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## WEEK AHEAD

**Thursday, Feb. 23**

An explanation of Medicare Part D will begin at 6 p.m. at Heartland Health Care Center-Georgian East facility, 21401 Mack, St. Clair Shores. Reservations for this free presentation should be called in to Jessica Cossette at (586) 778-0800.

Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe meets at 6 p.m. at a private club. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. DTE analyst Doreen Harling is the guest speaker and her topic is "An Electrifying Experience."

**Monday, Feb. 27**

The second public hearing on the proposed adolescent health education curriculum for Grosse Pointe Public Schools students in grades four through eight will be from 4 to 6 p.m. in Room B2 at Brownell Middle School. Parents and community members may provide feedback.

The Grosse Pointe Library Foundation meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. The Board of Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Ewald Branch Library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Anyone who may be in need of special assistance or accommodation because of a disability should contact the library. The agenda is available at the library's Web site [www.gp.lib.mi.us](http://www.gp.lib.mi.us).

Grosse Pointe Woods city council

Mack Plaza.

Grosse Pointe Farms city council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers at 90 Kerby Road.

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) holds a "Blood Pressure Checkup" at 11:15 a.m. at the SOC offices, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

**Tuesday, Feb. 28**

This is the last day in Grosse Pointe Woods to pay 2005 summer and winter real property taxes at city hall with a penalty added.

Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

**Wednesday, March 1**

Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

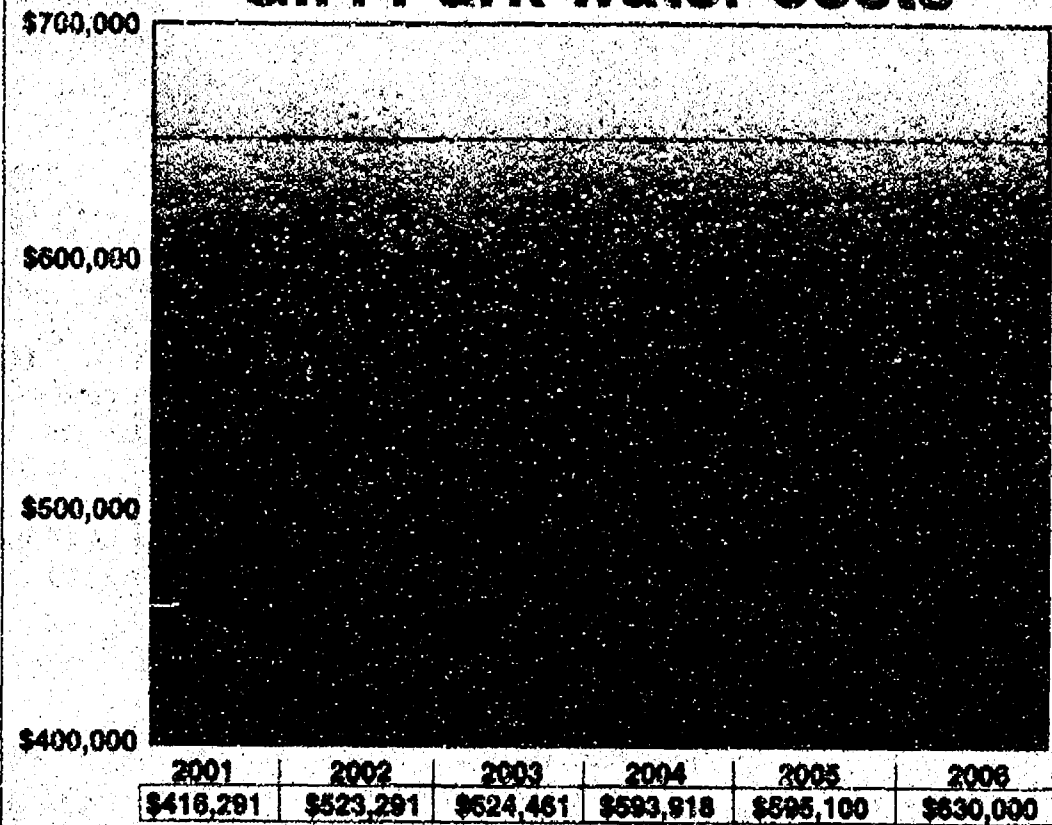
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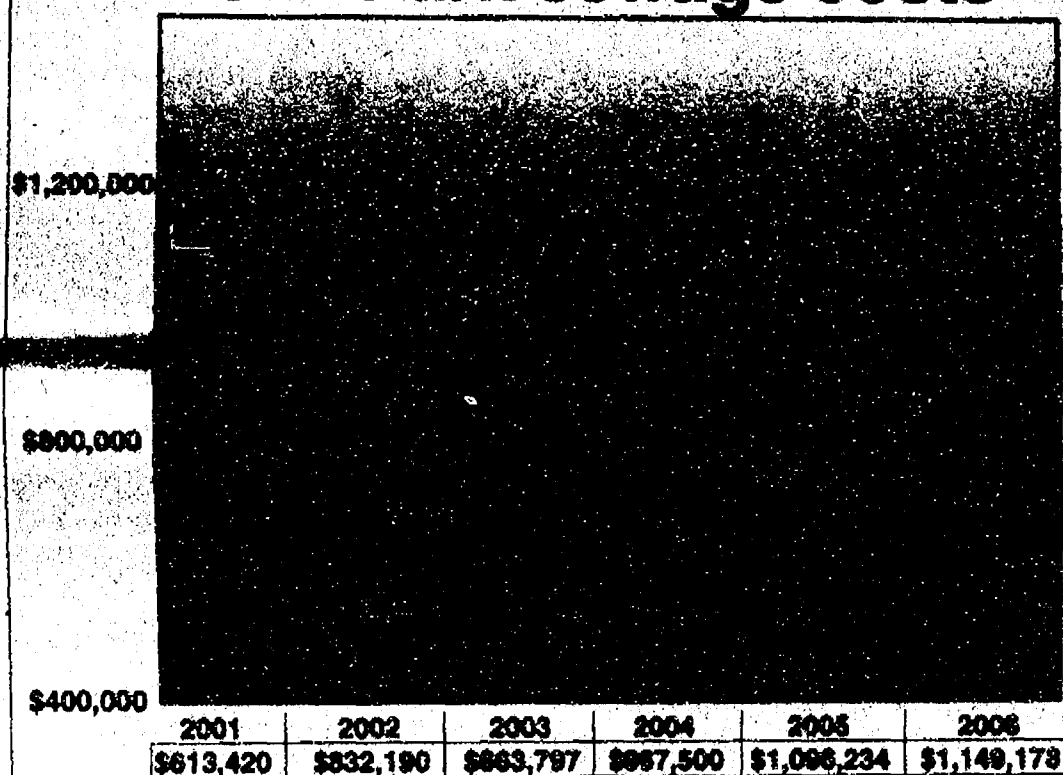


## G.P. Park water costs



Detroit water customers, including Grosse Pointe Park, Shores and Woods, will see their water rates spurt up 17 percent and their sewage treatment costs rise 5 percent, for an overall water bill increase of 5.9 percent. The Farms has its own water department and supplies the City as well.

## G.P. Park sewage costs



## Farms, City escape Detroit water rate hike

By Bob St. John and Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writers

Residents in Grosse Pointe Park, Shores and Woods might see an increase in their water and sewerage bills, starting in July.

The city of Detroit, which services almost the entire southeast quadrant of the state, recently said a proposed, system-wide, combined water and sewer rate increase of 5.9 percent for fiscal 2006-07 will be imposed.

The increase is being driven by needed capital improvements to update the water and wastewater system infrastructure and stay in compliance with federal regulations, said Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD)

spokesperson Victor M. Mercade.

This 5.9 percent combined increase includes 17 percent increase for water the DWSD is proposing means residents in the Park, Shores and Woods will see an increase in their water bill.

"We (the residents) haven't seen a water rate increase as of yet," Woods Mayor Robert Novitke said. "However, our city water and sewerage rate might go up by all indications from the DWSD."

"Our rate is going up 17 percent, which will only continue to rise in the years to come," Park City Manager Dale Krajniak said.

Detroit's rate increase will

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## 5 City managers interviews set

Five candidates are in the running for City of Grosse Pointe manager.

At a special closed session of the city council Feb. 18, the applications of eight candidates were reviewed. City officials cut the list to five finalists.

"They are all excellent candidates," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

The next step is to have a consultant from the Michigan Municipal League confirm the applicants are still interested in the job.

"There's always the chance that they've taken a job somewhere else," said Al Fincham, interim city manager.

Remaining applicants will be invited to interview with the council at an open session scheduled for Tuesday,

March 7, from 3 to 9 p.m.

Applicants' names are being kept confidential until the March meeting.

Fincham said the job opening drew applications from both inside and outside of Michigan.

Fincham was drafted as temporary city manager when Mike Overton resigned after five years last year to administer Cheboygan County.

When a new city manager is hired, Fincham will return to his regular job as public safety director.

"We are on track for a recommendation to be made by our March 20 council meeting," Scrace said. "In the meantime our transition team is doing a good job of keeping us on course."

— Brad Lindberg

## Municipalities help SOC cope with cuts

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Funding cuts could put a choke hold on an already tight budget at Services for Older Citizens.

A 20 percent reduction in Community Development Block Grants threatens the non-profit organization's second highest source of funds.

"We rely on that money," said Sharon Maier, SOC director. Headquartered in the City of Grosse Pointe, SOC offers numerous services that help many Pointe and Harper Woods residents aged 60 and older maintain independent lifestyles.

Block grants are federal dollars that county officials distribute to local governments for approved public use. Each year members of the Pointe and Harper Woods councils donate a portion of block grants to SOC and Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Service.

"The cities are really responsive to our needs," Maier said.

She said block grants totaled approximately \$160,000 in 2005. A 20 percent cut translates to \$32,000, or about \$500 more than was raised during SOC's 2003-2004 annual appeal drive.

According to SOC's annual report

for fiscal year 2003-2004, block grant donations totaled \$145,715, nearly 12 percent of \$1.24 million revenue.

Block grants during the same period accounted for nearly \$10,000 more than SOC's silent auction fundraiser, but were less than 1/4 of \$659,203 provided by SOC's main revenue source, the Helen Francis Trust.

SOC's most frequently used service is the Information and Assistance (I&A) referral program. Funding comes from block grants and the Detroit Area Agency on Aging. SOC's I&A team members provide referral, advocacy and follow-up information regarding health and human needs, according to SOC literature.

The information service offers seniors one-on-one counseling regarding the government's complicated new prescription drug policy, Maier said.

SOC's most expensive program to operate is Meals on Wheels. Shut-ins receive a free hot meal delivered to their home once per day, Monday through Friday. In 2004, more than 14,180 meals were served, according to the annual report. Last year, 120 residents used the service, Maier said.

Local government representatives are negotiating with county authori-

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## POINTER OF INTEREST

### Johanna Diepenhorst

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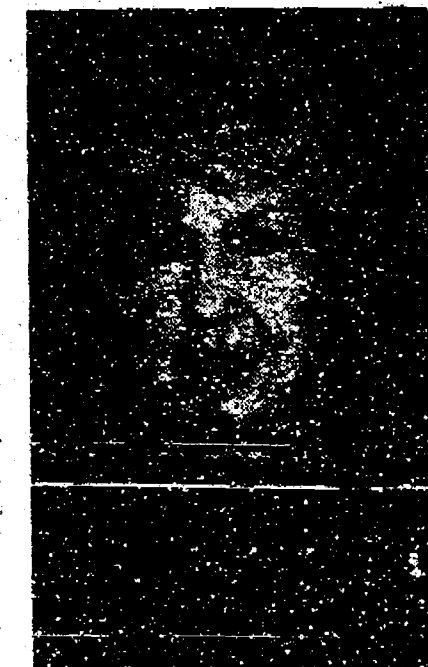
Age: 71

Family: Husband, Robert; dog, Hunter

Occupation: artist and teacher

Quote: "I have had some excellent students. I try to teach them originality. I never let them copy anything."

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Johanna Diepenhorst

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## yesterday's headlines

### 50 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe Farms officials postpone collection of a special parking tax being assessed to Hill business owners.

Business owners have obtained a Circuit Court injunction prohibiting the city from collecting the assessments, intended to pay for the municipal parking lot.

■ Police of both Grosse Pointe Farms and City are instructed to ticket motorists who park improperly on the streets.

In a joint statement, chief Thomas Trombly of the City and Walter Hoyt of the Farms say they have observed gradual disregard of their cities' ordinances which require all vehicles to park with right wheels to the curb.

■ An early and unofficial assessment of the high school's new auditorium-gymnasium shows the new facility is on the way to paying off.

Where once Grosse Pointe Blue Devil basketball teams played to maximum crowds of 900, which included standing room only, they now play to crowds up to 2,700, with average attendance of 2,000.

### 25 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe Park residents living in the area of Jefferson near Lakepointe and Beaconsfield oppose construction of a parking lot in their neighborhood.

“Commercialization in

that area, as far as we're concerned, has degraded property value,” says resident Ed Graca.

■ An undetermined number of Grosse Pointe Park's 95 employees will receive pink slips over the next four months.

Layoffs are necessary due to a \$119,000 budget deficit, according to City manager John Crawford.

■ A group of Grosse Pointe Woods residents and a developer plan to present the city council a proposal for developing two vacant lots at the corner of Hollywood and Mack into a parking lot and office-residence structure.

### 10 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe South's volleyball team hits its stride at the right time.

“Our goal was to peak just before the state tournament,” says coach Jane Fabian after the Blue Devils post a big win over Chippewa Valley in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

■ There are no easy answers to the question of whether to close the campuses at Grosse Pointes' two public high schools.

A committee of students, faculty and parents has been studying the matter since November but hasn't reached a decision.

■ Cold weather prompts more broken water mains than average.

“Increased number of breaks can be attributed to the depth of frost in the

ground,” says Tom Whitcher, public works director in Grosse Pointe Woods. “Frost is also like an additional layer of concrete. When we dig to get at the leak, frost makes getting to the leak much harder.”

“It also makes finding the leak more difficult because water takes the path of least resistance. With frost, this means that water will travel 50 or 60 feet along a pipe before making its way to the surface, where it's noticed.”

### 5 years ago this week

■ Life-saving defibrillators are installed at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

About 70 of the simple-to-use devices are being located behind breakable glass at emergency stations throughout the airport's old and new terminals.

“The second you break the glass, it sends a signal to emergency personnel,” says Patti Chylinski, Grosse Pointe Woods resident and deputy director of Wayne County Health and Community Services.

■ Graduates and friends of Kerby School are invited to attend a Nifty 50 Auction fund raiser next week in connection with the elementary school's 50th anniversary. Also scheduled is a 50s Sock Hop and Coney Dinner.

■ Leonard Constantine of Grosse Pointe Woods is honored for giving more than 10,000 hours of service to St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Constantine volunteers five days per week in the emergency department.

— Brad Lindberg

## 50 years ago this week



### Ready to fence at Parcels

A group of fencing enthusiasts belonging to the Parcels Junior High School Teen Canteen Club pose with fells at the ready in front of their masks. Those pictured are part of a larger group that meets every Tuesday night at Parcels for fencing instructions under the guidance of Juliet E. Bis-tran, far right, who trained under the famed Beie de Tuscan and is Michigan fencing champion. Fencers from left are Pete Schummer, Carol Young, Gene Magretta, Annelies Steudle, Bill Lozelle, Mary Tomlin, Sharon Abend, Shirley Schram, Ruth Steudle and Bis-tran. (Photo by Albert Abeno. From the Feb. 23, 1956 Grosse Pointe News.)

## Water

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flow past Grosse Pointe Farms and City.

One of the Farms' most noted assets is its water filtration plant in operation for nearly 100 years.

“We produce our own water,” said Farms City Manager Shane Reeside. “Detroit doesn't impact our rates as much. We haven't set any new rates.”

Ditto the City of Grosse Pointe.

“We buy our water from the Farms,” said Karen Johnson, City finance director.

Even before Detroit announced higher prices, Grosse Pointe Shores officials faced a rate hike of their own.

“We have not increased our water rates since 2001-2002,” said Mike Kenyon, village manager.

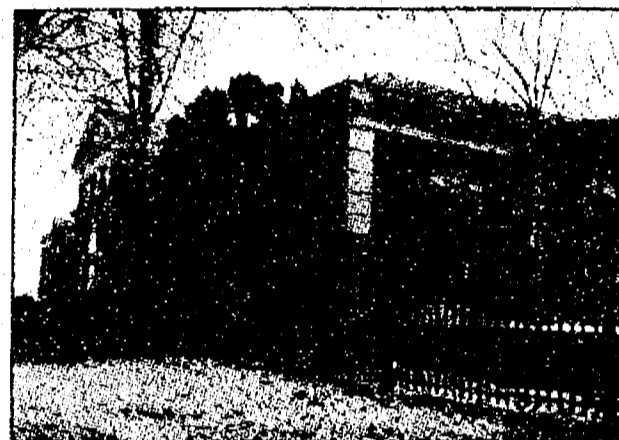
Auditors last year said the time had come to raise rates.

“They said the Shores water and sewer fund is going to go into deficit unless rates are raised,” Kenyon said.

Village trustees this week were expected to enact the recommendation. The agenda for Tuesday night's monthly trustee meeting, held after the Grosse Pointe News deadline, was to include water rates.

“If the rate increase is approved, rates will go up \$6.85 (per 1,000 cubic feet of water),” Kenyon said.

The rate is \$8.44 (per



With its own water plant, Grosse Pointe Farms is immune from Detroit water rate hikes, but not sewage charges.

Photo by Brad Lindberg

1,000 cubic feet of water) for Park residents and about the same for Woods residents.

Shores property owners currently pay \$39.25 per 1,000 cubic feet of water. The proposed increase would send prices to \$46.10 per 1,000 cubic feet, a 17 percent hike.

“We were forced into it,” Kenyon said.

A series of big rate increases from Detroit prompted Shores trustees in 2003 to help study the feasibility of building a water plant to serve it and more than 20 Wayne, Macomb and Oakland county suburbs. Hopes for water independence drowned in estimated costs approaching \$1.5 billion.

As a result, Shores trustees lowered their sights. For a more workable solution, they looked to history when, until about 50 years prior they purchased water from the Farms.

A study last year determined the beefed-up plant on Moross between Lakeshore and Grosse Pointe Boulevard has capacity to serve the Shores. Engineering issues aside, the study isn't finished. Work is backed up by business negotiations with Highland Park about redistributing shared capacity of a jointly-owned water

intake pipe stretching about 1/4-mile into Lake St. Clair. “We're in negotiations with Highland Park to discuss increasing our use of the shared water intake so we would have an additional capacity from that intake,” Reeside said.

Although only three of the water plants are from Detroit, all Pointes pay for Detroit to treat sanitary sewerage.

Sewerage increases are pending.

“We will probably get them within 30 days,” Reeside said. “We haven't seen the numbers yet, so we don't know what the impact will be.”

The increase for Park and Woods residents would be 17 and 16 percent respectively, according to a preliminary report from the DWSD Water Supply System.

Sewer costs have skyrocketed in the last five years, which would have been a huge cost to Park residents. Due to the city separating its storm sewers, the cost to the city was cut in half.

“We will see what happens, but I know residents will not be happy with another rate increase,” Krajniak said.

Krajniak also said sewer costs are driven by rainfall, so the more rain that falls, the greater the treatment costs.

The DWSD held several meetings with southeast Michigan Detroit and Sewerage Department customers to discuss the rates.

## Week Ahead

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### Thursday, March 2

Oscar night at the library begins at 7:30 p.m. John Monaghan, long time film and literature teacher at Grosse Pointe South High School, will lead the discussion on movies and actors' nominations, Oscar snubs and his picks for who will take home a statue.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System Elementary Schools' PTOs present Bob Somson, Ph.D. talking on the topic of “Building Responsibility with Love and Logic” from 7 to 9 p.m. in Monteith Elementary, 1275 Cook Rd. Admission is free. This is hosted by Richard and Maire Parent Network.

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The father and daughter pictured in the large photo, “Sweethearts,” on last week's front page were misidentified. They were Paul Toenjes and his 8-year-old daughter, Jennifer.

## SOC

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ties to reformulate block grant allocation formulas. The hope is to maintain funding despite cuts in grants.

“It is an ongoing thing,” said Matthew Tepper, assistant city manager of Grosse Pointe Farm. “It changes day to day. Reallocation is unavoidable. The question is how much can we lessen the blow.”

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# Tough trees face down Dutch elm disease

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Elm trees are poised for a comeback.

Thanks to a couple chips off the ol' block, the vase-shaped silhouette of American elms could return to the Pointes en masse.

Two authentic American elms trickling into the community are standing up to Dutch elm disease.

Princeton American elms date to the 1920s when a New Jersey tree grower selected a specimen for superior ornamental qualities. By happenstance the tree survived 10 years later when Dutch elm arrived from Europe.

American Liberty elm has a manmade heritage. It was born during the 1960s. Cross-pollinations of six hardy elms resulted in the tree available today.

"Both Princeton and Liberty elms are of the same genus and species, *Ulmus americana* or American elm," said Brian Colter, Grosse Pointe Park city forester.

Colter has planted about 40 Princeton elms on city property in four years. All have survived.

He's also planted Holmstead, Pioneer and Chinese elms, which are disease resistant but not pure *Ulmus americana*. This year he's branching out by adding a Liberty to the mix.

"I'm skeptical," Colter said. "I'll plant one for the sake of objectivity and scientific curiosity."

Liberty elms come from the Elm Research Institute. The nonprofit organization in New Hampshire was founded in 1968 to study the control of Dutch elm disease and restore American elm to the landscape.

An Institute representative declined to be interviewed.

Institute literature says 300,000 Liberties have been planted throughout the country since 1983. Dutch elm claimed only 180. That's a success rate better than 99.9 percent.

"I've seen some Liberty elms succumb to Dutch elm at the (Edsel & Eleanor) Ford House," Colter said.

Dale Bauma, grounds supervisor of the Ford House, is pleased with the 50 or 60 Liberties planted throughout the lakeside estate in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"So far, so good," Bauma said.

Two of the trees died from Dutch elm, but circumstances may have stacked the deck against their survival.

One specimen was planted within 50 feet of an American elm infected with Dutch elm. Bauma thinks the Liberty caught the disease through root transfer but put up a good fight.

"It took quite a long time for it to die," he said.

A second tree was planted exactly where a diseased elm had been removed two years earlier. Residual Dutch elm may have been present in remaining roots.

"We should have waited about five years," Bauma said.

Colter has seen too many dead and dying elm trees to buy into something he isn't sure will last.

Despite an ongoing elm tree injection program, last year Colter removed 24 city-owned diseased specimens. Elm losses since 2001 total 150.

As Dutch elm continues, another invasive problem is getting worse. Emerald ash borer invasion, which Colter was first to diagnose on the eastside in 2002, cost the Park 180 infested ash trees last year.

"I predict we'll lose 350 ash trees this year," Colter said.

Unlike in the four other Pointes, where a variety of injection programs are protecting ash trees against the insect, Colter is going it

Photos by Brad Lindberg  
**This American Liberty elm, right, is among 50 of the disease-resistant trees planted at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House that provide playgrounds for squirrels.**

**Musclewood, below right, is sometimes called ironwood, but the two are different. Musclewood, known for sinewy bark, is *Carpinus carolina*. Ironwood, bottom, known for its shaggy bark, is *Ostrya virginiana*.**

alone.  
He decided early in the invasion to invest in replacing the Park's unusually high percentage of green ash trees — green ash are much more susceptible to emerald ash borer than white ash — rather than spend money each year injecting trees against borers.  
"I'd rather remove them as they die and replace them with a better species of tree," Colter said.  
Tight city finances don't

by planting unproven tree species. Last year, Colter lacked room in his \$195,000 budget to replace every city-owned tree cut down due to disease, damage or old age.  
"I did not fulfill my goal," he said. "I'm very disappointed."

Even with help from a \$20,000 state agriculture tree planting grant, Colter is more concerned than ever to get bang for the buck when buying replacement trees.

Colter has focused on broadening the landscape palette with hardy trees that are known to resist problems but aren't well represented locally.

He figures Princeton elms will be a lasting consolation to losing thousands since Dutch elm disease entered the community in the early 1950s.

"Princeton elm is getting all sorts of accolades in professional journals," Colter said.

Last year the National Park Service selected Princeton elm to line Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House.

"We supplied that job," said Roger Holloway of River Edge Farms in Atlanta. "There are a few other varieties of elm discovered that resist Dutch elm disease. The difference is Princeton elm has a track record in the landscape. We're trying to grow Valley Forge elm but are having a hard time with it. It is not nearly as pretty a tree."

Scientists don't know exactly how Princeton elm resists Dutch elm.  
"If infected, these highly resistant or tolerant varieties wall off the disease," Holloway said. "It's like a human being. Everybody succumbs to the flu but there's one guy who doesn't get it no matter what."

American elms, once the ruling member of the Pointes' arboreal hierarchy, have dwindled to such a small percentage of the tree population that reintroducing them diversifies the area environment.

"Diversity until it hurts," Colter said. "This fall I'm



going to plant some weird species. Not everybody's going to fall in love with them, immediately. As they mature everybody will see that they're nice in their own right."  
He plans to add a second batch of musclewood, called *Carpinus carolina*, into the Park as a street tree.  
"I planted three on Essex," Colter said. "Bark on the trunk looks like a flexed muscle. It also goes by the names American hornbeam,



olina) with shreddy, mangy bark of ironwood (*Ostrya virginiana*).  
While walking the grounds of the Ford Estate, he contrasted the smooth, sinewy bark of musclewood (*Carpinus carolina*) with shreddy, mangy bark of ironwood (*Ostrya virginiana*).  
"Gypsy moth is not a problem in Grosse Pointe Park," he said. "I think natural controls adapted to feed on them. Native birds are keeping their population in check. I've heard from colleagues on the west side and up north that gypsy moth is still a problem. But here no trees died in the Park due to gypsy moth this last year."



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# Artist shares knowledge of emotional art

By Carrie Cunningham  
Special Writer

A generosity of spirit defines her.

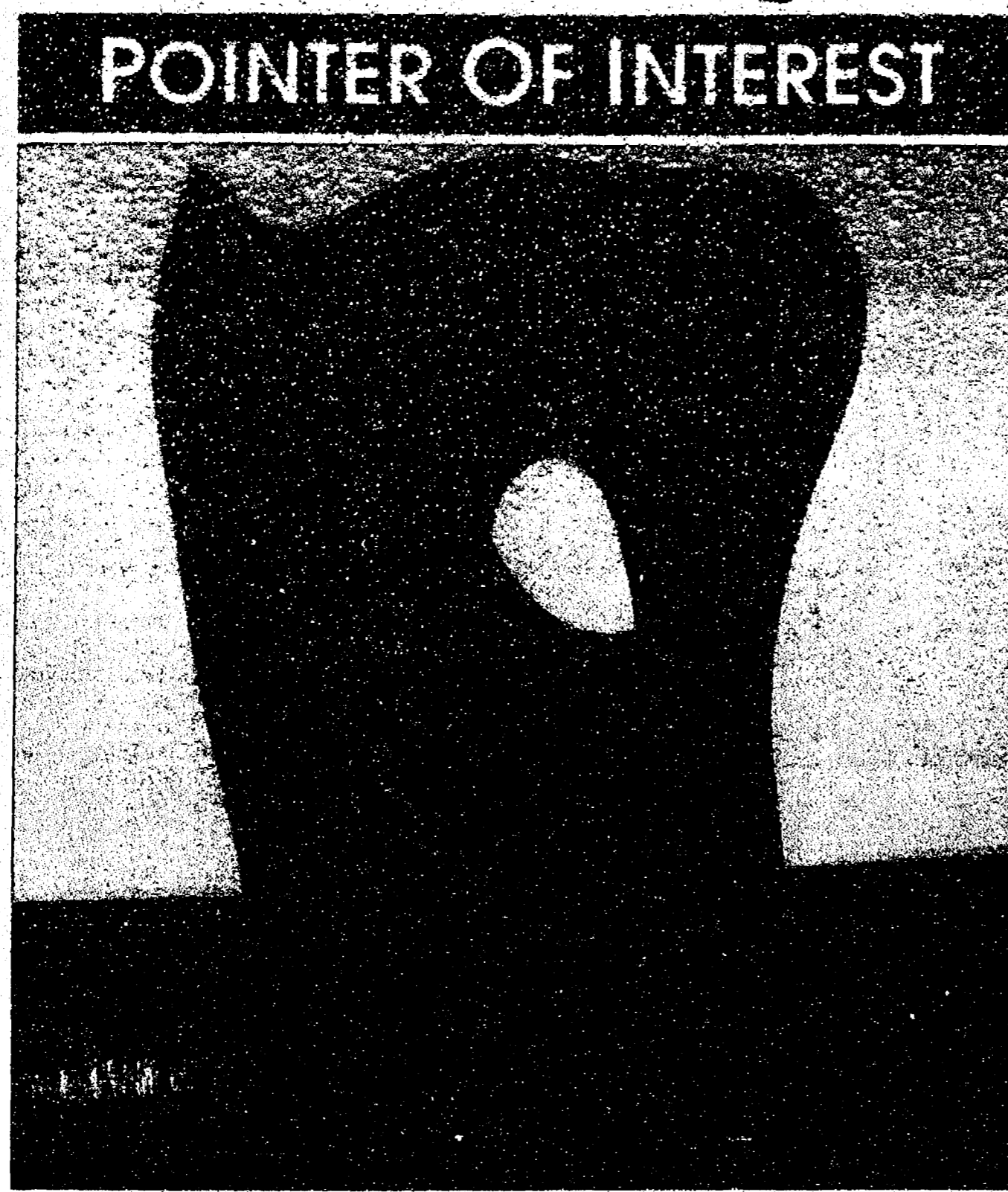
Growing up on the east side of Detroit, artist Johanna Diepenhorst, age 71, had teachers who encouraged her to develop her artistic talent. In kindergarten, she remembers drawing landscapes and people. While at Wilkins Elementary School, she wandered about at the Detroit Institute of Arts soaking up architecture and statues and transforming her mental images into pictures.

Decades later, Diepenhorst taught her favorite prodigy, a boy named Troy Walker at Martin Luther King High School in Detroit, all the artistic methods she had mastered, such as painting, sculpture and jewelry design. She bestowed on him a vast knowledge of art and through this process, exhibited the mysterious yet productive exchange between artists and their students.

Walker's eyes were opened to the wonders of art just as Diepenhorst learned from her teachers.

"He was talented in every single medium," Diepenhorst said. "His design work was fantastic."

Diepenhorst said Walker could have gone to any art school in the country. Because of his limitations



with reading, he went to work instead at the Pewabic Pottery store.

where he made designs with ceramic tiles.

Through the years, Diepenhorst has immersed herself in many art forms, in particular sculpture and jewelry design. She makes abstract sculpture and nudes in addition to bracelets, cuff links, rings and necklaces. Working with different kinds of wood like rosewood and chestnut seems to be her true love since, she says, it can appeal to the tactile

Diepenhorst's sensitive demeanor matches her penchant for art as an emo-

tional expression.

"It says different things to different people," she said. "You can make it very alive. It talks to your emotions."

Diepenhorst has exhibited her work at various galleries such as Beagus, the Michigan Art Gallery and the Scarab Club, all in Detroit.

Diepenhorst has imparted scores of students with artistic knowledge. She taught at Martin Luther King High School for 20 years and a smattering of high schools and junior highs in the Detroit area.

She currently teaches jewelry design for Grosse Pointe's community education program.

"I have had some excellent students. I try to teach them originality. I never let them copy anything," she said.

At Carleton Junior High, her students made wooden sailboats and competed against boats from other schools in city-wide competitions on Belle Isle. One summer, they took first-place honors.

"We raced every June. It was really neat. I never met a boy who didn't like to produce a project. That's why I like teaching so much. They loved it. They were really engrossed," she said.

Sailing is a favorite recreational activity of Diepenhorst's and her husband, Robert, a GM researcher and photographer. They have journeyed on the Atlantic, the Great Lakes and Georgian Bay in Canada. Sailing enchants Diepenhorst.

"You're at one with nature. It's so peaceful," she said. "I've always loved the water."

Diepenhorst has an interest in famous artwork locally and globally. She has perused art both at the DIA and while traveling abroad in Europe and Latin America. She loved the Rodin exhibit at the DIA and has reverence for a statue of Balzac in the museum.

Diepenhorst said the monumental sculpture of Balzac matched his spirit, magnanimous and striving for women's equality before such an impulse became mainstream.

Folk art in Latin

America as well as Michelangelo's ingenious artwork in Italy similarly inspired Diepenhorst. She particularly favored Michelangelo's painting of the Sistine Chapel and his masterpiece sculpture, David.

Diepenhorst's innate creativity has helped her refurbish her circa 1892 Grosse Pointe house and accompanying barn. Having lived in the house for 35 years, Diepenhorst and her husband have re-paneled and re-papered the walls and restored the luster of the original oak stained lime green by previous owners.

They placed a picturesque bay window in the kitchen that replaced narrow, long windows and also installed ceiling beams in the room that bear handmade baskets designed by Diepenhorst. She held a birthday party for the house when it was 100 years old, an event heralded by both the Grosse Pointe News and the Detroit News.

In addition to her husband, Diepenhorst values her golden retriever, Hunter, who has, she says, an amicable and smart countenance.

While she never had kids of her own, Diepenhorst opened up her home to three foster children, Leigh, George and Roger, who currently live in California, New Mexico and Grosse Pointe respectively.

Diepenhorst's life extending from her artistic creations to her teaching to her leisure life with her husband is full and rich, a reality that mirrors her varied and free spirit.

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## Ask the Learning Advisor: Ideas for raising successful children

Q. My teenager is not a very good writer. The problem is that she doesn't like to ask for help.

I try to offer constructive criticism when I read over her assignments, but she doesn't accept this very well. How can I help her with her writing?

A. It's natural for you to want to help your daughter improve her writing, but when you read over one of her assignments, do you immediately look for errors? Your daughter may become easily discouraged about her writing if you only point out what's wrong. Instead of being a critic, boost your daughter's confidence and build on her writing strengths.

Start by finding something specific to praise. Did she come up with a catchy title? Does the introduction grab your attention? Are the descriptions in the third paragraph particularly good? Point out your favorite sentence, the sequence of a part that flows well, the use of a certain word or phrase, etc.

Just as an over-emphasis on errors can hamper skill growth, praising everything your daughter writes can also distract from real needs to improve. Take care not to praise too much.

Try offering the following checklist your daughter can use as she tackles a writing project:

- I've read through the entire piece to see if it makes sense.

- My writing is focused on one important topic or idea.

- The title is catchy. It fits the piece.

- The introduction captures the reader's interest.

- My writing flows logically from one concept to

another.

- I replaced vague words with specific ones.

- I shortened sentences that were too long and wordy.

- I deleted or replaced overused words.

- I checked spelling, punctuation and capitalization.

- New paragraphs are indented.

- I followed instructions for the bibliography exactly.

- I followed all the directions from my teacher.

The ability to express herself in writing is not only an important skill your daughter needs in high school. It's also a key to success in college and in business.

Here are some ways you can help your daughter build this skill:

- Give your daughter a journal. Encourage her to write about what she does and how she feels. She can also include lists of goals, poetry and song lyrics.

- Encourage writing in real-life situations. Ask your daughter to write a letter requesting information, or to settle a bill or problem with a merchant.

- Suggest she write a letter to the editor, or have her prepare a press release to publicize school, church or club activities.

- Be a model. Let your daughter see you writing letters or prose. Share thought-provoking or funny articles or editorials you discover.

For more information about helping children learn or to submit your own question to The Learning Advisor, visit the Web site [parentinstitute.com](http://parentinstitute.com). All questions will receive a prompt answer by e-mail.

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## Neff Park passes to have pics

By Ered Lindberg  
Staff Writer

City of Grosse Pointe park passes will be beefed up in time for summer at Neff Park.

New passes, featuring the holder's photograph and bar-coded residency information, will essentially double as municipal identification cards.

"Currently, park passes do not contain a sufficient amount of individual identification material and are commonly passed around for use by individuals living outside the City," said Christopher Hardenbrook, director of parks and recreation.

Fraudulent exchange of park passes has become a bigger problem as Neff Park becomes more popular.

Once known as the Pointes' smallest and quietest lakeside park, the formerly staid acreage below Jefferson near Lakepointe now features attention-getting new facilities. Attendance has blossomed.

Last summer, 86,696 people visited the park — nearly 17 percent more than the previous summer.

A new swimming pool opened two years ago. The marina and main dock, pop-

ular with sightseers, is one year old. This winter, a refrigerated ice skating rink has drawn more visitors than expected.

During the summer there are family-oriented movie nights and campfires followed by story nights in the fall.

The new bathhouse is transformed into a haunted house for Halloween. During winter there are ice skating classes and broom ball hockey games.

"Within the past few years the parks department has seen leaps and bounds improvement," Hardenbrook said. "In order to continue with advancement of park pass enforcement, an improved pass-identification card is needed."

Last year City administrators implemented a zero tolerance policy regarding park passes.

"Gate guards (required) everyone to provide a park pass to gain entrance," Hardenbrook said. "This fair and unbiased philosophy proved to be well-received among most residents. However, loopholes still remain within the system and have increasingly been taken advantage of."

Hardenbrook plans to

close the door with nearly \$6,200 allocated by the city council this week for new passes.

City residents this year will have their pictures taken and embossed on plastic cards manufactured by Identocard Systems Inc.

Patrons of Neff Park must present their cards to gate attendants to be scanned for entry under a bar code reader.

"There's a lot more use and potential with this system," Hardenbrook said.

Scanning identification cards will more accurately account for daily park attendance by eliminating duplicate readings.

Until now, if a patron entered and left the park numerous times in one day, records gave false readings by counting that person's coming and going as the actions of many individuals.

Also, if a parent calls the park asking if his or her child is at the facility, guards will be able to answer the question by scanning entrance records.

For privacy sake, such data will be deleted from the system once attendance is totaled at the end of each day.

"Residents are still allowed guests," Hardenbrook said. "This will just reinforce the procedure used to enter the park."

The system can be enhanced to include a smart chip.

"Smart chips allow for future use with in the City such as parking," Hardenbrook said.

Residents could conceivably establish a municipal parking account rather than fumble for change at municipal parking lots. Funds from accounts would be withdrawn with the swipe of a card at a parking meter.



## Making life beautiful

Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Pro-Tem Gregory Theokas, far left, presented the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commercial Award to Rosalind Trentacoste and Julie Rudolph of Embellish Cafe and Gifts during the awards ceremony at the Tompkins Center on Nov. 10, 2005.

Residential awards went to Lynn Woodside, Kirk and Sherry Phillips, Tracey A. Hughes, Cees and Tina Correa-VanDenOudenhoven for Area 1.

For Area 2, award winners were A. Paul and Carol Schaap, Paul and Robyn Stanford, Ted and Patti Schollenberger, Mike and Joanne Czerny, Mike and Robin Chrumka, and Bob and Judy Hoban.

In Area 3, the winners were Gail and John Urso, Dr. and Mrs. Jacques Beaudoin, and Anne and Don Berschback.

Robert and Catherine Crane, Jan and George Petrouleas, Larry and Laura Calcaterra, John Secco, and Stephen and Sharon Cahill won awards in Area 4.

Area 5 award winners were R. Michael Flores and Michael Fournier, James and Kathleen Budziak, and Terry and Molly Shook.

The Beautification Commission, established Nov. 13, 1979, is chaired by Barbara Miller. William Grogan is the vice-chairman, and Sue Hanson is the secretary. Commission members are William Balance, Dee Cimini, Brian Colter (the city forester), A. Pat Deck, Roger Garrett, Shellee Hansen, Mary Kravutsk, Albin Mazur, Robert Nye, Lynne Olds, Janis Ramsey, and Robert Ramsey, award's night chairperson.

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## Park's Planning Commission cleans up ordinance language

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park's planning commission has been busy during the first few weeks of the new year.

Planning commission members have been amending several ordinances, taking the vagueness out and instilling clean language that everyone understands.

"We're encouraged by what has transpired with how the planning commission cleaned up the ordinances," Park city manager Dale Krajniak said. "The new wording makes it clear as to what our residents and city leaders can and cannot do when it comes to any issue that is presented before us."

"It's a step forward for us in Grosse Pointe Park," Grosse Pointe Park Planning Commission Chairman Robert Buhl said. "These ordinances are in the best interest of our community."

One of the first changes made is accessory buildings, such as unattached garages, that may not occupy more than 25 percent of the required rear and side yard space. For example, a new garage would have to be 10 feet from the resident's home and 10 feet from his neighbor's lot line.

This eliminates any arguments neighbors may have if a garage is built directly on the lot line, which could intrude on a neighbors' aesthetic pleasure of his home.

Another ordinance change concern the storage of private motor vehicles in a

small structure.

The new ordinance states when an accessory building or structure is intended for anything other than the storage of private motor vehicles, the accessory use shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Appeals. This does not apply if the accessory building or structure is located only in a rear yard, has a floor area of 120 square feet or less, is no greater than 12 feet in height, and is intended for use as a storage building, a gazebo, a children's playhouse, or similar structure.

In the past, a resident could not build a gazebo in his rear yard, unless it was intended to be used as storage.

However, if a resident wants a structure in the side or front yard, they must have consent from the Board of Appeals.

Uncovered or covered porches and/or paved terraces within a certain area of space (a distance of no more than 10 feet from the house and not exceed 80 feet in area) can be built, thanks to the provisions made in the ordinances.

"These new changes will allow home owners to enhance their homes and yards without having to move to another city in order to get the house they desire," Krajniak said. "We want to encourage home owners in Grosse Pointe Park to do this."

Another revision allows for emergency generators to be permanently installed and utilized in all zoning

districts within the city. However, residents must obtain a permit from the building department prior to the construction or installation of a generator.

Residents may only use the generator in case of an emergency, as spelled out in the new language.

Other provisions include the certificate of occupancy for two-family dwellings and buildings that can be 65 feet in height.

The ordinance is in place to help new rental tenants live in quarters that have been inspected on a regular basis if the former lessees end their contract and leave.

Park Building Inspector Ron Carmona indicated these changes will allow the city to monitor problem landlords.

"Landlords must have our building inspectors come in and inspect a rental property once an occupant leaves," Krajniak said.

In addition, a lot of not less than 3,000 square feet per dwelling unit may be allowed for two-family dwellings.

The minimum zoning lot size per unit area for terrace dwellings may be replaced by floor area per unit with no unit having less than 1,200 square feet. This ordinance will limit 95 percent of lots in the city's R-D Residential zone from becoming two-family rentals.

Several of these changes will help facilitate development in certain zones in the city and enhance the overall tax base.



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## Lake Front Park hosts water safety class

The American Red Cross is holding a water safety instructor course from May 21 through June 16 at Grosse Pointe Woods' Lake Front Park.

The purpose is to train instructor candidates how to teach courses in American Red Cross programs by developing an understanding of how to use course materials, how to conduct training sessions and how to evaluate participant progress.

Candidates must be 16 years old by June 16; be able to swim 25 yards of the following strokes: front crawl, back crawl, breaststroke, elementary backstroke, side-stroke and butterfly; be able to maintain position on back for one minute in deep water; and tread water for one minute.

The class meets Sunday, May 21, from noon to 5 p.m. The following dates meet from 4 to 7 p.m.: Tuesday, May 23; Thursday, May 25;

Wednesday, May 31; Friday, June 2; Monday, June 5; Wednesday, June 7; Friday, June 9; Monday, June 12; Wednesday, June 14; and Friday, June 16.

The cost is \$200 per applicant, which includes books and materials. To register, contact the Lake Front Park office at (313) 343-2470 before May 15.

The class is subject to cancellation depending on the number of participants.

## Village Kroger to expand

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Grocery shoppers will have more room this year to go Krogering in the Village.

The store on Kercheval plans to relocate beverage sales into adjacent vacant property formerly occupied by Bath & Body Works at the corner of Notre Dame.

Expansion later this year will add slightly more than 2,700-square-feet to the store in downtown City of Grosse Pointe.

The space will be used for beer, wine and soft drink products.

"We are looking to do this on a temporary basis," said Chris Rogers, Kroger real estate manager. "We hope it is short. We are looking at a relocation in the City."

Kroger officials are working with a development consortium to become major tenants of a structure being promoted to replace municipal parking lot No. 2. The lot is located behind stores on the north side of Kercheval

between Notre Dame and St. Clair.

One of three bidders for the project has met with Kroger representatives about moving into the new facility. City officials say there is no clear front runner.

Expansion of the existing grocery store won't affect the current location of checkout counters or the diagonal layout of store aisles, according to store officials.

Two eight-foot openings will be cut in the wall between the grocery store and former bath shop to allow customer access.

Kroger's existing front and rear entrances will remain. Exterior doors in the expansion area will be reserved for emergency access.

Kroger officials are not currently proposing changes to the exterior of the former bath shop.

"Damaged paint and trim will be repaired and repainted to match existing color,"

according to John Jackson, vice president of McKenna Associates, the City's commercial planning consultants. "They will also repair any damaged siding and replace any exterior lighting as necessary."

The previous retailer's awnings and signs have already been removed.

"Under most circumstances an expansion of this type would create an opportunity for the applicant to renovate the entire structure," Jackson said. "However, Kroger is only seeking temporary approval and therefore are not proposing to renovate in conjunction with this expansion."

Members of the city council imposed a one-year limit on Kroger's right to occupy the new space.

In 12 months, store officials must either renovate or vacate the expanded space, or return to city council for permission to extend temporary operations.



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Kroger in the Village plans to expand beverage sales into a Kercheval storefront formerly occupied by Bath & Body Works.

## Neff Park garage in the City scheduled to be expanded

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

The storage garage at Neff Park will be expanded to hold extra seasonal recreation equipment.

Councilman John Stevens wants enough garage space to store a smaller Zamboni-type ice cleaning machine for smoothing the new skating rink.

"I would make the door as big as possible," Stevens said.

Construction of a 20-by-22-foot addition has been awarded to Home Tech of Macomb, Inc.

and \$7,228, respectively.

Home Tech has a record of work with the City, including renovation of the Neff Park pavilion.

"As the parks and recreation department's programming grows, so does the increase in demand for additional storage," said Christopher Hardenbrook, parks and recreation director.

He said existing storage capacity has been depleted due to equipment needed for such popular events as the annual Halloween haunted park and bathhouse, spring egg hunt, Winterfest,

swim team events and more.

Overflow is being kept at the municipal pump house at Neff and Charlevoix. Now the pump house is cramped.

"Space for current marina supplies and pool chemicals is minimal and will require resolution prior to the start of the 2006 summer season," Hardenbrook said.

"Additionally, with purchase of the new refrigerated ice rink and withdrawal of plans for a new expanded public works storage facility, a parks and recreation department storage garage is crucial for the guaranteed safe storage of its invest-

## Farms coffee concerts to start

Feeling funky? How 'bout folksy? Both? You're in luck.

Funky folks can have it all Sunday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m., when Kevin Roney kicks off the Coffee House Music Series at the Pier Park community building in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Roney, a local singer-songwriter familiar to denizens of metro-Detroit coffee houses and bars, accompanies himself on acoustic guitar to

create a blend of folk, funk and hip-hop.

Roney is the first in the three-part Coffee Series sponsored by the Farms parks and recreation department for residents and their guests.

The second concert in the series is scheduled for Sunday, March 12. The Cadets, a Grosse Pointe-based trio, perform an eclectic selection of jazz, pop,

standards and oldies.

Closing the series Sunday, April 2 is Bob & Carl. The duo has been performing for almost 30 years. They sing harmonious renditions of classic rock, pop, oldies and a form of traditional music that descended from Irish story telling and rhyme.

Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased at the community building first-floor recreation office.

For more information, call the recreation office at (313) 343-2405.

## Farms landscape classes

The Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Recreation Department has a three-part landscaping lecture series to help residents plan their home landscaping projects and maintenance.

Each session costs \$15 per person and will be held at the Pier Park community building.

Part one is scheduled for 7 p.m. The topic will be hard-

scape, brick pavers and retaining wall.

On March 19, at 7 p.m., the topic is landscape design and plant selection.

The last session, March 29, at 7 p.m., covers lawn maintenance and development, plus weed and pesticide control.

For registration and information, call the parks 343-2405.

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# School board faces tough decisions

Last week, the Grosse Pointe Public School System administration and school board removed several program, personnel and elementary school cuts that would have helped cover an expected budget shortfall.

While the parents, students and teachers were delighted their programs were spared, the school board and administration still face a \$3.5 million deficit.

We do expect to have our cake and eat it too. We like our schools just the way they are. We cannot understand why we can't keep things the same.

Many people say, "Just raise taxes. Don't cut anything. We will gladly pay."

However, the local community's willingness to pay for its schools was pulled out from under them some 10

years ago with the passage by state voters of Proposal A. In exchange for 50 percent or more reduction in property taxes for schools, we agreed to let the state dictate how much money we can spend locally.

Basically, our school district's income is frozen. It cannot be raised even to account for inflation. The math is simple. If your schools operate on a fixed operational budget of \$100 million and the costs go up 3 percent a year due merely to inflation and no additional expenditures, we are looking at a \$3 million deficit — and growing — every year for the foreseeable future.

The only remedy is more money from the state. But since the state is broke due to the poor economy, don't count on an infusion of funds from

that source.

The school board is looking at creating a charitable foundation to raise money locally. We are not sure if that will work.

Assuming there are about 20,000 households in the Grosse Pointe school district, the \$3 million deficit could be covered by each household contributing \$150 a year to the schools. However, only a quarter of the households have children in the district. So if only families with children in school donated, that would be about \$600 per family. That may be a little steep.

The proposed foundation, though, would be looking for big donors, similar to the way universities get buildings and funded chairs. The school district would just be one of many


with their hands out. Don't forget the new library foundation, the War Memorial, the Neighborhood Club, the hospitals, the historical society, Services for Older Citizens, your church, the Detroit cultural institutions and the many others competing for your discretionary dollars.

At the schools, we have music parents protecting their programs and sports parents fighting for theirs. The list of constituencies goes on and on.

Pity the poor school board members who were elected to protect our schools and keep them from decline. No matter what they do, somebody's program will be gored, and our schools will seem poorer for it.

The problem is not going to go away. As board president Jeff Broderick told parents last week after their programs' reprieves, "You need to understand everything needs to be addressed. We have to make the hard decisions. It's good news today, but that is not always the case."

The school board needs our help and understanding in these trying times. Good luck, only the future of our schools and our community is at stake.

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## Strength in numbers

By William D. Hodgman

A friend from Birmingham asked me recently, "Why are there five Grosse Pointes? Wouldn't one be enough for about 50,000 people?"

Upon reflection, he's dead wrong: Our community benefits enormously from its segmentation (in the same way that the Northeast is much better off with six states than a single state called "New England").

There are innumerable reasons, and here are a few:

• As with the U.S. Senate where small states are protected from the will of large states by equal representation, a couple of Pointes cannot impose their opinion. For example, if only the Woods and Park wanted a single, Pointe-wide, central public safety facility, they couldn't get it, even with their majority of the Pointes' population. Local services resonate with us.

• On the other hand, we have wonderful institutions, such as schools, libraries, churches, War Memorial, the Neighborhood Club, and many other organizations that have a unifying influence.

• Each Pointe has its own "culture." In one community, we may tend to "look alike," while in another there is more ethnic, economic and social diversity. This gives us much more choice in how we determine lifestyles.

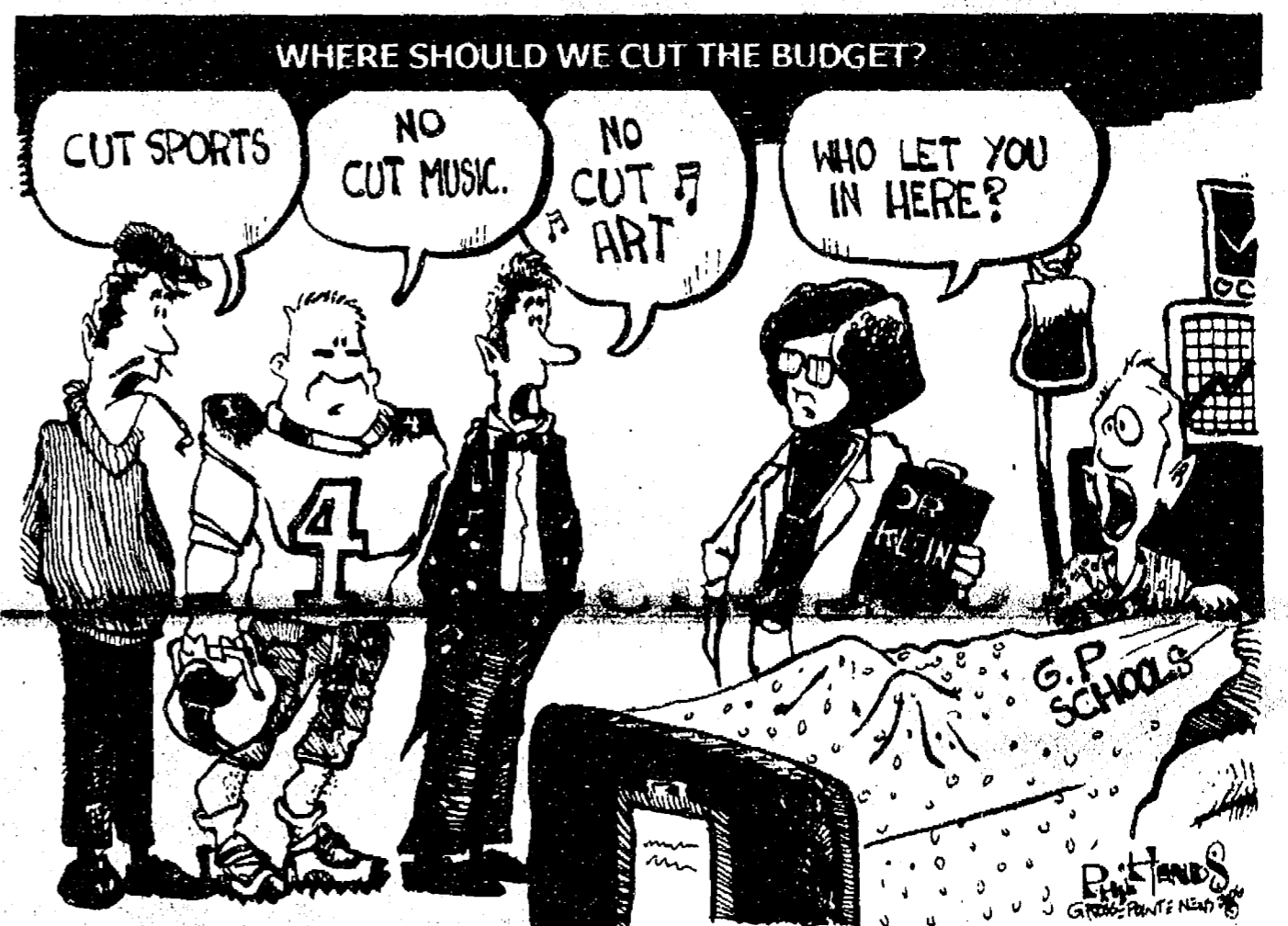
• From a legal standpoint, we

remain Americans, Michigianians and Wayne County residents, subject to federal, state and county laws. For example, there is only one First Amendment; we must pay Michigan income taxes, and we have to support Wayne County Community College District (whether we like it or not). But our local legal systems are unique to each Grosse Pointe. We have distinctive ordinances enacted by city councils, especially in the area of land-use planning. One Pointe may seek retail development, while another discourages development in the interest of residential tranquility. This is a notable asset.

Arguably, there are some ways in which the Pointes could better act together. Recreation planning comes to mind. A well-intentioned effort a few years ago sponsored by the Neighborhood Club may have floundered because some communities differed with the majority. But, upon reflection, this may have been a good thing: One Pointe's enthusiasm for senior citizens probably shouldn't trump another's emphasis on youth programs, especially when there are plenty of recreational alternatives.

In sum, as I plan to tell my Birmingham friend, in the Grosse Pointes the sum of the parts is greater than the whole. As the French, who founded us, say, "Vive la Difference!"

*Bill Hodgman is an attorney living in Grosse Pointe Park.*



Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at phands@grossepointenews.com or go to www.philtons.com

world than the writers of the X-tra Special Advice column? Their stories cannot and should not be edited because of the uncomfortable nature of the subject matter.

Perhaps we could arrange for special needs members of the community to be shut in for the entire year and brought out for exhibition on the first sunny day of summer. Then we could steel ourselves for having to read about them once a year.

But why stop there? Why not edit out all life's unpleasantness out of the paper? Or perhaps we could just bury our heads in the sand.

I have a suggestion, if you don't want to read the truth presented in this column — don't read it.

**Karen Llaneza**  
Grandmother  
of a Special Needs  
Child

### Pointer of Interest

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe News Feb. 16 Pointer of Interest featuring Hala Besmar was absolutely wonderful. Margie Smith's words captured her drive, honesty and delightful spirit.

I spoke to Hala Besmar and she tells me that the response has been amazing. Even strangers have called telling her how much they appreciate what she has contributed to the community.

She is an inspiration to all.

Thanks for another enjoyable newspaper article.  
**Rosemary Bay**  
Grosse Pointe Farms

### Board meetings

To the Editor:

The following letter was sent to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education:

To all Trustees:

After hearing so many claims of transparency, I was surprised that the Grosse Pointe Board of Education entertained and unanimously passed a motion (6-0) late Thursday night, Feb. 16.

That vote requires community members to wait until the end of board meetings for public comments on nonaction items. The topic was not on the printed agenda and was not added at the beginning of the meeting when the printed agenda was amended.

Do "Robert's Rules of Order" permit this?

I was also surprised how the board rationalized that vote. Trustees seemed annoyed by the number of speakers concerned with high school music at the board meeting on Monday, Feb. 13. Trustees said the speakers took until 10 p.m., inferring that public comments took up two hours of the board meeting.

My wife and I have watched Channel 20 TV, made notes, and marked the left margin every five minutes or more. The data shows that the trustees' perceptions do not withstand scrutiny.

The real meeting began at 8:15 p.m. with the "Pledge of Allegiance" and introductions.

The superintendent's report took 25 minutes.

Jeffrey Broderick, president, read the rules for public comments (about three

minutes).

Public comments on nonaction items lasted 64 minutes; about 54 minutes of speakers' comments; and about 10 minutes of explanations by the president.

The speakers addressed nine different topics. The topics were not all about music, as I heard the board say in the Feb. 16 meeting:

- Rainy day fund;
- \$750,000 for foundation;
- Fred Minturn's candidate speech;
- new sex-education curriculum;
- middle school six-period schedule;
- thank-you to the Grosse Pointe News;
- the elementary rotation modification;
- music at both South and North high schools; and
- parents complaining that noninstrumental students not being taught.

Only nine of 19 speakers referred to high school music and the concerns ranged far beyond the accompanist issue.

The most dangerous consequence of the Feb. 16 "stealth" vote could be long-term mistrust and an erosion of support for the board. The Richner survey already suggested that the public does not trust the board.

After the public elected the board to represent them, after the board encouraged the public to participate and was heard to complain that the public was not participating enough, and after the board repeatedly claimed transparency, a healthy number of the public finally did take action and let the board know how they wanted trustees to represent

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## Letters

### Community generosity

To the Editor:

First, I want to thank Grosse Pointe News Staff Writer Brad Lindberg for his consistently excellent and fair coverage of issues that have a significant impact on the Pointes. He is an excellent writer and is always thorough and appropriate.

The reason I am writing, however, is to make a small correction to a statement that appeared in the Feb. 16 Grosse Pointe News article, "Digging up money for dredging north of Vernier."

In this article, Brad Lindberg states, "Becky Booth said she and her husband, John, have spent nearly \$250,000 since the late 1990s examining how man-made projections, such as Osius Park marina, affect the flow of sediment downstream."

While the figure of \$250,000 spent just on engineering, environmental and other scientific studies is correct, my husband and I were not the only contributors.

Though we did make a

very large contribution, together, several Grosse Pointes made equally large contributions.

In addition, a majority of the shoreline property owners north of Vernier Road have contributed thousands of dollars each.

Further, we received significant contributions from Grosse Pointe residents who did not live on the accretion.

This community-wide generosity should be acknowledged and applauded.

Finding a viable solution to the negative impact of accretion on the value of living in Grosse Pointe is important. I urge everyone to get involved.

**Rebecca C. Booth**  
Grosse Pointe Shores

### Special needs insight

To the Editor:

I wish to respond to the writer of the letter to the editor, "Offended" (Feb. 16 Grosse Pointe News), who so eloquently and tastefully voiced displeasure with the content of the Feb. 9 X-tra Special Advice column, "Putting the poopies in the

potty."

Perhaps her assertion that the many articles of X-tra Special Advice lack wit and taste is true. However, I cannot understand why, given the nature of the column, that she would expect otherwise. Nor do I understand why one would seek out "wit and taste" in that particular column.

Perhaps reading X-tra Special Advice requires temporarily shedding some of our social sensibilities.

However, imagine, if you can, what it must be like to live in that situation. Those who find themselves immersed, on a daily basis, in the reality of caring for those with special needs. They, unlike some, are unable to toss aside their children as casually as you might toss aside this paper.

I for one must defend the Grosse Pointe News for having the courage to allow those who live with, work with, hope with and cry with special needs children to continue to contribute their experiences with the rest of the community.

I would ask, who could possibly be more competent to offer insight into this





# Oscar night at the library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library celebrates the upcoming Academy Awards with "Oscar Night at the Library."

**John Monaghan**, long time film, literature and English teacher at Grosse Pointe South High School, hosts the event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2 at the new Grosse Pointe Woods Library at 2200 West Woodward.

Monaghan will deliver a light but thoughtful examination of notable films and the Academy Awards process.

encourage citizens to talk about movies and Oscar clips and play the clips on a screen.

Monaghan has written about movies for various magazines. For the past 20 years, he's been writing many news and film-related articles for the Detroit Free Press. His favorite films are Hollywood crime thrillers of the 1940s and 1950s.

The program is free but seating is limited. To register, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 220.

## Letters

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well, especially the southeastern portion, then the Pointes will do well also.

It benefits no one in the Pointes if they are well educated from an outstanding school system, but their neighbors in Detroit, Flint or the U.P. are not.

Moreover, the Grosse Pointe Public School System was not hurt by Proposal A, as they remain members of the elite schools of Michigan.

Some objective data will prove the point. Consider the Michigan Department of Treasury report on Proposal A submitted December 2002. The report indicated that the overall tax burden on Michigan residents is down. If fact, Proposal A amounted to a net tax cut of \$17 billion. In Wayne County, the millage rate fell from 67.77 in 1994 to 39.45 in 2002. At the same time, school funding in Michigan is up from \$9.3 billion in 1993 to \$14.5 billion in 2003. This is an increase that outpaced inflation.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, it has paid off. Take Michigan fourth-graders for example. In 1992, two years prior to the passage of Proposal A, only 18 percent of fourth-graders were considered proficient in mathematics; in 2005, 38 percent were proficient. That is a 20 percent increase in only 12 years of Proposal A being in effect. This increase is due to the fact that now all school districts are funded at a state minimum. Prior to Proposal A's passage, there were 512 school districts that were underfunded.

There is no way Michigan can compete in the global market without educated citizens. Equal funding is the only way to provide all children with the best education, and keep Michigan competitive. Nevertheless,

What happened when the public used the democratic process in places for years? The board immediately, off-camera and off-the-agenda, punished the public with a stealth vote.

Why should residents sit through hours of discussion to get three minutes after 11 p.m. or much later?

Why would anyone waste time on comments during action items just moments before the vote?

The board and the public both need to hear each other's knowledge, perspectives, experiences and expertise in order to achieve excellence.

Will you rescind the Feb. 16 stealth vote at the March 6, 8 p.m. televised board meeting?

Will you do it at the start of the meeting? (Item II)

I await your written reply.

**Charles L. Collinson**  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Proposal A

The Grosse Pointe News is wrong that "Proposal A is a loser" (Feb. 16 issue).

Proposal A certainly needs tweaking, but it is definitely not a loser.

Fixing Proposal A is the most important issue facing Grosse Pointe today, but the proposal should not be abandoned.

Yes, Grosse Pointe Public Schools are no longer locally funded; however, Grosse Pointe does not exist in a vacuum. If the state is doing

Proposal A did create unfairness in the tax code that hurts established communities like the Pointes, it must be fixed.

The solution is before us from our own Rep. Gaffney. Gaffney is leading the way to allow residents of the school district to move within that district without being subject to uncapping. This is good legislation.

In fact, some in local government will be meeting with Speaker Craig DeRoche, R-Nowi, 38th District, about this legislation to develop a plan to get it passed.

The problem will arise, though, that many in the state are not hurt from Proposal A. Thus, the citizens of Grosse Pointe must be involved if they wish to back this legislation and provide fairness for property taxes by writing Lansing to ensure the bill's passage.

**Daniel C. Grano**  
Grosse Pointe Park

above and beyond the call of duty, averaging 14-hour shifts to keep our transit operation running full time. In addition to the shuttle riders, we also carried almost twice the usual number of riders on our regular routes on Saturday, with ridership on those routes totaling more than 137,000 as compared to a normal Saturday of 71,000 riders.

The unprecedented influx of passengers into the downtown area did produce some bumps in the road. During peak hours there were lines for shuttles, just as there were lines during peak periods for the NFL Experience, Winter Blast activities and restaurants and bars.

The lines were longest between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. Saturday night when the Winter Blast, the NFL Experience, concerts and other venues were closing.

It is amazing to me that the lines for all these Super Bowl-related events can be hailed as a sign of how popular the event was, while lines for DDOT shuttles have been cited in such a negative manner.

I am appreciative of the riders who were patient as our drivers, transit ambassadors on the streets and our staff worked to accommodate everyone who wanted a ride home.

I am also grateful to our partners who assisted with transit operations including the Detroit People Mover, SMART, Transit Windsor, Fairlane Town Center, Detroit Zoo, Macomb Mall, Northland Mall, Detroit City Airport, Wayne State University and Eastern Market Association.

DDOT's team succeeded in meeting an unprecedented demand for service for this world-class event that made all of us proud to be Detroiters.

**Norman White**  
Director  
Detroit Department of Transportation

DDOT employees went

## Super Bowl transportation

The Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT) experienced its busiest period in memory during the four-day Super Bowl XL period, Thursday, Feb. 2, through Sunday, Feb. 5.

During those four days, 816,221 people rode regular DDOT routes and special shuttles — the equivalent of moving almost the entire population of Detroit, all without incident.

Despite this record demand for public transit service, we succeeded in maintaining complete service to our regular routes while also carrying the unprecedented influx of visitors to the downtown area.

Our Park and Ride shuttles made 9,775 trips, carrying 391,462 passengers over the four-day period — an average of 40 riders per trip.

## FYI

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Story for Traumatized and Grieving Children" created by the organization's National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children. The basket was assembled by **Sandra Lowden**, development assistant, and **Lisa**

Gandelot, director of development, and delivered by **Kristin McCallum**, CHD trustee, and **Dan Ritter**.

**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](mailto:burnsben@comcast.net) or by phone at (313) 882-2810.

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## St. John president addresses G.P. Chamber of Commerce

By John Minnis  
Editor

The first order of business at the first Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce luncheon last week at the Lochmoor Club was health care.

The speaker at the Wednesday, Feb. 15, luncheon was Mark Taylor, president of St. John Hospital and Medical Center. A Hillsdale College alumnus, Taylor has spent 30 years in the health care industry.

"I'm really excited to be in health care," he said. "It is something I always wanted to do as a career, and it's been a blessing ever since."

Before going into detail on the \$156 million hospital expansion now under way, Taylor gave a broad, and alarming, overview of the state's health care.

• Medicare funding has been reduced by \$5.6 billion over five years.

• Half of 50 hospitals interviewed in Michigan are experiencing significant staff reductions.

• Capital improvements at a majority of hospitals are on hold, while the average age of hospitals in the state is 50 years old.

• Hospitals continue to treat all those in need

regardless of ability to pay.

• One half (49 percent) of St. John Hospital patients are on Medicaid or have no health coverage.

• Michigan faces a severe doctor and nurse shortage within the not-too-distant future.

However, St. John Hospital and Medical Center continues to be a major player among southeast Michigan health care providers.

St. John employs 4,828 and provides \$2 million in salaries to the Grosse Pointes. About 75 percent of St. John's 750 active medical staff lives in the Pointes.

St. John ranks first, Taylor said, in:

• level three neonatal care,

• minimally invasive donor kidney removal,

• stent implants in the carotid artery,

• pancreatic transplants,

• its lymphoma clinic at the Van Elslander Cancer Center.

St. John broke ground last year for its current expansion, which to date is limited to a 40,000-cubic-square-foot hole in the ground.

The expansion will double the size of St. John's emergency department and add 70 private treatment rooms.

Emergency patients

will have true privacy, "not just curtains," Taylor said. The expanded emergency department will have three entrances for ambulances, walk-ins and pediatrics.

Also part of the expansion is the new Heart and Circulatory Center and five-story tower facing north, which will be the hospital's main entrance. The new pavilion will consolidate all cardiovascular, vascular and diagnostic services.

The patient tower will add 144 new private patient rooms, or suites. The "Suites at St. John" will feature crown moldings, works of art, 300-thread-count sheets, custom meals, visitor meals and amenities, robes and a private lounge.

The first three floors of the tower are expected to be completed by August 2008. The patient floors will be completed by July 2008.

Phase 1 of the emergency department expansion is slated for completion by April 2008, with final completion by January 2009.

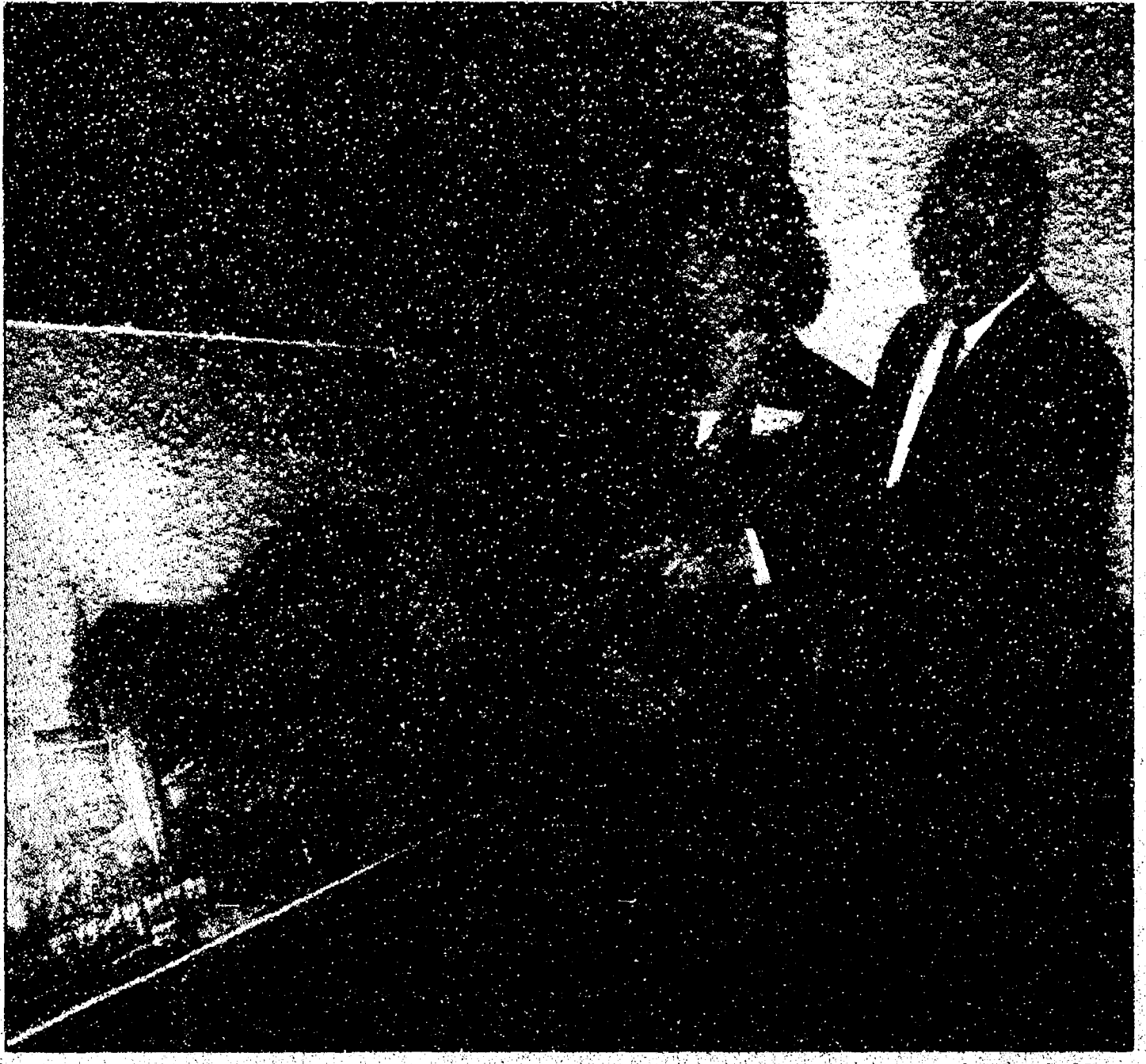


Photo by John Minnis  
St. John Hospital and Medical Center President Mark Taylor shows Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Co-Executive Director Jane Lightfoot what the new entrance to the hospital will look like.

Some \$25 million of the total expansion costs is to be raised by community, corporate and foundation contributions. About half, \$12 million, has been raised to date under the leadership of

Grosse Pointer Jim Nicholson, chairman of the Campaign Steering Committee.

Information on future Grosse Pointe Chamber of

Commerce luncheons and events can be found at the chamber's Web site, [www.grossepointechamberofcommerce.org](http://www.grossepointechamberofcommerce.org).

## Roddy's invention will save cash

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

One may say Steve Roddy's invention began with a draft — a cold draft.

Several weeks later the Grosse Pointe Woods resident was ready to market his magnetic mail slot door.

Roddy's energy efficient draft from mail openings, saves on fuel bills, and pays for itself quickly, as the magnetic seal prevents the loss of warm or cool air.

"I know how high our heating and cooling bills are, and this magnetic strip helps us keep our money in our wallets," Roddy, 49, said.

The production equipment designer was doing independent consulting work when his inventive notion came to life.

"I was walking to my front door to get the mail, and when I bent down to pick up, I felt a cold draft on my hand," Roddy said. "I knew money was flying out the door due to my increased heating bills; so I thought I could come up with an idea to help prevent the drafts."

Next came a note pad and a pen and the rest is history.

"A majority of the homes throughout the Grosse Pointes have a mail slot; so this magnetic mail slot door invention will help all of us save some money," Roddy said.

He went on the Internet to search for manufacturers

who could mass produce the invention. A couple of months and several thousand dollars later, the finished product was ready for purchase.

"Everyone has an idea they think is unique, but they never pursue it," Roddy said. "I had an idea and I ran with it."

"I'm excited, and I think this can really be beneficial."

The magnet covers any size mail opening and comes in six colors, white, black, pewter, red, gold and brown.

Roddy has a provisional patent, which covers one year the product is out. For another fee, the provisional status will turn into a full patent.

"I charge only \$19.95 for the product that comes with a covering sheet, a mounting bar, a decorative strip, three mounting screws, and an adhesive sheet for wood doors only so the magnetic slot cover will have something to adhere to," Roddy said.

Each product comes with easy to follow installation instructions.

Roddy grew up in Dearborn Heights and graduated from Annapolis High School. He attended University of Michigan, Dearborn, before taking a full-time job in the automotive engineering design field.

"I love the work I used to do, but the poor automotive



Grosse Pointe Woods resident Steve Roddy, above, holds one of his magnetic mail slot door covers. He has sold more than a couple dozen at local hardware stores.

job market led to my being laid off," he said. "I would love to get back into the automotive field and I hope this magnetic mail slot is fruitful."

For more information, contact Roddy at (313) 417-2449 or go to his Website at [www.magneticmailslot.com](http://www.magneticmailslot.com). The magnetic mail slot can be delivered by sending a check for \$19.95 to STR Products, LLC, P.O. Box 806322, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080-6322.

Roddy's magnetic mail slot cover can be found at Pointe Hardware Co. in Grosse Pointe Park, Gilbert's Pro Hardware in St. Clair Shores, and Derrone True Value Hardware in Eastpointe.

"I'm hoping several other hardware stores in the area put my product on their shelves," Roddy said. "We will see, but so far I think all of the hard work will pay off."

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## IRS gives needed gift tax advice

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The person who receives your gift does not have to report the gift to the IRS or pay gift or income tax on its value. Gifts include money and property, including the use of property without expecting to receive something of equal value in return. If you sell something at less than its value or make an interest-free or reduced-interest loan, you may be making a gift.

There are some exceptions to the tax rules on gifts. The following gifts do not count against the annual limit:

Tuition or Medical Expenses that you pay directly to an educational or medical institution for someone's benefit; gifts to your spouse; gifts to a political organization for its use; or gifts to charities.

If you are married, both you and your spouse can give separate gifts of up to the annual limit to the same person without making a taxable gift. For information, get the IRS Publication 950, Introduction to Estate and Gift Taxes, IRS Form 709 or 709-A, United States Gift Tax Return, and Instructions for Form 709.

They are available at the IRS Web site at [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) in the Forms and Publications section or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

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Business People

**Richard DeLoof** has been named vice president of development at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

He was previously principal of DeLoof and Associates and also served as director of Capital Campaigns and Major Gifts at St. John Health Foundation of Detroit.

Beginning in 2004, DeLoof and Associates, located in Grosse Pointe, began building a culture of philanthropy by providing fundraising counsel to a range of nonprofit organizations, including the educational, religious, health care and social services sectors.

His work during the past dozen years has involved St. John Health Foundation, St. Joan of Arc Parish, Notre Dame High School, Community Counselling Service Co., Inc. in Chicago, Blanchard Valley Health Association in Findlay, Ohio, Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio, and Siena Heights College.

He received his master's degree in Educational Leadership from Eastern Michigan University, and a bachelor's of science degree in Business Administration from Aquinas College.

DeLoof is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

**Charles E. Becker, Randolph J. Agley, and Jane R. Thomas, Ph.D.**, are among 17 men and women selected to be on the Karmanos Cancer Institute's board of directors which oversees its patient care facilities.

Becker, who is the chairman of the board, is the owner of Becker Ventures

LLC, a private investment firm located in Troy; Agley works with Talon Equity Partners LLC in Detroit; and Thomas, the former head of Wayne State University's School of Medicine, works with student affairs in Detroit.

The 17-member board is charged with approving strategic plans for the institutes' programs, services and facilities, approving the annual operating and capital budgets and overseeing patient care and quality initiatives.

The board is also crafting the mission and philosophy of the cancer center, and establishing its goals and policies.

Each of the three reside in the Grosse Pointes.

**Joyce Cusmano**, whose company Sojourn Communications Group Inc., was selected by Travel Michigan, a division of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) as its public relations agency of record to promote Michigan tourism.

Cusmano assembled a team of public relations professionals to respond to the Travel Michigan request. The team members include travel writer Kath Usitalo.

Cusmano and Usitalo are Grosse Pointe Woods residents.

**Christopher A. Cornwall** has joined Dickinson Wright PLLC's Detroit's office as a member in the construction practice group.

He specializes in commercial, real estate and construction-related matters, including contract drafting and negotiation, litigation and arbitration of construction claims involving various construction issues, and litigation and arbitration of real estate disputes.

He received his B.A. from the University of Michigan and his J.D. from Case Western Reserve School of Law. He is admitted to practice in the state and federal courts in Michigan, the U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court.

He is an active member of the Michigan Bar Association, American Bar Association and the Macomb Bar Association.

Cornwall lives in Grosse Pointe with his wife and two children.

**D. Kerry Crenshaw**, a Clark Hill member, has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the Globalaw International Law Group. His term is for two years, effective Jan. 1.

Crenshaw has been practicing law for more than 40 years, and leads Clark Hill's Corporate Practice Group. In his law practice, Crenshaw has served as general counsel to the board of directors and managed several clients in a number of industries, including manufacturing, insurance, pharmaceuticals and information technology.

He has represented both buyers and sellers in more than 100 mergers, acquisitions and divestitures.

Crenshaw is an author of the Michigan Control Share Acquisition Act, the Down-Jones Irwin Handbook of Joint Venturing, the Transnational Publishers International Joint Ventures, Mergers and Acquisitions, and was the compiler of the Michigan Business Corporation Act Handbook published by Reardon Parshall Company.

Crenshaw is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

**Starr M. Hewitt and Patricia J. Porter** recently joined the firm Lipson,

Neilson, Cole, Seltzer and Gerin.

Hewitt is an experienced litigator in the area of professional negligence litigation involving health care law, and the defense of health care organizations.

A graduate of Michigan State University's Eli Broad College of Business (B.A.), Hewitt earned her J.D. at Michigan State University's Detroit College of Law and studied international law at Loyola University College of Law in Rome.

At Lipson, Neilson, Cole, Seltzer & Gerin, Hewitt specializes in the practice of civil litigation, focusing on the areas of professional liability, employment and management-side employment litigation and commercial litigation.

Hewitt is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the Michigan Trial Lawyer's Association and the Oakland County Bar Association.

Porter is a member of the Bar in both Michigan and in California, where she spent 15 years practicing commercial litigation.

At Lipson Neilson, Cole, Seltzer & Gerin, Porter continues to specialize in the practice of commercial litigation, focusing her practice on the areas of professional liability, construction, and management-side employment litigation.

A graduate of Wayne State University, Porter earned her J.D. at the University of Michigan Law School where she received an American Judicature Award for writing ability. She is a member of the Michigan State Bar Association, the California State Bar Association and the Oakland County Bar Association.

Hewitt and Porter reside in Grosse Pointe.



Photo by Robert McKean

Welcome to GP Woods

Nancy Kujawski, right, owner of Nancy Carol of Grosse Pointe, was officially welcomed to Grosse Pointe Woods by Mayor Robert Novitke, center, and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce co-director Jane Lightfoot, left, during a ribbon-cutting ceremony held last week. Kujawski's store specializes in beads.

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## Charuba's music echoes the beat of metro area

By Ann L. Fouty  
Staff Writer

We've all been there — stuck too long in freeway traffic.

We've all been there — giving advice to our children so they won't make the same mistakes we did.

We've all been there — looking at how the old neighborhood has changed.

Walter Charuba of Grosse Pointe Farms and Brownell Middle school science teacher has been there too. The difference is he has turned his thoughts into lyrics. "Stuck on I-94" talks about being trapped in traffic with a cup of coffee and the radio for company and is included in

the CD "Charuba." The band spent two days in the Roscoe Studio on Mack Avenue singing about life, its rewards and trials.

*"Let me tell you how I spend my day.*

*A good few hours on the freeway.*

*I only live 15 miles away.*

*But it seems like it's across the galaxy."*

Once Charuba pens lyrics, he and his friend, Dan Taylor, work on the melody for the six-member group Charuba.

Charuba, Taylor, music teacher Jim Cadotte, dental student Paul Hwang, Ron and Roger Pietrantonio are the musical group Charuba.



Photo courtesy Walter Charuba

Walter Charuba, Dan Taylor and Jim Cadotte work together both in the Grosse Pointe School system and on the stage as part of the band Charuba.

According to Charuba, they settled on the name by arm wrestling.

"I lost. There is no ego (a moderate size ego). I get kidded. When something goes wrong, it's my responsibility," he said.

Though the group has been together less than a year, it has released a CD and boasts a modest following as a result of the group's appearances at the Cadieux Cafe.

"The proudest moment is when the audience members get up and dance," he said. "We use five different singers, creating five different styles. Our harmony is getting better."

He credits the band members' local success, including Ron who is music director for

Grace Community Church.

Charuba, the band, plays original songs with titles such as "Michigan Avenue." Raised in metro Detroit, band leader Charuba said he had a lot of fun in the area and has a vested interest in the community.

He puts his reflections into words such as describing how the familiar scenes of his youth have changed.

"Brand New Day" is about every day life, driving down Gratiot, seeing Lakeside Mall and wondering where the lake is located.

*"Every day I hope and pray  
That the world will come  
and change its way  
But it's the same thing*

*Grey to grey to grey...  
Enjoying the Gratiot Ave.*

scenery

*"They got a new sign for Lincoln Mercury  
Can't remember the last time I saw a tree  
Can't remember last time I walked a street."*

Another song on the CD is "Old Lady" about the ethnic ladies in his neighborhood.

*"She's as sweet as Sara Lee  
just as pleasin' as pie  
so happy to let you in  
never wants to say good-bye."*

Charuba's neighborhood began on Livernois and Michigan 46 years ago. He graduated from University of Detroit High School, received his bachelor's degree from National College of Education in Evanston, Ill., and his master's degree from Wayne State University.

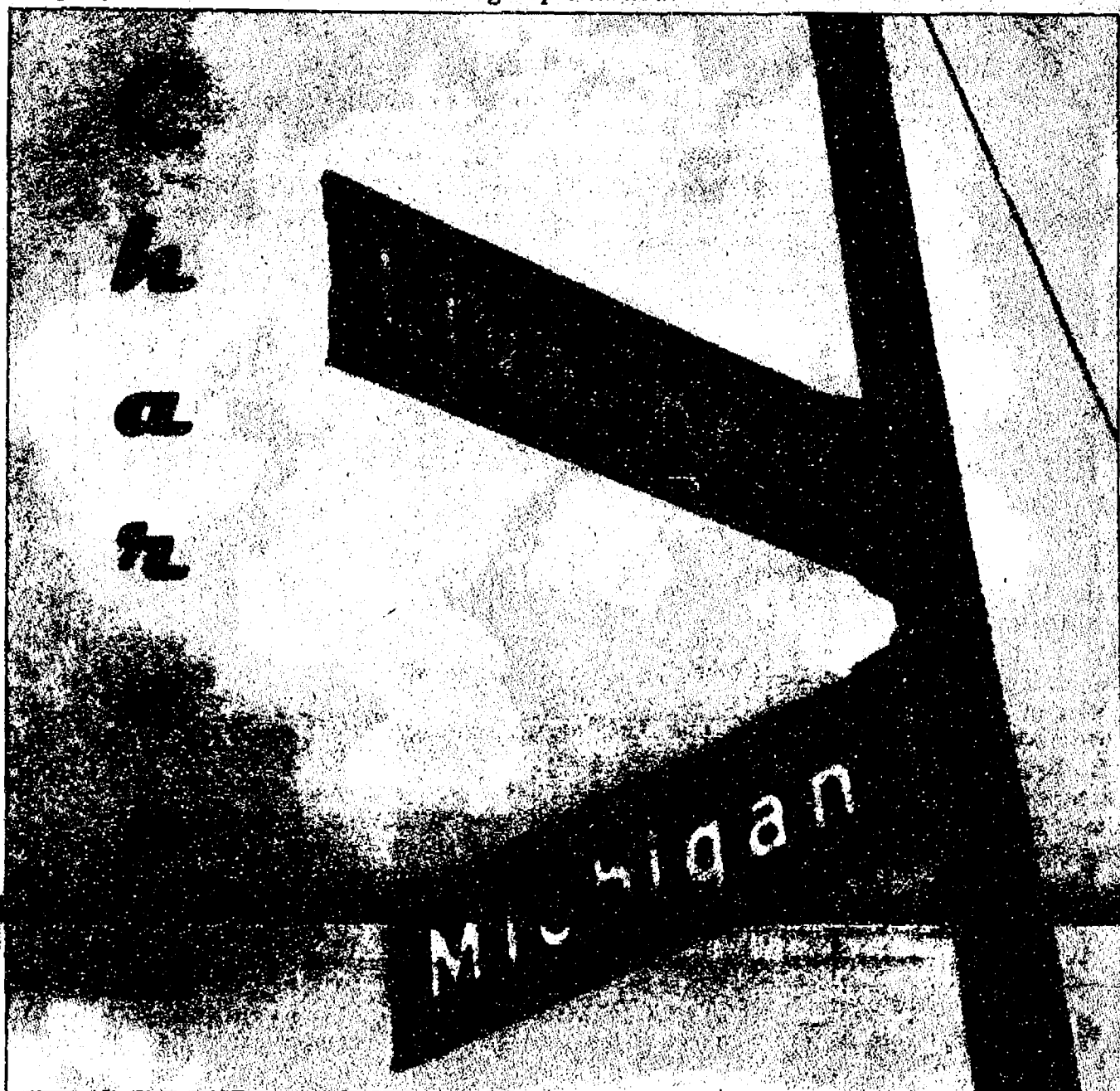
For a time his neighborhood extended into Venezuela where he spent several years and which listeners can experience through "Christopher's Bar." Now his neighborhood surrounds his wife, Marci, young son, Walter Paul, and his classroom. He writes lyrics for his students to help them remember their lessons.

"I try to do songs in class using a science theme," Charuba said.

He has been writing material for 20 years and taking guitar lessons on and off all in preparation for Charuba's reage/rock/folk/country style. Joined by Taylor on drums, Hwang on lead guitar, Ron on keyboard, Roger on percussion and another guitarist and Cadotte adds the bass.

"I enjoy playing with great musicians. It's fulfilling."

ing on songs for a second CD.



The cover of the Charuba's first CD featuring original songs by Walter Charuba, a teacher at Brownell Middle School.

## Four South musicians performed for music teachers from across Michigan

Four musicians from Grosse Pointe South High School represented their school at the All-State Ensembles Concert.

More than 1,700 Michigan students auditioned for a spot in one of the four ensembles that performed Jan. 21 at the Grand Rapids Convention Center. Students rehearsed for nine hours during the course of two days before presenting a music program for attendees of the first Michigan Music Conference, an in-service for music educators.

Clarinetist Peter Sabino performed in the All-State High School Band under the baton of John Thomson from Winnetka, Ill., while bassist Gillian Markwick, violinist Nancy Bakiu, and cellist Brendon Wilson played for Franz Krager in the All-State Orchestra.

Krager grew up in Grosse Pointe and graduated



Photo courtesy Grosse Pointe South High School

From left, clarinetist Peter Sabino, bass player Gillian Markwick, violinist Nancy Bakiu and cellist Brendon Wilson performed in the All-State Ensembles Concert.

ed from the University of Michigan. He is currently a professor of conducting and director of orchestras at the University of Houston. The orchestra played works by composers Hector Berlioz, Peter Tchaikowsky and R. Nelson.

The wind ensemble played a collection of five pieces by composers Andrew Boysen, William Himes, Alfred Reed, J.S. Bach, and Robert Jager.

Dan White and James Gross are directors of the music program at Grosse Pointe South High School.

## Map collecting class for beginners offered

Antique maps don't have to be expensive, and they are a wonderful way to explore the history of a city, state, or country, says Michael Jarvis, who will share his map-collecting experiences in "Map Collecting for Beginners," offered through Grosse Pointe Community Education on Thursday, March 2, from 7 to 9 p.m.

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## Retirement incentive offered

By Ann L. Fouty  
Staff Writer

Seven Grosse Pointe Public School employee groups are being offered an early retirement incentive to help balance budgeting issues. The incentive, approved by the board of education on Monday, Feb. 13 would help trim the projected shortfall for the 2006-07 budget, which ranges from as low of \$3 million to a high of \$7.1 million. It would reduce the number of names on the potential lay-off list.

Teachers, administrators, office personnel, plant and cafeteria workers, support personnel, non-instructional supervisors and central office administrators have been extended the offer,

which expires April 3. Teachers are being offered \$48,000 over three years (\$16,000 per year). The money would be deposited in a retirement account. The other groups are being offered a one-time \$10,000 check, also deposited in a retirement account.

According to Larry Lobert, director of the human resources department, the offer would be "cost neutral" in the first year and result in a savings of \$1.4 million the second year, if 40 teachers participate.

"Reducing the head count is not easy," said board

president Jeff Broderick. "It's affecting the people we know. It easy mitigate the pain of the lay-off list."

Brendan Walsh agreed. "It's the right thing to do, to do what we can to protect some people."

Lobert said, "It's a win-win plan. Our teachers are very high quality. I'd rather hire than lay off."

Some 88 teachers are eligible for this buy-out, 16 classroom assistants, three non-instructional supervisors, 12 office personnel, in addition to 16 plant employees, two in central office administrators and five administrators.

## Funding increase, and shift

Three budget items have come up that would help the school's budget.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has proposed an increase of \$200 per student.

The district could see a portion of the money during the current budget, sending \$25 per pupil this year and the remaining \$175 would be allocated during the 2006-07 year.

Additionally, the ice hockey time expenditure of \$89,000 has been moved from the general budget to the athletic department's budget. This, Superintendent Suzanne Klein said, will ease the funding flow.

This good news of increased state foundation allowance funding was offset by the retirement rate of 17.74 percent. The three combined will establish a \$300,000 reserve to help with the projected budget shortfall.

"The \$200 increase let's us solidify some things," Klein said.



## Good deed doers

The fourth-grade Webeles of Kerby School Pack 481 met with Harry Thomas, Children's Home of Detroit residential services director. Knowing that it's their duty to help the community, the boys collected more than 130 stuffed animals from their personal collections to donate to the Children's Home young residents. With Thomas, in back center, are from left, Stephen Fleming, Daniel Harris, Josh Trempus, Andrew Cornwall, Nick Sultzman, Stephen Van Walleghaem, Harrison Krasner and Gordie Post.

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## Ronald's house

The Defer Student Council sponsored a food drive for two weeks in December. The entire school donated more than a ton of food to be given to the Ronald McDonald House in Detroit. On Dec. 19, the four student council officers, Lauren Phillips, Allison Cornell, Emma Hintzen and Savannah Schulte, dropped the food off. In return, the students were given a tour of the house. They also learned how the food would be distributed and the purpose of the house.

## Academy students compete in forensics

The 2005 Grosse Pointe Academy forensics team competed in the seventh- and eighth-grade Eastside Catholic Forensics League meet on Dec. 10 with outstanding results.

The team earned a record six first places: Chanel Nichols-Geter and Michael Leahy in the challenging category of impromptu; Alex Parker and Adam Smith in story telling; Nicole Smith in declamation; and Sara Whitaker and Julia Rose O'Hara in duo interpretation.

telling; Nicole Smith in declamation and Leahy in impromptu.

Emily Skau earned a third place in poetry; Imani Nixon brought home two third places in drama; and Parker earned a third place in story telling. Adam Smith took two third place spots in story telling.

The multiple interpretation team of Kendall Dixon, Samantha Flannery, Anna Flick, Susie Stefan, and Samantha Sternad earned two third places. Nicole Smith earned a third in declamation; Leahy a third in impromptu, and Sara Whitaker and Julia Rose O'Hara earned a third place in duo interpretation.

Second places were earned by Taylor Bell, who read her own original poetry; Parker in storytelling; Robert Stanley in story-



Photo courtesy Grosse Pointe News

The Grosse Pointe Academy middle school forensics team members who were awarded first place in the meet at St. Thecla are, from left, sixth-grader Alex Parker, seventh-grader Michael Leahy, eighth-grader Chanel Nichols-Geter, eighth-grader Nicole Smith, and seventh-grader Adam Smith.

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## Scholarship applications open to high school students

The H.T. Ewald Foundation is accepting applications for its 2006 scholarship program. Deadline is March 1.

To be eligible one must be a graduating high school student living in Metro Detroit and entering college full time in the fall. Scholarship recipients are chosen based on their overall scholarship record, leadership abilities, community work, character and financial need. To apply one must send in an official H.T. Ewald Foundation Scholarship application, three or more letters of recommendation, a photograph, a minimum of 500-word autobiography and a complete high school transcript.

Scholarships are awarded yearly in early August. The scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$3,500, and the amount is based on the financial need of the recipient.

The number of scholarships awarded varies every year. The scholarships are renewable for up to four years.

For an application or more information, call the H.T. Ewald Foundation office at (313) 821-1278.

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## Repairing a Detroit Boat Club house became his Eagle project

By Ann L. Fouty  
Staff Writer

Rowing is a sport of dedication.

From that, 17-year-old Alexander Duncan, a senior at North and the captain of the rowing team has taken a page to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

Duncan said when he got discouraged working, he would work even harder to finish his project that ultimately took 160 hours to complete.

To acquire the highest rank in Boy Scouts, Duncan's project was repairing the outside stairway at

the Detroit Boat Club on Belle Isle.

The project was a natural for Duncan. He saw the neglect and disrepair of the structure as he and his teammates store their rowing equipment and work out

in the weight room in a building abandoned as a boat club since 1996.

Duncan, with the assistance of his brother, fellow Scouts, his father and club members worked during the summer to remove the

crumbling stucco, replace stairway bricks, repair the cement stairs. The project required 10 bags of sand, each weighing 50 pounds; three bags of cement at 90 pounds; two 50-pound bags of lime, 160 hours and the skills of coordination and leadership.

A six-year member of Boy Scout Troop 34 out of Ferry Elementary School, Duncan joined as a middle school student at the encouragement and mention of Scout camping trips from a friend and Boy Scout. The camping badge was the easiest of the 21 badges he has earned, he said. The hardest to accomplish was the family life badge because it required so many hours.

Through this experience, Duncan said, he has learned leadership skills which will benefit him should he be accepted at the U.S. Naval Academy. His second choice of higher education is the University of Michigan to

study some "sort of engineering."

His advice to aspiring Eagle Scouts is to work hard and think of a good program.



Photos courtesy Alexander Duncan

Alexander Duncan noted the stairway at the Detroit Boat Club needed repair and made it his project to revitalize the outside wall.



The work of Alexander Duncan and his team repaired the outside stairway at Detroit Boat Club on Belle Isle. The project was undertaken to help Duncan achieve his Eagle Scout rank.



This picture shows how much repair Alexander Duncan and his crew had to undertake.

## Middle school student attends conference

Parcells Middle School

to Washington, D.C., as part of a 200-member delegation attended a six-day leadership conference in mid-February.

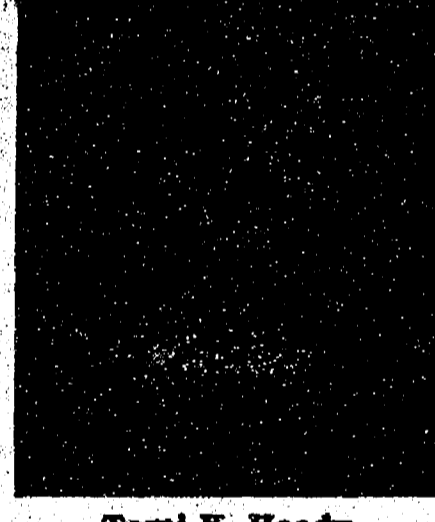
She was nominated by Poupard Elementary principal Penny Stock because of her high academic standards to attend the Junior National Young Leaders Conference (JrNYLC).

"She's an excellent student," said Heady's father, Doug. "She's a balanced young lady, balancing school through study and leadership."

Heady had to raise \$4,000 to make the trip where she will be teamed with other middle school-age children from across the United States to help them recognize their leadership skills.

When notified she would be attending the conference, Heady went right to work raising the necessary funds, said her father.

Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, donated a portion of the funds, while Heady participated in fundraisers for the additional money. She sold Morley Candy. Her karate teacher, Brian Frost of the Koei-Kan Karate in Hazel Park, passed the hat during a



Tomi K. Heady

Christmas party and raised another portion of the necessary funds.

"The aim of the Junior National Young Leaders Conference is to inspire students to recognize their own leadership skills, measure their skills against those of current and former leaders and return home with new found confidence in their ability to exercise positive influence within their communities," said Mike

Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the organization that sponsors JrNYLC. "Young people are not only welcome in Washington, D.C., they actually keep this city and our country running."

## Hearing set for March 3

Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, and state Superintendent Mike Flanagan will hold statewide hearings on proposed changes to state high school graduation requirements throughout the state.

Hearings closest to the Grosse Pointes will be held on Friday, March 3.

A 10 a.m. hearing is set in the Macomb Intermediate School District, 44001 Garfield Road, Clinton Township.

At 3 p.m., also on Friday, March 3, a hearing will be held at Port Huron High School, 2215 Court Street, Port Huron.

Under discussion will be the proposed increase in high school graduation requirements.

- The state is proposing:
- four years of English language arts;
- one year each of algebra I, geometry, algebra II, and an additional math class in the senior year;
- one year each of biology; physics or chemistry; and one additional year of science;
- three years of social science, which must include a semester of civics and a semester of economics;
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## Group access to busy Elworthy field will be regulated

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Elworthy Field is becoming so popular that a permit policy is being drawn up to prevent the recreation facility from becoming a free-for-all.

"Over the past several years Elworthy Field has seen more and more use without a structured system to control the who and when in regards to the use of (the) facility," said Christopher Hardenbrook, City of Grosse Pointe director of parks and recreation.

City council members this week accepted Hardenbrook's idea to regulate and coordinate recreational events at the one-square-block of greenspace. In some cases rental fees will be charged.

"If we're able to get a fee structure, it would be in effect for the coming season," Hardenbrook said.

Elworthy is in the City on land owned by Grosse Pointe public schools. A 50-year lease agreement dating to the 1960s designates the City as responsible for all activities at the site.

Elworthy is integral to the Pointes' recreation infrastructure. Assets include baseball diamonds, tennis courts, year-round paddle tennis courts, a soccer field and pavilion.

"Facilities are maintained and managed under direction of the City for recreational opportunities for the Grosse Pointe Public School System community," Hardenbrook said. "It is critical that a permit policy be employed in order to provide a structured system for organizations to apply for proper approval for use of Elworthy and its facilities."

Usage will be regulated by a four-tier classification sys-

*"Over the past several years Elworthy Field has seen more and more use without a structured system to control the who and when in regards to the use of (the) facility."*

— Christopher Hardenbrook, park director

tem, except Little League activities.

Events sponsored by the City and or school system have first priority with the exception of Little League and Little League diamonds.

"Little League diamonds, in accordance with the lease agreement, will be strictly used for Little League purposes only," Hardenbrook said. "Priority of other uses for City recreational facilities is divided into four classes."

• Class I users includes City and school district recreation programs, functions and special events.

Examples include practice by school teams such as tennis and junior varsity baseball, plus City tennis lessons. Class I users won't be charged fees.

• Class II includes City groups and organizations, both private and parochial, and school groups involving a majority of people living within the Pointe school district.

Babe Ruth baseball fits into this category. Fees may apply.

• Class III consists of school groups with less than half of participants residing

in the district.

Examples include non-profit groups, competitive sports leagues, sports clinics and camps. Fees will apply.

• Class IV includes groups operating for personal or private use.

"Rentals by private or profit-making groups will be permitted only when the anticipated use is not harmful to the public image of the City and will not result in misuse, overuse or abuse of City property," Hardenbrook said. Fees will apply.

Organizations categorized Class I have first priority followed in order by those in classes two, three and four, Hardenbrook said.

Fees may be determined by considering labor costs, equipment and supply costs, contractual expenses and insurance.

"The City is covered now," said John Fildew, city attorney, of municipal insurance protection.

Council member might amend the application procedure to require certain users to provide additional insurance coverage.

## Safety

make blue minivan.

## Arrested

On Sunday, Feb. 19, at 2:27 a.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers on patrol observed the brake lights activated on a vehicle parked on the street in the 1400 block of Wayburn.

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The juvenile was detained and taken into custody.

— Bob St. John

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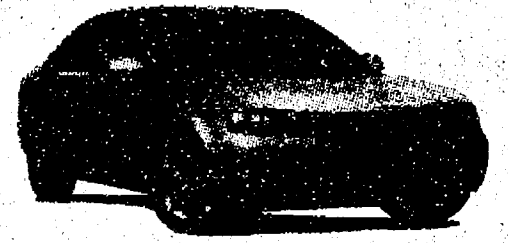
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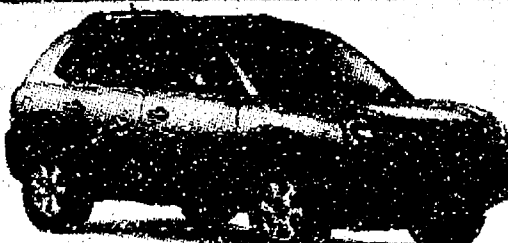
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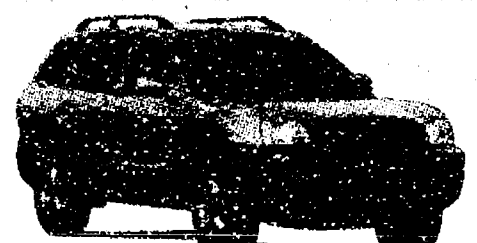
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# Features

## It's a good day for a long walk

### Preparing good health path

By Ann L. Fouty  
Staff Writer

Susan Raynal's interest in The Breast Cancer 3-Day walk was born for three precious reasons — her children, Wesley, 16, Mary, 14, and Tim, 8.

She realized now, at the age of 45, it was time to take care of herself so she would be there for her children.

"Moms always put themselves last and it has been a long time since I had a physical. I needed to take better care of myself," she said. "Not a lot of moms take care of themselves. If they don't take care of themselves they won't be around for their children."

If she wants her children to have a mother for years, other children should have the same advantage. This is how Raynal's focus on health will have a long-lasting affect on the community.

Community awareness and education for breast cancer are two of the goals of the nationwide event. First, Raynal had to start with her family's awareness to her commitment.

An artist by profession, Raynal wanted to set an example for Mary, who is in eighth grade at Parcels Middle School, and her sons.

The Grosse Pointe Woods mother confirmed her thought with a new year's resolution. The fact that

her and her neighbor's persistence she got a physical and mammogram were her inspiration.

At the time Raynal resolved to get into better physical shape, she heard about The Breast Cancer 3-Day walk on the radio. If women can go through cancer treatments, she could walk 60 miles for them.

"It struck me as a good cause," Raynal said. "Can I walk 60 miles? Yes, I can do that."

Her aunt is a breast cancer survivor and Raynal was aware of what it takes to go through the diagnosis and treatment.

"I wasn't real close to her when she was going through the treatments. But if women can go through (it) and survive, I can put myself through training and show my children," she said.

It was time for her to take a step in the right direction, to be an example for others and assist in finding a cure for cancer. A cure for breast cancer is half finished, it's time to complete the job, she said.

If Raynal could get in shape, help educate people and in the process raise a minimum of \$2,200, so much the better.

#### Getting ready

Mothers may feel they walk 20 miles a day to keep up with their children. Raynal knew otherwise so she would have to begin training immediately.

She tapped into the resources of The Breast Cancer 3-Day. An initial meeting in St. Clair Shores set her up with a Web site and the resources of a personal trainer, a coach and a training schedule.

Raynal is on the 24-week training program, building up her time so she is walking three miles in one hour. In the fourth week, cross training once a week for 30 minutes is introduced. Cross training could be stair climbing, roller blading, using an elliptical machine, or anything aerobic, she said. As the weather turns to spring, Raynal will be increasing her miles per day and cross



Photo by Ann L. Fouty  
Susan Raynal of Grosse Pointe Woods is in training to walk 60 miles for The Breast Cancer 3-Day walk. Slated for Aug. 11-13, she must raise \$2,200.

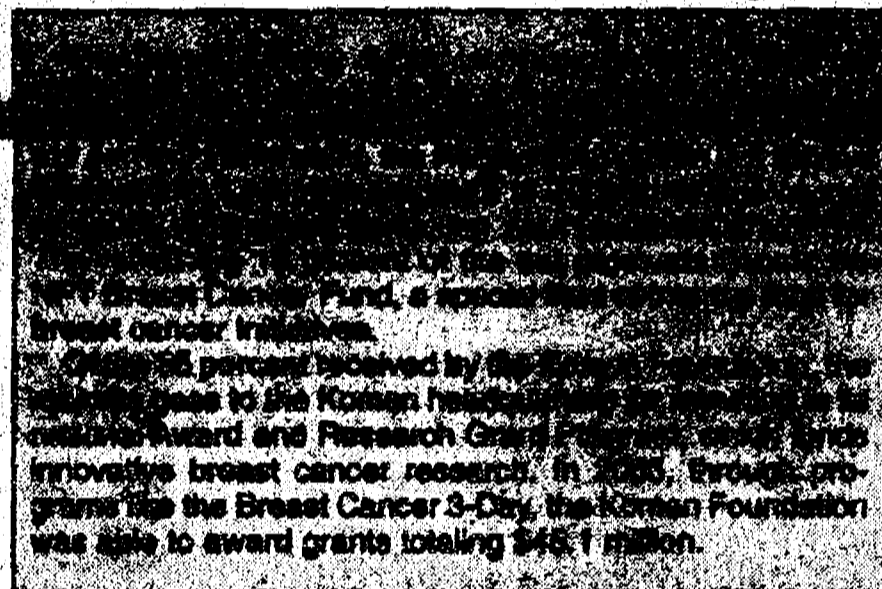
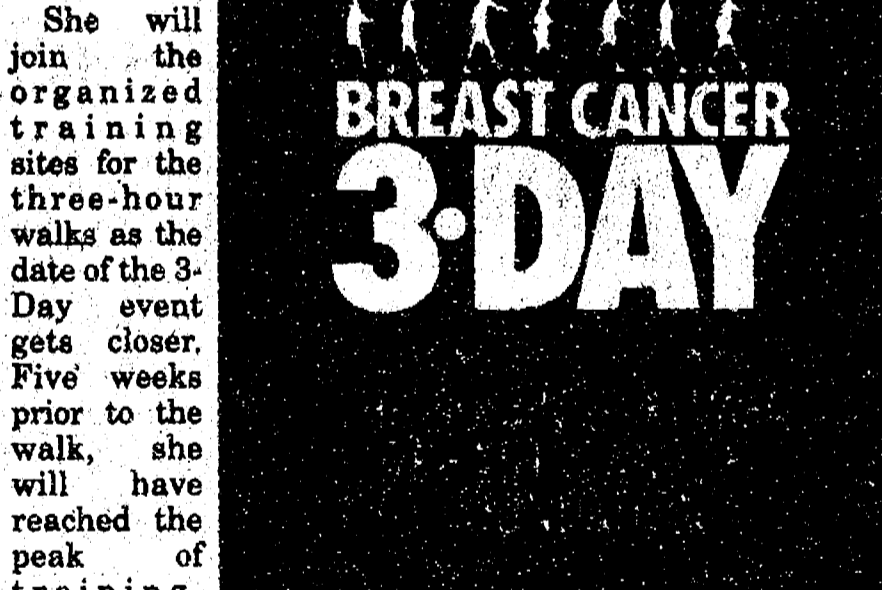


Photo by Ann L. Fouty  
Lorna Zalenski, Linda McGregor and Darlene Wanitska, all members of the Unfinished Women's team, place pink carnations in the breast cancer awareness symbol following the 60-mile Breast Cancer 3-Day walk.



training time.

She will join the organized training sites for the three-hour walks as the date of the 3-Day event gets closer. Five weeks prior to the walk, she will have reached the peak of training, walking 44 miles in one week.

Training is one component to the walk. Fundraising is another.

Being a novice at fundraising, she is turning to the community to help her raise the money she needs to walk. She is hoping her reputation as a painter will assist her.

Raynal painted the Ewald Library's mural, participated in Junior League houses, and painted furniture and murals in homes for eight years.

"It's a hobby that turned into a profession," she said.

She also has pink breast cancer bracelets to sell and is working on other fundraisers.

Raynal has found support through Pip Printing of St. Clair Shores, which donated printing, and the libraries where her fundraising book-marks can be found.

"It's interesting the support I've received. It (breast cancer) has touched so many people, people who have had the disease, survived or died," she said. Raynal's Web site can be

found by typing in her name (Susan Raynal) once on the www.the3day.org site. There, a donation, a sponsorship or contribution can be made. She can also be contacted at dizzylizard@hotmail.com.

Meanwhile, Raynal will be walking in nearly all types of weather.

"In Grosse Pointe there are so many beautiful places to walk," she said.

Already she is seeing the results of her exercising. Not only is she in better shape but her daughter has joined the volleyball team at Parcels. "Something is sinking in. They see. They formulate an opinion. It has a lot to do with conforming to self and showing them (if it) helps someone else, all the better," she said.

Raynal decided to walk for herself and her children. However, the results have blossomed into helping the community.

And Raynal has found that walking has become a part of what she does.

"I would like it to become a regular thing in my life," she said.

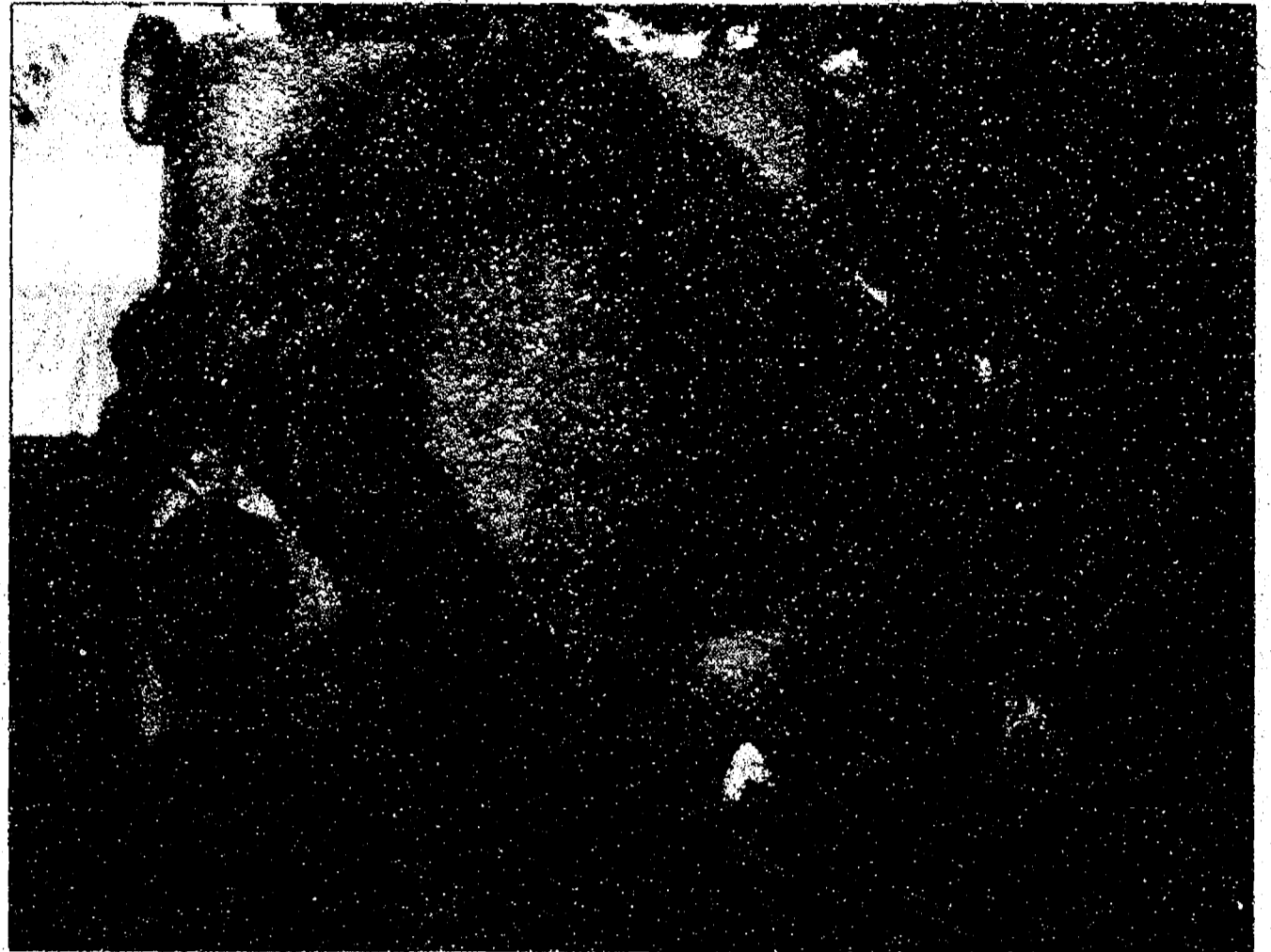


Photo courtesy Lorna Zalenski  
From left, Lorna Zalenski, Linda McGregor and Darlene Wanitska, all members of the Unfinished Women's team, place pink carnations in the breast cancer awareness symbol following the 60-mile Breast Cancer 3-Day walk.

## Her passion benefits others

By Ann L. Fouty  
Staff Writer

Four years ago Lorna Zalenski of Grosse Pointe Woods had never heard of The Breast Cancer 3-Day walk.

Today, she is passionate about the 60-mile hike to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the National

Cancer Fund.

"I get goose bumps just talking about it," she said. The August 2006 event will

be her fourth walk in three years to raise both funds and awareness for breast cancer.

The registered nurse and mother of two describes herself as non-athletic but trains for months prior to the event. She also buys good shoes and special walking socks.

"I have found my pas-

ion is a feeling of accomplish-

ment of doing something for someone who has or may be diagnosed with breast can-

cer." Though heart disease has taken over as the No. 1 cause of death in women, someone is diagnosed every three minutes with breast cancer and dies every 13 minutes from the disease, she noted.

Between her medical background, working with women, knowing both breast

and heart disease, and

who have died from it, Zalenski had found a cause.

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### Afternoon tea

An afternoon tea honoring the Detroit Alumnae Panhellenic Association president Tammy Bonfield was hosted by the Alpha Sigma Tau Alumnae on Nov. 13. From left, are Bonfield with past presidents spanning 30 years Judith Stewart, Harriet Kamm, Nancy Molnar, Kid Davids, Pat Wilson, Janice Malace, Dawn Rutz, Sue Auch, and Beverly Sellars. Not pictured Suellyn Sekulich, Maryanna Baldwin and Virginia Shaw.



### Annual meeting

The annual meeting and luncheon of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center was held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Friday, Jan. 20, with guest speaker Bliss Clark who presented a program entitled "New Trends in Flower Arranging." Also, during the meeting, new officers were elected. They are, from left, assistant treasurer, Marie Mainwaring; treasurer, Sarah Flynn; corresponding secretary, Adrienne Gregory; recording secretary, Carolyn Nantrou; president Jean Azar, and membership Betsy Maitland. Not pictured is Mary Northcutt, programs.

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The ARK is located at the intersection of Wayburn and Hampton next to St. Ambrose Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

### New comedy opens at Gem

The Gem & Century Theatres opened the comedy "Norma & Wanda" on Feb. 21 in the 450-seat Gem Theatre.

"Norma & Wanda," written by Jeff Daniels and directed by award-winning director Guy Sanville, is a comedy that follows two very different sisters as they get themselves into an outrageous pickle with an old high school boyfriend, a chaotic church social and a secret family recipe for Christmas sausage.

Tickets can be purchased through the Gem and Century box office at (313) 963-9800, all Ticketmaster locations, charge by phone (248) 645-6666, and online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

### Women's Connection has new speaker

Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23, at a private club. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Doreen Harling, analyst, Detroit Edison (DTE), whose topic is "An Electrifying Experience."

Harling's talk is on efficiently using energy, reducing electric usage and information regarding DTE for the year 2006.

For more information, call

Marcia Pikelek at (313) 884-4201. To make reservations, call Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855.

the cut-out work if they have any. Bring a sandwich. RSVP to Mandy by Monday, Feb. 27.

### Pettipointe Questers

Madeleine Scranton will host the Questers Pettipointe Chapter No. 243 at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 2. The program, "Scherenschnette," will be presented by Marie Helen Grabman. Members are asked to bring samples of

### Fox Creek Questers No. 216 will meet

Fox Creek Questers No. 216 will meet at the home of Marlene Harle at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2. Georgie Le Duc is co-hostess. Harle will present a program on "The Scotch Thistle."

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## Alternative uterine fibroids treatment

By Dr. Pierre Zayat

Uterine fibroids are non-cancerous (benign) growths that develop in the muscular wall of the uterus. They are very common in women during their childbearing years and are often very small and cause no problems. However, between 20 and 40 percent of women aged 35 and older have uterine fibroids of significant size. And African-American women are at higher risk — as many as 50 percent have fibroids of significant size.

Women with uterine fibroids can experience a range of symptoms depending on the number, size and location of them. Fibroids can range in size from very small to a very large mass that can make some women appear to be in their fifth month or more of pregnancy.

Symptoms can include prolonged menstrual periods and unusual monthly bleeding (sometimes associated with clots). This excessive bleeding can lead to anemia (a condition in which the blood is deficient in red blood cells, hemoglobin or total volume). Other symptoms include pelvic pain and pressure with heaviness, pain during sexual intercourse, bladder and bowel pressure and, if the fibroids are large, they can cause an abnormally large abdomen.

The symptoms typically improve after menopause; however, menopausal women who are taking supplemental estrogen (hormone replacement therapy) may not experience symptom relief.

Appropriate treatment of fibroids depends on their size and location, as well as the severity of the symptoms. Most fibroids do not cause symptoms and therefore are not treated. When they do cause symptoms, drug therapy is often the first step in treatment. In many patients, symptoms are controlled with medication and no other therapy is required. However, if the therapy is discontinued, fibroids often grow back.

If the fibroids do not respond to drug therapy, the next step typically has been surgery — either myectomy, the surgical removal of the fibroids or a complete hysterectomy, removal of the uterus and often the cervix and ovaries. However, there is now an alternative approach called uterine fibroid embolization or UFE.

UFE is a minimally invasive procedure that stops the blood supply to the fibroid. An experienced interventional radiologist places a very small catheter through a tiny puncture in the patient's groin. The catheter injects tiny pellets called microspheres into the two arteries that supply blood to the fibroid. This closes the arteries off and blocks the blood flow to the uterus and fibroid. The fibroid then shrinks and sometimes breaks down. The procedure is performed while the patient is conscious but sedated — drowsy and feeling no pain — and usually takes less than one hour.

Uterine fibroid embolization is performed in a hospital with medication to control any cramping and pain. Some patients can experience fever or nausea, which can be treated. Typically, patients are able to return to normal activity within one week. Other benefits of UFE are:

- Preservation of the uterus (no surgical removal of the uterus) and possibly no need for hormone replacement therapy (HRT).
- Decrease in menstrual bleeding from symptomatic fibroids.
- Decrease in urinary dysfunction.
- Decrease in pelvic pain and/or pressure.
- Virtually no blood loss.
- Overall significant improvement in patient's physical and emotional well-being.

Overall, UFE is a safe procedure for treating symptomatic fibroids with minimal risk. However, as with almost any medical procedure, there are some associated risks, including common short-term allergic reaction/rash, vaginal discharge/infection and possible fibroid passage. Most symptoms can be controlled with appropriate medication. The UFE complication rate is much lower than those of hysterectomy and myomectomy.

The success rate of UFE is also very encouraging. Most studies show 78 percent to 94 percent of women who have the procedure experience significant or total control of their heavy bleeding, pain and other symptoms. Recurrence of treated fibroids is rare. Studies on the long-term effects of uterine fibroid embolization on the ability of the women to have children have not been fully determined.

Pierre A. Zayat, M.D., F.A.C.R. (Fellow of American College of Radiology) is section chief of vascular and interventional radiology at St. John Hospital and Medical Center and has performed a large number of UFE procedures with excellent results.

## Single voice can make a difference

As the headline states, your vote makes a difference. This is why you vote. This is why you get involved. This is an example of how a single voice is making a difference.

At the urging of Michigan families affected by Fragile X, U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., helped convince her Senate colleagues to support a new, national Fragile X public health program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities. U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., also supported this effort.

The result? In December, Congress approved \$900,000 in each of the 2005 and 2006 budgets. In January, President George W. Bush signed the Labor, Health and Human Services budget bill for 2006, which included program funds. The 2005 funds helped pay for programs that disseminate information on Fragile X, Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy and other single-gene disorders; set uniform standards for genetic counselors consulting with families affected by Fragile X



and refine and develop newborn screening tests.

Nearly 20 families from Michigan lobbied Stabenow and her staff to educate them about Fragile X and the need for additional programming and research in Washington, D.C., in June 2004 and again in March 2005. Michigan families plan to make a third trip to Washington on March 1 in conjunction with the National Fragile X Foundation's annual Advocacy Day.

"This is a perfect example of how a single voice is making a difference," says Jeffrey S. Cohen, 48, of West Bloomfield, who attended both Washington trips and is past president of the National Fragile X Foundation. He is the father of fraternal twins, Allison and Joshua, 16, who both have Fragile X.

When you communicate with elected officials, good things can happen.

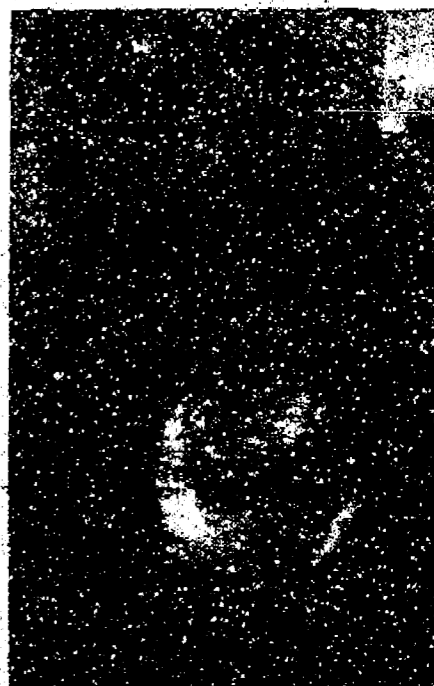
Fragile X Syndrome is

the most common known cause of inherited cognitive impairment. Issues range from mild learning disabilities to severe cognitive impairment and may include anxiety, autistic-like features and hyperactivity.

One out of 130 women and one out of 800 men are carriers of Fragile X, which interferes with the production of FMR1 protein needed for typical development.

For more information about Fragile X or the National Fragile X Foundation's Advocacy Day, visit [www.fragilex.org](http://www.fragilex.org) or call (800) 688-8765.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and



The Coutilish-Langan family

Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X Syndrome. Send your questions or comments to [ag5046@wayne.edu](mailto:ag5046@wayne.edu) or [mblangan@hotmail.com](mailto:mblangan@hotmail.com).

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• Hatha Yoga, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27; from 4:45 to 6 p.m. and from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 28.

• Good Scents I — The Art of Aromatherapy, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28.

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For more information, call (313) 647-3320.

## HERO AT HEART

Dr. Mark Zainca



This year, 1.2 million Americans will have a heart attack. Half of them will die.

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Meet Dr. Mark Zainca, Cardiologist, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

**Q: Dr. Zainca, when did you know you wanted to be a doctor?**  
**A:** Early in my childhood. I was very ill as a child, and I was hospitalized at St. John Hospital many times in the first eight years of my life. I was even held back in grade school twice due to the nature of my rare problem. I remember the names of the doctors who helped me; Dr. Jewel and Dr. VonBerg. They performed and videotaped my surgery—it was the first of its kind to be done in the United States back in the 60s. I fully recovered, but the impact of the experience led me to my interest in the challenge of medicine.

**Q: What do you think are the challenges of practicing medicine?**  
**A:** Medicine is so diverse these days...there are a lot of aspects to coordinate. Aspects of patient interaction and the coordination of efforts to provide complete, comprehensive care can serve as challenges. Add rapid scientific advancements and prescription medications and it's really the totality of what you deal with as a doctor in the field of medicine today. But these challenges are opportunities to constantly keep learning. The days of schooling followed by gaining experience where you peak around the eighth year of practicing are over.

**Q: What makes a good patient/physician relationship?**  
**A:** Confidence and trust. The patient has to have the utmost confidence that their doctor has the knowledge and capability to provide the highest quality health care available and trust that their doctor has their absolute best interest in mind.

**Q: What's on the horizon in heart care?**  
**A:** There are many emerging technologies in cardiology. The investment in developing these advancements has been dramatic. Patients who would have been turned down for treatment just a few years ago are now routinely receiving those treatments with a great success rate. Stents have had a major impact in this area. Multi-vessel stenting is being performed in patients of all ages, and they do incredibly well afterward. We are able to give them an extension of life. In the future, maybe five to ten years down the road, gene technology will be making the biggest impact.

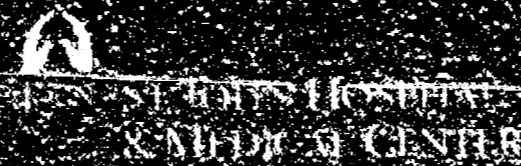
**Q: What is some medical advice the world can't do without?**  
**A:** Prevention! The greatest impact today is early detection and education about how to identify and modify the risk factors. These aspects hold the greatest defense. Interventional cardiology doesn't provide a cure. Procedures only treat the symptoms, not the disease. That is why primary preventative measures are key to steering clear of heart disease.

**Q: Why did you choose St. John Health?**  
**A:** I was born and raised in the area—right at Outer Drive. I spent a lot of time here as a child with my illness. I remember the majestic entrance, and pediatrics was on the third floor back then. I also did my medical training at St. John, and I was the chief resident. Longevity has played an important role in the reason I came to St. John and the reason I have stayed with St. John for so many years—really decades.

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You can find Dr. Zainca in his office locations in Clinton Township or Roseville. If you would like to make an appointment, please call 1-888-440-REAL or visit us online at [www.realmedicine.org](http://www.realmedicine.org).

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Lorna Zalenski walks for her health and for breast cancer awareness.

## Walker

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When she told her family she planned to walk 60 miles in three days, husband obstetrician David, her 22-year-old daughter Lauren and 20-year-old son Jonathan, were somewhat skeptical. "The kids laughed at me."

Laughing turned to acceptance and support, though none of the three has yet joined her team. David rides his bike as she trains and visits her at camp, bringing family members. Jonathan has come early on the last day of the walk.

The 48-year-old Zalenski will begin training in April with five miles, working up to 10 miles a few weeks prior to the actual walk date. Prior to the event, she will take two weekends and walk 20 miles per day.

"I'm not sure it's right for everyone," she said of her training style.

However, train, train, train is the best advice she can give to those new to the trail. It's unfair to your body not to train, she said.

### Walk

For safety reasons, the location of the Aug. 11-13 event will not be announced until closer to the date. Wherever it is in Michigan, non-camper Zalenski is more than willing to sleep in a tent for two nights, stand in line for a shower in a semi truck and use port-a-johns.

Following an emotionally charged opening ceremony, hundreds of men and women head out for 20 miles of walking.

"The opening is more than awesome. The first day the walkers are filled with

adrenaline and the final day is the same," she explained.

There are pit stops about every three miles where participants can get a beverage, snack or fruit.

"You have to hydrate and eat when you are told," she said.

Safety is a top priority for organizers thus there are sweeper vans continually on the route picking up walkers and taking them either to the next pit stop or back to camp.

"Motorcyclists, these big burly guys, have Pink Panthers on their bikes. It's the only time they have pink on their bikes. They are used at intersections to stop traffic," she said.

A boxed lunch is served and then it's more walking until the camp is reached.

The first evening is filled with eating, karaoke, singing and dancing until 9 p.m. The second night,

which follows the most difficult day, a live band entertains and there is more dancing. Camps have several amenities available including computers for participants to keep in touch with family, a store, an area to meditate and a tent to sign up for the next year's walk. The majority of the time is spent talking to other participants.

Zalenski said in her three years of walking she has never heard a crabby word or a short temper. "It's amazing to me of that positive attitude. We leave (camp) smiling. We walk back in smiling."

While walking through business and residential areas, Zalenski noted families leave coolers filled with bottled water for walkers. Others invite them in to use their bathrooms.

"Who would invite 2,000 women in to use their bathroom? It's raising awareness in the community and that's one of the goals to make a difference in the future against breast cancer," she said.

### Awareness

Zalenski became aware of The Breast Cancer 3-Day when on a vacation with six other women several years ago. And as women do, they talk about their experiences and the good times. One woman in the party, Julie Gorczyca, said she had been a participant the previous year and couldn't say enough good about it.

Zalenski thought about her two aunts who had survived cancer and a cousin who had not.

"It was something I would love to do and as a registered nurse, I am always working with women," she said.

Zalenski put her foot down in 2004 with 1,800 others, including Gorczyca, and joined The 3-Day Breast Cancer walk. They started walking at Eastern Michigan University and ended in Orchard Lake.

It rained the first day and the second day started out chilly. When Zalenski crossed the finish line the third day, she said there was a sense of peace and accomplishment. She had raised well beyond the minimum amount of \$2,200. By mailing letters to those on her Christmas card list she collected \$6,000.

"I still get goose bumps talking about it."

Zalenski was on the role to walk with her sister-in-law and cousin in 2005. They were among a larger crowd. Some 2,400 walked 60 miles from Meadowbrook and ending at the State Fairgrounds in July.

In September, she walked another 60 miles in Chicago. In the two walks she raised another \$6,000 for breast cancer awareness.

"I have wonderful family and friends," she said.

Turning the page to 2006, once again Zalenski will be on the move with her co-walkers, cousin Darlene Wanitshka, sister-in-law Linda McGregor and Sally Hadden, McGregor's friend. Each must raise a minimum of \$2,200 to walk.

"I'm so impassioned with this I will put the money in myself if I don't raise the money," she said.

So impassioned she is about breast cancer awareness, she has set herself a goal to walk in all venues — Boston, the Twin Cities, Seattle, Kansas City, Philadelphia, Tampa, Atlanta, Dallas, Arizona and San Diego.

Maybe she won't hit them all this year, but there are many fine days to walk for a cause that hits close to home.

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## U-M study finds room for improvement in angioplasty

Each year, more than 600,000 Americans have angioplasty procedures to open clogged arteries near their hearts, and treat or prevent a heart attack.

A new study shows the quality and risk of treatment can vary widely depending on the hospital—and demonstrates how it could be improved.

In a paper published in the journal *Circulation*, a group of University of Michigan researchers reports data from a multi-hospital project that studied angioplasty care and outcomes at five hospitals where doctors and nurses received guidance to improve angioplasty care, and seven hospitals where they did not.

The project is led by researchers from the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center and initially funded by the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation, with ongoing funding from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network.

The group is now called the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Cardiovascular

Consortium, known as BMC2.

The results yielded a dramatic "before" and "after" contrast. Before the start of the project, the 3,731 patients treated at the five hospitals in one year received widely varying levels of care. Many never received drugs that could help prevent complications during or after their angioplasty, while others received far more than necessary of the blood-thinning drug heparin, or the dye that lets doctors see blockages while they perform the minimally invasive procedure.

There was also wide variation in how patients did afterward, including their risk of kidney damage related to the dye, and their need for emergency heart surgery and blood transfusions.

But five years later, after the intensive quality-improvement project was under way, the 5,901 patients treated at the same five hospitals in that year received much better and more uniform care. Much higher rates of preventive medication use, less use of heparin, and more appropriate amounts of dye were

reported. They also did better overall, with lower rates of complications related to the heart and kidney.

At the seven comparison hospitals, the researchers looked at data from 10,287 patients who had angioplasties during 2002, the same year as the after measurements at the five hospitals. They found wide variation in the use of preventive medications, heparin and dye, and higher complication rates than at the five other hospitals. All seven hospitals in the comparison group are now part of the quality-improvement project.

"The technology used in these procedures has reached such a point that patients' outcomes today depend more on practice variations than on limitations of technology," says Mauro Moscucci, M.D., the U-M cardiologist who leads the project with BCBSM's David Share, M.D., MPH. "It is crucial that we understand how individual physicians and hospitals vary, and work to reduce that variation so that each patient's care is delivered in a way that reduces risks and

complications, and gives patients the best chance at a good outcome."

"The BMC2 project has provided physicians the resources they need to rigorously examine angioplasty practice, to better define optimal care, and to use what is learned to improve patient outcomes," says Share.

"It has been exceptionally gratifying to witness the high level of trust evidenced by otherwise competing physicians and hospitals as they work to raise the bar of quality for all patients undergoing angioplasty. The decreases in mortality and complications of care are a tremendous reward for the hard work of all involved."

Moscucci, director of Interventional Cardiology for the U-M CVC, notes angioplasty and other procedures known as percutaneous coronary interventions vary and it takes a focused effort to overcome them.

For example, a lack of time or up-to-the-minute knowledge may mean the doctor may not prescribe aspirin before a procedure, even though it has been

shown to reduce complications during and after angioplasty. Individual doctors may not realize how much their care differs from their colleagues at the same hospital, much less another hospital.

The BMC2 project helped hospitals and doctors understand how they were doing on delivering key medications or reducing risks—and to adopt practices that would help them improve.

For instance, the project's participants developed quick-reference tools used to calculate how much dye was appropriate for each patient and their risk of suffering complications.

Each doctor and hospital in the study also received quarterly reports about how they measured up in preventive care, risk-reducing steps and outcomes. Regular meetings and visits by Moscucci and his team helped participants share results and plan new improvements. Each hospital team reviewed its institution's own procedures and protocols and found new ways to ensure patients did-

n't miss out on important medicines or face unnecessary risks.

While the data reported does not show cause and effect, Moscucci and Share note the association between the project and the improvement in patient outcomes is strong. The effect was still statistically significant even after the data had been adjusted for patients' individual risk factors.

The project is especially relevant, they say, in light of the growing trend toward "pay for performance" incentives from insurers, and public reporting of quality measures for individual doctors and hospitals.

Seventeen Michigan hospitals now participate in the program and continue to make improvements and share data. BCBSM now requires membership in the consortium for any hospital that wants to be listed as one of its Cardiac Centers of Excellence.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network are independent licensees of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

## Help available to enroll in Medicare Part D

Seniors and people with disabilities who are eligible for the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit can get help from My Medicare Matters, a free and objective community-based Part D education program from the National Council on the

Aging and Access to Benefits Coalition.

The program can help individuals and caregivers understand insurance plan choices, enabling them to make informed benefit decisions.

At education events being held throughout the greater Detroit area, seniors and others can meet one-on-one with trained Part D educators who can provide information about their plan

offerings and make appropriate coverage decisions," said Minito Reasor, Medicare and Medicaid Assistance Program manager for the Detroit Area Agency on Aging.

The program's Web site, MyMedicareMatters.org, provides educational materials and tools explaining Part D, its rights and options, and to find and compare plans.

The Web site also lists matters events being held through the end of the enrollment period.

Upcoming Detroit-area events include Friday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in St. Jude Church, 15879 E. Seven Mile Road, Detroit.

If attending a My Medicare Matters education session, bring the following:

- A current list of prescriptions, including dosage strengths and instructions.
- Medicare and/or Medicaid card.

- A list of preferred pharmacies.

- Any correspondence from former employers, a Medigap insurance provider, or government agencies about the new Part D

plan. If qualifying for an income subsidy, bring bank statements and any documentation of other income.

For more information, visit the Web site MyMedicareMatters.org.

## SOC offers lecture on

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) will hold the lecture "Coping With Chronic Pain" at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, at SOC office, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

Linda McParlan, nurse practitioner, pain management at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, is the guest speaker.

Learn about the myths, psychology and coping mechanisms of chronic pain. A variety of treatment options will be explained—counseling, medications, complementary medical therapies and other interventions.

Lunch will be served. For more information, call SOC at (313) 882-9600.

prescriptions, choice of pharmacy and financial situation.

"We want to help seniors and other eligible beneficiaries make Part D coverage decisions in the next 90 days," said Paul Bridgewater, executive director of the Detroit Area Agency on Aging. "Our goals are to create informed consumers who feel confident that they are choosing the best Part D plan for them and to help them do it before Monday, May 15, so they can enroll without penalty."

"We are answering the call from beneficiaries to deliver objective, personalized assistance to help them sort through the Medicare Part D prescription plan

## Computer classes offered

The Internet Connection class provided by the Center of Lifelong Learning for Older Adults will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Monday, March 6 and 13. The cost is \$10 per class hour.

The classes are held in St. Peter the Apostle Church, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods. For more information or to register, call Nancy at (586) 421-1193.

Identify theft prevention will be the topic of the Saturday, Feb. 25, presentation by Ki Sobol from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. The deputy will explain how to prevent identity theft from 10 to 11 a.m. at St. Peter the Apostle Church, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods. Call Nancy at (586) 421-1193, to register.

## Blood pressure check at SOC

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) will hold a meeting titled, "Blood Pressure Checkup! What Those Numbers Mean," at 11:15 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27, at SOC offices, 17150 Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe.

A registered nurse from Bon Secours Cottage Hospital will discuss high, low and normal blood pressure; what is acceptable, and symptoms and treatments. Those in attendance will have an opportunity to have a blood pressure check.

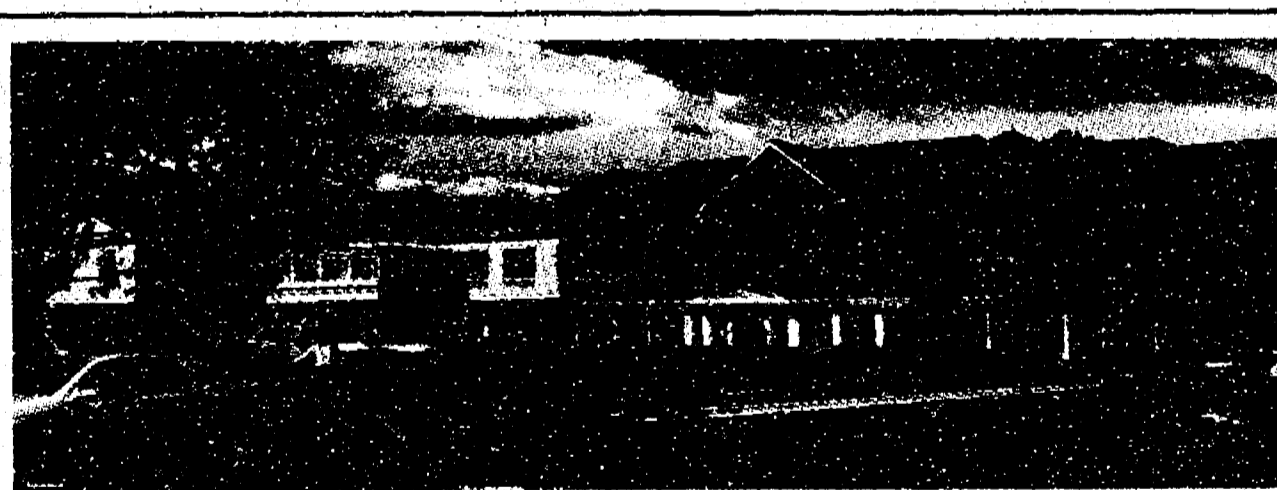
For more information, call SOC at (313) 882-9600.

## Learn about Medicare Part D

A Medicare Part D presentation will be provided at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Heartland Georgian East facility, 21401 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

It will be a free informational presentation on new and recent updates to Medicare Part D and is open to all. Medicare D is the prescription drug coverage portion of Medicare.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Jessica Cossette at (586) 778-0800.

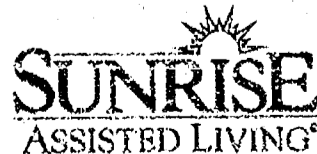


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# Engagements



Victoria DeCarlo and Dennis Pascoe Jr.

## DeCarlo-Pascoe

Jim and Paula DeCarlo of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Victoria DeCarlo, to Dennis Pascoe Jr., son of Dennis and Chryle Pascoe of the City of Grosse Pointe. A July wedding is planned.

DeCarlo earned a Bachelor of Music degree in voice performance and choral music education from the University of Michigan. She is an elementary music teacher in Warren Woods

and performs with the Michigan Opera Theatre in Detroit. Pascoe earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education with degrees in social studies and English from Wayne State University. He is assistant varsity football coach at Grosse Pointe South.



Carly Russell and Gene Casazza

## Russell-Casazza

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Russell III of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Carly Russell, to Gene Casazza, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Casazza III of Grosse Pointe Farms. A fall wedding is planned.



Lauren Lee Kordas and Aaron Russell Moyer

## Kordas-Moyer

James and Colcen Kordas of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Lee Kordas, to Aaron Russell Moyer, son of James and Carlyn Moyer of Germantown, Md. A September wedding is planned.

Kordas earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from College of Charleston and an associates degree in interactive media from International Academy of Design. She is art director for Willis and Company in St. Augustine, Fla.

Moyer earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from College of Charleston. He is the owner of Northern Lights Construction and Development Co. in St. Augustine, Fla.



Kimberly Hepner and Scott M. Van Almen

Kimberly Hepner and Scott M. Van Almen of Columbus, Ohio, Van Almen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from Baldwin Wallace College. He is a sales representative for ADP in Columbus, Ohio.



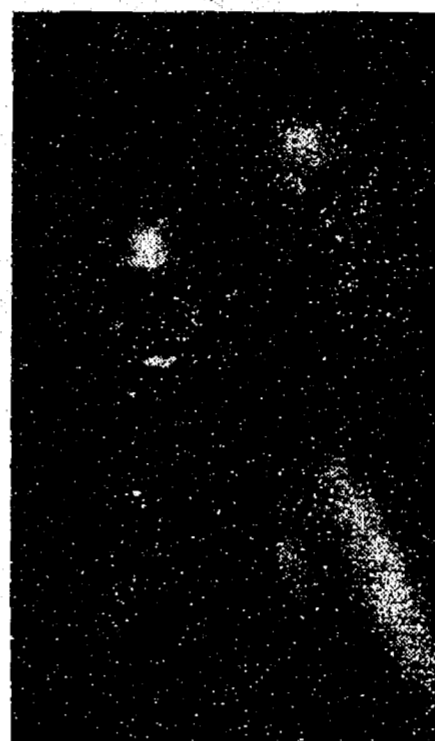
Jennifer Leone Vallier and Stephen Michael Humphrey

Jennifer Leone Vallier and Stephen Michael Humphrey of Southfield, Mich., Humphrey earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from the University of Michigan. He is an embedded software engineer with Lear Corp. of Southfield.



Melissa Marie Wahl and Joel Thomas Bumpus

Melissa Marie Wahl and Joel Thomas Bumpus of Seattle, Wash., Bumpus earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Michigan State University. He is a zone manager for Ford Motor Co. in Irvine, Calif.



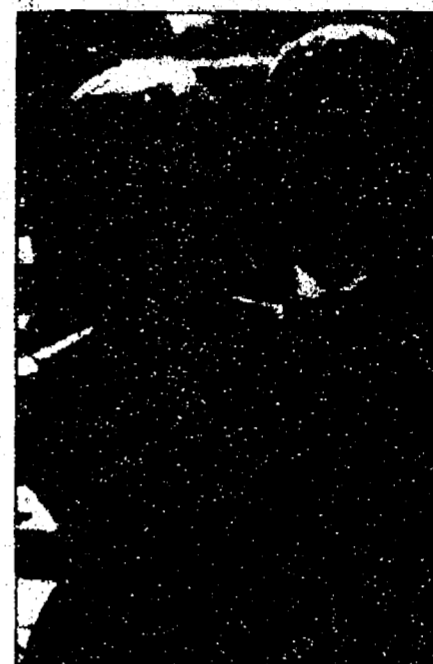
Jessica Fossee and Michael Simon

## Fossee-Simon

Mark and Sandra Fossee of Grosse Pointe Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Fossee, to Michael Simon, son of Richard and Cynthia Simon of Grosse Pointe Shores. A July wedding is planned.

Fossee earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in psychology and speech communications from Miami University in Ohio. She is a senior project associate for a fundraising consulting firm in Ann Arbor.

Simon earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Loyola University, majoring in accounting and finance, and earned an MBA from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. He is an investment banker.



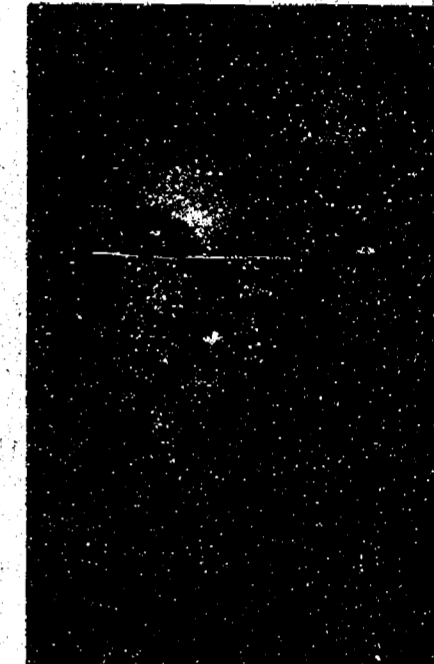
Amanda Charno and Scott Hemker

## Charno-Hemker

Tom and Trish Charno of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Charno, to Scott Hemker, son of Ken and Pat Hemker of St. Charles. A July wedding is planned.

Charno earned a Bachelor of Science degree in child development from Central Michigan University. She is a preschool teacher at Bright Starts Enrichment Program in Alma.

Hemker earned a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education from Saginaw Valley State University and a master's degree in the art of teaching from Marygrove College. He is a Spanish and math teacher and basketball coach at St. Louis High School in St. Louis.



Greta Renee Monterosso and Brent Robert Nielubowicz

## Monterosso-Nielubowicz

Craig and Heidi Monterosso of Shelby Township have announced the engagement of their daughter, Greta Renee Monterosso, to Brent Robert Nielubowicz, son of Charles and Christine Nielubowicz of Grosse Pointe Woods. A June wedding is planned.

Monterosso earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and is pursuing a doctorate degree in microbiology and immunology from the University of Michigan.

Nielubowicz earned a Bachelor of Science degree in kinesiology from Michigan State University. He is a physical education teacher at L'Anse Creuse Middle School.

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## Vallier-Humphrey

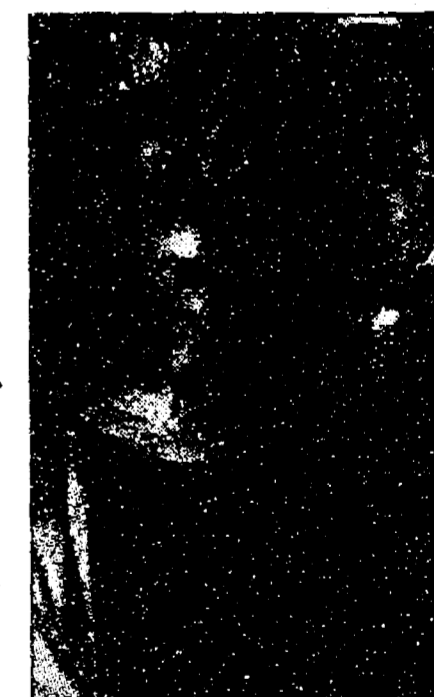
Shelley and Robert Vallier of Highland have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Leone Vallier, to Stephen Michael Humphrey, son of Joanne Humphrey of Grosse Pointe Woods. An April wedding is planned.

Vallier earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in international relations from James Madison College at Michigan State University. She is a medical claims rep-

## Wahl-Bumpus

Phillip and Jane Wahl of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Marie Wahl, to Joel Thomas Bumpus, son of Janell Bumpus of Jackson and the late Thomas Bumpus. An October wedding is planned.

Wahl earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Walsh College of Troy. She is



Catherine Provenzano and Scott Pastor

## Provenzano-Pastor

Elizabeth and Mark Provenzano of Grosse Pointe Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Provenzano, to Scott Pastor, son of Susan and Anthony Pastor of Pretoria, South Africa, formerly of the City of Grosse Pointe. A summer 2007 wedding is planned.

Provenzano earned a Bachelor of Science degree in medical technology from Michigan State University. She is a student at St. John Hospital's School of Medical Technology.

Pastor earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Michigan State University. He is an officer in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.

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Christine Galnor and Rich Maynard

## Galnor-Maynard

Hank and Sue Galnor of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christine Galnor, to Rich Maynard, son of Bob and Brenda Maynard of Ypsilanti. An October wedding is planned. Galnor earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political theory and constitutional democracy from Michigan State University and is pursuing a master's degree in education. She is a teaching assistant at Oakland Community College. Maynard earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering and construction management from Michigan State University. He is an engineer with Turner Construction Co. in Detroit.

Keefe, to Nathan Marshall, son of Dale and Jennifer Marshall of Grosse Pointe Woods. A September wedding is planned.

Keefe earned a Bachelor of Science degree in movement science from the University of Michigan. She is a graduate student in Northwestern University's physical therapy program.

Marshall earned a BBA degree from the University of Michigan. He is a senior consultant at the Kenrich Group in Chicago.

## Viniello-McGratty

Mr. and Mrs. John Viniello of Brewster, N.Y.,



Stacy Viniello and Christopher Edward McGratty

have announced the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Viniello, to Christopher Edward McGratty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen McGratty of Grosse Pointe Farms. An August wedding is planned.

Viniello earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Villanova University. She is a staffing manager for Robert Half International in New York City.

McGratty earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Villanova University. He is an equity research analyst at Keefe, Bruyette, & Woods in New York City.

## Ryan-Nemeth

Jack and Elaine Ryan of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Maureen Elaine Ryan, to John Matthew Nemeth, son of Colleen Nemeth of Twin Falls, Idaho, and John Nemeth of Ashburn, Va. A July wedding is planned.

Ryan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and Spanish and a Master of Education degree from the University of Notre Dame. She is a high school Spanish teacher in Seattle.

Nemeth earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance and marketing from



Maureen Elaine Ryan and John Matthew Nemeth

Gonzaga University and Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Notre Dame. He is a senior manager with amazon.com in Seattle.

## Fredrick-Dawes

Maryanne Frederick of Grosse Pointe Park has announced the engagement of her daughter, Patricia Marie Frederick, to Danny James Dawes, son of Carl and Margaret Dawes. An April wedding is planned.

Frederick earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State



Patricia Marie Fredrick and Danny James Dawes

University and teaches elementary physical education. Dawes has returned to Michigan after several years as a manager for IBM in North Carolina and is currently on assignment in Dearborn.

## Ashley-Wormley

Mary Catherine and Duane Ashley of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alexis Ashley, to Matthew Budd Wormley, son of Cheryl and Jim Wormley of Grosse Pointe. A May wedding is planned.

Ashley earned a Bachelor of Arts in economics and management from Albion College. She is a program director at Working in the



Matthew Budd Wormley and Alexis Ashley

Schools in Chicago. Wormley earned a Bachelor of Arts in marketing management from Bradley University. He is an alliance specialist at Accenture in Chicago.

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Eileen Frances Danaher and Frank McCormick Traum

## Danaher-Traum

James P. Danaher of Grosse Pointe Farms and Charlotte B. Vaughan of Dearborn have announced the engagement of their daughter, Eileen Frances Danaher, to Frank McCormick Traum, son of Mrs. Emil F. Traum of the City of Grosse Pointe and the late Emil F. Traum. An April wedding is planned.

Danaher is an office manager for Jeffrey M. Jankowski, DDS.

Traum earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mass communication and a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy from Wayne State University. He is a pharmacist for Henry Ford Hospital and Andy's Pharmacy in Detroit.



Anna Keefe and Nathan Marshall

## Keefe-Marshall

Richard and Moira Keefe of Bloomfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anna

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## Dutoit leads DSO through sorcery, fairy tale worlds

As the Detroit Symphony Orchestra management continues its search for a new music director, we the audience are being treated to a parade of truly outstanding possibilities. The latest, last weekend, was Charles Dutoit.

It is a highly gratifying adventure as week after week outstanding guest conductors put their best baton forward and lead our orchestra through exceptionally fine performances. But even in this starry parade, Dutoit stands out.

Billed as part of a series featuring classical fairy tales, the program emphasized fanciful stories that invited fanciful interpretation. They got it. For the opening, the subject was magic in the form of a musical impression of a youth studying sorcery (the unbelievable kind, not just sleight of hand) who enchants a broom to carry water and loses control until the master magician comes back to stem the flood. The piece is "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" by the

French composer Paul Dukas, and its performance set a magical mood for the entire evening. Dutoit directed, and the musicians played as though bewitched.

The conductor's manner on stage appears laid back as he casually ambles to the podium. But there was nothing laid back about the performance. The dreamy and relaxed mood of the opening phrases gradually grew forceful and built to a dramatic intensity, reflecting clearly that the apprentice had lost control of his

magical powers. Dutoit did not, however, and the musical tale built suspense fully to its entertaining climax. The maestro was obviously able to take full advantage of the finely tuned capabilities of our orchestra.

In a more serious but still adventurous vein, solo violinist Chantal Juillet led the program into Stravinsky's challenging concerto. Strident opening stops on the violin and staccato trumpets were unmistakable trademarks of the Russian composer's 20th century creativity.

The piece is imbued with angular musical structure underlying moments of agreeable lyricism. Juillet and Dutoit brought it out deftly and enhanced the composer's very distinctive orchestration. They added an air of gaiety to the two arias that form the second and third movements.

Juliet shone especially in rendering the sprightly rhythms of the capriccio that forms the finale achieving an astonishing ensemble quality with the orchestra. There was a climactic quality to the accompaniment in dancing obbligato by the trumpets and trombones. Occasionally, the music echoed suggestions of the orchestration of Stravinsky's famous music for the ballet, "The Rite of Spring."

The fairy tale theme was revived, and the magic continued as the program moved to Ravel's musical interpretation of children's stories in his "Mother Goose Suite." The opening aroused the unmistakable feeling of telling a bedtime story. As the music lured the listener into reverie, it was possible to believe you heard a nightingale. Or was it just the flute? And visions of Chinese pagodas arose with black note harmonies on the celeste. Moving to the story of "Beauty and the Beast," we identified the contra bassoon voice of the beast hopefully seeking his magic redemption through the love of Beauty (Belle). We

### State of the Arts



By Alex Suczek

that, Dutoit produced all the color and energy of a county fair and introduced the themes of the whimsical puppet who comes to mischievous life.

As conductor, Dutoit has the rare ability to make the music express the full range of human emotion to make Stravinsky's musical story vividly colorful.

It is all the more fortunate that we have in the DSO an ensemble that is superbly well-disciplined and able to fulfill the most creative direction from a great conductor.

This week's concerts are a major change of pace with special appeal and more magic potential. Anyone with fond memories of the film and stage musical, "The Sound of Music," will have it all brought back at this event featuring the great-grandchildren of Capt. von Trapp and Maria in a program of song to be announced from the stage. For timing of the five concerts starting Thursday and continuing to Sunday, and for tickets, call 576-5111.

wandered, dreamily, through an enchanted garden and in the musical representations of happy endings, and experienced utter peace as the orchestra brought Ravel's superb orchestration through a slow crescendo to a glorious finale.

Returning to Stravinsky, the concert concluded with yet one more great tale in music for the ballet about the great puppet clown, Petrouchka. Dutoit cut the brass section loose to produce an exciting brass sound that can only be experienced with the best musicians in a hall with the greatest acoustics. With



## Lean on barley and beans

Winter is sending us a reminder that it is still here, but let's face it, the time to start trimming down is now.

That doesn't mean starving yourself, but rather fueling your body with healthy foods that will give you energy for workouts and leave your palate satisfied.

The following recipe has been modified slightly for this delicious vegetarian dish that takes only minutes to prepare and boasts a flavor that matches its colorful presentation.

### Confetti Barley with Navy Beans

- 1 cup water
- 3/4 cup quick cooking barley, uncooked
- 1 1/2 chopped bell peppers (your choice)
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

### A LA ANNIE

By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 4 cups coarsely chopped fresh spinach
- 1 cup halved baby grape tomatoes
- 1 15-oz. can navy beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil leaves
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons Italian bread crumbs

- 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to high broil.

Place one cup of water in a medium skillet and bring to a boil. Quickly stir in the barley, peppers, garlic powder and crushed pepper. Lower to a simmer, cover and cook for 10 minutes. Lift the lid, throw in the spinach, cover, and cook for two or three more minutes. Add the tomatoes, navy beans, basil and olive oil. Toss well, taste and season with salt and pepper.

Transfer the mixture to a two-quart baking dish and top with the bread crumbs and Parmesan cheese. Place the dish on the middle oven rack and broil for five minutes, until the top becomes golden brown.

Serve hot and enjoy!

## Peabody

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writes. Back to the lonely car-

L.), it is a leafy form and was grown in the area of ancient Carthage and in Sicily, Greece, and Italy before the Christian era. Used as both an herb and salad plant, cardoon was one of the most popular garden plants in Rome in the second century after Christ, bringing a higher price than

any other. This forerunner of the artichoke also looks like an enormous thistle plant

over all the Mediterranean countries for many hundreds of years, but was introduced into England as late as 1656 or 1658. It was grown in America in the 18th century.

The artichoke belongs to the same family as thistles, sunflowers, lettuce, salsify, chrysanthemums and thousands of other species. The true artichoke should not be confused with the so-called Jerusalem artichoke, which did not come from Jerusalem and is not an artichoke. The Jerusalem artichoke (Helianthus tuberosus) is native to North America, and, as its Latin name indicates, is a tuber-bearing sunflower.

Isn't it great to learn something new? If you haven't eaten an artichoke recently, enjoy one or some cardoon, while watching the Olympics.

Kathleen Peabody is an Advanced Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. E-mail her at kmaslan@peabody@sbglobal.net

### Baked or Steamed Artichokes

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- 1 teaspoon salt
  - 4 tablespoons olive oil
  - 4 large artichokes, washed and trimmed
- Using a saucepan big enough to hold your artichokes, add the salt and olive oil to about 5 inches of boiling water. Steam the artichokes until the stem and cone is soft. This could take anywhere from 20 minutes (my usual time) to one hour depending on the size of the artichoke. Keep an eye on the liquid, adding more boiling water, if necessary, to prevent scorching. Turn the vegetable upside down and let it drain for a couple of minutes. Serve with a bowl of melted butter, mayonnaise or herb-infused sauce. Serves 4.

### What's going on?

"Four Seasons of Michigan Birds," Sunday, March 5, Belle Isle Nature Zoo (formerly Nature Center), is the annual program and luncheon of the Detroit Garden Center. Jim Simak, professional wildlife photographer and avid bird watcher, is the speaker. Luncheon and program, \$25; program only, \$5. Luncheon is at 12:30 p.m.; program at 2 p.m. For reservations, call the Detroit Garden Center at (313) 259-6363, or e-mail detroitgarden@sbglobal.net

### Pianist to perform for music league

The Grosse Pointe Classical Music League holds its general meeting at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 8, at the Lochmoor Club.

After lunch, entertainment will be provided by Joseph Palazzolo, a popular pianist. He is currently the organist and choir director of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

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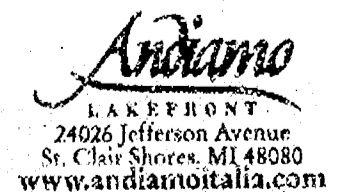
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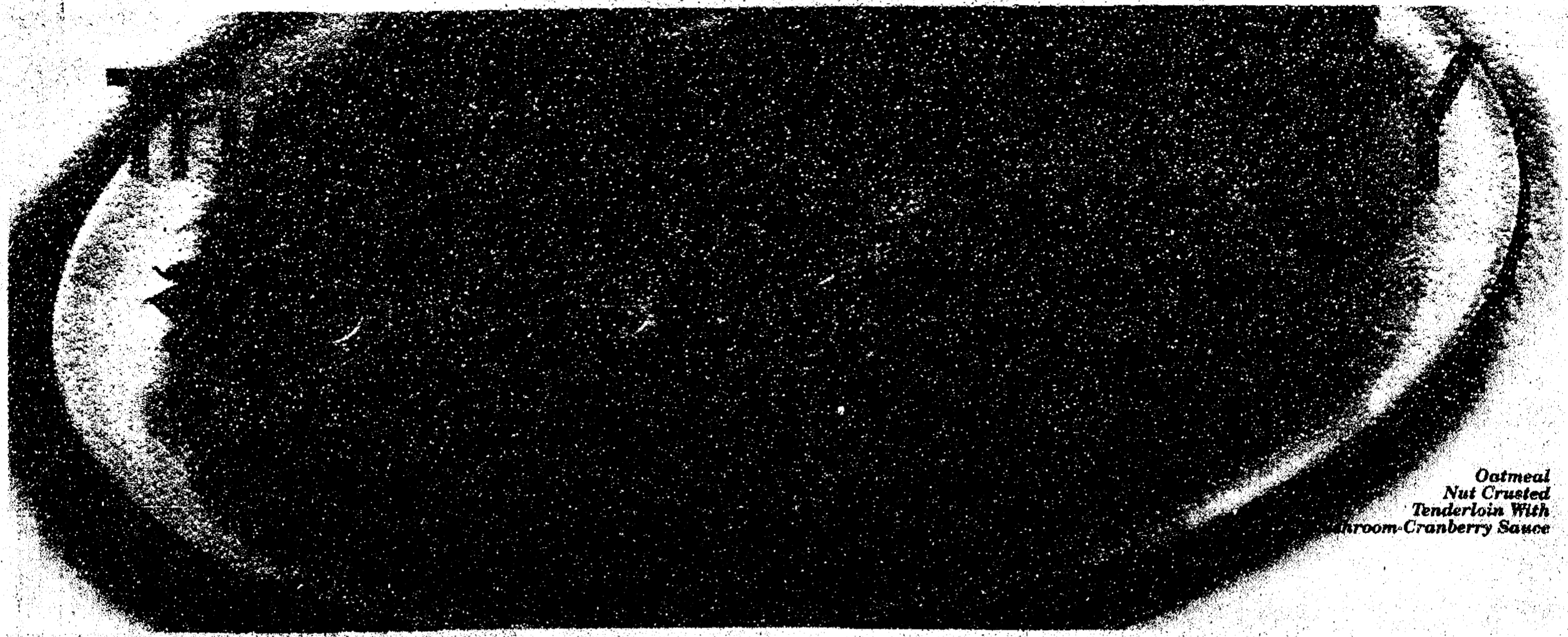
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### Oatmeal Nut Crusted Tenderloin With Mushroom-Cranberry Sauce

Servings: 4 to 6  
Prep time: 15 minutes / Total time: 50 minutes

- 1 package Honeysuckle White or Shady Brook Farms Turkey Breast Tenderloins
- 1 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1/2 cup walnuts
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
- 2 large egg whites

Preheat oven to 400°F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper.

Place oats and walnuts in food processor; pulse until finely chopped. Add salt, black pepper and ginger; pulse two more times to mix well. Remove from food processor; place in pie plate. Place egg whites in another pie plate. Dip turkey in egg and then in oat mixture. Place turkey on baking sheet a few inches apart, rounded side up. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 170°F. Remove from oven; let cool 5 to 10 minutes.

Slice turkey about 1/4-inch thick. Place 4 to 5 slices on plate in fan shape; top with Mushroom-Cranberry Sauce and serve.

### Mushroom-Cranberry Sauce

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 package (8-ounce) fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1 rib celery, diced
- 1/2 cup chicken or turkey broth

Heat oil in medium nonstick skillet over medium heat. Cook mushrooms until browned, about 5 minutes. Add cranberries and celery. Sprinkle with flour; stir well. Add broth; cook 3 minutes until sauce thickens slightly.



Fresh Vegetable Soup

### Fresh Vegetable Soup

Servings: 6  
Prep time: 10 minutes / Total time: 40 minutes

- 1 package Honeysuckle White or Shady Brook Farms Ground Turkey
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cans (14-1/2-ounce each) reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 can (14-1/2-ounce) diced tomatoes
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 can (18-ounce) cannelloni beans, rinsed, drained
- 3 cups fresh spinach leaves, stems removed
- 1/2 cup grated carrot
- 12 diagonally cut baguette slices, toasted

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook turkey until no longer pink, about 5 minutes. While cooking, break turkey into coarse pieces. Remove from heat.

Heat remaining oil in large stockpot over medium-high heat and cook onion until softened, about 5 minutes. Add garlic; cook 1 more minute. Stir in broth, tomatoes, black pepper and beans; bring to boil. Reduce heat; simmer 10 minutes. Add turkey; simmer 6 more minutes. With 1 minute remaining, stir in spinach.

Ladle into 6 large soup bowls; sprinkle with grated carrots. Serve with bread.

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## North, South girls hockey turn rubber match into a 4-4 tie



Photo by Bob Bruce

Grosse Pointe South's Alex Merritt, combined forces with senior Katie Dosch to shut down Grosse Pointe North's forwards in the second half of the game.

### Blue Devils pull out a close victory

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

The gym had cleared and Grosse Pointe South's basketball coaches were reflecting on the game that had just been completed.

"We've had a lot of these close games. We just haven't been able to win that many of them," coach Jay Ritchie said after the Blue Devils made many key plays down the stretch to beat Port Huron 50-47 in a Macomb Area Conference White Division game.

"We're almost always within a few points at the

ple of plays in almost every game that if they had gone the other way we could be 14-2 instead of 8-8."

This time they didn't. Christian Conroy, who led South with 14 points, made five straight free throws in the fourth quarter, including two with 12.9 seconds remaining to give the Blue Devils a three-point lead.

J.C. Cruse made three of four free throws in the fourth quarter. He also hustled after an offensive rebound and swiped it from a Port Huron player. Cruse

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team hosted arch rival Grosse Pointe North in a rubber-match game last week at City Arena.

Bragging rights for another year were on the line as the Norsemen won the first meeting of the season 6-5 on Dec. 17, while the Lady Blue Devils came back to earn a 3-2 victory on Jan. 7.

After three periods of play and a five-minute overtime, nothing was settled as the two teams skated to a 4-4 tie.

However, it was a game the visiting Norsemen had

in the win column, but let slip away after losing a 4-0 lead.

"We had this game and played very well for about 2 1/2 periods," North head coach Tim Van Eckoute said. "We allowed South's forwards to get a little too much speed heading into our zone, which allowed them to score the four goals. I wish we would have won the game, but I feel good about how well we played."

"We fell behind again (they fell 3-0 to Cranbrook Kingswood the game before), but the girls found a way to battle back," South co-head coach Ed O'Malley said. "We really shut down

North from the mid-point of the second period throughout the third period and the overtime."

The Norsemen led 2-0 in the first period on goals by senior Christina Sandmair and junior Kate Zemenick, and made it 4-0 by the 10:27 mark of the second stanza when senior Ashley Allemon and junior Emily Nelson tallied.

South's comeback started when senior Hilliary Inger scored a powerplay goal. Senior Ali Morawski brought the Lady Blue Devils closer with a goal in the final 11 seconds of the period.

Morawski scored the

team's third goal 36 seconds into the final period and junior Amanda Marsh scored a powerplay goal with less than two minutes left.

North had the better scoring chances in the overtime, but neither team could put the puck in the net, leaving the game a tie.

"We didn't need the win since we clinched the division title the night before when PCS (Plymouth-Canton-Salem) lost," O'Malley said. "Still, we always get up to play North, as it always gets pumped up to play us. The refs let the

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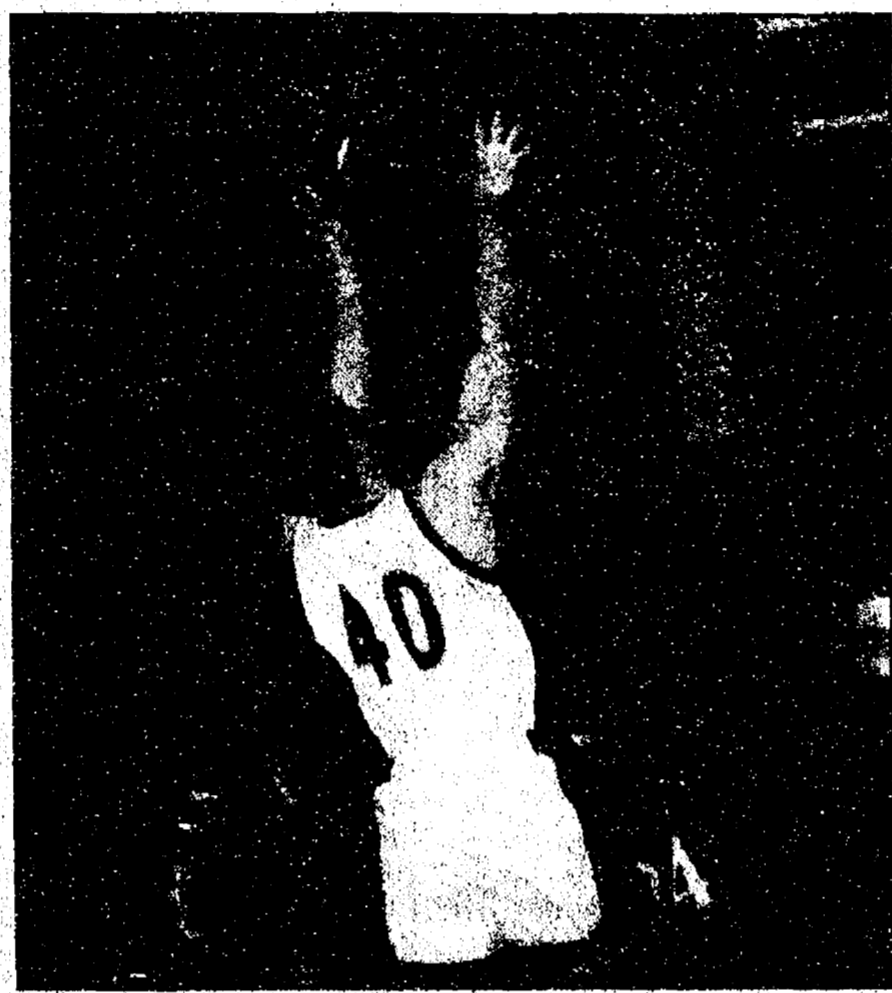


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

South's David DeBoer outjumps Port Huron's

### Norsemen chalk up first league win

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Maybe it's a good thing Grosse Pointe North's basketball team doesn't have a game this week.

That way the Norsemen can savor their first win of the season in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

North beat Port Huron Northern 58-50 and it was a game the Norsemen could take pride in.

"We had a 13-point lead in the third quarter and then (PHN) went ahead in the fourth quarter, but we held our composure," said coach Matt Trombley.

"Marc Reno did a nice job of attacking the basket. Nick

rebounds in the fourth quarter. Everyone played and a lot of different guys contributed."

With the Norsemen out of the battle for the division championship this year, Trombley has been looking at some of his younger players.

"What's there to lose?" he said. "We're playing more of the young guys to see what they can do. We're still playing to win and I told the team that the guys who are playing the best are going to play the fourth quarter."

Trombley has also made some changes in his defensive philosophy.

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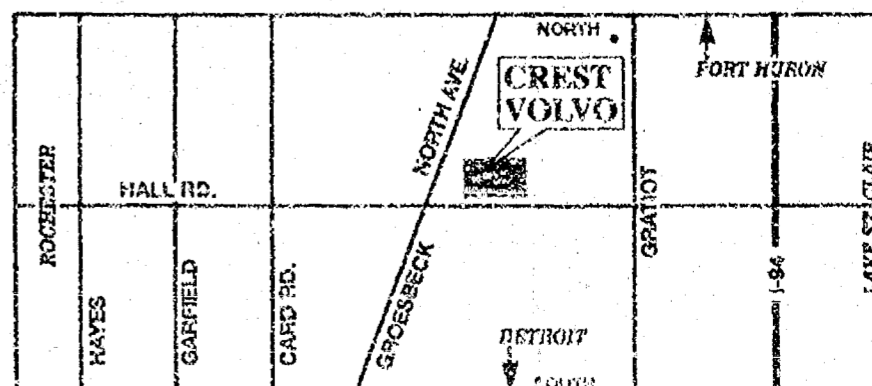
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# Norsemen look ready for state hockey playoff schedule



Photo by Mark Yakamovich

Mike Yakamovich, who scored three goals for Grosse Pointe North, cuts around a Northville defenseman during the Norsemen's 8-3 victory.

## Schedule keeps ULS boys focused, ready

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

The University Liggett School boys hockey team played three games in three nights last week, losing each of them 8-0 at Birmingham Detroit Country Day, 6-4 at Lincoln Park and 3-1 at home to Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central.

"The guys held their own against three tough teams on three consecutive nights," head coach Terry Olson said. "We played a poor game and got whipped against Country Day, but the guys rebounded and played well

back into the game when junior Pat Latham scored near the end of the opening period.

Neither team scored in the second period, but junior goalie Alex Brooks stood on his head, making several spectacular saves to keep it a 2-1 game.

"Brooks was our player of the game, stopping some very good scoring chances," Olson said.

SMCC added an insurance goal early in the third period and held off a strong ULS rally in the waning moments of the game.

"We had a power play and minutes, and almost scored," Olson said. "It would have been really interesting if we could have scored and made it a 3-2 game."

The University Liggett School boys hockey team fell to 7-13-1 overall.

Catholic Central. The Knights had two goals disallowed against Lincoln Park that would have tied the game.

"It was a strange game," Olson said. "Our guys came back from that disaster at Country Day to really do a nice job in another road game. A couple of goals didn't go our way, and those calls were the difference in the final score."

St. Mary Catholic Central jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead, but the Knights got

The Knights end their regular season with a home game on Saturday, Feb. 25, against Marysville, and face Marysville in the first round of the state regional playoffs on Monday, Feb. 27, at Orchard Lake St. Mary.

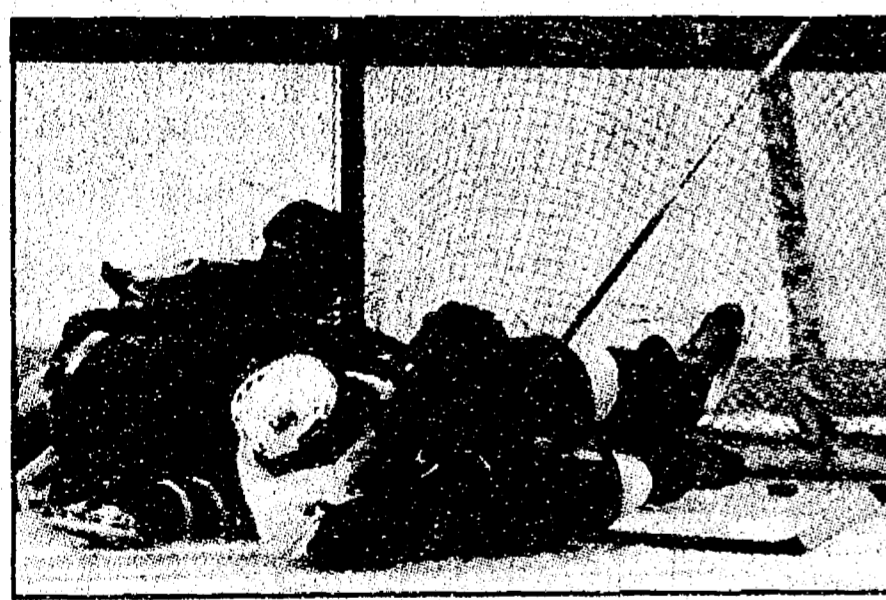


Photo by Renato Jamett

Patrick Latham lands in the net with the puck after scoring a goal for University Liggett School.

## North grad on all-league team

Former Grosse Pointe North swimmer Anne Kopf earned a spot on the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin all-league women's swimming team.

Kopf, a sophomore at Illinois Wesleyan, was a member of the 200-yard freestyle relay team that finished first in the conference championships with an NCAA Division III qualifying time of 1:37.98.

Kopf was also second in the 100 freestyle with a time of 54.27. Her time of 54.26 in the 100 freestyle was the best on the Titans' squad this year.

Kopf swam on the 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams that took first place at the Midwest Invitational at the University of Chicago during the weekend of Feb. 17-18.

Kopf was part of the 200 freestyle and 400 medley

relay teams that have posted the best times of the season for Illinois Wesleyan.

## Faceoffs

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ing for more balance. "We usually have pretty good depth on our team and that's the way it is this year, too. We can put any of our lines out there and expect to get scoring."

South wraps up the regular season on Saturday on the road against Orchard Lake St. Mary, which is one of the top-ranked teams in the state.

The Blue Devils, who are 15-6-1, open the state playoffs on Monday against Michigan Metro High School Hockey League rival De La Salle at 6 p.m. at City Sports Arena.

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

If Grosse Pointe North's hockey team plays like it did against Cranbrook Kingswood on Saturday, coach Scott Lock will have no complaints.

"If we continue to have the kind of effort we had for the last period and a half, I'll take it," Lock said after the 4-2 loss to the Cranes in a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League game.

Unfortunately, the effort didn't lead to enough goals to win the game.

"We could have had eight goals again," Lock said referring to the Norsemen's 8-3 win over Northville a few nights earlier. "We had just as many chances but this time they hit the post or the side of the net or the goalie came up with the saves."

North started slowly against Cranbrook but goalie Evan Chase was outstanding as he faced 18 shots in the first period.

"He stood on his head to keep us in the game, especially during the first five minutes," Lock said.

On the other end of the ice, Cranbrook's Ryan McClure was doing a good job, too. He robbed North's hottest scorer, Mike Yakamovich, early in the period, then gloved a high shot by Yakamovich during a power play in the third period.

Cranbrook took a 1-0 lead at 4:33 of the first period when Alex Mies knocked in a rebound for the first of his two goals.

North tied the game with 1:12 left in the first period. Mike Cartwright took a shot from the right point that hit a Cranbrook player and deflected into the net. Kevin Gibson and Alex Davenport assisted.

Cranbrook regained the lead at 5:53 of the second period on a goal by Andrew

"That was just a highlight film goal," Lock said.

North went on the power play at 9:50 of the second period and the Norsemen were in their attacking zone for nearly the full two minutes.

North continued to apply pressure in the third period, outshooting Cranbrook 9-6, but the Cranes scored a pair of goals.

Mies got a power-play goal on a shot from the slot at 3:59. North cut the Cranes' lead to 3-2 when defenseman Matt Miller scored at 11:11. Miller one-timed a shot after taking a pass from behind the net from Julien Horrie. Mike Rourke also assisted.

Cranbrook, however, stretched its lead back to two on Brett Brazier's goal only 26 seconds after Miller scored for North.

"That goal really hurt," Lock said. "We were playing well but we made some mistakes and they scored. It seemed like every mistake we made led to one of their goals."

In North's victory over Northville, Yakamovich continued his torrid scoring pace with three goals.

"He's been on fire," Lock said. "He's really playing well."

Yakamovich's first goal came 37 seconds into the first period and set the tone for the Norsemen. His last two came on the power play, including one with 28 seconds remaining in the opening period.

Gibson, who played well in the Cranbrook game, scored his first two goals of the season for North.

"He played well in both games last week," Lock said. "He's been getting a lot more ice time. He gives us a lot of energy."

North led 4-2 after the first period. After Northville's Kyle Storey tied the game with the first of two goals at 2:35 of the first

period, Horrie put the Norsemen ahead to stay at 9:53 when he knocked Jeff Rohrkemper's rebound into the net.

Rohrkemper had three assists in the game.

"He does everything," Lock said of the junior forward. "He wins faceoffs, he quarterbacks the power play, he's on the penalty kill. We'd like him to score a few goals, but maybe he'll do like last year and break loose in the playoffs."

Last season, Rohrkemper scored in each of North's postseason games.

The teams traded goals in the second period. Davenport scored for North at 1:44, but Storey scored his second of the game on a breakaway at 7:43.

The third period was all North. Yakamovich lifted a backhand shot over the Mustangs' goalie at 1:34. Goals by Gibson and Michael Lucchese completed the scoring.

The goal outburst was a welcome sight for Lock.

"We've worked a lot in practice and we did a better

job of crashing the net," he said. "We played a good first period. In the second we did a lot of watching again. Between the second and the third periods we talked about coming out and dominating the third period, which we did."

Lucchese and Cartwright each had two assists. Yakamovich, Rourke, Ben Scarfone, Doug Rahaim, Horrie and Adam Davis had one assist apiece.

Eric Rohrkemper was in goal for the Norsemen.

"We're playing our best hockey right now," Lock said. "We just have to keep getting better with the playoffs coming up."

"We have to keep shooting the puck. If we keep putting the shots on goal, they're eventually going to go in."

North wraps up the regular season on Saturday against Port Huron Northern at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena. The Norsemen play their first state tournament game on Wednesday, March 1 at the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena.



Photo by Mark Yakamovich

Yakamovich scored two goals for North against Northville.

## North swimmers win final dual meet

Grosse Pointe North's swimming team completed the dual meet portion of its season on a winning note.

Michael Lane and Cameron Howle each won two events to lead the Norsemen to a 135-51 victory over St. Clair in a

Macomb Area Conference crossover meet.

Lane won the 200-yard individual medley and the 100 breaststroke. Howle's wins came in the 200 and 500 freestyle events.

Other individual winners for North were Karl Tech, 50

freestyle; Ryan Boury, 100

butterfly; and Eric Jorgenson, 100 backstroke.

Season-best times came from Aaron Bowersox, 50 freestyle; Howle, Tim Schultes, Chris Cullen and Aaron Egan, 100 freestyle; David Castile, 200 freestyle;

Robert Briski and Matt Lane, 500 freestyle; and Austin Damm, 100 backstroke.

North finished with a 6-4 overall record.

The Norsemen's next action is in the MAC Red Championships at Romeo on Friday, Feb. 24 and Saturday, Feb. 25. Friday's preliminaries start at 4 p.m. The finals are scheduled for a noon start on Saturday.

## Hockey

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girls play tonight, and it turned out to be a good hockey game."

South, the winner of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League East Division, is 14-2-1, while North is 16-3-1.

The Lady Blue Devils have one remaining regular season game at home against Regina (the date has yet to be determined), and North plays at University Liggett School on Monday, Feb. 27, in its final regular season contest.



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

North goalie Angela Lee stops a shot by South's Hillary Inger. Inger had a goal and two assists in the 4-4 tie.

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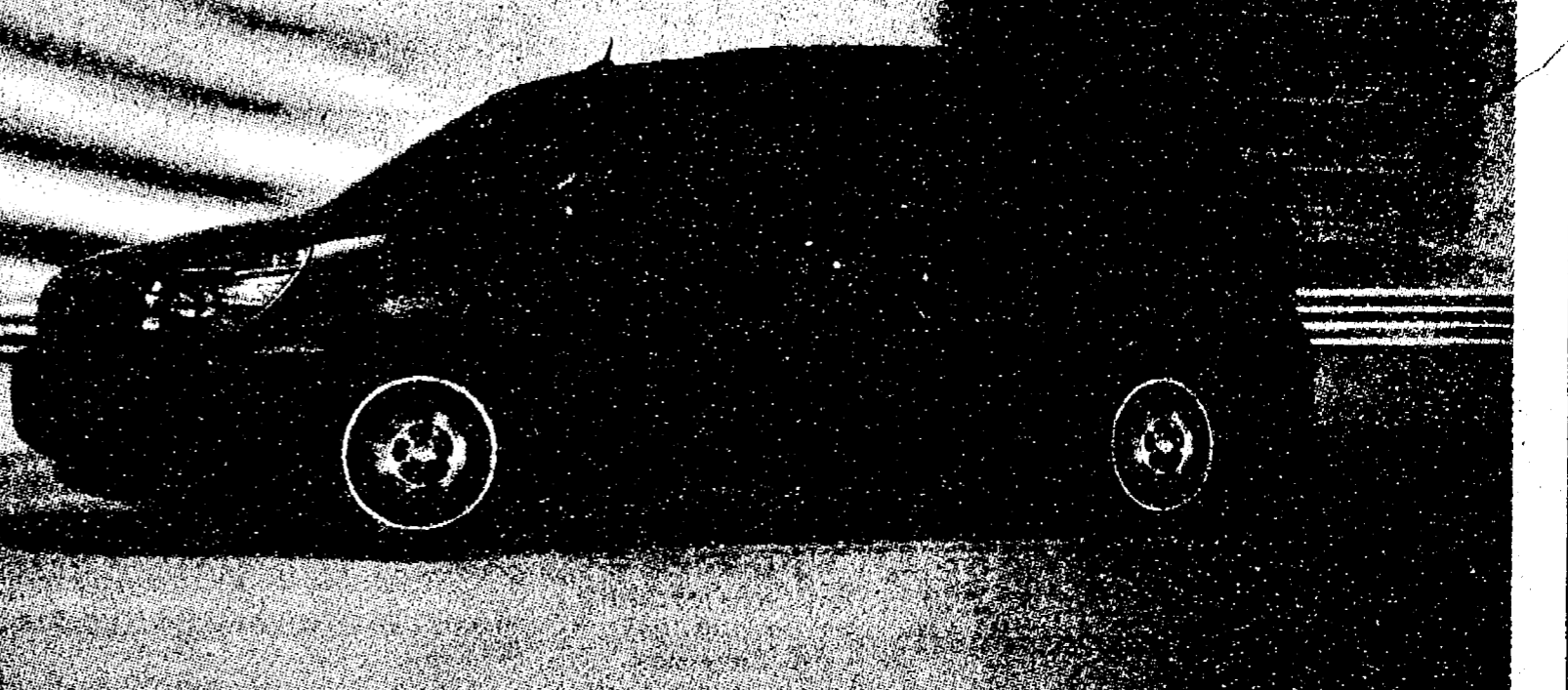


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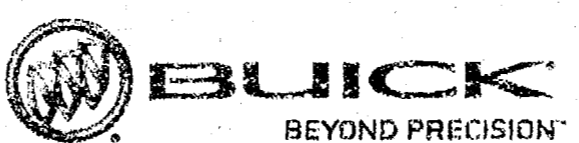
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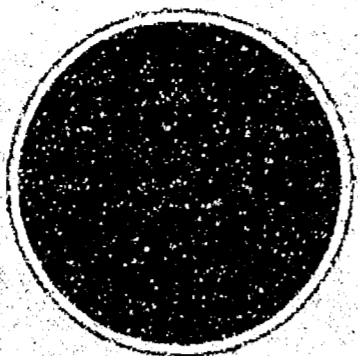
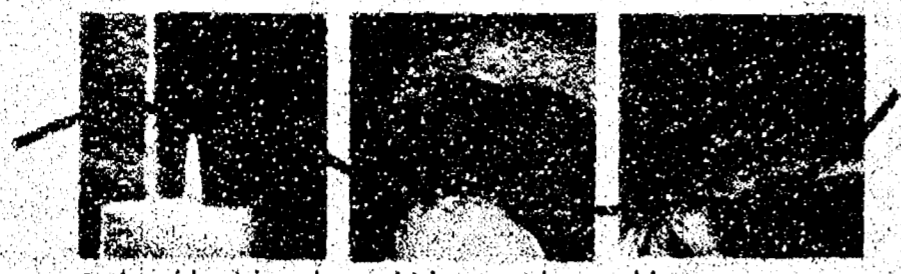


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Currently, three highly skilled and trained therapists work at Spa 131. Lori Saari is a massage therapist, currently working towards a Doctorate in Naturopathic medicine.

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Coming soon, Lori will offer all natural food based supplements. Denise Porter, Nationally Certified massage therapist state licensed, is currently

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Sara Lemere has recently joined the team, and is also a massage therapist and state licensed esthetician. She pays special attention to

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Spa 131 recently celebrated their Grand Opening, with a very special Open House. Many people toured the facility and enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and complimentary chair massage. A special drawing was held for a gift bag that included a hand made neck pillow, aromatherapy candle and a \$50 gift certificate for spa services.

Her Anti-Aging Facial is unique, in that vitamin C, vitamin E, marine collagen and elastin, as well as essential oils and botanicals, can be blended into the masques and serums used. Results can be seen and felt immediately. Denise is cur-

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## H2O Cleaners leading the pack when it comes to 'new technology'

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Silvia Chung and her husband, Kwang, have brought a new concept to their business, H2O Cleaners.

Gone is the old dry cleaners smell and in comes the newest concept in an age-old business, using ice cold water to get clothes clean.

"This new way to clean clothes interested Kwang and I," Chung said. "It was tough for me to change methods since I have been using the old method at my other cleaners, and it worked just fine. I really thought hard about this, and we thought it was time for a change."

H2O Cleaners, located at 1925 Vernier and on the corner of one of the Grosse Pointe Woods' busiest intersections.

"It's a great location and we're happy to open a business in such a wonderful city," Chung said. "So far business has been steady, and we think it will get busier since there is a lot of traffic that comes by the cleaners."

The name of the Chung's new business stems from water, H2O, and its ability to perfect the cleaning process.

The old way used temperatures as high as 130 degrees to clean clothes, but the "dry cleaning" smell stayed in the fabric.

In addition, wet cleaned clothes wrinkled slower.

Alas, the new water-based system keeps clothes softer, cleaner, and brighter for longer periods of time.

"We think this new concept of using cold water to make clothes softer will bring more customers into the business," Chung said. "We want to have the best way possible to clean clothes. I'm picky when it comes to cleaning my own clothes; so I am also picky about the way I clean my customers' clothes. I want what is best for them, and I want them to keep coming back."



Fresh water is used for each wash. In addition, the water temperature is around 40 degree Fahrenheit and is more friendly to the environment.

The new system eliminated chemicals and benefits people who have sensitive skin. In some cases, the dry cleaning chemicals would create itchy skin or a customer would break out in a rash due to enhanced skin sensitivity.

"Kwang and I really like this new way of cleaning clothes," Chung said. "The clothes are much more cleaner after going through

the cold water process than using the old way."

Even tough oil-based stains are removed. A good example is woman's perfume, which contains a lot of oil.

The deeply penetrated smell is very hard to be removed during the traditional way of dry cleaning, but this new cold water method eliminates the perfume odor as the oil is lifted and washed way from the fibers.

The traditional methods use "perc" as the solvent and it does not penetrate through the fiber all the way. So only the surface of garment is cleaned. The H2O with water actually penetrates the fiber all the way through and get's what is in between the fiber. This method eliminates the smell.

The soap used in this new process is also more gentle than its predecessor.

"This new way using the cold water is another step to help the environment," Chung said. "I was skeptical at first being in this dry cleaning business for so long, but I just want to offer my customers another method to get their clothes clean. The old method still works, but now we have two ways to clean garments."

The cold-water method is also beneficial for cleaning and preserving wedding and other formal dresses.

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The Chungs can be reached at H2O Cleaners at (313) 640-4426.

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# Dr. Rodriguez helps patients blend their inner and outer self

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Compassion, dedication, and commitment are three words that define Dr. Daniela Rodriguez.

The Grosse Pointe Shores resident was born and raised in the Metro Detroit area.

She received her BA from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and earned both her Master's Degree in Clinical Physiology and Medical Degree from the University of Health Sciences at Chicago Medical School.

She graduated at the top of her class and was inducted into the Alpha Honor Society. She was also nominated for the Women Surgeons Outstanding Resident Award.

"I have always had a passion of becoming a surgeon since I was a child," Rodriguez said.

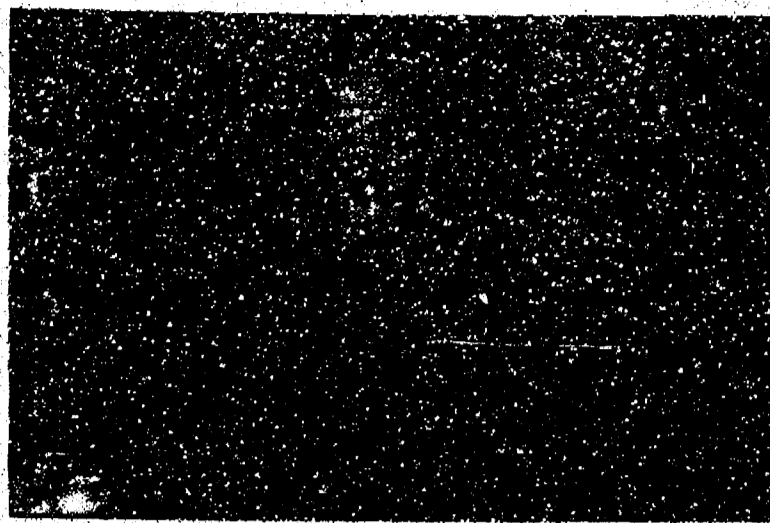
Rodriguez's father is a vascular surgeon, while her sisters are an ophthalmologist and dentist.

She began her intensive plastic surgical training in the five-year integrated plastic surgery program at the prestigious Montefiore Medical Center in New York City.

Her clinical research won awards at the New York Regional Plastic Surgery Meeting at the New York

The New York Society for the

Surgery of the Hand, the National Senior Residents Conference at Brown University in Providence, RI, and the American Society of Peripheral Nerve Meeting in San Diego.



Dr. Daniela Rodriguez, above, works a vigorous schedule that helps her patients feel better about their outer-self, as well as their inner-self. Photo by Chuck Yeager

Rodriguez has been published in the American Society of Plastic Surgery Journal and the Journal of Reconstructive Microsurgery.

Patients of all ages feel at ease when they are seen by Dr.



Rodriguez. She listens to the patient, formulates a game plan and executes it with precision.

"I perform surgery on men and women who are seeking facial and body cosmetic surgery, as well as children and senior citizens who may need to have a reconstructive procedure," Rodriguez said.

If a woman chooses to have reconstructive surgery after a mastectomy, Dr. Rodriguez is ready to help and "make the patient feel good about their outer, as well as inner self."

In addition, cosmetic surgery, such as facelifts and eyelifts for facial rejuvenation and liposuction and breast enhancement for body resculpting, are popular procedures.

Some of the non-surgical facial rejuvenation procedures

Rodriguez performs are facial injectables done in the office such as Restylane, a dermal filler that restores volume and fullness to the skin to correct moderate to severe facial wrinkles and folds and Botox Cosmetic, in which low doses of Botox are injected that temporarily

improves the appearance of moderate to severe frown lines in people aged 18 to 65.

"My patients are comfortable coming into my office and discussing their concerns about their appearance with me," Rodriguez said. "I am here to help, and that is what I have spent a lot of years in school and several years of training to do to the best of my ability. I truly believe in 'enhancing the natural you' and as a result, all my surgery is very natural looking."

She is certified by the

American Board of Plastic Surgery; is a member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons; and the American Medical Association and Michigan State Medical Society.

Dr. Rodriguez performs all facial and body cosmetic procedures, as well as reconstructive surgery. She has staff privileges at Bon Secours/Cottage Hospital, St. John Hospital and Medical Center, St. John Macomb Hospital, and Beaumont Hospital in Troy.

In addition to being one of the

Metro Detroit area's most talented doctors, she can speak fluent French and Spanish.

"I have had the opportunity to speak French with a patient who is waiting to have surgery, and it really puts the patient at ease, communicating in their fluent language when the stress level is high," Rodriguez said.

Dr. Rodriguez can be reached at (586) 777-7260, and her office is located at 21727 Mack Avenue, which is between 8 and 9 Mile roads, in St. Clair Shores.

# Your Sous Chef: A new concept in meal preparation

Sue Zaglaniczny and Gail Garbarino are the "Sous" of Your Sous Chef, a new concept in personalized cuisine that opens next month in St. Clair Shores.

Zaglaniczny and her partner, Gail Garbarino, aim to make it easier than ever before for families to gather around the dinner table "all at once, all together" for fresh, healthy, home-made family dinners.

"We do the work so that busy parents can return to the old-fashioned concept of the family dinner,"

Zaglaniczny said. "We aim to get the parents and children back around the dinner table together at the same time. Without the time-consuming aspect of dinner preparation, parents can have more time for helping kids with homework, for attending their kid's sports events, watching a movie together, or whatever they wish."

Your Sous Chef opens next month in a new 1,500-square-foot store at 22314 Harper in St. Clair Shores.

"It is a meal preparation

business," Zaglaniczny said. "We call our concept personalized cuisine, it's the only business of this kind that I know of on this side of town."

"A client will be able to go online, select and order either five or 10 entrees that each feed four to six people," she said. "Entrees may be split in half for singles, couples or single-parent households for a small additional charge in order to cover the cost of the containers."

"We do the planning and the shopping. We prep the ingredients and provide the

packaging. The client comes to our store, listens to a short talk about preparing food safely, puts on an apron and assembles his or her own orders. Within two hours, she will have the personal satisfaction of preparing 10 meals, packaging them, labeling them and taking them home in her own cooler. All entrees are freezable.

"We will have 10 stations in our new place — 10 kitchens. We'll be able to handle 10 people at a time."

"Menus and entrees will

change monthly," she said. "We'll offer choices with or without meat, some fish, some chicken, beef and vegetarian selections as well as items designed to appeal to children: macaroni and cheese, for example."

"The month of March marks the beginning of Lent and also includes St. Patrick's Day, so we'll have some fish and non-meat selections and a Rueben-type casserole on our menu list," she said. "In April, we'll offer a brunch strata suitable for Easter morning."

Prices will be reasonable: five entrees cost \$130. Each entree serves up to six people, so the cost per serving is about \$4.33. Ten entrees cost \$200, which brings the per-serving price down to \$3.33.

"You can't beat those prices," Zaglaniczny said, "and you will have had a hand in preparation, the meals are ready to put in the oven, and the whole family can sit down together for a home-cooked dinner together."

Your Sous Chef will also offer take-out lunch items: homemade soups and paninis. About six chairs will be available for those who choose to eat their lunch at the store counter.

"Your Sous Chef's appeal," she said, "will be its use of fresh ingredients and a meal that is made to order, prepared by the client, packaged and ready to heat in your home oven. Menus can also be customized for individual family tastes. If your family loves broccoli and hates onions, for example, when you assemble a quiche for them, you can add more broccoli and decrease the onions."

Zaglaniczny is the head chef at Your Sous Chef. She has been cooking since her

pre-teens. She earned an associates, degree from the Macomb Community College Culinary Arts program and has attended the United States Personal Chef Institute. She has worked in several restaurants and as a personal chef in clients' homes.

Garbarino grew up in a family where everyone loved to cook. She's dubbed "Chef Mom" and is responsible for putting the home-made, family-style feeling into Your Sous Chef.

Working together with their combined skill and talents, they bring to you "Your Sous Chef", where you become the CHEF!

Your Sous Chef also plans to offer a daily entree, called prep of the day, which can be ordered on line and picked up later. Items such as fresh-baked bread, salads and fresh baked cookies will also be available in the store to help clients round out their dinner menus.

For those who don't want to assemble their selections, Your Sous Chef will do it for them for an additional charge.

Assembly sessions in the store's 10 kitchens will be offered from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays; from 9 to 11 a.m., from 1 to 3 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 12 noon to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Your Sous Chef plans an open house in March with a variety of entrees available for taste-testing by prospective clients.

The business also offers catering, culinary classes, private prep sessions and gift certificates. For more details about Your Sous Chef, go to [www.yoursouschef.biz](http://www.yoursouschef.biz) or call (586) 777-CHEF (2433).

# Nitsa's Interiors: The Best-Kept Secret on the Eastside

## A Fabulous "Lifestyle Design Studio"

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Customers at Nitsa's Interiors are greeted with a friendly smile and old-fashioned customer service.

come and a warm cup of coffee as they browse through our studio."

There is a lot to look at inside Nitsa's Interiors. "We carry everything for any style of living, including fab-

the opinion is always from the heart.

"We want our customers to come into the studio and feel comfortable about making a purchase that is going to make their home more attractive," Denise said. "It could be a new sofa, a new window treatment, or even some unique little accessory that is a finishing touch to a home."

Nitsa's Interiors started as a drapery studio 40 years ago, but has blossomed into a complete "Lifestyle Design Studio."

Customers can purchase paintings, crystal candle sticks, or even a delicate chess set to accentuate a den or living room.

In addition, Nitsa's sells upholster slip covering, electronic remote control rods and blinds, bedroom ensembles, furniture, home accessories, lighting, blinds, shades and shutters, table dressings, drapery hardware, wallpaper, home theater designs, carpet, custom area rugs and much more.

"We offer customers an array of items for your home, office or even your boat," Denise said. "We're here for everyone who walks through our doors. It doesn't matter what style or size your home is because we have furniture and accessories for everyone's decor."

Nitsa's Interiors offers hundreds of fabrics in a variety of colors for furniture, drapes, or any other need.

For window treatments, customers can chose blinds from Hunter Douglas, custom draperies, roman shades, valances, cornice boards and more, and for wall art a customer can select from styles such as Sid Dickens Tiles, oil paintings, print art and custom murals.

Nitsa's offers Kravet Couture, Highland Court,

Lee Jofa, Schumacher, Brunschwig & Fils, Jim Thompson and several other upholstery, fabric and trim lines.

Floor coverings available include; carpet, tile (ceramic and porcelain), stone (granite and marble), hardwood, custom carpet and dozens of area rugs.

Nitsa's Interiors offers wallpaper, custom paint finishes (faux finishes) and wall upholstery.

Home furnishings such as Hendredon, Hooker (Seven Seas), Maitland Smith, Century, Bernhardt and Bassett are also available.

Nitsa's Interiors has items for all styles from contempo-

rary to traditional.

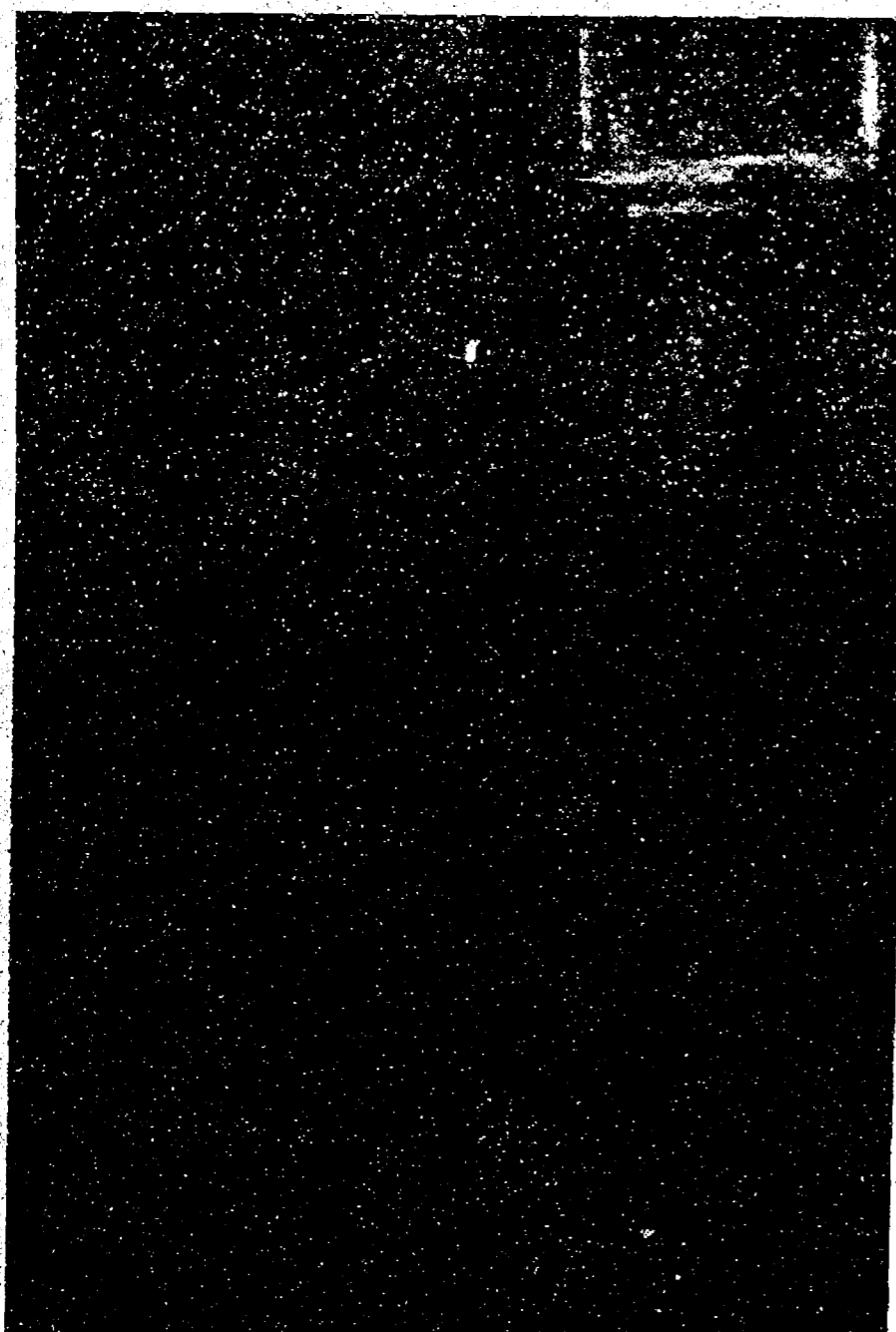
The studio also carries unique items for children as well.

"We don't want to exclude anyone because the entire family is important, not just mom and dad," Denise said.

Denise concluded, "Our staff of professionals and interior designers, with their talents and expertise,

quality home decor and services from a studio that has phenomenal award-winning designs. Our goal is to make certain our clients are completely satisfied generation after generation. We love what we do and we hope our clients feel our passion."

"We want to extend an invitation to anyone looking for unique items for their home to visit our studio," Denise added. "Nitsa's wishes to welcome you to the 'Lifestyle Concept of Classic Design.'"



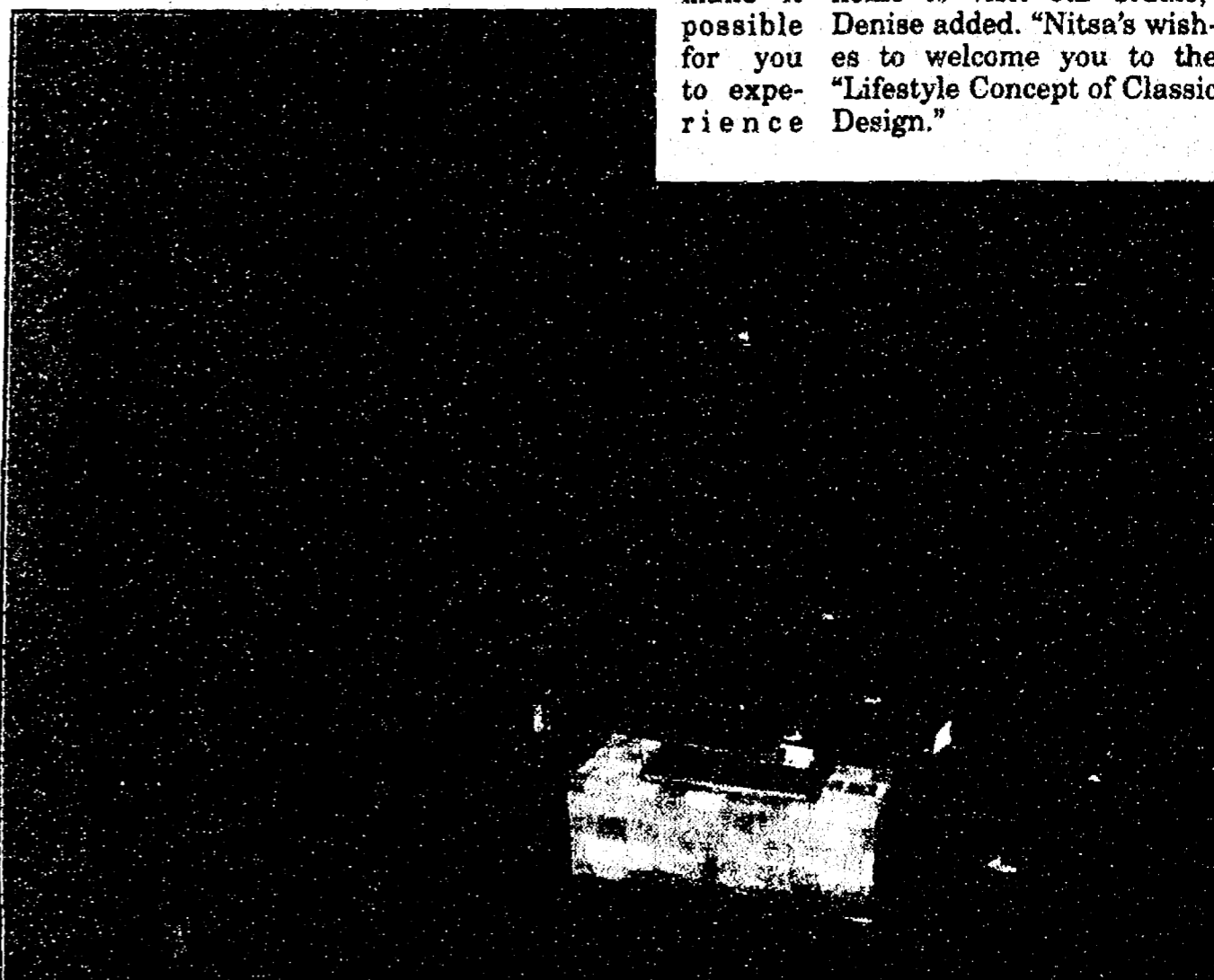
Denise Tzavellas

The business, established in 1967, is located at 28983 Little Mack in St. Clair Shores, and is owned by Denise Tzavellas, 47, and her brother, Nicholas Avouris, 44.

"We're proud to be second generation owners of Nitsa's," Denise said. "This store means a lot to us, and we treat each and every customer as if they are family. We give them a warm wel-

rics, accessories and furniture," Denise said. "We're the largest selection of this kind on the east side, and we offer a wide array of accessories for a variety of lifestyles."

Nitsa's employees have the same passion for home decor as Denise and Nicholas. They offer a professional opinion on any kind of decorative motif a customer has in mind, and



# Nancy Carol of Grosse Pointe-the place to purchase beads

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Nancy Kujawski's Nancy Carol of Grosse Pointe bead store is one of a kind in the Grosse Pointes.

Whether it is sterling silver, crystal or even pearls, Nancy Carol of Grosse Pointe has it in stock. Kujawski, of Grosse Pointe Park, took a 180-degree career change when she gave up on her job as a registered nurse and became a business owner.

"I was always stressed out working as a nurse, but I really loved my job," Kujawski said. "It was very satisfying to see my patients leave healthy after being sick and in need of care."

Her life took an unexpected turn when her mother became ill. To calm her nerves during hospital visits, she worked on beading projects.

"Working with the beads calmed me down, and I used it to relieve my stress level," she said. "I thought it would be interesting to open my own bead store; so I began doing my homework and here I am."

She spent many nights and weekends visiting bead stores throughout the state to get ideas how to run her store and what inventory to purchase.

"There was a lot of steps I had to go through, but it has all panned out," Kujawski said.

On Dec. 10, 2005, she officially opened Nancy Carol of Grosse Pointe, located at 19605 Mack, in Grosse Pointe Woods. The business is named in honor of Kujawski's mother.

It is in the same block with Little Caesar's Pizza and Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches.

The store is loaded with beads of every imaginable shape, size and color.

Kujawski runs the store

with her boyfriend Lloyd Praedel, who is a former police officer.

"Lloyd is a lot of help, and the two of us make a great team," Kujawski said.

So far business has been crisp. Customers of all ages stroll through the store, buying beads from around the world.

She has also added certified teachers to her business, who instruct students how to make Russian Spiral necklaces (Connie Buydens is the instructor), along with a variety of bracelets and earrings.

The other teachers are Karyl Gattino, Mary Ficarra, and Diane Spratt.

"I have some super instructors who love what they do, and they really take their time when it comes to teaching each and every student how to make an item to their liking," Kujawski said. "Each item is special to a customer."

Classes run in the evenings and on weekends to accommodate customers' busy schedules.

"We have classes in the days so people can come in during the day, and in the evening for those people who work and can't make it until 6 or 7 at night," she said.

Nancy Carol of Grosse Pointe also offers Saturday classes. Each class costs \$20, plus an additional \$5 for materials. Material fees differ from class to class. Check with Kujawski before enrolling.

Customers were quick to make loved ones bracelets, necklaces and matching earrings for Valentine's Day gifts, Kujawski said, adding these items make good birthday gifts.

"We have a lot of men and women who come into our store looking for something little to give as a gift, and we have just what they're looking for," she said. "We have beads that fit any color or

style of outfit and our prices are very reasonable."

Children are also welcome. Kujawski has set up a small table for kids to make something with beads while their parents work on a project at the main table.

"I like when children come into the store," she said. "They're very interested in all

of the colors and shapes of beads, and that is great that they're so interested. Children are always welcome."

Nancy Carol of Grosse Pointe also sells tools to make items at home.

"We offer a full range of tools so my customers can make anything they want in

the comfort of their own home," she said. "They can come in and make the jewelry in a class if they feel more comfortable. We're here to help and give advice."

Kujawski also fixes jewelry and most of the time while the person waits.

"I understand how fragile older jewelry can be, and I

feel it's important for me to show a lot of interest in anyone's jewelry," she said. "Each piece of jewelry holds someone's interest, and I'm honored to have the chance to fix something that a person holds dear to their heart."

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## Uznis Physical Therapy brings a women's touch to health care

In 1980, Mary Ann Uznis became the first female physical therapist in Michigan to open a private practice. She began in a small suite in a building at the corner of Radnor and East Warren as a solo practitioner. Now, twenty-six years later, her facility has expanded into six suites in that same building, utilizing 3500 square feet of space.

A staff of 14 women is devoted to helping people of all ages, both male and female, to find relief from pain and a return to function. The physical therapists at Uznis are well equipped to see a variety of diagnoses from stroke to arthritic conditions and sports injuries. Besides having degrees in physical therapy and Michigan licensure, all therapists at Uznis Physical Therapy are required to stay current in the latest treatments for orthopedic and neurological disorders. Therapists attend continuing education courses and professional conferences throughout the year. Some have special interests in sports medicine, geriatrics, pediatrics, pregnancy-related conditions and balance disorders.

Not only are all the staff members women at Uznis Physical Therapy, but there are two pairs of mothers and daughters, including Uznis and her daughter, Gretchen Uznis Carron, D.P.T., working at the facility.

Uznis and her staff pride themselves on the individual attention they give each patient. "Sometimes new patients are reluctant to start physical therapy because they are in a lot of pain and they don't know what to expect," explains Carron, "but the staff puts them at ease and they quickly

ly meet other patients in the same boat. Patients encourage each other and there is real camaraderie in our gym."

Since patients are assigned to the same therapist throughout the duration of their therapy, the therapist gets to know them and what treatment techniques will meet their individual needs. "Every patient is unique," Uznis said. "For example, everyone's back problem is different. One set of back exercises might help one patient but not another. You must evaluate each patient's situation and develop a plan that will work for him or her."

Uznis points out that there are not many weight machines in the bright and cheerful facility. She notes that most weight machines are designed to accommodate a 6'0" man, therefore unsuitable for many women and children. Therapists utilize free weights, medicine balls, resistance bands and tubing, balance boards, fitness balls and stability trainers. The emphasis is on functional exercise that is individualized to each patient's condition.

"By devising a rehab program of exercises using free weights and bands, patients are able to follow through with the therapy at home," Uznis explained. Therapists also take the time to educate their patients about their particular condition and ways to progress exercise programs after discharge from therapy. "By educating our patients, we promote independence and encourage them to take responsibility for their health care," said Uznis.

In addition to patient care in the clinic, the therapists at Uznis Physical Therapy

community in a variety of ways. They have conducted strengthening, stretching and balance clinics at area golf clubs, and screening for fall risk and balance deficits through Services for Older Citizens. Therapists have been invited to appear as guest lecturers for local garden clubs and on the local cable station. Uznis Physical Therapy has sponsored athletic teams for children and adults in a variety of sports over the years and Uznis therapists were on site providing first-aid during the Women's National Tennis Championship.

The State of Michigan requires a doctor's referral for physical therapy, but patients are free to go to any facility for treatment. Many people are not aware of this and may end up in a program that doesn't work for them personally. "It is important for people to know that they have a choice," Uznis stressed. "If you find a therapist that you like, your recovery will be enhanced."

Uznis Physical Therapy is a federal and state approved rehabilitation agency participating in Blue Cross, Medicare, and most private insurances. The clinic is located near 7 Mile and Mack Avenues on the east side of Detroit. There is convenient and ample parking next to the facility. Uznis Physical Therapy is able to accommodate the needs of both students and working patients by scheduling appointments between 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Some acute conditions need to be seen as soon as possible. In those circumstances, Uznis Physical Therapy makes every effort to schedule an initial evaluation and treatment within 24 hours.

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## Comfortably Yours makes women feel comfortable physically and emotionally

Comfortably Yours owner Artie Gutzman wants women to feel good about how they look and feel about themselves.

Her calm demeanor immediately puts one at ease while talking about intimate female topics, such as breast prostheses, bra sizes and hot flashes, so it's no wonder that women feel comfortable in her shop.

Almost 15 years ago, Artie Gutzman and her late partner, Gail Klein were working together at Bon Secours Hospital - Artie was an X-ray technician and Gail was a nurse - when they realized that there was no place on the eastside where breast cancer patients could get fitted for a prosthesis and a bra; so they decided to open Comfortably Yours to fulfill that need.

"We wanted the shop to be a place where a cancer patient wouldn't feel stressed in a very stressful time in her life," Gutzman said.

Gutzman and seven of her employees are certified in fitting women with breast prostheses, and they are up-to-date with the latest advances in the field.

"I am really excited about two new products coming in April," Gutzman said. "One has a backing which can be refrigerated and then placed next to a woman's skin to keep her cool, and the other is a computer scanning device that can create a prosthesis that is a mirror image of the woman's remaining breast."

Unlike a doctor's office or other fitting services, a woman doesn't need to make an appointment at Comfortably Yours because there is a fitter in the shop at all times.

"I wanted to make this experience to be more like a shopping experience rather than a medical experience," Gutzman said.

Comfortably Yours also helps cancer patients who

are facing hair loss due to chemotherapy. It carries a large selection of stylish hats, turbans and scarves.

It has a private room where a woman can try on all kinds of wigs at her leisure. The choices of styles, length and colors are virtually unlimited. If she doesn't see one in the shop, she can browse through one of the numerous catalogues available. Wigs can also be custom ordered to a woman's exact preferences.

Best of all, Comfortably Yours can give a woman battling cancer with moral support.

"Some of my fitters have had breast cancer, so our customers are helped by people who are well informed and sympathetic," Gutzman said. "Customers can discuss their concerns with someone who has been there."

Comfortably Yours also has two seamstresses who can alter virtually any garment to make a woman feel attractive and comfortable while wearing it.

"Many times we are able to sew a pocket for prosthesis into a bra or swimsuit that a woman already owns," Gutzman said. "Don't throw it out; bring it in and see what we can do."

One of the seamstresses can even custom make swimsuits.

"If a customer has a swimsuit which she loves yet can no longer find, our seamstress can make a duplicate for her," Gutzman states.

While the shop was originally started to help breast cancer patients, Comfortably Yours has intimate apparel for every woman.

The shop has hundreds of bras in every size, ranging for 32AA to 56H, so any woman can find the perfectly fitting bra. It also carries maternity and nursing bras.

Comfortably Yours fitters will even take a woman's measurement to find the

perfectly fitting bra.

"Like with clothing, the actual measurements of a particular bra size vary from manufacturer to manufacturer," Gutzman said.

For large-busted women, Comfortably Yours has bras in hard-to-find styles and colors.

"Women that wear full cup bras can't find pretty bras

because many manufacturers only produce larger bras in white," Gutzman explained.

While Comfortably Yours was named the "Best Bra Fitter for 2003" by the Detroit Free Press, it offers more than just bras to woman. It has swimsuits, beaded jewelry, handbags and pajamas, just to name a

few items in the shop.

Women who are experiencing hot flashes and night sweats will be able to find in the shop pajamas which make them more comfortable sleeping at night. These pajamas wick away perspiration to keep a woman cool, yet quickly dries to keep her warm.

As a community service,

Gutzman keeps a bank of donated prosthesis and wigs which she gives to people who do not have insurance. She also donates bras, which she has removed from her inventory, to women shelters.

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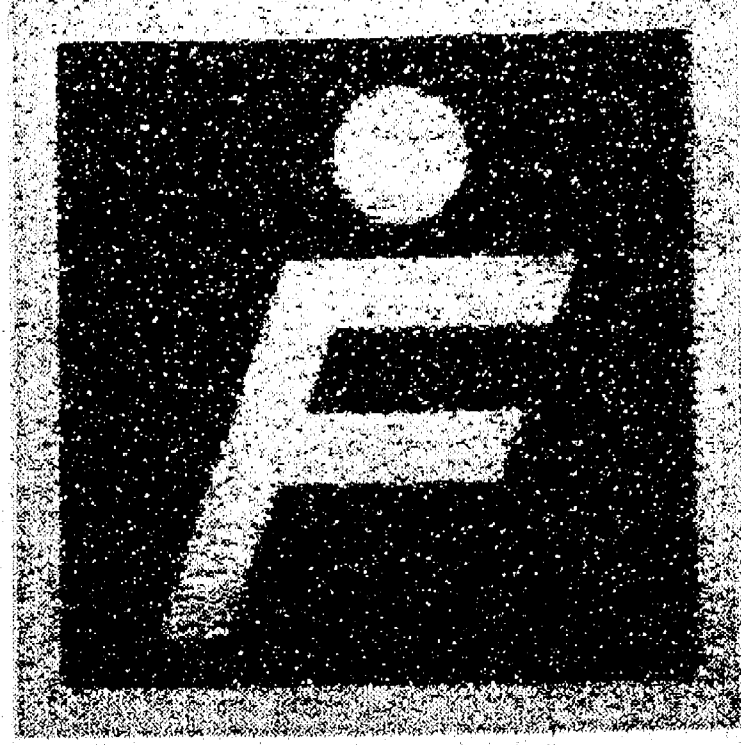
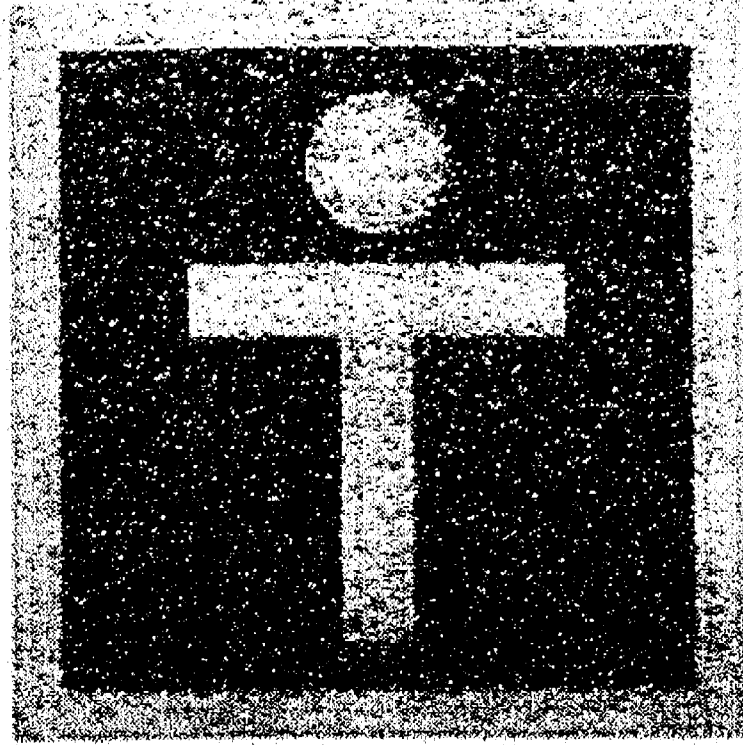
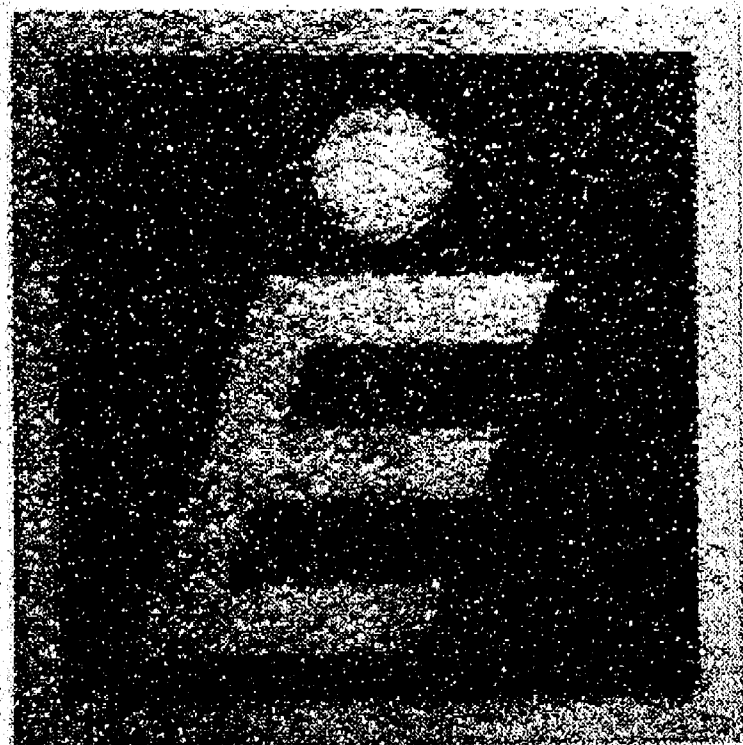
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# Removing rock-hard glazing can be tough

**Q.** Mr. Hardware, I am hoping to turn an old window sash into a nifty way to display a family photo. I am able to strip off the old paint, better now that I read your column, but how can I remove the old glazing? The stuff is hard as a rock but some of it is missing and I want to remove all of it. I could certainly use a tip or two on how to remove the old glazing without damaging the sash or the glass.

— Joanne, via e-mail.

**A.** Joanne, you picked a tough job trying to remove old glazing without breaking the glass in a window sash.

Heat softens the glazing so that it is easier to remove. Enough heat and the old putty will become as soft as new.

The key to saving the glass is to heat the putty evenly, not just one area. If one area of glass gets hot it will expand more than the rest of the glass. This can cause the glass to crack or even explode. Thus the need for eye protection, a particle mask, leather gloves, medical insurance and a will.

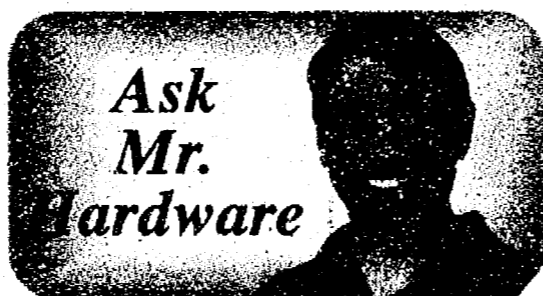
Some tools used to soften glazing are a heat gun, glazing iron or a propane torch. Some heat guns have deflector plates that direct heat off the nozzle. This allows you to heat the glazing and minimize the heat against the glass.

Besides a source of heat, you will need a good stiff putty knife, a sharp wood chisel, leather gloves and eye protection.

Do you have any experience with a propane torch? Set the flame low and heat the glazing evenly. Try to direct the flame directly against the glazing so contact with the glass is minimized. Heat the glazing several times on each rail and then rotate to the next rail.

Be patient and slowly heat the glazing all around the glass. As you are doing this, the paint will melt and even burn. Take precaution not to breath in any of these fumes due to the unknown origin of the paint.

Once the glazing is warm enough it should be easy to remove with a sharp chisel or stiff putty knife.



**Ask  
Mr.  
Hardware**

*By Blair Gilbert  
Gilbert's Pro Hardware*

A quicker approach is to forget about saving the glass. Use the sharp wood chisel and a small hammer and chip out the glazing. Not always, but sometimes the glazing comes out in big chunks. There is still the danger of getting cut from the glass so the gloves and the eye protection are still mandatory.

Once the glazing is sufficiently removed, prime the area with a thin coat of primer or linseed oil. New glazing will bond to the sealed surface better than against dry wood. This is especially important to those of you doing this job for a window subject to weather.

Good luck and be careful, glass is very sharp!

*Send your questions to: Mr. Hardware c/o Gilbert's Pro Hardware at 21912 Harper in St. Clair Shores 48080; call (586) 776-9532, e-mail staff@mrhardware.com, or visit www.mrhardware.com to view past columns.*



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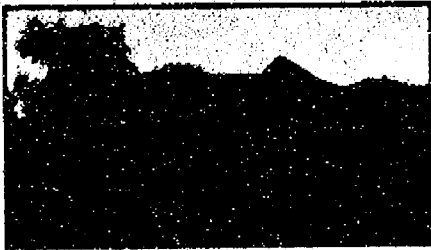
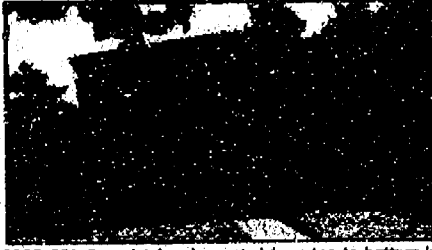

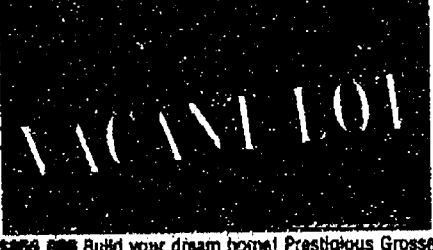

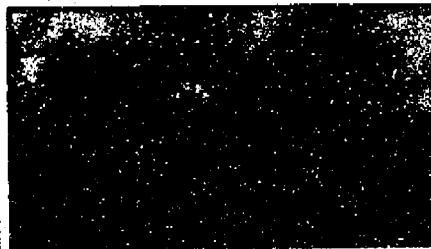
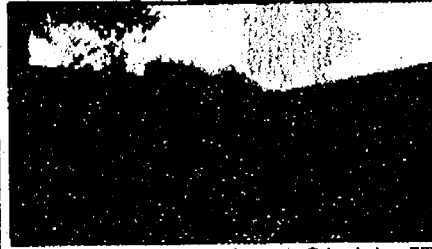



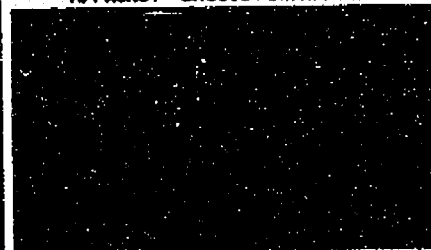
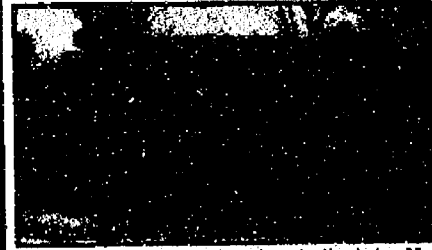
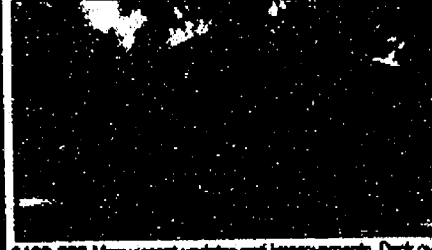




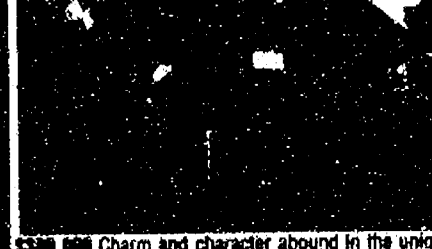



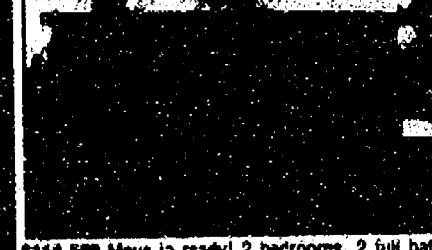



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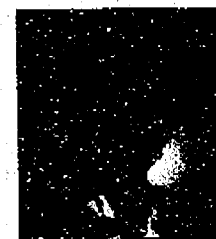


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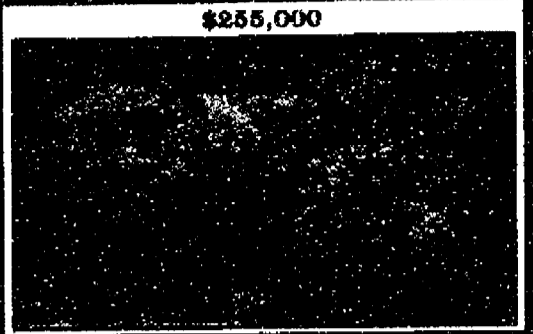
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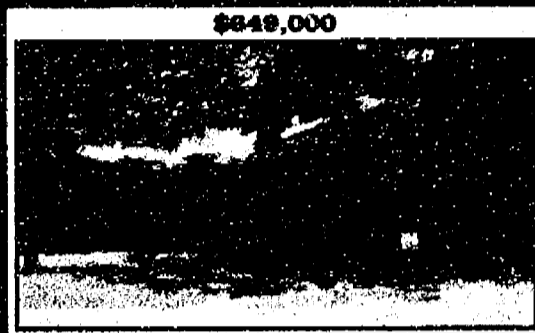
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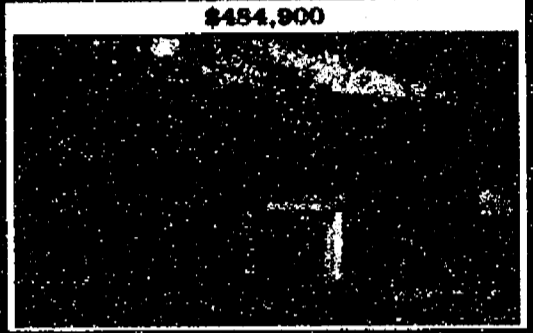
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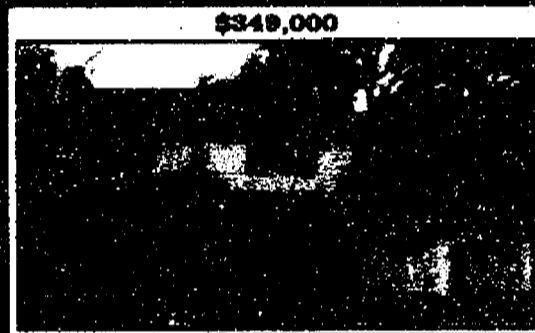
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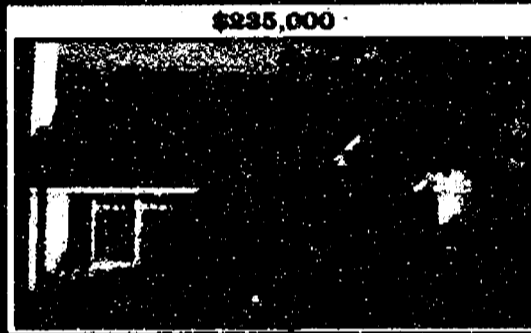
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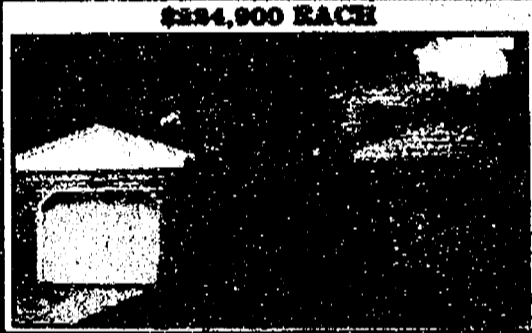
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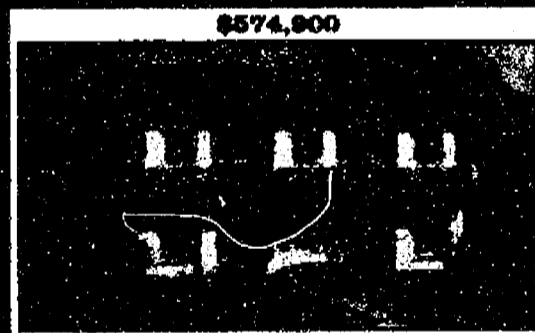
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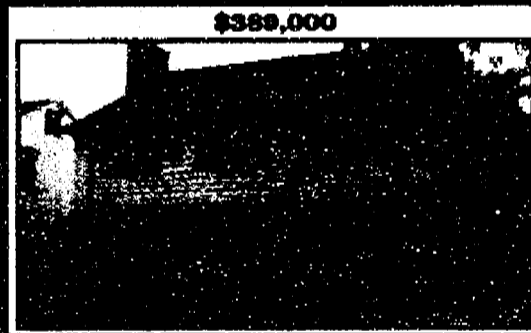
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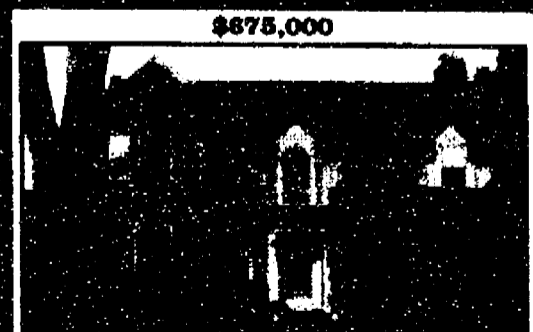
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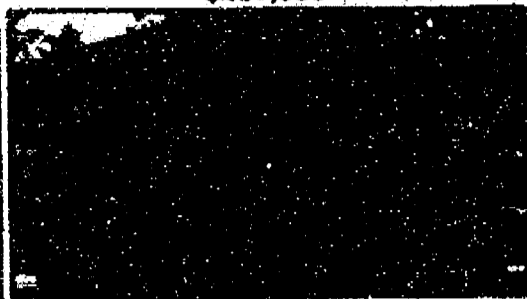
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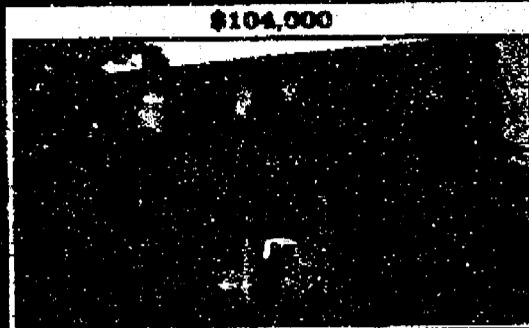
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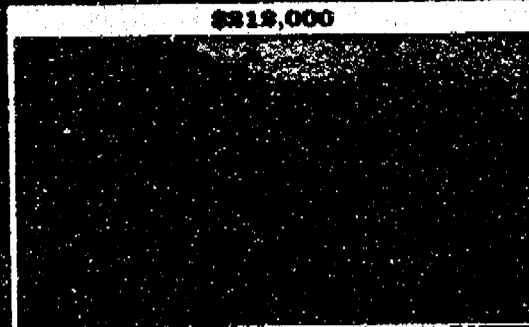
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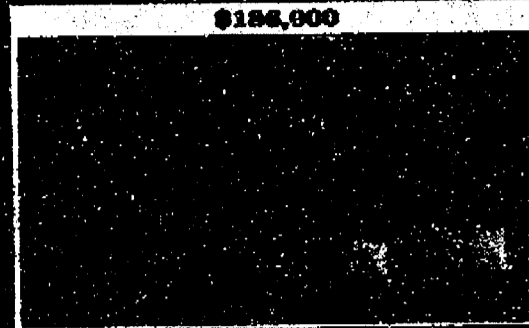
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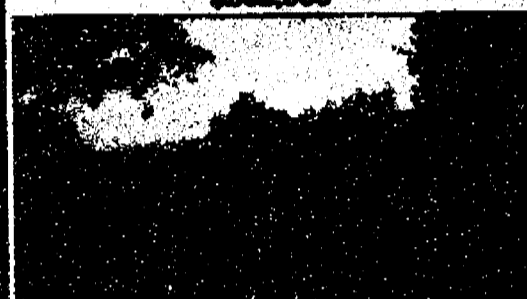
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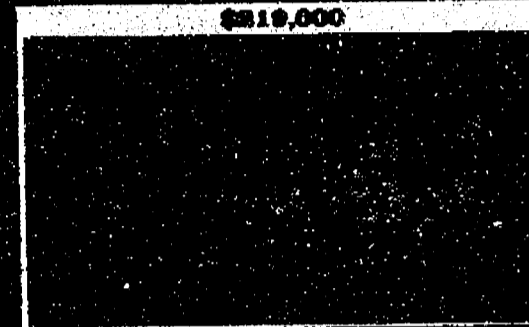
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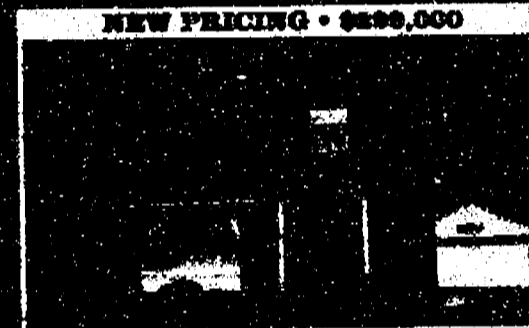
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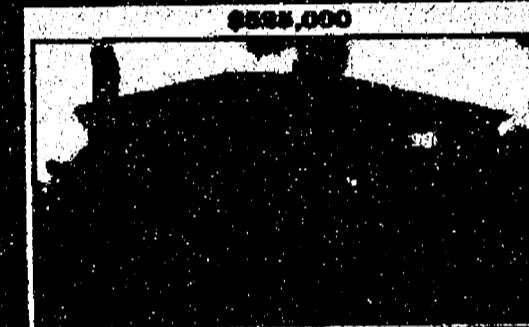
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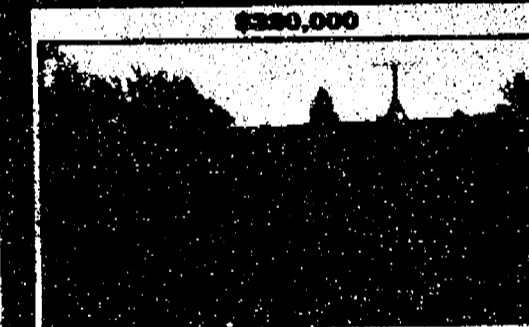
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# Lightning rods and lightning rod balls

By Rick Swanquist

As an avid collector of antique tools and farm equipment, a few years ago I came across a lightning rod at an antique's store north of Port Huron. I was fascinated by the beautiful color of the ruby red ball, directional arrow and copper lightning rod. Once I purchased it, the search was on to learn more about these beautiful and functional antiques that adorned homes and barns alike.

Primarily used in the Midwest and Plains states during the 19th century, lightning rods became a symbol of American ingenuity. Originally invented — but never patented — by Benjamin Franklin in his quest to explore electricity, lightning rods were attached to the roofs of homes and barns. A grounding wire was run from the rods into the ground. When lightning struck the rods, the electricity would be carried through the grounding wire into the ground, thus preventing damage to the structure.

Ornamental glass balls often embellished the rods and served three purposes:

The first purpose, if the rod was struck by lightning, the glass would shatter, letting the owner know which rod was struck and to check the grounding wire.

The second purpose was purely decorative. Manufacturers of lightning rods and balls produced a variety of balls in various shapes and colors, along with directional arrows, some of which had animals on them or the name of the manufacturer. These are now highly sought after collec-

tor's items.

The third purpose was target practice for bored kids. I have some lightning rod balls that bear the scars of kids who knew how to aim. This activity has also limited the amount of lightning rod balls available, which has

added to their value.

Although we still see many barns that have lightning rods on them, most of the ones purchased in antique stores are purely for decorative purposes. We use some of my collection in the garden, atop our shed, in our family room

and in our large bay window. The ornamental glass balls look majestic when the sun shines through them.

Some of my collection will be on display at the War Memorial Home and Garden Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 1.

## Collecting the fashionable pocket watch

By Anita Gold

**Q.** I have always been fascinated by an old pocket watch given to me by my grandfather. I was wondering who invented the pocket watch?

— Charles McDougal of Austin, Texas.

**A.** The pocket watch was invented by Peter Henlein in Nuremberg, Germany in the year 1504. The case and movement are the two main parts to a watch. A watch is defined as a small portable clock. The first wristwatch was made in 1850.

Before the 1920s it was fashionable to keep a watch in one's pocket or purse. Another interesting fact is early watches had only an hour hand.

A marvelous book I would recommend on old watches is called "100 years of Vintage Watches, 2nd edition" by Dean Judy. It is a softcover book with 256 pages and 1,000 color photos. The book features wristwatches and pocket watches from 1870 to 1970, the most popular period for watch collectors. The listings have detailed information and accurate pricing information to help readers identi-

fy and value their watch collections. Many famous Swiss and American watchmakers are covered.

To order this book, call Krause Publications at (800) 258-0929 toll-free and reference item No. VWAT2. The price is \$24.99. You will love it.

**Q.** I used to love playing with marbles for hours at a time when I was a kid. I saved some of these old marbles and would like to know more about them. What can you tell me?

— Sherman Winters, Los Angeles.

**A.** Marbles have been around for thousands of years. Marble games are very popular in many countries around the world. These small hard balls are made from many materials such as wood, glass, stone or clay but glass remains the most popular. A large variety of patterns and colors are used within the glass.

A wonderful book on antique marbles is called "Collecting Antique Marbles Identification and Price Guide, 4th edition" by Paul Baumann. This softcover book has 208 pages with more than 1,200 color photos. Providing collecting tips and advice, the book also has a history of marble types and manufacturers and important information on spotting fakes and reproductions.

This is a great book for any marble collector.

To order, call Krause Publications at (800) 258-0929 toll free and reference item No. CAM4. The price is \$24.99. I would not be losing my marbles when I say this book will invoke childhood memories and that of a

simpler time.

### Anita Gold's last column

Valued readers: After more than 30 years of writing my antiques column, I have decided to call it quits and retire. While living in the great city of Chicago, I became fascinated with antiques back in the 1970s. Shortly after, I began writing a column for the Chicago Tribune and later for the Knight Ridder Newspapers. For the past few years I have been providing my column to various newspapers across the country.

The question and answer format has helped readers locate antiques and collectibles, including their authenticity, value and restoration. The column has emphasized thoroughly researched answers with names of experts who specialized in the topic, books or companies involved.

I hope I've enriched your lives in the fascinating world of antiques and collectibles. Thanks to all my readers and to all the great people and companies that have supported my column through the years. I hope you have enjoyed my column as much as I have enjoyed serving you.

I realize that it is not possible to thank everyone by name. However, I wanted to give special thanks to two very fine book companies that have helped me provide a valuable service by allowing me to promote their fine books on antiques and collectibles. They are Krause Publications located in Iola, Wis., and Collector Books located in Paducah, Ky.

Good luck always in all your antiquing endeavors.



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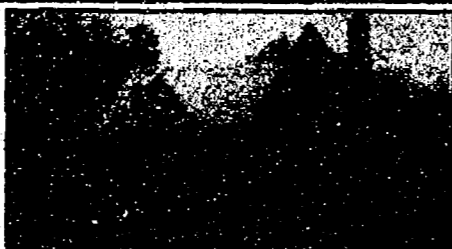
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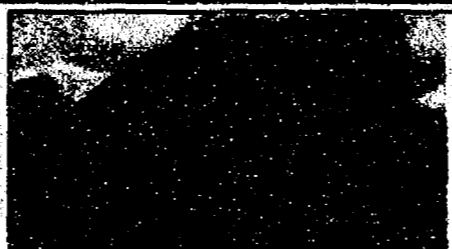
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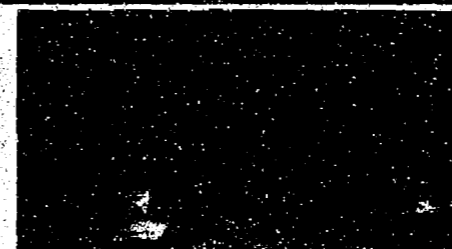
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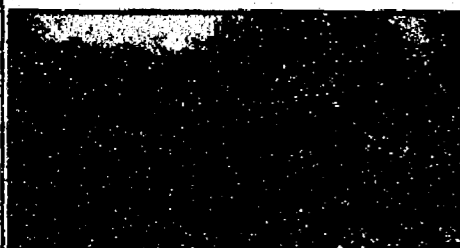
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Spacious home with an outstanding open floor concept including a great room with skylights and Pergo floors. Updated kitchen with Corian countertops and JennAir appliances. Private Jacuzzi room, cozy den and more!  
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**GROSSE POINTE PARK Beautiful**  
Beautiful detail throughout. Newer kitchen with granite counters, cherry cabinets, hardwood floors. Newer windows, roof. Master bedroom with fireplace. Lovely lot and location. Terrific landscaping, double staircase.  
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**GROSSE POINTE PARK Wonderful**  
Beautiful five bedroom with stunning plaster and leaded glass details. Terrific updates including copper plumbing, dimensional shingle roof, 200 AMP service, central air, more. Three fireplaces, huge rooms, great floor plan.  
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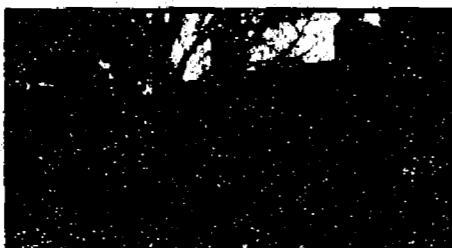
**GROSSE POINTE Outstanding**  
Three bedrooms, two full baths on quiet tree lined street. First floor master suite. New in 2005, roof, full bath, kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances, cement, updated electrical and much more.  
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**GROSSE POINTE FARMS CuiDeSac**  
Chef's kitchen, marble counters, Pergo floor, island. Newer full bath in master bedroom, bonus room would make perfect nursery or hobby room. Outdoor kitchen makes this three bedroom, two and one half bath home a must see.  
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**GROSSE POINTE FARMS Darling**  
Four bedrooms, two full updated baths, master bedroom with skylight, hardwood floors throughout, newer kitchen setup for heated floor, finished basement with half bath, walking distance to schools and the Hill.  
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**GROSSE POINTE FARMS Custom**  
Spacious brick Cox and Baker Cape Cod with three bedrooms, two updated full baths. Gorgeous living and dining rooms with refinished hardwoods and natural fireplace. Updated kitchen, newer roof and windows. Two car garage.  
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**GROSSE POINTE PARK Opportunity**  
Just off Kercheval and just a few hundred yards from the Village! With a little painting and tweaking this home will be outstanding. Lots of character and detailing throughout. Appliances included. Great investment.  
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**GROSSE POINTE WOODS Location**  
Move right in! Located on a secluded court south of Fairford, with baths on all floors, a beautiful updated kitchen and a finished basement with recreation area and bar. Fireplace and bay window. Windows and roof are newer.  
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**GROSSE POINTE Spacious**  
Spacious three bedrooms, two and one-half baths, two car garage, two fireplaces, finished basement, library, Florida room, rear deck, air conditioning, fenced yard, corner lot, occupancy at closing. Home Warranty.  
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**GROSSE POINTE WOODS Outstanding**  
In everyway possible this four bedroom, two bath has been extensively updated, not to mention a large family room with cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors throughout, fireplace and recreation room. A true gem!  
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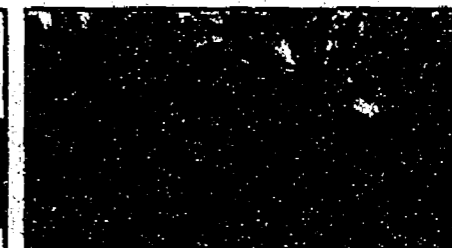
**GROSSE POINTE PARK Custom Tudor**  
Three bedroom brick Tudor with two car garage, formal dining room, fireplace in living room, library/den on main floor. Great location close to schools and shopping. Immediate occupancy.  
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**GROSSE POINTE WOODS Ranch**  
Major price reduction! Act fast! Grosse Pointe Woods two bedroom ranch. Large master bedroom with walk-in closet, gas fireplace and deck. Hardwood floors. Neutral decor. Two and one half car garage.  
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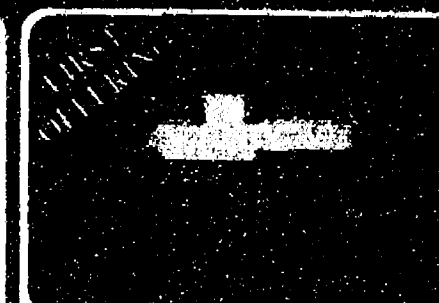
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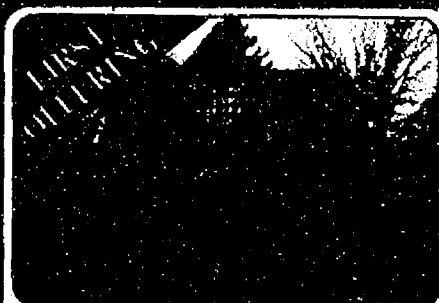
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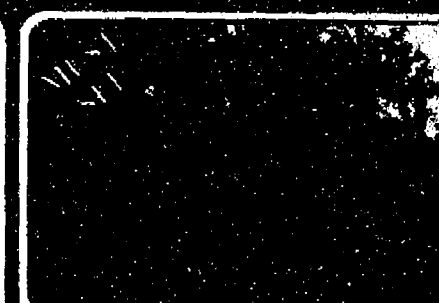
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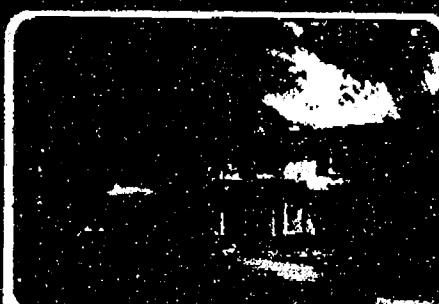
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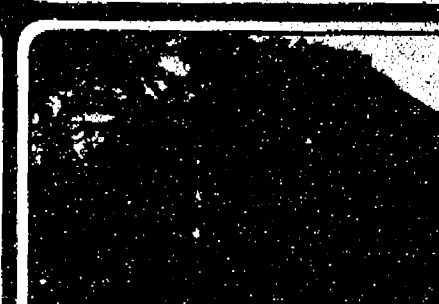
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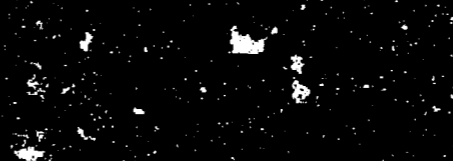
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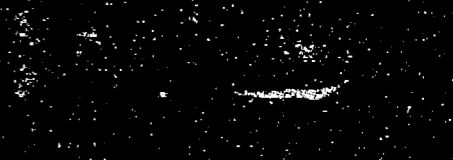
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**Q.** Can you explain the tax credits I might be entitled to if I buy a hybrid car? Also, is it true that single-rider hybrids can now use High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes in recognition of their fuel efficiency?

— Mark Timken, Greenwich, CT.

**A.** If you've been wanting a hybrid gasoline-electric vehicle but have been reticent to shell out the extra bucks, 2006 just might be your year. Beginning this past January, in accordance with the new Energy Policy Act, the federal government began awarding unprecedented tax credits to consumers who go hybrid.

Hybrids are more expensive than conventional vehicles because of their costly batteries and two separate engines under each vehicle's hood. But the new tax credits go a long way toward closing that cost differential. Individuals who purchase any of the new gas-electric hybrids available in the United States between 2006-2007 are eligible for up to \$3,400 in federal tax credits. The credits are limited to the first 60,000 hybrid vehicles sold by each automaker limiting the savings to those who act early.

According to an analysis by the

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nonprofit Union of Concerned Scientists, which runs the Web site HybridCenter.org, Toyota's popular Prius model would typically qualify its buyer for a tax credit topping \$3,100, while Honda's Civic Hybrid would garner about \$2,100. Buyers of the new hybrid SUVs from Ford, Toyota and Lexus could expect more than \$2,000 in tax credits. The amounts of the credits are based on fuel economy improvements over conventional models of the same class, so the hybrids offering the biggest boost in fuel efficiency will generate the largest tax credits.

And, yes, another component of the Energy Policy Act is the Federal Hybrid HOV Waiver, which allows states to open high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes to hybrids that get at least 50 percent better fuel efficiency in the city and 25 percent better in combined city-highway miles over conventional models, regardless of how many passengers. So far 12 states are

participating and many others are sure to follow.

Beyond these new federal incentives, 36 states offer a rebate, incentive or benefit to encourage consumers and businesses to go hybrid. New York Gov. George Pataki recently unveiled a comprehensive energy reduction plan that includes a \$2,000 hybrid state tax credit, discounted highway tolls for hybrid drivers and HOV-lane access for hybrids. If the state legislature approves Pataki's plan, New York taxpayers who buy hybrids could save more than \$5,400.

Even some businesses are voluntarily getting in on the act. Search engine giant Google is offering \$5,000 to each employee toward the purchase of a new hybrid. And Travelers Insurance announced last month it would start giving its auto insurance customers who drive hybrids a 10 percent discount.

Demand for hybrids is surging. Combined sales of the first hybrids in 1999 topped out at just a few hundred vehicles. In 2005, American car dealers sold more than 205,000 hybrid cars and SUVs. With all these new incentives in place, and a public more concerned than ever about the price of gas at the pump, automakers are planning to unveil many more hybrid models over the next few years. Whether they can keep up with demand is going to be anybody's guess.

For more information, visit [hybridcenter.org](http://hybridcenter.org).

**Q.** Some people argue recycling uses more energy than it saves, and thus it is not worth the effort. Is this true?

— Tigger Fox, Millinocket, Maine.

**A.** Controversy over the benefits of recycling bubbled up in 1996 when columnist John Tierney posited in a New York Times Magazine article that "recycling is garbage."

"Mandatory recycling programs," he wrote, "offer mainly short-term benefits to a few groups — politicians, public relations consultants, environmental organizations and

waste handling corporations — while diverting money from genuine social and environmental problems. Recycling may be the most wasteful activity in modern America."

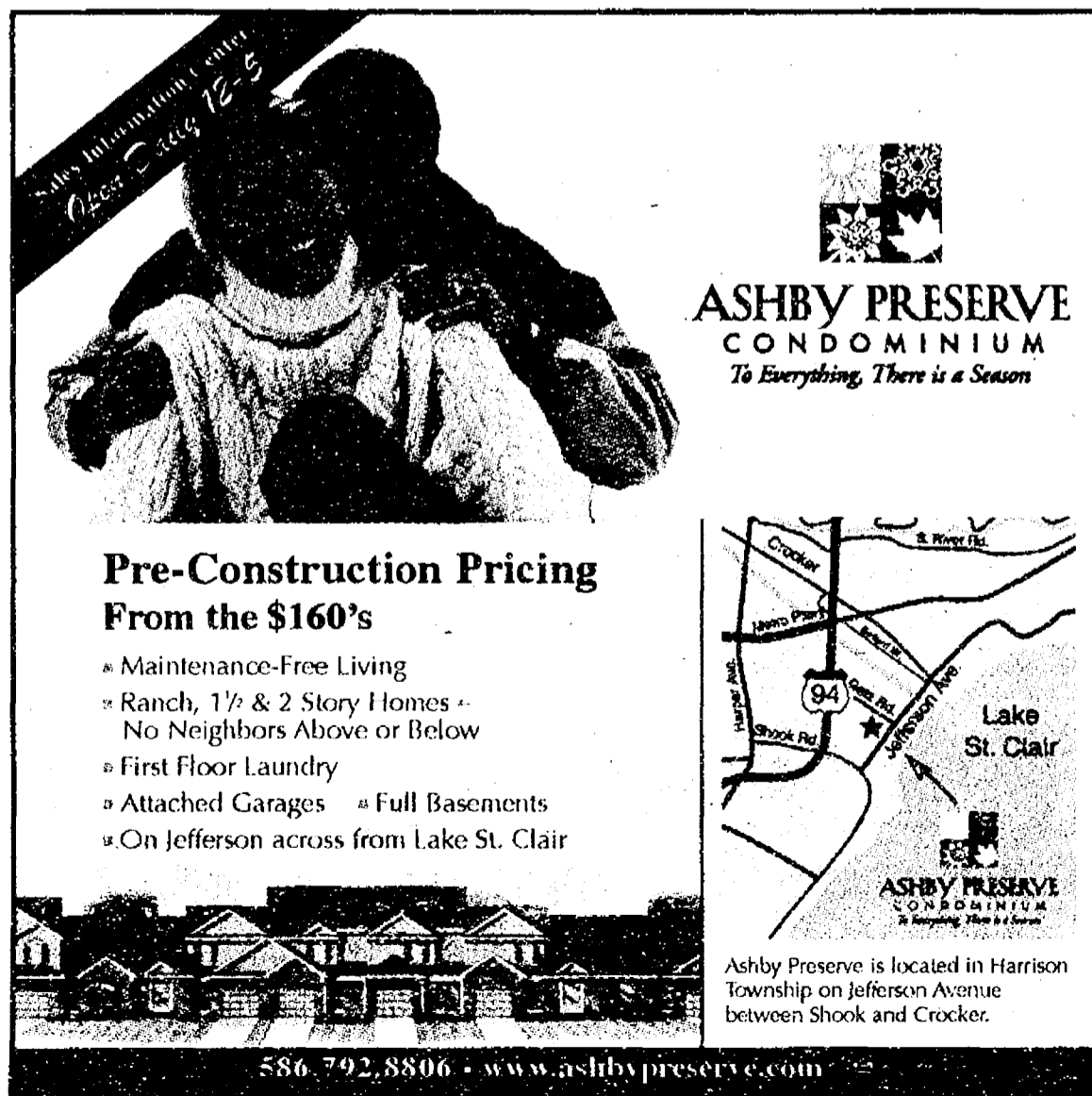
Environmental groups were quick to dispute Tierney, especially on assertions that recycling was doubling energy consumption and pollution while costing taxpayers more money than disposing of plain old garbage. The Natural Resources Defense Council and Environmental Defense, two of the nation's most influential environmental organizations, each issued reports detailing how municipal recycling programs reduce pollution and the use of virgin resources while decreasing the sheer amount of garbage and the need for landfill space — all for less, not more, than the cost of regular garbage pick-up and disposal.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Solid Waste director, Michael Shapiro, also weighed in: "A well-run curbside recycling program can cost anywhere from \$50 to more than \$150 per ton — trash collection and disposal programs, on the other hand, cost anywhere from \$70 to more than \$200 per ton. This demonstrates that, while there's still room for improvements, recycling can be cost-effective."

But in 2002, New York City, an early municipal recycling pioneer, found its much-lauded program was losing money, so it eliminated glass and plastic recycling. According to Mayor Michael Bloomberg, recycling plastic and glass was costing twice as much as disposal. Meanwhile, low demand for the materials meant much of it was ending up in landfills anyway, despite best intentions.

Other major cities watched closely to see how New York was faring with its scaled back program (the city never discontinued paper recycling), ready to perhaps jump on the bandwagon. But in the meantime, New York City closed its last landfill. Private out-of-state landfills raised prices due to the increased workload of hauling away and disposing of New York's trash. As a result, glass and plastic

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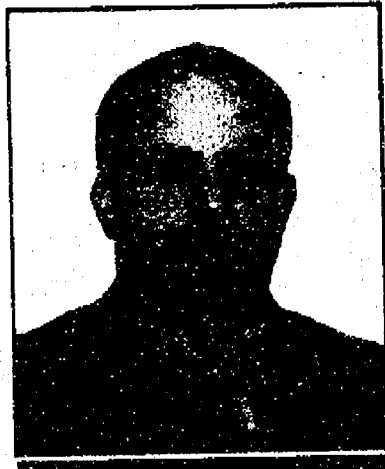
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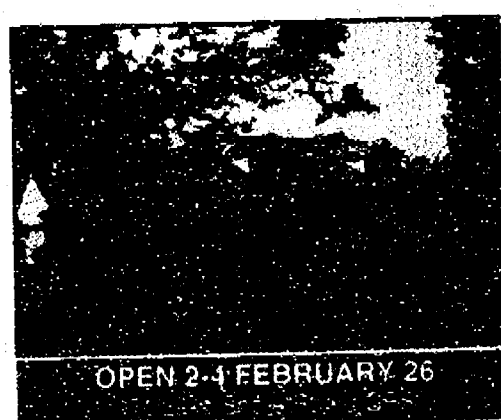
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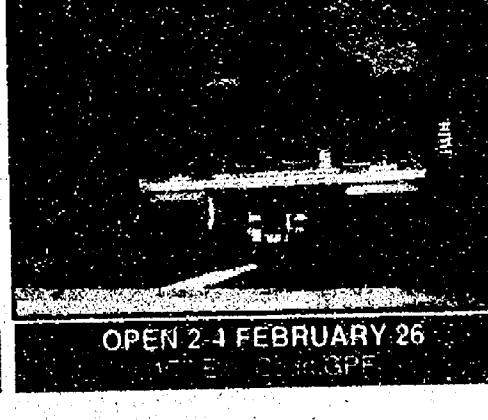
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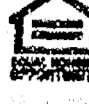
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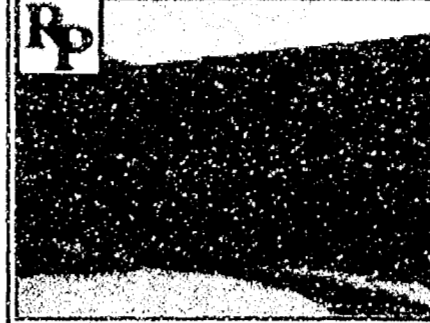
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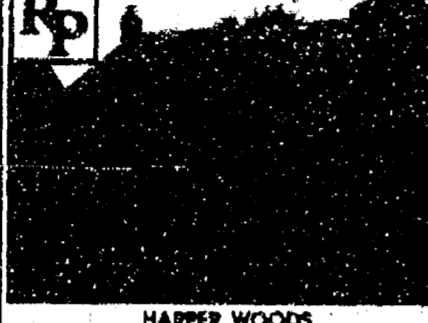
**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**  
Charming bungalow in the heart of Farms just steps away from the "H" shopping district and Cottage Hospital. Enjoy the spacious kitchen with eating space, first floor master suite, first floor laundry and large living room. New roof, new windows and fresh paint.

**\$130,000-\$149,876**



**HARPER WOODS**  
This home has it all: new kitchen with ceramic tile floor, new roof on house and garage, new windows, new furnace, updated electrical, new garage door with opener, freshly painted throughout. Basement has been water proofed.

**\$140,000-\$160,876**



**HARPER WOODS**  
New kitchen! New windows, refinished oak floors. New gas forced air and central air conditioning. Beautiful move in condition bungalow with Grosse Pointe Schools east of Harper. New roof and hot water tank. Pretty decor. Dry bar in basement.

**\$150,000-\$174,876**




**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
Fantastic opportunity to live here. Backyard overlooks Ghesquire Park. This home features 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, new roof, sprinklers, and hardwood floors.

**\$185,000-\$215,876**



**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**  
Lovely 3 bedroom ranch with newer roof, windows, furnace, air. Updated kitchen. Finished basement with half bath. Private backyard with patio and 2 car garage.

**\$185,000-\$215,876**



**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
Charming Colonial located on one of Grosse Pointe Woods most popular streets with Ghesquire Park in the backyard. New roof, off roof, new furnace and central air. Updated kitchen. Family room with door walk to large wrap around deck.

**\$200,000-\$235,876**




**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
Spacious family room used as third bedroom. Striking architecturally enhanced facade. Large kitchen featuring a vaulted ceiling with sky light. Kitchen also features a sizable, natural light filled breakfast nook that leads to the deck. Pella windows.

**\$220,000-\$249,876**




**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**  
Attractive colonial on quiet Farms street. Close to schools and shopping. Three bedrooms, one and a half baths, family room, two car garage, central air, hardwood floors and aluminum trim.

**\$280,000-\$320,876**



**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.

**\$300,000-\$340,876**



**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**  
Tremendous charm and detailed plaster work featured in this move-in condition English Colonial. Newer kitchen with granite counters and large eating area. Hardwood floors throughout. Great floor plan with generous room sizes.

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**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**  
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**GROSSE POINTE**  
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**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**  
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**\$340,000-\$399,876**




**GROSSE POINTE**  
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**\$340,000-\$399,876**



**GROSSE POINTE SHORES**  
Elegant and well maintained brick ranch four houses from Lakeshore Road. Ready to move into, this home has a marble entrance foyer, multiple fireplaces and fabulous kitchen cabinetry. Two large bedrooms, each with private baths.

**\$340,000-\$399,876**



**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**  
Beautiful Colonial redecorated throughout. Master suite has a new bath with Jacuzzi tub and beautiful tile work. Large family room with game table area. Updated Mutschler kitchen. Small fourth bedroom ideal for office or nursery.

**\$365,000-\$424,876**




**GROSSE POINTE**  
Outstanding English Tudor with beautiful natural woodwork throughout. New kitchen, refinished hardwood floors, new carpet. Freshly painted. Everything has been done.

**\$385,000-\$435,876**



**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**  
Original family owned home. 2500 square feet ideal for the growing family or downsizer looking for a first floor master bedroom. Second floor with two bedrooms, study area and full bath. Priced to reflect updating needed.

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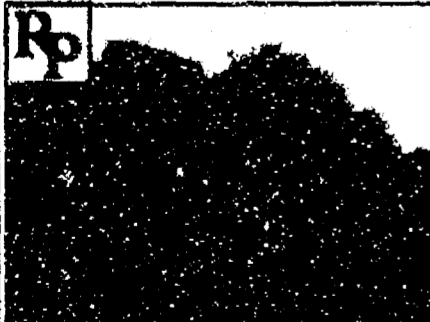
**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
Beautiful new construction. Four bedroom, 2500 square foot Colonial with a two story, entry hall.

**\$500,000-\$549,876**



**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 5th bedroom. Large first floor laundry.

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**GROSSE POINTE PARK**  
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**GROSSE POINTE SHORES**  
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**GROSSE POINTE SHORES**  
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# Paw's Corner

By Sam Mazzotta

**Q.** My daughter has two cats, both of which seem intent on destroying her new furniture, which looks like rattan but I believe is seagrass. She has tried various sprays, without any success. She doesn't want to wrap the legs of the furniture. We are hoping you can help.

— Penny S., via e-mail.

**A.** Ah, the luxury of the woven-reed furniture leg. Such wonderful texture; such beautiful space to sink one's claws. What cat could possibly resist such a tempting structure, so clearly made for them?

Unfortunately, that's the mentality you're fighting right now. Cats love to scratch — it's a way of exercising, sharpening their claws and marking their territory. You can't punish them; they'll just scratch more. You shouldn't declaw them; that can have consequences far worse than a few scratch marks. What you can do is deter them and redirect their attention.

You've got to take every available measure to deter the cats. That means, in addition to scented sprays, temporarily wrapping the furniture legs with masking tape (packing tape worked for me) or tinfoil to create a texture they don't like. You should also hiss at the cats whenever they put their paws

on the legs, and carry a spray bottle of water or a can of pennies. Either squirt a little water at them or shake the penny can anytime they start to scratch.

At the same time, a viable scratching alternative should be available. Purchase two scratching posts preferably made of a rough, knobby material like sisal with a stable base. Place them near or directly in front of the furniture. Make them attractive by rubbing them with catnip or placing treats nearby. Place the cats next to the post and pet them, so they associate the scratching posts with pleasure. As they get used to the posts, move them farther away from the furniture until they are out of the way but still accessible.

What this means is, for a few weeks or months, the furniture legs will look unsightly and the walk-through area of the living room will be littered with scratching posts, kitty treats and spray bottles. But stay consistent. You'll eventually have an uncluttered room populated by healthy furniture and healthy cats.

*Send your tips, questions and comments to Paws Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or e-mail them to pawscorner@hotmail.com.*

## EarthTalk

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recycling became economically viable again and New York reinstated the program accordingly, with a more efficient system and with more reputable service providers than it had used previously.

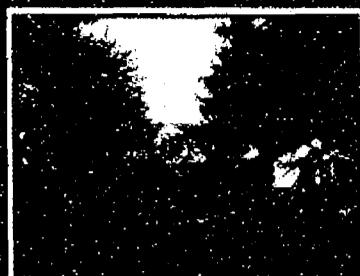
According to Chicago Reader columnist Cecil Adams, the lessons learned by New York are applicable everywhere. "Some early curbside recycling programs waste resources due to bureaucratic overhead and duplicate trash pickups (for garbage and then again for recyclables). But the situation has improved as cities have gained experience." Adams also says that,

if managed correctly, recycling programs should cost cities (and taxpayers) less than garbage disposal for any given equivalent amount of material.

Even though the benefits of recycling over disposal are manifold, individuals should keep in mind that it better serves the environment to "reduce and reuse" before recycling even becomes an option.

For more information, visit the Natural Resources Defense Council Web site [nrdc.org/cities/recycling/gnyc.asp](http://nrdc.org/cities/recycling/gnyc.asp).

*Send your questions to EarthTalk, 28 Knight Street, Norwalk, CT 06851; phone, (203) 854-5559; e-mail, [earthtalkcolumn@emagazine.com](mailto:earthtalkcolumn@emagazine.com).*



**FIRST OFFERING**

An ideal setting for entertaining. Tucked away in a secluded and private park-like setting, this charming 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath colonial offers panoramic views of the CCO golf course. Classic colonial styling includes fireplaces in the living room and master bedroom. Extensive grounds with a quiet country feeling include a pool and numerous patios. \$849,000



**222 MORAN - Open Sunday, Feb 26**

Krazy about the kitchen! Yesteryear charm and today's technology combine in this classic 5 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath colonial. Gourmet kitchen with granite counters & top of the line appliances, gleaming hardwood floors, and completely updated baths. Cozy fireplaces in the living room, family room and library too. Just move in! \$749,000



**203 RIDGE - Open Sunday, Feb 26**

Just follow your heart home....This 5 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Colonial classic has a newer gourmet kitchen with granite counters and stainless appliances. The spacious living room delights with a fireplace and sunny and bright demeanor. An enchanting staircase leads to the master suite with dressing room and bath. \$546,000



**51 KENWOOD - New Price**

Romance and charm with European elegance and old world craftsmanship. 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths and a convenient and modern 2nd floor laundry. Gourmet kitchen with fireplace and a romantic master suite with fireplace, bath and dressing room. \$1,250,000



**273 RIDGE**

Ambience for your Ambition. If surroundings make a home, this lushly landscaped French chateau is the perfect executive residence. Each room is a architectural event from the stately dining room with handcarved moldings & fireplace to the handsome library with lustrous walnut paneling and elegant fireplace. Spectacular gourmet kitchen with professional appliances. \$3,458,980



**47 WILLOW TREE**

Escape the Madness. You're minutes from tranquility when you step from the sweeping circular drive into this peaceful 6 bedroom colonial. Family friendly cherry kitchen with granite counters, adjacent family room with wet bar and fireplace, a sunny garden room and a library. Two new baths and a convenient first floor laundry room. \$725,000



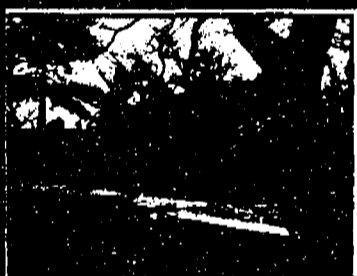
**711 LAKESHORE**

Love that View! Watch the boats go by from the family room, living room and master suite of this one of a kind contemporary on Lakeshore. First floor master suite with dressing rooms, fireplace and second story loft office. Step down to the dramatic family room with tray ceiling, wet bar and cozy fireplace. Attached 3 car garage. \$2,275,000



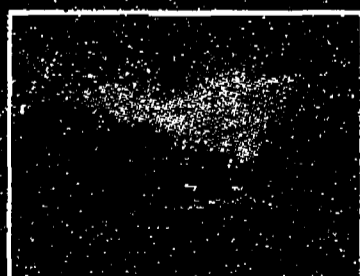
**29 WINDEMERE**

Not shy and retiring...but perfect for busy or retiring executives...a ranch condo with private gardens, deck and master suite with tray ceiling & marble bath. The lower level by The Blake Co. is beyond description and includes a complete 2500 sq. ft. world for family and guests. A condo complex so you can travel with confidence. \$875,000



**106 TONRIANCOUR**

Beyond Suburbia. An extensive 120x200 lot surrounds this classic 5 bedroom, 5 1/2 bath home close to the Lake and Country Club. Gleaming hardwood floors and updated mechanical systems too. Master suite with cathedral ceiling and cozy fireplace. You can vacation in your own backyard with private patios, pool and spa. \$1,195,000



**3 STRATFORD**

A Designer's home with distinctive appointments. This stunning Beautification Award winning home has it all...New updated gourmet kitchen with granite counters, skylighted breakfast room and adjacent family room. Updates throughout include a luxurious newer marble bath, powder room, copper plumbing, hand crafted front & side door entrances. \$839,000



**10 DONOVAN**

Is privacy a priority? Come and enjoy discreet living on a private street in the City just a few steps from the lake. 1st floor master bedroom suite with luxurious newer marble bath. The spacious and sky living room looks out on a secluded and peaceful garden w/flag stone patio. Second floor studio/office space. 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. \$875,000



**30 HARBOR HILL**

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**UNDER \$155,000.** Grosse Pointe Woods, brick, three bedroom, two bath, new oak kitchen, natural fireplace, basements, glass block windows. New second floor bath. All appliances remain. #11

**FIRST OFFERING**  
  
**NEAR SWEENEY PARK:** Over 2,000 sq. ft. updated brick home featuring updated baths, kitchen with eating area, large family room and a fantastic finished basement with bath and second kitchen. New roof and new furnace. This home is a "10"! #12

**FIRST OFFERING**  
  
**WONDERFULLY REDONE** Windmill Pointe Colonial has five bedrooms, and three and one half baths. Large rooms, new kitchen, baths, furnace, roof, carpet, windows and much more all on a very large lot. #13

**FIRST OFFERING**  
  
**UPDATED TUDOR:** Over 2,000 sq. ft. updated Tudor on popular City street. Home features three bedrooms, two and one half updated baths, large family room, finished basement, walk-up attic, and sits on a large lot. The home also features a newer roof and windows. A rare opportunity for an updated Tudor. #14


**FIRST OFFERING**  
  
**CHARMING BUNGALOW** east of Mack. Living room with fireplace, formal dining room, large upstairs bedroom has loads of storage and a balcony. Partial finished basement with lav. New roof, fenced yard. Large garage. #15


**OFFICE BUILDING**  
  
**FOR SALE - GP WOODS** with 2,900 sq. ft., six private offices, conference room, kitchen, secretarial areas, outstanding private parking and adjacent parking lot. Excellent condition - zoned for Professional office or Medical. #16

**\$1,450,000**  
  
**FARMS - 5,800 SQ FT** with "extreme makeover" by noted Pointe Builder. Combines 31 x 20 GREAT ROOM open to 20 x 16 KITCHEN, unbelievable MASTER SUITE, 10 ft. ceilings, five fireplaces, six bedrooms, 5 baths and so much more. spacious 230 ft. deep lot - call for brochure or private showing. #17

**HOME PLUS LOT**  
  
**A RARE OPPORTUNITY!** Near the Village, a 3500 square foot, five bedroom home with a BUILDABLE 62 x 156 lot included in the price. Home features a new furnace, kitchen with eating area and butler's pantry, large bedrooms, two staircases, and 3 and one half baths. This opportunity won't last long! #18

**\$598,000**  
  
**WELL MAINTAINED** four bedroom, two and one half bath home on a large 76 x 255' lot with views of Lake St. Clair. Newer kitchen with granite counters, newly refinished hardwood floors, newer windows, furnace and A/C. A great buy as is or for new construction. #19

**\$519,000**  
  
**LARGE FOUR BEDROOM COLONIAL** with a two story foyer, newer roof, furnace and windows. Master bedroom with private bath and dressing room with great custom closets. All bedrooms with double closets. Finished basement with full bath and wet bar. Move in condition. #20

**\$439,900**  
  
**UNIQUE well maintained townhouse** in the city of Grosse Pointe. This special property features six bedrooms, three and one half baths, a large private front yard, light oak paneling and beautiful light from three sides of building. #21

**\$429,000**  
  
**COMPLETELY UPDATED** four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial on North Oxford. New open concept Kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Updated baths, new windows, newer roof, master suite with steam shower, and large finished basement. Attached garage, paver patio and hardwood floors. Truly a "10"! #22

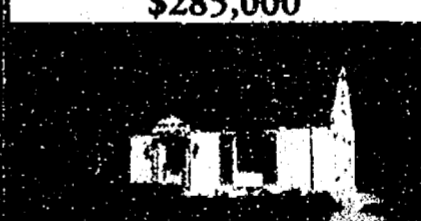
**\$419,000**  
  
**GREAT HOUSE, GREAT LOCATION!** Three bedroom, two and one half bath Farms Colonial with attached garage. Cherry Mutsehler kitchen that opens to the family room, multiple fireplaces, living room with cathedral, master with bath and sitting room, and a den highlight this wonderful home. #23

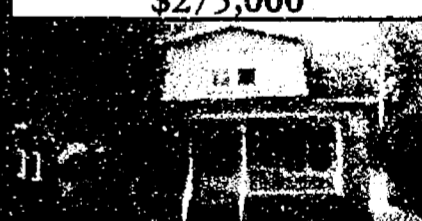
**\$419,000**  
  
**BEAUTIFUL three bedroom ranch** in Grosse Pointe Shores. Meticulously maintained throughout. 2500 sq. ft. Wonderful open floor plan. New kitchen - 2005. New tear-off roof, gas forced air furnace and central air in 2000. First floor laundry. Two car attached garage. Private yard. #24


**\$345,900**  
  
**CHARMING RANCH** in very desirable Farms neighborhood. Two full baths, huge yard, attached garage and just waiting for your decorator's touch!! #25

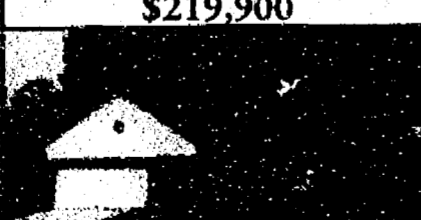
**\$319,000**  
  
**GREAT FARMS LOCATION.** An incredible home in impeccable condition. Spacious new kitchen, beautiful living room with fireplace, formal dining room, large bedrooms, updated baths and a finished basement. Tremendous closet space. New windows. #26

**\$289,900**  
  
**MOVE RIGHT INTO** this completely updated home in the Windmill Pointe Area. New "dimensional" roof, landscaping, kitchen, Pella windows, exterior siding and gutters. On a large lot near Trombly and parks. Fantastic finished basement, family room and great backyard. #27

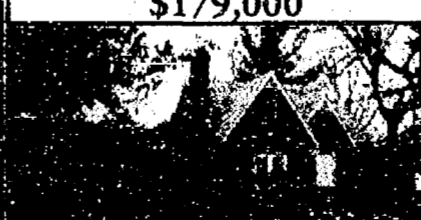
**\$285,000**  
  
**VERY CHARMING Cape Cod** in prime location of Grosse Pointe Farms. 1,750 square feet. Four bedrooms and two full baths. Family room with natural fireplace (18 x 13). Florida Room (10 x 16). Refinished hardwood floors. Gas forced air/central air. Walk to schools and shopping. Clean. Immediate Occupancy. #28

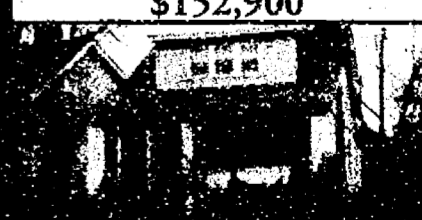
**\$275,000**  
  
**NEAR MAIRE SCHOOL.** Newer roof, furnace, air conditioning, hot water heater, lawn, windows, garage, alarm system, sprinkler system, glass block windows and half bath in basement. Wood floors under the carpet. Cedar closet and great storage. #29

**\$269,000**  
  
**"10" DESCRIBES** this impeccable three bedroom, two bath home located in Grosse Pointe Farms. Den with built-in bookshelves. Newer roof, windows, furnace, central air, kitchen and bathrooms. New two and one half car garage with electricity. New plumbing, refinished hardwood floors, new patio and finished basement with glass block windows. Fresh paint and carpet. All new appliances to remain. #30

**\$219,900**  
  
**EXCELLENT LOCATION** Woods ranch with newer kitchen, furnace, central air and roof. Good size family room with enclosed porch. Fireplace in living room. Two car attached garage. #31

**\$215,000**  
  
**CHARMING all brick center entrance Colonial.** Hardwood floors, solid six panel doors, coved ceilings and lovely sunroom. Spacious living room with fireplace, formal dining room. White kitchen with ceramic tile floors, new windows throughout. Finished basement with half bath. #32

**\$179,000**  
  
**IMPECCABLY MAINTAINED** four bedroom Woods brick home loaded with updates, featuring a newer roof, furnace, central air, windows and two and one half car garage. Home also features a fireplace, hardwood floors, patio, sprinkler system, and finished basement with half bath. You will not find a better maintained home! #33

**\$152,900**  
  
**WELL MAINTAINED and beautifully updated** 1,400 sq. ft. home loaded with charming original details including Pewabic Tile, French doors, hardwood floors, enclosed porch, fenced yard, dead-end street and much more! #34

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# Understanding real estate arbitration options

**Q.** We bought a house and a basement wall caved in; we want compensation. We agreed to arbitrate. What is arbitration?

— Jonathan of Warren.

**A.** Great question. First off, call your real estate broker or agent and ask if things can be handled between the parties first. Why arbitrate if the parties can come to some understanding and work things out. You may be surprised how easily sellers and buyers can agree to come to a fair settlement. This is especially true when faced with a legal suit or arbitration.

By way of preface, it might be helpful to understand the spirit behind the arbitration system. Beginning in the mid- to late-'70s, the real estate profession began to respond to changes in the legal system's handling of real estate conflicts. Buyers and sellers, along with the legal system that would hear these cases, adopted an arbitration system to hear cases involving disagreements between the parties to the transaction.

Over the last decade or two, we have seen an increase in the number of individuals opting to participate in arbitration. In this area, the American Arbitration Association is primarily the investigative and ruling body. This body is made up of contractors and professionals, from electricians to Realtors, to licensed builders.

When you wrote and signed your offer to purchase, you had two options in the event of a dispute over the terms and conditions of the purchase agreement or the condition of the home. One option was, of course, to hire an attorney and sue. The other was to participate in Michigan's arbitration system. If both parties agreed to arbitrate, then that is what you agreed to do. Always contact an attorney to review the purchase agreement, but, generally speaking, you are bound to arbitrate if that is what you signed.

Why an arbitration system at all? The courts were getting inundated with cases and needed a relief valve. Arbitration is a less formal ruling body that acts as an objective third party in the hopes of providing a balanced and fair assessment. In your case, a licensed

waterproofing professional or other related building contractor would establish the particular facts of your complaint. The findings and rulings of the arbitrators are binding.

Ultimately, arbitration is a viable and effective option for many home sellers and buyers. It allows consumers to have a day in court without "having their day in court."

Speak with an attorney if you have specific questions. Always, attempt to reconcile the issue with the seller first.

Perhaps cooler heads will prevail and you may get some relief without having to arbitrate at all.

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## Choose the best pruning equipment

Late winter and early spring are prime time for pruning and trimming. Having the right tool for the job is the first step to successful landscape clean up.

Here is a brief list of pruning tools to help you choose the best cutter for the task:

### Hand pruners

Hand pruners or shears are used to cut stems and branches up to 1 inch in diameter. There are two common types of hand pruners: bypass action and anvil action.

Bypass action is similar to a pair of scissors. A thin sharp blade passes by a thicker sharp blade. Experts recommend using bypass on green wood because it provides a cleaner, closer cut. Anvil pruners use a sharp blade that cuts onto a broader, flat blade. Its splitting action makes it great for cutting dry branches and stems.

### New trends

Ratcheting action pruners — the type that feature gear-driven cutting action is easier on arm and hand muscles. Also look for ratcheting action hand pruners, loppers and pole pruners.

The latest innovation in hand pruners is a rotating handle feature. The handle curves your fingers toward the palm as it cuts, reducing hand fatigue.

Pick a hand pruner that fits your hand comfortably. You shouldn't feel like you're stretching your hand to either open or close the pruner.

If you're left handed, look for a product designed to fit your left hand. Look for pruners that have a small oil reservoir, so you won't need to oil it after every use.

### Lopping shears (loppers)

Loppers are pruners with long handles that provide extra reach. You use both hands to operate the loppers, which provides more leverage for cutting branches up to 2 inches in diameter. Loppers are great for trimming trees and bushes and typically feature one sharp blade for cutting and one flat or curved blade to hold the branch in place.

### Pole pruners and saws

Pole pruners are made to reach smaller, out-of-the-way tree limbs. The cutting mechanism is similar to a loppers, usually with a hooked or flat blade that holds the branch, and a cutting blade to do the trimming. The blades are operated by pulling on a rope. The pole itself is

typically either telescoping or in several sections that fit together, allowing you to set the exact length.

Debris can be tricky to control when you're using a pole pruner. Make sure you're not standing directly under any tree or bush you are trimming and remember to wear eye protection.

If a branch can't be trimmed with a hand pruner, it's time to bring out the pruning saw. Pruning saws are great for branches up to 4 inches in diameter. For anything larger, you may want to use a tree saw. A typical pruning saw features a straight or curved blade and will cut on the pull stroke. The teeth of the saw are set wide apart to keep it from getting caught while plowing through the wood. Look for pruning saws with folding blades.

## Feng shui brings harmony

You've heard the term feng shui. "Feng" and "shui" are two Chinese words. Feng means wind and shui is water. Together, they make feng shui, pronounced "fung shway," a discipline based on the analysis of energy. It examines how the placement of objects in an environment affect the energy flow in your home.

How you place your furniture, possessions and yourself within your home promotes balance, comfort and harmony in your health, relationships, work and other aspects of your life.

To attain feng shui in your home:

- Positioning is crucial. Do not hang a chandelier above a chair. Don't put a sofa or bed under a beam.

- A home should be level on the

ground. A sunken room lets positive energy flow down and get trapped.

- Objects or furniture with sharp edges should not "point" into a seating space.

- Outdoor pathways from the front to the back of your home should be curved and not in a direct line.

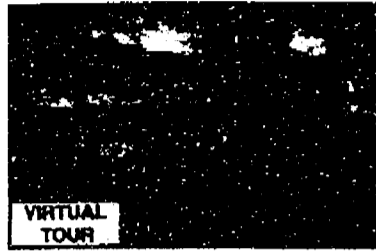
- Entrance ways are an important component of feng shui — Doorways can't be too large or too small. Counter large doorways by placing a wind chime outside the door. Place a mirror on either side of a small door to fix this problem.

- Stairways that bend sharply are viewed as problematic in feng shui. Alleviate this problem with wind chimes, potted plants and screens.

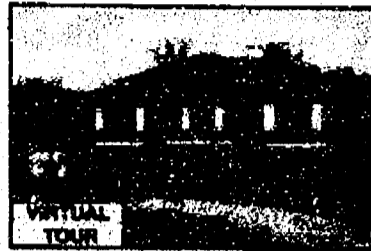
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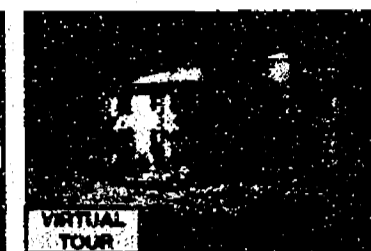
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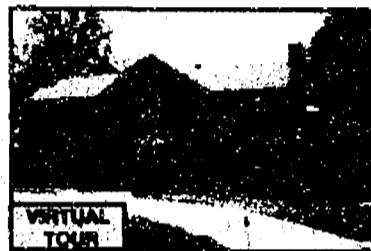
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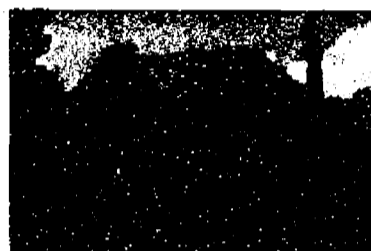
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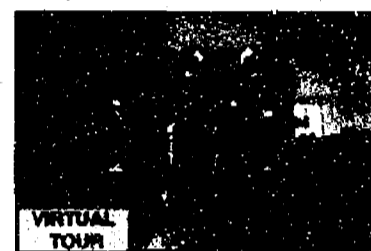
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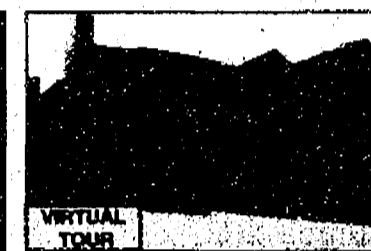
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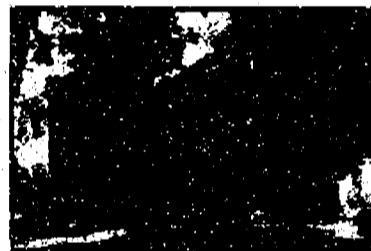
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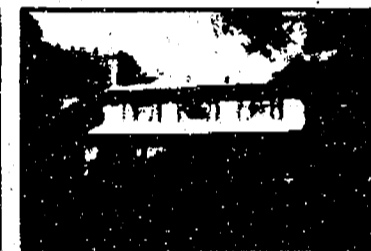


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Fantastic Farms  
location close to schools.  
Choice of options to your  
specifications.  
4 bedrooms, 3 full baths



**917 Westchester • \$484,900**  
Grosse Pointe Park  
4 bedrooms, 2 full, 1 half bath



**861 Lakeland • \$475,000**  
Grosse Pointe  
4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 1 half bath



**962 Pemberton • \$469,900**  
Grosse Pointe Park  
4 bedrooms, 2 full bath, 1 half bath



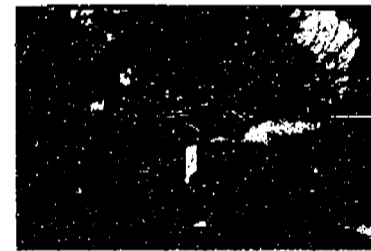
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Grosse Pointe  
3 bedrooms, 2 full, 1 half bath



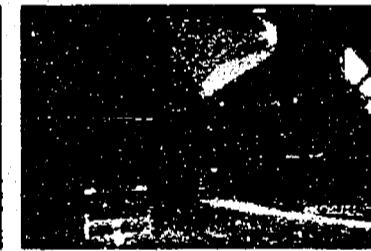
**19961 W. Doyle Place • \$325,000**  
Grosse Pointe Woods  
3 bedrooms, 1 full bath, 1 half bath



**1997 Severn • \$318,000**  
Grosse Pointe Woods  
4 bedrooms, 3 full baths



**942 Lincoln**  
Grosse Pointe  
2 bedrooms, 1 full, 1 half bath



**1303 Kensington • \$313,900**  
Grosse Pointe Park  
4 bedrooms, 2 full bath, 1 half bath



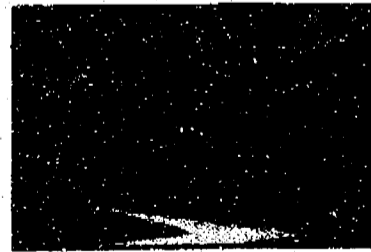
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St. Clair Shores  
5 bedrooms, 3 full baths



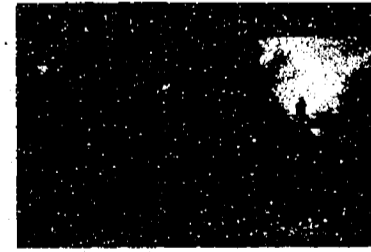
**1433 Harvard • \$239,000**  
Grosse Pointe Park  
4 bedrooms, 2 full baths



**1444 Grayton • \$237,400**  
Grosse Pointe Park  
3 bedrooms, 1 full bath, 1 half bath



**21115 Woodmont • \$189,500**  
Harper Woods  
3 bedrooms, 1 full, 1 half bath



**20721 Christine Court • \$178,900**  
Grosse Pointe Woods  
3 bedrooms, 2 full bath



**21119 Beaufait • \$169,900**  
Harper Woods - G.P. Schools  
3 bedrooms, 1 full bath



**16600 Chandler Park Drive • \$162,900**  
Detroit  
3 bedrooms, 1 full bath, 1 half bath



**19648 Lochmoor • \$148,900**  
Harper Woods  
3 bedrooms, 1 full bath



**4168 Grayton • \$125,000**  
Detroit  
3 bedrooms, 1 full bath



**18994 McCormick • \$92,500**  
Detroit  
3 bedrooms, 1 full bath



**4223 University • \$89,500**  
Detroit  
3 bedrooms, 1 full bath



**20502 Hollywood • \$69,000**  
Harper Woods, G.P. Schools  
2 bedrooms, 1 full bath



**20946 Harper • \$625,000**  
Harper Woods • 4,399 square feet  
Former recording studio

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## Mortgage Rates as of February 17, 2006

	Phone Number	30 Yr. Fixed	Points	15 Yr. Fixed	Points	1 Yr. ARM	Points	Other Progs
1st Choice Mortgage Lending	(734) 459-4392	5.875	0	5.5	0	4.125	0	JB
A Best Financial Corp.	(800) 839-8918	5.5	1.5	5	1.5	4.5	1.5	JB
AAVA Discount Mortgage	(877) 726-5656	5.875	0	5.5	0	4.375	0	J
AFI Financial	(877) 234-0600	5.75	0.625	5.375	0.25	NR	NR	J
America's Premier Mortgage	(800) 535-8730	5.875	0	5.5	0	5.625	0	JBNV
Ameripus Mortgage Corp.	(248) 740-2323	5.875	0.25	5.625	0	5.25	0	JV/F
Brighton Commerce Bank	(813) 220-8848	6	1	5.5	1	5.25	1	J
Brinks Goldstar Mortgage	(800) 785-4756	5.5	2.25	5.125	2.25	5.375	0	JBNV/F
Capital Mortgage Lending	(248) 404-1442	6.125	1.25	5.75	1.25	NR	NR	J
Charter One Bank	(800) 342-5336	6.5	0	6.125	0	NR	NR	JV/F
Client Services Mortgage	(800) 888-8888	5.875	1	5.375	0.75	2.5	1	JBNV
Co-op Services Credit Union	(734) 466-6113	6.375	0	6.125	0	4.875	0	J
Commonwealth Bank of Denver	(734) 981-8822	6.25	0	5.875	0	5.625	0.5	JV/F
Credit Union One	(800) 544-5557	6.375	0	6	0	5.25	0	JB
Deborah Central Savings Bank	(313) 585-5180	5.625	2	5.25	2	3.625	2	JB
DFCU Financial	(800) 739-2770	5.875	2	5.5	2	NR	NR	J
First Alliance Mortgage Co.	(800) 292-7357	6.25	0	5.875	0	NR	NR	JBNV/F
First International Mortgage	(410) 233-7884	5.875	0	5.5	0	NR	NR	JB
GMAC Mortgage Corp.	(800) 888-4822	5.625	3	5.75	1	4.125	1	JBNV/F
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 785-4756	5.5	1.525	5.25	1.5	2.25	2	JBNV/F
Goldstar Mortgage	(800) 784-1074	5.875	0	5.625	0	3.125	0	JBNV/F
Group One Mortgage	(734) 853-4330	6.125	0	5.875	0	5	0	JBNV/F
Home Finance of America	(800) 358-5826	6	0	5.5	0	5.5	0	JB
Horizon Financial Group	(888) 538-7882	5.75	2	6.25	2	NR	NR	J
JMC Mortgage Corp.	(248) 489-4020	5.75	3	5.125	3	NR	NR	JB
LoSalle Bank	(800) HOME-808	6	2	5.625	2	4.125	2	JBNV/F
Lira Financial	(566) 228-0900	5.875	0	5.5	0	3.125	0	JBNV/F
Maharaj Mortgage	(800) 900-1313	5.875	0	5.625	0	NR	NR	JBNV/F
Manufacturers	(566) 777-1000	5.5	2.5	5	2.5	4.25	0	JB
Mortgages, Schools & Gov. CU	(888) 283-8800	6.25	0	5.875	0	4.875	0	J
Mortgages by Golden Rule	(800) 991-9922	5.75	0.5	5.5	0.375	2.5	1	JBNV/F
National City Bank	(888) 825-0825	5.875	1.875	5.375	2.125	5.375	0.625	JBNV
Northlawn Financial	(248) 968-8488	5.875	0	5.5	0	NR	NR	V/F
Palmetto Financial LLC	(800) 726-2274	5.875	0	5.5	0	3.375	0	JF
Peoples Mortgage	(318) 730-5040	5.75	0.625	5.375	0.25	NR	NR	J
Prime Mortgage	(800) 678-8883	5.375	3	4.875	3	5.5	3	JV/F
United Mortgage Group	(566) 286-9500	5.875	0	5.5	0	5.25	0.25	JBNV/F
Wells Fargo Bank	(888) 839-9575	5	0	5.5	0	4.5	0	JB
<b>Average of Rates and Points</b>		<b>5.89</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>5.53</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>4.38</b>	<b>0.59</b>	

Rates subject to change without notice. Rates and points based on a \$200,000 loan with 20% down.

Updated rates available Tuesdays after 2:00 P.M. at [www.rmcreport.com](http://www.rmcreport.com)

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Source: Residential Mortgage Consultants based in Brighton

# Save big to get ahead

By David Uffington

It's hard to believe, but people are saving 20 percent, 30 percent, even 40 percent of their earnings and using those savings to build wealth through investments.

If you think you're up to the challenge, here are some ways to become an aggressive saver:

- Take 20 percent off the top of your paycheck and stick it into a separate account. Every two or three months, use the money from that account to fund a larger investment.

- Live on one salary, bank the other. You'll pile up savings fast. This also works great for two-income families who one day want to "retire" one parent to raise kids.

- Simplify your lifestyle and you save plenty, no matter how much earnings you bring in. Live below your means and save the difference.

- Save your next raise. Most people use their raise as a reason for spending more. Instead, put that raise right into savings.

- Keep the savings mindset in high gear. Leave yourself reminders everywhere.

- Redirect debt payments into savings. Whenever you pay off a loan, send the payments you were making into your savings. The same goes for the amount you save by refinancing your mortgage.

Maybe these ideas seem extreme, but if you want to get out of debt — fast — you've got to declare war on it. Use every tool at your disposal. And remember, your most important ally is your attitude. Train it to be penny-wise, and you'll soon be raking it in.

## Raise Your Financial IQ

Whatever your stage in life or your financial situation, there are books that can help you move ahead and make decisions about finances. Here are some new ones.

Are you a Squirrel? A High Roller? In "Master Your Money Type," Warner Business Books, 2006, author Jordan E. Goodman provides all the tools to help determine how you make your financial decisions. What hap-

pened in your past to give you your current relationship with money? There are Ostriches, who wait for rescue from others, and Squirrels, who accumulate and hoard, never enjoying their money.

Using worksheets and quizzes, Goodman walks you through the maze of understanding how you acquired your methods of dealing with (and making) money, and helps you strategize a plan to change your future.

In "Generation Debt: Take Control of Your Money," Warner Business Books, 2006, former Money magazine editor Carmen Wong Ulrich offers financial advice to young adults.

Whether you're saving for college or a first house, trying to get out from under a mountain of uncontrolled debt or navigating the maze of lease vs. buy for your first car, Ulrich's positive attitude can help get young adults on the right path.

Easy to read and full of helpful Web links, "Generation Debt" should be required reading for late teens as well as young adults.

Where do your parents keep important papers? If your parent lives out of state, who is available there to help in an emergency? Are they getting all the government benefits to which they're entitled? In the event of the death of one parent, can the other one live alone? And if not, are living with you or in a nursing home the only options?

At some point, caring for an elderly parent becomes a situation that can't be ignored. Add in the confusion about medications and Medicare, wills and probate, privacy and guilt, you have a tricky path to navigate.

"Caring for an Aging Parent," On The Road series, Dearborn Trade Publishing, 2006, by Sheryl Garrett can help you make sound decisions and show you options you might not have considered.

Write to David Uffington in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475 or send e-mail to [letters.kfws@hearstsc.com](mailto:letters.kfws@hearstsc.com).

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(Call for Holiday close dates)

**RENTALS & LAND FOR SALE**

TUESDAY 12 NOON

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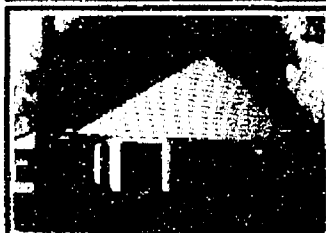
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**800 HOUSES FOR SALE**

\$214,000. Open Sunday 2-4pm. Grosse Pointe Farms, 303 Hillcrest, lovely 2 bedroom home, new 2.5 bath, new kitchen, living room, family room, parlor, 2 car garage, quiet street, great area, by owner. Call (313)598-5967

130 Meadow Lane- 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, spacious family room, quiet cul-de-sac, lovely patio. \$335,900. Owner (313)408-0034

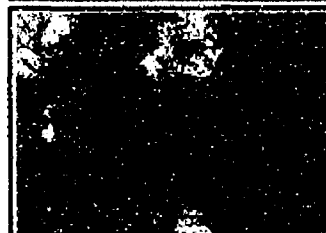
913 Bedford, Grosse Pointe Park. Located below Jefferson. Detroit News featured "Home of the Week" (February 17th). Open House Sunday, February 26th, 2-5pm.

**800 HOUSES FOR SALE**

315 Ridgemont, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, brick bungalow! Call Kay Rinke 313-701-2729 Coldwell Banker Schweitzer.

341 Touraine, dead end location! 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths. \$365,000. (313)410-8759

**EASTPOINTE**, 24326 Roxana. 3 bedroom brick ranch, 1 1/2 bath, air conditioning, finished basement, newer windows, 2 1/2 car garage. \$127,000. (586)247-2585

**800 HOUSES FOR SALE**

**FABULOUS!** 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath brick. Devonshire, Park. Call Addie, (313)201-6205, Tappan & Associates.

**GROSSE** Pointe condo for sale- 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors throughout. Newly updated kitchen and bathroom. Asking price \$74,900. Contact ReMax Home-team Realtors, (734)641-1111

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**800 HOUSES FOR SALE**

**PRICE** reduced to \$334,900- 464 Shelbourne Court. Grosse Pointe Farms, brick ranch. Completely remodeled! 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Hardwood throughout on a large cul-de-sac lot. Sellers motivated. Open Saturday, Sunday; 1-4pm. 586-255-1406

**TO** settle an estate, sale by owner, great location. Grosse Pointe Woods, priced to sell. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 car garage. New; curtains, furnace, washer/dryer, carpet, interior paint. Recent improvements; roof, refrigerator, stove. Brokers ok, purchase "as is." \$175,000. (203)956-7655, leave message day or night.

**800 HOUSES FOR SALE**

**HARPER** Woods- 8 Mile & Vernier. 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Just remodeled tile & hardwood floors. Grosse Pointe Schools. \$159,900. (586)212-9183

**803 CONDOS APTS FLATS**

**CO-OP** apartment near Grosse Pointe Woods. 1,000 sq. ft. New windows. \$310/month. \$49,500. Owner, (313)885-8247

**DUPLEX-** \$65,000. 2 bedroom, remodeled, excellent condition, new roof, city certs, garage, quiet street. (313)885-1499

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**LAKESHORE** Village, 2 bedroom end unit, central air, hardwood floors, 11 windows, immediate occupancy, \$89,900. Evenings, (586)774-1024

**SHORES-** Jefferson. Clean 1 bedroom. \$65,900. Basement. 2 parking spaces. (586)776-6100 Bedford

**800 HOUSES FOR SALE**

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#### Single Family Lot

90 Feet Frontage on a Dead End Street, leading to Lake St. Clair. Established Grosse Pointe neighborhood. Represented by Broker

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## 806 FLORIDA PROPERTY

**NAPLES, Florida-** Fiddler's Creek Community (Coach home); new construction completed 2005, never lived in. Immediate occupancy, minutes from Marco Island beaches, country club atmosphere. Semi-private pool, along with clubhouse pool and spa. Asking \$725,000. Jo- 586-216-6757

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**LAKE Charlevoix-** 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Guest house. 120 feet sandy beach. Completely remodeled. \$759,000. 313-363-0276

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## 808 WATERFRONT HOMES



**26014 Felicity Landing-** 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, luxury townhouse on Lake St. Clair. \$294,995. 313-477-9634. Open Sunday 1-5pm.

## 809 WATERFRONT LOTS

**BOAT house,** 60'X 17'. Deep water, Detroit River, just off Lake St. Clair. \$72,500; for details call Mark 313-618-2747

## 822 VACATION PROPERTIES

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### Grosse Pointe Woods Residential

#### Lot For Sale or Build to Suit



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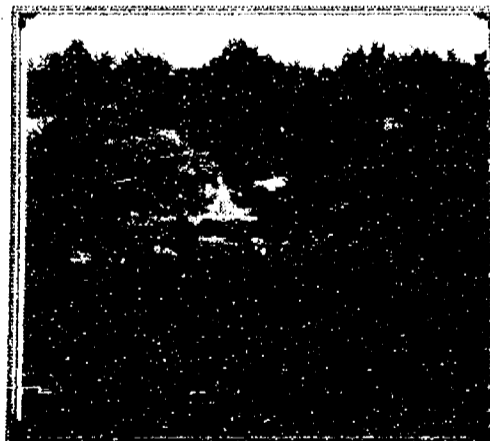
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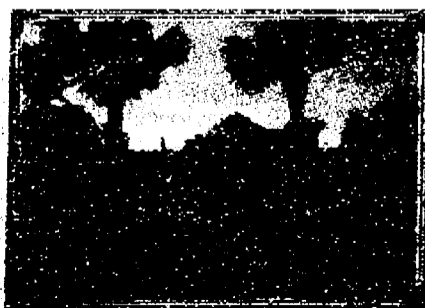
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### CONDO - ISLAND HOUSE

Popular beach resort. This tropical and cheerful 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath villa comes turnkey furnished and freshly painted. Attached carport, new A/C and carpeting. Situated near clubhouse and pool with direct beach access. An active and well-run complex with on-site rental office. Asking \$779,000



# Sunday OPEN HOUSE February 26, 2006

**GROSSE POINTE CITY**

475 Lakeland	\$698,000	2-4pm	By Owner
403-405 St. Clair	\$239,500	2-4pm	By Owner

313-580-1120

313-885-3818

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**

177 Earl Court	\$485,000	2-4pm	Higbie Maxon Agney
303 Hillcrest	\$214,000	1-4pm	By Owner
283 Moran	\$389,900	2-4pm	Donna Stoner/Bolton Johnston

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313-580-5907

313-580-8000

**GROSSE POINTE PARK**

913 Bedford	\$489,900	2-5pm	Adams Realty of Michigan
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**GROSSE POINTE SHORES**

951 Lakeshore	\$525,000	2-4pm	Higbie Maxon Agney
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**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**

1730 Bourne	\$192,500	2-4pm	Sue Wenzlaff/Coldwell Banker Schweitzer
753 Hidden Lane	\$387,900	1-4pm	Century 21 Cornerstone
2021 Kenmore	\$165,500	2-4pm	Heather Melchior/Bolton Johnston
1036 Moorland	\$569,900	2-4pm	Coldwell Banker Schweitzer/Dori Daskas

313-580-4330

313-580-1072

313-580-7822

313-580-8000

**HARPER WOODS**

21264 Manchester	\$150,000	2-4pm	Chace Wakefield/Bolton Johnston
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313-580-1120

**HARRISON TOWNSHIP**

26014 Felicity Landing	\$294,995	1-5pm	By Owner
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313-580-9604

**ST. CLAIR SHORES**

20307 Elizabeth	\$137,900	1-4pm	Lisa Debs/Detroit Urban Living
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313-580-3115

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**BARCLAY, GROSSE POINTE FARMS**  
One floor living at its finest. Custom built by Cox & Baker to the highest standards of construction and style. Two bedrooms, two full baths, den could be third bedroom. Cherry paneled recreation room. \$284,900.

## FIRST OFFERING



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Lovely townhouse style condo with attached garage. Two bedrooms, one and one half baths, updated kitchen, all appliances including washer and dryer. \$175,000 or lease at \$1,200 per month.

## FIRST OFFERING



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## GROSSE POINTE WOODS



Looking for livability and value? Attractive 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with many recent updates. Family room with parquet floor and natural fireplace, updated kitchen with newer appliances. \$284,999.

## GROSSE POINTE WOODS



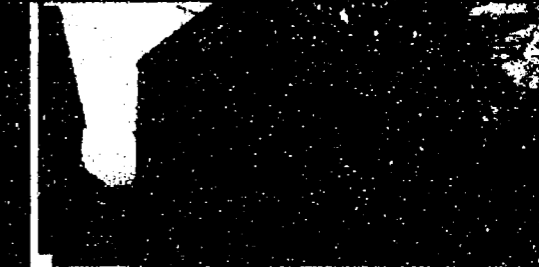
Charming Cape Cod is instantly appealing! Paint, carpet, blinds and refinished hardwood floors in 2003. Open living room/kitchen, family room overlooks large yard, four bedrooms. Priced to sell! \$169,900.

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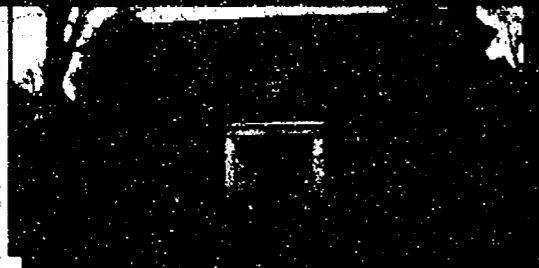
Enjoy open concept living in this special ranch. New library off family room with wet bar, three bedrooms and two and one half baths, plus finished basement with full bath. Kitchen and baths have all been updated. \$369,900.

## GROSSE POINTE FARMS



Tudor style home with an extra full bath with shower and recreation room in basement. The décor, roof and furnace all updated, hardwood floors glisten. Exquisite plaster work and leaded glass. \$225,000.

## GROSSE POINTE PARK



Open the door and you'll want to stay! Four bedroom professionally decorated home. New kitchen with granite counter tops and eating space, new bathrooms, private master bath. Family room & paneled library. \$515,000.

## GROSSE POINTE FARMS



Charming two full bath Bungalow with many quality features and updates. Natural woodwork and hardwood floors. Updated kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Recreation room with half bath. \$275,000.

## GROSSE POINTE CITY



A lot for a little! Four bedrooms, updated kitchen with appliances, den. Vinyl siding, gutters and windows new in 2006. Half bath in basement. Immediate possession. \$185,000.

## GROSSE POINTE CITY



Artist owned home with a large studio. Open flexible floor plan, vaulted ceilings, fireplace in master bedroom. Totally remodeled and renovated. Additional studio in detached garage with heat and electric. \$285,000.

## GROSSE POINTE FARMS



**MOTIVATED SELLER!** \$35,000 in improvements since 2000. New bathrooms and powder room, updated kitchen, new furnace, central air, roof, fencing and exterior paint. Immediate occupancy. \$299,500.

## GROSSE POINTE CITY



Immaculate condo! Custom shutters, natural fireplace, French doors from dining room to private patio. Eating space in kitchen. Master bedroom with private bath. All appliances included. \$285,000.

## RESIDENTIAL LEASES

**LOCHMOOR, GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
Large 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. Family room, library, year round sun room. Sprinkler & alarm system. Kitchen and baths all updated. \$4,900 per month.

**ANTA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
Three bedroom Bungalow, one and one half baths, two fireplaces, finished basement with full bath. Kitchen appliances, garage. \$1,150 per month.

**SHOREPOINTE, ST. CLAIR SHORES**  
Townhouse style condo with attached garage. Two bedrooms 1 1/2 baths, finished basement, all appliances. \$1,200 per month.

**GARY LAKE, ST. CLAIR SHORES**  
Lakeshore Village condo, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, all appliances including washer and dryer. Pool and clubhouse. \$800 per month.

**DEVONSHIRE, GROSSE POINTE PARK**  
Large three bedroom Ranch. Family room w/fireplace, eating space in kitchen, finished basement, two car garage. \$2,900 per month.

**TROMELLY, GROSSE POINTE PARK**  
Spacious second floor unit. Three bedrooms, two full baths, all kitchen appliances, hardwood floors, central air. Separate basement and utilities. \$1,450 per month.

**RIVIERA TERRACE, ST. CLAIR SHORES**  
On the Nautical Mile a mid-level one bedroom unit. Includes appliances, heat, central air, pool and clubhouse. \$725 per month.

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