any one or all of these would thus make you the envy of all your friends.

What is a shopper to do?

Armed with coupons, seeking out specials, there is no way to avoid the scent-enhancing products lining shelf after shelf after shelf to procure that illusion of being some place other than in the place you are standing (the bathroom, living room, basement, your child's bedroom or the kitchen).

Of course, I've fallen into the trap. I bought scented dish soap, didn't I? I burn candles to make the house smell as if it hasn't been closed up all winter. I sprinkle a floral burst of powder on the carpet and pretend I haven't just vacuumed up \$3 worth of perfume and 2 cents worth of scented baking powder. I spritz good-smelling stuff on the uphol-

stery to cover up the odor of charred lamb chops.

I spray Lysol in the bathroom. The detergent and fabric softener I dump in my Maytag are supposed to make my clothes smell as if dried outside on the line.

Yet, as I pass the entertainment center, I inhale the sweet fragrance of hyacinth. That's a delicate spring smell. Oh, wait that's from a real flower.

The aroma lingers as I fill the tub with hot water laced with lavender and rose petals, wash my hair with coconut shampoo and lather with apricot-fresh soap. The towel used for drying is lined-dried fresh. Next comes an aloe and jasmine hand cream followed by slipping into garments that have been lying next to the sachet of juniper and wild berries.

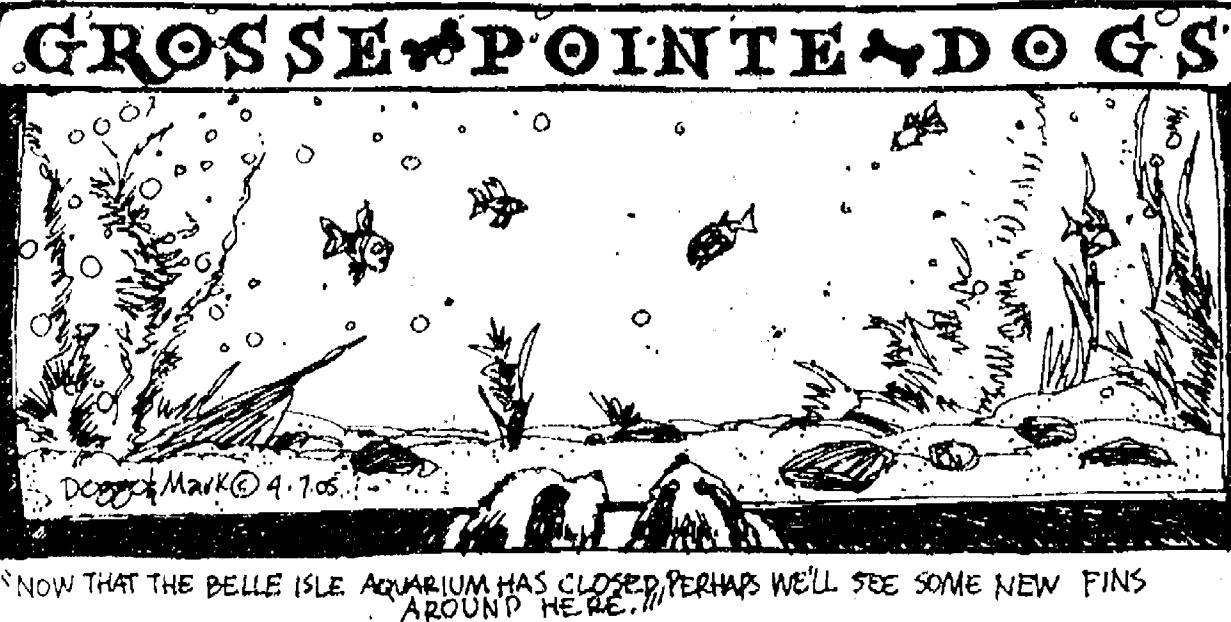
My world has turned into a walking garden, minus the distinct balm of fertilizer.

With contributions from
Fran Velardo

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The Op-Ed Page



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

Streetwise

Question of the Week:

"What do you miss most that our shopping areas lost in the last decade?"



"Shops like the Merry Mouse."
Frank Zagelmeyer
— Troy (former Grosse Pointe Shores resident)

"I miss really good gift shops and home accessories stores."
James Lambert
— Troy

"I miss the diversity in clothing stores, and, there's no more general merchandise."
Frank Boyle
— City of Grosse Pointe

"I miss stores like the Gap."
Jerry Schwarz
— Clinton Township

"I miss stores like Bon Loot and other boutique stores that can't make it because of the high rent."
Nicole Bammel
— St. Clair Shores

"I miss being able to buy basic things like socks and underwear."
Kathy Frakes
— Grosse Pointe Park



James Lambert



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by Ben Burns

Team Venus

There's something about women turning 40 that causes them to stop and reflect on where they've been and where they're going.

Last year, a group of Farms women celebrated Kelley Vreeken's 40th birthday with a lunch that extended into dinner with discussion of the good times past and the good times ahead.

But rather than go to a spa or take an exotic vacation to celebrate, the four decided to call themselves "Team Venus" and run the Free Press Half Marathon. Only one was really a runner, but they did it.

The last of the group that includes Tish Roeske, Michelle Brecht, Vreeken and Kelly Smith to turn 40 was Deb Barry, who passed that milestone without mishap on March 23 and promptly left town for a Florida vacation during spring break.

It has been a typical 21st century year for Deb, a mother of four. A daughter recently had surgery; she has to run the kids to different sports, and her husband changed jobs.

She left her friends with only one instruction — take care of the family bird. Since that gave the group access, Brecht came up with



Deb Barry smiles in her new bedroom after an all night drive from Florida and a car breakdown in Taylor.

an idea: Why not do a local version of the "While You Were Out" television show that refurbishes a home?

So the group went to work with the help of a couple more Farms friends — Patti Hardy and Deb Bellovich — and redecorated the Barry master bedroom and bath.

Team Venus stripped wallpaper, patched walls and painted. They sewed a new bedspread and built a new headboard. They organized closets and installed window shades and added furniture and lamps contributed by Hardy and Bellovich.

To finish it off, Team

Venus and friends cleaned the entire Barry house "providing all the touches a 40-year-old woman deserves."

On Sunday, the neighbors stood by to wait for Deb's reaction to the new digs and a scrapbook that documents the project. Brecht got a phone call Sunday morning. The Barrys had driven straight through from Florida, and the car broke down in Taylor. She went and rescued Deb and the four children and hauled her home to meet the team and see her newly cleaned house.

Barry's reaction: She said

See FYI, page 10A



Frank Boyle



Nicole Bammel

If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or email to editor@grossepoinnews.com

Points about the Pointes

It's school budget cut time again....
do you care enough to learn what will go??

Over the past six months, the School Board has been meeting with Budget Subcommittee to consider and why, attend these meetings. Two were held on the week alone. It is your right to be there. Our children's futures and our property values are at stake, and it's your tax money being spent. If you don't attend these meetings, you'll have no one to blame but yourself when programs and activities you assumed would always be part of a "Grosse Pointe" education are gone forever.

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ing considered and why, attend these meetings. Two were held on the week alone. It is your right to be there. Our children's futures and our property values are at stake, and it's your tax money being spent.

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....Ahmed Ismail (ahmed.ismail@comcast.net)



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Comment

Letters

From page 8A

The mayor and council members have a grave responsibility to the taxpay- ers to prevent the deeding of City land and incurring a \$9.6 million debt.

In my opinion, the Meath proposal is so preposterous that it negates engaging in the due diligence process. You have sufficient cause to reject this proposal that is predicated on the City financing 25 percent of the cost of the project, making it unnecessary to bring this to a vote of residents.

Dorothy B. Griggs
City of Grosse Pointe

Family-oriented restaurants

To the Editor:

We strongly suggest to build more family-oriented restaurants in Grosse Pointe.

Panera Bread was a great addition to the Village, but we need to make more

places where families can have a good time. Also, a place not so fancy so that kids can eat there too.

There are so many banks in Grosse Pointe. Can't people just keep their money in one bank and be on their merry way? There are more banks in Grosse Pointe than restaurants.

Construction companies could knock down some of the banks, when the banks go out of business, and put family-oriented restaurants in their place. Construction companies can do that to any unoccupied buildings in Grosse Pointe.

Think about it.

Jackie Francis, age 9
Hannah Ayrault, age 9
Grosse Pointe Park

Grosse Pointe road conditions

To the Editor:

As a resident of Grosse Pointe, I am extremely proud of our community, services, schools and even our positive national reputation.

However, we are at the bottom of every list imaginable when it comes to our roads. Come on, must our roads (in Grosse Pointe) be like the rest of Michigan?

I have seen drivers avoid potholes and as a result, almost hit pedestrians — some alternative.

Over the last two years we have spent millions on what's under Mack, so how about fixing the surface? Mack is the worst!

I am often reminded we are the motor capital of the world, so why must we travel on third-world roads? We certainly don't pay third-world taxes.

I know I am not the first to write and complain about our roads but I sure wish I could be the last!

Vic Koppang
Grosse Pointe Farms

Teachers' contract

To the Editor:

It is good to have the teachers' contract settled. In many ways our teachers are the heartbeat of our commu-

nity. I was always torn during negotiations.

On one hand, there is no money to give the teachers. Since 1994, Proposal A has made it impossible for local communities to raise their millages for the purpose of salary increases.

On the other hand, if we want to continue to attract some of our best and brightest students into the teaching profession, we have to provide an attractive economic package.

Young people choosing to teach know they will never be able to make as much as they could in other professions, but there has to be a reasonable compensation so they realize their work is appreciated.

Let's hope there will be some adjustments made at the state level enabling us to continue to attract top quality educators to work with our school children. To our present corps of outstanding teachers, thanks for the top quality job you do, day in and day out.

Jack Ryan
Grosse Pointe Park

School leadership

To the Editor:

There is a view that we should limit the number and the salary range of the people who lead our teachers from their administrative positions as assistant principals or district staff.

We value teachers most when we ensure that they are well led, well paid, well prepared, and both challenged and supported in their untiring efforts to educate Grosse Pointe children to compete in a global economy.

We would never send our

troops without the support and leadership they need. We did not send Tommy Franks and 130,000 private soldiers to Iraq without thousands of intermediate leaders and billions for support and logistics. We owe our teachers the same investment in leadership and support.

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Tom Nugent
Grosse Pointe Farms

FYI

From page 9A

Silent partner

The band Silent Partner will light up Fishbones Restaurant in St. Clair Shores on Friday night at 10 p.m. It is led by Brad Shaw, who was nominated in the 2004 L.A. Music Awards program as Singer/Songwriter of the Year. Shaw's current release "Fall Away" has been nominated for Album of the Year this year.

But a fair number of locals will recognize Shaw as the stage name of Brad Schaupe, 25, a '97 South grad who left town for Indiana University as a music composition major switched to a business major and put together a group of musicians who played two to three nights a week around the Midwest as the band Kirkwood. That band eventually broke up over musical differences.

The first American to cross the line was Emily Garlough, a 2002 graduate of Grosse Pointe South and a junior at the University of Michigan. She was the first 21-year-old and the 20th woman to complete the race.

Emily got up at 4:45 a.m., rode a battered bike to the University of Cape Town campus and then jogged down to the starting line. The veteran of the Detroit Free Press Marathon reported that runners in South Africa ignore the crowds of thousands along the route whereas in the United States runners tend to smile and wave at fans.

When Emily smiled and waved at the crowds they chanted: "Run, white girl, run."

The daughter of Jim and Mary Garlough, of the Park, took time out from her study abroad program at the University of Cape Town to run the distance in 4 hours, 26 minutes and 9 seconds. That was 20 minutes faster than Emily had hoped for.

Emily is studying the roots of black culture and environment while abroad. Her father is a history teacher at South, and Mary teaches music at Defer Elementary.

Other locals who are part of Schaupe's musical success story with The Silent Partner include Chris Carpenter, a '96 South graduate; Steve Dely and Vince Rabaut, '97 South graduates.

Rabaut won't be with the band Friday night because he recently got married and is on his honeymoon; so Brendan Marron will fill in on bass for the alternative rock sound. Go listen to the home team; you'll like them.

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

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION OF TAYLOR RESTAURANTS, LLC FOR A CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE

A public hearing will be held before the City Council on application of Taylor Restaurants, LLC (City Kitchen) for issuance of a Class C Liquor License permitting the sale of beer, wine and spirits for consumption on premises, a SDM license and a Sunday sales permit at 16844 Kercheval Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI. Said hearing will take place on Monday, April 18, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 17147 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

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Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

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Notice of Availability of Library Board Trustee Positions

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Applications are available at the Central Library Administrative Office (313-343-2325), 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Applications must be submitted to the Secretary of the Library Board, no later than April 18, 2005, at 5:00 p.m.

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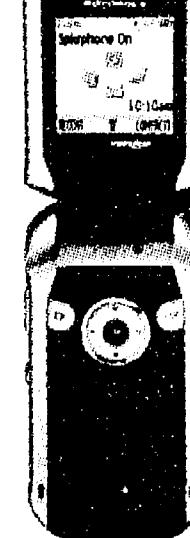
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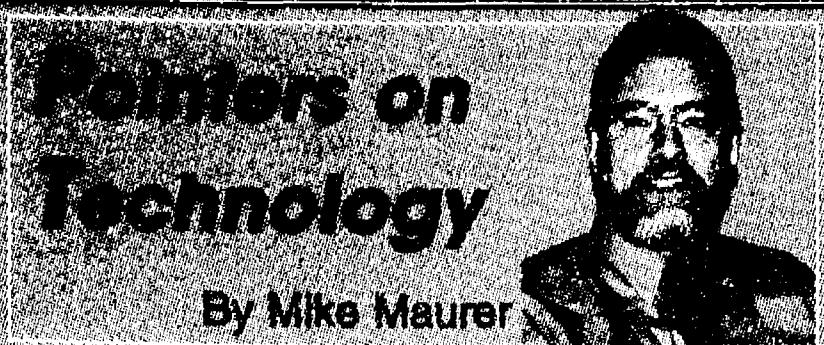
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Yes, you can buy a PC without all the superfluous software



By Mike Maurer

First, thanks to everyone who sent e-mails to me with their various PC problems. I have several in my geek system. If I can't include them in my column, I'll try to respond by e-mail.

I have noted a trend: everybody hates Bill Gates and/or the Windows operating system.

I wanted to run the following letter and see how many agree with a gentleman I shall call Charlie Moon-Howler. This is not his real name because we wish to protect him and his computers from Microsoft Men in Black. I hope he gets a chuckle out of the name. He is not Indian. Here goes:

"Mike, we didn't know you were lonely. We (the world) would have bombarded you incessantly if we thought anyone would actually want to help out prisoners of Bill Gates and his money sucking WinBlows operating systems. (My note: Do we detect a little bitterness here?)

"I consider myself an 'experienced' user but far from expert. I can load and configure programs, set up both wired and wireless networks, troubleshoot hard

drives and mess up the registry.

"I am 58 years old and started using computers for both business and home use back in the Commodore 64 days.

"At home I have two Pentium desktops and a new laptop. I have four more machines at work. I mention this only to show I have been blooded.

"Your rant hit me squarely between the eyes. I had just bought a brand new Dell laptop. It has a 3.4 gigabyte processor, 1 gig RAM, Windows XP and many more bells and whistles (\$1,600 worth).

"I also have an old Dell P-100 running Windows 98SE and Office 97. The P-100 boots in 45 seconds because the drive has been reformatted several times and only the necessary items were loaded. The new Dell

takes just short of four minutes. It really disappointed me.

"I am really disgusted because Dell and other main stream computer vendors refuse to sell you a machine that does not come loaded with all kinds of useless software that junks up your operating system. I know because I've tried. I counted 52 running processes and 12 unnecessary programs that background loaded during boot.

"The registry alone probably takes a minute to load. This is my point. Over the years, I have upgraded many versions of Windows OS starting with Win 3.1. I wound up paying for many full install copies of Win 98SE and my preference, Win 2000. And this is why we all hate Gates.

"Did we do this for added features? NO! Of course

not. We did it in the faint hope that our machines would not crash every 30 minutes. After many years, thousands of dollars and uncountable hours of wasted time, they now only crash every two or three days. Or when I really desperately need the machine to work.

"I own full copies of the programs and operating system I actually need, but Dell still will not sell me a blank machine. Why can't I buy a blank machine? Gates should be punished by having the 'Blue Screen of Death' tattooed on his chest and be made to push wheelbarrows of Windows ME and 3.1 up a hill, just like Sisyphus.

"Anyway, Mike, thanks for giving me an outlet. If I can help you, let me know. Maybe at some point you can set up a Grosse Pointe/Comcast Cable news group to help us poor prisoners held captive in Win-Gulag-XP."

Well, Charlie, I have good news and bad news, but you knew that.

Bad news: No, you cannot buy an empty or blank Dell computer and load your preferred operating system and software. That goes for

IBM, Gateway, all of the biggies. They do not have what is called open architecture; they are all pre-stamped, so to speak, with software at the plant. Remember, Dell needs Microsoft more than Microsoft needs Dell. If Dell couldn't get Microsoft software, it wouldn't last long.

Good news: There are places to get a blank computer that is every bit as good as a Dell; some say better. They are so-called mom and pop computer stores. I know of three on Gratiot north of I-696. I fully intend to buy my next computer from one of them. You can research every piece of the computer, and select which hard drive, how much RAM, processor speed, etc. One person puts your computer together, or you can do it yourself. You know who he is and where he lives, so to speak.

As for software, they can load what you want, and some things they will tell you to install for protection.

If something starts acting kinky, you can go set it down in front of that person and talk. Try that with a Dell — and send me a postcard from the third world country where you wind up.

Here are two quick answers from unrelated e-mails I received last week.

No, Microsoft, Dell, Nike, Disney, or any other company is not offering hundreds of dollars if you will forward the e-mail you received as a means for them to track how e-mail travels through the Internet.

First and foremost, e-mail tracking programs do not exist. That folks continue to fall for myriad varieties of these leg-pulls is scary. They're scams. Ignore them.

Second, "Mytob" is the name of a virus that has been infecting computers since the beginning of the year. Fourteen versions have been identified. One of the problems with it is that it attempts to keep you from reaching Web sites that can help you kick it in its suffix. If you want to know more, or don't want your spouse to find out you opened an e-mail you shouldn't have, visit www.dnet.com.au/news/secu

riy. 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 mtmauer@comcast.net

Business People

Maureen McGovern Kraemer, founding partner of Intramode, has named Jamie Thom a partner in the firm.



Areas of special expertise include combined sewer overflow (CSO) analysis and control measures, wastewater facility planning, wastewater plant design, and water supply and distribution systems analysis.



Thom, a Grosse Pointe resident, joined Intramode, a Detroit-based commercial furnishings dealership, in 2003 as sales manager. His day-to-day responsibilities remain the same.

As sales manager at Intramode, Thom is responsible for new business and brand development. He also works with Intramode's existing clients, which include architectural firms, interior designers, facilities managers, and corporate purchasers.

Thom is a Michigan State University graduate.

Gregory L. Ulrich, a partner at the law firm of Cummings, McCloskey, Davis & Acho and a member of the State Bar of Michigan's Board of Commissioners,

has been named to the State Bar of Michigan's Finance and Human Resources Committee and was also re-elected to a fifth term as a State Bar

Commissioner for the State Bar of Michigan.

Ulrich's practice includes business litigation, real estate, technology, estates, dispute resolution and government matters. He is a graduate of the University of Detroit (now UofM Mercy) School of Law and holds an A.B., magna cum laude, from the U-D.

He is a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Tetra Tech MPS announces that David W. Upmeyer, P.E., will be assuming the key management role of regional leader for developing infrastructure engineering services for communities throughout the Detroit Metropolitan area.

Upmeyer, who resides in the City of Grosse Pointe, is a graduate of Iowa State University, holding a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He offers Tetra Tech customers the advantage of his broad experience in the analysis, planning, and design of water and sewerage systems.

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10 secrets to marketing your best ideas

(MS) — Everyone has great ideas that he or she wishes could turn into reality.

Sometimes we only need a little push and shove to learn how to develop, test, market and sell these ideas.

Howard Bronson and Michael Bogart, authors of "The Best Darned Book on Marketing," The Bogart Group, say there are more than 60 ways to market your ideas without taking a huge financial risk.

Here are a few of Bronson's and Bogart's break-through methods that can help turn your ideas into a profitable business:

1. Learn all you can about marketing. Read the latest marketing books; talk to colleagues about their strengths, and pay attention to successful businesses.

No matter how good your concept is, marketing it properly is the only way that you will achieve success.

Goodis earns Gaffney's praise

State Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, recently presented a special legislative tribute to Michigan Dental Association President George T. Goodis, DDS, MS.

Goodis, a Grosse Pointe Woods endodontist, was recognized for his leadership of the 5,800-member Michigan Dental Association.

The special tribute, signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Gaffney, acknowledged Goodis for his work as president of the association, and for his "commitment to the dental profession at every level."

Upon receiving the special tribute, Goodis called Gaffney a "good friend of the

dental profession and a state representative who can be counted upon to protect the health of the public."

The MDA Board of Trustees expressed its appreciation to Gaffney for his ongoing efforts to expand access to dental care during these tight economic times.

The association pledged to continue to work with Gaffney in his new role as chairman of the House Health Policy Committee.

concept with every business interaction. That may mean training your staff in phone etiquette, scheduling and sales.

Each person must understand his or her important role in the project or company.

6. Define your target audience. Think about who will need your products or services.

Try writing a specific profile of that person, combining attributes of your dream and your realistic customer. That's your target audience.

7. Create a marketing plan. You have to know how to achieve your vision. That's why you need a marketing plan to achieve success.

It doesn't have to fill countless pages, but it needs to identify your market and have specific steps that you will take to achieve your goals.

8. Professionalize your

logo. Get a logo designed that best reflects your message. It should be attractive in both black-and-white and color. That way, it will project an appropriate first impression.

9. Devise a mission statement. Define your customer-oriented goal in two or three sentences.

Post it in brochures, on business cards and on your office walls to help establish a relationship with your customers.

10. Build a Web site. The Internet can help you generate solid and ongoing leads. Make it an informational resource that will inspire customers to buy your product or call you to learn more.

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Internal Revenue Service offers 10 helpful tax tips

Here are 10 last-minute tax tips and story ideas for the final stretch before the April 15 tax filing deadline.

1. Two-week peak: In the final two weeks before April 15, last minute filers account for nearly one-third of all returns received by the IRS during the filing season.

2. Tsunami relief donations: Did you make a donation to a qualified tsunami relief organization in January 2005? Taxpayers are reminded that a special window exists through Jan.

31, 2005, for deducting charitable contributions made to help tsunami victims. A new law allows these donations to be deducted on 2004 tax returns.

3. E-file: E-file is fast and easy, which means there is still plenty of time to complete your tax return. When you e-file your return, you simply enter the amounts from your W-2 and other tax documents into the program and the computer does the rest. Your return is processed electronically and

you'll get an electronic notification that the IRS received your return. For the first time ever, more than half of all taxpayers will e-file their returns this year.

4. File for free: You can still file your federal tax return for free. Taxpayers can access the Free File program by visiting IRS.gov and link over to one of several software providers offering their services free of charge. Use of Free File is up 44 percent from last year.

5. Direct Deposit: Want your refund fast? Choose Direct Deposit and your refund will be put right into your bank account. If you e-file and use Direct Deposit, you can get your cash in as little as 7-10 days.

6. Extensions: Some taxpayers may not want to think about filing an extension. If you think you can't get your return filed by the deadline, you can file for a four-month extension. You need neither an excuse nor a reason; just file Form 4868

or call 1-888-796-1074 for an automatic extension of time to file until Aug. 15. Remember, an extension only gives more time to file, not more time to pay. You must still pay 90 percent of taxes owed by April 15.

7. Payment options: Don't panic if you can't make immediate payment. There are options if you can't pay the full amount owed when you file. Taxpayers may request an IRS installment agreement or charge their balance due on a credit card.

8. Check...double check...and triple check your tax return: Many of the mistakes on tax returns can be avoided. Incorrect Social Security Numbers, for instance, is a mistake we see every year. This includes SSN of the taxpayer, spouse, dependents and persons listed in relation to claims for the Child Care or Earned Income Tax Credits. Missing, incorrect or illegible SSNs can delay or reduce a tax refund. If you are doing a paper return, go back over your math to make sure everything is correct. For increased peace of mind, e-file your return, which dramatically reduces the number of math errors.

9. Where's my refund?: Filed your return already? Waiting for your cash? Find out about your refund by visiting "Where's My Refund" at www.irs.gov. Access this secure Web site to find out if the IRS received your return and whether your refund was processed and sent to you. You'll need to know your SSN, filing status and the amount of the refund. It's quick, easy and secure.

10. Help: No need to signal an SOS. Help is available with your taxes. Go to www.irs.gov, which has extensive information on just about every tax topic. Call 1-800-829-1040 or visit a local IRS office or volunteer site for more help.

G.P. Shores' Simon to race for a cause

Paul Simon, president of the U.S. Group Inc. in Detroit, is running for a reason in the 109th Boston Marathon on April 18.

He has joined the St. Jude Heroes team to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, an international research center that specializes in the treatment of children with cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases.

Simon, 50, of Grosse Pointe Shores, ran his first marathon in Detroit last year, finishing the race in the three hours, 31 minutes, qualifying him for the Boston Marathon.

Having the opportunity to run in the prestigious race, Simon quickly identified his motivation to participate.

"This provided a second opportunity to help the kids at St. Jude who are running a life and death marathon every day," Simon said.

He solicited support from friends, family, and other St. Jude supporters to help him reach his goal of raising \$11,000 for St. Jude. Mario and Tony Thomas, children of St. Jude founder Danny Thomas, have both contributed toward Simon's fund-raising goal.

His brother, George Simon, chair of the St. Jude Board of Governors and president of U.S. Equipment Company in Detroit, challenged Simon to run in the Boston Marathon and will be cheering him on the April race.

Amori's buy Rainy Day Art Supply

Rainy Day Art Supply, located on Mack Avenue for more than 30 years, has new owners, Lisa and Bob Amori.

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Learning from reptiles

By Ann L. Fouty

Staff Writer

A Grosse Pointe South biology lesson was camouflaged as an assembly introducing 13 lizards and snakes.

"I pick animals with a lesson whether it's camouflage or to protect themselves or the ability to defend themselves," said Mike Brophy of Reptile Education Programs to Increase Learning Excitement (R.E.P.T.I.L.E. Inc.).

Brophy, in his fourth year of visiting South, was sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Mother's Club and the Grosse Pointe Science Foundation to enhance 600 10th-, 11th- and 12th-graders in biology,

ment is what it does best because its short legs are not made for running but rather for digging. With a life span of 20 years, the skink has a diet of mixed vegetables.

Adapting to a life in the desert is Allegra, an African spurred tortoise. Living up to 120 years, this animal gets its

has claws for climbing and scratching. This is another animal that receives its liquid from what it eats — mixed vegetables, lettuce and bird seed.

He let a king snake, a couple corn snakes, a milk snake and a boa constrictor wrap around his arms as he talked about the habitats, food and myths of the snakes.

Heffner was pleased with student response, due in large part to Brophy's knowledge and attitude.

"He has a fondness for animals and it's infectious. He relates to his own experiences," Heffner said.

liquid

This is Allegra, a tortoise from Africa; it is a grazer and gets all its liquid from the food it eats.

from food.

For the biology students, the R.E.P.T.I.L.E. presentation enhanced the vertebrae unit on structure and function.

Native to Afghanistan, the leopard gecko stores fat in its tail. If caught by the tail, the tail snaps off and as Brophy said, instead of a meal, the predator had a snack.

Geckos are of particular interest to the medical field, Brophy continued. With the ability to regrow a tail in six months, scientists would like to harness that knowledge and apply it to humans for the purpose of regenerating veins which are used in heart bypass surgery.

Euromastis has a tail that resembles a stegosaurus. The spikes are used for defense much like that of the slow-moving dinosaur. With round eyes, denoting its a daytime lizard, it lives in the African desert and blends in with its environment.

The Australian blue-tongued skink makes an appearance. Brophy explains this lizard is well suited for its life on the forest floor. Colored in black and gray stripes, the black blends with the dirt and the gray with the twigs. Blending in with its environment.

The science teacher went on to explain the environmental science students were studying the interaction between the animal and its environment.

The science teacher went

explained his success. "I talk the language that they (the students) can relate. I let the science teacher teach the science. I teach reptiles."

Probably for a good reason because these species are not high on the favorite animal list.

Heffner was talking to a girl in the hall before the first presentation. She admitted she was afraid of reptiles. At the conclusion of the assembly, the young woman had a snake around her neck saying it was a pretty awesome experience.

Other students were of the same mind.

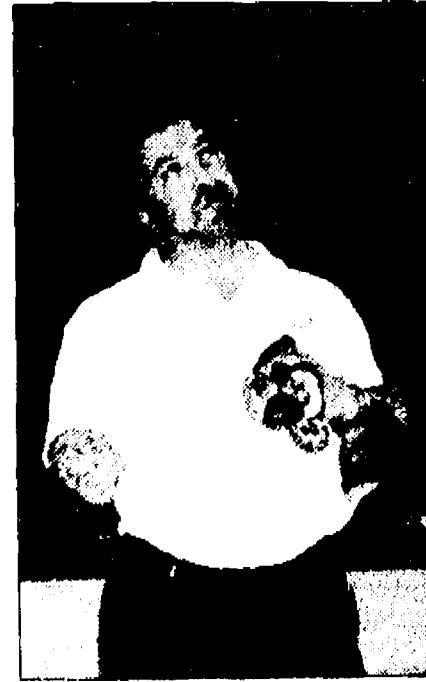
"I thought it was awesome," said sophomore Maggie O'Brien, having handled a milk snake. She added that it was smooth and cool to the touch.

"I'd like to have a snake," said sophomore John Nelsui.

The presentation, he added, was a good way to ease back into the school routine after the recent spring break.



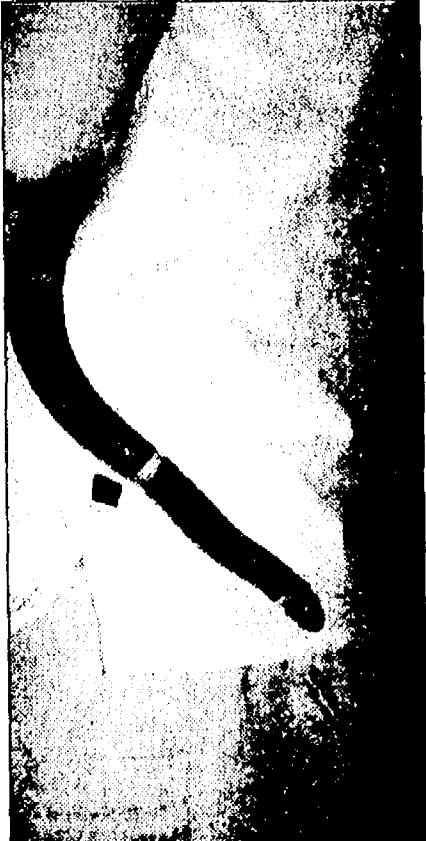
Australian blue-tongued skink with short legs is not a fast moving reptile, but is colored in a way so it blends in with living on the forest floor.



Photos by Ann L. Fouty
Mike Brophy of Reptile Education Programs to Increase Learning Excitement (R.E.P.T.I.L.E. Inc.) has a snake on each arm as he presents his program to 600 Grosse Pointe South biology students.



Cortney Krzeminski let a baby corn snake move across her hand after Brophy's presentation on reptiles in which he cautioned students never to have an alligator as a pet.



The milk snake is on the move and would move to find a warm place to curl up.



Sophomores, Haley Reimer, Cortney Krzeminski, and Julie Passage let the boa constrictor wind its way from arm to arm.

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The destination is their imagination

By Ann L. Fouty

Staff Writer

It was a dark and stormy night.

(Cue the thunder clap and rain falling.)

Ripping a page from history and using their imagination, an all-female team from Trombly Elementary wrote and performed a radio skit. The seven students went through 10 packs of paper before completing the six minute, 50 second radio skit, complete with a commercial, sound effects and a breaking story.

The mystery written and performed was for Destination ImagiNation® Challenge.

The team took fourth place in the Live! It's RaDlo DI! competition. Some 29 elementary schools in the region signed up for the competition, which stresses problem solving and teamwork. With five categories to choose from covered in competition, the girls, with varying amounts of Destination ImagiNation experience, began working in November. Their first job was to select the category from such categories as Dizzy Derby, Sudden Serendipity, IMPROVing Along and Designing Bridges.

Once the seven settled on writing and performing a radio script, they came up with ideas and plots.

"They started with chiefs. No one wanted to back off,"



Trombly Elementary fifth grade team took second place out of 29 teams in the Destination ImagiNation regional competition held Saturday, March 12, at Utica High School. Destination ImagiNation, Inc. is one of the world's largest creativity and problem solving programs for youth of all ages. The team, left to right are Coach Stacy Conley, Katherine Halso, Kallyn Conley, Maggie Teodecki, Caitlin Ryder, Olivia Ray, Tai'lor Lacey, Anita Shah and coach Francine Peques.

said veteran coach Francine Peques. During the meetings held during lunch hours and every Monday, they learned to come together as a team, how to compromise and "stick up for your idea if you believed in it."

Totally student-driven, coaches Peques and Stacy Conley had to sit on the sidelines. They admitted at times it was hard, but in the end, Katherine Halso, Kallyn Conley, Maggie Teodecki, Caitlin Ryder, Olivia Ray, Tai'lor Lacey and

Anita Shah worked as a team to do well enough to be invited to the state tournament in mid-April on the campus of Central Michigan University. Between now and April 15 they will be tweaking their script.

The story: a mystery.

The setting: present day in a creepy mansion, far afield.

The cast: two actresses, Lindsay Borhman and Cindy Leelo, played by Teodecki, Caitlin Ryder; two crazy hairdressers, Shah

and Lacey (Lacey was also the butler); two detectives, Ray and Halso; and narrated by Conley.

The story goes: The car carrying the actresses breaks down in front of a creepy mansion; wouldn't you know it. They walk to the house with the hope of finding help. The two are taken to the dungeon by a couple of crazed hairdressers (dun, dun, dun)

where they are held prisoner until two detectives happen upon the scene and hear

the actresses' screams.

There is a cliff hanger and cut to commercial.

The product these fifth-graders were selling was a beverage which made you speak a foreign language. In this instance, Italian and Japanese and French were chosen because of the knowledge the girls had of the three.

"P-O-P. This is the pop you never want to stop drinking. \$1.99 for this pop. It will make you talk the talk," they sang in harmony.

Now back to our show.

The play's characters tromped over leaves (crinkling a plastic bag), got caught in a thunderstorm (the beating of the drum and rattling of a tin can), and opened a creaky door (a violin).

Use of sound effects was one of the items on which the team was judged. Parents of other Live! It's RaDlo DI! teams was the judging panel. One requirement was to have a technical sound which the Trombly students fulfilled by recording a toy truck sound.

"They were judged by the types of sounds they produced, focusing on the sound and how it tied in to the story," Peques said.

We interrupt this broadcast for a breaking news story.

News anchor Lacey broke the news in one minute to

the audience that the first woman had just walked on the moon. She jumped off a cow with the intention of marrying the man in the moon.

This improvisation was another judged element the girls practiced time and again. The coaches would throw out a topic. The girls would have a limited amount of time to work it into the script.

Judges were watching for teamwork, imagination and how well it fit into the written script.

Once the actresses were rescued, and detectives whisked them off to the awards ceremony, in which they were nominated, the radio play ended.

However, the results were more than the fourth place. They learned to be creative, listen to each other's ideas, never say no and listen to criticism. They agreed in the end it was fun to use their imagination.

Destination ImagiNation® Challenge is problem solving program for children of all ages and reaches into 47 states and 15 countries. It helps develop a unique and critical skill set by emphasizing creativity, brainstorming, teamwork, project management, time management, knowledge application, confidence and research skills.

Family Center hosts beary healthy jamboree

Beth Quinn

Staff Writer

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods will host its fifth annual Month of the Young Child celebration Sunday, April 17, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Beacon Elementary School, 19475 Beaconsfield, in Harper Woods.

This year the theme is a beary healthy jamboree during which children will be

able to make their own stuffed bear or bring their favorite bear from home and take it to visit various mock health services.

The Build-A-Bear Company will assist children to stuff their bear and add its heart. Children will then take their bears to the St. John Health Clinic for a check-up, to Toothworks with Dr. Harvey to learn good dental care, and to the Bon Secours Cottage dietitian's office for a healthy snack and to learn about strong bones.

Rob Lyle will read his book "The Happy Heart Kid" and at 1:30 p.m. the Dazzling Mills Family will ride unicycles, juggle and present an acrobatic demonstration.

The cost of the event is \$5

per family, plus \$10 per bear. Families are asked to call The Family Center at (313) 432-3832 to reserve bears by April 11. Reserved bears, bear houses, birth certificates and goody bags will be held at the Jamboree until 2 p.m. Children may bring their own bears.

The Family Center is a nonprofit organization that supports the families of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods as they face the challenges of raising healthy children. The Family Center provides information to parents through lectures and workshops, a quarterly newsletter, and resource guides as well as opportunities for family fun. A referral service to sought-after resources is available for parents and professionals.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with a strolling supper from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The silent auction starts at 6 p.m., and the live auction gets underway at 9 p.m.

Beer, wine and set-ups are included in the pre-sale price of \$35 or in the \$40 door ticket price.

All proceeds will be used for school enrichment, scholarships and academic programs.

Some of this year's items include a Disney World vacation package, a handmade doll house, Grand Hotel getaway, Tiger tickets, an evening of luxury complete with body massage, fine dining and an overnight stay at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. Gift packages available include a catered dinner party with authentic ethnic cuisine, an on-site "live" painting created during the auction by Robert Maniscalco, as well as many artistic creations by faculty and students.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Lisa Mauck at (313) 885-0901 or Trish Hubbell at (313) 881-4991.

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Oliver!

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School presents the stage performance of the musical "Oliver!" April 14-16 at Dominican High School. Directed by St. Clare music and drama teacher Kim Korb and her husband, Russ, the play features Nathan Santoscoy and John Plotzke in the title roles of Oliver and Fagin. Joselyn Evans and Stephen Peck bring alive the characters of Nancy and Bill Sikes, respectively. Other leading characters are played by Michael Wagner, Gina Valgoi and Jonathan Henderson, as the Artful Dodger, Bet and Mr. Bumble, respectively. More than 100 children are involved in the production with 60 having parts. The remaining children are assisting in support roles of make-up, stage crew, sound, lighting and ushers. Performances begin at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$7. Advanced discounted tickets are available by calling the school at (313) 647-5100.

Board considers expanding fund raising efforts

By Ann L. Fouty

Staff Writer

To offset dwindling revenues, the Grosse Pointe Board of Education will consider hiring a firm to set up a continuing fund raising plan during its Monday, April 11 meeting.

A four-month contract with Richner and Richner L.L.C., at a cost of \$24,750, is to assist the district in its "revenue enhancement efforts" and result in a two-goal study.

The Richner firm is to complete a "capacity building study" and outline areas for community involvement opportunities.

Superintendent Suzanne Klein described the revenue enhancement plan as a philanthropic expansion. She

said other districts which have already set up similar plans will be studied for a possible model, strategies and time lines.

This study is intended to open fund raising doors outside the normal efforts of established organizations and to share with volunteers, the staff and the community what fund raising opportunities are available. Results are not to conflict or detract from efforts already in place.

"This is exciting philanthropy in Grosse Pointe for the benefit of the students and community," said Cedric A. Richner III of Richner and Richner.

The resulting plan will be tailored for this district from the initial study on how to

move forward on philanthropy.

A minimal amount of central office time will be needed to set up meetings with significant parties.

Board president Joan Richardson said she was in support of hiring the firm.

This is a non-budgeted item for the 2004-05 budget. However, a portion, \$11,000, was designated during the April 4 meeting.

Since the board decided not to accept its salary for this year, Joan Dindoffer suggested that \$11,000 be used for this project.

Unanimously, the board approved the motion to designate this money to be used for the study, which runs from April 1 through July 31.

Interactive cultural diversity evening set

In an effort to open a dialogue within families, the Grosse Pointe School system is hosting a free, interactive cultural diversity evening from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in Grosse Pointe South auditorium.

Parents and their middle and high school students are encouraged to attend this entertaining and informational evening which includes a one-woman play, "Not Until You Know My Story" by Carrie Gibson.

The show includes the stories of 14 characters based on actual interviews. The differences that are addressed include size, privilege, disability, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation and male/female issues. After the play, Gibson will facilitate an interactive discussion where audience members will have a chance to respond to each character.

She will use the audience's responses to develop

constructive ways to honor and learn about other people's experiences. The participants will be invited to share their own stories and experiences as they relate to their work/school environment. The founding director of the Growth and Prevention Theatre, Gibson has a master's in psychology from Antioch University and has primarily worked for social service agencies.

"The world is filled with all different types of people, and we want to create a climate of inclusion in our community," said Jane Nutter, Grosse Pointe Schools Staff Development Director. "Our goal is to promote a listening environment and facilitate problem solving inside and outside the community."

This event is presented by Continuing Education Division of Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD), in collaboration with General Motors and

the Grosse Pointe schools. This is the second event in a series on diversity and is being held in conjunction with a workshop specifically for teachers.

"We are privileged to work with the eastside community and bring educational programs to the students and families in our district," said Mary Smith, vice chancellor for Workforce Development and Continuing Education at WCCCD. "Through new opportunities and open discussions, we can better understand others and their experiences, increasing our ability to work and live together productively."

Due to the topics discussed, the program is not appropriate for elementary age children.

Admission is free, and no reservations are necessary.

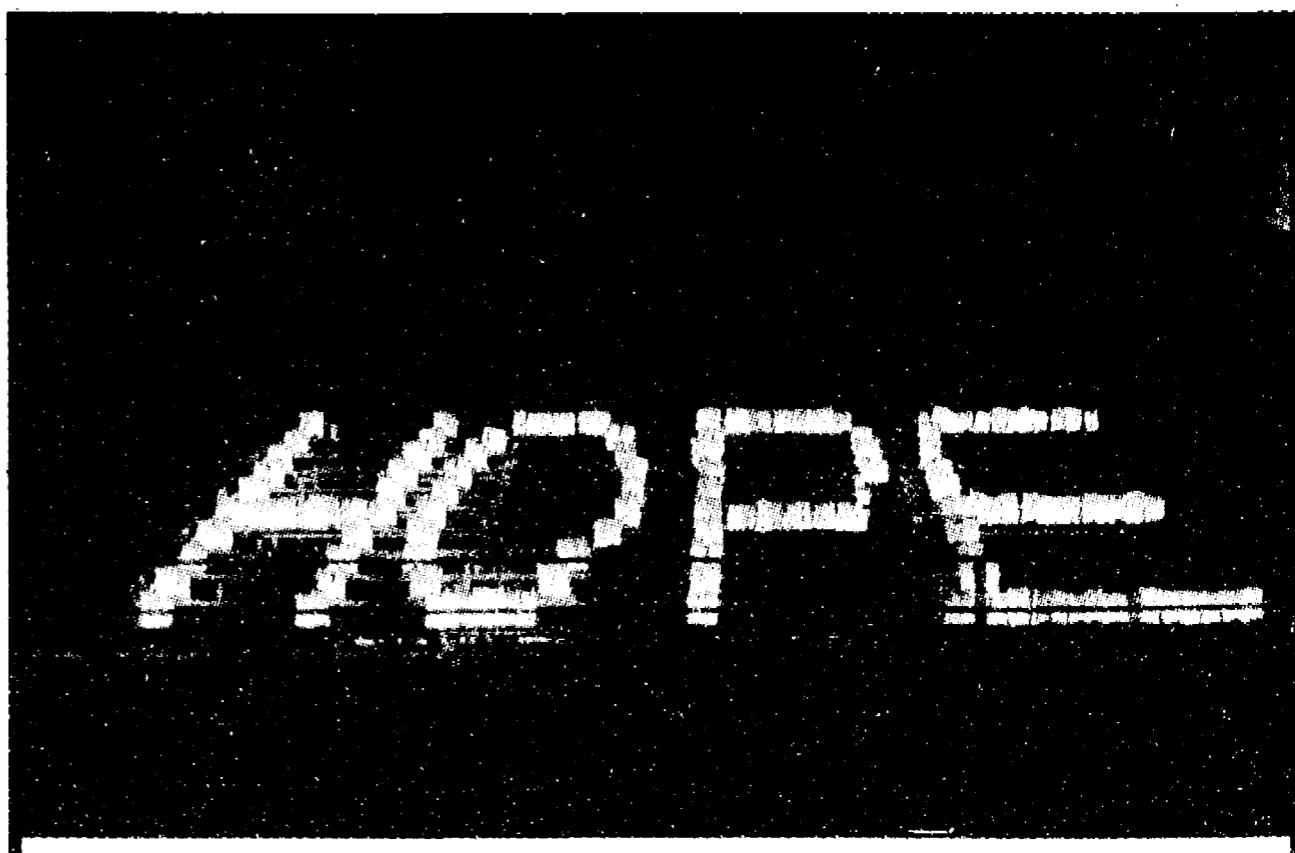
For more information, call (313) 432-3046 or e-mail at jane.nutter@gpschools.org.



Photo courtesy Kerby School

Kerby's change

Change for Change was the title of the tsunami fund raiser in which Kerby Elementary students participated recently. The students and a few teachers went around the cafeteria during lunch and in the hallways before and after classes with a plastic milk jug collecting spare change. Some \$2,500 was collected and sent to the Save the Children organization and earmarked for the victims of the tsunami.



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Obituaries

Suzanne Victoria Ampe

Harper Woods resident Suzanne Victoria Ampe died on Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24, 2004, at Bon Secours Hospital. Her daughter, Valerie, was by her side.

Mrs. Ampe was born Dec. 28, 1948, in Detroit to Anthony and Sophia Bukowski.

She was a graduate of Detroit's Mackenzie High School and was a legal secretary for Wegner and Associates PC in St. Clair Shores. Thomas Casey in Harper Woods and Dennis Nettle in Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Ampe was a loving grandmother who was adored by her grandchildren.

"Suzanne was a devoted, intelligent, loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Cherished memories of her will live forever in our hearts," said her husband, Bill Ampe.

Mrs. Ampe is survived by her husband, Wilfried "Bill" Ampe; her two daughters, Valerie (Bruce) Encheff and Denise (Donald) Kestler; her four grandchildren, Kenneth and May Encheff, Ryan and Brandon Kestler; and her brother, Edward (Evelyn) Bennett.

She was predeceased by her brother, Anthony Edward.

A funeral Mass was celebrated for Mrs. Ampe on her 56th birthday on Dec. 28. Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Seraphic Mass Association, 3600 Butler Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201.

Dwyer.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Louis J. Asmus; her second husband, Robert O. Artner; her sisters, Margaret Eilber and Patricia Forster; and her brothers, John and Robert Patterson.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13, at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment is in White Chapel Cemetery in Southfield.

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

Kathryn Asmus Artner

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Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Kathryn Asmus Artner, 94, died on Thursday, March 31, 2005, in Bon Secours Nursing Care Center in St. Clair Shores.

She was born on Feb. 8, 1911, in Bad Axe to the late Charles and Mary Patterson. She graduated from Michigan State (College) University in 1934 and worked for Michigan Children's Aid until she became a homemaker in 1938.

Mrs. Artner was a 70 year member of Kappa Alumni Association and a life member of Lochmoor Club. She belonged to Grosse Pointe Seniors, the Star of the Sea Altar Society and the Ruth Engle Sewing Group.

She is survived by her sons, Louis C. (Rose) and Thomas J. (Gail) Asmus; her step-daughter, Nancy (Tom) Dwyer; her grandchildren, Jennifer Sullivan, Heidi Malin and Louis B. Asmus; and her great-grandchildren, Patricia Sullivan, Tony and Alex Malin, Molly and Katy Asmus, and Eva

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Emil D'Herde

Emil D'Herde, 98, of St. Clair Shores died on Saturday, April 2, 2005.

He was born in Belgium on Oct. 9, 1906. He was a retired carpenter and cabinet maker.

Mr. D'Herde is survived by his wife, Mary; his daughters, Rose-Anne (Michael) Marcotte, Josephine (Jerry) Hunt, and Margaret D'Herde; his sons, Frank (Sara) and Joseph; his 10 grandchildren; and his 16 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his daughter-in-law, Susan.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, April 5, at St. Joan of Arc Church, St. Clair Shores. Interment is in Cadillac Memorial Gardens East in Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mount Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or the Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack, Detroit, MI 48201.

Rita Lillian Fincham

Rita Lillian Fincham, 90, of the City of Grosse Pointe died on Wednesday, March 30, 2005, in Bon Secours Hospital.

She was born on Aug. 4, 1914, in Boston, Mass., to the late Daniel and Lillian McCarthy. During her four years of college, she studied the arts and humanities. She was a mother and a homemaker.

Mrs. Fincham was a member of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association and the Palette Club. She was actively involved in her artwork, family and church.

She is survived by her daughters, Shirley (Jim) Haley, Rita (George) Brady, Jackie (Ray) Prince, and Mickie (Dick) Manetta; her son, Skip (Linda) Fincham; her 22 grandchildren; her 22 great-grandchildren; her sister, Evelyn Sweeney; and her brothers, Jim and Tom McCarthy.

She was predeceased by her husband, Alfred John Fincham Jr.; her daughters, Joyce Vercammen and Mary



John Alexander Hammel



Virginia Edstrom Hetmanski



Elizabeth "Beth" Klaver Jenkins

was a reporter for the Detroit Free Press.

From 1962-66, he was principal of Maire Elementary School, followed by serving as principal of Monteith Elementary School until his retirement on Jan. 1, 1978. He also was principal during this time of Barnard School, a special education facility on the grounds of the Children's Home of Detroit.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, April 2, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment is in St. Paul Catholic Church Columbarium.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 24445 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075 or the Hospices of Henry Ford, Bon Secours Cottage Team, 131 Kercheval Ave., Suite 95, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

John Alexander Hammel

A memorial service will be held Friday, May 20, at noon in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for former Grosse Pointe Woods resident and longtime educator John Alexander Hammel, 86, who died Monday, March 21, 2005, in Lansing. He was a resident of Haslett at the time of his death.

Mr. Hammel was born to Charles and Nora Hammel on Sept. 1, 1918, in Buffalo, N.Y.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree with triple majors in education, science and English from Buffalo State Teacher's College in 1940. He earned his master's degree in education from Wayne State University in 1947.

In 1940, he was one of four new graduates hired by the Grosse Pointe Public School System under an innovative internship program that combined hands-on experience in the schools with advanced study toward a master's degree to groom future principals. He was a fifth- and sixth-grade teacher at Mason Elementary School until 1941, when he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

As a first lieutenant, he saw duty in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany. He was the chief instructor at the Air Warning Training Center at Drew Field in Tampa, Fla. The training center had been established 10 days after the Pearl Harbor attack to train in the use of radar for detecting enemy aircraft as well as for controlling night fighter missions.

While stationed in Europe and North Africa, Lt. Hammel directed night fighter bombing missions over enemy territory and brought in many battle-damaged planes to a safe landing. He often quoted a well-known journalist, who said, "If you lived through it, the war was a marvelous experience."

Following the war, Mr. Hammel returned in 1946 to teaching sixth grade at Richard Elementary School. While there, he served as head of the Teacher's Association. In 1950, he was chosen by the board of education for a special, full-time, six-month assignment to serve as a consultant in the planning and development of education specifications for four new schools, Poupart, Monteith, Kerby and Parcells.

In 1951, Mr. Hammel became the first principal of Poupart Elementary School, a position he held until 1962. He also served concur-

rently in 1951-53 as principal of Vernier School.

From 1962-66, he was principal of Maire Elementary School, followed by serving as principal of Monteith Elementary School until his retirement on Jan. 1, 1978. He also was principal during this time of Barnard School, a special education facility on the grounds of the Children's Home of Detroit.

In 1980, Mr. Hammel became one of six original docents for the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House when it opened to the public. Until 2001, he served as docent and oral historian and delighted in sharing the rich history of the Ford family and the unique and elegant home with visitors. It was like a second home to him.

Ms. Hetmanski was a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her two daughters, Dr. Ruth Sanders of Oxford, Ohio, and Suzanne Picken of Crofton, Md.; her sister, Ruth Cain of St. Clair Shores; her two grandchildren, Libby and Clayton; and her nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her son, Jan Mark Hetmanski, who died on Feb. 8, 2005, in Seattle, Wash.

Elizabeth "Beth" Klaver Jenkins

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident Elizabeth "Beth" Klaver Jenkins, 87, died on Sunday, March 27, 2005, at the Munson Hospice Home in Traverse City, after a long struggle with cancer.

She was married for 54 years to Dr. Ronald Jenkins, a retired pediatric dentist. Her family was the major priority in her life, and she was a devoted homemaker.

Artistic and clever with crafts, she knitted, did needlepoint, sewed quilts, and was an excellent photographer. She was always making something for her family and many friends.

Mrs. Jenkins was a graduate of Grosse Pointe High School, class of 1945, and the University of Michigan, class of 1949. She was affiliated with Chi Omega Sorority. She graduated from the Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in Boston. She was an ardent "Go-Blue" fan all her life, and could sing all the verses in the Michigan songbook from memory.

When Dr. Jenkins first opened his pediatric dental practice in Birmingham, she was his receptionist and bookkeeper. In later years, she became the secretary for the Oakland County Dental Society.

The couple lived in the Birmingham/Beverly Hills area for 51 years, and were active members of The First Presbyterian Church before their move to Traverse City two years ago.

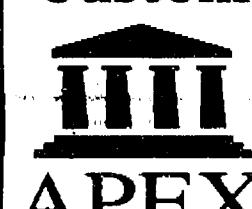
She is survived by her husband, Dr. Ronald Jenkins; her children, Betsy Jenkins, Daniel Jenkins, Maryann Jenkins Bingham; her three grandchildren Stephen, Melissa and Roxanne; and her brother, Peter Klaver.

A memorial service is being planned for this summer in Traverse City.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Munson Hospice House, 1105 South Traverse City, MI 49684.

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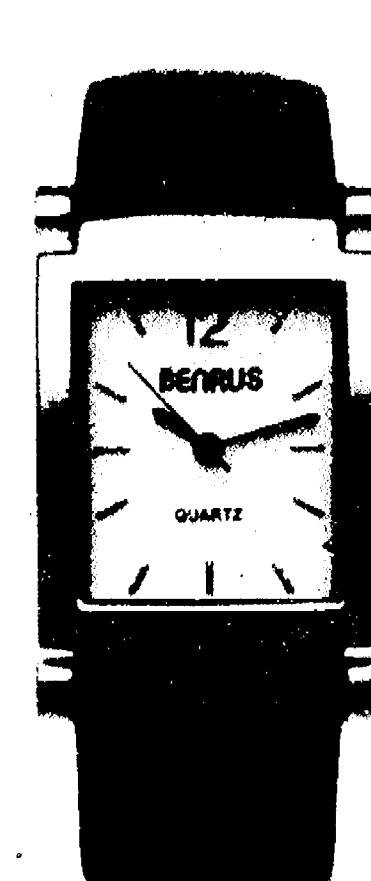


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Obits —

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Rev. John Richard Mabarak

The Rev. John Richard Mabarak O.S.A., died on Sunday, March 27, 2005 after battling cancer for many years.

He was born on Dec. 29, 1933 in Detroit to Beshara J. And Katherine (Thomas) Mabarak.

He attended St. Clare of Montefalco School in Grosse Pointe Park. He graduated from De la Salle High School in 1951. He then studied for one year at the University of Detroit.

He entered the Augustinian program of formation in 1952 at St. Augustine Seminary in Holland. He was received into the Augustinian Novitiate on Feb. 2, 1953. He professed simple (temporary) vows on Feb. 3, 1954 and solemn (permanent) vows on Feb. 3, 1958. He earned a B.A. in Philosophy from Villanova University in Villanova, Pa., in 1956. He pursued theological studies from 1956 to 1960 at Augustinian College, Washington, D.C. He was ordained a priest on June 8, 1960.

Rev. Mabarak taught at St. Rita High School, Chicago, Ill., from 1960 to 1962. He taught at Cascia Hall, Tulsa, Okla., in 1962 and 1963. He taught at Austin Catholic High School, Detroit, from 1963 to 1966.

In 1966, he was named assistant pastor of St. Rita Catholic Parish, Chicago, Ill. He was transferred in 1967 to St. Matthew Catholic Parish in Flint as assistant pastor. He returned to St. Rita Catholic Parish in 1968, again serving as assistant pastor. After a short period of service in 1978 as assistant pastor of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Parish, Grosse Pointe Park, he was assigned to St. Nicholas of Tolentine Monastery, Olympia Fields, Ill., where he served as chaplain of Bethlehem Center, LaGrange, Ill., during 1978 and 1979.

Rev. Mabarak was associate pastor of St. Anastasia



Rev. John Richard Mabarak



Arno Marcaccio

Catholic Parish, Waukegan, Ill., from 1979 to 1981. He served as chaplain at St. James Hospital, Chicago Heights, Ill., in 1982 and 1983. In 1983, he was named associate pastor of St. Jude Catholic Parish, Detroit. He became associate pastor of Assumption Grotto Catholic Parish, Detroit, in 1984. In 1990, he was named associate pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish in Lapeer. In 1995, he returned to St. Nicholas of Tolentine Monastery, Olympia Fields, where he was semi-retired.

During his retirement, he spent much time building or fixing things that needed attention at his Grosse Pointe home or at the family's cottage on Lake Huron. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening and playing golf. He is survived by his wife, Jean; his daughter, Tina (Chris) Staples; his son, Mark (Andrea) and his grandson, Andrew Marcaccio.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, March 21 at St. Lucy's Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores. He is survived by his sisters, Theresa (Harry) Wheatley, Janet (Michael) Shatusky, Helen, and June; his brothers, Paul (Mary), Anthony, James, Charles, Robert; his sister-in-law, Joyce Mabarak; and his nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Philip, Edward and Michael; and his sister, Nora.

A memorial Mass for Rev. Mabarak will be held on Saturday, April 16, 11 a.m. at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. Interment is at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip.

Memorial contributions may be made to Augustinian Guild, 20300 Governors Hwy., Olympia Fields, IL 60461-1081.

Arno Marcaccio

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Arno Marcaccio, 72, died on Friday, March 18, 2005, in St. John Hospital.

He was born on June 8, 1932, to the late Angelo and Palma Marcaccio in Detroit. He was a 1958 graduate of Wayne State University.

He served in the U.S.

Army during the Korean War. After being honorably discharged in 1954, he began an 18-year career in television at WXYZ. In 1975, he started working in public relations at the Ford Motor Co. where he worked until his retirement in 1995.

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He was predeceased by his wife, Gertrude.

A funeral Mass will be held at a later date at St.

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For further information and exact dates and times of these events, call the Central Library Branch at (313) 843-2074.

Tuesday, April 12

The adult program, "Birds of Southeastern Michigan," featuring Caleb Putnam of the Michigan Audubon Society will take place at the new Ewald Branch in Grosse Pointe Park at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13

Coinciding with the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) exhibit, the Ewald Branch will feature "Gerard ter Borch: Beloved Painter of the 17th Century Dutch Golden Age," with a presentation by Marlene Hamel of the DIA at 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 16

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All Grosse Pointers are invited to sign up for each event by calling or visiting their nearest library branch.

All programs are free of charge, but please remember that seating is limited.

Monday, April 11

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Automotive

Lost, then found, in 'Paris-adise'

It was the scary equivalent of the hackneyed "dark and stormy night." Except it was an overcast Friday morning. We were heading south on France's Autoroute A6, and the farther we proceeded in the wrong direction, the thicker the fog grew.

No, was it a toll booth? Yes, it was. And what happened to the signs directing us west to Versailles, the beautiful and storied Louis XIV palace and environs which lie not far from our intended destination: Nissan Europe headquarters in Trappes?

Obviously we had missed them and had gone many kilometers south and east of Trappes, where we were to park the 2005 Nissan X-Trail before journeying on to a rendezvous at Charles de Gaulle airport with Northwest Airlines.

It was the climactic end to a fascinating week of travel in this mid-size sport utility, somewhat more compact than the popular Nissan Pathfinder sold in the United States, but completely adequate for carrying five persons of various sizes plus all their stuff, including a well-mannered poodle named Umberto, who answers to "Bert."

The X-Trail, with an oversize power sunroof and generous interior space, not only accommodates most needs; it also fits reasonably well in the downsized parking spaces one finds on the streets of Paris and in the



Autos

By Jenny King

well-lighted but claustrophobic spiraling caves that pass for underground parking in France.

Yes, those underground parking structures cause some anxiety as you suck in your breath and wind steeply downward in search of an empty spot. But the fog that Friday morning was bringing more than sweaty palms as we realized we were moving at significant speed away from our destination.

While the driver concentrated on staying on the enshrouded road, the passenger cell-phoned for directions. Long story short: We did a U-turn at the first toll exit, took another ticket, headed north, paid a second toll and found the west-bound route to Versailles. We'd dropped off the X-Trail, climbed aboard an identical vehicle and made it to the airport in time to stand in a long line of other Yanks reluctant to leave fascinating France but also anxious to return to the States where they could read all the signs without the aid of

a pocket dictionary.

The X-Trail had provided us with many happy kilometers in the course of a week. Available in four models with a choice of three engines from a 2.2-liter diesel and a 140-HP 2.0-liter gasoline four to the 165-HP 2.5-liter four in our X-Trail. Yes, all three are on the small side. Please keep in mind that a gallon of gas is running over \$5 a gallon in France these days, and small is both economical and quite capable.

According to Nissan's Francois Crisias, X-Trail prices in France and Germany are between 28,000 and 32,000 euros, or close to \$40,000. X-Trail "intenders" are young families with a couple of children. There are Isofix latches in the back seat area to accommodate child safety seats. Once you find them and jam that safety seat into position, it feels tighter and more secure than when held in place with the vehicle's safety belt.

Some 64,000 of the mid-size SUVs were delivered to customers in Europe in 2004.

Our SUV had automatic transmission and All-Mode 4x4 drive. The latter can be selected to engage automatically according to road conditions. Electronic stability monitors wheels and corrects for any slippage.

We did notice on steep climbs a distinct downshift as the vehicle labored to maintain speed from a smaller engine while ascending.

As we wound through the mountains separating France from Geneva and Switzerland, we saw plenty of snow and ice. But the roads all were clear, having succumbed to March's longer days and more intense sun. So we had no opportunity to test off-road capacities of the X-Trail and really felt no need to experiment. It was enough of a challenge to find the correct routes, whether heading into Geneva, looping around Lausanne or following strangely-tipped signs directing us to the Pierre Gianadda Museum in Martigny.

The Autoroutes in France and Switzerland are generally in better condition than our Interstates and freeways and on a good smooth road the X-Trail provides a quiet, car-like ride. The X-Trail,



Side view of our 2005 Nissan X-Trail, stopped in the French Alps not far from Geneva, Switzerland.

which is built in Japan on a stretched version of Nissan's C-platform, handles like a car, and its fuel economy is not bad for an SUV (in the 20s city and highway), although the totals run up at the gas pump are startling.

Those good highways,

however, are not free. The Autoroute from Paris to Geneva (just short of 300 miles) was largely toll roads beginning south of Paris.

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higher than any we've ever encountered on routes like the Ohio or Pennsylvania turnpikes. The engineering of the autoroute as it made its way through the mountains west of Geneva was nothing if not magnificent, complete with soaring

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3 mug City boy

Three Detroit youths last week could have gotten away with beating a City of Grosse Pointe boy and stealing his bicycle.

But the trio was caught a few days later upon crossing back into the community and vandalizing residential property.

Police booked the males — brothers aged 12 and 15, and a 12-year-old friend — before releasing them to their parents.

The youths were arrested Thursday, March 31, for damaging property on Lakeside Court.

They matched descriptions of boys who committed unarmed robbery the day before on Mack near Neff. In that case, a 12-year-old City male was the target of attack.

He was riding his Huffy bicycle in a parking lot in the 17400 block of Mack when approached by three assailants.

"This is a jacking," said one of the youths, according to police.

"The three males punched and pushed the victim off his bicycle and stole it," police said. "(The) victim's father pursued (the) suspects and retrieved it without incident."

The alleged muggers fled across Mack into Detroit on Harvard to Rosewood and from their unknown.

The next day at 1:37 p.m., the trio was reported trespassing by playing basketball in the driveway of a house on Lakeside Court.

The same youths (had been reported) throwing sidewalk stones into the lake in the rear of (houses) on Lakeside Court," police said. "A second witness observed (them) throw (an) inflatable boat into the water."

Deadbeat dad

On Wednesday, March 30, at about 7 p.m., a City of Grosse Pointe patrolman investigated the license plate of a car being driven on westbound Mack near Cadieux.

Records showed the vehicle registered to a 50-year-old Detroit man wanted on an \$18,450 bond from Wayne County for not paying child support.

Weaves car

A 25-year-old Clinton Township man registered a .13 percent blood alcohol level prior to his arrest for drunken driving in the City of Grosse Pointe.

On Saturday, April 2, at 1:51 a.m., a patrolman saw the man weaving a black 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee on westbound Mack near Radnor.

Stop 'n' go

On Sunday, April 3, at 3:22 a.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police saw a 31-year-old Detroit man stop his 2005 Chrysler Pacifica for a yellow light on eastbound Mack at Kerby, and again for a green light at Moross.

Police said the man was sober, but his driver license had been suspended seven times over. Officers released the vehicle to a passenger with a valid license.

3 car break-ins

Three unlocked cars were entered while parked overnight Friday, April 1, in the 100 block of Ridgemont and nearby 200 block of Kerby in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Losses ranged from \$5 in coins to a Hewlett-Packard laptop computer worth \$3,500.

All cases were discovered the morning of Saturday, April 2. Police suspect the same person or group of people is responsible for all instances.

Our man from Flint

A 45-year-old Flint man admitted drinking "too much" before blundering into Grosse Pointe Farms during the early hours of

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Friday, April 1.

One minute after midnight, a patrolman saw the man steer a 2001 Chevrolet Silverado from East Warren to westbound Mack in the eastbound lanes.

During a traffic stop in the Mack alley near Calvin, the man explained he was heading home from Greektown and thought he was in Royal Oak. His blood alcohol measured .247 percent.

Police arrested him on two outstanding warrants, one for unspecified charges in Lapeer, the other for violating probation in Genesee County.

City officers held the man for pickup by Genesee sheriff deputies.

Lights out

Grosse Pointe Farms police on Wednesday, March 30, at about 1:30 a.m., turned over a 40-year-old female resident to Grosse Pointe Park police on a \$2,000 warrant for writing a bad check.

The arrest stemmed from a traffic stop on westbound Mack near Calvin. An officer saw the woman driving a blue 1995 Jeep without headlights.

City man faces drug charges

A 24-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man faces drug charges stemming from a traffic stop on westbound Mack at 1:10 a.m. Tuesday, March 29.

City police said the man was operating a black 2000 Ford Explorer without headlights.

A search of the vehicle turned up a wooden "one hitter" bowl with marijuana residue in the center cup holder.

Police said the man's coat pocket contained a pipe with marijuana residue and a bag containing .5 grams of marijuana.

Chain wreck

On Monday, March 28, at 4:08 p.m., a 54-year-old Detroit woman with a .14 percent blood alcohol level was arrested in Grosse Pointe Farms. Police said she'd been involved in a car crash that damaged two Cadillac DeVilles.

Officers said the woman had been driving a brown 2001 Oldsmobile Alero on Mack near Manor when she hit a 2003 Deville that, in turn, was shoved into the 1997 Deville that was parked legally.

The 1997 Deville received heavy rear-end damage and had to be towed away.

Police said the Detroit woman smelled of intoxicants.

Fake tab

On Sunday, March 27, at 1:44 p.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police pulled over a 58-year-old Detroit woman driving a black 1989 sedan on eastbound Mack.

Police asked how she obtained the fraudulent license sticker on her expired license plate.

She told Grosse Pointe Farms police she paid \$70 for the sticker in Detroit.

Woman lost

Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers took an 81-year-old Detroit woman under their care the afternoon of Friday, April 1.

At about 5:30 p.m., a patrolman cruising Willow Tree found the woman in a 1999 Mercury Sable that had run out of gasoline.

"(She) stated she was lost and had been driving around trying to find her house since her doctor's appointment (the day before) at 1 p.m.," police said.

Officers took her to headquarters and arranged for her car to be driven home.

"(We) arranged (to give her) a ride home and breakfast," police said.

A 33-year-old Detroit man was arrested for assault at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29.

The assault took place at the corner of St. Paul and Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park. The man and an acquaintance were having a dispute over money. No one was injured.

Embezzler

On Thursday, March 31, at 8:58 p.m., Grosse Pointe Shores police closed the books on a 50-year-old Detroit man wanted for embezzlement in Livonia.

Police caught the man driving erratically in the 800 block of Lakeshore.

"(His) 1994 Chevrolet Caprice) changed lanes without signaling and nearly struck (my scout car)," said an officer.

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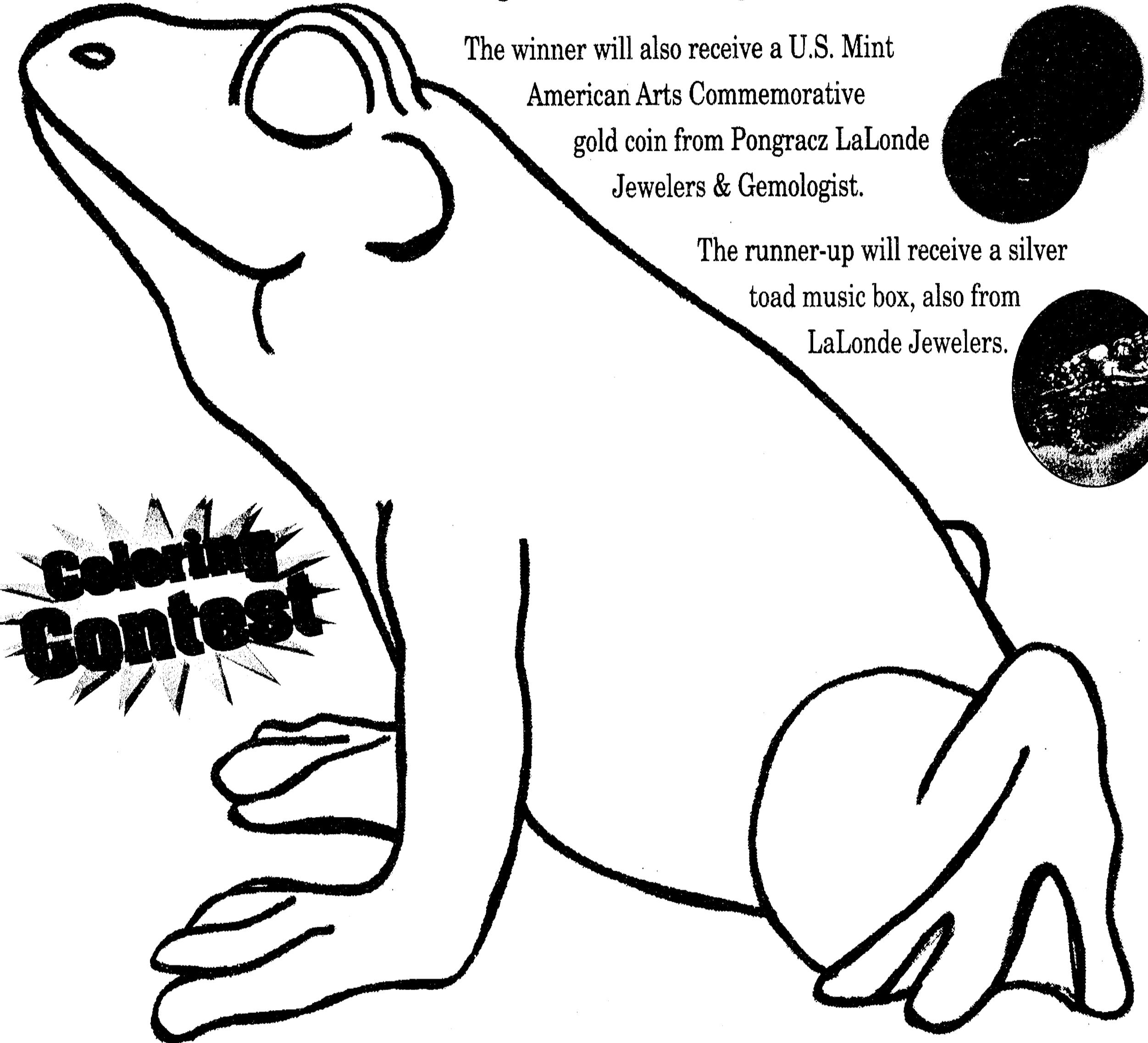
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Our frog is still white, so we need children ages 6-12 to help design the frog! The frog sitting in front of the Grosse Pointe News building will be painted by local artist Sara Dykstra according to the winner's design.



The winner will also receive a U.S. Mint American Arts Commemorative gold coin from Pongracz LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologist.

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Section B

New dimensions in ultrasound at Cottage Hospital

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Imagine being able to see what your baby will look like before she or he is born? Sound futuristic? Well, the future is here.

Thanks to new three- and four-dimensional ultrasound technology, parents and doctors can receive a clear view of a fetus in utero.

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services Mary Gene Buhl Oppermann Women's Diagnostic Center at Cottage Hospital is one of the few facilities in the Detroit area and in the country that has 3D/4D ultrasound technology.

The conventional 2-dimensional ultrasound which shows only one flat view at a time on the screen, makes it difficult for the untrained eye to see an image of a baby; 3D ultrasound has a computer that takes multiple pictures and renders a lifelike 3D image.

This device provides a highly detailed image of a fetus in its mother's uterus, allowing radiologists to detect anatomical problems, such as cleft lips; hand, spinal and cardiac abnormalities.

Three-dimensional ultrasound technology also has other diagnostic applications. Many gynecologists use it to detect endometrial polyps, uterine fibroids, ovarian tumors and for breast imaging.

The 4D technology allows the ultrasound to render real-time imagery, showing fetal movement.

"I watched a video showing twins in utero being monitored by a 4D ultrasound. It showed them interacting with one another."

er," said Jan Duster, the hospital's community relations coordinator. "Actually, it looked like one was being roughed-up a little bit by the other one."

Aside from the diagnostic attributes, the imaging tool gives expectant parents a first glimpse at their unborn child. Its clarity and high-quality resolution allows parents to see the fetus's features. Many times, parents point out physical similarities of family members.

Doctors have found that after seeing the 3D/4D images many parents become more bonded to their

baby.

"When parents see their child for the first time through the 3D/4D ultrasound, you can see a change in their expressions. Suddenly, the fetus becomes a real creature to them," said Michelle Cross, ultrasonographer at the center.

Cross underwent extensive training from the ultrasound's manufacturer, General Electric, on how to operate the machine.

Recently, expectant mother Tanya Nofs of Clinton Township visited the Diagnostic Center with her husband, Brian, and their

two children, Hunter, 5, and Ava, 2, to see the newest member of their family via the 3D/4D ultrasound.

When the image of the fetus came on the screen, Tanya and Brian Nofs were amazed by what they saw.

"I think it's awesome," said Brian Nofs. "It puts a presence onto the idea of having a baby."

"The difference is night and day between 2D and 3D," said Tanya Nofs, who had 2D ultrasounds during her two previous pregnancies.

"There is so much detail. You can see the face, the arms."



Photo by Beth Quinn
Above, Cottage Hospital ultrasonographer Michelle Cross uses 3D/4D technology to show expectant mother, Tanya Nofs of Clinton Township, her husband, Brian, and their two children, Hunter and Ava, the newest member of their family.

his wife's wish to know.

"Since this is our child, Tanya wants to know whether it's a boy or a girl she can prepare ahead-of-time," he said.

However, when Cross posed the question to Nofs about wanting to know the sex of the child, Tanya Nofs covered her eyes with her hands, and murmured,

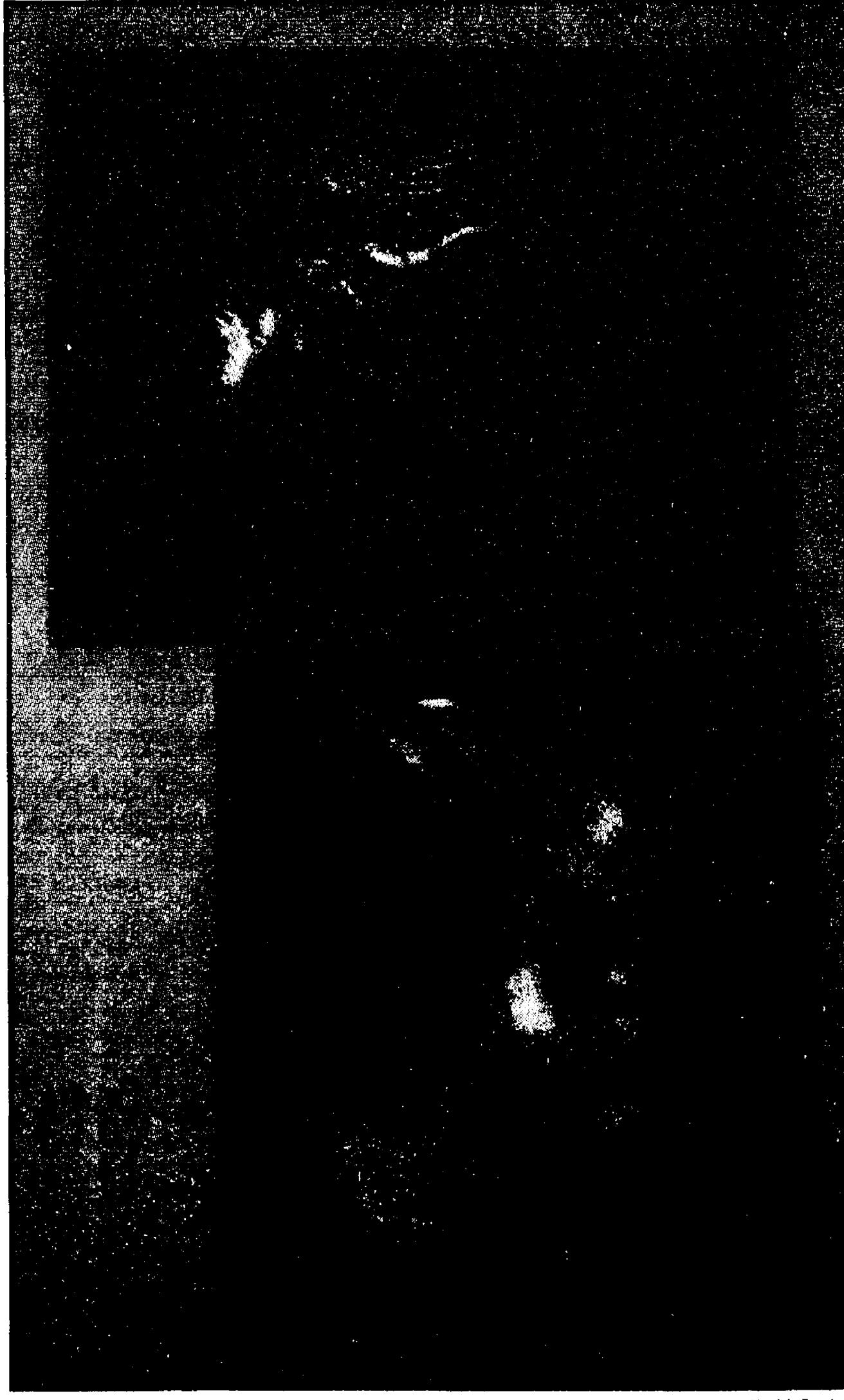
"Oh, I don't know."

After a moment of hesitation, she gave the go-ahead. With a few swipes of the ultrasound wand, Cross had conclusive evidence that the next Nofs would be a boy.

With that announcement, everyone in the room simultaneously cheered. Brian and Hunter Nofs exchanged high-fives.

Young Hunter Nofs smiled brightly upon learning the news of having a brother he wanted.

"This is as exciting as being at the actual birth," said Cross.

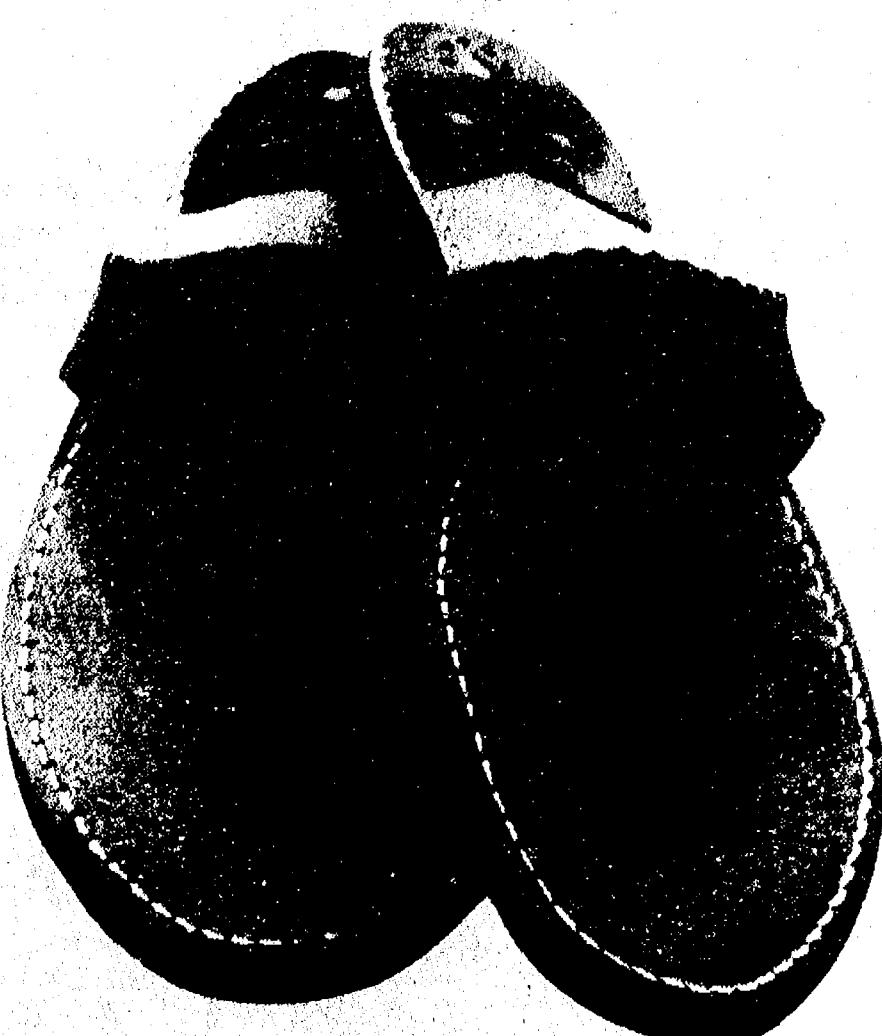


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Above, an image of a 28-week-old fetus taken by a 2D ultrasound. The same fetus as seen through 3D ultrasound technology.

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Tuned for Praise: The Spirituality of the Psalms will be presented from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Carol Bechtel will be the presenter in this Lay Theological Academy sponsored event.

The cost is \$5.

Bechtel is professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Holland.

After graduating from Hope College and Western Theological Seminary, she

received her Ph.D. from Yale University.

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Benefits slated for St. Clare School, Sophia's Friends

Tom and Mike Stong, owners of Grosse Pointe Alarm, are co-sponsoring a charity golf outing to benefit children with autism and other developmental challenges.

Autism is a developmental disorder that makes it difficult for children to communicate with others or relate to the outside world. It affects one child in every 166, making it one of the most common disorders to afflict children today.

Studies say that children with autism do best with 20 or more hours a week one-on-one intervention; yet, there are few intensive interventions available, and most that are available are not covered by health insurance.

Sophia's Friends Inc. programs are designed to train parents of children with autistic spectrum disorders in these intensive interventions.

Sophia's Friends Inc. and Sophia's Gift Scholarship Fund are co-sponsoring a charity golf outing on June

6. All donations will be used for a scholarship fund for children's therapies. Every contributor will be listed on the gift board and acknowledged at the event.

To support the event, call Christy Pratt at (586) 228-5345 or mail your donation to 42627 Garfield, Suite 214, Clinton Township, 48038.

Auction: St. Clare of Montefalco PTO will present its 2005 Auction, "We Are the Light: A Spotlight on Catholic Education" on Saturday, April 9, in the St. Clare Church Social Hall.

The silent auction begins at 6 p.m.; live auction at 9 p.m. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with a strolling supper from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Beer, wine and setups are included.

In the wake of several area Catholic school closings, this year's auction theme is timely. Financial hardships have forced many schools to seek additional sources of funding. St. Clare's auction, now in its



11th year, has continued to grow in attendance and revenue since its inception.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for school enrichment, scholarships and academic programs.

Some of this year's auc-

tion items include a Disney World vacation package, a handmade dollhouse, a Grand Hotel getaway, Tiger tickets, and an evening of luxury complete with body massage, fine dining, an overnight stay at the Townsend Hotel in

Girl Scout Cookie Gala

Some 250 sponsors and supporters attended The Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit's third annual Cookie Gala event at the Roostertail on March 9. The event generated close to \$40,000 to support educational, fun, character-building programs for Girl Scouts of all ages and ethnic backgrounds in Wayne and Oakland counties.

Chefs from local restaurants created desserts from varieties of Girl Scout Cookies. Guests and celebrity judges were charged with tasting and voting on the best desserts.

The Hill Seafood and Chop House in Grosse Pointe Farms won a blue ribbon for its creation using the Samoa cookie.

Shown with the award-winning dessert are gardemanger Eric Breyer, at the left; and Executive Chef Michael Connery.

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The Beat Goes On'

The Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center will celebrate 40 years of fashionable fundraising at its annual fashion show and dinner on Wednesday, April 27, at Penna's of Sterling. The event begins at 5:30 p.m.; dinner will be at 6:30; fashion show starts at 8 p.m. The evening will conclude with prizes and cash raffle drawings.

General chairman Jo Ann Miller, standing at the right, and co-chairman Christine Lynch, at the left, have planned a fashion show with clothes from Coldwater Creek of Rochester, Madi Lu and Ethan Too of Grosse Pointe and Roma Sposa of Birmingham. Clothing from the Fontbonne's own gift shop in St. John Hospital will also be featured.

The i Group Talent Agency will provide choreography and professional models for the show, "The Beat Goes On." Fontbonne members, their children and grandchildren will also be modeling fashions.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Department of Cardiology. Funds will be specifically earmarked to replace transport defibrillators in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab.

Sister Verenice McQuade, director of Community and Patient Services at St. John Hospital, (seated) is honorary chairman. McQuade has been a hospital employee since 1971, a member of the hospital board and a lifetime member of Fontbonne.

Tickets to "The Beat Goes On" are \$50 a person. Tables are for 10. For more information, call the Fontbonne Auxiliary office at (313) 343-3674.

Birmingham and many creative gift packages prepared especially for the annual auction. These include catered dinner parties with authentic ethnic cuisine, an urban bicycle tour with an overnight stay at the Ferry Street Inn, on-site "live" painting created during the auction by Robert Maniscalco, as well as numerous artistic creations by St. Clare's faculty and students.

Tickets are still available. They are \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door. Call Lisa Mauck at (313) 885-0901 or Trish Hubbell at (313) 881-4991 to make a reservation or to get more information.

— Margie Reins Smith

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Garden Club talk: 'Great Lakes in 21st Century'

The Garden Club of Michigan will host a lecture, "The Great Lakes in the 21st Century," by Dave Dempsey at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 21, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore.

Dempsey currently serves as Great Lakes Policy Adviser for Clean Water

GPHS plans Saturday Pastimes'

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society will offer a new program, Second Saturday Pastimes, beginning Saturday, April 9.

On the second Saturday of each month during the Society's open house tours of the Provencal-Weir House, children who are accompanied by an adult are invited to participate in a hands-on, old-fashioned activity to make and take home.

This month's activity is making a paper Easter bonnet.

The Provencal-Weir House, the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's headquarters, is located at 376 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms.

It is one of the oldest houses in the Pointes and has been carefully restored by the Historical Society. Tours are from 1 to 4 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month.

The tours and the children's activities are free. Reservations are encouraged, but not required. For more information, call (313) 884-7010 or go to www.gphistorical.com.

to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission in 1994. Gov. Jennifer Granholm appointed him to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board.

Dempsey is also the author of "On the Brink: The Great Lakes in the 21st Century," published last year; and "Ruin and Recovery: Michigan's Rise as a Conservation Leader."

The Garden Club of Michigan is a member of the

Garden Club of America, with a mission to restore, improve and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Questions and a book signing will follow. For more information, call (313) 613-3730.

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Brunch in the ARK at St. Ambrose

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Tickets can be obtained in advance by calling St. Ambrose during the week at (313) 822-2814, or they may be purchased at the door in the ARK. The price is \$12. For seniors and children age 6-10 the price is \$10. Children age 5 and under are free.



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Health

Women's health education programs slated at BSC

So, You're Having a Hysterectomy — The Bon Secours Cottage Women's Services team wants your surgical experience to be as positive and pleasant as possible. To help prepare for surgery and post-operative care, you are invited to attend an informative hysterectomy class. When possible, tours of the operating room and Women's Health unit are offered. You are encouraged to bring one or more support people with you to the class. New sessions are held twice a month, and morning and evening times are available. For more information or to register for an upcoming session, call (586) 779-7909.

Women delivering at Bon Secours can choose from a variety of classes that prepare parents, grandparents and siblings for the new arrival.

Grandparents Class — Class discussion is about current concepts of labor and delivery, breast and bottle feeding, holding or "spoiling," and how important grandparents are in the lives of their children and grandchildren.

Prepared Childbirth (four-week or one-day) — Class teaches relaxation, visualization, breathing techniques and safe exercises to prepare for birth.

Prenatal Refresher — Class reviews breathing and relaxation techniques.

Infant Care Class — Program teaches expectant parents about infant care.

Focus: Breastfeeding — This class prepares the expectant mother and her support person for an enjoyable and healthy breastfeeding experience.

Sibling Class — Helps children ages 3 to 12 be com-

fortable with a new baby in the house; and **Focus: Motherhood** (four weeks) — helps new moms adjust. Babies are welcome.

Prenatal Massage — Helps reduce swelling and back and neck pain while improving muscle tone and stimulating the circulatory system. This program is offered by appointment at the Integrative Therapy Center at Cottage Hospital. Call (313) 640-2429. Infant massage instruction is also available at the center.

Breastfeeding Connection — The Breastfeeding Connection is a Bon Secours Cottage support group for mothers who breastfeed.

Call the Women's HealthCare Line at (586) 779-7909 for meeting times and dates. In addition, the La Leche League meets from 7 to 9:30 p.m. every third Monday at Bon Secours Hospital. For more information, call Mary Ann Godzwin, (313) 343-1705, or Deb Scallen, (313) 343-1777.

For more information about any of the following programs or classes, call the Bon Secours Cottage Women's HealthCare Line at (586) 779-7909.

Lecture on varicose vein treatments

Varicose vein sufferers have many new treatment options to consider. Dr. Drew Georgeson, a surgeon, will give a lecture from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, at Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe Farms. He will discuss the various treatments now available for varicose veins. The lecture is free and open to the public.

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Bon Secours Nursing Care Center resident Dorothy Klucinski browses in Marshall Field's shoe department during her day of shopping at the department store. According to Dorothy's daughter, shoes have always been Dorothy's retail passion. The shopping trip was part of a dream discovery program for residents at the nursing center.

Wishes come true at Bon Secours Nursing Care Center

Marshall Field's at Eastland Mall in Harper Woods helped make a wish come true for a Bon Secours Nursing Care Center resident last month. The outing was part of a dream discovery program for the St. Clair Shores nursing center residents.

The excursion fulfilled the wish of 86-year-old resident Dorothy Klucinski, who was accompanied by Nursing Care Center staff members and several other residents who were up for some shopping.

"When Dorothy was asked what the one thing was that she wished she could still do, she said she would like to go shopping at Marshall Field's," said Hilary Asselin, community outreach manager for the Nursing Care Center. "So we contacted the store and made that wish come true for her."

Dorothy and the group were joined by Dorothy's daughter, granddaughter and great-grandson. They

spent the afternoon living every girl's dream — browsing among jewelry, make-up, perfume and Dorothy's favorite, shoes.

Marshall Field's provided goodie bags filled with perfume samples and chocolates. They also opened up the fourth-floor restaurant for the residents to enjoy their treats and relax.

"The residents were in their glory," Asselin said.

Klucinski said that she had a wonderful time and really enjoyed the experience. "It brought back lots of great memories of when I used to make my weekly shopping trips and dine at J.L. Hudson's," she said.

Diagnosing diabetes

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Q. About a month ago my husband was diagnosed as having diabetes. He is 89. They drew several vials of blood, and that is what determined the diagnosis. Can diabetes be determined by blood alone?

— Anonymous.

A. Checking blood sugar on two separate occasions after an overnight fast is the accepted way of diagnosing diabetes.

For health newsletters, write to P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

MRI scan —a window into the body

By Dr. Arun Patel
Special Writer

The invention of the X-ray machine more than 100 years ago gave physicians a window into the human body. In the decades that have followed, researchers and scientists have improved imaging technology by creating more sensitive X-ray machines, CAT scan devices and, in the late 1970s, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanners.

How MRI works

An MRI scanner does not require radiation, as does an X-ray or CAT scan. Instead, it uses strong magnets in conjunction with radio waves to provide unparalleled images inside the body. The magnets used inside today's MRI machines are incredibly powerful, but there are no known hazards to humans who are exposed to magnetic fields of the strength used in MRI scans.

Like a CAT scanner, an MRI scanner can provide very detailed pictures of any part of the body. MRI can visualize millimeter-sized slices of specific areas in the body without the patient having to change positions on the table. With an X-ray or CAT scan, patients often have to move to allow the device to provide different views.

MRI scanners don't replace X-rays or CAT scans, which continue to be valuable diagnostic imaging devices. But if questions remain after an X-ray or CAT scan, in many instances MRI provides the best way to see inside the body without surgery.

MRI is extremely useful technology in the detection of diseases of the brain, spine, joints, blood vessels and soft tissues. An MRI is able to diagnose strokes in their earliest stages with more sensitivity than a CAT scan because MRI visualizes even the tiniest vessels.

MRI also is ideal for diagnosing infections in the brain, spine or joints, visualizing torn ligaments, tendinitis, shoulder, knee, ankle and other joint injuries and masses in soft tissues or organs.

Who shouldn't get an MRI?

The powerful magnets inside an MRI scanner are dangerous for individuals with pacemakers. The magnetic field can cause the pacemaker to malfunction even if these individuals go near the MRI device. Some dental implants are magnetic, plus some prosthetic orthopedic implants older than five to 10 years may be reactive to magnets.

There are, however, alternate imaging methods for these individuals.

Persons with claustrophobia may find it difficult to undergo an MRI, as the procedure often requires the patient to lie perfectly still inside a cylinder for periods of time ranging from 20 to 90 minutes.

MRI is state-of-the-art imaging technology that provides more and better information to physicians, enhancing their ability to diagnose and treat patients.

Dr. Patel is Medical Director of Diagnostic Imaging Services at Bon Secours Cottage Health Services. MRI services are now offered at Bon Secours Hospital three days a week from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. A physician order is required.

For an appointment with a Bon Secours Cottage physician, call Physician Referral at (800) 303-7315.

MRI appointments may be made by calling Bon Secours Cottage Centralized Scheduling at (866) 772-0077.

St. John Health offers April programs

Natural Approaches to Combat Hypertension

April 14, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Third floor Conference Room

High blood pressure is a common medical condition that affects many people and is a risk factor for cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Come learn about this serious condition and how to combat hypertension with diet, dietary supplements, and various methods of stress reduction.

Presenter: Patricia Smith, RN. To register, call (313) 647-3320. Free.

Emotional Freedom Technique

April 16, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (basic); 12:30 - 2 p.m. (oncology)

Basic and oncology-specific class offers tools to balance negative emotions, pain, anxiety and more. It is simple and easy to learn. To register, call (313) 647-3320. Fee: \$45 basic; \$55 oncology.

Reiki Level I

April 16, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Reiki is an ancient, Japanese hands-on healing method. Students learn the history of Reiki, basic hand positions and ways to use

this energy in their own lives and in service to others. To register, call (313) 647-3320. Fee: \$125.

Look Good...Feel Better

April 25, 1-3 p.m.

Learn to disguise the side effects of cancer treatment with cosmetics, wigs and scarves, and how to focus on regaining self-confidence and self-esteem. The program is a partnership between the American Cancer Society, Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association and the National Cosmetology Association. Registration required. Call (866) 246-4673. Fee: Free to women undergoing cancer treatment.

Reiki — Intro to ener-

gy

April 28, 7-8:30 p.m.

Experience a mini hands-on Reiki session and receive an explanation about Reiki energy healing. To register, call (313) 647-3320. Fee: \$5 donation.

Beginner Meditation

April 30, 10 a.m.-noon

Students learn how stress affects one physically, mentally and emotionally and how to practice techniques for relaxation, breath work and basic meditation.

To register, call (313) 647-3320. Fee: \$25.

All classes are held at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack, adjacent to St. John Hospital and Medical Center located on Moross at Mack, east of I-94.

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SOC Options

Your wishes are clear with advance directive

By Sharon Maler
SOC Executive Director

The Terri Schiavo case stirred a great deal of controversy while bringing to light a very important issue. Many people have strong feelings about the kind of medical care they would like to receive — or refuse — in certain circumstances. An advance directive allows you to clearly state your feelings.

As a competent adult, you have the right to decide to accept or refuse any medical treatment. "Competent" means you understand your condition and the results your decision may have.

As long as you are competent, you are the only person who can decide what medical treatment you want and do not want to receive. Your doctors will give you information and advice about the pros and cons of different kinds of treatment, but only you can choose whether to say "yes" or "no."

You can say "no" even if the treatment you refuse might keep you alive longer and even if your doctor or your family wants you to have it.

Someday, you may become too sick to make your own decisions about your medical care. If that happens, then decisions will have to be made for you. If you have not given any instructions, no one will know what you would have decided.

It is important to have an advance directive.

Advance directives are documents signed by a competent person giving direction to health care providers about treatment choices in certain circumstances.

There are two types of advance directives. A durable power of attorney for health care ("durable power") allows you to name a patient advocate to act for you and carry out your wishes. It is a legal document that allows you to name anyone at least 18 years old to be your advocate and make health care decisions for you.

You can pick a family member, a friend or any other person you trust, but be sure the person you choose is willing to serve. A durable power can be used to accept or refuse any treatment. If you want your patient advocate to be able to refuse any treatment and let you die, you must say so specifically in the durable power document. A durable power goes into effect only when you are not able to make decisions for yourself.

A living will allows you to state your wishes in writing, but does not name a patient advocate.

While thinking about end of life is traumatic, there are many things that you should consider when preparing your advanced directive.

- Who would you like to make treatment decisions for you, if you become unable to do so?
- How do you feel about ventilators, surgery, resuscitation (CPR), drugs or tube feeding if you were to become terminally ill? If you were unconscious and not likely to wake up? If you were senile?

- What kind of medical treatment would you want if you had a severe stroke or other medical condition that made you dependent on others for all your care?
- What sort of mental, physical or social abilities are important for you to enjoy living?

- Do you want to receive every treatment your care givers recommend?

Mrs. Terri Schiavo's last wishes may be disputed forever, but for the sake of your loved ones, make sure that your wishes are clear, concise and well-documented.

Services for Older Citizens has packets which include durable power of attorney forms, living will forms and do not resuscitate order forms.

Call (313) 882-9600 to receive the packet.

Meetings

Pettipointe Questers

Pettipointe Questers No. 243 will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 7, for a field trip to Schmidt's Antiques, Old Depot Town in Ypsilanti. Members should meet at the Grosse Pointe Municipal Parking lot for car pools.

Lunch will follow at a local restaurant.

Grand Marais Questers

The Grand Marais chapter of Questers will meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 8, at the home of Mary Lee O'Brien.

The guest speaker will be Wendy Jennings. She'll discuss identifying and collecting antiques.

Members who are unable to attend should call the hostess.

Grosse Pointe Questers

The Grosse Pointe Quester chapter No. 147 will meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 8. Louise Couger will give a guided tour of her home, which is full of antiques.

Co-hostesses are Lynne Dewey and Louise Papista.



Mayors on wheels

Services for Older Citizens celebrated "March for Meals" month on March 28 by inviting the mayors from all five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods to deliver Meals on Wheels to residents in their cities.

March for Meals is a national campaign designed to highlight the Meals on Wheels program's commitment to seniors across the country and to raise awareness of the ongoing need for funding and volunteers.

Meals on Wheels is successful because of volunteers who not only deliver a hot meal, but also provide a smiling face and a safety check.

Getting ready to deliver meals in their respective cities are, from left, City of Grosse Pointe Councilman John Stempfle; Ken Poynter, mayor of Harper Woods; Robert Novitke, mayor of Grosse Pointe Woods; Palmer Heenan, mayor of Grosse Pointe Park; Jim Farquhar, mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms; and Jim Cooper, president of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Anyone interested in volunteering to deliver Meals on Wheels should call Mary Rose Nelson or Betsy Schulte at the SOC office, (313) 882-9600.

Bill Rastelli

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms

Family: Wife, Barbara; two cats

Occupation: Realtor with Jim Saros Agency for the last seven years

Interests: When he's not volunteering or selling real estate, Rastelli likes to exercise, travel and keep up on current events.

Quote: "Volunteering for the senior community is my small way to show appreciation for the sacrifices that many (people) of this generation have made that allow us to have the life that we live today."

Bill Rastelli of Grosse Pointe Farms decided to volunteer his time in the community by helping deliver Meals on Wheels for Services for Older Citizens once a week.

"Fortunately, selling real estate in our area allows me the opportunity to be flexible with my schedule,"

he said, "so I can spend a little time each week with the seniors."

"Maybe I am old-fashioned, but I still believe it's a privilege to be invited into someone's home. The look I see on people's faces when I come to the door is genuine and appreciative. Having someone say thank you for taking the time to deliver his or her meal for the day can be a very humbling experience."

Besides volunteering for Services for Older Citizens, Rastelli also helps at Bon Secours

POINTES OF LIGHT
Volunteer of the month



Hospital by assisting patients to their cars when they leave the hospital.

"I highly recommend volunteering in our community; it's rewarding and very much needed."

Rastelli shares his passion for volunteering with others. His wife, Barbara, recently joined Services for Older Citizens as a volunteer and is currently running errands and paying visits to homebound seniors.

Anyone who is interested in volunteer opportunities at Services for Older Citizens or who would like to suggest a volunteer for a future Pointes of Light, call Betsy Schulte at (313) 882-9600 ext. 245 or send an e-mail to SOCBETSY@yahoo.com. Schulte is volunteer coordinator at SOC, but suggestions for future Pointes of Light can be active in any local charitable or civic organization.

— Betsy Schulte

BSC offers pulmonary, cardiac rehab

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services offers the following classes for strengthening muscles and endurance training. For information, call (313) 640-2582 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program — A physician referral is required for this educational exercise program for persons with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Cardiac Rehabilitation Program — A physician referral is

required for this educational exercise program for persons with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Services for Older Citizens will offer a presentation by a St. John Hospital pharmacist at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, April 13, at the Neighborhood Club.

ease and those recovering from cardiac illness or surgery.

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Living on a fixed income

Fixed incomes are usually associated with senior citizens who rely on Social Security or pension checks that remain constant each month. However, many others live with an income that stays the same from year to year. Budgeting, creating a financial plan and cutting back on expenses are ways to make fixed incomes more manageable.

The following information will help keep you on track:

- Whether fixed or fluctuating, know exactly how much income you have each month. Also know how many fixed expenses you have. These include rent, mortgages, utilities, insurance, etc. Once you add up your fixed expenses and deduct them from your income, you'll know just how much you have left for variable expenses, like luxuries, food and so on. You've now created a budget.

- Learn to scale back:

- Reduce the amount of detergent, toothpaste, shampoo, dishwasher liquid, etc. that you use. You can save a lot by only using how much you need.
- Buy generic whenever possible. Many grocery items (like potato chips and seltzer) are manufactured by one company and then packaged with a brand name or generic wrapper. They're the same, but since you're not paying extra for advertising, the generic is cheaper. Also, let your physician know you'd like generic options for prescription drugs.

- Bulk buying and coupon clipping may seem like a good idea, but make sure you are actually getting a bargain and will use the product.
- Rely on the local library for magazines, newspapers, CDs and DVD rentals. This way, you won't have the added expense of subscriptions but can still keep abreast of the latest flicks, music, news and other information.

- Shop around for deals. Sometimes the best deals are waiting to be found. This includes airplane tickets, hotel rooms, clothing and appliances, among other items.
- Take care of your big-ticket items. Make sure your appliances and vehicles are in top shape. An unexpected repair can be costly enough to blow a hole in any budget. Take advantage of periodic servicing to prevent disasters.

- Drive sensibly. Don't risk an accident or an insurance hike due to carelessness.

By following some of these tips, you'll find that it is easy to learn how to live on a fixed income, whether temporary or long-term.

Down to Earth

Spring wildflowers will soon strut their stuff

Talk with Patty Mogk of Grosse Pointe Woods, and you'll hear the enthusiasm in her voice when wildflowers are mentioned. Her father introduced her to the wonderful world of wildflowers as she took nature

walks with him while growing up in areas of Macomb County that are now subdivisions.

Mogk, a retired physical education teacher with a science major, wanted to be a forest ranger. "They

wouldn't take me," she said. Instead, in her retirement, she has led wildflower walks for the Sierra Club and other groups. Last year she led about 25 folks on a wildflower walk on the grounds of the Edsel &

Eleanor Ford House. This year, due to an illness, she's turning over the walk to Sandra Goeddeke-Richards of the Michigan State University Extension Service.

Nonetheless, Mogk will be there in spirit.

Wildflowers are defined as those native to the area. They include flowering plants, sedges, mosses, grasses and ferns. Widespread disturbances of natural areas due to development result in drastic reductions of native plant populations.

Fortunately, we are lucky to have 86 acres of the Ford Estate with wildflowers which are not bothered and are shared with the community during certain times of the year.

Mogk said "The Ford Estate is the only place children on the east side, including St. Clair Shores, can go to see wildflowers. It's a wonderful treasure for field trips for children."

Spring is regal on the Ford grounds. But in looking for wildflowers, it's often difficult to know what you're looking for, and you may miss many of the plants unless they're pointed out. This is partly because of the naturalistic design and use of native plants in the landscape design by Jens Jensen.

If last year is any indication of what will be on show this year, Jacob's ladder is one beauty to watch for. Another bunch of sweetness is the Dutchmen's breeches. In this day of cargo pants and sandals, children may need an explanation of what breeches were. Watch also for scilla, mayapple or trillium.

Another problem facing native wildflowers is the aggression of invasive alien species such as purple loosestrife and garlic mustard. Exotic species such as the dandelion and Queen Anne's Lace have overtaken the diverse landscapes of native wildflowers to such an extent that in many areas, people believe them to be native. I would never have guessed that Queen Anne's Lace wasn't native to this area.

Mogk is a member of the Michigan Botanical Club, which has five chapters in the state. The group has a joint meeting of its chapters

twice a year with jaunts into the areas hosting.

This year, over Memorial Day weekend, the 2005 Spring Foray will be hosted by the Southeastern chapter on Friday through Monday, May 27-30.

Plans are to travel the wetlands and woodlands of rolling Oakland County to the banks of the Detroit River to the bogs of the Thumb, offering something for everyone. For more information, visit www.michbotclub.org. Student scholarships are available.

Mogk claims her favorite wildflower is the one that's blooming. She's very fond of bloodroot. "If you blink, they're done blooming," she said, and the native wood poppy, different from the more common yellow-flowered Celandine.

In her own garden, she enjoys the early-blooming spring wildflowers. And, while she admires the beautiful prairies with their blooming native plants, she's not a purist who grows only those. Mogk said she enjoys the flowering hybrid plants as well as the wildflowers that grow during our short summers.

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Down to Earth



By Kathleen Peabody

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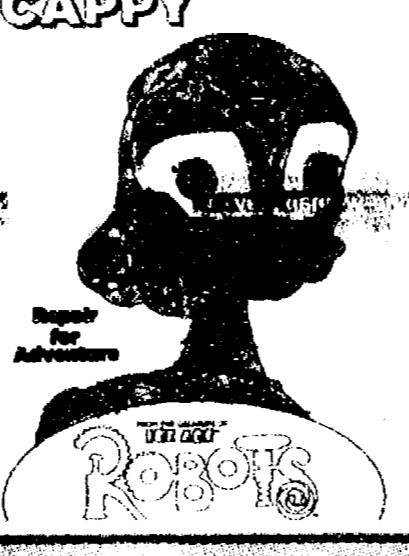
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'Deconstruction' saves, reuses architectural parts

By Alex Suczek

Special Writer

Seeing a new house go up on a vacant lot in your neighborhood is a routine experience. It's hardly routine, however, when the new structure rises on a lot where a perfectly good house has been for a long time.

Was the old house of historic value? Is the new house an improvement? How will it affect property values?

Many of those questions and their answers have come up recently for residents of Lewiston between Kercheval and Grosse Pointe Boulevard. They are about to see a 55-year-old house disappear before their eyes and a new one rise in its place.

Fortunately, the answers are uniformly positive and reassuring.

How the owners of the house came to this decision is a story in itself. The family has two young children. The father's professional activity is located in Grosse Pointe, and they bought the home at 88 Lewiston two years ago, with the intention of remodeling it just enough to suit their lifestyle.

They liked the location. The father's sister lives in the neighborhood. With a little remodeling, the house seemed eminently suitable.

While the house stood empty, discussions with an architect focused on enlarging and updating the original kitchen, finding room to make the garage accommodate three cars and adding a contemporary family

State of the Arts



By Alex Suczek

room.

Soon, imaginations turned to wishes for a larger master bedroom and bathroom, more closet space and changes to the other bedrooms. They considered revising the floor plan to add to the comfortable living space and to create a livable basement.

Issues of style and structure arose. How could the architect match the new construction to the original building? How effective and aesthetically pleasing would it be, patched on to the original structure? And how much would all this cost?

They began to explore whether it would make more sense to demolish the old house and build a new one.

There was little hope for a different location. Finding an empty lot was not an option, as there are few vacant lots in Grosse Pointe; none that size in that neighborhood.

There is precedent for tearing down old houses, even in Grosse Pointe where we value the grace, quality and tradition of our homes. In recent years an older home at Lothrop and Kercheval and another one

in the same area were taken down and replaced.

Demolishing the old house and building a new one — it was worth exploring.

The owners of 88 Lewiston set out on a project to estimate costs of taking down the old house and creating the home of their dreams. First they had to seek demolition and building permits from the city. Meanwhile, discussions with the architect took a new turn.

A query to the local historical society brought assurance that the existing house was not historically significant. Nobody objected to taking it down.

A crucial factor in the decision was cost, of course. But there were also considerations of sentiment and the destruction of a perfectly good building.

This led the family to a particularly exciting discovery.

Hoping to avoid just dumping a lot of debris in a landfill, they called Habitat for Humanity to see if it could use some of the materials and fixtures from the demolished house.

Habitat informed them that it could take elements that were easy to remove, but it did not have the capability to salvage structural materials. For structural materials, Habitat refers clients to a nonprofit company that tears down buildings by a process called deconstruction.

Deconstruction preserves most of the materials for reuse. The company is Architectural Salvage Warehouse of Detroit (ASWD), and it is currently operating as an affiliate of Habitat, which is located at I-96 and Greenfield.

ASWD is a boon to builders and contractors seeking traditional, quality materials for both new construction and restoration. It is also a service that makes it both cost-effective and ecologically beneficial for customers to take down a building.

Conferences with a tax attorney and accountant assured the owners that ASWD offered an economically competitive alternative to wrecking ball demolition.

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lition. ASWD is tax-exempt under section 501(c)3 of the tax code, because along with the environmental benefit of recycling valuable building materials, ASWD also trains workers in the building trades. Workers learn how to put buildings together by taking them apart, piece by piece.

The owner makes a tax-deductible gift of the house to ASWD and pays for the labor of deconstruction. ASWD gains the additional income it needs to operate by selling the salvaged materials.

With tax benefits, the cost to the owner is about the same as it would be for demolition. The big differences are that the highly skilled process of deconstruction takes a little longer, and it makes valuable materials available for beneficial use instead of being dumped.

In the meantime, Lewiston and all of Grosse Pointe can take satisfaction over another feather in its cap. A discriminating family, appreciating the ambience and wholesomeness of the community, is replacing a somewhat outdated home with a beautiful new one so that they can have the home of their dreams in Grosse Pointe.

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Entertainment

Martha's break-out dip?

This week's recipe is in honor of Martha Stewart's recent release from prison. This recipe for hot spinach dip comes from *Everyday Food*, a monthly publication from Martha's kitchen, a magazine that's only the size of a T.V. Guide, but is always packed with terrific ideas for food and entertaining.

I altered the ingredients slightly to make the recipe more user-friendly.

Break-Out

Hot Spinach Dip

3 tablespoons olive oil
1 large onion, diced
3 garlic cloves, minced

3 10-oz. boxes (or 2 16-oz. boxes) frozen spinach, thawed and drained of excess water

3/4 cup milk or Half & Half

1 8-oz. package cream cheese

4 to 5 dashes Worcestershire sauce
4 to 5 dashes red hot sauce (Tabasco)

1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (or Italian blend), divided

Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Heat the oil in a large nonstick skillet, over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and saute for 5 to 8 minutes, until the onions are completely wilted and beginning to brown.

Add the drained spinach and cook for just another minute or two. Transfer the mixture to a bowl and set aside.

In the same skillet, place the milk and the cream cheese and heat on low until the cheese has completely melted. (A higher heat will burn the cheese.) Stir in the spinach mixture, Worcestershire sauce, hot sauce, and 3/4 cup of the shredded cheese. Taste and season with salt and pepper.

Turn the mixture into a shallow, greased two-quart baking dish and top with the remaining 3/4 cup shredded cheese.

Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes, until the top of the dip becomes golden brown.

Serve the dip hot and spread on baguettes, toast pita wedges or crack-

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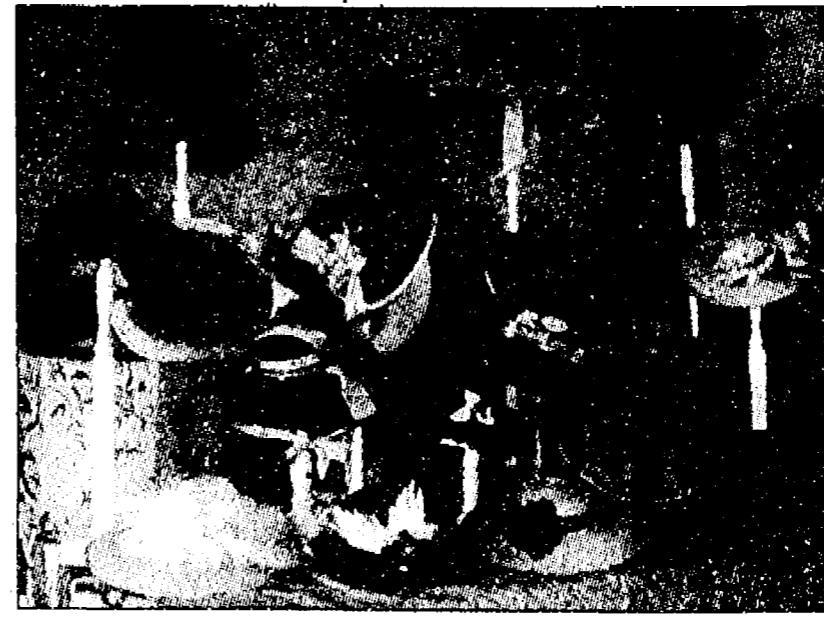
By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



ers. The texture of the dip is hearty and will stand up to fresh cut vegetables as well. This low-carb appetizer was a snap to make and can be prepared ahead of time.

Store the dip, covered, in the refrigerator up to one day in advance of cooking. Let the dip sit out for an hour before baking. Decrease oven temperature to 350 degrees and increase the baking time to 30 or 35 minutes. The dip will be hot and bubbly and golden on top.

I'm personally glad that Martha is (practically) back in society. I'll be making break-out hot spinach dip at a birthday party in the Hamptons this weekend. The weather forecast is high 50s to low 60s. Perfect weather for my new knitted poncho.



Chapeau Show

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society plans a luncheon and "Chapeau Show" beginning at noon Saturday, April 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Celebrate spring the old-fashioned way in a new or vintage hat. Bea Reid of Excentricity will present a fashion show of historically accurate ladies' caps and hats from the 1700s through the 1950s. Ladies are encouraged to wear hats and gloves and even period costumes, if they wish.

The event is co-sponsored by the Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Tickets are \$20, and advance reservations are required. Call Paula Wigton, (313) 886-9143, or Paula Sarvis, (313) 881-2191 to make a reservation. Checks should be made out to Louisa St. Clair chapter DAR and mailed to Paula Sarvis, 342 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, 48236. Proceeds will benefit the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

G.P. Theatre presents six one-act plays

Grosse Pointe Theatre will present six 60-minute one-act plays on the weekend of April 8, 9 and 10, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The six performance pieces are the state winners from Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio that are in competition for the right to represent those states in the national competition of the American Association of Community Theatre's AACTFest.

The National AACTFest to be held in Kalamazoo the week of June 14-18.

Session I performances begin at 7:15 p.m. Friday, April 8. "The Laramie Project," will be presented by the Emerald City Players from Dublin, Ohio; and "Nunsense Amen," the male version of the original "Nunsense," will be presented by the River City Family Theatre in Elkhart, Ind.

Session II begins at 12:45 p.m. Saturday, April 9. "Cabin Fever" will be presented by the Elkhart Civic Theatre in Elkhart, Ind.; and "Proof" will be presented by Rosedale Community Players of Detroit.

Session III begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 9. "Two Rooms" will be presented by the Village Playhouse of Wauwatosa, Wis.; and "Unveiling" will be presented by Southwest Theatre & Arts Resources Inc. of Chicago. Tickets for the individual performance sessions are available for \$10. Call (313) 881-4004.

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Red Barons expand; hope to fill middle school football void

By Chuck Klonke

Sports Editor

Securing a spot on the Grosse Pointe Red Barons football teams has been almost as difficult as getting tickets for a Tim McGraw concert.

Those days appear to be over — at least for a while.

The Red Barons are adding another set of teams that will begin playing this fall in the Eastern Suburban Football League.

"We're going to eliminate the camping out before registration," said Red Barons president Rene St. Hilaire.

"This is going to allow a lot more kids to play football. We're limited by league rules to 45 players on each of our rosters so we've had to

shut down registration and turn people away."

There's going to be another benefit to the expansion of the Red Barons Organization, which has been providing football and cheerleading experience to youngsters in the community for 51 years.

"We want to be the feeder system for the two public high schools in the community," St. Hilaire said. "It doesn't look like middle school football is in the immediate future for the community, so we want to fill that void."

"Since we're a non-profit and self-supporting organization we can do it without taxing the community or putting a burden on the

school district. We waited to see what was going to happen with middle school football before we announced our plans to expand."

The teams would be called Red Barons North and Red Barons South and would draw players from the boundaries that divide the enrollment at Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North high schools.

St. Hilaire admitted that some school officials are concerned that the Red Barons won't be able to take the place of middle school football in providing a feeder program for the high schools.

He intends to prove them wrong.

"If you look at our 51-year

history, there's no doubt in my mind that we can pull this off," St. Hilaire said. "We've talked to both (North coach) Frank (Sumbera) and (South coach Mike) McLeod about what we're trying to do, and I think we have their support."

St. Hilaire said that the Red Barons' coaching staff would try to coordinate with the high school coaches so that the youth teams would be running the same basic systems as the high school teams that they would be feeding.

"We're hoping that the middle schools will open their doors to us, and help us let the kids know what is available," St. Hilaire said. "I've talked to two of the

three middle school athletic directors and they've been very supportive."

St. Hilaire is convinced that if more youngsters play youth football, the high schools will benefit.

"A lot of kids who haven't played football before high school are behind the ones who have, and they're more likely to drop out of the sport," St. Hilaire said.

"We want to teach as many kids as we can to play football."

The Red Barons offer football and cheerleading for youngsters ages 9 through 14 who aren't in high school. Teams are defined by age and football weight limits and categorized as freshman, junior varsity and var-

sity.

Typically, the Red Barons season begins the second week in August and concludes at the end of October. Practices are usually held Mondays through Fridays from 5 to 7 p.m. at Kerby Field. During the school year, practices are from 5 to 6:30 p.m. to accommodate homework schedules.

The Red Barons play an eight-game schedule in the Eastern Suburban Football League. The new team will also play in the league.

"The league's board of directors overwhelmingly accepted our expansion team," St. Hilaire said. "That shows what the league thinks of our organization."



Four Grosse Pointers were members of the Fraser Eclipse synchronized figure skating team that finished second in the junior division at the Nottingham Cup competition in Great Britain. From left, are Laura Ziemiecki, Jennie Costello, Erica Abke and Brooke Palmer.

Local skaters are runners-up in international competition

Four Grosse Pointe skaters were members of the Fraser Eclipse synchronized skating team that finished second in the recent Nottingham Cup competition in England's National Ice Centre.

Erica Abke, Jennie Costello, Brooke Palmer and Laura Ziemiecki skated for the Eclipse, which was one of two United States teams

to compete in the junior division.

The Eclipse had ordinals very close to the Canadian team, Ice Image, which won the junior competition. Another United States team, the Fond du Lac (Wisc.) Blades were third.

This was the first year for the Nottingham Cup event and it was one of the most successful events of the skating season.

There were judges and teams from the United States, Great Britain, Russia, Finland, the Netherlands, France and Canada.

Abke and Palmer are students at Grosse Pointe South, Ziemiecki attends Grosse Pointe North, and Costello is a student at University Liggett School.

Youth field hockey program starts Sunday at Grosse Pointe South

Young field hockey players are going to get the chance to learn the game from the area's high school coaches and players.

Southeast Recreational Field Hockey (SERFH) is sponsoring an eight-week program for fourth through eighth graders on Sundays from 1 to 2:30 p.m., beginning April 10. The program runs through June 12. There will be no sessions on May 8 and May 29.

The program will be held at the Grosse Pointe South stadium.

The cost is \$120 and includes a shirt and ball. Players may rent or purchase sticks.

The directors of the program are Grosse Pointe South coach Monica Dennis and University Liggett School coach Biffy Fowler.

Players from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and ULS will be instructors and referees. High school players can earn community service hours by participating in the program.

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Gold medalist

Andrew Astalos of Grosse Pointe Shores won the Pony Division overall championship at the recent North American Short Track Speedskating Championships in Milwaukee. The 10-year-old Astalos competed against skaters from the United States and Canada, and set several records in the process of winning the gold medal. He has been skating for three seasons and is a member of the Wolverine Sports Club's speedskating team.

North boys track team tuned up inside for outdoor season

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's Casey Fulton is a perfect example of what hard work can do for a track athlete.

"Casey has always been a decent runner, but he's developed into one of the better ones on the team," said coach Dan Quinn.

"He ran 760 miles between the end of cross country and the first day of track season. That's why he's already had a 51-second PR (personal record) in the two mile."

Fulton is one of several North runners who have performed well during the indoor season, and are ready to battle for first place in the

Macomb Area Conference Blue Division.

"I think we could be competitive in the Red (Division) this year," Quinn said. "We're solid from the 400 to the mile, and we have some good freshman sprinters."

"I think we'll be deeper than we were last year."

In North's first outdoor competition of the season, the Norsemen did well in the Sterling Heights Freshman-Sophomore meet.

"The meet wasn't scored, but if it had been, we would have had 89 points," Quinn said. "That's pretty impressive for an invitational meet."

Will Utley was a double

winner for North as he cleared 11-feet in the pole vault and had a first-place time of 45.5 in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles.

North's 4x100 relay team of Luke Donahue, Kristian Cruz, Reed Minney and Edwin Whitfield was first in their event.

Robbie Fisher had a good day with a first in the 3,200 run (11:28) and a second in the 400 (53.6).

North was second in the 4x200 relay with the team of Whitfield, Minney, Matt Veryser and Utley.

Andy Van Egmond was third in the 3,200 with a time of 11:29.

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Blue Devils aren't worried about Cincinnati setbacks

By Chuck Klonka
Sports Editor

Don't pay attention to Grosse Pointe South's baseball team's record on its spring trip to the Cincinnati area.

It's not indicative of what the Blue Devils are going to do when they return to Michigan.

That's why coach Dan Griesbaum isn't concerned that South lost all four of its games in Ohio.

"We go to play good competition, and hopefully, find better weather there than we do here," he said. "We could have won two, maybe three of the games."

"We found some things out, everybody got a chance to play, and we know what

we have to work on. The year we won the state championship, we were 1-4 in Cincinnati."

The most lopsided defeat of the trip came in the opener when Cincinnati Moeller beat the Blue Devils 10-1 behind one of the top high school pitchers in the country.

"We faced Eric Surkamp, a 6-5 lefthander, who has a scholarship to North Carolina State and will probably be drafted by a major league team," Griesbaum said.

South managed only two hits off Surkamp — singles by Eddie Barclay and Ryan Abraham. Derrick Hacias hit a double off a Moeller reliever.

Moeller scored five runs in the first inning, but South settled down and played better the rest of the way.

The most disappointing defeat of the trip was a 9-8 extra-inning loss to Cincinnati Princeton.

"We had 5-1 and 6-3 leads and we gave up three unearned runs that let them tie the game," Griesbaum said.

In the top of the eighth, Chad Murphy doubled and Ryan Gunderson homered to give South an 8-6 lead, but Princeton won it with a three-run homer.

Christian Conroy had two hits, including a double, for the Blue Devils. Gunderson also hit a double, while Murphy hit two doubles.

South collected only three hits in a 4-1 loss to Purcell Marian.

Back-to-back doubles by Barclay and Kyle Humphrey in the third produced the Blue Devils' only run. Murphy also hit a double.

South starter Peter Stoepker gave up three runs in the first inning, but settled down and pitched three more innings. Hacias finished up and allowed one hit and struck out four.

The Blue Devils' bats were also quiet in a 4-2 loss to Grove City.

Once again, South had only three hits. The Blue Devils scored an unearned run in the third inning, and added another in the sixth when Humphrey doubled

and eventually scored on Abraham's sacrifice fly.

Barclay and Hacias had singles for South's other hits.

Hacias again turned in a strong relief effort, allowing four hits in four innings.

"I'd like to thank our Dugout Club, and especially Ed Barclay and Dan DeLaura, for all the work they did to organize the trip," Griesbaum said. "It was a great trip, and we were able to take the JV team along this year, too."

There are some question marks on South's team this year but that doesn't mean the Blue Devils have lowered their expectations for the season.

"A lot depends on how well

our inexperienced kids come through," Griesbaum said. "We have only three returning starters, and we lost a lot of pitching with the graduation of (Ben) Jenzen and (Tom) Sawicki."

"A lot depends on how quickly we improve and develop. We have to just keep getting better. Our goals are the same. Our motto is 'Drive for Five.' We're looking for our fifth straight MAC White and district championships. The competition in the league is going to be tough with (Grosse Pointe) North, Ford, and Fraser, which should be improved."

South has a non-league doubleheader against Troy Athens on Saturday.

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"Robbie ran with Andy the whole race and that helped Andy set a PR by 23 seconds," Quinn said.

North had fifth-place finishes from Wes Raynal in the 400, Whitfield in the long jump and Cam Howard in the 200. Minney was sixth in the 200.

In the Macomb County Indoor Championships, Fisher was third in the 600 run, John Bremer took third in the 300, and Utley was third in the pole vault when he cleared 11-6.

North's 4x800 relay team of Mike Pokladek, Fulton, Barclay Smyly and Steven Joseph was second in 8:57, just behind a strong L'Anse Creuse team.

DeAndre Henderson finished sixth in the long jump with a PR of 19-3, and Mario Sexton was sixth in the 600.

Quinn was pleased with the way his team performed in the Kermitt Ambrose Invitational at Eastern Michigan University.

"We went head-to-head with (Bloomfield Hills) Lahser, which is one of the top teams around," Quinn said.

The distance medley relay team of Pokladek, Fisher, Bremer and Sexton was second in 11:34. The same team took third place in the 4x800 relay, only a tenth of a second behind runner-up Ypsilanti.

In the distance medley, Pokladek had a great 1,200 leg of 3:31, which equates to a 4:41 mile," Quinn said. "And in the 4x800, Fisher had a 2:04 split."

Henderson improved his personal best to 19-6 in the long jump, and qualified for the semifinals in the 60 hurdles, and just missed earning a spot in the finals.

Utley took fourth place in the pole vault.

Earlier, Fisher finished ninth in the mile at the indoor state meet with a time of 4:38.

"We're looking forward to a great season," Quinn said. "We have outstanding leadership with our six captains — Mario Sexton, John Bremer, Grant Ditzhazy, Marcell Maxwell, Spencer Channel and Jake Masinick."

Quinn also has a new assistant coach in Paul Langedock, who has been an assistant track coach at L'Anse Creuse North and Macomb Community College, and was head coach of the girls track team at Troy.

"He's working with our hurdlers and long jumpers," Quinn said.

South grads start strong for Hope baseball team

Grosse Pointe South grads Danny Keogh and Andrew Vlasak are off to a good start for the Hope College baseball team.

In his first six games, Keogh is batting .533 (8-for-15) with two RBIs. The sophomore third baseman has an on-base average of .556.

Vlasak is tied for the team

The Crescent Sail Yacht Club will offer adult sailing lessons again this summer.

This is the third year in a row that the club has offered sailing instruction to non-members. In the previous two years, more than 50 sailors have taken the class, which is taught by experienced volunteers who are members at Crescent.

"We've made substantial progress every year in learning how to teach sailing and this year is no exception," said instruction chairman Jerry McNamara, a City of

Grosse Pointe resident and a sailor with more than 50 years of experience.

"People entering the class this year will be able to avail themselves of a well-thoughtout program, and instructors with lots of sailing and teaching experience. I'm very proud of our instructors, who take this very seriously, even though they're all volunteers and work for free. If you really want to learn how to sail, make friends and have fun while you're doing it, I can't imagine a better program

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The cost of the class is \$450, which includes text materials, shore instruction and 12 weeks of on-the-water classes, which are conducted in the club's fleet of Flying Scot sailboats.

Students choose the Monday, Tuesday or Thursday evening series that best fits their schedule for on-the-water classes from June through August.

Boats go out with groups of three students and an instructor.

The course includes

instruction in knot tying, basic safety and boat rigging and handling techniques.

Prior sailing experience isn't necessary to take the course but a swim test is required. The class is limited to 24 students and is filled in the order of checks and applications received.

After completing the course, participants can take a test to demonstrate their sailing skills and can earn a "skipper's card."

A skipper's designation allows students to use the club's Flying Scots for the

rest of the season.

Throughout the season, students are invited to participate in the many racing and social activities that the club offers. Students who complete the course may also apply for membership to Crescent.

For more information or an application for the sailing classes, contact Liz Natter by e-mail at enatter@earthlink.net, and write "sailing class" on the subject line.

Knights try to fill holes after graduation

The faces are different this year but University Liggett School's softball team is hoping to carry on its winning tradition.

After winning 60 games and three district championships the last three seasons, the Knights graduated nine seniors and have a lot of positions to fill, and they'll have to fill them in a hurry.

ULS is scheduled to play 10 games during the first two weeks of the season, including tournaments at Clintondale and Sand Creek.

The Knights also have Metro Conference games with Harper Woods, Lutheran Northwest, Lutheran Westland and Hamtramck.

"With a lot of uncertainty going into the season, both players and coaches will have their work cut out for them," said coach Jim Schmidt. "Going into the opener, the situation can best be described as rebuilding but not broke."

"Although it may take a few weeks for the team to find itself, the potential is certainly there for success and to carry on the softball tradition at University Liggett."

Three of last year's seniors — Katie Andrecovich, Julie Borushko and Kelly King — are playing softball in college.

Erin Fleck, a junior who played on the junior varsity the last two years, will handle most of ULS's pitching assignments. She was impressive in her final outing of the 2004 season, shutting out Center Line St.

Clement in two innings of relief in the regional semifinal.

Krista Murray, who had a .538 on-base average in 2004, will be the starting catcher. She continued to hit well during the team's annual spring trip to Orlando, Fla.

Alex Houghtalin returns for her third season as the starting shortstop, and has been a solid player on offense and defense.

In spring training she batted an almost unbelievable .800, and she pulled off five double plays against Zoe Christian in the district championship game last season," Schmidt said.

Stefania Ford, who was an all-region selection as an outfielder last year, moves to first base. She was one of the team leaders in RBIs last year, and delivered several game-winning hits.

Freshman Taylor Brown moved right into the starting lineup at third base.

Schmidt said that Brown is "certain to leave her mark on the high school softball world."

He also said that she is "a gifted athlete with good hitting power to all fields." Brown will hit in the No. 2 spot in the Knights' batting order.

Four positions are still up for grabs among seniors Amber Simpson, Alex Binn-Craven, Valaurian Waller and Valencia Waller, and newcomers Lindsey McGuiness, Cora Smith, Ke'Ara Bryant, Meghan Wilson and Chalene Jones.



The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Breakers '89 won the Division II championship in the Michigan State Premier Soccer Program with a 7-1-1 record. In front, from left, are Lindsay Krall, Kara Trowell, Katherine Tietjen, Marian Schmidt and Erin Hughes. In back, from left, are manager Dick Lightbody, Elizabeth Carrier, Liz Lightbody, Amanda Marsh, Christina Schucker, Amanda Palffy, Amy Hathaway, Katie Galea and coach Dan Kelly. Not pictured is Maria Simcina.

Breakers '89 reap rewards from a championship season

An outstanding fall season continues to reap rewards for the Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Breakers '89 girls soccer team.

After finishing first in Division II of the Michigan State Premier Soccer Program, the Breakers were promoted to Division I, which is the highest level of play in the league.

The Breakers were recently invited to play in the Great Lakes College Show Tournament in Traverse City this summer.

The tournament attracts some of the best high-school

age teams and players in the Midwest to display their talent for college coaches representing the best college programs from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Minnesota.

Last fall, the Breakers overcame injuries to its 13-player roster to post a 7-1-1 record.

By the third game of the year, two key players suffered season-ending injuries.

It would have been easy for the team to become discouraged and make excuses for not winning, but that isn't what happened.

Dan Kelly continued to coach the team as if it could win every game.

The players stayed focused, played hard and never gave up.

In the final game of the season, the Breakers beat Ann Arbor United 1-0 to move past the Birmingham Blazers into first place.

The Breakers' record is even more impressive because, unlike many teams in the league which draw from several communities,

the squad is comprised entirely of players from the Grosse Pointes.

Members of the Breakers were Elizabeth Carrier, Katie Galea, Amy Palffy, Erin Hughes, Lindsay Krall, Elizabeth Lightbody, Amanda Marsh, Marian Schmidt, Christina Schucker, Maria Simcina, Katherine Tietjen and Kara Trowell.

All but one of the players are students at Grosse Pointe South.

Another belt for Farms boxing manager

Add another belt to Grosse Pointe Farms boxing manager John C. Carlisle's growing list of titles.

Carlisle's underrated heavyweight Leo Nolan easily dropped his opponent, Andy Sample of Topeka, Kan., at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center in Warren last Friday night.

Nolan (23-0, nine KOs) knocked Sample (32-10, 21 KOs) to his knees three times in the third round before earning another TKO.

The victory won Nolan the

vacant IBU Intercontinental heavyweight belt.

Nolan is booked for an April 23 bout in Dortmund, Germany, where he hopes to face former WBO heavyweight champion Vladimir Klitschko (48-3, 39 KOs). Klitschko is scheduled to fight Cuban Eliseo Castillo, who may pull out.

Also in Carlisle's corner Friday night was cruiserweight Darnell Wilson (17-1-3), of Washington, D.C. Wilson felled his opponent,

Carlisle liked what he saw and signed Battle to a three-fight contract at DeCarlo's, beginning June 10.

He expects a world championship out of his new fighter.

One disappointment last week was the first defeat for Team Carlisle welterweight Marlon Davis (9-1-1), who lost to Felix Lora (4-1-2) of Miami.

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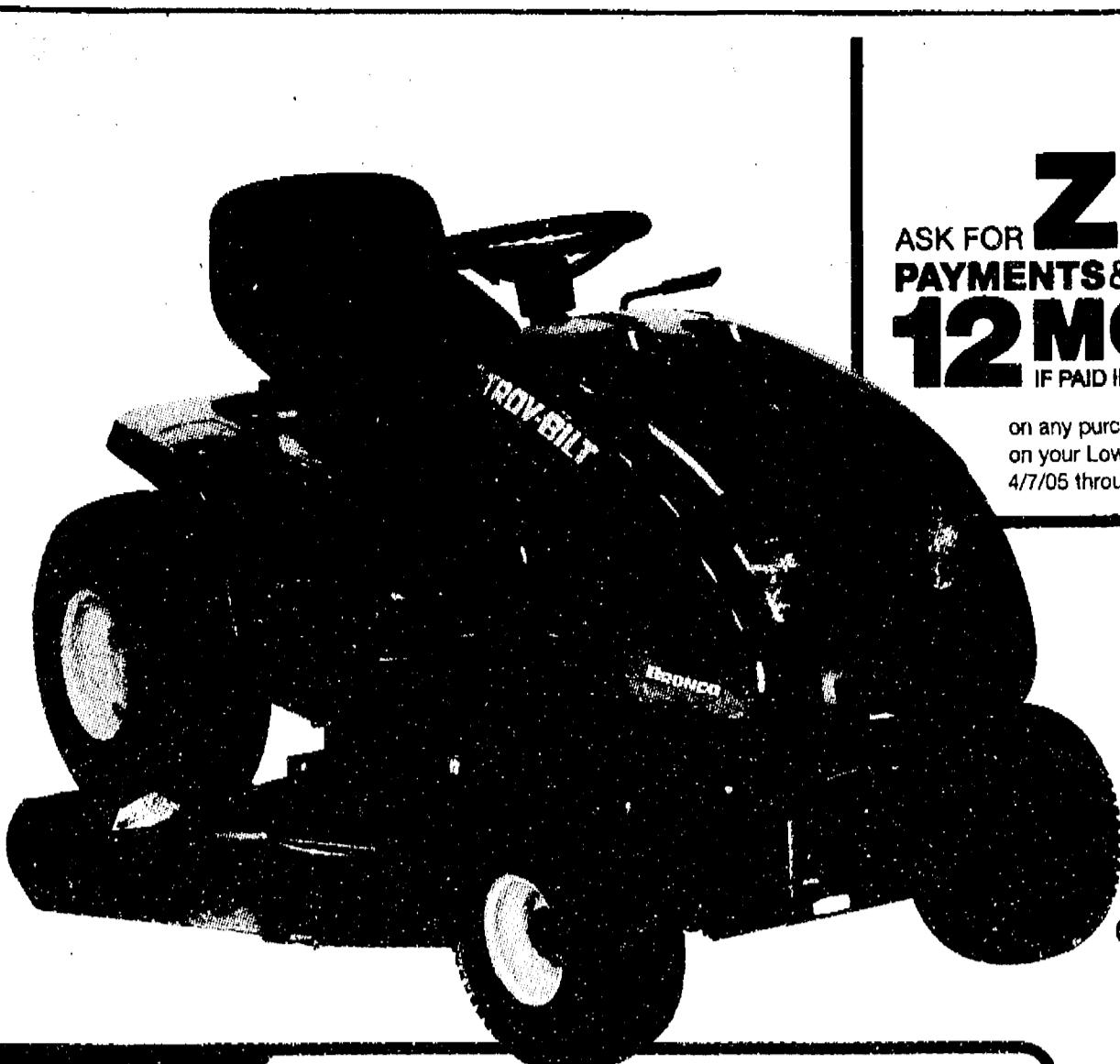
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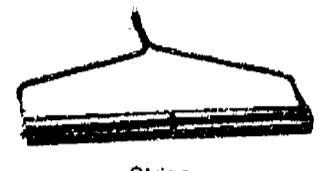
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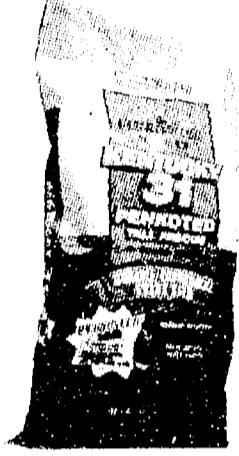
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Needlepoint: An art to be preserved

Antique needleworks of art bring awe in craftsmanship and historic unfoldings. They are to be held as an elegant heirloom piece or as a "great find."

According to The National NeedleWork Association, the roots of needlepoint go back thousands of years to the ancient Egyptians who used small, slanted stitches to sew their canvas tents.

In the 1700s American needlepoint was called tent stitching. Like petit point, tent stitching is small. Portraits and landscapes can be beautifully crafted using the half stitch.

In the 16th century, needlepoint was a pastime of the "leisure class." Early Colonial women stitched practical household items such as seats, rugs and covers. Mid-19th century saw more leisure time for men and women to stitch for enjoyment.

Recently sold on e-bay is a Victorian wool floral rose seat cover, circa late 1800s, in excellent condition, with a bid history of six, for \$51.

"Schroeder's Antiques Price Guide" lists a needlework picture of a romantic couple in landscape, American, circa 1806, 17 by 10 inch in excellent condition valued at \$5,275. According to Schroeder's, collectors of needlework seek out exceptional stitchery to marvel at its beauty, rarity and ties to history. Eighteenth century masterpieces of needle art are undiscovered and under-appreciated. The techniques will never be duplicated. Their beauty is subtle. Amazing stitches are often invisible to the naked eye.



Photo by Diane Morelli
This greatly detailed petit point, circa 1800s, housed in gilt frame, measures 3-by-3.25 inches.

News at 96 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms 48236; e-mail dmorelli@grossepointrnews.com.

Contacts

- The National NeedleArts Association, P.O. Box 3388, Zanesville, OH 43702-3388; phone, (800) 889-8662; fax, (740) 452-2552; Web site, tnna.org.
- Sanford Restoration Works, 2102 Speyer Ln., Redondo Beach, CA 90278; phone, (310) 374-7412; fax, (310) 798-2792. Restoration of antique textiles including needlepoint and tapestries.



By Diane Morelli

"Kovels' Antiques & Collectibles Price List 2002" lists a petit point of two children and a dog in a garden, 24-by-25 inches, at \$165; and a needlepoint of a peacock perched on a flowering branch, housed in a rosewood frame, 41.5-by-36 inches, at \$805.

The art of collecting needlepoint is selection. The finest pieces are beautifully constructed. Have a question on an antique or collectible item? Write to Diane Morelli c/o Grosse Pointe

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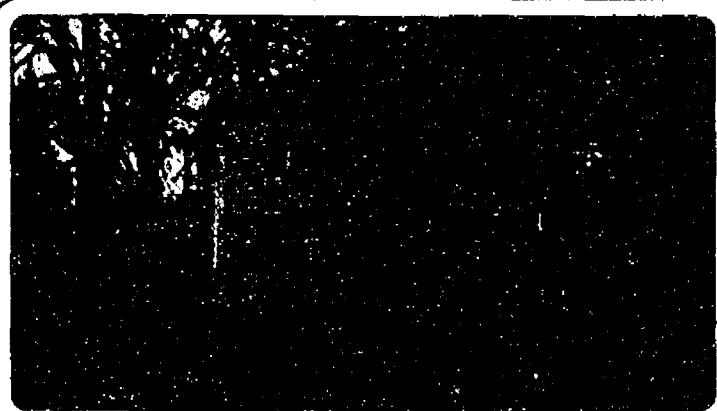
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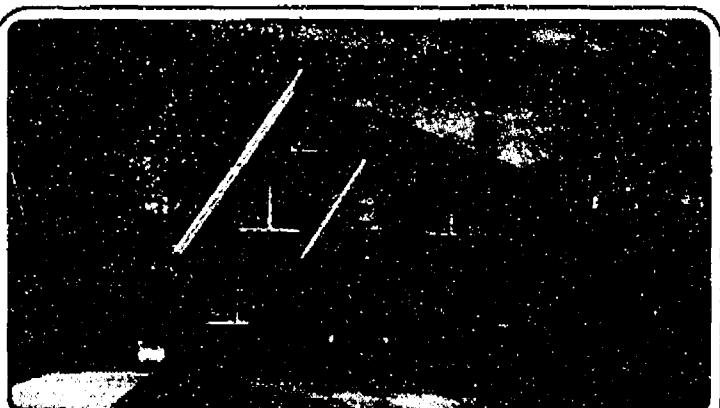
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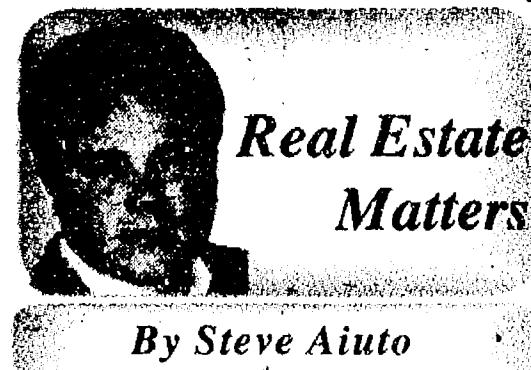


Get preapproved before you home hunt

Q. My wife and I are first-time home buyers. Should we get preapproved before we start looking at homes?

— Ethan of Grosse Pointe Park.

A. Have you ever looked at a brand-new luxury sedan, envisioning that refined beauty with the camel leather interior, state-of-the-art CD/DVD system, a muscular V-8, and all the other trappings that would make you one happy camper only to find out that you can barely afford the stripped-down, bare-bones, and "poor excuse for a substitute" model? Talk about depressing. By the way, that hypothetical sedan was only \$40,000; now think for a moment how much more frustrating it could be to be shopping for the biggest purchase of your life and start at the Mercedes only to finish at the, no offense, KIA. Admittedly, the KIA is a nice enough car for the money, but remember you first looked at the



By Steve Aiuto

Mercedes, and that unfortunately set the bar rather high.

This bit of fanciful exaggeration is metaphoric for what happens to home buyers more than occasionally. Therefore, to avoid frustration and disappointment it is best to know up front what you can reasonably afford in a home.

As a result, virtually all home buyers would do well to get preapproved before they start to shop for a home. Most Realtors know several reputable mortgage lenders that they can recommend in the event that you are in need of such service. The benefits of getting preapproved are several. First, it allows you to establish boundaries in your spending. If you can only qualify for a \$200,000 mortgage and you have \$40,000 in assets (that you can put down on the home) then obviously you should not be looking at \$300,000 houses.

Always speak to your mortgage/loan specialist to get his opinion as to the best course of action for your situation. Most preapprovals are painless, free, and require only a day or so to put together, and so consumers have no reason not to know their

buying power. A preapproval letter does not commit you to buy a home; neither does it guarantee you a mortgage; rather it is simply the first step in finding out if, and for how much, you qualify to buy a house.

In the end, it is usually best to know what you can afford before you walk into a home, fall in love, and later discover that you can't get it. That is a disappointment that is unnecessary if you get preapproved first before you shop.

One of the biggest frustrations for home buyers is to set the bar too high by looking at homes that turn out to be out of their financial grasp. It is far better to look at less expensive homes and have the option to move up to more

expensive houses. Even a \$20,000 swing can be a difference in homes in most communities, and so, if you begin your expectations with knowing what you can reasonably afford, then you will undoubtedly be delighted with the outcomes that came with only looking at those homes that were in your price range.

Remember, even though you may be excited about getting out there and seeing homes — if you are not preapproved, what you hoped for may not be what you get in the end.

Steve Aiuto is a licensed Realtor living in Grosse Pointe Park. He can be reached at steveaiuto@hotmail.com.

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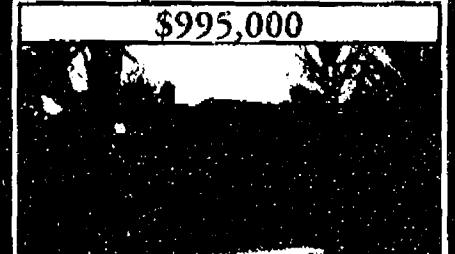
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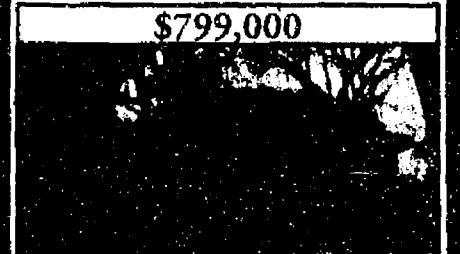
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BEAUTIFUL center entrance Colonial in Grosse Pointe Shores. Excellent condition throughout. Five bedrooms, five and one half baths, and over 6,000 square feet. Paneled library with natural fireplace. Beautiful Mutschler kitchen. Inground pool and outstanding pool house. Separate full living quarters for an au pair or inlaws. #14

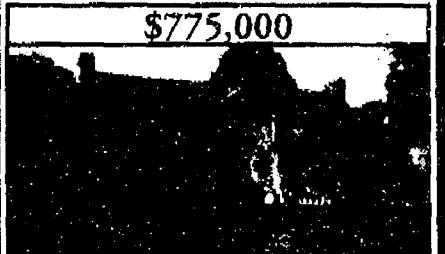
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CLASSIC FARMS home in premier location. Step down panelled living room, several fireplaces, almost 7/10 of an acre lot allows for tennis court or swimming pool. Second floor laundry room area. This beautiful and gracious home has a very flexible floor plan. #15

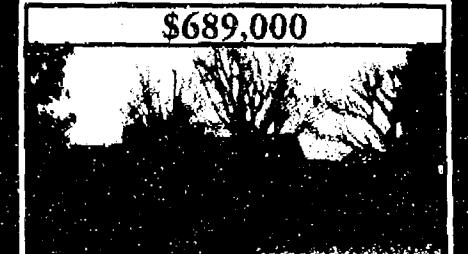
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OUTSTANDING TUDOR in Windmill Pointe Sub. Beautiful woodwork, leaded glass and inlaid walnut/oak flooring. Grand living room. Master suite with fireplace and sitting room. Large gourmet kitchen. Five bedrooms, four and one half baths. Outstanding condition. #16

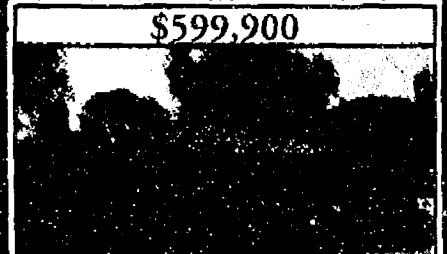
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NEW ENGLAND STYLE with stone detailing, gorgeous 100 x 213 lot with manicured grounds, circular drive, three car attached garage, large family room, three fireplaces, large new kitchen. This five bedroom, four and one half bath is in great condition and very close to waterfront park. #17

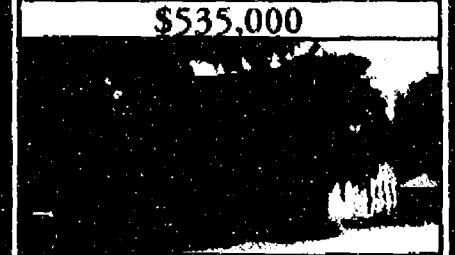
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CAPE COD on prestigious Lochmoor Boulevard. Five bedrooms, three and one half baths. Family room and library. Master bedroom suite with Jacuzzi, heated tile floor, walk-in closets. Three fireplaces, central air, sprinklers, finished basement and attached two car garage. #18

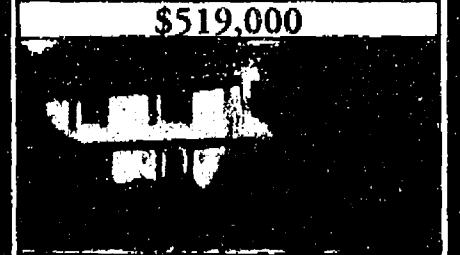
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WONDERFUL five bedroom, three and one half bath home in a secluded Grosse Pointe Shores subdivision. Extremely well maintained with newer roof, updated kitchen and much more. In addition to a large yard, this home has loads of living space including a family room, a den, a Florida room and a large recreation room. #19

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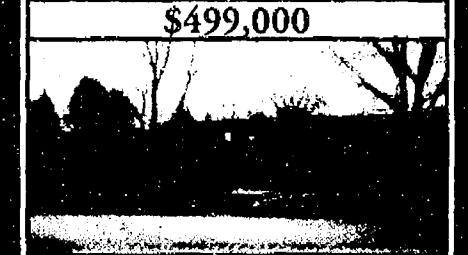
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NEWER COLONIAL in the Farms built in 1984. Wonderful open layout - great for family or entertaining. Four bedrooms, two and one half baths. 3,100 square feet. Two and one half car attached garage. Outstanding master suite. New furnace and central air. Private yard. Ample storage space. Beautiful kitchen opens to great room. Priced to sell! #21

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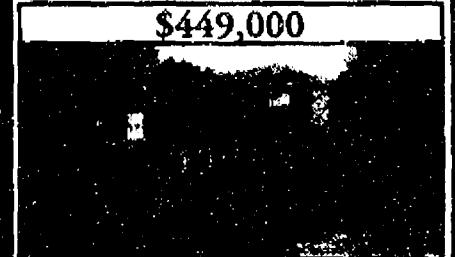
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ARCHITECTURALLY AUTHENTIC and beautifully maintained Cape Cod in prime Farms location. Family room, library, modern cherry kitchen with top of the line appliances. First floor master bedroom with jacuzzi bathroom. Circular floor plan is perfect for entertaining. #23

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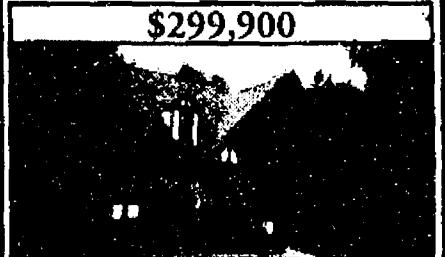
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LAKELAND-with four bedrooms and very large rooms, den and Florida room and an oversized 70 x 175 lot, all just a short walk from the Village, Hill, schools and ballfields. #25

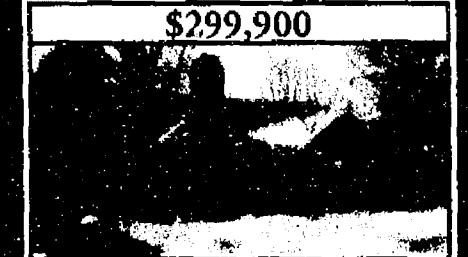
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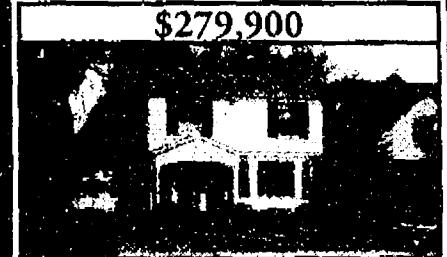
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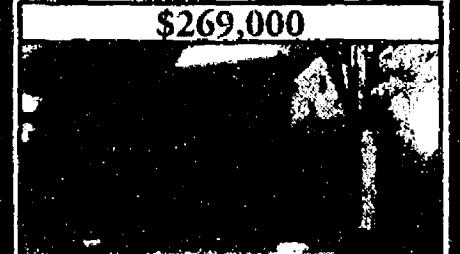
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COLONIAL IN PRIME Farms location. Three bedroom, one and one half bath with family room and sitting room on second floor, new roof, hardwood floors, finished basement. Freshly painted interior. Two car garage. #29

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NEAR VILLAGE. Grosse Pointe City with three bedrooms and plenty of curb appeal and interior character. Features include finished hardwood floors. Family room, two car garage, central air and a great value opportunity at nearly 1,700 square feet. #31

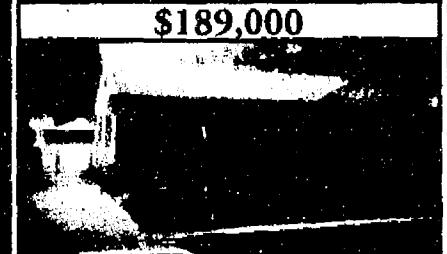
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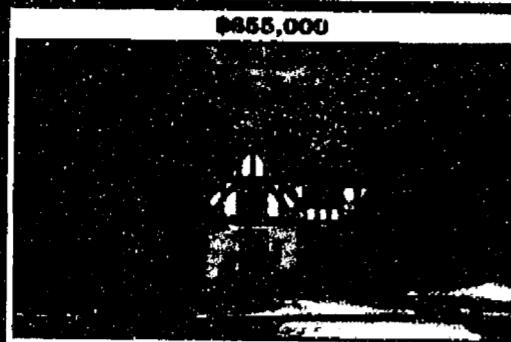
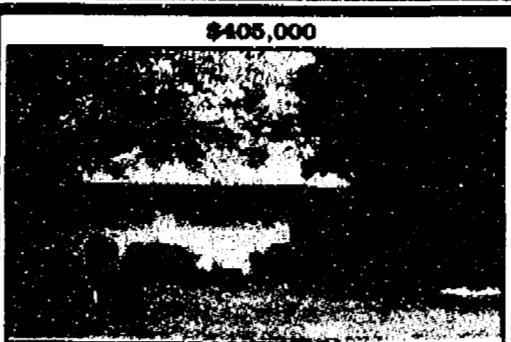
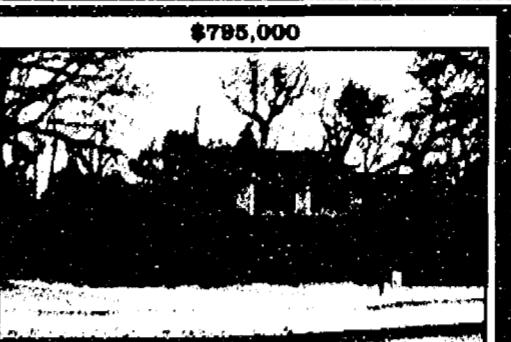
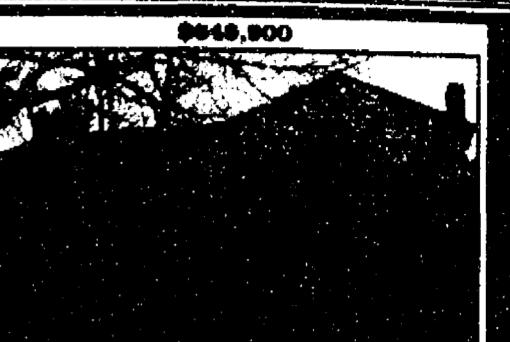
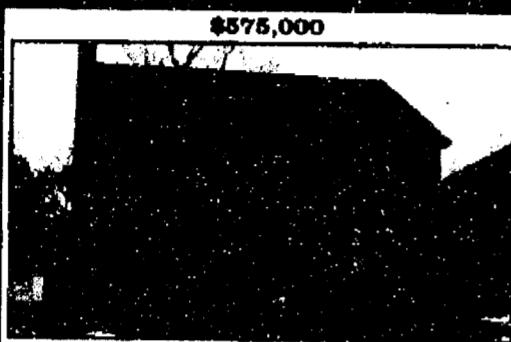
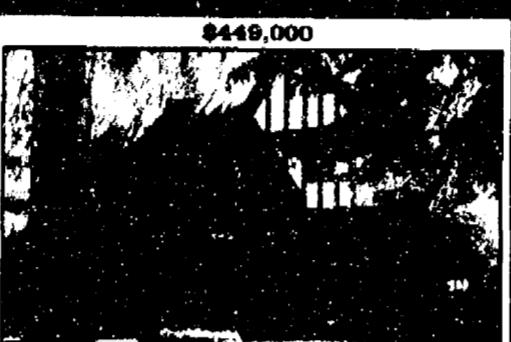
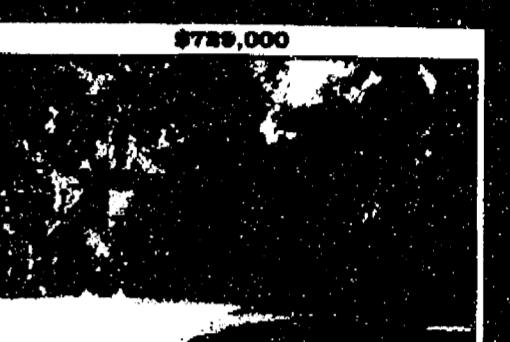
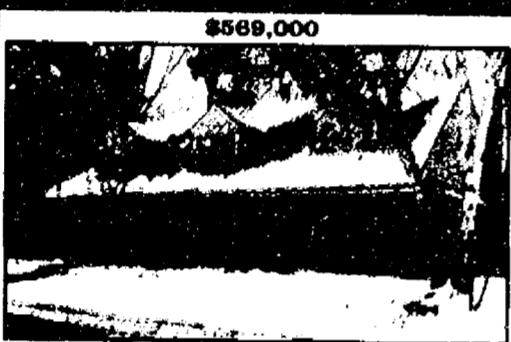
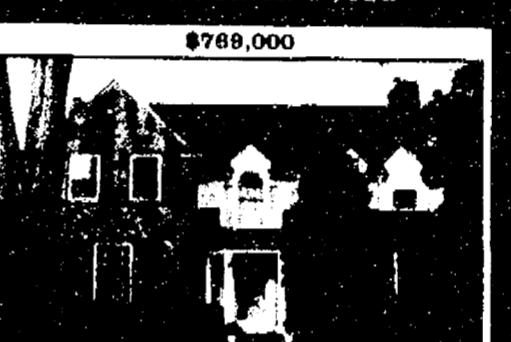
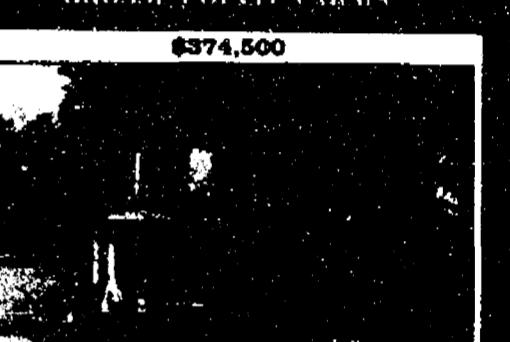
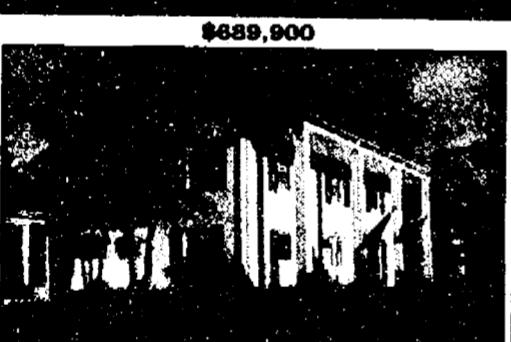
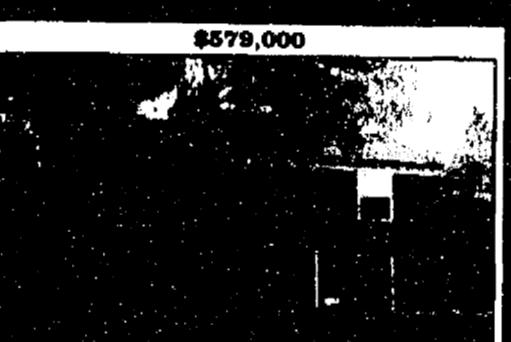
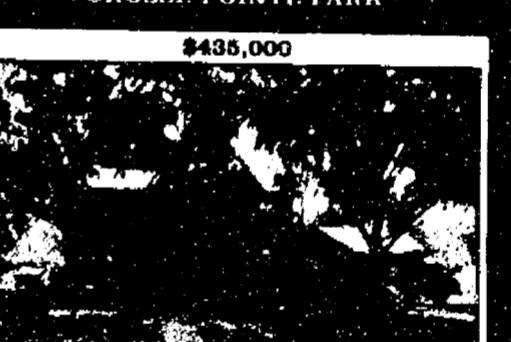
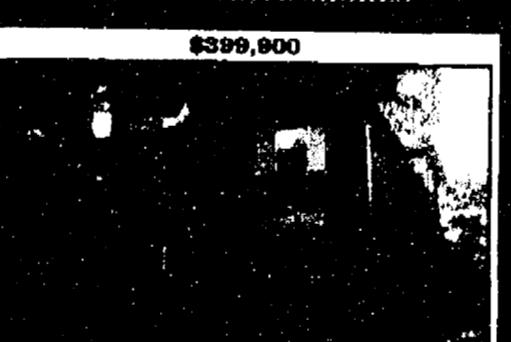
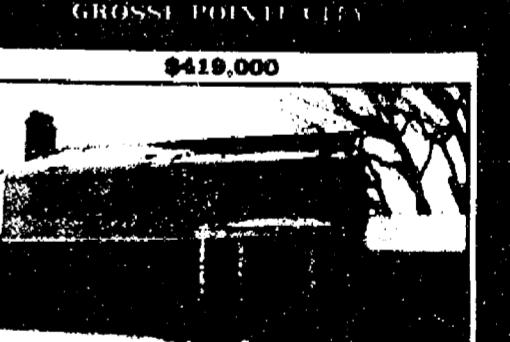

PRIVATE FARMS STREET. Beautiful Colonial located on a cul-de-sac featuring three large bedrooms, one and one half baths, updated kitchen with eating space, two car attached garage, hardwood floors, den and large deck. Great curb appeal! #32

\$249,900


FARMS - 2,000 square foot with Family Room, Den, sharp and larger Corian kitchen. All rooms are oversized. Great value. #33

\$189,000


ATTRACTIVE THREE BEDROOM brick ranch, two fireplaces, finished basement, large wood deck and nicely landscaped yard. It's many updates include: kitchen, refinished hardwood floors, windows, roof and central air conditioning. #34

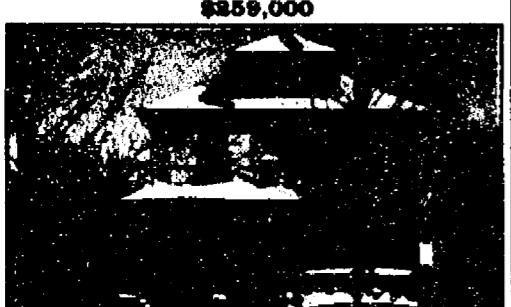
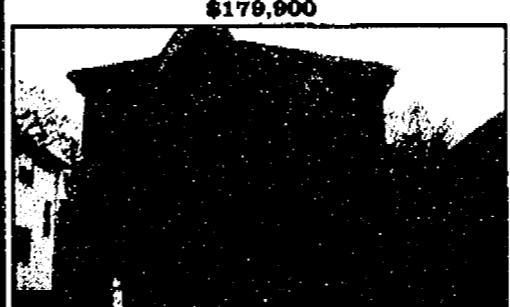
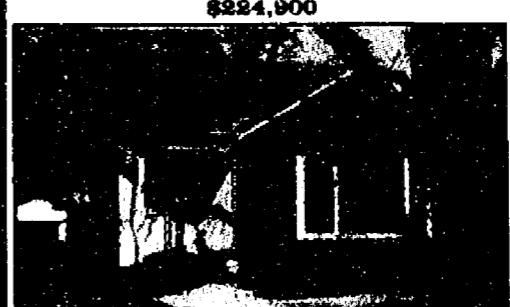
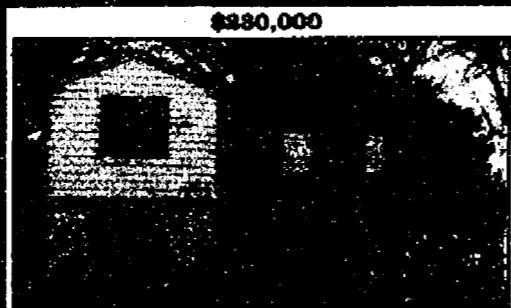
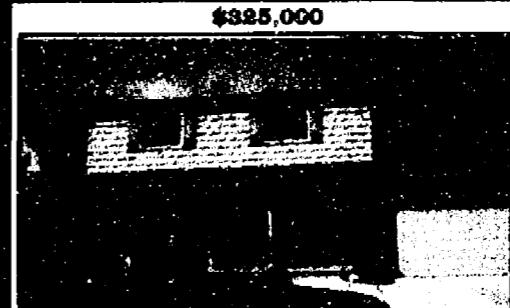
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Quick tips to refresh your home this spring

(MS) — It's time to wake-up your home from its long winter slumber. To help you get started and achieve instant impact inside and out, Lowe's offers the following tips and ideas:

1. Line the home's front walkway with four to five new shrubs.
2. Use asphalt sealer and asphalt caulking compound to fill cracks in the driveway.
3. Install shelving units in the garage to organize gardening tools, auto supplies and athletic equipment.
4. Pamper loved ones by fastening a multijet showerhead into the master bath.
5. Clean outdoor grill components thoroughly, and vacuum out accumulated debris with a wet/dry vacuum.
6. Use binoculars to inspect roofing. Call for a professional inspection if torn or broken edges, pinching or bending in the shingles or loose adhesive is spotted.
7. Transform a battered front door with a new door knocker or lockset.

8. Replace all burnt-out light bulbs indoors and outdoors.
9. Conquer clutter one day at a time. Choose one cabinet or drawer to reorganize each day with the help of a caddy or expanding shelf or divider.
10. Hang a window box filled with flowers and greenery outside a prominent window.
11. Scrub recent motor oil stains or other spilled substances off the driveway, deck and other walkways using a scrub brush, liquid dish soap and water.
12. Install a light dimmer switch for an instant way to improve a room's ambiance.
13. Weave decorative paper lantern or twinkle lights through outdoor patio umbrella spokes or small trees near spaces reserved for entertaining.
14. Check gutters to make sure they are all attached to the house and working properly.
15. Focus on filter maintenance. Replace or clean the home's water,

furnace, dryer, stove exhaust fan and air conditioning filters.

16. Enhance curb appeal with a new mailbox or by brushing a fresh coat of paint on the mailbox post. Replace or polish tarnished house numbers for extra "oomph."

17. Eliminate dirt from windowpanes with soap suds and a squeegee.

18. Give the kitchen a fresh look by adding sparkling new cabinet

and door hardware.

19. Repot cramped house plants that have outgrown their current pots.

20. Unwind after a project is complete by suspending a hammock or hammock swing from two trees or a deck.

Tackling spring spruce-up projects one at a time will help you create an attractive and livable home.

Real estate honors award winners

Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate recently held its 43rd annual awards celebration at the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center in Livonia, honoring top achievers for 2004. The event drew more than 300 sales associates from throughout Michigan.

Perry Gatliff, from the Grosse Pointe Hill office of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate, was recognized as the office's No. 1 Sales Associate for buyer controlled sales, listings sold and gross

commission income, according to Paul Schweitzer, president of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate.

Other top producers included: Mia Bardy and Peggy Delozier.

"The strength of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate comes from top producing sales associates like ours who give outstanding customer service and results," said Schweitzer. "It's an honor to have these sales associates as part of our organization."



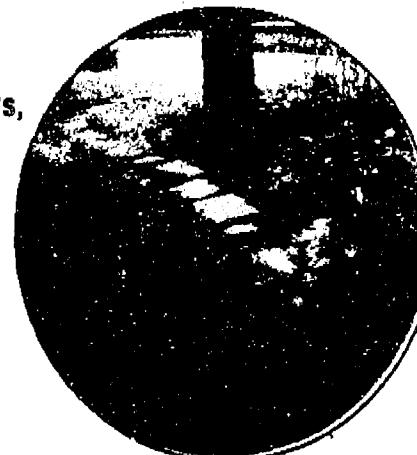
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Grosse Pointe Park \$895,000

Beautiful center entrance Georgian Colonial completely remodeled in last several years. Two story entry hall, dark stained oak floors. Cherry panelled den with fireplace.

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Grosse Pointe Park \$799,700

This is a must see! A classically designed home with great curb appeal. Tremendous detailing throughout, i.e. fantastic cove moldings. Large 100 x 250 park like lot. Updated kitchen with new appliances and much more!

(GPN-H-68THR) 313-885-2000



Grosse Pointe Park \$799,700

Beautiful spacious Colonial with spectacular amenities. Five bedroom, three and a half baths, three fireplaces, library, and office. Half block from the lake and park. Second floor laundry. Huge kitchen.

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Grosse Pointe Park \$799,700

Walk to the lake from this magnificent ranch with custom built-ins throughout! Granite foyer and half lead to gourmet kitchen with granite island and counter tops and top of the line appliances.

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Grosse Pointe Park \$799,700

The perfect location near the lake! Very bright and spacious home with five bedrooms, four and a half baths. New roof in 2002. Priced to accommodate your decorating touches. Motivated owner.

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Grosse Pointe \$509,000

Fabulous English Terrace condo totally renovated from top to bottom. State of the art custom gourmet kitchen with granite and limestone, Sub-zero, third floor has seven skylights, office space and family room.

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Grosse Pointe \$269,500

Move right in and enjoy! Beautifully updated Colonial. New kitchen, new windows 2003, new two car garage, natural fireplace, hardwood floors, finished basement. Great lot! Great Grosse Pointe location!

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Grosse Pointe Farms \$269,500

New on Market! Highly sought after limestone trimmed center entrance Colonial with spacious rooms throughout. Many updates including new tear off roof, new windows, new furnace and landscaping.

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Grosse Pointe Farms \$269,500

Fantastic four bedroom Colonial with many recent updates includ. a sharp remodeled Kitchen in Fall '04 with all stainless steel appliances and eating area. Spacious living room with fireplace and bay windows.

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Grosse Pointe Farms \$269,500

Gorgeous four bedroom brick Colonial. Library, huge family room with fireplace, hardwood floors, French doors, eat-in kitchen with Viking appliances, attached two car garage, fenced yard, newer roof, air condition and furnace.

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Grosse Pointe Shores \$414,900

New on Market! Walk to Lakeshore. Tear off roof '98, many newer windows. Large family room off spacious kitchen. Hardwood floors except in family room, Florida room, finished basement. Sprinkler.

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Grosse Pointe Woods \$409,900

Stately five bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial. Updates galore! Kitchen with built-ins, family room with natural fireplace, and circular staircase with newer wood banister. Other amenities include: newer windows, furnace and central air.

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Grosse Pointe Woods \$409,900

Much to offer: fireplace, large bay window, family room, new roof (tear off), new windows, newer kitchen, all appliances stay. Patio, two, and one half car garage. Convenient location, lakefront park, and more.

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Grosse Pointe Woods \$409,900

Great curb appeal! Move right in! Updates include kitchen, windows, refinished hardwood floors, furnace, central air, hot water heater, basement B-Dried, copper plumbing, electric, new concrete, and two and one half car garage.

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Grosse Pointe Woods \$409,900

What a home! Marble fountain, new copper plumbing, Kitchen, garage roof and siding, some windows, paint, updated bathroom. Completely redone unbelievable third floor master suite with new everything.

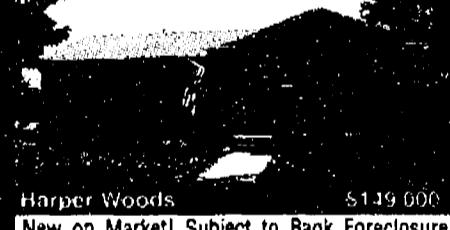
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Harper Woods \$179,900

Spacious, freshly painted ranch. Large eat in kitchen with pantry, family room with natural fireplace and door wall to patio. Hardwood floors and wet plaster. Bedrooms have large double closets. Newer tear off roof.

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Harper Woods \$149,000

New on Market! Subject to Bank Foreclosure terms!! Updated brick ranch. Kitchen with maple cabinets, corian counters, ceramic floor, stove, refrigerator. Refinished hardwood floors. Newer drive.

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Harper Woods \$149,000

Beautiful and updated brick ranch. New hardwood floors, all appliances stay, new bath, gourmet kitchen with eating space, finished basement. Gorgeous landscaping with above ground pool.

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Harper Woods \$149,000

Beautiful brick ranch on quiet cul-de-sac with Grosse Pointe Schools. Windows ('97), roof ('97), lovely deck 16x14 in rear yard. Very bright and cheery kitchen with vaulted ceiling overlooking yard. Finished recreation room.

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Harper Woods \$149,000

Freshly painted townhouse in desirable Willaimsburg Condos. Hardwood floors in living room, dining room, and bedrooms. All appliances stay. Air conditioning is only two years old! Great location.

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Stunning Contemporary! Cathedral ceiling in Great Room for amazing views!



SOUTH RIVER ROAD

Think Summer and boats! 80' on the Clinton River. 250' deep. \$349,900.



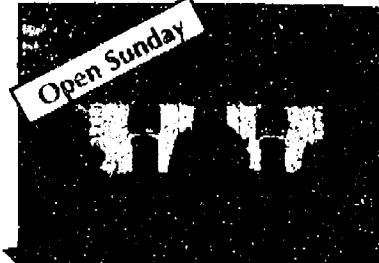
KERCHEVAL AVENUE

Unique gem near Farms Pier! First floor master. Family Room. Private yard.



WEST DOYLE PLACE

Large updated Kitchen in this attractive Ranch with Family Room. \$274,900.



1256 AUDUBON

Exquisite French Colonial. Library. Family Room. \$520,000. Or just \$699,900 with lot!



BROADSTONE

Real curb appeal! Family Room. Updates include Kitchen, baths, roof. \$299,900.



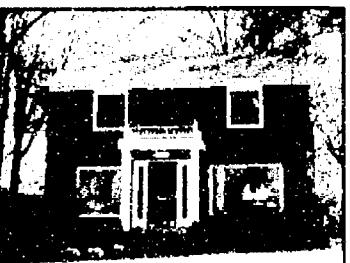
LOCHMOOR

Great investment property in the Woods! Good rental. Motivated seller.



LAKESIDE COURT

Cheerful, bright Mast-built Colonial. Two Master suites. 80+ feet on the Lake!



BROADSTONE

Beautifully renovated Colonial for only \$259,000! Ask about adjacent lot.



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LAKEPOINTE

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VENDOME PLACE

Premier Farms estate! Designed by Robert Derrick. Exquisite detail. 2.3 acres.



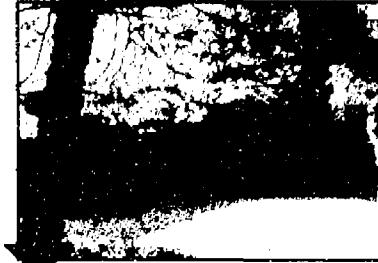
ROSLYN

Great open floorplan in this perfectly located home with Family Room. \$369,900.



LAKE SHORE ROAD

Across from War Memorial and Lake St. Clair. Private courtyard. \$574,900.



WATERFRONT

Intimate "up close" Lake views. Fabulous third floor Great Room! \$2,600,000.



ROOSEVELT PLACE

Lovely home on charming quiet street near City Park. Large private yard.



LAKELAND

Beautifully classic Colonial. Library. Garden Room. Many recent updates! \$439,000.



BALFOUR ROAD

Exceptional value in this traditional Colonial. Family Room, Office. \$479,000



WOODCREST

Large second floor Master with full bath, walk-in closet! Lots of updates!



HILLCREST

Freshly decorated and updated four bedroom Ranch on cul-de-sac. \$210,000.



HIGHLAND CIRCLE

Terrific Sterling Heights condo with full basement, large deck. 2 car garage.



BELANGER

Four-season planting surrounds this four bedroom charmer near Kerby. \$324,900.



WASHTENAW

Meticulously maintained Ranch. Pine Family Room. Attic storage. \$79,000.



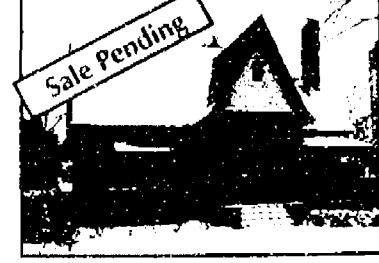
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Stunning detail in this elegant Normandy Colonial. Gourmet Kitchen. Or lease.



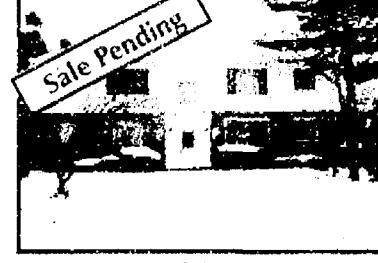
NOTRE DAME

Historic Village Ranch with inviting front porch. Hardwood floors. Deck. \$146,000.



FISHER ROAD

Handsome English with Cherry Kitchen. Family Room. Walnut paneled Den. \$379,000.



EDSEL FORD COURT

Comfortable apartment-style Condo near shopping. Includes appliances. \$77,500.



WOODBRIDGE CONDO

Well maintained Condo with newer central air, carpet, more. Clubhouse, pool. \$122,000.



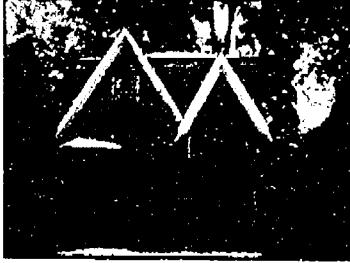
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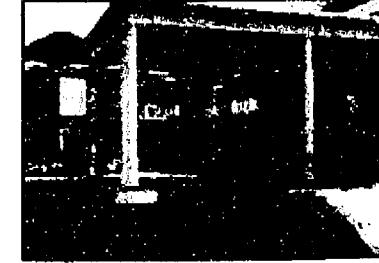
ARTHUR ROAD

Bright, serene second floor co-op with balcony. Fee includes, heat, taxes, \$48,900.



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English Colonial has coved ceilings, wood floors, lovely detail. Family Room. \$119,500



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GROSSE POINTE SHORES \$3,995,000

Elegance and livability combine in this gorgeous southern colonial overlooking Lake St. Clair. Lots of family living space: rich paneled library, large great room open to the kitchen, separate breakfast room, lower level pub with huge wine cellar. First and second floor master suites.



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE \$3,900,000

Lakefront elegance where beauty, and function harmonize. This unique five bedroom, three full and two half bath Nantucket Colonial at the water's edge has spectacular views. Superb decorating with lavish appointments too numerous to list. The ultimate retreat in the city.



GROSSE POINTE SHORES \$2,995,000

A unique opportunity to live in a home with all the grandeur of an earlier era, completely updated and enhanced with every imaginable luxury. Natural light flows throughout this extraordinary home from the dazzling kitchen to the stunning 900 sq. ft. master suite. The elegantly landscaped yard provides beautiful vistas from this gracious home.



HARBOR SPRINGS \$2,850,000

Extraordinary & unique opportunity to own the only large lakefront parcel available near Harbor Springs. Protected by forest on 3 sides and Lake Michigan on the 4th, this 42 acre property is the epitome of privacy, beauty, & tranquility. 600' of pristine beach and 1400' of bluff top views. Classic log lodge and charming guest house.



NEW CONSTRUCTION \$1,495,000

Beautiful new construction, one block from the lake. Gorgeous custom kitchen with granite and top of the line cabinets. Open and airy great room, paneled library, wonderful master suite with large walk-in closet. Bright and open: great entertaining as well as family life. 30 SUNNINGDALE



GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$775,000

Right in the heart of Grosse Pointe Farms, this center entrance Colonial offers wonderful curb appeal. Spacious, with five bedrooms, three full and one half bath, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, fresh decor, and more. Newer WeatherGuard windows on the first floor.



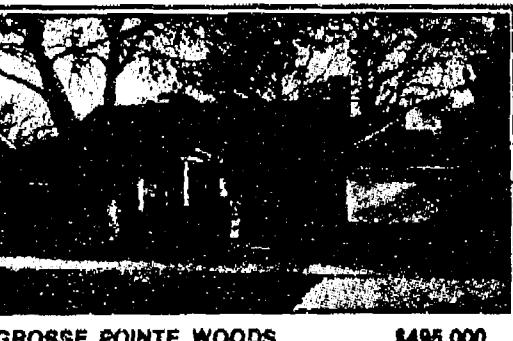
GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$674,900

One block from the lake and short walk to Pier Park you will find this fabulous center entrance Colonial with four BR, two full and two half baths. Gorgeous newer kitchen. Lib w/wet bar & fireplace. Bright sunny bkfst rm & fam rm w/p overlooks a beautifully landscaped yard w/pond and perennials. Tear-off roof in 2004.



GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$595,000

Located within walking distance from the lake, this brand new 3200 square foot residence was built with attention brought to all elements of design. Features include a wonderful bright gourmet kitchen, great room, library, dining room, mud room, 2 laundry areas, 4 bedrooms including a master suite with walk-in closet and bath with whirlpool tub. 158 LAKEVIEW



GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$495,000

A wonderful family home located in the heart of Grosse Pointe Woods. This home has been completely updated, featuring large open rooms, hardwood floors throughout, and an elegant and functional kitchen. The second floor master retreat includes a dressing room, walk-in closet, full bath, and nursery or sitting room. Agent Owned.



GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$424,900

The spring season is the perfect time to discover this charming three bedroom, two bath English cottage in coveted location. Updates include new furnace, CAC, hot water heater & dishwasher. Newer kitchen with granite counters.



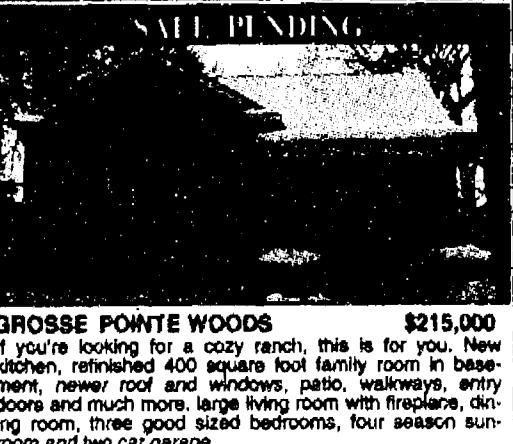
GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$374,900

Delightful four BR, two and a half bath center entrance colonial custom built for present owner, featuring a country kitchen w/corian countertops & incl. appliances, a spacious fam rm w/built-ins & N.F.P. 1st floor laundry, finished basement. Newer Pella windows & siding. 1193 ROSLYN



GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$289,900

Great price on this appealing English Colonial on great block of McKinley. Spacious and bright throughout. Wrap-around family room, and an additional 1/2 bath in master bedroom that could easily be converted to full. Finished basement, two car garage.



SALE PENDING \$215,000

If you're looking for a cozy ranch, this is for you. New kitchen, refinished 400 square foot family room in basement, newer roof and windows, patio, walkways, entry doors and much more. Large living room with fireplace, dining room, three good sized bedrooms, four season sunroom and two car garage.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$159,000

New price on this charming two bedroom ranch with hardwood floors and newer roof, plumbing, driveway, sump pump, CAC, landscaping and garage door. Upstairs has great expansion potential. Immediate occupancy.



ST. CLAIR SHORES \$131,900

Great upper level condo. Large living room with natural fireplace, spacious kitchen with laundry and storage area. New furnace, central air, full bath off master bedroom. Second full bath, attached garage. California Closets, ceiling fans, all appliances included. Association fee includes water, exterior insurance, maintenance. One year home warranty included.

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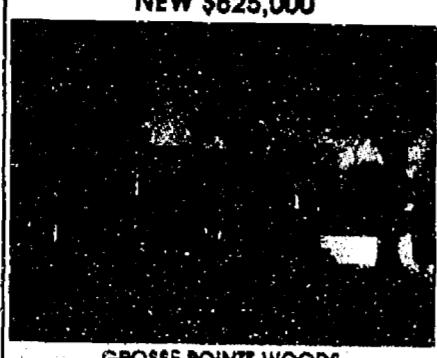
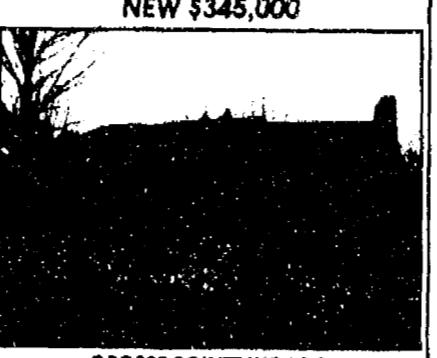
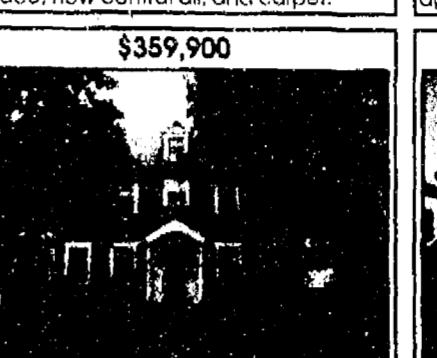
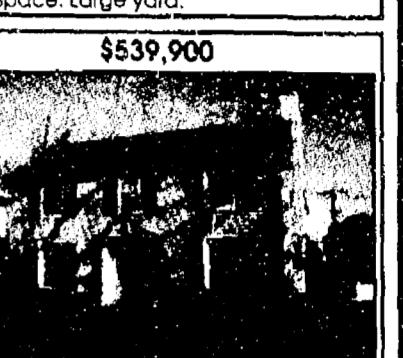
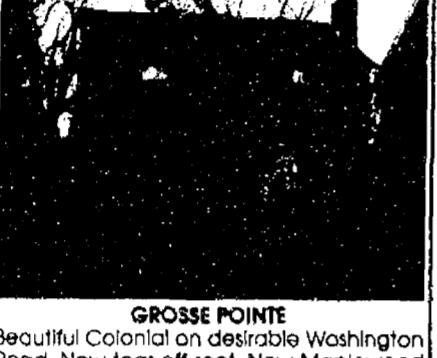
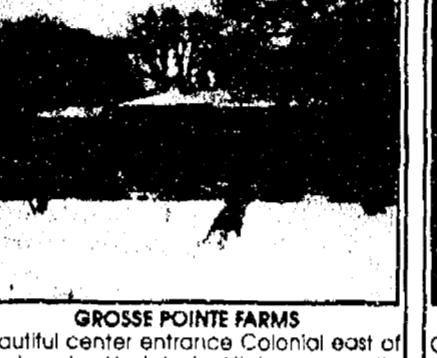
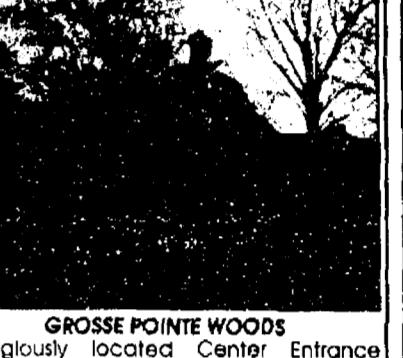
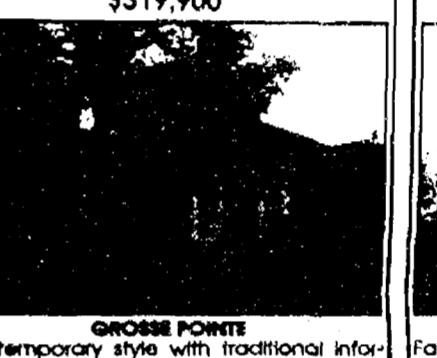
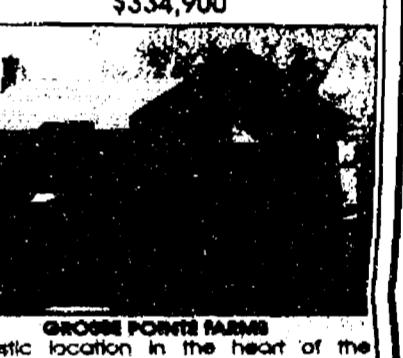
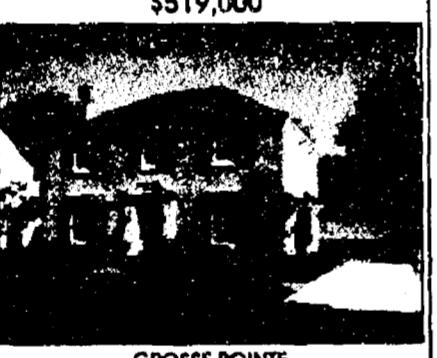
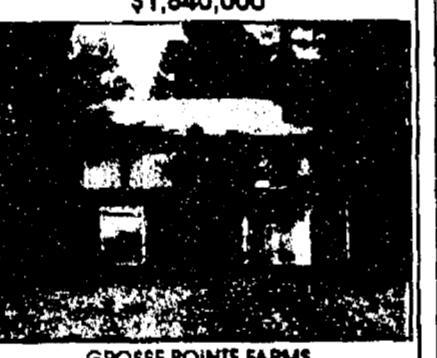
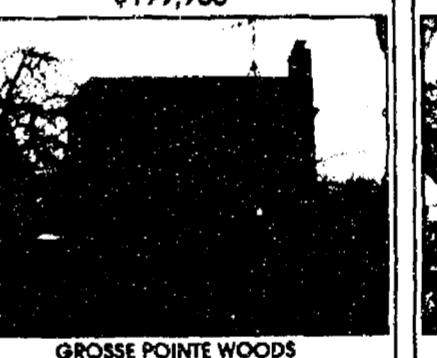
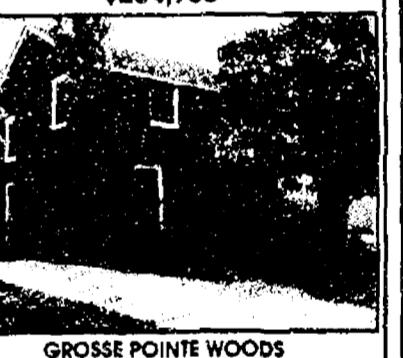
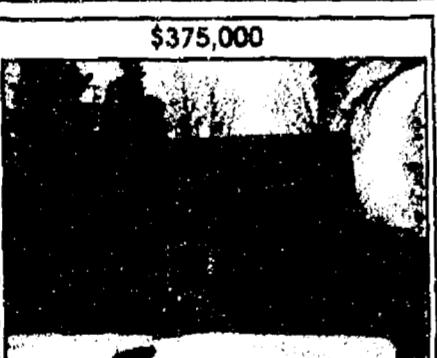
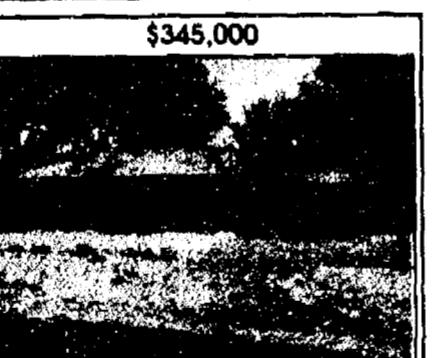
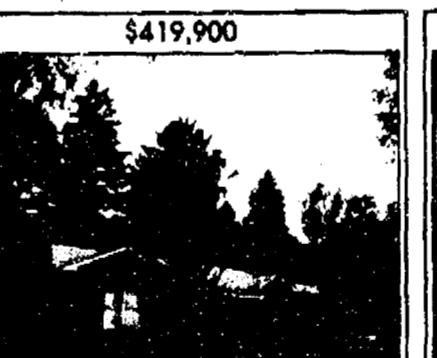
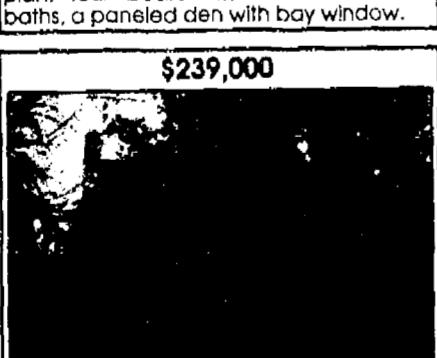
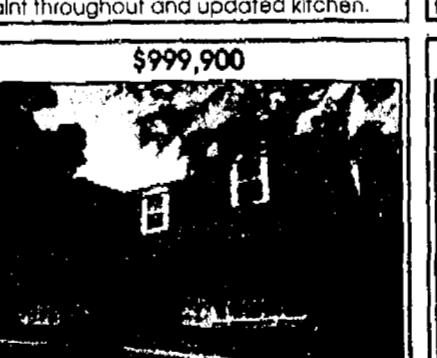
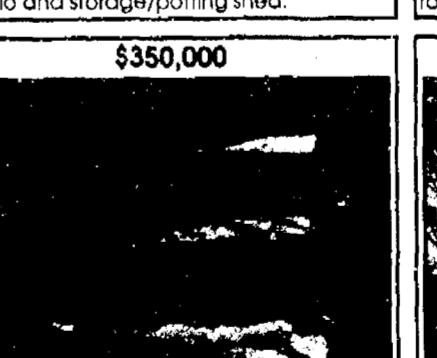
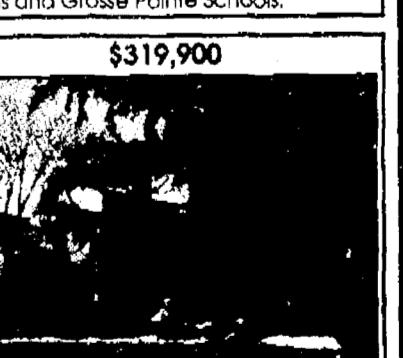
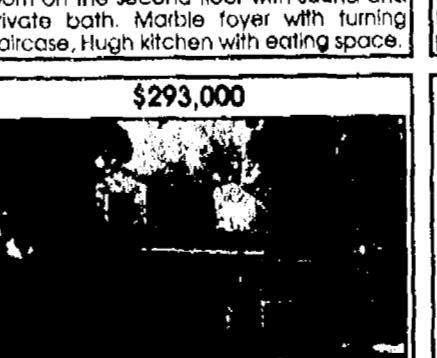
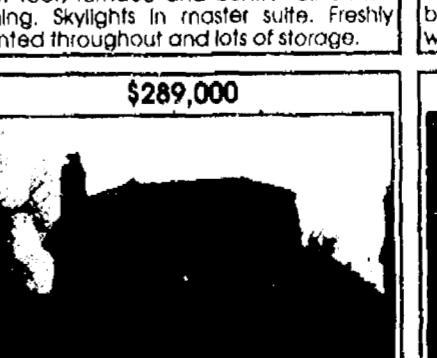


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 <p>NEW \$625,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE WOODS Beautifully renovated 5 bedroom, 3 full and one half bath home has open floor plan. New large kitchen opens to family room (new construction), master suite with large closets and sitting room or 6th bedroom. Large first floor laundry.</p>	 <p>NEW \$345,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE WOODS Elegant ranch to move in condition. Large living room/dining room area with open floor plan and natural fireplace. Newer redesigned kitchen and family room with vaulted ceilings, sky lights and natural fireplace. French doors open to patio.</p>	 <p>NEW \$126,000</p> <p>HARPER WOODS Great bungalow with a newer roof, central air, furnace, windows. This all brick home has a great open updated kitchen, hardwood floors, plus one and a half baths.</p>	 <p>NEW \$ 97,900</p> <p>HARPER WOODS Sharp Harper Woods ranch. Large eat-in kitchen with bay window, pine paneled dining room, finished basement with half bath, glass block windows. New large deck, privacy fence, corner lot. New windows, new furnace, new central air, and carpet.</p>	 <p>NEW \$197,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE PARK Beautiful bungalow boasts newly renovated kitchen with open floor plan. Refinished hardwood floors and newly decorated throughout entire house. This home has two full baths and lots of storage space. Large yard.</p>
 <p>NEW \$179,500</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE PARK Bungalow style two family that could easily be converted or used as a single family home. Newly decorated throughout. New windows. Side drive to two car garage. Full front covered porch. Updated kitchen in lower with all appliances.</p>	 <p>NEW \$319,900</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE PARK All units have been taken down to studs and re-built. New: electrical wiring, switches, plugs, circuit breaker, windows, entry doors, kitchens, copper plumbing (horizontal/vertical), hard wired smoke detectors.</p>	 <p>\$146,900</p> <p>HARPER WOODS Excellently maintained brick bungalow. Eat in kitchen, hardwood floors on first level. Large second story bedroom with full bath. New roof in 2003. New entry door, large closets. Plenty of storage. Basement waterproofed.</p>	 <p>\$359,900</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE PARK Attractive center entrance, 3 story clapboard front Colonial. Spacious footings, living room with built-in bookshelves and natural fireplace. Cozy family room, updated kitchen with appliances and eating area. Hardwood floors throughout.</p>	 <p>\$539,900</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE Beautiful Colonial will delight you from the moment you step through the front door. Entertaining is a snap with your own custom, grand gourmet kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances, hardwood floors and all of those "extras".</p>
 <p>\$319,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE Beautiful Colonial on desirable Washington Road. New tear off roof. New Maplewood kitchen with granite and ceramic. New windows. New siding and gutters. New copper plumbing. New landscaping and sprinkling system. Gorgeous throughout.</p>	 <p>\$299,900</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE WOODS Center entrance Colonial. Newer kitchen with granite countertops, updated half bath on the first floor, refinished hardwood floors, newer driveway, tastefully decorated throughout, newer furnace, cozy den, Florida room, and finished basement.</p>	 <p>\$1,030,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE FARMS Beautiful center entrance Colonial east of Karchevak. Updated kitchen, granite counter tops and built in appliances. Open floor plan with hardwood floors. Family Room with natural fireplace and wet bar. Living room with natural fireplace.</p>	 <p>\$1,200,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE FARMS Classic center entrance Colonial meticulously renovated throughout by Albright Renovation and Design. Featuring design and floor plan for today's families lifestyle. New custom built gourmet kitchen with island, eating area with natural fireplace.</p>	 <p>\$774,900</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE WOODS Prestigiously located Center Entrance Colonial situated on an 117 x 164 parcel of property. Close to the Lake. This spacious family home has a Family Room with fireplace, Library with fireplace, Florida Room, 4 bedrooms, 4 and one half baths.</p>
 <p>\$159,000</p> <p>HARPER WOODS Clock-full of features you'll appreciate! Beautifully maintained home with newer drive, 3-D roof, central air. Remodeled kitchen with hardwood floor and all the appliances including dishwasher and micro. Tastefully decorated throughout.</p>	 <p>\$254,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE Wonderful English Colonial in very good condition. Newer roof, furnace and central air conditioning. Living Room with artificial fireplace, formal dining room. Attractive decor throughout. Large full ceramic bath with vanity. Family Room.</p>	 <p>\$310,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE WOODS This beautiful and spacious three bedroom ranch features new roof, new furnace and air, new kitchen, hardwood throughout, new carpet in family room, large yard. Great neighborhood.</p>	 <p>\$319,900</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE Contemporary style with traditional informal floor plan, situated on large oversized corner lot. Features include newer kitchen, built-in appliances, private BBQ deck, garden level family room with natural fireplace, Laundry room with 2nd full bath.</p>	 <p>\$334,900</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE FARMS Fantastic location in the heart of the farms. Recent updates include: new kitchen with custom cabinets, granite counter tops and eating space. New windows and new roof. Great circular floor plan with formal dining room.</p>
 <p>\$519,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE Beautifully inviting center entrance Colonial on highly desirable Lakeland street. Impeccably cared for home boasts many amenities and advantages. Maplewood "Mutschler" kitchen with granite counters.</p>	 <p>\$1,640,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE FARMS Gracious Micou built Colonial boasting grand entrance foyer, elevator, large room sizes, stunning views of the lake, multiple fireplaces, immaculate grounds, spacious renovated kitchen with granite counters. Master suite with large dressing room.</p>	 <p>\$1,199,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE PARK This luxurious 5 bedroom, 4 bath, 2 half bath Tudor on a massive lot features: two story foyer, formal molding, library with fireplace, wood floors throughout. Hand painted walls, finished basement with built-in cabinetry.</p>	 <p>\$199,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE WOODS Nicely updated and maintained Woods Colonial, beautifully situated with in short walk of all public schools. New family room, new kitchen, new entry doors, new central air, newer replacement windows, glass block in basement.</p>	 <p>\$234,900</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE WOODS Charming Colonial located on one of Grosse Pointe Woods most popular street with Chesapeake Park in backyard. New tear off roof, new furnace and central air and updated kitchen. Family room with door wall to large wrap around deck.</p>
 <p>\$375,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE PARK Classic center entrance Colonial in great park location. This home has been lovingly maintained and has many features to offer: an attached garage, great floor plan, four bedrooms, two and a half baths, a paneled den with bay window.</p>	 <p>\$345,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE WOODS Beautifully maintained three bedroom ranch with many updates. Open floor plan overlooking park like backyard. Newer tear off roof and driveway. Hardwood floors throughout. Pella picture window with built-in blinds. Large family room.</p>	 <p>\$419,900</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE Stylish home with spacious rooms, nice detail and situated between the Village and the Hill area. There have been many updates to this property including a new "tear-off" roof, newer gas forced air, fresh paint throughout and updated kitchen.</p>	 <p>\$169,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE Beautifully restored Saltbox believed to date from the late 1800's. Wonderful rebuilt kitchen with new appliances and oak floor. Master suite with walk-in closet and half bath. Delightful country garden with patio and storage/potting shed.</p>	 <p>\$169,500</p> <p>HARPER WOODS Two additional bedrooms in newly finished basement with robbery second full bath and laundry room. Large ranch with open floor plan, hardwood floors, natural fireplace, new windows, copper plumbing, big bedrooms and Grosse Pointe Schools.</p>
 <p>\$239,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE WOODS All the features buyers are looking for in their new home! Charming Woods bungalow, new, featuring new kitchen with appliances, spacious family room, fireplaces in family and living rooms, two updated full baths, formal dining, new tear-off roof.</p>	 <p>\$549,900</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE WOODS Fabulous center entrance French Colonial in the heart of the Woods. Exceptional family room with 10' ceilings, crown moldings, bay window and doorway overlooking the deck and large back yard.</p>	 <p>\$999,900</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE FARMS Beautiful views of Lake St. Clair from this private cul-de-sac estate. First floor master bedroom with an additional master bedroom on the second floor with sauna and private bath. Marble foyer with turning staircase, Hugh kitchen with eating space.</p>	 <p>\$350,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE PARK Come inside to see what this home has to offer. New kitchen with hand crafted backsplash. New full bath on first floor. New roof, furnace and central air conditioning. Skylights in master suite. Freshly painted throughout and lots of storage.</p>	 <p>\$319,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE PARK Classic English Tudor with excellent details. Hardwood floors throughout, natural woodwork, newer roof, freshly painted inside and out. First floor bedroom and full bath. Basement features billiards room with fireplace. Immediate occupancy.</p>
 <p>\$309,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE PARK Move right in to this must see Tudor close to Village and Elementary school. This wonderful home has great curb appeal and tasteful decor. Great architectural details include an open staircase with Palladian window.</p>	 <p>\$293,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE FARMS Beautifully renovated 3 bedroom, two and a half bath home. New second floor with gorgeous ceramic tile bath and stand up shower. New kitchen, hardwood floors throughout first floor. All appliances stay. Custom marble, 2 covered porches.</p>	 <p>\$289,000</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE WOODS Exceptional Tudor with beautiful architectural details, including hardwood and terrazzo floors, textured plaster, gumwood, mahogany, built-ins, leaded and beveled glass. The rooms are spacious. The kitchen has eating space and new appliances.</p>	 <p>\$264,900</p> <p>GROSSE POINTE WOODS Contemporary kitchen with new ceramic floor, two doorways to large deck overlooking huge yard. Nicely finished basement with half bath, laundry and playroom. Wallside windows throughout with warranty.</p>	

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40 Oxford, Grosse Pointe Shores

Stunning Classic English Tudor. Six bedrooms, five and one half baths, multiple fireplaces. Library with carved wood paneling, gracious entrance foyer, sunken living room and carriage house. This house is absolutely "perfect" in every detail. Meticulously maintained. \$1,895,000.



17 Oxford, Grosse Pointe Shores

Located on one of Grosse Pointe Shores finest streets. Five bedrooms, four and one half baths, newer family room, gorgeous marble entrance foyer, master bedroom on separate wing. Four car attached garage, beautifully decorated and appointed. Attractively priced at \$1,399,900.



386 Provincial Road, Grosse Pointe Farms

Located on one of Grosse Pointe Farms' finest streets. Five bedroom, four and one half baths, approximately 5,000 square feet, great location overlooking the golf course. Beautifully maintained. Newer roof and furnace, loft apartment with separate staircase. \$1,399,900.



1175 Shady Lane

The ultimate in Cass Lake living. This 5,000 square foot dream home has it all. All Viking kitchen, huge room sizes, two level deck. Two story fireplace in foyer. Master suite on entire second floor with Kohler jet tub, panoramic windows and mirrored bath suite. \$1,500,000.



1311 Hollywood, Grosse Pointe Woods

Located near Marter Road. Fabulous cathedral ceiling family room with natural fireplace and hardwood floors. Three bedrooms, one and one half baths, updated kitchen two car garage, recreation room in basement. Attractively priced at \$269,000.



Grosse Pointe Park

Classic center entrance Colonial located on Pemberton. Four bedrooms, two and one half baths, family room, sitting room off of bedroom. Fabulous new kitchen. Two car garage, third floor walk-up expansion attic. Natural fireplace. Call Gordy Reck for a private showing.



16121 Clinton

Dramatic custom built ranch in most desirable new subdivision. Master suite with adjoining private bath-jacuzzi tub, private shower, glass block windows. You have to see this one! Spectacular finished basement with custom gourmet kitchen. \$339,000



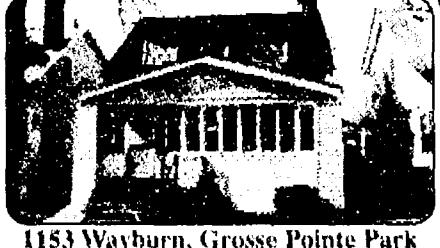
4328 Kensington

Move your family in today-Super sharp East English Village Colonial. Beautiful updated kitchen with eat-in space. Hardwoods, leaded glass, natural fireplace. Easy living with screened in porch overlooking your huge private yard. Don't miss this one! \$157,900



20942 Hawthorne

Great buy in Grosse Pointe schools area. Kitchen with Corian counters, Thomasville cabinets, Maytag dishwasher. Finished basement with large wet bar and carpet and half bath. Beautiful natural fireplace. \$159,900



1153 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park

Great home for the first time home buyer with all the Grosse Pointe amenities. Beautiful natural wood throughout. Updated kitchen. New furnace and electrical, living room with gas fireplace. \$149,000



1452 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park

Outstanding two family. All the work is done! Second floor has gas forced air/air conditioning and terrific loft/attic with skylights and recessed lights. \$174,900



874 Westchester, Grosse Pointe Park

Lots of old world charm, stone fireplace, hardwood floors, large open two story stairway, butler's pantry, adjoining kitchen, central air on the second and third floors only. Glass block windows in basement. Natural wood work throughout. \$399,000



1214 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park

Charming starter home, within walking distance to the quaint restaurants and coffee shops on Kercheval. Living room and dining room have built-ins. Brick fireplace in living room, upstairs bedroom can be expanded. \$124,900



1336 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park

Great buy for small family with all the Grosse Pointe park amenities, including world class resident only parks, library etc... nice cozy home with many original features, bright kitchen. Home warranty, close to shopping. \$117,900



312 McKinley, Grosse Pointe Farms

This home needs a little T.L.C. Newer roof (99), Updated kitchen \$263,900.



1378 Buckingham, Grosse Pointe Park

Four bedroom, two and one half bath English Tudor. Natural fireplace, hardwood floors, family room and den. Gourmet kitchen, master bedroom with new bath, recreation room. \$449,000



1976 Littlestone, Grosse Pointe Woods

Completely redecorated three bedroom one and one half bath Colonial features newer roof and windows, new carpet with hardwood floors beneath, fresh paint, new kitchen flooring. \$245,000



475 Belanger, Grosse Pointe Farms

Just bring your suitcases. The sitting room on the first floor could be used as a fourth bedroom, lots of nice updates. Newer roof, newer windows, the master bedroom and bathroom have their own under floor heating system. \$223,000



379 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms

OUTSTANDING FARMS LOCATION! Features neutral décor and hardwood floors. Spacious living room with a natural fireplace. Large family room. Updates include: furnace, central air, glass block windows and roof. AN ABSOLUTE MUST SEE!! \$209,000.

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**1030 Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe Shores**

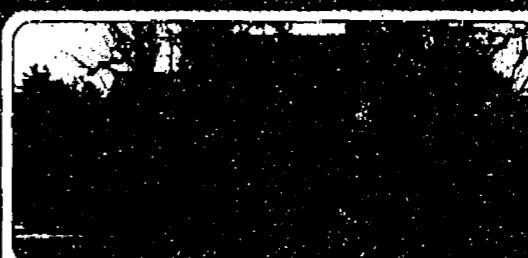
Gorgeous!!! Custom built in 2000!! Vaulted ceilings, great room, multiple natural fireplaces, lower level basement with high ceilings. Beautiful "black" pool overlooking the lake. First floor master suite, panoramic views of the water. \$3,995,000.

**693 Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe Shores**

Spectacular full views of the Lake. Built by Jim Scott. Four very large bedrooms each with their own private bath. Impressive foyer, paneled family room, two fireplaces, custom kitchen and first floor laundry room. Gorgeous landscaping. \$1,795,000. Call Sandy Azar for a private showing.

**799 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Park**

BEST BUY IN GROSSE POINTE \$825,000!!!! This Spanish mini-mansion features three and one half car garage, large lot and sunken living room. Five bedrooms, three and one half baths, multiple fireplaces including master bedroom. Library, den and hardwood floors.

**646 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park**

Meticulously maintained Classic English Tudor. Beautiful plaster details, unique cove/icicle moldings. Slate roof, hardwood floors, multiple fireplaces, newer kitchen and family room, beautiful grounds with sunken gardens. Quality, style and detail throughout. \$699,900.

**644 Middlesex, Grosse Pointe Park**

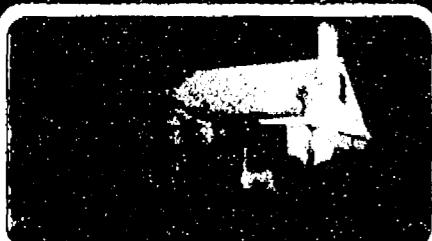
Superb Tudor near Windmill Pointe (Lake St. Clair) and two waterfront parks! Four bedrooms, two full baths (wonderful master), two laundries. Cozy family room with natural fireplace, garden room and stunning library with cathedral ceiling, sky lights and incredible views of rear gardens, pond and waterfall.

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Wonderful Tudor with old world charm! This six bedroom, three and one half bath home is loaded with classic features. Sculpted plaster, natural wood, leaded, beveled and stained glass door and windows. Recreation room. New priced at \$449,000.

**1082 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Woods**

Beautiful three bedroom Woods bungalow with fantastic location. Features large rooms, hardwood floors, living room with fireplace, mostly newer windows, fresh paint and two car garage. \$259,900.

**20064 Ghesquiere Ct., Grosse Pointe Woods**

Beautiful Cape Cod with center natural fireplace. Gorgeous lower level family room in the basement, great court location, hardwood floors, attached garage. Newer windows (Pella), central air. \$309,000.

**1033 North Brys, Grosse Pointe Woods**

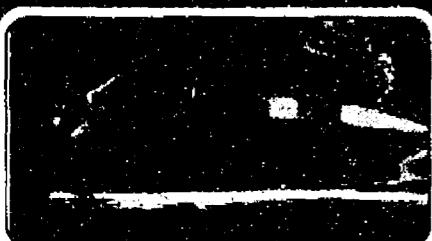
Three bedroom, one and one half bath ranch. Updated open floor plan, freshly painted, new kitchen, new windows, newer gas forced air with central air, hardwood floors, underneath new carpeting. Attached two car garage. \$299,000.

**412 Roland Court, Grosse Pointe Farms**

Custom brick ranch neat and clean on a large one hundred foot lot. Close to shopping, featuring open floor plan, hardwood floors throughout, nice size bedrooms, plus an extra sitting room. Large basement. \$269,900.

**1550 Huntington, Grosse Pointe Woods**

Attractive four bedroom, one full and one half bath home East of Mack Avenue. Completely updated with new white kitchen, newer roof, windows, cement, heating and cooling. Finished basement and large lot. \$249,900.

**715 Pear Tree, Grosse Pointe Woods**

Attractive four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial. Updated kitchen, huge family room with natural fireplace, first floor laundry. Living room with natural fireplace. Master bedroom with full bath, two car attached garage. \$379,900.

**538 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe City**

Fabulous location. Walk to the Village or the waterfront park. Huge lot, five bedrooms, two baths, fabulous oak family room, two natural fireplaces. Central air, updated kitchen. Attractively priced at \$395,000.

**23337 Robert John, St. Clair Shores**

Outstanding marble granite entrance foyer with extra wide staircase. Hardwood floors in living room and dining room. Updated kitchen, oversized attached garage. \$399,000.

**22666 Wildwood**

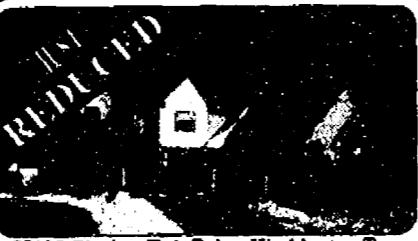
Wake up to totally unobstructive views of Lake St. Clair. Three bedroom, three bath home with three natural fireplaces including master suite. Plus canal to dock your boat. Attractively priced at \$595,000.

**25300 Winton, St. Clair Shores**

Fabulous three bedroom two bath ranch. New construction Master suite with den and bath and extra closet. Huge oak kitchen with center island. Natural fireplace in living room, first floor laundry off garage. Full deep basement. \$249,900.

**21936 Shorepointe, St. Clair Shores**

Beautiful condominium in prestigious development. Additional finished lower level (gorgeous), dry walled, new carpeting in lower level family room type area. First floor laundry, attached garage. \$189,000.

**7795 Glacier Club Drive, Washington Twp.**

Golf course living in this impeccable four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial. Located on seventh fairway. Open concept first floor with two way fireplace. Gleaming hardwood floors, separate den, first floor laundry. \$453,000.

**20401 Lochmoor, Harper Woods**

Sharpest Bungalow in Harper Woods. Completely updated with refinished hardwood floors, newer high-end kitchen, two car garage, finished basement with additional half bath and plenty of storage. Grosse Pointe Schools. \$167,900.

**19681 Fleetwood, Harper Woods**

Great condo living. Two bedroom, two and one half baths, ceramic tile flooring in entrance foyer and back door vestibule leading to private patio and covered two car carports. Full basement with recreation room. Both bedrooms with private baths. \$129,000.

**3490 Grayson**

East English Village charmer priced to sell! The family is looking at all offers, bring your serious buyers! Hardwood floors with natural fireplace. Fantastic deep back yard. Unfinished second level is perfect for a master suite conversion. This one will not last! \$129,900.



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Natural look is trend in home decorating

(MS) — The glitz of the 1980s and the sleek modernism of the 1990s have given way to an entirely different trend in flooring — the "Natural Look." "Consumers' preference for natural and natural-looking materials is in full swing," says Joe Amato, vice president of Styling for flooring manufacturer Mannington Mills. "No matter what kind of flooring they choose, homeowners are looking for patterns inspired by nature."

The naturally inspired look can be achieved in any hard surface flooring material. For example, the vinyl flooring on the market today (also called resilient) is nothing like what your mother and grandmother had. "The patterns are much more realistic than ever. Advances in design capabilities, particularly with Computer Aided Design (CAD), have been key in helping us get such realistic looks," says Amato. "Some of today's most popular looks in vinyl flooring are patterns that resemble slate, stone,

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and even sisal and leather."

Three-dimensional looks are now trendy in laminate. Also, wood looks in laminate now boast texture

and depth, which helps make them look even more like the real thing.

Hardwood, of course, is real wood. But new staining and finishing techniques allow for a brand new wood floor to look worn and lived-in. Many homeowners are decorating in a casual or rustic theme and these handscraped and distressed floors go perfectly with that decor.

You may not know that porcelain tile is another type of floor that is

made from naturally occurring materials (primarily clay), but can be fashioned to look like something else. Popular tile looks today are dramatic slates, elegant marbles, and rustic terra cottas. Tile floors can be personalized by incorporating various sizes of the same tile, or using different colors and decorative accents for borders and insets.

Whatever your flooring preference, there's a natural look that will suit your life and your style.

Decorative ways to conceal clutter

There are creative and decorative ways to make your home appear less cluttered and more comfortably lived-in.

- Curtains can be used to conceal clutter. Drape curtains between rooms without doors to create a distinct transition. A small curtain can cover the base of a pedestal sink in a bathroom and hide your toiletries, and similarly

around a fish tank stand to conceal wires and pet products. You can also use curtains as wall hangings in lieu of artwork. This way, you can use the curtains to cover a wall that is unsightly or is in need of a paint job.

- Folding screens can effectively camouflage a messy office area housed in a living room, conceal piles and stacks of books or boxes in corners, or provide a secluded separation in a one-room loft. Purchase ready-made screens in decorative designs from home stores, or create your own screens out of folding doors or other items.

- Decorative rattan trunks or antique leather suitcases can be a focal point in a room as well as a place to stash clutter. Use them to store magazines, children's toys or craft projects that you haven't completed — like needlepoint or knitting.

- Well-placed baskets — even those brimming with items — can look like purposeful design elements rather than just ways to hide stuff. A large one can store folded throws or pillows for a sofa. Small ones can hold keys and change near doorways so you can toss them "neatly" upon entering the home. Or stack a few at the foot

of the stairs to hold items you want to carry upstairs. Baskets in the bathroom can store smaller toiletries, extra towels or extra rolls of toilet tissue. And a tall basket



with a cover can make a pretty clothes hamper instead of the traditional plastic variety.

- Perhaps it's not small items that are compromising the look of your home, but rather larger items like furniture and floors. Transform a sofa or chair that has seen better days with a slipcover. Mask stains on a carpet or damage to wood flooring with an area rug until you can get a new one.

- Place a dust ruffle on your bed to cover the gap between the bedspread and the floor. You can stash storage containers, table leaves, vacuums, folding chairs or other larger items under your bed and out of view.

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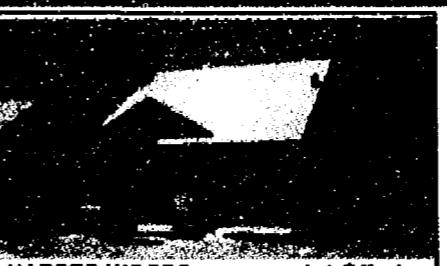
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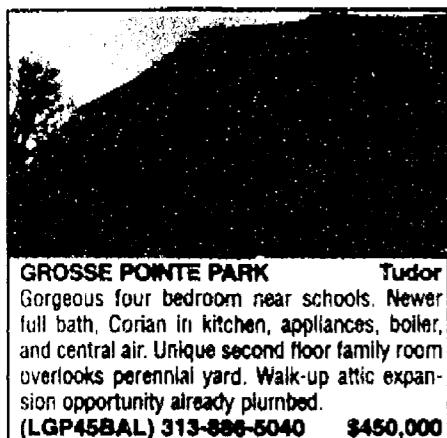
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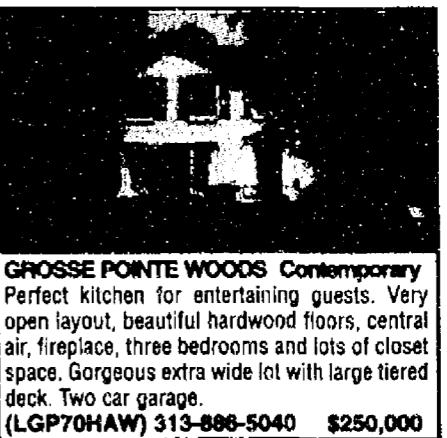
GROSSE POINTE WOODS Two Family
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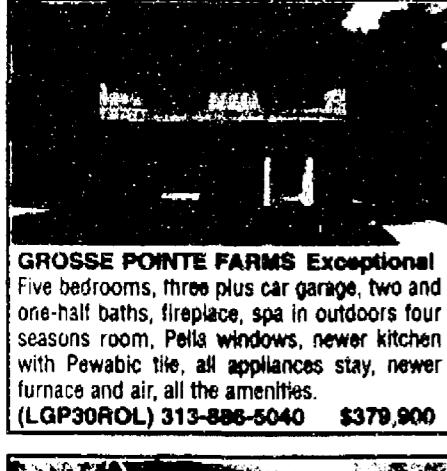
GROSSE POINTE PARK First Rate
Wonderfully executed updates! Kitchen with granite counters '03, wood windows throughout '01, tear off roofs '01, paver patio walkway and steps '04, refurbished hardwood floors, finished basement with kitchen and bath.
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS At Last
Style and character complete this totally renovated three bedroom bungalow. Open floor plan, eat-in kitchen, two fireplaces, master bedroom with full bath. Move right in... this won't last. Home warranty included.
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS Contemporary
Perfect kitchen for entertaining guests. Very open layout, beautiful hardwood floors, central air, fireplace, three bedrooms and lots of closet space. Gorgeous extra wide lot with large tiered deck. Two car garage.
(LGP70HAW) 313-886-5040 \$250,000



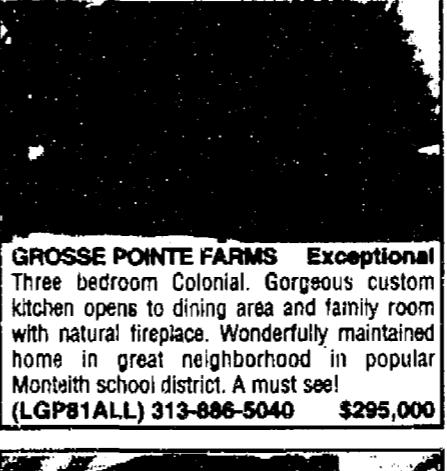
GROSSE POINTE FARMS Exceptional
Five bedrooms, three plus car garage, two and one-half baths, fireplace, spa in outdoors four seasons room, Pella windows, newer kitchen with Pewabic tile, all appliances stay, newer furnace and air, all the amenities.
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS Charming
Many recent updates including most windows, roof, furnace, central air, refinished floors. Newer oak kitchen, full bath in finished basement, natural fireplace. Newer two car garage, driveway and deck. Appliances stay.
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GROSSE POINTE Spectacular
Beautifully mastered Tuscan style kitchen/gathering room. Silestone counters, fireplace, plenty of seating at the table or family room area. Beauty continues throughout with elegantly appointed and generously sized rooms!
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Three bedroom Colonial. Gorgeous custom kitchen opens to dining area and family room with natural fireplace. Wonderfully maintained home in great neighborhood in popular Montcalm school district. A must see!
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS Outstanding
Beautiful three bedroom, two full bath. Family room with gas fireplace done in 2003. Newer windows, brick paver patio, large kitchen with dining space, large master bedroom with full bath and sitting area. A must buy.
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GROSSE POINTE PARK Ready For You
Charming three bedroom one and one half bath, two car detached garage, formal dining room, fireplace, Florida room, hardwood floors, partially finished basement. All appliances stay. Great location. Home warranty.
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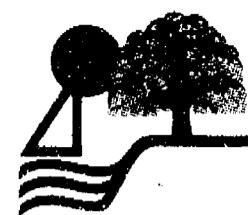
GROSSE POINTE FARMS Lovely
Three bedroom, two bath home offers a location that's an easy walk to the Hill, Pier Park, schools, more! Pretty hardwood floors, leaded glass windows, breakfast nook, den. Partly finished basement, newer boiler.
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS Charming
Character and charm abound. Updated kitchen, natural fireplace in living room, Florida room, refinished hardwood floors, full basement, freshly painted throughout. Nicely landscaped yard. Great locale. Priced to sell!
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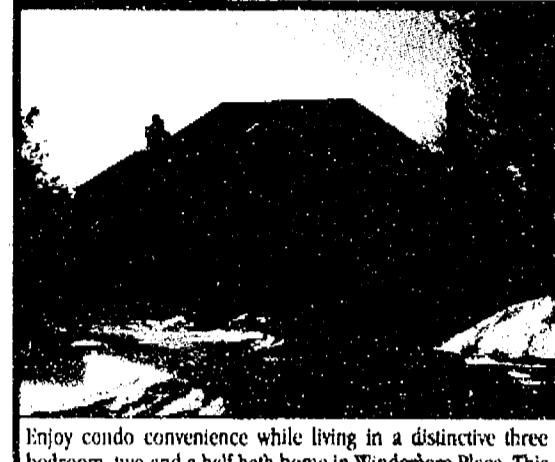
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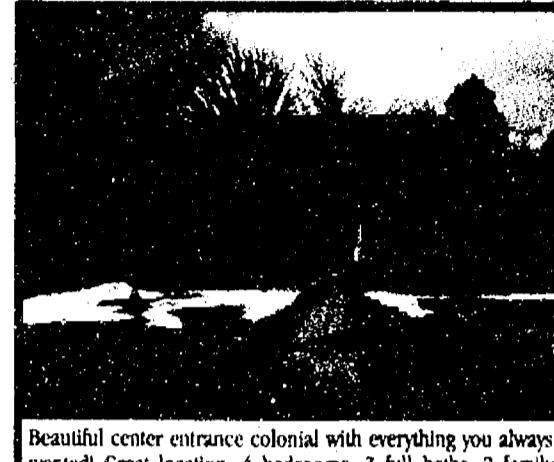


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Beautiful center entrance colonial with everything you always wanted! Great location, 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2 family rooms overlooking a spacious backyard, 2 furnaces & central air, and huge kitchen. Finished basement with fireplace, fully carpeted, half bath & laundry area. Attached 2 car garage. Call for a private showing! \$629,900



Thoughtfully designed family home offers charm, location and convenience. This 5 bedroom and 3 1/2 bath Colonial offers designer decor, spacious family room located adjacent to updated kitchen, and beautifully refinished hardwood floors. Step out of the family room onto the lovely wood deck which is perfect for summer entertaining. Situated on 1 1/2 lots, there is plenty of green space for the kids to romp. \$569,000



Wonderful ranch in prime location on Lochmoor Boulevard. Three bedrooms, two and a half baths. The master bath is new with ceramic tile and custom shower. First floor laundry, newer kitchen with cherry cabinets and Corian counters. Subzero, and double ovens, ceramic floor. Panelled library, finished basement with fireplace and wet bar. \$539,900

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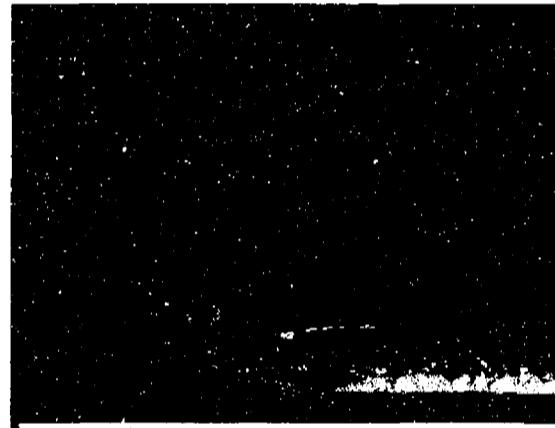


Relieve your family's growing pains with this four bedroom, two and a half bath colonial located in Grosse Pointe City. Formal living and dining rooms, family room adjacent to kitchen with a natural fireplace and doorwall leading to a lovely flagstone patio & large private backyard. Convenient first floor laundry room and hard to find attached 2 car garage. Immediate occupancy \$479,000.



Price Reduced on this immaculate Cape Cod. Located on quiet street in the Woods, this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home offers custom kitchen with eating area, stunning first floor master suite with marble bath with Jacuzzi tub, shower and custom walk-in closet. Family room overlooks well tended landscaped rear yard, library with custom bookcases, first floor laundry and convenient attached garage.

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Grosse Pointe Park is the setting for this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath center entrance brick Colonial. Within walking distance to the Village shopping & schools, this home offers formal living and dining rooms, kitchen with eating area, family room and spacious master bedroom with private bath and lots of closets. Situated on a 100 foot lot, there is plenty of space to expand this home which is surrounded by much more expensive properties. \$415,000



PRICE REDUCED! SELLER MOTIVATED! You could be living in this Luxury Lakefront Community by summer. Relax on the deck and enjoy the view of Lake St. Clair. The gourmet kitchen features hardwood floor and snack bar. Great room has a gas fireplace. Fourth floor loft could be a third bedroom. Master bedroom boasts a luxury spa bathroom. \$338,900

26014 FELICITY LANDING #8



Why have 2 units when you can have 4? Here is an investment that makes sense. All 4 units have refinished hardwood floors, all four have had new kitchens in the last 5 years. All four have had the windows replaced except the leaded glass in the front. Great parking in rear and on street. All appliances included, tenants pay \$650/month. \$294,900



Spring into this Luxury Lakefront Community. Three bedrooms and three full baths with a fourth floor loft overlooking the master bedroom. Even the choosiest chef will enjoy this kitchen, with top of the line appliances. Two car attached garage, first floor patio, second floor deck and lakefront common area. \$379,900

26010 FELICITY LANDING #9



Priced to sell, this well built two bedroom brick ranch offers generous sized rooms, hardwood flooring, family room, formal dining, living room with fireplace, large kitchen with eating space, attached garage, updated electrical, newer central air and more. Just add your personal touches. Early occupancy.



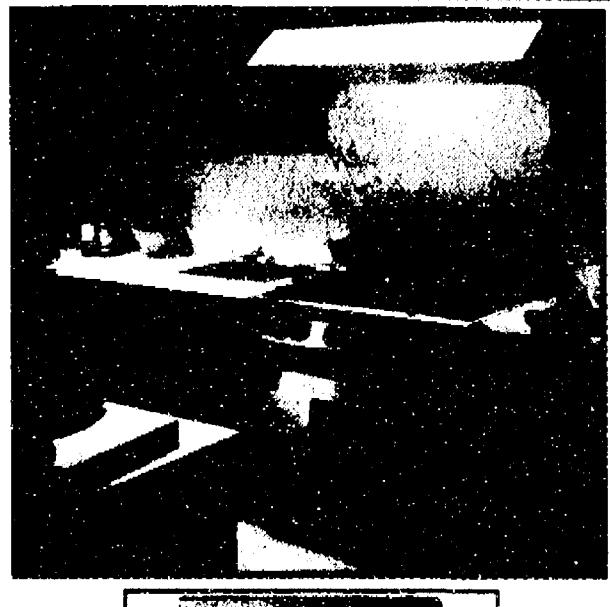
Grosse Pointe Woods Bungalow awaits your immediate purchase and move in! Many newer features in this three bedroom home which include, newer kitchen, baths, state of the art hot water heater, newer furnace and air. Living room with fireplace, fabulous recreation room with newer bath and walk-in closet. SELLER WANTS OFFERS!!

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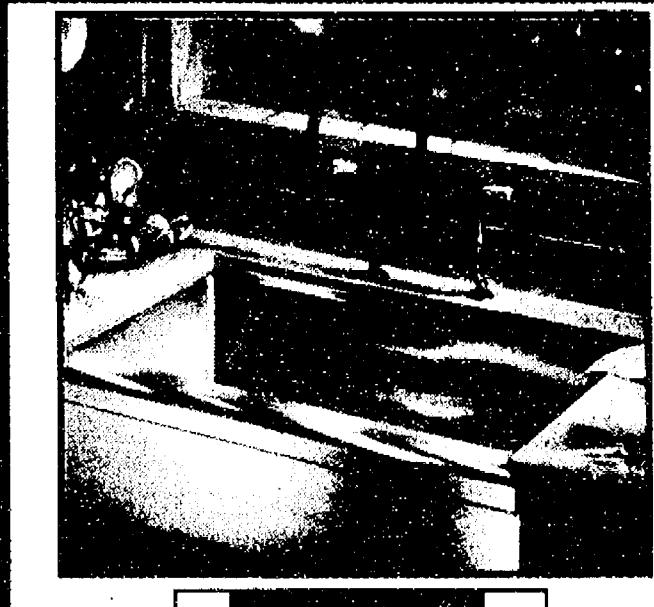
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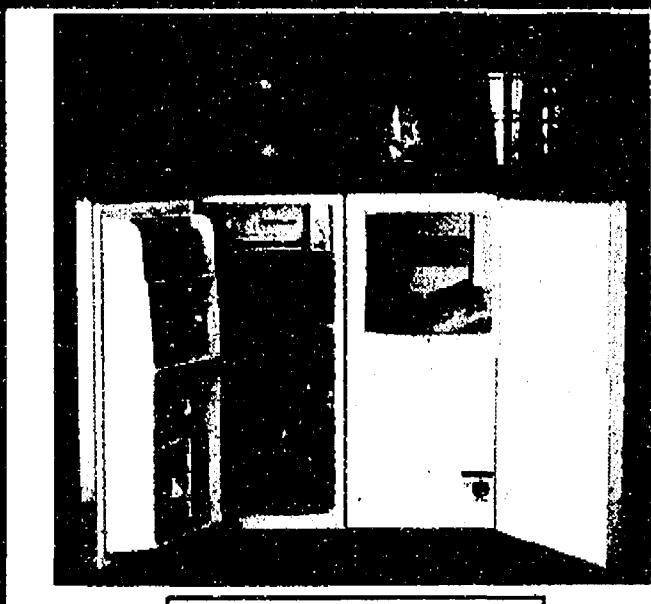
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1st Choice Mortgage Lending	(734) 459-0782	5.625	0	5.25	0	3.5	0	J
A Best Financial Corp.	(800) 839-8918	5.5	0.125	5	0.25	3.5	0	JBF
A Family Mortgage	(800) 538-5947	5.625	0	5.125	0	3.99	0	JBVF
A Financial Services Golden Rule	(800) 784-1034	5.625	0	5.375	0	3	0	JBVF
A Perfect Mortgage	(248) 203-7730	5.625	0	5.125	0	NR	NR	J
AFI Financial	(877) 234-0800	5.625	0.375	5.25	0	NR	NR	J
America's Premiere Mortgage	(800) 588-8730	5.75	0	5.25	0	4.875	0	JBVF
Ameriprise Mortgage Corp.	(248) 740-2323	5.625	0.25	5.25	0.25	4	0	JWF
Bay Pointe Mortgage Corp.	(248) 652-3598	5.5	2	5	2	3.75	0	J
Bethel Home Mortgage	(248) 650-4800	5.5	0.375	5.125	0	4.375	0	JWF
Capital Mortgage Funding	(248) LOW-RATE	5.5	2.5	5.125	3	NR	NR	J
Capita Group Mortgage Co.	(248) 632-5843	5.625	0	5.25	0	3.5	0	JWF
Centerbrook Mortgage	(248) 851-4150	5.625	0	5.25	0	3.875	0	JB
Charter One Bank	(800) 346-5335	6	0	5.625	0	NR	NR	JWF
Client Services by Golden Rule	(800) 569-5805	5.375	1.125	5	1.25	2.625	1.125	JBVF
Co-op Services Credit Union	(734) 466-6113	5.625	2	5.125	2	NR	NR	J
Community Bank of Dearborn	(734) 981-0022	5.875	0	5.5	0	4.875	0	JWF
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	(313) 555-3100	6	0	5.5	0	3.5	2	JB
DFCU Financial	(800) 739-2770	5.625	2	5.125	2	NR	NR	J
Dynamic Mortgage	(734) 459-8120	5.625	0	5.25	0	3.125	0	J
Fifth Third Bank	(800) 792-8830	5.625	0.25	5.125	0	NR	NR	VF
First Alliance Mortgage Co.	(800) 232-7357	5.625	0	5.375	0	NR	NR	JBVF
First Equity Residential Mortgage Inc.	(800) 557-0270	5.5	2	4.875	2	2.75	2.75	JBV
First International Inc.	(248) 258-1594	5.75	0	5.375	0	NR	NR	JB
GMAC Mortgage Corp.	(800) 888-4622	5.5	3	5.375	1.5	4.375	0	JBVF
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 765-4755	5.25	1.375	4.875	1.875	2.25	2	JBVF
Goldstar Mortgage	(800) 489-5260	5.5	0.625	5.125	0.625	2.875	0.5	JBVF
Group One Mortgage	(734) 953-4000	6	0	5.625	0	4.125	0	JBVF
Home Federal Savings Bank	(313) 873-3110	5.5	1	5.25	1	NR	NR	J
Home Finance of America	(800) 358-5529	5.625	0	5.25	0	3.25	0	JB
Horizon Financial Group	(666) 538-7887	5.5	2	5.125	2	NR	NR	J
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Macomb Schools & Gov. C.U.	(586) 263-6800	6.125	0	5.75	0	4.375	0	J
Metropolitan Mortgage	(800) 800-1313	5.625	0	5.25	0	NR	NR	JBVF
Manufacturers	(586) 777-1000	5.75	0	5.375	1	NR	NR	JB
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Olympic Funding	(248) 273-4000	5.75	1	5.25	1	NR	NR	JBVF
Pathway Financial LLC	(800) 724-2274	5.75	0	5.25	0	3.5	3	JF
Peoples Mortgage	(313) 730-5040	5.625	0.375	5.25	0	NR	NR	J
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Shoreline Mortg.	(800) 672-0063	5.25	3	4.875	3	2.5	3	JWF
St. James Mortgage Corp.	(800) 837-7005	6.125	0	5.625	0	4.5	0	B
Standard Federal Bank	(800) HOME-600	5.625	2	5.25	2	3.625	2	JBVF
United Mortgage Group	(586) 286-9500	5.625	0	5.125	0	4.75	0	JBVF
Uptown Mortgage	(248) 203-6530	5.75	0	5.25	0	4.625	0	JWF
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Soulliere Garden Center

If you're wondering why your lawn or plants are not growing well, no matter what you try, many times the answers are in the soil. The nutrient levels and pH level of the soil, that is. You should test your soil if the plants or lawn do not seem to be growing well even though you are fertilizing and watering.

Beginning now through April, soil samples can be submitted to Michigan Cooperative Extension Service for a \$13 fee. The soil is tested at Michigan State University for nutrient levels and pH levels, then the results are sent back to you with recommendation to help cure problems found. You can purchase a soil test kit through Soulliere Garden Center, Michigan Cooperative Extension or many other participating nurseries.

This program through the extension service was a big success last year. Many people took advantage of this soil testing opportunity. The extension service takes care of delivering the samples to MSU. All you do is bring in a cupful sample of soil you want tested to a participating garden center and we will handle filling the cardboard box with your soil and gather some background garden information from you. In about two weeks you will get the results of the tests.

We fertilize to replace the three main nutrients; nitrogen, phosphorous and potash. Minor nutrients include iron, magnesium, sulfur, zinc and more. If your soil lacks one or more of the major or minor nutrients it can affect the growth of your plants.

The acidity or alkalinity of the soil is measured by the pH. If your soil is too acidic or alkaline, many nutrients are not available to your plants or lawn. Even if there are plenty of the nutrients in the soil, when the pH is too high or low the nutrients will not be soluble and available to the plant. Plant growth will be slowed and leaves

are pale or even yellowed when the pH is too far off. The pH is measured on a scale from 0 to 14 with 7 being neutral. A pH below 7 is considered acidic and over 7 is alkaline.

Some plants grow best in slightly acidic soil and others prefer more alkaline soil. Lawns grow best when the soil pH is between 6.5 and 6.8. Azaleas, rhododendrons, hemlock and holly are plants that grow best in an acidic soil. Honeysuckle, barberry and locust are plants that grow best in alkaline soils. There are far more plants that prefer slightly acidic soils of 6 to 6.5 than alkaline soils.

Acidic soils are generally found in wetter areas with organic matter in the soil such as peat moss, compost or pine bark. Dry areas are more likely to be alkaline. If your soil is too acidic, ground limestone can be added to raise the pH. Eighty pounds of limestone per 1,000 square feet is needed to raise a clay soil 1 level on the pH scale. If your soil pH is too high, add aluminum sulfate, iron sulfate or sulfur to lower it. Using an organic mulch as a ground cover is also helpful in maintaining a slightly acidic soil.

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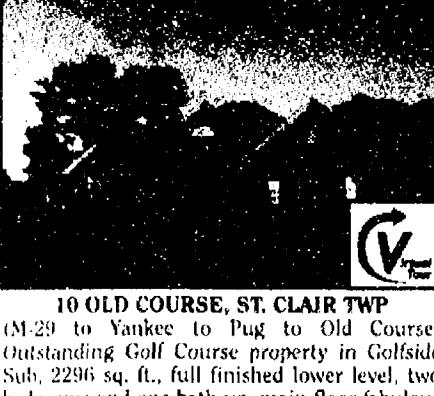
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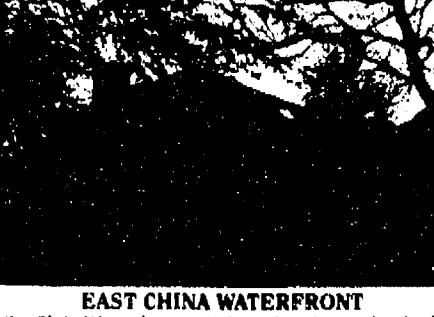
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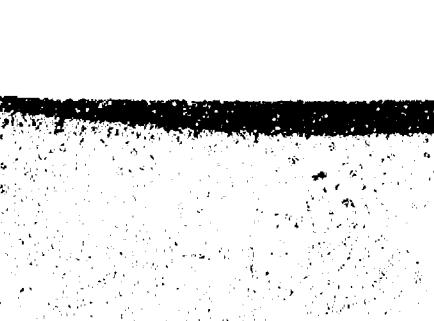
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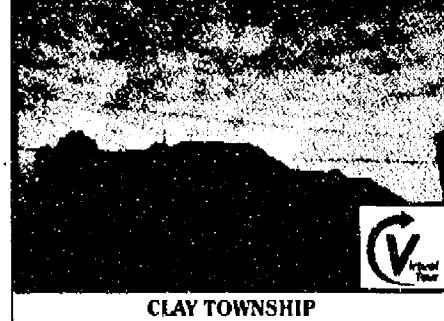
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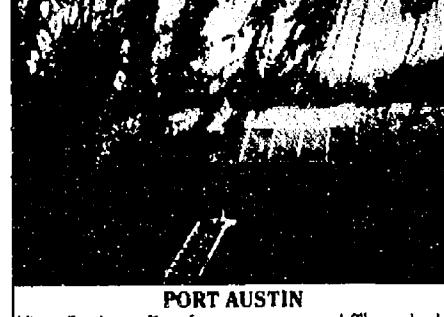
\$859,000



CLAY TOWNSHIP
Inside & Out...this St. Clair River home impresses you. Close to the river and freighters, this brick beauty offers three bedrooms, three baths, balcony and patio on the river.

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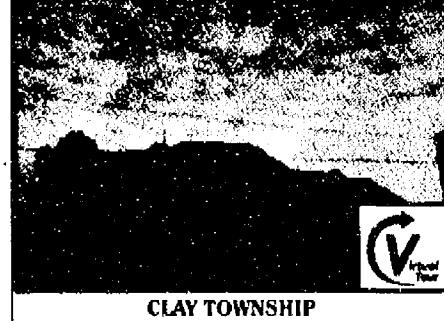
\$549,900



GOLF COURSE LIVING
Bigger and Better on the 14th hole of St. Clair River Country Club, 3,450 square feet plus 2,800 square feet on finished lower level. Four bedrooms, four and one half baths. Master suite on main floor.

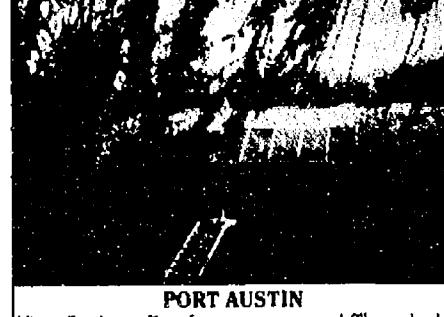
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\$549,900



4861 LORWOOD, CLYDE TWP
(West Water to Castlewood Estates) 2,260 square feet. Three bedrooms, two and one half bath almost new home in Castlewood Estates. First floor master suite with Whirlpool tub. \$245,900.
ML#30221692 GP-3117

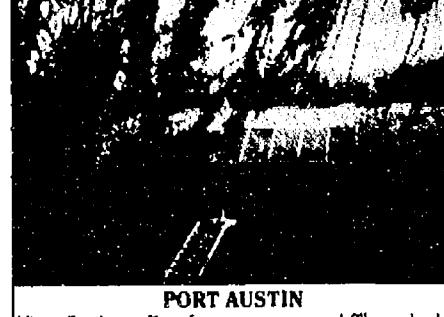
\$525,000



EAST CHINA WATERFRONT
Panoramic River View from this three bedroom, two and one half bath home on St. Clair River. Quality throughout plus 700 square foot recreation building. Multi-level decks.

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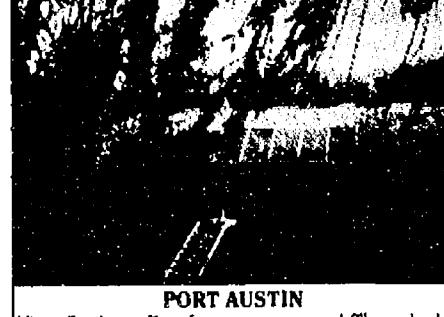
\$525,000



ST. CLAIR RIVER
Awesome home on the St. Clair river with township taxes. 7,400 square feet, three fireplaces, solarium, sunroom, deck and patio. Four car garage.

ML#30230306 GP-3164

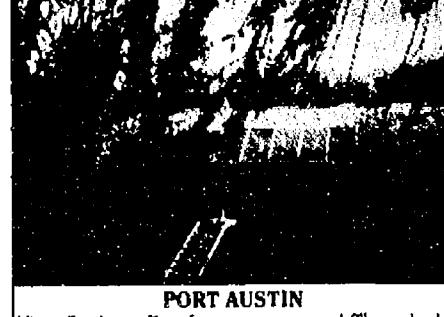
\$1,490,000



ST. CLAIR RIVER
Waterfront living is even better when so many rooms have a view of the St. Clair River. First floor master suite and guest bedroom, two upstairs guest rooms all have a view.

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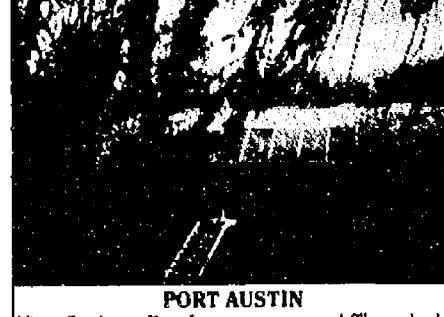
\$1,350,000



HUNTER'S PARADISE
30 acres with 80% woods, all brick two story, four bedrooms, three full baths, 9 ft. block basement, Great Room with fireplace, formal dining room or den, oak throughout.

ML#30211665 GP-3074

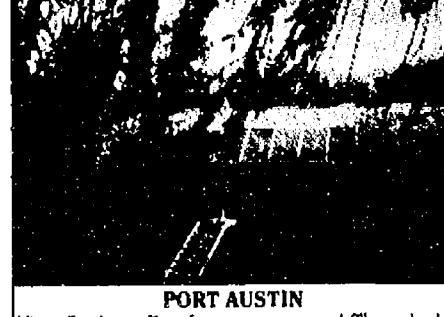
\$464,900



PORT AUSTIN
View Saginaw Bay from every room! Three bedroom, two bath, 1,500 square foot lake frontage of 100'. Many updates: air conditioning, furnace, water softener, roof, exterior hot water shower.

ML#30213397 GP-3088

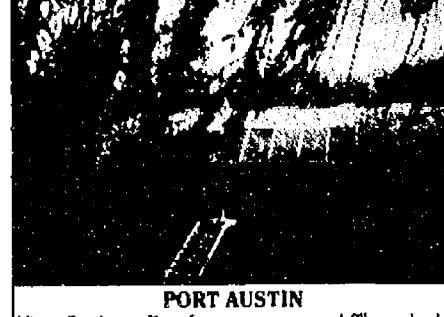
\$455,000



ST. CLAIR GOLF COURSE
Move to Paradise! This four bedroom, two and one half bath home offers a large country kitchen, granite countertops, fireplace in great room, finished basement. Three car attached garage. Quality throughout. Immediate occupancy.

ML#30266811 GP-3311

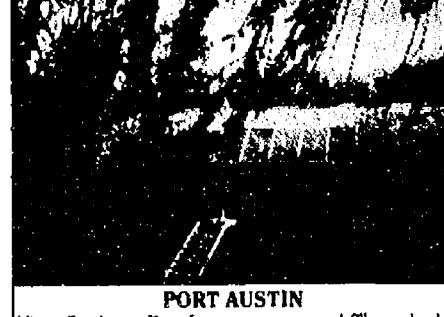
\$425,000



PORT HURON VICTORIAN
Historical Queen Anne Victorian Home. Built in 1890 has 20 rooms with seven fireplaces, five bedrooms, five and one half baths, rooms are finished in butternut, black oak and maple. Seller share this home as a Bed & Breakfast.

ML#30224583 GP-3132

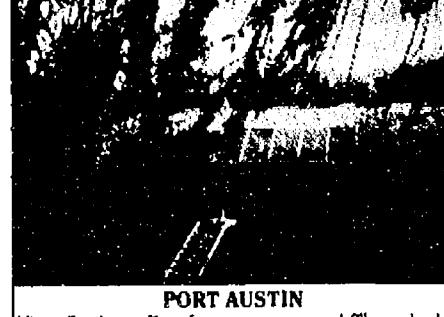
\$419,900



ST. CLAIR TWP
Largest 2,500 square feet you've ever seen! This ranch features three bedrooms, two and one half baths plus a living room, kitchen, bedroom suite with separate entrance and a finished basement with recreation room.

ML#30232728 GP-3178

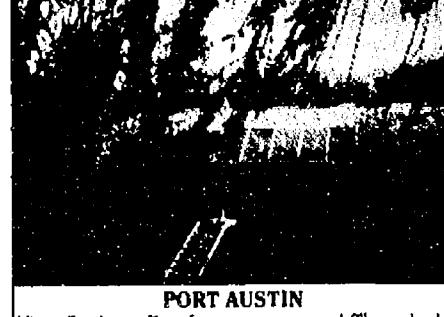
\$339,950



BLACK RIVER
202' of frontage on the Black River. Five bedroom, three and one half bath. Tons of storage with wall to wall closets in all bedrooms. Deep well possibilities for boat. Panoramic view.

ML#30243720 GP-3226

\$249,900



WATERFRONT CONDO
Fantastic view of St. Clair River and Stag Island from living room, dining room, and master bedroom. Full finished basement with bath.

ML#30226360 GP-3140

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1003 Bedford- 4 bedroom with master suite. Finished basement, new kitchen, central air, sprinklers. Move in condition. Modern living, classic style. \$537,000. (313)886-1258

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800 HOUSES FOR SALE

20064 E. 8 Mile- Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe Schools. 2 bedroom. \$79,900 or rent for \$725/ month, \$900 security. Andary Realty, (313)886-5670

19816 Ida Lane, Grosse Pointe Woods ranch. 2 bedrooms. Finished basement. (586)321-7494

HARPER Woods, 21752 Newcastle. Beautifully decorated and maintained. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths. Family room, 2 car garage. New: roof, electric, copper pipes, alarm, kitchen, more! \$174,900. (313)881-7296

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90 Feet Frontage on a Dead End Street,
 leading to Lake St. Clair. Established
 Grosse Pointe neighborhood.
 Represented by Broker

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2110 VanAntwerp, Grosse Pointe Woods. Completely updated, 3 bedroom, 1 bath colonial. Generous room sizes including family room. Recently finished: hardwood floors, basement with full bath. \$225,000. (313)640-4134. Open Sunday 2- 4pm.

51 Woodland Shores Drive, Grosse Pointe Shores. Beautiful 1 1/2 story home, excellent condition. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 half baths. Many updates including kitchen. Main floor master bedroom & laundry, great basement rec room with wet bar & fireplace. Outstanding landscaping with large deck, 2.5 garage, 3200 sq. ft. \$689,000. Open Sunday 2- 4. (313)886-7311

813 and 815 Harcourt- First offering! Spacious condos, South of Jefferson near waterfront parks. Starting at \$200,000. Open Sunday, 1- 4pm. Randy/ Sharron, Century 21, Town & Country; 313-530-1710.

800 HOUSES FOR SALE

BEAUTIFUL St. Clair Shores ranch. 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Finish basement. Spacious corner lot. Many updates. \$199,900. (810)326-1598

DON'T miss this charmer in The Village. Everything has been done. 2 bedrooms, partially finished basement with office. Newer finished garage. Only \$157,500. 600 Notre Dame. Open Sunday 1- 4. Call Mary, Remax Advantage, (586)219-2290

F.H.S. Home Inspection Service. Professional home inspection by Franco Colasanti, licensed builder, (586)791-6684

SOUTH Oxford, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, Colonial on one of Grosse Pointe Woods most desirable streets. Master suite with bath, finished basement, 2 car attached garage, many improvements within the past 2 1/2 years. \$437,000. 950 South Oxford. Open Sunday 2-4 pm or for appointment call (313)882-7435

800 HOUSES FOR SALE

GROSSE Pointe Schools- \$139,900. East of Harper, North Vernier. 20855 Lennon. Open Sunday, 1-4pm. 3 bedroom brick, fireplace. Dining room & basement. Charles Lutz Re/Max, 586-202-3487

GROSSE Pointe Woods Scott colonial. 4 bedrooms, 3 full, 2 half baths. Must see master suite with his/ her bath, fireplace, balcony, sauna, antique Hudson glass. Information, 517-394-4144

OPEN 1- 4pm. Sunday. 28054 Lansdowne, Harrison Township. Better than new. Owners transferred. 3,000 sq. ft. 4 bedrooms, master suite on first floor. 2.5 baths. Partially finished basement, professionally landscaped, in-ground sprinklers, invisible fence, custom deck. \$418,900. DE Parsley & Co. 586-468-9700

LEXINGTON custom built 2 bedroom with modern updated kitchen & bath, over 150' beach access, \$189,000. (810)359-8697

800 HOUSES FOR SALE

HARRISON Township. Exquisitely Tastefully renovated vintage brick bungalow with copper roofed turret! Landscaped, fenced 1.25 acres in Harrison Twp. Boasts 10 car pole barn, plus 140' of frontage on Clinton River with newer seawall and 2 boat docks. Asking \$418,000. Ask for Ann Poronto, ReMax Metropolitan, 586-997-9900

801 COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

GROSSE Pointe Park, 2,800 sq. ft. 3 units, 3 signed leases. Solid investment potential. (313)410-0911

803 CONDOS/APTS/FLATS
 1 bedroom co-op condo, first floor, all appliances, freshly painted, hardwood floors, new patio. Harper Woods. \$39,900. (586)296-0447

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1750 Vernier, 1st floor, corner 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, \$175,000, (734)417-0639

CAREFREE living! Smile all the way to the bank. Babcock Co-ops priced to sell. Some Senior only, some with terms. Call Bill Murphy at Babcock Management, (586)498-9188.

GROSSE Pointe City, 17111 East Jefferson. 2nd floor unit, sunny exposure, 1,800 sq. ft. (810)714-3103

LUXURY 2000 sq. ft. condo in St. Clair on private country club. (810)329-8984

OWN for under \$650/month. Immaculate 1,000 sq. ft. Clinton Twp. 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath townhouse with fenced yard. New everything! Must see! (586)362-4041

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NEFF - 2 large duplexes (4 units). Fireplaces, garages, hardwood, great location. \$715,000/ offer. Will split. (313)478-6402

807 INVESTMENT PROPERTY

FIRST offering. 2 family flat, Grosse Pointe City, 6-5 rooms, 2 bedrooms each. New furnace, separate electric & water heaters, family room lower. New Breed Agency, (313)371-1999 or call digital pager, (586)403-6055

808 WATERFRONT HOMES



ON North Channel with canal & boat house in Algonac on the Colony. 3 bedroom, fireplace, 2 car garage. \$490,000. Real Estate One, 810-794-9393

Sunday OPEN HOUSE April 10, 2005

GROSSE POINTE CITY

600 Notre Dame	\$157,500	1-4pm	Mary Hein/ReMax Advantage	586-219-2290
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

285 Beaupre	\$259,900	2-4pm	Lucido & Associates	313-882-1010
357 Belanger	\$279,000	1-4pm	Randy Repicky/Century 21 Town & Country	313-886-5040 x232
406 Hillcrest	\$199,800	2-4pm	Dori Daskas/Coldwell Banker Schweitzer	313-909-8259
194 Lakeview	\$519,000	2-4pm	Adlhoch & Associates/Tom Griffith	313-910-6658
422 Roland	\$349,900	2-4pm	Donna Stoner/Bolton Johnston	313-655-5066

GROSSE POINTE PARK

1208 Audubon	\$434,000	2-4pm	Rand Sobczak/Adlhoch & Associates	313-895-1219
1256 Audubon	\$520,000	2-4pm	Higbie Maxon Agney	313-886-3400
1003 Bedford	\$537,000	1-4pm	By Owner	313-886-1258
1172 Bedford	\$469,000	2-4pm	Lucido & Associates	313-882-1010
1332 Grayton		1-3pm	Dee/Century 21 AAA	586-292-7522
813 Harcourt	\$207,000	1-4pm	Randy Repicky/Century 21 Town & Country	313-886-5040 x232
927 Lakepointe	\$399,000	1-4pm	Anne Marie DeRosier/Century 21 Town & Country	313-886-5040
15834 Lakeview Court	\$2,500,000	1-4pm	Randy Repicky/Century 21 Town & Country	313-886-5040 x232
902 Trombley	\$299,900	2-4pm	Lisa/Sine & Monaghan	313-300-5931
1431 Wayburn	\$149,900	2-4pm	Tappan & Associates	313-884-6200
1398 Whittier	\$364,000	1-4pm	Anne Marie DeRosier/Century 21 Town & Country	313-886-5040

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

51 Woodland Shore Drive	\$689,000	2-4pm	By Owner	313-886-7311
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1777 Hawthorne	\$259,000	1-4pm	By Owner	313-882-1237
2153 Hollywood	\$189,900	2-4pm	Paul F. Pellerito/ReMax in the Pointes	313-481-5022
1957 Manchester	\$204,900	1-4pm	Randy Repicky/Century 21 Town & Country	313-886-5040 x232

HARPER WOODS

21455 Bournemouth	\$149,900	1-5pm	By Owner	313-884-8434
21111 Fleetwood	\$139,900	1-4pm	Aldo Giglio/Keller Williams Great Lakes	586-541-4022

HARRISON TOWNSHIP

26010 Felicity Landing	\$379,900	2-4pm	Carolyn Johnston Dietz/Bolton Johnston	313-884-6400
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ST. CLAIR SHORES

1073 Country Club	\$136,000	2-4pm	Tappan & Associates	313-884-6200
21702 Lakeview	\$129,900	2-4pm	Lucido & Associates	313-882-1010

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FIRST OFFERING



WEDGEWOOD, GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Cul-de-sac location for this charming three bedroom Colonial. Totally updated kitchen with bay window overlooking rear deck. Large master bedroom with double closets. Covered porch overlooks private rear yard. \$235,000.

GROSSE POINTE PARK



This gem has it all! Location, condition and price! Marble fireplace and custom built-ins in living room. Family room with fireplace and door wall to patio. Many recent updates. Large fenced, beautifully landscaped yard. New sprinkler system. \$405,000.

GROSSE POINTE PARK



Restored and remodeled by its top designer owner. Finished with the finest solid wood paneling, signed stained/glassed glass, ornate carved plaster ceilings and four limestone fireplaces. Three new marble baths with heated floors. \$995,000.

GROSSE POINTE PARK



Short walk to the Park. Four bedroom Colonial has four bedrooms, multiple fireplaces, hardwood floors and sunroom with spa. Beautifully chandeliered dining room and built-in shelves in living room. Master bedroom with private bath. \$389,000.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS



Priced below market value! Three bedroom Colonial with two full baths sits on an extra wide lot. A 12 x 18 foot three-season room overlooks the rear yard with lovely gardens. \$249,900.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS



Nest as a pin Cape Cod. Rooms freshly painted and new refinished hardwood floors. Updated maple kitchen. Tear-off roof, replacement windows and finished basement. \$179,900.

HARPER WOODS



Rightly situated seller! Your opportunity for home ownership. Attractive three bedroom ranch with newer furnace, central air, new tear-off roof and new garage door. All appliances. Home Warranty. \$99,000.

GROSSE POINTE PARK



Invest in the future! Nice two family south of Jefferson. Hardwood floors, separate utilities, appliances. Finished basement with wet bar, laundry facilities with washer and dryer. \$412,000.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS



Recent price adjustment makes this spacious brick bungalow even more appealing. New kitchen with wood floor. Family room with fireplace. Refinished hardwood floors, basement recreation room with full bath. \$159,900.

HARPER WOODS



Here's a nice start! Add your personal touches to the interior of this three bedroom Bungalow. All the mechanics have been completed. New furnace and central air in 2004, new roof in 2001 and windows in 2004. \$109,000.

HARPER WOODS



Comfortable living! Updated kitchen with eating space and appliances, refinished hardwood floors, three bedrooms and a finished basement with recreation room and half bath. Newer roof, windows and doors. Grosse Pointe schools. \$143,000.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS



Seller says make an offer on this three bedroom Bungalow. Hardwood floors, newer carpeting, garage and deck. Walking distance to schools. \$149,900.

GROSSE POINTE PARK



Beautiful leaded glass windows and doors are found in this four bedroom Colonial. Newly open kitchen with island, recessed lights and pantry. Fire and alarm systems and newer two and one half car garage. \$328,900.

HARPER WOODS



Nicely maintained all brick three bedroom Bungalow with numerous updates. Ceiling fans, windows, vinyl trim, tear-off roof, furnace, central air, alarm system, security lights, fenced yard and glass block basement windows. Home Warranty. \$107,500.

HARPER WOODS



Attention car buyers! This three bedroom ranch has a two car attached garage presently used as a family room and an additional one and one half car detached garage. Your chance to be creative. Great expansion possibilities, too. Take a look! \$158,900.

GROSSE POINTE PARK



A real deal! This wonderful income property could be yours! Two bedrooms and fireplaces in each unit. Upper has an 8x8 foot sitting room. Shared basement, two-year-old furnace, central air new in 2003. \$139,500.

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