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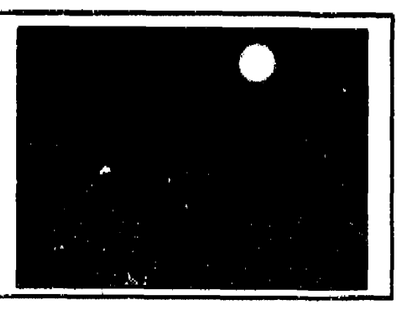

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Ewald Branch new chapter for libraries

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Leah Ewald, granddaughter of Carolyn Ewald Kratzet and Ted Ewald, cuts the ribbon during the new library's dedication ceremony. She is accompanied, from the left by her step-grandfather Ernest Kratzet, her grandmother, Carolyn Ewald Kratzet and Grosse Pointe Library Foundation president Bill Rands.

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

With quiet and gracious fanfare befitting a library, the Grosse Pointe Public Library held the dedication ceremony of the Carolyn and Ted Ewald Memorial Branch in Grosse Pointe Park on Saturday, Jan. 8.

Area residents, local officials and library supporters joined Carolyn Ewald Kratzet and her family as they celebrated the creation of the 15,000-square-foot facility to which they donated $1 million.

Prior to the ceremony, the library was teeming with activity as attendees examined every nook and cranny. Children were sprawled out on the floor looking at books in the story time room, while their parents were opening the room's colorful cabinets which were filled with arts and craft supplies.

In the vaulted ceiling reading room, people were lounging in the overstuffed leather chairs as they enjoyed the warmth of the brick and limestone fireplace. Nearby, others were browsing through the stacks of periodicals and CDs.

Many attendees were excited about being able to use the new facility when it opens during the upcoming weeks.

"We live down the street from here, and I predict that we will be spending a lot of time here," said Colin Moulder-McComb of Grosse Pointe Park. "I think that the architects have done a great job."

The building was created by David Milling & Associates/Architects of Ann Arbor to be "uniquely appropriate to the community ... this suggested a direction of romantic tradition."

Boy Scout Troop 84, which is composed of boys from Grosse Pointe Park, opened the dedication ceremony with a color guard.

"I was excited because I knew they would be opening this library only once, and I got to carry the flag," Pierce Middle School sixth-grader Tyler Hoffman said.

The musical program for the day demonstrated the acoustics of the building. Detroit Symphony Orchestra violinist and Grosse Pointe Park resident Marguerite Dene, and DSO cellist and Grosse Pointe resident Mario DiFiore performed before the dedication. The Pointe Singers sang stirring renditions of the "Star Spangle Banner" in the beginning and "Let There Be Peace on Earth" at the end of the ceremony. The group's piano accompanist Richard Wolf played during the open house afterwards.

After a brief welcome by local television anchorman and Grosse Pointe Park resident Devin Scillian and a blessing of the building by the Rev. Ralph Brown, a video presentation about the new library was shown on TV monitors dispersed throughout the building so the sprawling crowd could view it.

Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees President John Bruce's comments focused on the new library's mission to be a center for learning. He noted that its vision has been transformed into "frame and structure" through the generosity and hard work of donors, volunteers and staff members.

"This library fulfills a tremendous need in the community," Bruce said.

Vickey Bloom, director of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, gave some hints into the future of the library.

"This building allows us to involve more members of the community in the library's programs," she said.

Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer Heenan reminisced about the late Ted Ewald and thanked his family for its generosity to the community.

"You brought us a wonderful treasure," he said.

Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm was represented by one of her assistants, Lindsay Huddleston, who was an Ewald Scholar while

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6 weeks until Feb. 22
School Millage Vote

A Community Forum on the Millage will be held on Thursday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. Location to be announced.

WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, Jan. 13

The South end Band-O-Rama, featuring band students from Pierce Middle School and Grosse Pointe South High School, will be held at the South gymnasium at 7 p.m.

There is no admission charge, but donations are accepted.

Friday, Jan. 14

The Grosse Pointe public middle and high schools will host their String Extravaganza in the Grosse Pointe North High School gym at 7 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 17

The Grosse Pointe public schools and the Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Park municipal offices are closed in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Rubbish pickup in all of the Grosse Pointes is on schedule for all of this week.

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The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at the Woods city hall at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 18

The Grosse Pointe Shores Village Council meets at the Shores municipal building at 7 p.m.

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Andrew "Rocky" Raczkowski, first vice chairman of the Michigan Republican Party, is the featured speaker of the Eastside Republican Club Forum at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For more information, call (313) 343-2900.

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Woods, Shores consider buying water from Farms

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms may be likely to take on two more customers for its water services in the future.

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council will likely approve its participation in a feasibility study to become a customer of the Farms water system. The approval of such a study, which is expected to be made formal at the Woods council's Monday, Jan. 17, meeting, is contingent upon Grosse Pointe Shores' participation in the study.

It is believed expanded water service from the Farms would result in a potential cost savings for all four communities. Currently, the Farms charges a wholesale water rate of $6.13 per 1,000 cubic feet (MCF) to its only outside customer, the City of Grosse Pointe. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) charges $7.32 per MCF to the Woods and $11.07 per MCF to the Shores.

After 50 years, Shores may once again get water from the Farms. See story, page 3A

Such a collaboration could also result in more local control of water rate increase, more reliable water service during power outages as proved during the August 2002 blackout and a looped water distribution system

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Photo by Lauren Beaver

Working overtime

The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education has been putting in long hours lately, such as this 8 a.m. budget work session last Saturday, trying to come up with $3 million in cuts needed to balance the 2005-06 budget.

As some 14 past school superintendents look on, the board struggles to make cuts while at the same time maintaining the core curriculum and education excellence residents, taxpayers, parents and students have come to expect. See story, page 16A.

POINTER OF INTEREST

Ted J. Cwiek

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
Age: 53
Family: Wife, Patricia; daughters: Sarah, 24, and Katherine, 21
Occupation: Director of Macomb County Human Resources
Quote: "It's hard to imagine a (union) member calling the board of directors. The public unions can call the board of commissioners and discuss what's going on at the bargaining table."

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ Tests conducted by the Grosse Pointe Farms engineering department determine emissions of dark smoke from chimneys at Grosse Pointe High School and Gabriel Richard School are within legal limits.

Out-pouring of smoke occurs for durations of five minutes or less, which complies with the municipal smoke abatement ordinance.

■ A St. Clair Shores man complains to City of Grosse Pointe police about year-round operation of the traffic light at Jefferson and University.

The man says the light isn't necessary during winter, when the nearby municipal lakefront park isn't being used.

Police Chief Thomas Trombly says the light is needed to interrupt the flow of steady vehicle traffic. Otherwise, drivers would speed the long distance between lights at Fisher to Balfour in Grosse Pointe Park.

■ Grosse Pointe's Blue Devils basketball team moves to the top of the Border Cities League with a 67-55 victory over Monroe on the Trojans' home court.

Grosse Pointe, Fordson and Highland Park are ranked in that order behind unbeaten Dearborn in the State Class A ratings.

25 years ago this week

■ A parking structure on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms comes several steps closer to reality with approval of three resolutions aimed at getting the project started by the Farms Economic Development Corp.

As proposed, the deck will contain between 270 and 380 parking spaces, depending on the results of a feasibility study due for completion with a few weeks.

■ Business have them. Large cities and labor unions, too.

And Grosse Pointe Woods Councilman Dan Grady thinks a lobbyist in Lansing would be a good idea to "see the best interests" are heard on behalf of the Pointes and Harper Woods.

■ Owners of the landmark Grosse Pointe Academy building on Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms are getting ready for its 100 birthday in 1983 with a variety of renovation projects that will be supported, in part, by this year's annual giving campaign.

The historically designated building was constructed in 1883 by the Society of the Sacred heart as a boarding school for young ladies.

10 years ago this week

■ Faculty, staff and students at St. Paul Catholic School in Grosse Pointe Farms congratulate teacher Evelyn McShane for being one of 81 instructors nationwide to attain the status of a nationally board certified teacher by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

■ The Grosse Pointe Board of Education adopts a new weapons policy in conjunction with recent state law.

The law mandates any student caught on school property with a weapon will be expelled permanently from the district, with numerous avenues of appeal.

"I support this policy, but it's not a very well-written law," says board President Carl Anderson. "It allows for reinstatement for arson, rape and possession of a gun but does not allow reinstatement from other things."

■ Deciding how to utilize space at the southeast corner of Mack and Moross tops Grosse Pointe Farms' list of objectives for 1995.

Last year the Farms purchased the 5.6 acres of land for $3.7 million.

"Our biggest project is to complete what we started last year and use our planner to find the best public purpose for the property," says Gregg Berendt, mayor.

5 years ago this week

■ After 35 years serving the Grosse Pointes — 30 years in the City and before that, five years with the Shores — director of finance Dennis Foran retires from the City.

■ An electrical fire with a mind of its own proves hard for Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers to extinguish.

The stubborn attic fire in the 800 block of Moorland requires three alarms and assistance from firefighters from Grosse Pointe Shores, Farms and City, with the Park at the ready.

■ To Daryl and Wytrice Harris of Detroit, Y2K stands for Y2 Kids.

The Detroit couple are the first parents of twins — a boy and girl — born of the new millennium at Bon Secours Hospital.

The first baby born this year in the Pointes also occurs at Bon Secours. Tyler Jacob Litteral is delivered by C-section on Jan. 1, at 1:19 a.m., to mother Mary Litteral of St. Clair Shores.

— Brad Lindberg

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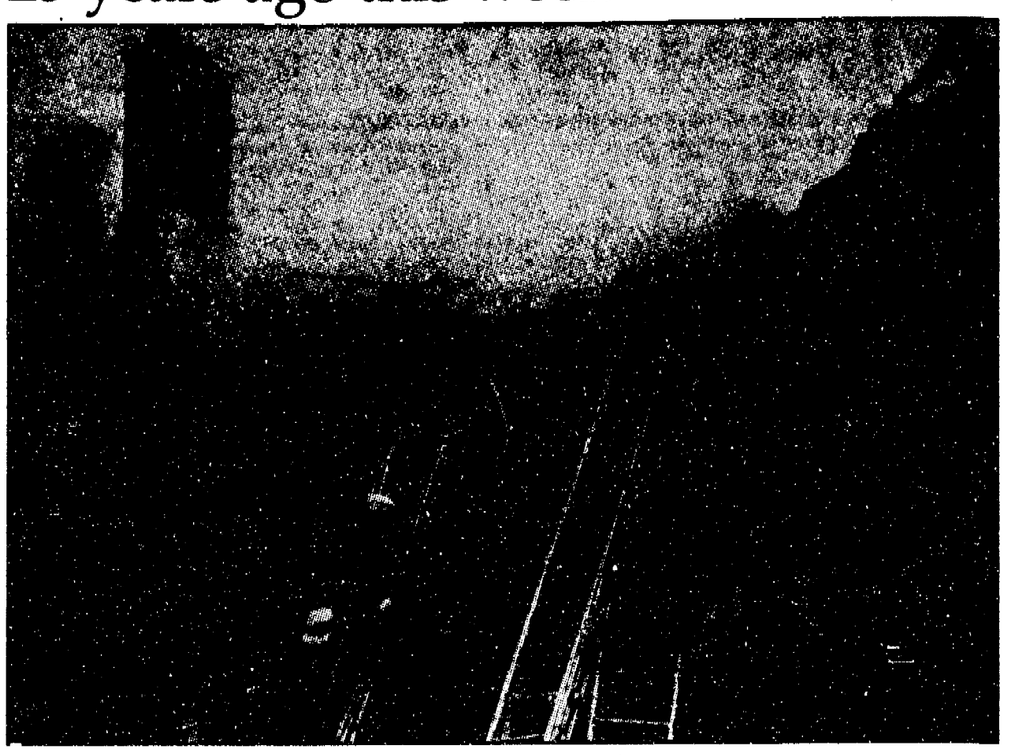

Fire rips through St. Clair terrace

Men and equipment from three neighboring communities help City of Grosse Pointe public safety officers fight a three-alarm fire at a terrace condominium in the 400 block of St. Clair. Only one apartment is damaged extensively by the fire, leaving a woman and her three children homeless. Officials think the fire was started by careless smoking. (Photo by David Kramer. From the Jan. 10, 1980 Grosse Pointe News.)

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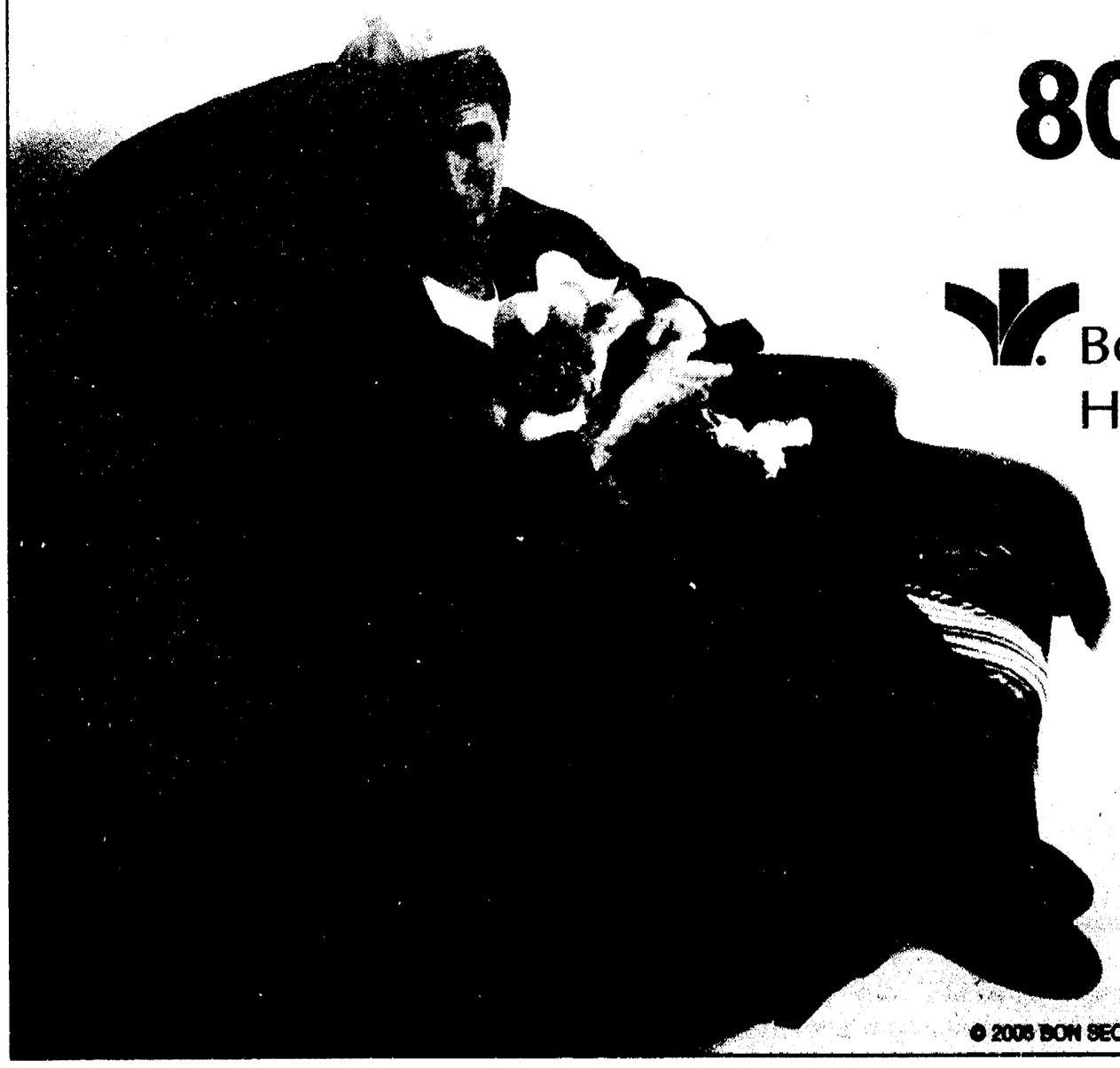

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Options tapped in wake of costly suburban water plant

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Two of the Pointes that buy drinking water from Detroit have launched the idea of tapping into the Grosse Pointe Farms filtration plant.

Officials in Grosse Pointe Shores and Woods are considering a joint $24,000 study to determine costs and benefits of shutting off Detroit and a recent tide of double-digit water rate increases.

Mike Kenyon, manager of the Shores, said the roughly 90-day investigation will be conducted by the engineering firm Hubble, Roth & Clark, longtime consultants to the Shores and Farms.

The local study comes in the wake of the Shores and 22 communities in Macomb and Oakland counties banding together on a $180,000 effort to determine the feasibility of constructing a separate, suburban water plant and related infrastructure. Each community funded the project on a 25 cent per-capita basis. The Shores paid $1,179.

The three-month study, completed late December by the international firm O'Brien & Gere Engineers, is the first of a three-phase project.

Phase one concluded that a filtration plant big enough to serve the study area's roughly 800,000 residents would cost $1.425 billion. The figure comes to nearly $1,781 per resident.

"To do a complete water treatment plant would be ideal, but it may be a stretch from a financial standpoint," said Dr. Brian Hunt, a Shores trustee.

Hunt prompted inquiry about a suburban system in 2003 during casual conversation with former St. Clair Shores Mayor Curt Dumas.

[illegible] about it," Hunt said.

"There is a technical committee of the communities that will recommend whether we proceed or not," Kenyon said.

Because phase one turned out more expensive than anticipated, phase two will explore less ambitious alternatives.

"Originally, phase two was to tighten our estimates and make sure we have everything covered to enhance our estimates," said Roy Rose, president of Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick consulting engineers located in Shelby Township. "Maybe that's not necessary. Instead of spending time doing that, maybe we should take a look at other things."

Rose sits on the Water System Feasibility Study Steering Committee, formed to evaluate O'Brien & Gere's findings and any other solutions.

Back to the future

If the separate, watered-down study involving the Farms looks promising, it could mean a homecoming for the Grosse Pointe Shores water department.

"It would be almost tailor made for Grosse Pointe Shores," Hunt said.

Fifty years ago the Shores bought water treated at the Farms plant on Moross between Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Lakeshore.

Due to technological constraints of the time, the Shore's growing population threatened to out-pace Farms' filtering capacity. Shores officials switched to Detroit.

Infrastructure dating to the original partnership between the Farms and Shores could mean reduced construction costs if the relationship heats up again.

"We have a water main going up Lakeshore," Kenyon said.

If Grosse Pointe Woods officials jump aboard it could mean rigging the two communities with a closed loop water system, which provides better service to customers located on the edge of town.

"Looping is much better for all of us because if you have a water main break at one end you can back-feed water the other way," Kenyon said.

At full gallop, the pumps, generators and filter beds in the Farms treatment plant can process 12 million gallons of water per day. Average daily demand hovers around 4 to 6 million gallons, with summertime peaks reaching 8 mgd, according to Scott Homminga, water superintendent.

New technology

Homminga said the plant could be enhanced to handle additional customers without building.

"There are a lot of different methods to upgrade the facility," Homminga said. "One is membrane filtration."

Membrane filtration forces raw water at high pressure through a permeable surface. Tiny holes in the membrane catch impurities more quickly and to a greater extent than traditional settling tanks, where water seeps slowly downward through layers of sequentially larger pieces of carbon, sand, pebble and rocks.

"With membrane filtration, you can filtrate more water," Homminga said. "It takes more out of the water than conventional treatment. We would fit it in the current footprint of our building."

The Farms already serves the City of Grosse Pointe with a combined population of 15,434. If the Shores and Woods embark, the customers base would more than double to 35,337.

From a business standpoint, the increase makes good use of capital equipment, according to Matthew Tepper, Farms assistant city manager.

"There are economies of scale," Tepper said. "We already have the infrastructure in place. It's old, but it's there."

On the other hand, Shores and Woods officials would have some construction to fund.

Homminga said serving extra cities would involve building a larger water storage tank.

"We can get an elevated or ground level tank to give us more storage so we don't have to run pumps 24 hours per day," he said. "We would fit that all within the current footprint of our building."

Floating an idea

The Farms water plant became the belle of the ball when engineers at O'Brien & Gere projected a billion-dollar facility to handle the 23 suburban communities.

Some of the communities, such as Warren, Troy and Pontiac, are cities in themselves.

All 23 are customers disgruntled to some extent with double-digit percentage rate increases from the mammoth Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

The department provides fresh water to 4.2 million people in 125 communities throughout more than 1,000 square miles of southeast Michigan.

"It's one of the biggest systems in the country," said George Rest, senior vice president stationed at O'Brien & Gere's Maryland office and project engineer on the suburban water study. "Detroit's water rates, as they will quickly tell you, are not unreasonable by national averages. However, they certainly increased a whole lot from five years ago."

Rest determined that if a suburban water plant were operating today, and if Detroit maintained a 10 percent annual increase in water costs, the suburbs would undercut Detroit's wholesale price for water in six to 12 years.

If, on the other hand, as Detroit water officials projected last summer in their 2005-2009 master plan, rates increase 7.4 percent through 2010 and 5.4 percent to 2020, the break-even point would be much longer if at all.

Hence a proposed compromise of sorts between a large suburban system and pooling resources in the Pointes.

"One of the things we didn't expect was to pull together a more limited alternative, with places like Grosse Pointe Farms, Highland Park and Mount Clemens, to take advantage of their spare capacity and trim down the project to a more limited scope," Rest said.

"Highland Park would love to find a customer to buy some of its water because it's so strapped for dollars," Rose said. "Mount Clemens is interested in trying to sell water."

All this exchange of ideas between communities of different size, need and perspectives has raised the odds of discovering unforeseen alternatives more promising than those anticipated.

"There's quite a bit more here than some folks expected that tells them it's not such a crazy idea," Rest said.

"We have not wasted money by any means or imagination," Rose said. "There might still be things out there to look at further. We may need to look outside the box of the original 23 communities. Maybe it makes more economic sense to look at a bigger picture than a small picture. There are studies going on in Genesee and Oakland counties that are independent of this study. We've met with the parties and talked about their plans, but that wasn't in the original scope."

Photo by Brad Lindberg

George Van Tiem of the Farms water department checks the facilities five pumps used to draw water from Lake St. Clair.

Water rates

"Since we did this study, our water rate has gone down from $11.04 down to $10," Hunt said. "Warren's rate went down. So did St. Clair Shores. Just from doing this study, we have reduced the average water bill in Grosse Pointe Shores per household by about $35. Whether it's due to the study and having Detroit look at us a little more closely, I'll leave that up to the judgment of whoever looks at the information."

"We started lowing rates before they went in on the study," said George Ellenwood, public affairs spokesman for the Detroit water department. "If you look at the previous three years, when (Director) Victor Mercado came to the department in 2002, he said he was going to implement new business management practices. One of the products of those practices is seeking lower rate increases."

Ellenwood said the average water rate increase in 2002 was 13 percent. Then, through controlling operational and maintenance costs, increases declined to 9 percent.

"The following year the rate increase averaged 7 percent," Ellenwood said. "Now we're at 3 percent."

He said lower rate increases don't always go into effect across the board.

"One thing that helped St. Clair Shores in its lower rate increase was the city took an aggressive look at controlling water loss," Ellenwood said. "They did a city-wide leak detection program."

Water

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that would minimize loss of service during water main breaks.

The proposed feasibility study would address a number of requirements necessary to upgrade and enlarge the Farms' water treatment and transportation system.

In outlining the proposal to the Woods council, Woods City Administrator Mark Wollenweber said, "I think we should proceed with this study. I think it's well worth considering."

Shores President Dr. James Cooper said his council would consider the water study proposal at its Tuesday, Jan. 18, meeting.

The Shores is also participating in a study with the Water System Feasibility Study Steering Committee, a group of 23 cities, mostly in Macomb County, that is considering building its own water system. The Shores was one of the first three cities to join in on that study, which was partially initiated by Shores village council Trustee Dr. Brian Hunt.

"We're looking at all of our options," Cooper said.

The Shores was previously a Farms water customer until 1958, when it switched service to the DWSD.

Other proposals to become Farms water customers have been considered and rejected by the Shores and Grosse Pointe Park in years past. According to Farms City Manager Shane Reeside, that possibility has become more feasible.

"There's new technology, such as directional boring, that may make it more practical for the other cities to tie in with our system, and there's clearly additional room for capacity at our plant," Reeside said.

The total cost of the feasability study is expected to be about $24,000 with the Woods contributing $19,000 and the Shores contributing about $5,000.

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Cwiek solving employee and labor problems

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Would the lightly falling snow accumulate and become a problem for the Thursday morning commute for more than 2,000 full time Macomb County employees?

"I'll be watching the weather channel tonight," said Macomb County Human Resources Director Ted J. Cwiek from his fourth-floor, corner office.

Falling snow and its aftermath is just one of the problems the Grosse Pointe Woods resident would analyze this day. His input on whether to close county buildings or not would be based on the safety of Macomb County employees and the necessity of keeping the wheels of government turning.

It is Cwiek's job, and that of his staff of 24, to solve problems for 2,700 full time employees in 25 bargaining units and hire the best people to serve the needs of a growing county.

"I look forward to getting to the end of the day and (totaling up) what I have accomplished. An accomplishment is solving a problem. Resolving a grievance; putting it in writing. It's done. The problem is solved, and moving bargaining forward is good. There are more good days than bad," he said.

A better day may involve reaching a tentative agreement in a bargaining area or wrapping up a labor agreement. Working out an insurance question puts a positive spin on a typical day for Cwiek, who holds a bachelor's degree from Oakland University and a law degree from Wayne State University.

As well as a problem solver, Cwiek must be a juggler with finesse and dexterity handling the dual divisions of the human resources department. The department is divided into personnel services and labor relations. Personnel services, with 19 employees, have the job to take care of employment, benefits and retirement.

Employment covers the aspects of hiring, benefits of insurance (health, dental, optical), workers compensation and termination of employment. Retirement includes pensions and health care. There is a coordinator for each of these four systems.

The division of labor relations is Cwiek's speciality.

With an interest in labor history, he pursued that specialty and focused on labor law. He said he was fortunate to have a professor who recommended him to James P. Hoffa, the president of local International Brotherhood of Teamsters Union, for whom he worked for seven years covering unions from Alpena to Kalamazoo.

He left there for private practice, representing employers, noting its not that unusual to move from one side to the other. In 1991, he came to Macomb County as corporate counsel assigned to personnel/labor department.

Five years ago Cwiek took over the reigns of the human resources department as its director.

He pointed out there are similarities between the private and public sector unions — each are firm in serving the membership.

"Teamsters have a bad rap. It's a rough and tumble industry that shapes them," he said. Universally, unions are committed, committed to what is best for their members. However, there lies a fundamental difference between the private and the public sector in attitudes at the table.

"The private employer is worried about the bottom line. He wants a quality relationship with his employees. He asks, 'how much is this going to cost?' Labor comes to the table with 'what can we do to help our membership' mind set. In the public section there is still a cost issue, but there is more to the relationship between the government and the employees.

"There are unions who say 'what can we do for our members and influence the unit of government and bargain with'," Cwiek said.

He continued, "It's hard to imagine a (union) member calling the board of directors. The public unions can call the board of commissioners and discuss what is going on at the bargaining table. The relationship is more trusting between the public unions and the municipalities. Trust is important and is more important in the public sector. Private (business) is a contest between the employer and the employee. Who gets to keep more of the money?"

He summed up by saying that due to the trust there are no winners and losers in the public sector because both sides are working to provide services for the common good.

The labor relations department negotiates and administers contracts with 25 bargaining units in 20 labor contracts, as well as managing grievances from the beginning to a satisfactory ending.

Negotiations are tied to finance, Cwiek pointed out. What can the county afford? What finances will grow? What will shrink during the three-year tenure of the contracts. "It's a balancing act of crisis and balancing," he said because county revenues are based on taxes and not state revenue sharing, as are municipalities. Macomb County is riding the wave right now because of the continued growth.

"For the most part it (government) works well. It's a big bureaucracy. It's doing what it's supposed to be doing. And to keep it doing what it's supposed to be doing there is minute record keeping," he said.

Personnel

The minute record keeping begins with employment.

"We handle everyone," Cwiek said of the 2,700 full time employees.

And he pointed out, one must understand that the county has a number of employers — the sheriff's department is an employer. The court is an employer. The prosecutor's office is an employer. The clerk/register of deeds is an employer. The treasurer is an employer. The public works commissioner is an employer and so on.

"All applications funnel through here, plus payroll, insurance and retirement. It's all handled here." (The public works commissioner's office has a separate personnel department.)

The subdivision of personnel services is handled by 19 employees

"The employment process of hiring has gone, in the last five years, from an employee market to a significantly depressed economy, and we are flooded with applications," he said.

Last year there were 240 positions posted in the various county departments. For one job alone there were 100 applications.

And the biggest challenge for the staff is "negotiating the paper. We don't want to lose anything. We want to be fair. It's a challenge to keep the paper moving and fill the positions to keep the departments moving. The biggest single part is we must keep the paper moving through the office. There are department heads who are depending on a new hire to keep their office running smoothly."

Once the best candidate is found and hired, there are benefits to sign up for.

Each employee must choose one of four health benefits packages. If that isn't enough, this department, under his watchful eye, monitors leaves and workers' comp issues and payroll every two weeks. There are more than 1,000 retirees, and each has a retirement plan.

Retirement packages, benefits, payroll, hiring, firing, workers comp, applications, contract negotiations and administration, grievances and leaves of absence. It's a long "to do" list and may seem insurmountable. Yet, Cwiek is undaunted because between what he terms his "quality staff" and his experience in solving personnel and union problems, Macomb County employees keep the wheels of government running smoothly.

"Problem solved," are words Cwiek can generally proclaim at the end of the day.

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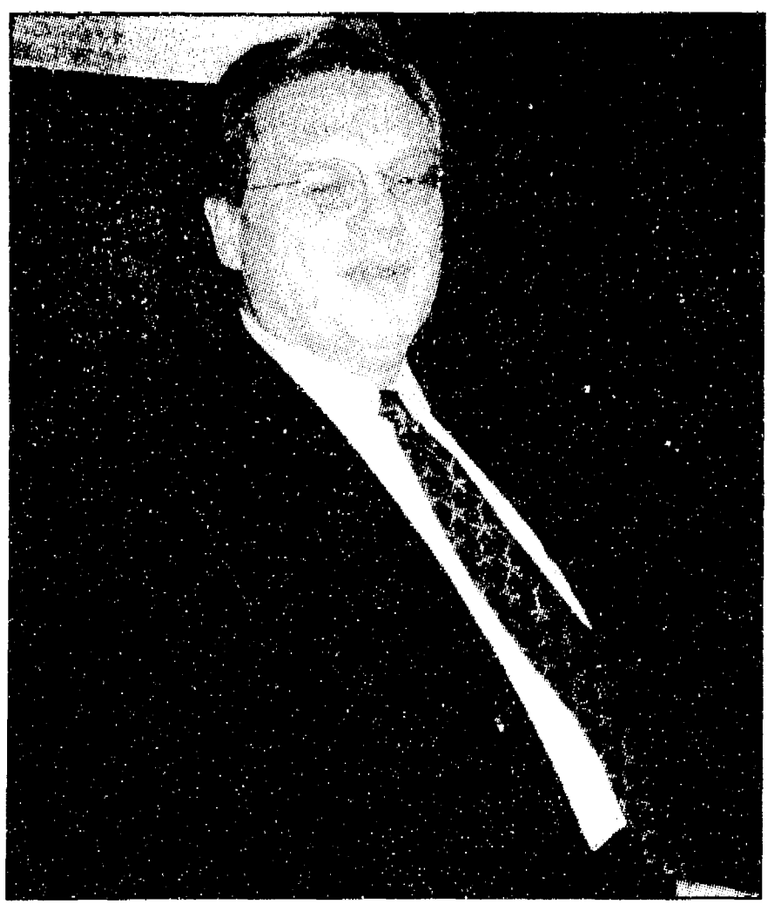

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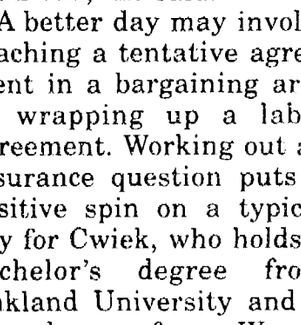
Ted J. Cwiek is the director of Macomb County Human Resources department, handling all labor relations and personnel matters for thousands of full and part time employees.

Time flies.



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Experiencing history

Brownie Troop 2173 of Kerby Elementary School visited the Grosse Pointe Historical Society in October as part of its work on a try-badge "Listening to the Past."

Brownies, Girls Scouts and Boy Scouts age 7 and up are invited to experience history and learn about the past during a new, one-day program: History Sampler for Scouts to be held Saturday, Jan. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Provencal-Weir House at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, 376 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Children will get a tour of the Provencal-Weir House and Log Cabin and learn about how families lived in this area in the 1800s. They will also learn about and perform chores like churning butter and dipping candles that were part of a kid's daily life back then.

Each participant will receive a Grosse Pointe History badge and can apply through his or her troop for other badges.

The program cost is $8 per scout (no charge for parents and troop leaders).

For more information or to register, call (313) 884-7010.

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Liggett to help Salvation Army

Recent conversations among University of Liggett students has centered around what they could do for the tsunami victims.

Participation in the Salvation Army project, "From Michigan with Love" was the concensus. Sponsored by the Eastern Michigan division of the Salvation Army, the goal is to provide funding to construct 2,005 homes in Sri Lanka during 2005. Projected cost per home is $5,000.

Jan. 31 is the deadline to make a donation.

For more information, call the school at (313) 884-4444.

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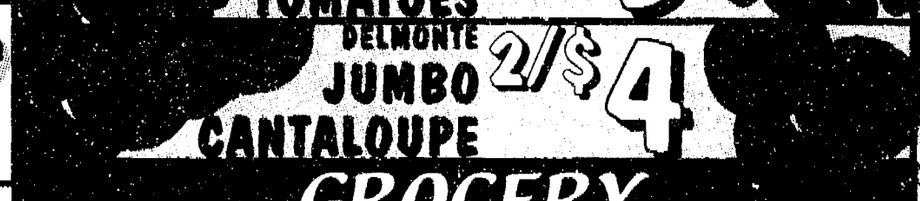

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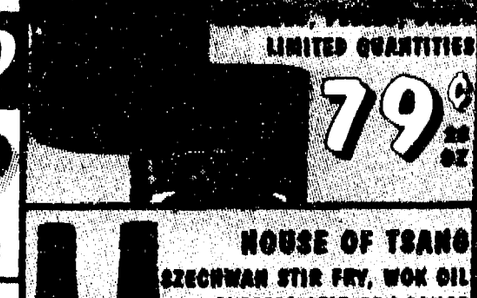

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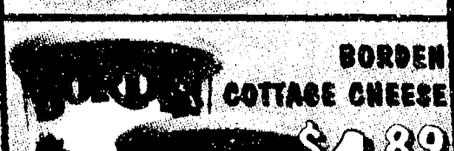

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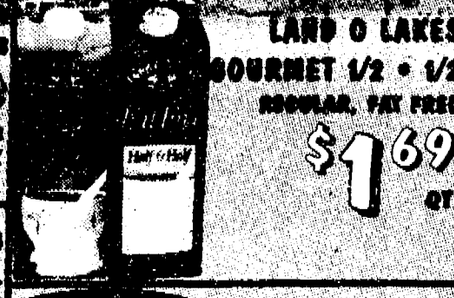

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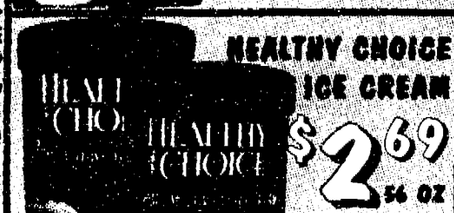

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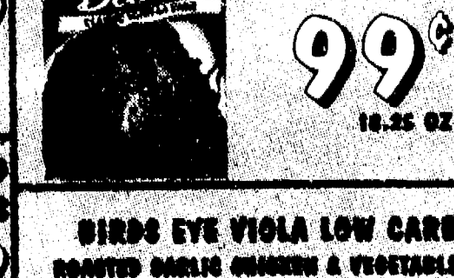

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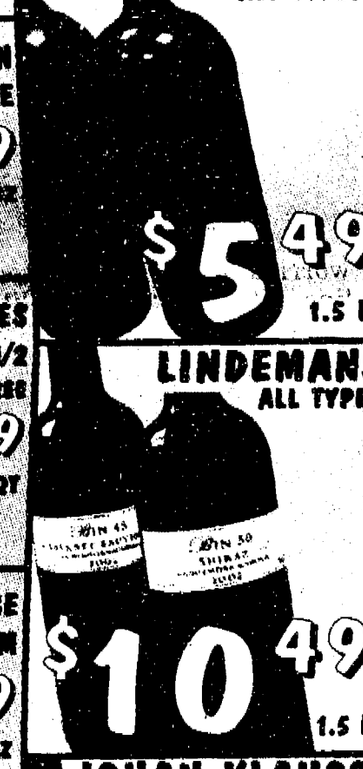

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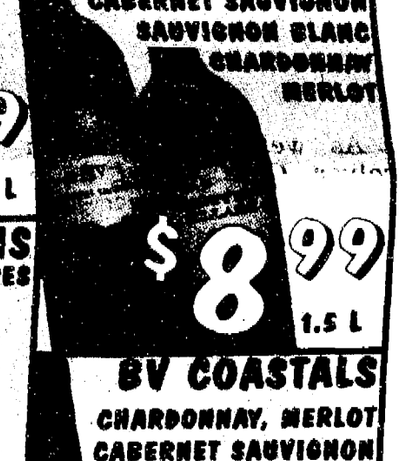

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Grosse Pointe Library's Ewald branch dedicated

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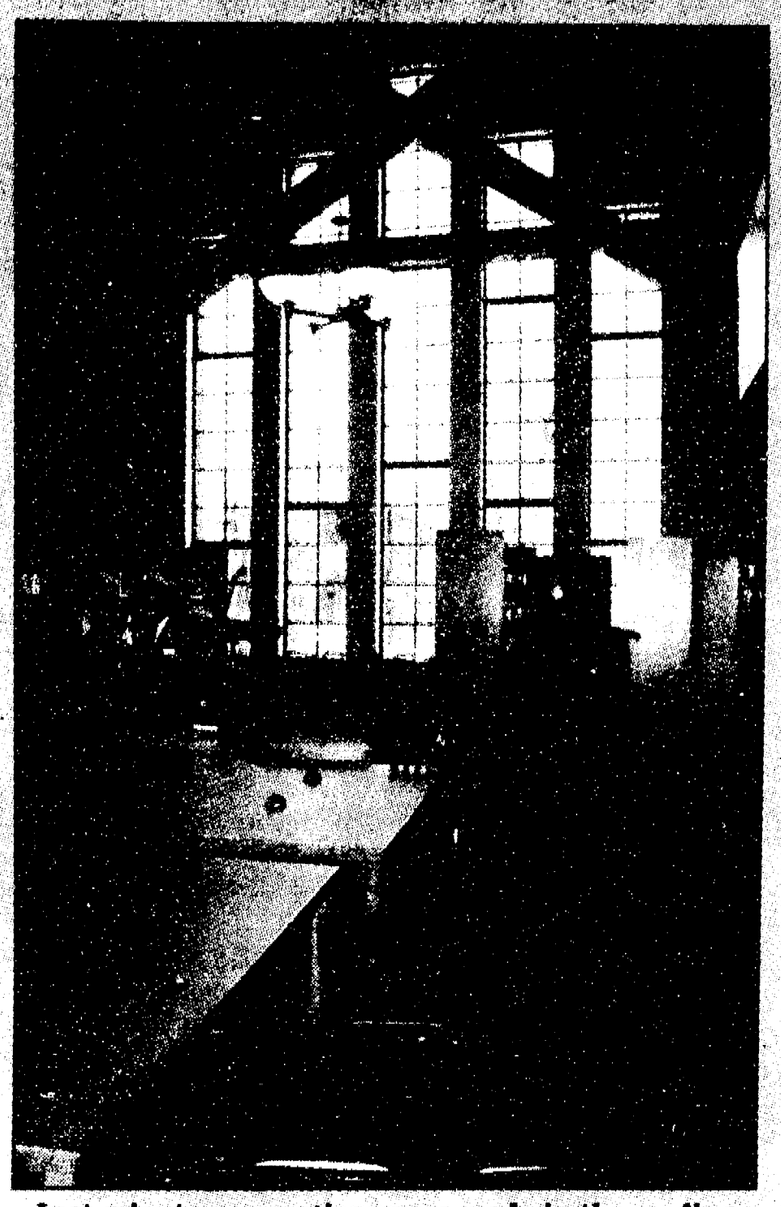

Last minute preparations were made in the reading room of the new library prior to the dedication.

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in school. He read a tribute from the governor.

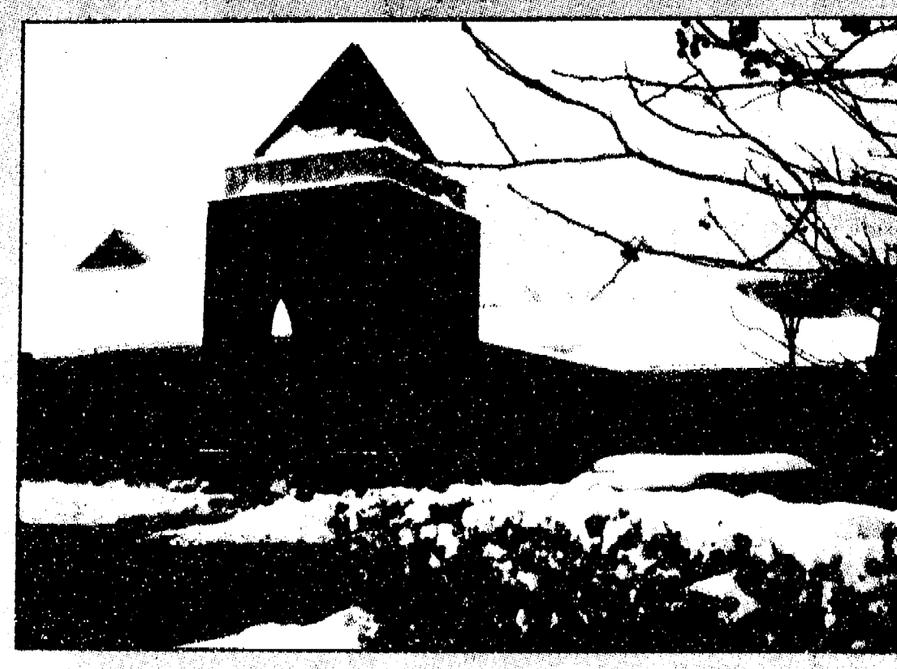
The Ewald family was represented by Leah Ewald, granddaughter of Carolyn Ewald Kratzet and the late Ted Ewald. She told the audience why her grandfather is her hero. She talked about a man that was generous, not monetarily, but of heart and spirit.

A bronze plague with etched portraits of Carolyn Ewald Kratzet and Ted Ewald to be placed in the library were presented to the Ewald family by the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation president Bill Rands.

The library was officially dedicated when Leah Ewald and her grandmother cut the sage green ceremonial ribbon.

Afterward, the crowd was treated to refreshments in the new adult program room. Some people used this time as a chance to visit with friends and neighbors, while others continued to explore the new facility.

Judging from the crowds that continued to linger until 5 p.m., this library will become a gathering place for the community.



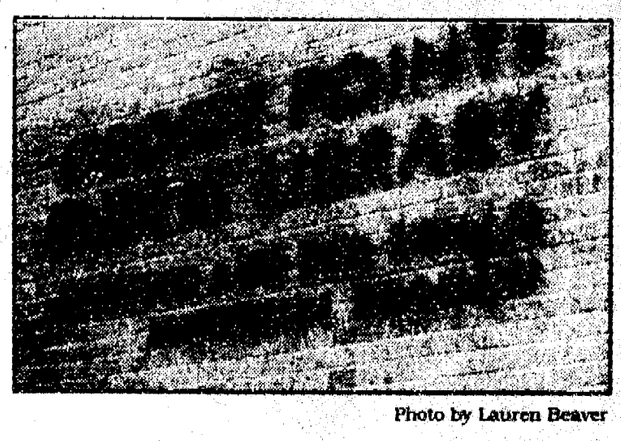


Photo by Lauren Beaver

The dedication ceremony for the Carolyn and Ted Ewald Memorial Branch library, above, was held on Saturday, Jan. 8.

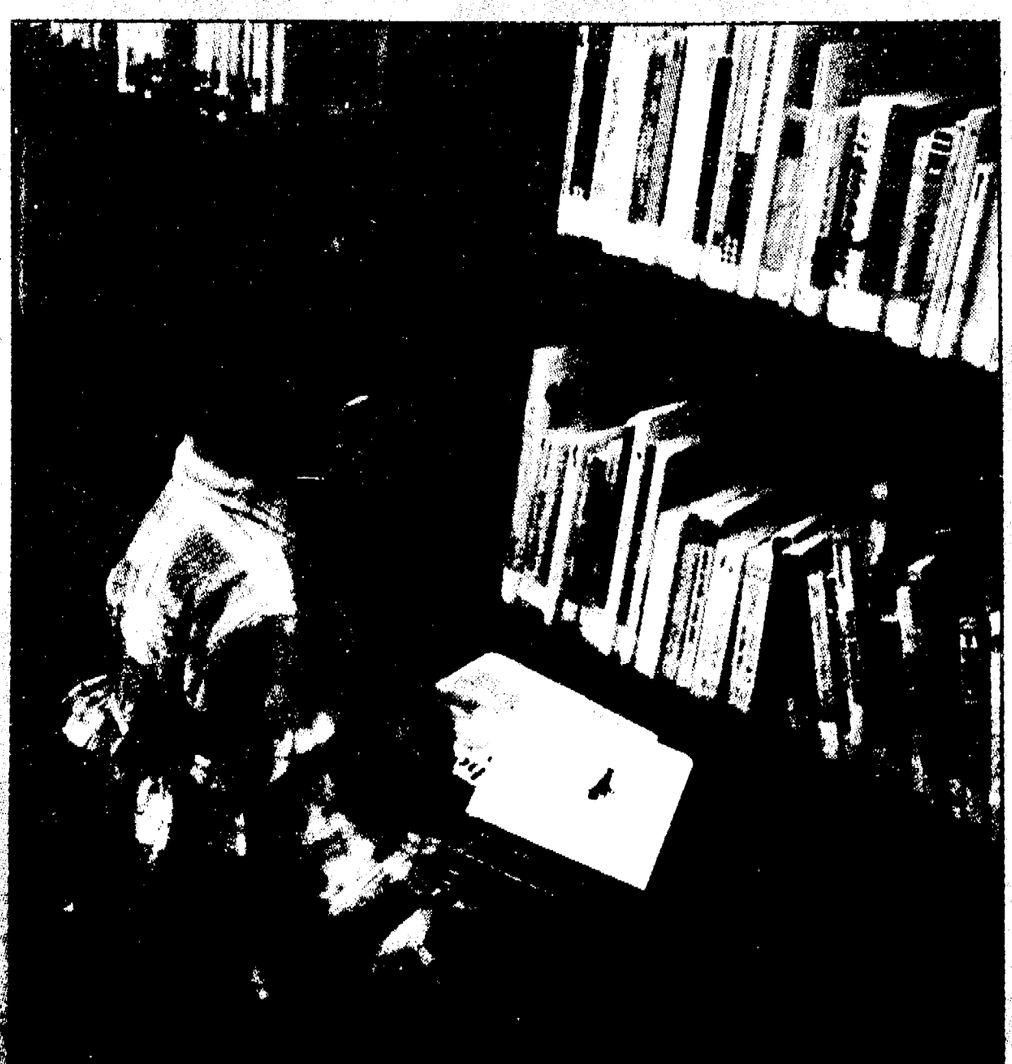
Below, violinist Marguerite Dene of Grosse Pointe Park and cellist Mario DiFiore of the City of Grosse Pointe perform before the dedication ceremony.

Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees president John Bruce, above, delivers a speech about the value of the new library.

Marge Hilgendorf and Clair Kreher, at the right, work in audio visual and tech services for the new library.

Madison Carpenter, 13 months, below, found a great book to read. She is the granddaughter of Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees president John Bruce. Many more books to follow!

Below at the right, a crowd of approximately 400 people attended the dedication ceremony and open house.



Donna Armeni Butala

Donna Armeni Butala, 65, of Grosse Pointe Farms died on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, in Bon Secours Hospital.

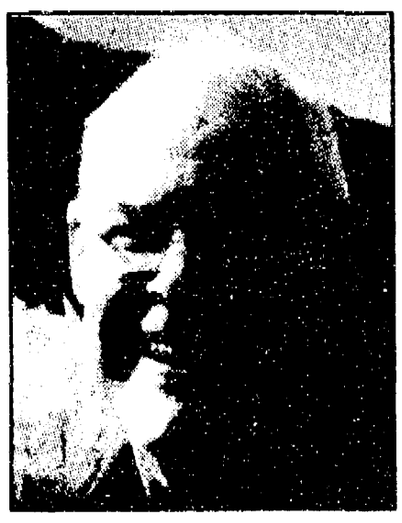
She was born on Oct. 5, 1939, to Sam and Ida Armeni in Detroit. She was a physchotherapist for over 20 years. She took great pride in making a difference in the lives of the many people who worked with her.

Mrs. Butala is survived by her children, Steven (Virginia) Butala and Ann (Chris) Porter; her grandchildren, Owen, Sara and Gordon; her brother, Sam (Jacci) Butula Jr.; her nephews, Sam III and Chad; and her friend, Jerry Sleicher.

She was predeceased by her parents, Sam and Ida Armeni; and her sister, Patricia Camus.

A memorial service was held on Jan. 3 at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. Memories can be shared with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at the Website WujekCalcaterra.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent de Paul Society, 2929 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202.



James A. Herbold

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Former Grosse Pointe resident James A. Herbold, 68, died Monday, Jan. 3, [illegible] Columbus, Wis., following a courageous effort to overcome leukemia.

He was born on Aug. 25, 1936, in Buffalo, N.Y. to Arthur G. and Catherine J. (Opitz) Herbold. He attended Canisius College and St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute in Buffalo, N.Y. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1959 and served in the U. S. Army from 1959 until 1961, and a reserve unit until 1968.

He married Mary Tatro on June 2, 1962, at St. John Catholic Church in Antigo, Wis. They resided in Grosse Pointe for 27 years, moving to Wisconsin in 1988.

Mr. Herbold was employed by the State of Wisconsin at the time of his retirement in 2001.

Mr. Herbold was very active in the Boy Scouts with his sons for many years. He enjoyed traveling, woodworking, model trains, and vacationing with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Herbold; his two sons, Arthur and William, of Columbus; and many other relatives and friends.

A memorial Mass was celebrated on Jan. 8 at St. Jerome Catholic Church in Columbus. Interment will be held at a later date in Antigo, Wis.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Donor Services, P.O. Box 4261, Pittsfield, MA 01202.

Donald William Jackson

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Donald William Jackson, 87, of St. Clair Shores died on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005.

Mr. Jackson was born July 13, 1917, in Youngstown, Ohio. His family moved to Detroit when he was 5 years old. He attended Northwestern High School, where he played basketball and tennis, and where he met his wife, Barbara. They were married for 63 years and

Donald William Jackson

lived in Grosse Pointe Woods for over 30 years.

He was an avid golfer and an outstanding senior tennis player. He enjoyed fishing and vacationing with his family. He was a very active member of Salem Memorial Lutheran Church.

Mr. Jackson's career in retailing began at the A T. Spaulding Co., followed by a position at Whalings' as a salesman and assistant buyer. He joined Pioneer Suspender Co. in 1938, and was promoted to vice president in 1951. In 1955, at the age of 37, he was elected president of the Michigan Men's Apparel Club. His 50-year retailing career included executive positions with Pioneer, Hickok Belt Co. and, finally, as vice president of Swank Inc.

Mr. Jackson is survived by his wife, Barbara Jackson; his three children, Dr. Donald (Sylvia) Jackson Jr. of Tempe, Ariz., Tracy (Douglas) Blatt of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Dr. William (Debra) Jackson of Kalamazoo; his six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Salem Memorial Lutheran Church, 21230 Moross, Detroit, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15.

Memorial contributions may be made to Salem Memorial Lutheran Church, 21230 Moross, Detroit, MI 48236.

Joan A. Manley

Joan A. Manley, 73, of Sterling Heights died on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005, at Evangelical Nursing Home in Fort Gratiot, from heart failure after a prolonged illness.

She was born on Oct.10, 1932, in Detroit. She was a high school graduate and attended two years of college.

Mrs. Manley worked as a bookkeeper for the Detroit Board of Education for 35 years.

She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus and of Eastern Star.

She is survived by her sister, Carol Troutman and her brother, Robert Crell.

A memorial service was held on Jan. 10 at Hope United Church of Christ in Fraser. Internment is in Cadillac Memorial East Cemetery, Clinton Township.

Charles L. Palms III

Charles L. Palms III, 79, died on Friday, Dec. 17, 2004, in Brooklyn, N.Y., of pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Palms was born in 1925 to Charles L. Palms, Jr. and Marion Mark (Dwyer), both of Grosse Pointe. He had three brothers and one sister.

Mr. Palms graduated from University of Detroit High School in 1943, and joined the Navy during World War II, serving as a CB in Trinidad. He graduated from Georgetown University in 1949 and Harvard Law School in 1952.

After practicing law in Detroit for two years, he joined the Paulist Fathers for 14 years. For the remainder of his life, he worked in community development at the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation in Brooklyn, volunteering his services after his official retirement in 1995.

He served on several boards as an officer until his death, including Restoration assecretary, Bedford Stuyvesant Family Health Center as chairperson, and Brooklyn's Community Board 8 as secretary.

Charles L. Palms III

Mr. Palms married Rosemary Grebin in 1971, and they made their home in Brooklyn. They had two children and have one grandchild.

He was a tennis and squash aficionado, and loved to play his four-string guitar and to lead sing-a-longs of Cole Porter and Gershwin tunes, as well as a few calypso tunes that he learned while in Trinidad.

Mr. Palms is survived by his wife, Rosemary Grebin Palms; his children, Anna "Amy" Schuessler and Michael Palms; his grandson, Cosmo Lewis Palms; his brother, George (Micaela) Palms; his sister, Mary (Edward Jr.) Carpenter; his mother-in-law, Eloise Grebin; his brothers-in-law, Gary (Wanda) Grebin and John (Fran) Grebin; his sister-in-law, Kathleen (Richard) McKay; and his 34 nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Robert Palms and Joseph Palms.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday, April 2, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms at 9:30 a.m. Interment will be in Mount Elliott Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bedford Stuyvesant Family Health Center Capital Fund, 1413 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11216.

Mary Lee Ryan Strother

Former Grosse Pointe resident Mary Lee Ryan Strother died on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005, in Washington, D.C., surrounded by family and friends.

Mrs. Strother was born on Feb. 11, 1913, in Connersville, Ind. Her family lived in Detroit in the 1920s before returning to Indiana, where her father, Ellis Williams Ryan, was a director of the Auburn Automobile Company. One of her regrets was that she didn't keep a Cord, which the company manufactured.

She married Charles Porter Strother of Virginia in 1935. They moved with their three children to Grosse Pointe in 1945 when Mr. Strother returned from serving in World War II. The couple was active in Christ Church Grosse Pointe, serving as lay readers.

Mrs. Strother graduated from Sweet Briar College in 1934. In 1960, she earned a master's degree in library science from the University of Michigan. She worked for the Detroit Library System. She once quieted a group of rowdy motorcyclists by handing them a heraldic research book, and suggesting they find a better emblem for their jackets.

She served as an officer of the League of Women Voters and was active as a parent at University Liggett School where she was involved with the annual carnivals. She was a talented still-life painter, a keen reader, an enthusiastic traveler, and a member of Mensa. Her Irish humor, quick wit, courage, faith and concern for others remained with her throughout her long life.

In 1994, she moved to Washington, D.C., where she was elected president of her retirement home's association.

Mrs. Strother is survived by her sons, David Hunter Strother IV of Bethesda, Md. and Richard Ryan Strother of Upperville, Va.; her daughter, Sarah Lee King of Luxembourg; her grandchildren, Elise and Ritsaert Menick, and James and Mary Strother; and a great-grandson, Ivan.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles Porter Strother.

Interment will be in the Ryan family grounds in Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Paul Gerrard Susalla

Paul Gerrard Susalla

Paul Gerrard Susalla, 66, of The Straits of Mackinac and Grosse Pointe Farms, died on his birthday, Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, in his home, surrounded by his immediate family.

Mr. Susalla was born in 1939 in Detroit. He graduated from St. Paul's High School in Grosse Pointe in 1958.

He was an avid car racing enthusiast. In 1967, he was named Waterford Hill's Sports Car Racing and Steel Cities SCCA regional champion.

Mr. Susalla worked for many years with his father at A.J. Susalla Jewelers in Grosse Pointe Woods. He also managed the Charles W. Warren Jewelry store in Lakeside Mall. He owned his own business, Susalla Video Productions, and also worked for many years as a cameraman for Southfield Cable Channel 15.

For 15 years, he was an auxiliary policeman for the Grosse Pointe Farms Police Department. He was once honored as Patrolman of the Year, and received a Certificate of Merit for fire assistance from the Director of Public Safety of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mr. Susalla's hobbies were golf, sports cars, photography, freighter watching, and enjoying his life up north with his wife of 42 years, Nell Evans Susalla.

His departing wish was that we all share and spread faith, hope and love, and that his grandchildren and all children will live in world peace.

He is survived by his wife, Nell Evans Susalla; his sons, David (Harmony) Susalla and Scott (Molly) Susalla; his grandchildren, Harold Riley and Stuart William; his mother, Lillian Susalla; his brother, Alphonse (Hanna) Susalla; and his sister, Ardys (Nick) Petrovich. He will also be missed by his best friend and loyal dog, Trevor, and many other extended family members and friends.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 15, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms at 10 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Make A Wish Foundation or Ducks Unlimited, 331 Metty Drive, Suite #4, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

Recycle holiday cards

Now that the holidays are over, don't throw away extra and holiday cards. Recycle them and help a worthy charity by sending all extra and holiday cards to St Judes Ranch for Children, P.O. Box 60100, Boulder City, N.J. 89006.

In Loving Memory

JOSEPH JOHN (PAPA JOE) McCOWELL
February 20, 1943 to January 16, 2004

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call
I turned all back and left it all
I could not stay another day
To laugh to love to work or PLAY HOCKEY
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh a kiss
Oh yes these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow

My life's been full
I've savored much, good friends
GOOD WINE, good times
A loved one's touch
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
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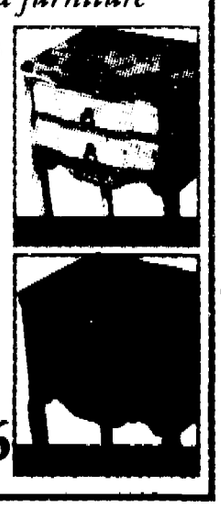

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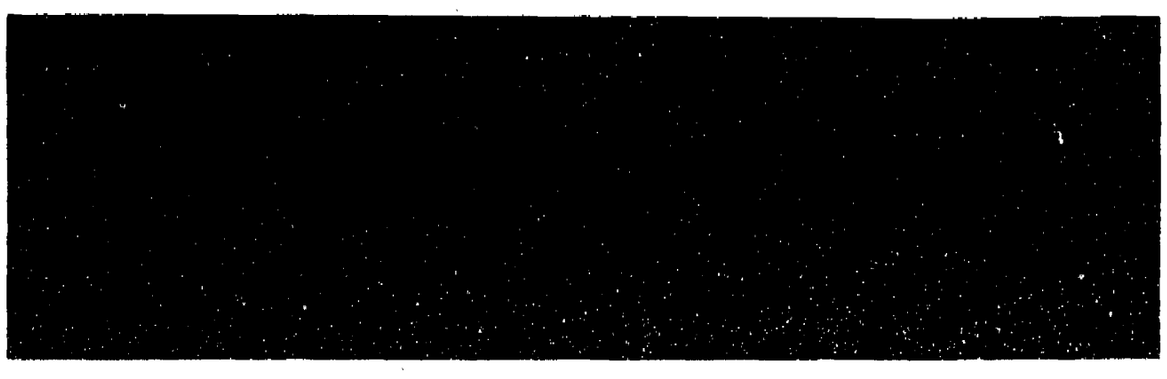
Park library branch more than bricks



Despite the cold, snow and slush, some 400 residents came out Saturday to dedicate the new Carolyn and Ted Ewald Memorial Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

The 15,000-square-foot branch is located on Lakepointe near Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park. It replaces the former Park branch at Pierce Middle School on Kercheval.

Library board trustees and President John Bruce and Library Foundation development director Marcia Scavarda, as well as library director Vickey Bloom, deserve credit for putting on a fine program. Also thanked should be Detroit Symphony Orchestra violinist Marguerite Dene, of the Park, and cellist Mario DiFiore, of the City, who played before the dedication. Ellen Bowen and her Pointe Singers and the color guard of Boy Scout Troop 84, of the Park, opened the dedication ceremony. Broadcaster and author Devin Scillian, of the Park, emceed the event. Thanks to all of you for making the day a success.

Of course, many thanks go to the Ewald family, namely Carolyn Ewald Kratzet, Ted Ewald's widow, and her husband, Ernest Kratzet, and Leah Ewald, granddaughter of Carolyn and Ted Ewald, who paid tribute to her grandfather as a "True Hero." It was a touching moment.

Others who spoke or took part in the dedication were the Rev. Ralph Brown, Park Mayor Palmer Heenan, Ewald Scholar Lindsay Huddleston of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's office and Library Foundation President Bill Rands.

Architects for the new library were David Milling and Associates of Ann Arbor. The builder was SG Construction of Brighton.

With the large crowd, it was difficult to get a feel of the facility, though Bruce personally invited everyone to come back in a few weeks after the Ewald Branch has been put back in order following the ceremonies.

The new library includes a collection and reference, youth, circulation and staff work areas, as well as community and study rooms.

Bruce, in a letter to the editor in this week's Grosse Pointe News, captured the synergism of the hundreds at the dedication who made the library come alive.

Bruce wrote, "That spirit transformed the amazing structure of brick and steel into a living, breathing statement of the values that make our community so special."

We couldn't have said it better.

Robert G. Edgar
Publisher

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Letters

Thanks for support and dedication

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board and staff, we want to thank all of the district library residents in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods for providing the support that made the dedication of the new Carolyn and Ted Ewald Memorial Branch in Grosse Pointe Park such a wonderful day of celebration.

We know that the hundreds of people from ages under 1 year to over age 85 who attended the event on Saturday, Jan. 8, were representative of the spirit of thousands more. That spirit transformed the amazing structure of brick and steel into a living, breathing statement of the values that make our community so special.

This project also demonstrates the power of a shared vision combined with cooperation built on mutual respect. Our library board of trustees: Laura Bartell, David Bergeron, James Haley, Robert Klacza, Kay McDonald, Harvey Weaver and Director Vickey Bloom want to recognize all of the team members who worked so diligently on this project. Yet, so broad was the involvement that there are too many to list in this letter.

We hope that each person, staff member, citizen, organization, government agency, consultant, professional adviser, contractor, student or commentator shares in the success of this endeavor. Many of you came Saturday, and we want you to know how much respect you have earned.

Recognition does need to be given to Marcia Scavarda, Grosse Pointe Foundation Development director, for organizing the dedication event for the large Ewald family and the even larger library family.

Accolades to Devin Scillian for his sincere and warm skill in pulling together the formal elements of the celebration. Thank you to the Friends of the Library volunteers and library staff who worked to welcome all of us to the Ewald Branch.

The collective heart of the library board is full of appreciation for the gifts that everyone involved has given to generations of children by this visceral expression of our love of the library. We have a few more weeks of preparation before the Ewald Branch will be open for public use. We ask for your patience and assure you that we are working overtime to make it function as well as it looks.

Over the next few months, we want every resident in each of the Pointes and Harper Woods to visit the Ewald Branch to see for yourself the first of the new generation of Grosse Pointe public libraries.

On a more personal note, thank you all for allowing me to be a part of a process that demonstrates the best of what helps our outstanding community continue to re-create itself.

John Bruce
President
Grosse Pointe Public Library

Thanks due

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe News in listing the highlights of events for 2004 included the Grosse Pointe Public Library's employee negotiations ("Labor contracts, new branches highlight library news," Jan. 6).

This past year as negotiation talks stalled, the library employees decided to take their position public. They wrote letters; they encouraged library patrons to do the same; they attended library, city council and school board meetings; and they began picketing not only at library facilities, but also, at groundbreaking ceremonies for new library branches.

Regrettably, the library employees, as part of their tactics, decided to also make this publicity campaign personal. Library board president, John Bruce, was the subject of many personal attacks that were less than kind or professional on the part of employees. (Imagine if private sector employees conducted such practices how long they would have their job.) In fact, even the Grosse Pointe News weighed in with an editorial cartoon that was less than flattering to Mr. Bruce rather than to the board as a whole.

I remember seeing one picket sign held by a young boy in front of the central library that read, "Recall Mr. Bruce." To single out one library board member for such personal attacks is most unfortunate and undeserved.

This past Saturday, Jan. 8, the dedication was held for the new Park branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. The dedication was lovely in every way, but the real star was the beautiful new library building itself.

Such a new public library facility is long overdue in the Grosse Pointes. This community has failed to pass a bond issue to construct new library facilities for many, many years. The present central library facility was a gift to the Grosse Pointe community by the Hawkins Ferry family. The branch libraries have been located in public school buildings.

No one in the Grosse Pointe community has done more to see that new library facilities are built in this community than John Bruce. Mr. Bruce served as library bond chairperson for two failed library bond proposals in the early '90s. One was to expand at the central library site and the other was at the Brownell site.

As a former member of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education at the time, I was disheartened by the lack of leadership by many community people who had the financial resources and ability to really make a new library facility a reality. (The Ted Ewald family is to be commended for their generous gift to the Park branch library.)

After these failed attempts to fund a new library, Mr. Bruce did not walk away. When the library system broke away from the public school system in 1994, Mr. Bruce stepped up to take on a leadership position in uncharted waters of a public library board in Grosse Pointe. He has remained in that leadership position to this day, some 10 years later.

Be sure to visit the new Grosse Pointe Park Library. It is beautiful. If you like what you find there, please call John Bruce and tell him, "thank you."

Carol B. Murr
Grosse Pointe Farms

Cable monopoly

To the Editor:

For the past several years, Comcast customers living in Grosse Pointe Woods have, and continue to have, great increases in cable rates.

This year is an increase of 6.5 percent. A lot more than the 2.7 percent Social Security increase.

They keep getting away with this because they have a monopoly in our area. I write our mayor and city council every time (rates rise), and they keep saying there is nothing they can do. They tell me to write Washington, our U.S. representative, and U.S. senators.

I thought city officials were to represent residents and look after our best interest. City hall must think Comcast really needs these high increases. After all, Comcast tried to buy out Disney with all the cash they now have; so why do they need more, and more?

We have no choice of cable companies like many other cities have. We have no choice of what programs we get. On basic cable, which we subscribe to, about 90 percent of the stations offered, we don't watch. Why can't we pay for the six to nine stations we watch and forget about the other 40 to 50?

Why is it that we can choose from six to 10 phone companies, which enters our home on the same line, but only one cable network?

Our city officials keep saying there is nothing they can do for us. Why don't they write the federal government on our behalf and break this monopoly Comcast has in our area?

They only seem to know us at election time. We did a little cleaning of city council last election, maybe we need to do more and start with the mayor's office. If we have to write Washington, why do we need our current city officials?

I believe if residents are tired of high Comcast bills and high increases, call city hall and tell them to get to work for us residents. If we don't, you can only expect more and more higher increases.

After all, Comcast has a monopoly and this old resident thought that was against the law. They told Ma Bell that years ago, when they made them break up.

Robert E. Kocian
Grosse Pointe Woods

Educational challenges

To the Editor:

I read with interest your recent story, "Grass roots group seeks fair funding for schools" (Jan. 6, Grosse Pointe News), on the grass roots group attending a forum on state funding for education.

I do not take issue with the group's comments as quoted in the paper because most would support Dr. Klein's comment that "If Michigan schools successfully educate their children to be well-educated, hard-working and good citizens, then we will be able to successfully compete in global markets."

I was very concerned,

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What's that river called?

By Michael Goodell
Grosse Pointe Farms

Here's the situation. The former ruling party, ousted from power, refuses to accept the voice of the people. Insurgents attempt to sabotage the government. They erect barricades to block vital fiscal reforms. They assassinate the character of men and women nominated to the courts. When their tactics result in further erosion of their power, they threaten to destroy the electoral system.

Is this an update from Iraq? A report from the Ukraine? No. These insurgents are Americans. On Thursday, Jan. 6, for only the third time in U.S. history, and only the second time in the past 130 years, the Democratic Party challenged the 2004 election results on the congressional floor. Historically, the ratification of a presidential election is a civil, bipartisan ceremony, part of the two-century tradition of peaceful transition of power that is one of the hallmarks of American society.

The last time the results of an individual state were challenged was in 1969, when a North Carolina elector attempted to switch his vote from Richard Nixon to George Wallace. Before that, it was the disputed election of 1876, when the country still bore scars from the Civil War. Last week, Democrats, armed with a laundry list of rumor, innuendo and deception, recruited Ohio Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones to challenge the vote.

According to federal law, a successful challenge requires a representative from both houses of Congress. In 2001, following the Florida fiasco, the challenge failed when no senator rose to the bait. This time, the Democrats found a willing participant in the form of California Sen. Barbara Boxer.

Boxer, you may recall, distinguished herself during the congressional check kiting scandal in the early 1990s. When presented with the evidence that she habitually wrote checks knowing there weren't sufficient funds in her account to cover them, she responded blithely, "Well, you know how women are with their checkbooks."

After George W. Bush posted a dramatic victory in Ohio, blue state elitists, unwilling to accept that the majority of the American electorate had no use for their statist politics, mounted a series of challenges to the results. By imputing all manner of fraud to the vote, they sought, in the words of Charles Krauthammer, to institutionalize the concept of electoral unreliability.

Nevermind that Bush's lead of more than 130,000 votes was so substantial that even John Kerry admitted the impossibility of overturning the election, despite the existence of more than 100,000 provisional ballots.

After the provisional ballots were counted, the gap remained an insurmountable 118,775 votes. Undeterred, the Green and Libertarian candidates demanded a recount. Though the Democratic Party didn't join the effort, it supported it. After several more weeks, and at a cost of over $1.5 million to Ohio taxpayers, Bush's advantage had shrunk to a mere 118,435.

These were the results Boxer saw fit to challenge, no doubt reasoning, "Well, you know how women are with numbers."

Once the challenge was made, both houses retreated to their respective chambers to debate the charges. That virtually every Democratic representative and senator who spoke began by expressing their confidence that Bush was the legitimate winner is telling.

They weren't challenging the election results. Their objective was much larger: to shake the public's faith in our system of government. After two hours, the House of Representatives rejected the challenge by a 267-31 vote. In the Senate, the result was 74 against, only one in favor.

Those are numbers even Boxer can understand.

One can't help but wonder what the Democrats hoped to accomplish. What do they expect to gain by casting doubt on legitimacy of the government? By their own admission, they knew the charges weren't true. Could it be an arrogant confidence in the rightness of their beliefs and the conviction that those who disagree with them don't deserve to vote?

In Iraq, terrorists are using suicide bombers and execution squads to prevent Iraqis from going to the polls. Happily, American insurgents haven't descended to such tactics yet. They don't need us to be afraid of voting; instead they use rumors and lies to convince us our votes don't count.

Mail is my nemesis

Recently I read in a magazine that January is National Organization Month. In the same article, I also read that getting organized was one of the top three New Year's resolutions that people make. The other two were saving money and exercising more. I was surprised that losing weight wasn't one, but that's another story.

As I was reading that article, I felt instantly bonded to thousands of other people who are hopelessly disorganized. It gave me hope that I was not alone.

Since it also gave me tips on how to become organized, I immediately tore it out and placed it on an end table. Yesterday, I went back to the table to get it and it was gone.

Now you see my problem. I am organizationally challenged about paperwork.

I'm not disorganized about everything in my life. For reasons unknown to me, I keep most of my closets and drawers fairly organized. My desk at work is pretty neat, especially compared to a neighboring coworker.

Everything has a home, and I am fairly diligent about putting things back where they belong. I am constantly lecturing my husband and two sons that if they would only put things in their proper place, they wouldn't lose things. They don't listen to me, but that's another story.

My nemesis is paperwork, in any shape or form. I hate getting flyers from my sons' schools and mail. I really hate mail.

To me, opening mail is a thankless and never ending task. Unlike some other household chores, such as pulling weeds from a garden bed, in which I get a chance to enjoy the fruits of my labor for a few days before the weeds start sprouting back up through the soil, the mail just keeps on coming, day after day. Thankfully, we are given a break from the relentless deluge on Sunday.

Mail is not simply opening envelopes and reading the contents. Each letter arrives with some sort of additional task assigned to it. You must either pay a bill, respond to an invitation, put it into a file, mark a date on a calendar, or throw it out. I resent mail for adding additional work to my already busy life.

I am a big fan of e-mail because it doesn't clutter up my house. With one click, a piece of mail disappears. When the various organizations, to which I belong, ask for a show of hands from members that want to receive an electronic newsletter, I am the first one to raise my hand.

I have a few friends who seem to successfully manage this challenge. One friend told me that she only handles each piece of paper once. She diligently explained to me how she does it. She might as well have been speaking Chinese to me because I didn't understand a word she was saying.

Thankfully, I have other friends like me, who are hopelessly plagued by paperwork. We have fun talking about it over coffee. We jokingly lament that we have "to be filed" files. I guess we should be visiting each other over filing rather than over coffee.

Last year, I decided that my problem was that I didn't have the proper space for managing my paperwork; so I convinced my husband that we should convert an extra bedroom into a study with beautiful cherry bookcases and cabinets and lots of counter spaces and files.

Now there is so much space I don't have the sense of urgency to put my mail away. I simply put my mail in somewhat neat piles on the counters and bookcases and shut the door. Out of sight, out of mind.

I even got a subscription to a national magazine that supposedly will help me simplify my life, but now I am plagued by all the back issues that are lying underneath my nightstand. I've noticed that while many of its articles give suggestions on how to conquer clutter, it never suggests canceling unwanted magazine subscriptions or throwing out magazines.

This magazine once had an article on ways to prevent identity theft. Being a cautious person by nature, I immediately went to our local office supply store and purchased a criss-cross shredder. I enthusiastically and religiously shred every piece of junk mail. I love watching the mail turn into

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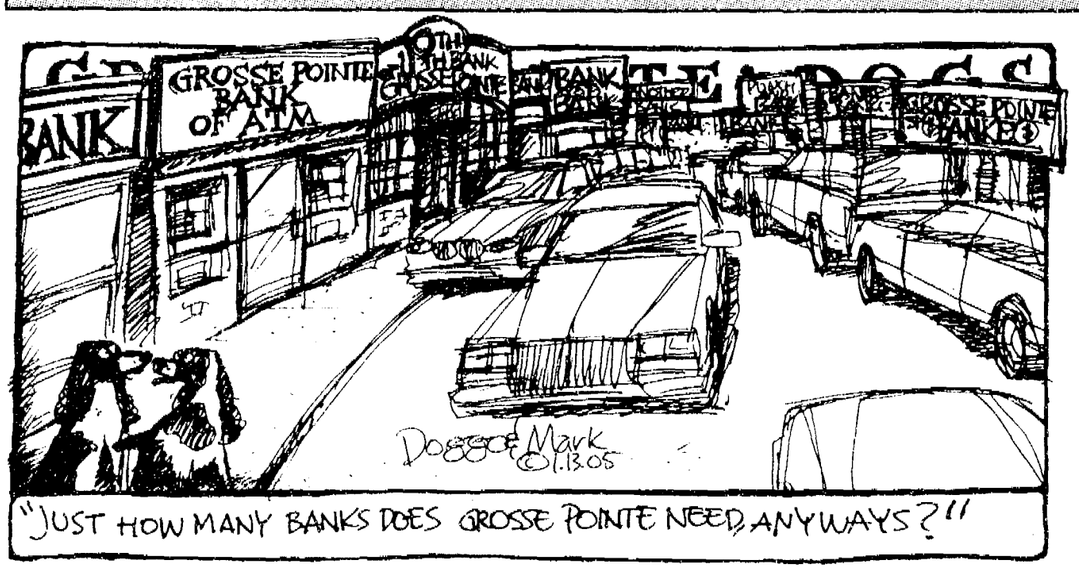

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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

Are you ready for spring?

Ian Bojanic

"No. I love the snow. I just got accepted to Northern Michigan University, where it's winter just about year-round."

Ian Bojanic
Grosse Pointe Park

Keith Jason

"Yes. I don't like snow sports."

Keith Jason
St. Clair Shores

Janet Jason

"Yes, I'm ready and waiting for spring. I hibernate all winter.'

Janet Jason
St. Clair Shores

Megan Brooks

"Yes. I can go swimming outside."

Megan Brooks, 10
Grosse Pointe Farms

Griffin Brooks

"No. I really like the snow. I like to jump in it."

Griffin Brooks, 6
Grosse Pointe Farms

Brenda Lovejoy

"Yes. I'm so tired of all the snow."

Brenda Lovejoy
Detroit

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

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by Ben Burns

Stage star

When **Bob Martin**, 72, visits the Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium, he remembers the only stage role he ever played and how it changed his life.

It was a minor part. He played Dr. Bradley in Grosse Pointe Theatre's "The Man Who Came to Dinner." His character didn't even rate a first name in the credits.

But the best thing that ever happened to him at "The High," as it was known in those days, occurred during rehearsals.

A pretty young woman in charge of costume design came up to Bob and asked him if he had a dark blue suit. "He didn't, but he had a gray one and that would do," recalls that head designer who was **Betsy Huette**.

Bob was a newcomer to The High. He had grown up in Indian Village, and his parents had made an offer on a home in the Pointes as he was about to start school that year. So Bob attended The High because he needed a physics course to get into Dartmouth, and Eastern High School didn't offer one. The house deal never went through, and Bob's parents never moved.

Betsy, a member of the Grosse Pointe Theatre, held the cast and crew party at her home after the play closed, and a short time later, they started dating. Bob went on to Dartmouth and then U-M law school, and Betsy graduated from U-M.

Fifty years ago last August, the pair were married. They raised five children, and Bob eventually headed F.W. Martin Construction Co., which had been founded by his

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Bob Martin and Betsy Huette met as kids at "The High" auditorium during a Grosse Pointe Theatre production. Today they are married and are giving back by helping restore the auditorium where they met.

Points about the Pointes

Philanthropy and saving school programs... if we play by the rules, the help is waiting!

All of us in the Pointes have come to take for granted an incredible number of programs our schools offer which are not State mandated and are certainly not core academic classes. With the pittance of our school tax dollars that the State returns to us and a rising cost of doing business, something has to give. Or does it?

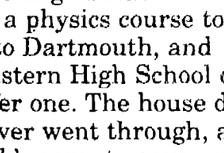
Many of the top notch school systems around the nation are facing the same problem. In response, they have carefully and methodically geared up professional teams and set up foundations to mobilize alumni, concerned community members and corporations. In order to maintain the wonderful programs we enjoy (and all take for granted), our community needs to face the realities of school finance today and follow their leads.

In 2002, charitable contributions exceeded the total amount invested in mutual funds, and represented 2% of our then $11 trillion economy. In order to tap today's philanthropists, we will have to be willing to accept the fact that today's donor will expect a say in the spending of the donation.

The entrepreneur saviors we seek will not donate into black holes or without strings attached. They have succeeded in the business world by keeping their hands on the levers not only of strategic decision-making, but of tactical implementation as well. They will expect the same involvement to make sure their gift is spent as intended.

Is this a problem? In my mind, it is an opportunity. It will force us to run our business with the same diligence in spending that made our entrepreneur saviors able to help us in the first place.

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



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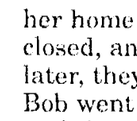

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however, with the fact noted by Julie Artis that 16 years ago Grosse Pointe South was ranked in the top 20 schools in the country and is now ranked 272. Further, Grosse Pointe North was 10 points lower. This is an astounding statistic.

While this group is looking for viable solutions not just complaints, it becomes very clear that money is not the solution. Perhaps, a viable solution is to be found in northern Oakland County where the International Academy achieved the top ranking in the country in this same study while spending less per student than we do. And by the way, the academy has a waiting list of qualified students.

State Superintendent Tom Watkins was recently quoted as saying the current operating system for schools is broken. He points out that Michigan spends $12 billion on K-12 education and still most schools are in a financial crisis. He recommends a thorough examination of how the current finances are spent and how more "bang" can be achieved for these dollars. Lt. Gov. Cherry's commission report echoed these thoughts and listed a range of issues negatively affecting the school system. They include soft courses, dropouts, and "calcified" education policies.

If we agree it is our responsibility in this community to develop a well-educated student body, then we need to ask ourselves whether or not we are requiring our students to take challenging core academic courses. In this same light, we need to question the value of costly proliferation of extra curricula courses that detract from academics. It is disturbing to read that during a school funding "crisis" these type of courses continue to grow.

I suggest the board and the administration of this school district seize the moment and address the focus of their efforts to classroom academic studies that challenge our children to achieve and not to lessen their focus on the dollars. This means, among other things, a reevaluation of the effectiveness of advanced placement classes, the community school, programs and courses that take children from core academic activities for other purposes.

I am sure there are other areas that need evaluation that would enable the Grosse Pointe Schools to produce "well-educated, hard-working, good citizens."

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State of the home market

To the Editor:

As a Grosse Pointe Realtor, I am constantly asked about the "state of the market." This is never more true than at this time of year. The real estate market seems to be a prime topic for holiday party conversation.

And while Grosse Pointers are usually extremely well versed on the activity in our area, I was struck by the quantity and magnitude of misinformation that is floating around this year.

For the record, as of Jan. 10, there are 463 single-family homes listed for sale in the five Grosse Pointes.

This number, while a little above average, is nowhere near the numbers that I heard quoted regularly over the holidays, nor is it anywhere near an all-time high. In fact, there have been several times in the last few decades when the number of homes for sale has been significantly higher.

Even though inventories are a little high, 2004 was a very good sales year. There are normally between 600 and 700 houses sold per year and last year was just above average at 673. And while accurate year to year price comparisons are nearly impossible to calculate in a market like ours, most price ranges appear to be up a few percentage points over the last few years.

Finally, while these facts show that it is not a full-fledged buyer's market, it is definitely not a seller's market. If you overprice your home, you can expect to see that sign in the ground for a long time. On the other hand, properly priced homes in good condition are still selling in a very reasonable amount of time.

I hope that this information comes in handy for your Super Bowl party conversations.

Michael J. LeVan
Adlhoch & Associates

FYI

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father. The company built Pierce Middle School and the Industrial Arts building at what is now South High School.

Betsy and Bob's son, **Robert Andrew**, better known as Andy, now heads the firm. Their daughter, **Cathy Leverenz**, heads the Mothers' Club at South.

And Andy has just completed the Martin Co.'s latest project for the school system — the renovation of that same auditorium at South, including the balcony. Handsome red chairs and beautiful chandeliers bring back memories of those days when Andy and Cathy's parents met there.

"It's been a great project for us when you think about the history of the Martin Co. with the Grosse Pointe schools and my parents," said Andy, whose crews are now working on the new science building at North.

One of the 470 auditorium chairs will honor Bob and Betsy with a plaque. It is one of about 140 plaques that have been sold so far at $500 each as the Mothers' Club raises funds to pay for refurbishment from private funds.

Other loyal alums, parents, teachers and community-minded folks have purchased chairs or parts of chairs. Five families in one block of Kensington in the Park joined to sponsor a chair.

"We are accepting any and all contributions," said **Lisa Mower Gandelot**, of the Farms, who is helping the campaign. "It doesn't have to be $500. The $500 also helps pay for the painting and the chandeliers. But any amount helps. There are a lot of wonderful memories of music and stage productions. I remember the New York Metropolitan traveling company performing "The Magic Flute" in the spring of '62. The auditorium was packed, and the thunderous applause given the operatic company was exciting.

"I know there are hundreds out there who share the same love and affection for 'The High' and South."

The grand unveiling for a first look at the refurbished auditorium will be held at a gala on Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. The regional touring company of Chicago's popular "The Second City" will perform. Tickets are $60 per person.

And who can speculate about who might meet backstage, on stage or in the audience that night, creating sparks that will create another romance that will be alive and well half a century hence. It sounds like a script for a play, doesn't it?

Arrivederci

Retired Farms City Manager **Rich Solak** and his wife, **Nancy**, are leaving town for a year to live in northern Italy. Solak, one of the nice guys of this world, said they plan to use Italy as their headquarters as they travel around Europe.

"We've been to Italy a couple of times, and we've studied the language, and we love the food," he said. "We know it will be different than our life here, but it will be an adventure."

I asked him if he needed someone to carry his luggage, but he demurred.

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I Say

From page 9A

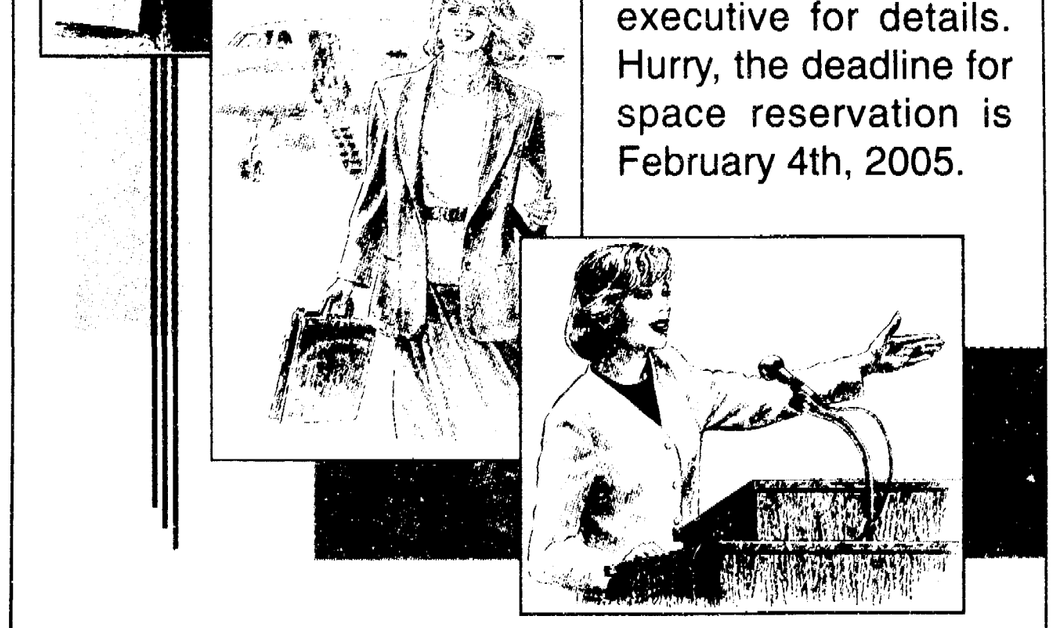
multi-colored strings of paper. I must admit I enjoy some sort of sadistic pleasure watching my arch enemy, the mail, get swallowed by the steel jaws of the shredder.

My situation is worsened because I am married to the pack rat king. My husband keeps everything which he holds near and dear. That would not be so bad if he weren't so sentimental about everything. Normally, it is a quality that I truly relish. He never forgets my birthday or our anniversary.

The flip side of this wonderful sentimentality is that he saves the ticket stub to every play and sporting event that he has ever attended; he has piles of match boxes to many of the restaurants at which he dines, and he has a 25 year-old collection of the front covers of his favorite sports magazine.

We are being buried alive in paper.

I'm thinking of forming a self-help group based on a 12 step program. No paper hand-outs will be distributed.



Year-end an uptick, but first week a bomb — again

Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden

Welcome back to "Let's Talk Stocks" first monthly edition which follows the new format for publication on the second Thursday of each month!

We won't focus so much on news six days old (when you read it), even though your favorite market-related monthly magazine has a press deadline six to seven weeks before it arrives in your mailbox!

Therefore, we won't remind you that the Christmas rally continued through year-end, as mutual funds and hedge funds continued to "paint the tape" through the Dec. 31 close, even though the regulations prohibit such activity!

Under our new monthly format, LTS shouldn't comment on the market's dismal action during the first week of January. In years past, LTS has reviewed the worn and torn tales of the "January Effect": "As January goes, so goes the year" and the "Dogs of the Dow," which are generally regarded as just so many words.

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First things first — politics! If you're near or past retirement age, then you'd know how the following strikes home: "If he were alive today, what would Will Rogers be saying about American politics?"

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Did you see the New York Times last Sunday, Jan. 9? Hubert B. Herring reported that Washington lobbyists spent (with congressional help!) more than $1 billion — or nearly $6 million per day — in the first half of 2004 at the federal level, according to Political MoneyLine, which tracks such things.

The article discloses that more than half this amount ($600 million) was focused on the political interests of the following industries: 1) health care, $163 million for six months; 2) communications/technology, $138 million; 3) finance and insurance, $135 million; 4) business, retail, services, $83 million; and 5) energy, natural resources, $79 million.

The reader should not infer that all these expenditures, mostly tax-deductible, involved political donations or campaign contributions. There must have been a lot of overhead for preparation and distribution of these important messages from lobbyists to politicians.

Google, LTS' stock of 2004

Last August, Wall Street was talking about an IPO of 25.7 million shares, with an estimated offering price between $108 and $135 a share. After Google's original venture capitalists withdrew their shares from the sale; the underwriters cut the deal size down 23.7 percent to only 19.6 million shares (plus the usual 15 percent underwriters' over-allotment option) and then chopped the offering price by 30 percent to $85/share.

LTS wrote on Dec. 30 that the underwriters allotted 21.4 percent of the shares offered in this Mickey Mouse modified Dutch auction to a single buyer, an unheard of procedure, Legg Mason Value Fund, whose portfolio manager is the gutsy Bill Miller.

And did Miller's fund score a home run on this transaction? On a $357 million initial investment, the fund at year-end had an unrealized short-term capital gain of $453 million, or 126.8 percent.

At the time of the IPO last August, a local broker told LTS, "None of my clients even called to ask about Google. I didn't even write one buy ticket!"

Most of us with Comcast digital Internet service use Google every day.

Barron's (Jan. 10) featured an article by Neil A. Martin on Morningstar, the firm that provides in-depth research on mutual funds to investment advisers, and others. Last May, Morningstar announced plans to go public via an IPO for $100 million.

But last month N.Y. Attorney General Eliot Spitzer subpoenaed Morningstar, requesting information about how its San Francisco-based financial adviser, Morningside Associates, is compensated by retirement-plan sponsors.

Requests to Morningstar for information were declined, citing the SEC's "quiet period" mandated by the IPO filing period.

Then last week the underwriters, headed by Morgan Stanley, withdrew from the offering. WR Hambrecht & Co., a Google underwriter, was named the successor lead underwriter.

Needless to say, the oncoming news is too lengthy to summarize for LTS' article and will be contradicted later prior to your receipt of this article.

Since Hambrecht has announced it will reformulate the IPO as some kind of Dutch auction, with a new SEC filing, Wall Street is happy to sit back and let the dust settle.

If the revised IPO ever materializes, would you phone your broker and give him/her a buy-order for Morningstar shares (after you've carefully and thoroughly read the new revised "red herring" prospectus)?

Highwood Partners

LTS last visited Highwood Partners (HP) last June (See LTS, June 10). At year-end 2003, this hedge fund, located in Bloomfield Hills, reported a net return of 70 percent, after all expenses and the general partner's incentive fee. HP started 2004 with total capital in excess of $50 million.

On Jan. 3, LTS received HP's letter reporting annual results for 2004. It always amazes LTS that James Leonard, the general partner, can produce a letter summarizing HP's activity for the prior year, post the envelope and have it in your mailbox within 72 hours!

Leonard reported that 2004 produced a return of approximately 25 percent net to limited partners, after payment of the general partner's incentive fee. Total capital at year-end exceeded $70 million.

Hedge funds use the S&P 500 Index as a benchmark. For 2005, HP was up about 25 percent; the S&P 500 gained 9 percent; DJI gained 3.1 percent, and Nasdaq was up 8.6 percent!

Leonard reported that HP has handily beaten all major stock indices for the fifth consecutive year! In addition in 2004, all of its realized gains were long-term gains, taking advantage of the current 15 percent maximum long-term capital gain tax rate.

LTS, and his immediate family, does not own any of the stocks discussed in these articles and does not recommend individual stocks or other investments.

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Light reading on the Wright stuff

Pointers on Technology

By Mike Maurer

Before Thomas Edison invented the phonograph, no sound had ever been saved.

The volcanoes bubbled, and the dinosaurs roared, but the sounds they made were lost forever. The pharaohs decreed; the Romans ruled, and the United States shed English rule, but not one sound was saved.

Then Edison had an idea. Could the vibrations of sound be saved? Could they be recorded? And the rest, as they say, is history.

Prior to 1879, there was only one way to generate light — with an open flame. Even the dinosaurs knew that as they sat around their campfires. You had candles, oil lamps, kerosene lanterns, gas jets and fireplaces. Even my flashlight wouldn't work.

Edison introduced his incandescent light bulb to the public on New Year's Eve in 1879. And the rest, as they say, is, well, we already said it.

So why am I writing about Thomas Edison? I had the pleasure, for the seven weeks before Christmas, of being a presenter at Greenfield Village in Dearborn at The Henry Ford.

My two favorite hangouts were Edison's Menlo Park research and development (R&D) facility and the Wright Brother's Cycle Shop. I'll get to the Wright stuff in a minute, but we must put everything in the Wright place at the Wright time.

Just about everyone has seen the photographs of Edison sitting or standing around with Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone. He is usually wearing a white suit and hat. But the truth is Edison built the Menlo Park R&D complex in New Jersey in 1876. He was just 29 years old. It was the world's first invention factory, a facility designed to invent and market new products.

Some other surprises? Edison patented his first invention at the age of 22 in 1869. He left Menlo Park in 1882 at the ripe old age of 35 to set up the first electric lighting system in New York.

Time to quash an urban legend. The many, many electric utilities that have Edison in their name were not forced to do so as a requirement for access to Edison's generating and transmission equipment patents, as some wags say. Having Edison in your company's name was a boon because of the respect his name, talents and inventions had earned.

The bottom line is Edison gave us light and sound. Go to a movie this weekend and see the light and listen to the sound.

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Time to move on, Wright?

Wilbur Wright once said, "Thousands of pages had been written on the so-called science of flying, but for the most part, the ideas set forth, like the designs for the machines, were mere speculation, and probably 90 percent were false."

Wilbur was born in 1867, and Orville in 1871. Their sole source of income was their bicycle shop.

Their first manned, powered and heavier-than-air craft flight took place on Dec. 17, 1903. They actually made five flights that day; Wilbur's was the best at 280 yards in 59 seconds.

The brothers both graduated from high school as their only formal education. They had no engineering training or aerodynamics education. You could rightfully say they invented aerodynamics. (Please note I did not say Wrightfully.) Everything they learned about flying came primarily from trial and error.

They tested big and small kites and gliders for years before they made their attempt at powered flight. They did not pull a rabbit out of their hat, so to speak.

Their effort reminds me of an old Edison quote. He said, "Genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration." I think it's also called sweat equity.

The Henry Ford's museum is open now, and Greenfield Village will reopen April 15. I'll be standing at the gate, the guy with the flashlight and earphones, boogying to Edison's, "Mary had a little lamb."

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

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Martin honored

James N. Martin, a Grosse Pointe Shores resident, was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers during the organization's annual meeting held in October, 2004.

Martin is a founder and current president of Martin, Bacon & Martin, PC, which has as its primary focus the defense of products liability, medical malpractice and general civil litigation.

This February, Martin, Bacon & Martin, PC, will celebrate its 25th anniversary.

Agosta promoted

The members of Clark Hill PLC have elected to admit litigation attorney Anthony A. Agosta into membership with the firm, announced CEO John Hern.

Agosta, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, joined Clark Hill in 1998 as an associate with Clark Hill's Litigation Practice Group and focuses his practice on commercial litigation and product liability, including UCC sales and breach of warranty matters, mass tort litigation and transportation.

He is a member of the Italian-American Bar Association, the State Bar of Michigan, the Oakland County Bar Association, and the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association. He is admitted to practice in the State of Michigan, U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan, and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Prior to joining Clark Hill, Agosta served as a law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Robert DeMascio.

Agosto earned a B.G.S. from the University of Michigan, and J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Detroit-Mercy.

While attending U of D-Mercy, he was a member of the Frank Murphy Honors Society and was also an Associate Editor of the *Law Review*.

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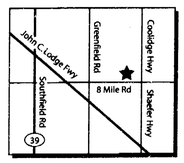

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Mother and daughter team up to help tsunami orphans

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

While some families are looking forward to escaping from reality during the upcoming public school vacation in February, Grosse Pointe Farms resident Margie Baldwin and her daughter, Elizabeth, 15, are planning just the opposite. The two are mentally and physically preparing themselves for total chaos and devastation as they travel to an orphanage on the east coast of Southern India, an area hit hard by the Dec. 26 tsunami.

They had originally planned this trip a few months ago as part of a church volunteer group. They were to accompany a team of two doctors and several nurses to an orphanage 50 miles inland from the Indian coast. The original purpose was to give medical assistance to children already in the orphanage.

The tsunami changed the purpose of the mission. Now, the group will be treating victims of the destructive wave. Orphaned children will be transported from the coast to receive medical care at the orphanage.

"Since the orphanage already existed and had the infrastructure for medical assistance, it was already in a help mode," Baldwin said. "It was a logical place to bring tsunami victims."

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) estimates that 1.5 million children have been affected by the disaster. It also predicts that tens of thousands of children — from European tourists vacationing on Thailand beaches to children of poor Indian fisherman — have been orphaned.

These orphaned children will be exposed to numerous dangers. Many will become victims of water-borne diseases, malaria and malnutrition caused by the lack of food and water. Aside from natural perils, orphans are at high risk for being exploited by child traffickers.

At first, Baldwin, who is a substitute teacher for the Grosse Pointe Public School system and a professor at Baker College, was planning to go alone with her church group, but Elizabeth, a Grosse Pointe South High School freshman, pleaded with her parents to go along.

"We decided to let Elizabeth go with me, because we wanted to expose her to a remote part of the world where people do not have all the luxuries and advantages that we have here in Grosse Pointe."

Baldwin and her husband, Wes, considered going as a family, but their son, Dave, a senior at South, has mandatory varsity basketball practice during midwinter vacation; so father and son will be staying home.

The mother and daughter are anticipating a trip that will challenge them physically, mentally and emotionally. In preparation, they must undergo a series of painful shots such as those for cholera and yellow fever. They must take their own food, due to health risks from local food sources; so they are packing non-perishable goods such as breakfast bars and trail mixes. They will only be able to drink water from sealed bottled water.

Their trip to the orphanage is a major undertaking: They will travel on three separate planes from Detroit to India; then they will take an eight-hour train ride, followed by a 30-minute car trip to the village where the orphanage is located.

"I am trying to be prepared for anything," Baldwin said. "We are not near an airport; so if something happens, we have to be able to handle it there."

Her deep faith and her conviction to help others are giving her the courage to move forward on the sojourn to India.

"I'm very nervous because I am a coward to begin with; I am very afraid of snakes and bugs," Baldwin said. "But I believe it's important to try to make a difference in people's lives."

She hopes that Elizabeth's and her selflessness will inspire other Grosse Pointe residents to do what they can to help the tsunami victims. She hopes that people will donate to organizations that use 100 percent of their donations toward relief and not toward administrative costs and recommends a local organization, the Great Lakes Christian Foundation, 266 Elm Street, Suite 2, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Turn to page 14A to read what other Grosse Pointe students are doing to help tsunami victims.

Grosse Pointe South High School freshman Elizabeth Baldwin bravely receives one of the shots she needs before she travels to India to help tsunami orphans.

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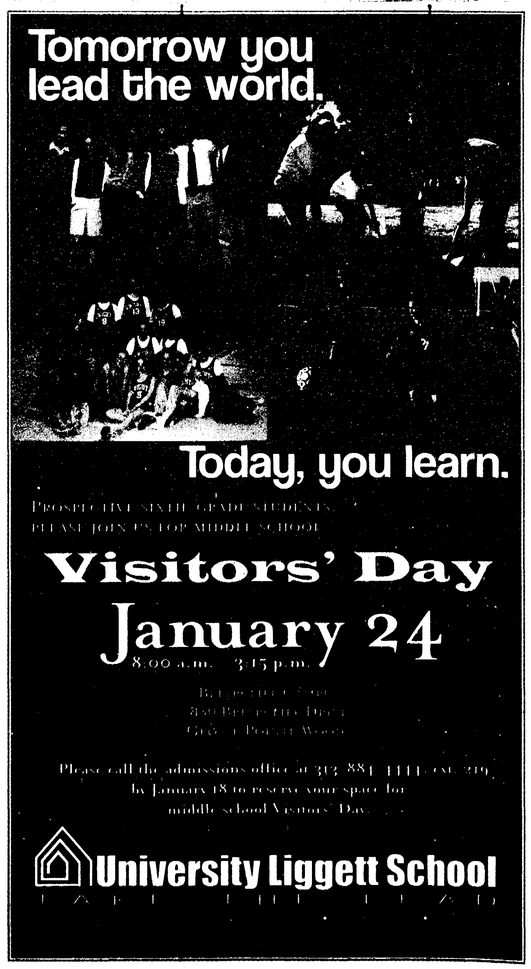


Students join to raise funds for tsunami victims

Pierce, Richard and Mason communities exhibit generosity

Hats off to students at Pierce Middle School, Richard Elementary and Mason School for their efforts to raise money to help victims of the tsunami.

On Jan. 7, Richard elementary students were allowed, for a $1 donation, to wear a hat all day at school. The students and staff raised $878.05 to help those whose lives have been impacted by the Dec. 26 tsunami.

Normally, students are not allowed to wear hats or caps in school and must remove them upon entering the building. However, on this day, all students were allowed to keep their head coverings on. To boost the amount donated, teachers were allowed to wear jeans for a $5 donation.

There were Cat in the Hat hats, military hats, sombreros, Santa caps, tiaras, Dr. Seuss hats, sports' teams caps, a new year's eve crown, Harry Potter hats, and hats with wide brims.

"It was the cutest thing," said Cindi Craven of Richard's staff.

Many parents sent in more than $1, Craven continued, because the school community is so giving.

Likewise, the students at Pierce will be allowed to wear a cap on Friday, Jan. 21, for a donation of $1. In return, students will receive a sticker to wear that says "Pierce Cares."

Sixth grade teachers Mary Brecht, Jan Brengman, Edward Brock, Mary Carey, Andi Cline, Ernie Kalina and Leslie Marek are spearheading the Caps for Caring at Pierce.

Carey added that the students have always been generous with past fund raising events.

Donations will be given to the Red Cross, with the goal of $1,000.

Donations from the community will also be accepted that day and may be turned in at the office.

The money collected from Richard's staff and students will be given to the PTO which determine which international organization can use the money for optimimum benefit of the victims.

On Friday, Jan. 14, the Richard students can wear a sports jersey or other sportswear, with the name of the students' favorite sports team, whether it be high school, college or professional.

The final day to send in money for tsunami victims will be on Friday, Feb. 11, when students and teachers will observe "Clash Day," a day when clothing doesn't match.

Mason's Student Council and students in the self-contained cognitively impaired program are sponsoring a spare change drive which runs through Tuesday, Jan. 25. All proceeds will be donated to the American Red Cross and earmarked for the tsunami disaster relief fund.

It's not just a fund raiser at Mason but a math project, as well.

The special education students will be counting the change.

Photo courtesy Trombly staff

Trombly students were able to wear hats to school Jan. 7 as a way to raise money for the tsunami victims.

Curriculum revision to be presented Jan. 13

A draft of the new English/Language Arts curriculum will be presented to the public during a 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, public forum. The meeting will be held in South High School's library.

The English/Language Arts committee will present the product of its study and its recommendations for the direction of instruction for the elementary and middle schools in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

No change has been proposed for the high school's curriculum.

This public forum is the first step in the adoption process for the new curriculum. Following this opportunity for public comment, the courses will be presented to the district's Educational Planning Leadership Council in late January and to the board of education in March.

Trombly pupils break rule to help

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Trombly students broke the rule of wearing hats in school last week.

Students enthusiastically donned baseball caps, Christmas and jester hats to raise money for the victims of the tsunamis.

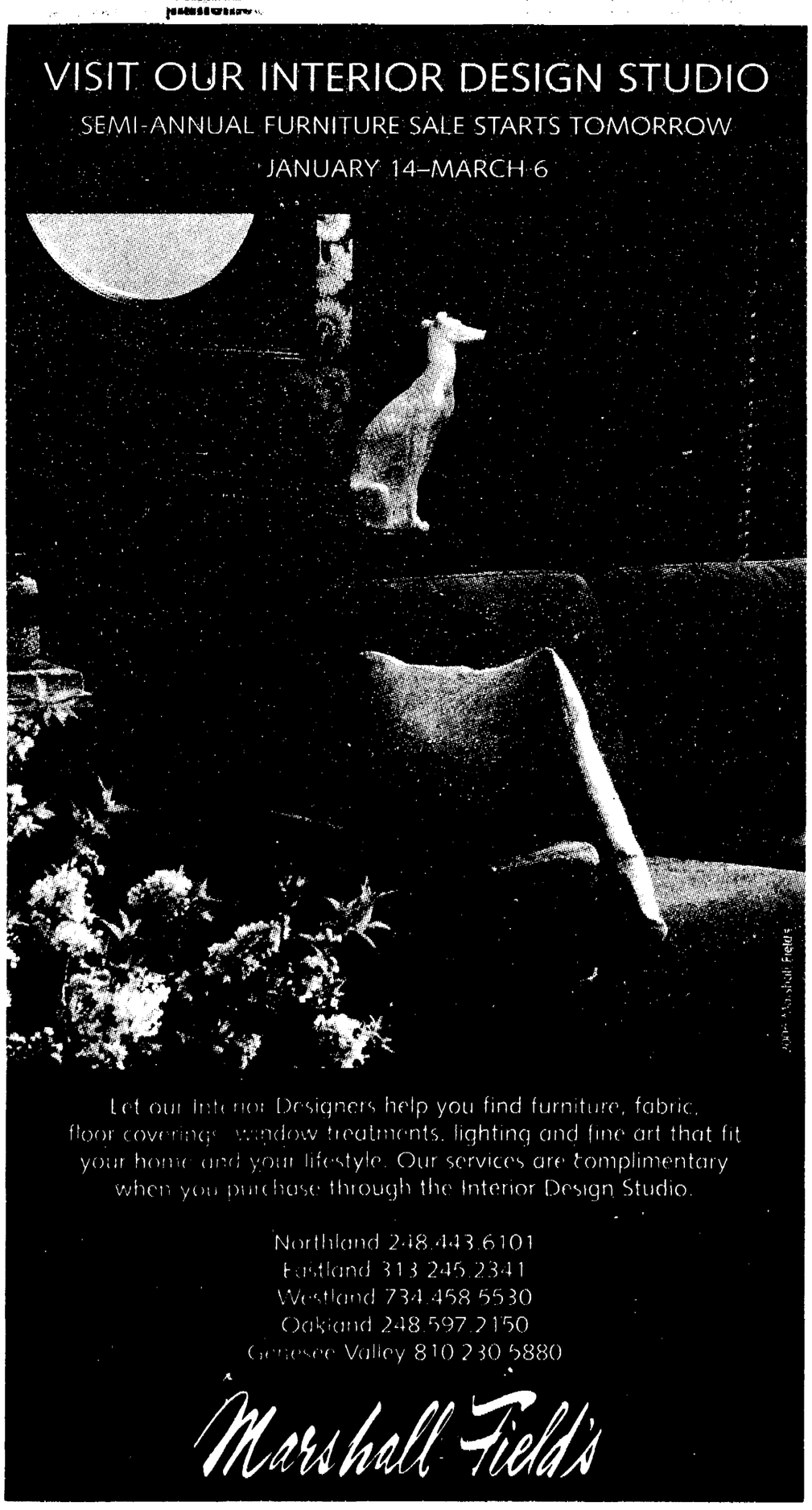
Fourth-grade teacher Susan Howey, whose students promoted the Jan. 7 event to raise more than $1,400 to be given to the Red Cross, was more than impressed with the outpouring of generosity by students, staff and parents.

"To say it greatly exceeded my expectations is an understatement," she said. With a student enrollment of 300 at Trombly, Howey was thinking the fund raiser undertaken by her 24 students would bring in about $300. As the $5, $10 and $20 bills started coming in that day, Howey knew her expectations would be exceeded. Parents were writing checks, as were staff members, she added.

Kindergartners were talking about the big water and emptying their piggy banks, Howey said. "They realize how fortunate we are and how fortunate the community is. It wasn't about wearing a hat."

Howey indicated this was a student-driven project in that once she introduced the idea, students passed out fliers and included the drive notice during the morning announcements.

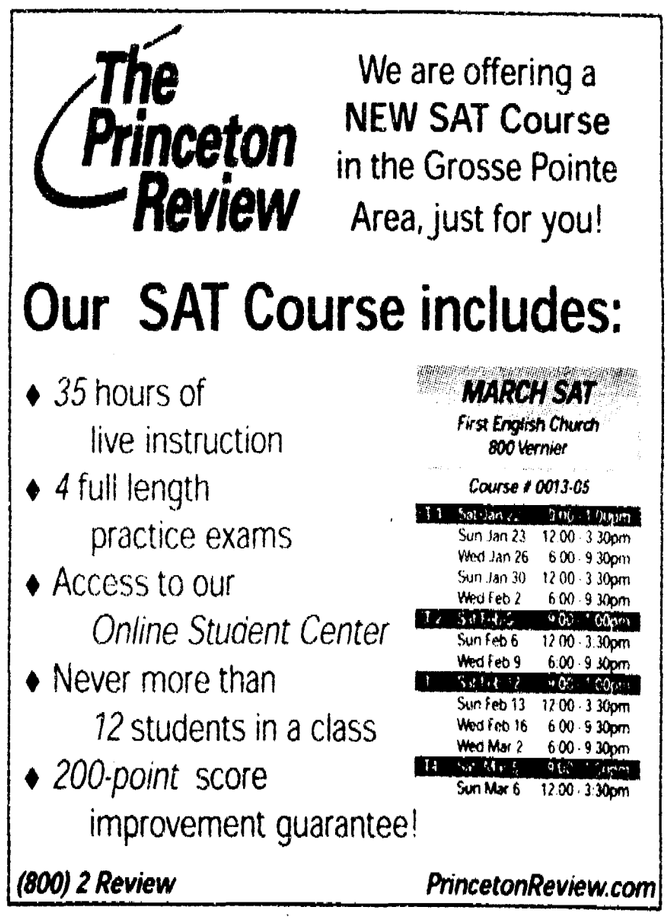
"A lot of people will live because of the money we are giving," Howey said, quoting one of her students.



Free-ranging cow

Father Ken Kaucheck of Our Lady Star of the Sea reported on Friday, Jan. 7, following the student Mass that the school had been a victim of a cow-napping. Father Kaucheck, who arrived at Star of the Sea last summer, received the missing blue and white checkered cow (the size of a calf) mascot as a welcome gift from the student body. It was placed outside the father's office in the Parish Center where it stayed until it was discovered missing. A note was left indicating the calf was on vacation. Father Kaucheck requested the student body to cooperate in finding and returning the cow, named Kenny Jr. The person who returns the cow will be rewarded with a lunch with the father and the principal, Patty Stumb, and the rest of the day off. There have been unconfirmed sightings of the distinctively marked and student autographed Kenny Jr. at a nearby school.

Photo courtesy Our Lady Star of the Sea



Regina honors two GPW scholars

Two Grosse Pointe students at Regina High School qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

They are Emily Delmotte and Meghan Sweeney, both of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Herb cooking class is new

Sign up for the new Community Education class entitled "Cooking with Herbs" offered from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27.

A supply fee of $5 is payable to the instructor in class.

Register in Room 111 at Barnes School, 20090 Morningside Drive.

City halls accepting absentee ballot applications

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Applications to obtain an absentee ballot for the Feb. 22 school millage are available at all city halls.

The applications can either be filled out in city hall, mailed in or faxed in.

Grosse Pointe Woods

A resident has several options in obtaining an absentee ballot. A registered voter can visit the clerk's office in city hall at 20025 Mack Plaza during business hours to pick up and fill out an application. One can go on the city's Web site at www.gpwmi.us and download a ballot. Or hit the State of Michigan's Web site; go to the Secretary of State's site, and download an official application.

The Woods has a drop box for after-hours submission. When ballots are available, they will be mailed and must be returned to city hall prior to the closing of polls at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Non-registered voters have until Jan. 24 to register in this election.

There is a permanent absentee voter list in the city with 13,000 registered voters.

Grosse Pointe Farms

There is also a permanent absentee voter list in the Farms which has 8,300 voters. However, for those who may be out of town or for some other reason are unable to make it to the polls, absentee applications may be obtained in the clerk's office in city hall at 90 Kerby Road, during normal business hours.

Residents may also phone in a request to have an application mailed. The phone number is (313) 885-6600. When the information on the application is complete, residents may mail, fax or drop off the application at city hall.

To be included on the permanent AV list, the clerk must have a request from the voter.

Grosse Pointe Shores

The clerk's office employees automatically send out those on the permanent absentee voter (AV) list for any election, including this school election. If not on the list, an application must be obtained through city hall, 795 Lakeshore, during normal business hours.

The completed application may be mailed in, faxed to 881-2622, or placed in the drop box after hours. There are 2,207 registered voters in the Shores.

Grosse Pointe Park

The Park, as well, has a permanent AV list, which can include those more than 60 years of age. Those on that list automatically are mailed an application which must be returned to the city hall before a ballot can be mailed out.

Applications for an absentee ballot are available in city hall at 15115 E. Jefferson, during normal business hours. Completed applications must be returned prior to Friday, Feb. 18, to ensure mail delivery of the ballot before the Tuesday, Feb. 22, vote.

See BALLOT, page 16A

City of Grosse Pointe
17147 Maumee Av.
Phone: (313) 885-5800
Fax: (313) 885-0820
Grosse Pointe Farms
90 Kerby
Phone: (313) 885-6600
Fax: (313) 885-0917
Grosse Pointe Park
15115 E. Jefferson
Phone: (313) 822-6200
Fax: (313) 822-1280
Grosse Pointe Woods
20025 Mack Plaza
Phone: (313) 343-2440
Fax: (313) 343-2785
Grosse Pointe Shores
795 Lakeshore
Phone: (313) 811-6565
Fax: (313) 881-2622
Harper Woods
19617 Harper
Phone: (313) 343-2500
Fax: (313) 343-2507

Absent Voter Ballot Application

Application for absent voter ballot for:

☐ The primary or special primary election to be held on _____, 20_____.

☒ The election to be held on February 22, 2005.

I, _____, a qualified and registered elector of the _____ precinct of the township of _____ or village of _____ or of the _____ ward of the city of _____, in the county of _____ and state of Michigan, apply for an official ballot, or ballots, to be voted by me at the election or elections as requested in this application.

The statutory grounds on which I base my request are (Check applicable reason):

☐ I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on election day.
☐ I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.
☐ I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion.
☐ I have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside.
☐ I am 60 years of age or older.
☐ I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

Send absent voter ballot to me at:

_____
Street Address or R.R.

_____
Post Office State

My registered address:

_____
Street Address or R.R.

_____
Post Office Stat

Sign Here: I declare that the statements in this absent voter ballot application are true.

_____
Signature Date

WARNING

A person making a false statement in this absent voter ballot application is guilty of a misdemeanor. It is a violation of Michigan election law for a person other than those listed in the instructions to return, offer to return, agree to return, or solicit to return your absent voter ballot application to the clerk. An assistant authorized by the clerk who receives absent voter ballot applications at a location other than the office of the clerk must have credentials signed by the clerk. Ask to see his or her credentials before entrusting your application with a person claiming to have the clerk's authorization to return your application.

FILL OUT THIS BOTTOM PORTION ONLY IF YOU ARE ASSISTING A VOTER IN FILING THIS APPLICATION

Certificate of Authorized Registered Elector Returning Absent Voter Ballot Application

I certify that my name is _____, my address is _____, and my date of birth is _____; that I am delivering the absent voter ballot application of _____ at his or her request; that I did not solicit or request to return the application; that I have not made any markings on the application; that I have not altered the application in anyway; that I have not influenced the applicant; and that I am aware that a false statement in this certificate is a violation of Michigan election law.

Sign Here: _____
Signature Date

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS FOR ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

Step 1. After completely filling out the application, sign and date the application in the place designated. Your signature must appear on the application or you will not receive an absent voter ballot.

Step 2. Deliver the application by 1 of the following methods:

(a) Place the application in an envelope addressed to the appropriate clerk and place the necessary postage upon the return envelope and deposit it in the United States mail or with another public postal service, express mail service, parcel post service, or common carrier.

(b) Deliver the application personally to the office of the clerk, to the clerk, or to an authorized assistant of the clerk.

(c) In either (a) or (b), a member of the immediate family of the voter including a father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, or grandchild or a person residing in the voter's household may mail or deliver the application to the clerk for the applicant.

(d) In the event an applicant cannot return the application in any of the above methods, the applicant may select any registered elector to return the application. The person returning the application must sign and return the certificate at the bottom of the application.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS SCHOOL MILEAGE ELECTION THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF the City of Grosse Pointe Park, City of Grosse Pointe, City of Grosse Pointe Farms, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, City of Harper Woods and Village of Grosse Pointe Shores that APPLICATIONS for absentee ballots for the School Mileage Election of The Grosse Pointe Public School System to be held Tuesday, February 22, 2005 at your city/township clerk's office **DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.**

JANE BLAHUT
CITY CLERK
CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK
15115 E. Jefferson
313-822-6200

JULIE E. ARTHURS
CITY CLERK
CITY OF GROSSE POINTE
17147 Maumee
313-885-5800

MICKEY TODD
CITY CLERK
CITY OF HARPER WOODS
19617 Harper Avenue
313-343-2510

SHANE L. REESIDE
CITY MANAGER/CITY CLERK
CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS
90 Kerby Road
313-885-6600

LOUISE WARNKE
CITY CLERK
CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
20025 Mack Plaza
313-343-2440

ROBERT GRAZIANI
TOWNSHIP CLERK
TOWNSHIP OF GROSSE POINTE
795 Lake Shore Drive
313-884-0234

GPN: 01/13/05

You're Invited to Sunrise Assisted Living of Grosse Pointe Woods for Our Community Open House

Saturday, January 22 and Sunday, January 23, 2005
from 10:00am-2:00pm

For more than 23 years, Sunrise Assisted Living has graciously served seniors who need assistance with daily living. Today, Sunrise continues to provide the best levels of care in home-like, residential surroundings. ***Now, Sunrise opens the doors to its newest home in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.***

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Board begins budget cost analysis

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Faced with a budget deficit, the Grosse Pointe Board of Education is laying the groundwork for cost modifications to its 2005-06 budget.

On the low end of the deficit, figures are projected at $2.3 million, and in the worst case, the board will have to deal with a $5.3 million budget shortfall.

Emphasizing that they will not harm the core curriculum and educational system now in place, board members are looking at a number of items that could help the budget both in terms of increased revenues and decreasing expenditures. Meeting on Saturday, Jan. 8, and Monday, Jan. 10, the members came up with ideas for both areas.

Revenue enhancements on the table include high school parking fees, facilities use and charges, and preschool fees.

Privatization of non-teaching functions is also being considered. Areas mentioned during the study sessions include privatizing the cafeteria services, community education, curriculum improvement, technology, clerical and staff development. The increased use of volunteers will also be examined, as will reducing the athletic budget by increasing fees.

The board will also be looking at adjusting the custodial shifts and the feasibility of privatization of the maintenance staff.

Instruction was another area the board addressed. Options that have come up are offering fewer foreign languages and increasing the size of certain high school classes that may be served in a large lecture-style format. At the middle school level, the board is considering changing the day from seven periods to six.

Board member Ahmed Ismail said the board needs to take an active part in notifying the community of any changes.

"We must phase them (changes) in properly and help with fundraising to show them (the community) we will not be bailing on them," he said.

Board member Joseph Brennan acknowledged that things have to change and examining all suggestions is the best way to go about it so that "a year from now it (changes) won't be a shock to anybody. We must look at all things and how to implement them and retain the flavor (of the Grosse Pointe school system)."

The board is open to suggestions from the community. These may be forwarded to central administration or any board member. The board office phone number is (313) 432-3010.

To learn about school funding, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Support Services Chris Fenton hosts a limited-seating meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20, in the administrative office board room, 389 St. Clair.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System
05-06 Projected Shortfall Ranges (1)
1/7/05

	Projected Best Case	Projected Most Likely	Projected Worst Case
Projected Shortfall (1)	($2,619,000)	($2,619,000)	($2,619,000)
Per Pupil Increase (Decrease) (2)	0	0	($436,000)
'20J Reduction (3)	0	0	(864,000)
Non Homestead Millage Restoration (4)	0	0	(440,000)
Retirement Increase (5)	0	(313,000)	(626,000)
Enrollment Changes (6)	353,000	0	(353,000)
Total Projected Shortfall without use of Fund Equity	($2,266,000)	($2,932,000)	($5,338,000)

Notes:
(1) To replicate 04-05 programs for 05-06 without any changes.
(2) $50 per pupil state aid decrease.
(3) Total 20J amount is $ 198 per student or $ 1,728,000.
(4) Represents the 3rd millage proposal- Non Homestead restoration to 18 mills.
(5) Increase in state retirement contribution rate of .5% is $ 313,000 and 1.0% is $ 626,000.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that nominating petitions for School Board Trustees for the School District of Harper Woods will be available in the Harper Woods City Clerk's Office, Monday thru Friday, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. until February 8, 2005. Nominating petitions may be taken out on February 8, 2005, however, all nominating petitions must be filed in the City Clerk's Office, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, Michigan, by 4:00 P.M. that day.

Any registered voter that resides in the School District of Harper Woods is eligible to be nominated for School Board Trustee for the School District of Harper Woods.

The purpose of taking nominating petitions is to nominate qualified registered voters to the following: (1) One, two year term as School Board Trustee; and (2) Two, four year School Board Trustee terms.

Persons with questions regarding the nominating process should call the City Clerk's Office at 313- 343-2510.

Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk

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Posted: 1/05/2005

NOTICE OF LAST DAY
NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION
FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION
OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005

To the Qualified Electors of Grosse Pointe Park & Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Woods, Township of Grosse Pointe—Wayne County, City of Harper Woods

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Monday January 24, 2005 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdictions in which you live you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

IN PERSON:
- At your city/township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.
- At any Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

BY MAIL:

- By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

JANE BLAHUT
City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Park
15115 E. Jefferson
313-822-6200

SHANE L. REESIDE
City Manager/City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Farms
90 Kerby Road
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795 Lake Shore Drive
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MICKEY TODD
City Clerk
City of Harper Woods
19617 Harper Avenue
313-343-2510

The Proposals are, as follow:

HOLD HARMLESS MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal would authorize The Grosse Pointe Public School System to levy mills on homestead properties (principal residences for general operating purposes and would together with the non-homestead millage if authorized allow the School District to continue to receive the full revenue per pupil foundation allowance permitted by the State. This authorization would replace but not exceed two separate authorizations for mills previously levied by the School District which expired with the School District's 2004 tax levy.

"Shall the limitation on the tax upon taxable homestead and qualified agricultural property in The Grosse Pointe Public School System, County of Wayne, Michigan be increased by 6.9878 mills ($6.9878 per $1,000 of taxable value) for five (5) years, the years 2005 to 2009, inclusive, to provide funds for operating expenses of The Grosse Pointe Public School System? If approved, this millage would raise an estimated $16,450,000 for the District in 2005."

Yes ☐
No ☐

NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE RENEWAL

This proposal would renew the existing authorization as reduced by application of the Headlee Amendment and would allow The Grosse Pointe Public School System to continue to levy mills previously levied for general operating purposes on non-homestead property (business, commercial, rental and seasonal homes) which expired with the 2004 tax levy.

"As a renewal of authorization which expired with the 2004 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable non-homestead property in The Grosse Pointe Public School System, County of Wayne, Michigan be increased by 16.7875 mills ($16.7875 per $1,000 of taxable value) for five (5) years, the years 2005 to 2009, inclusive, to provide funds for operating expenses of The Grosse Pointe Public School System? If approved, this millage would raise an estimated $6,094,000 for the District in 2005."

Yes ☐
No ☐

NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE RESTORATION

This authorization will restore the authority of The Grosse Pointe Public School System to levy mills previously authorized and levied for general operating purposes on non-homestead property (business, commercial, rental and seasonal homes) which have been reduced by application of the Headlee Amendment and if the Non-Homestead Millage Renewal Proposal is also approved, allow the School District to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills against non-homestead property required for the School District to receive revenues at the full foundation allowance permitted by the State.

"Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable non-homestead property in The Grosse Pointe Public School System, County of Wayne, Michigan, be increased by 1.2125 mills ($1.2125 per $1,000 of taxable value) for five (5) years, the years 2005 to 2009, inclusive, to provide funds for operating expenses? This millage would raise an estimated $440,000 for the School District in the first year that it is levied."

Yes ☐
No ☐

GPN: 01/06/05 & 01/13/05

On stage

Brownell Middle School presents the musical "Fiddler on the Roof, Jr." at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, and Friday, Jan. 21, in the Parcells Middle School Auditorium. The audience will see Greg Papas, Alex Papas, Justin Hawley, Michael Bellovich, Tesha Kondrat, Ariel Farinha, Paula Friedrich, Jack Martin, Billy Finkenstaedt, Lisa Martin, Rebecca Berger, Steven Morrison, Michael Gilbert, Brittany Schoeffner, Bobby Sullivan and Allyson Webb. General admission tickets are $7. Senior citizen gold cards will be honored. Advance tickets are available at Brownell, 260 Chalfonte. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Ballot

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City of Grosse Pointe

To obtain an absentee application in the City of Grosse Pointe, a registered voter must request one either via the phone at 885-5800, or by written request, to 17147 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230. There is also an application available on the state's Web site at Michigan.gov. Residents may also visit city hall for an application which must be returned before Feb. 18, if the ballot is to be mailed.

The city does have a permanent AV list and a registered voter may be included on the list no matter the age.

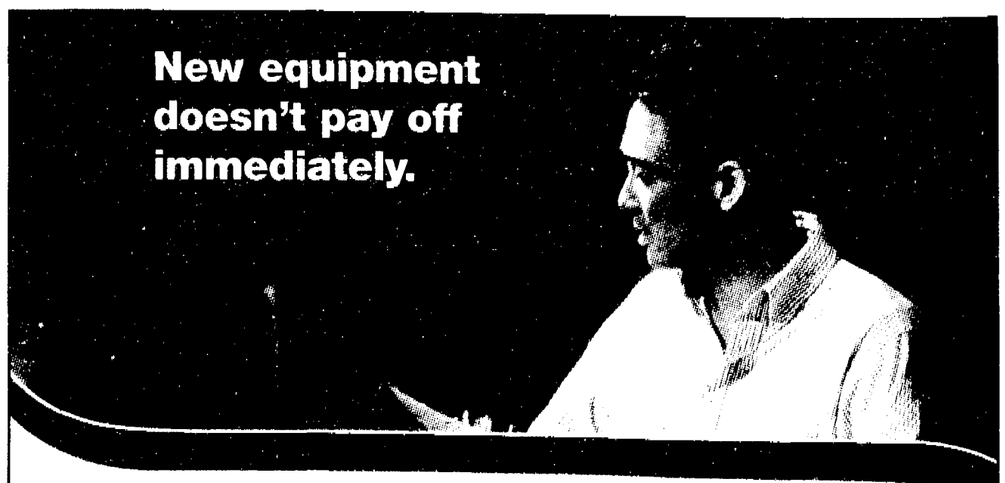
Harper Woods

Absentee ballot applications are ready to be picked up in city hall, 19617 Harper.

Having mailed out application requests to the names on the permanent AV list, City Clerk Micky Todd said he has already received between 40 and 50 replies.

He suggested that those wanting to vote via AV ballot should get their requests in as quickly as possible, noting that the day prior to the election (Monday, Feb. 21), is a federal holiday and all city halls will be closed and there will be no mail service.

All city halls will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19, for those requesting to vote early or via absentee ballot.



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The '05 North American Car and Truck of the Year

Forty-eight automotive journalists from the United States and Canada have selected the Chrysler 300/300c as the North American Car of the Year (NACOTY). The Ford Escape Hybrid was chosen as the North American Truck of the Year.

The winners were announced at a news conference at the North American International Auto Show, which is not otherwise involved in the awards.

It was the second year in a row that a hybrid vehicle has been honored by the group. Last year the Toyota Prius was the North American Car of the Year.

Each year since 1994 the jury of automotive journalists representing newspapers, magazines and television honors a new car and a new truck that set the new standard in their segments in areas including innovation, value for the dollar, safety, ride and handling.

2005 Chrysler 300

"The Chrysler group is honored and proud of this award, and we want to thank our employees and customers as well as the journalists who voted on the award," said Eric Ridenour, Executive Vice President — Product Development. "We believe the Chrysler 300 fully represents our operating philosophy of disciplined pizzazz."

Seventeen cars and 12 trucks were eligible for the 2005 NACOTY and North American Truck of the Year awards.

"The 2005 Chrysler 300 marked the Chrysler brand's return to a rear-wheel-drive, HEMI-powered automobile for the first time in more than a decade. Chrysler has single-handedly reinvented the large, V-8 powered American sedan," said Matt DeLorenzo .Road & Track Magazine. "With its bold looks that are uniquely American, growling HEMI power and enough attitude to cut a rap record on its own, the Chrysler 300C is a bad boy for hipsters and yet with its affordable sticker, V-6 optional engines, appeals to traditional full-size American car buyers. Quite a feat to bring two disparate market segments together with just one car."

2005 North American International Auto Show
Saturday, Jan. 15, through Sunday, Jan. 23.

Location:
Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center
One Washington Boulevard
Detroit, MI 48226

Times:
Saturday, Jan. 15, through Saturday, Jan. 22:
9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (no admittance after 9 p.m.)
Sunday, Jan. 23:
9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (no admittance after 6 p.m.)

Ticket Prices:
Adult: $12
Senior Citizen (65 and older): $6
Child: 12 and under free with their parent

Industry-leading design, as well as the ability to invent and reinvent product segments, have earned Chrysler Group products more than 55 awards in 2004.

Other accolades earned by the 2005 Chrysler 300 include:

- Motor Trend — Car of the Year.
- Automobile — Automobile of the Year.
- Car and Driver — 10 Best Cars.
- AutoWeek — Reader's Choice Award.
- Detroit Free Press — Car of the Year.
- Detroit News — Car of the Year.
- Edmunds.com — Most Significant Vehicle of the Year.
- Money — Car of the Year.
- Maxim — Top 10 Cars.
- Smart Money—Vehicle of the Year
- In Focus — AutoFOCUS Car of the Year.
- Executive Life — Top 10 Cars for CEOs.
- Automotive Rhythms — Urban Elite Car of the Year.
- Edmunds.com — 10 Hippest Vehicles for 2005.
- Automotive Fleet — Fleet Car of the Year.
- Road and Travel Magazine — International Car of the Year.
- National Automotive History Collection — Collector Vehicle of the Year.
- Advertising Age — 10 Hottest Cars.

Not all hybrids are created equal

The 2005 Ford Escape Hybrid is the first hybrid to be built in North America. It combines the fuel economy and emissions benefits of a "full" hybrid with the go-anywhere capability, toughness and spaciousness of the Ford Escape, America's best-selling small SUV. Escape Hybrid is the first hybrid electric vehicle that can comfortably accommodate five adults and their gear.

Escape Hybrid has earned the highest fuel economy numbers for an SUV as certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (36 miles per gallon city/31 mpg highway/33 combined in front-wheel-drive configuration; 33 mpg city/29 mpg highway/31 mpg combined for the four-wheel-drive model).

Because it's a full hybrid, Escape Hybrid is able to run on either its gasoline engine or on its electric motor depending on driving conditions. It can drive exclusively in electric mode during slower speeds and does not need to engage the internal combustion engine as long as there is enough power stored in the battery. In addition, the full-hybrid system incorporates regenerative braking technology, which funnels energy generated from the brakes into the battery and stores it for use later.

Substantially improved fuel efficiency is only part of the story. Escape Hybrid also is an extremely clean vehicle to operate, producing 97 percent less hydrocarbon and oxides of nitrogen emissions than vehicles that meet today's nationwide Tier I emissions standard. That's clean enough to qualify the 2005 Escape Hybrid for the stringent Advanced Technology Partial Zero Emissions Vehicle (AT-PZEV) standards.

"When we began work on Escape Hybrid, we made a commitment to delivering a no-compromise, authentic Ford SUV that's fun to drive, spacious, comfortable and capable, with substantially lower fuel use and emissions," said Mary Ann Wright, director, Sustainable Mobility Technologies and Hybrid Programs, Ford Motor Co. "Mission accomplished. It's wonderful to see the vehicle we originally envisioned resonating so strongly with customers."

Since its introduction in late summer last year, customer demand for Escape Hybrid has been overwhelming. The company already has sold 4,000 Escape Hybrids. Thousands of additional orders are already in the system, and thousands more customers have placed their names on dealer waiting lists. Ford will build about 20,000 Escape Hybrids in the first full year of production, but is working with suppliers to evaluate the possibility of increasing hybrid volumes for the future.

The North American Truck of the Year award is the latest recognition Escape Hybrid has garnered since its debut. Escape Hybrid also has been honored with other notable accolades, including:

- "Best Products of 2004" — Business Week, Dec. 13, 2004.
- "Best Use of Technology of 2004" — Texas Auto Writers Association.
- "Best of What's New, Automotive Category" — Popular Science, December 2004.
- "Elle 25" — Elle, September 2004.
- "Top 25 Green Cars" — Green Car Magazine, Winter 2004.
- "Environmental Power List" — Organic Style, November 2004.

Source: 2005 North American International Auto Show; DaimlerChrysler; and Ford Motor Company.

Auto show history

The first Detroit Auto Dealers Association-sponsored show, called the Detroit Auto Show, was held in 1907 at a beer garden in Detroit. A total of 17 exhibitors showed 33 vehicles.

As the years passed, the show became increasingly popular as the demand and interest for automobiles grew. The show grew and moved to several new locations.

The first time international auto manufacturers displayed their vehicles at the Detroit Auto Show was in 1957. Domestic models from the Big Three now shared floor space with Volvo, German Isetta, Mercedes-Benz, Jaguar and Porsche.

In 1965 the Detroit Auto Show moved to its present location at Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center in Detroit.

In 1989, the Detroit Auto Show became the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS).

Source: NAIAS

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In their previous incarnation, diesel cars had a deserved reputation for being slow, loud, dirty and smelly. This is not exactly a recipe for success even if they do get up to thirty percent better mileage than gasoline-powered vehicles. All that is about to change. The federal government mandated a switch to low-sulfur diesel fuel by the autumn of 2006, which will open the door for automakers to introduce new diesel engines with lower Nox (nitrogen oxide) emissions. This will be made possible with the use of special catalytic converters, which are currently easily contaminated by sulfur-rich diesel fuel. Thanks to new technology, new diesel vehicles will also be quicker, quieter, and much cleaner than previous models. Diesel cars are making a come back due to these improvements.

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HINT: The new diesels are also known for their considerable torque.

Latest potholes can cause serious damage to your car

(NUI) — AAA offers these tips to help protect vehicles against the jarring experience of a pothole encounter:

- Maintain full air pressure in all tires to provide as much cushion as possible between the pothole and the rim of the tire. Consult the vehicle owner's manual for the correct pressure.
- Watch for potholes by leaving plenty of space between your vehicle and the one in front of you. Before swerving around a pothole, be sure to check surrounding traffic.
- If a pothole cannot be avoided, slow down. Hitting a pothole at high speed increases the chance of damage to tires, wheels, shocks, struts or springs.
- When driving over a pothole-filled road, hold the steering wheel firmly to avoid losing control.
- Do not brake when directly over a pothole. Applying the brakes causes the car's weight to shift to the front of the wheel and can increase damage from the impact.
- Beware of water that may be concealing a deep pothole.

Hitting even one especially severe pothole could alter the alignment of a wheel and cause uneven tire wear. Uneven tire wear means the tire will need to be replaced sooner than necessary.

A broken shock or strut from a pothole encounter could alter the steering and handling of a vehicle and create dangers when driving at high speeds or in tight corners. Broken suspension components should be remedied immediately.

AAA recommends that motorists who suspect their vehicle may have been damaged by a pothole should take it to an AAA approved auto repair facility where it can be carefully inspected and serviced if necessary.

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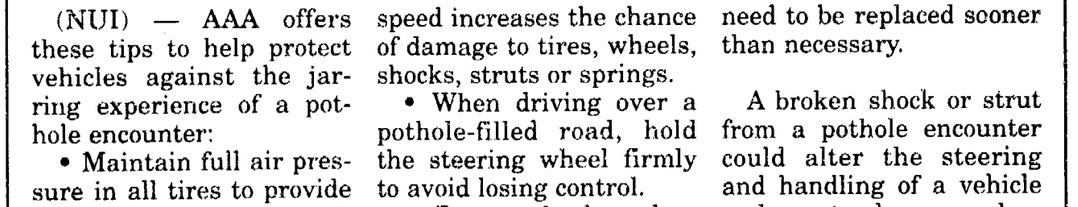

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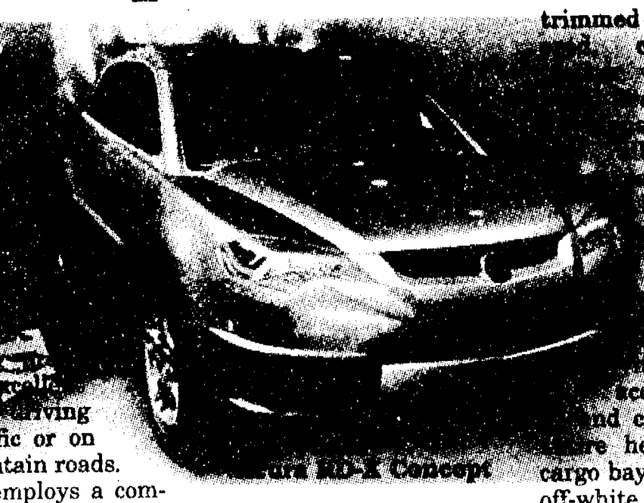
Entry SUV combines sports sedan performance

The Acura RD-X Concept SUV debuts at the North American International Auto Show.

The RD-X features Acura's new Super Handling All-Wheel Drive system and combines the performance of a sports sedan with the all-wheel drive capability and functional utility of an SUV. Acura displayed a previous design study of the RD-X two years ago at the Detroit show, and this latest concept hints strongly at the production vehicle, which the division has announced will go on sale in 2006.

The RD-X powertrain features the groundbreaking SH-AWD all-wheel drive system that debuted on the 2005 Acura RL luxury performance sedan. This system distributes torque not only between the front and rear wheels, but also between the left and right rear wheels. The result is superior traction on all surfaces and in all weather conditions, as well as increased cornering precision.

To complement the SH-AWD system, designers gave the RD-X a highly refined chassis with fully independent front and rear suspension. Large Brembo disc brakes with slotted rotors, 19-inch, 5-spoke alloy wheels and 255/50R19 tires combine for strong grip and



Acura RD-X Concept

an aggressive look.

At 18[illegible] inches long, the RD-X [illegible] square[illegible] the smallest SUV [illegible] ment. [illegible] chiseled [illegible] rior styling [illegible] vides both [illegible] visibility [illegible] driving in city traffic or on twisty mountain roads.

The RD-X employs a compact upper body with an aggressively raked belt line, ample wheel flares and a substantial hood that flows down from the windshield to a brushed aluminum Acura signature five-sided grille. Generous side sills and fender garnish, dual integrated exhaust tips, wrap-around LED headlights and taillights, and a rear spoiler add to the strong look of the vehicle.

As part of Acura's commitment to Safety Through Technology, the RD-X is equipped with the Advanced Compatibility Engineering (ACE) body structure. This unique new design enhances protection of occupants during a frontal collision, while at the same time reducing aggressivity to other vehicles.

Inside, the RD-X seamlessly combines an ultra-modern driver-oriented cockpit with a sizable, easily transformable cargo area. The instrument panel and door inserts are trimmed with a combination of ivory leather and ivory suede. Dual front bucket seats, trimmed in tangerine-colored crocodile-embossed [illegible] with ivory-colored [illegible] headrests are positioned close together [illegible]-style to facilitate easy communication between the driver and the front passenger. Tangerine-colored leather is also used on the steering wheel, door accents, seat backs and center console. The [illegible] headliner and rear cargo bay are trimmed with off-white suede material.

A unique, clear acrylic wing runs across the top of the instrument panel giving the cockpit an ultramodern, high tech look. Large, metallic gauges sit directly in front of the driver, arranged with tachometer on the left, speedometer in the middle and temperature gauge on the right. Shift indicators showing "+" and "-" are linked to the steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters and integrated into the tachometer and temperature gauges, allowing the driver to track shifts, up and down.

An eight-inch color LCD screen dominates the center of the instrument panel and displays information for the Acura Navigation System with Voice Recognition, the audio system, and other advanced in-car functions. Like in the RL sedan, navigation, audio, dual climate control and other features are controlled using the Interface Dial mounted in the center of the instrument panel below the display. Similar to a computer mouse, the dial allows the user to easily scroll through menu options, and point and click to select.

The RD-X is equipped with a next-generation version of the AcuraLink satellite communication system, which includes real time traffic information and enables communication between the RD-X driver and Acura customer service. In addition to the real time traffic feature, this system boasts advanced features, which allow the driver to access the Internet, read movie reviews, and download music. A hard drive, integrated into the center console, allows storage of an entire digital music library, which can be accessed at any time.

Instead of side view mirrors, the RD-X employs two small rear-facing cameras located on the upper front corner of the front doors. These cameras transmit a clear view of traffic on both sides of the vehicle to the navigation display. A nine-speaker DVD-Audio system delivers surround sound to all seating positions.

The RD-X's rosewood covered floor is low and flat, allowing for ample leg room for both rows of seats. A long, vertical moonroof stretches completely over the first and second row seating positions. The rear of the RD-X offers generous storage space for luggage, snowboards, and other items. Grooves in the floor are perfect for securing bicycles. Each side panel holds a subwoofer protected from cargo by tubular aluminum railings.

The RD-X concept highlights Acura's commitment to expanding its light truck lineup. It will be assembled at Honda of America Manufacturing in Marysville, Ohio.

Source: Acura

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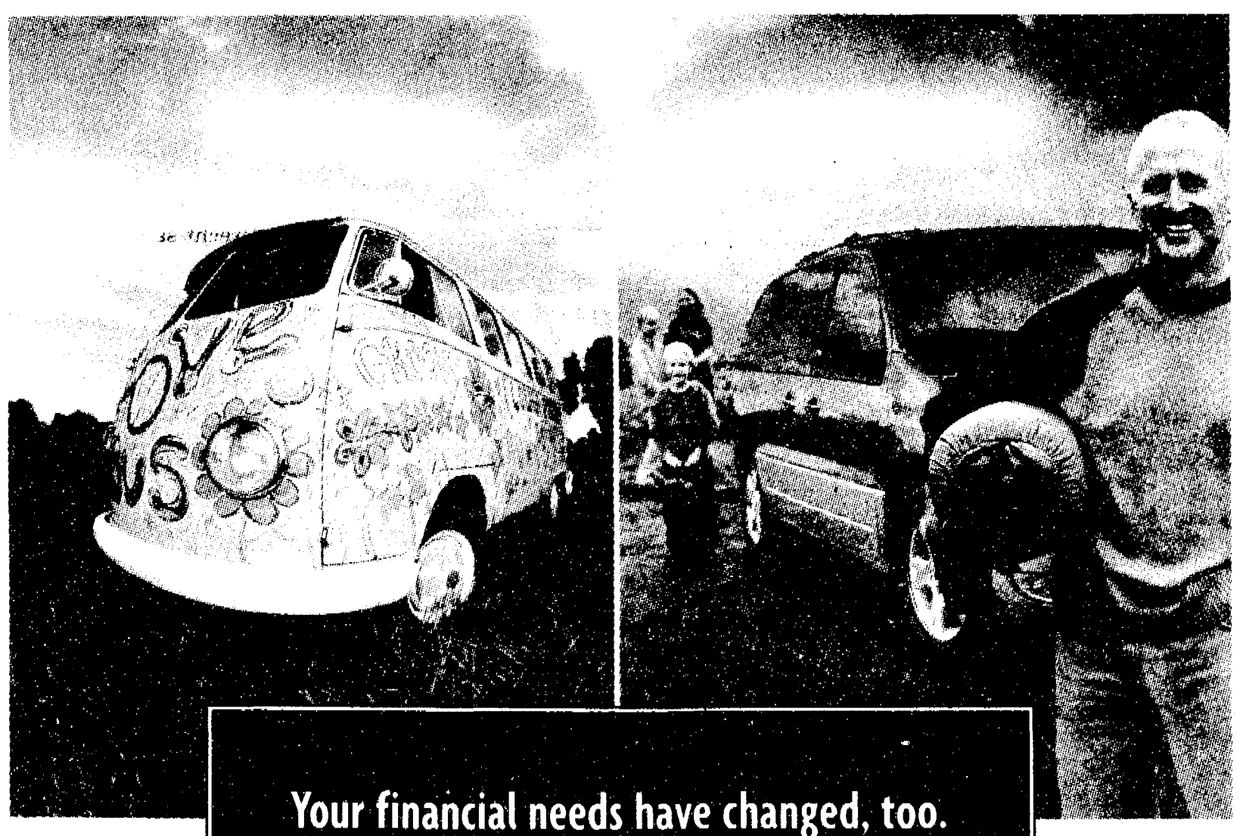
In-vehicle communications used to catch a thief

(NAPSI) — An estimated 1.3 million Americans had their vehicles stolen last year, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's annual Uniform Crime Report. After years of steady decline in the 1990s, victims of motor vehicle thefts lost an estimated $8.6 billion in 2003.

As police agencies across the country look for new ways to crack down on this nagging problem, consumers are encouraged to take active measures to deter auto theft. The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), a nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting insurance fraud and vehicle theft, recommends a multi-layer of protection to deter car thieves. The suggestions include not leaving keys in the car, locking doors, parking in well-lit areas and using visual and audio deterrents, such as steering wheel locks and car alarms.

In-vehicle safety and communications systems are another option for motorists and are becoming more common in new vehicles. General Motors' OnStar system, used by 3 million subscribers, uses Global Positioning System (GPS) and wireless technologies to respond to about 500 stolen vehicle requests a month. OnStar advisers work closely with police dispatchers, passing along critical information to help guide authorities to the location of a stolen vehicle.

For the 2006 model year, 3 million GM vehicles in North America will be equipped with the OnStar in-vehicle safety and communications system. The number of such vehicles is expected to grow incrementally, up from 1.4 million in 2004 and 2.2 million in the 2005 model years.



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Mom wanted

A 19-year-old Detroit woman with three warrants and five license suspensions was caught driving a car without headlights activated at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, on Mack near Neff in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Warrants totaling $1,112 were for failing to answer charges in City and Grosse Pointe Woods municipal courts.

Because the teenager was nine months pregnant, City police accepted a partial bond payment of $185 for release.

"Grosse Pointe Woods did not wish to pick up (the woman) due to her condition and instead requested (she) contact the court," said an officer.

Abandoned car

On Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 2:30 p.m., City of Grosse Pointe police impounded a brown 1985 Plymouth Reliant parked more than 48 hours in the 500 block of Cadieux.

Officers said the vehicle appeared abandoned. It had a flat front tire, damaged front quarter panel and smashed windshield.

A citation had been placed on the car two days before impounding.

Police catch 1 of 2 thieves

A man living in the 800 block of Washington discovered two young men entering his two cars and garage on Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 11:58 p.m.

A Grosse Pointe Park officer caught one suspect, a 16-year-old Detroit male. The other suspect got away.

"(The victim) stated the garage door opener was taken from the first vehicle and used to gain entry to the garage and (the) other vehicle inside (the) garage," police said. "Both vehicles had been ransacked."

Officers found an iPOD and headphones discarded near the driveway.

Shoes found

On Wednesday, Jan., 5, at about 2:20 p.m., a City of Grosse Pointe officer found a worn-out brown leather bag in a parking lot behind a grocery store in the 16900 block of Kercheval.

The bag contained two pairs of tennis shoes and one pair of slippers.

Caught by GPF, freed by county

Grosse Pointe Farms police on Sunday, Jan. 9, at 5:48 p.m., stopped a 32-year-old Detroit man driving on westbound Kercheval in a 1997 Chevrolet Venture without headlights and a broken taillight.

The man had four license suspensions and was wanted on three Wayne County warrants. County authorities told Farms police to release the man. Farms officers released the man's car to a licensed female passenger.

Purse forgotten

On Saturday, Jan. 8, a 61-year-old woman from Arizona reported to Grosse Pointe Farms police the Dec. 31 theft of her purse from a restaurant in the 8400 block of Mack.

The woman said she and her husband had finished dinner when they exited the restaurant without her purse. Moments later she recognized her oversight, returned to the restaurant, but her purse was gone.

She said the large, black leather saddle purse was worth $100 and contained $185.

Two warrants

A 48-year-old Detroit man whose 2004 Mercury Marauder was blocking the alley north of Kercheval on the Hill was arrested on criminal warrants Saturday, Jan. 8, at 9:14 a.m.

The man was wanted in Highland Park on two warrants for contempt of court totaling $750.

Grosse Pointe Farms police said the man's driver license was suspended. He had no proof of car insurance.

His vehicle was turned over to a female passenger.

Purse taken from car

A black DKNY purse valued at $200 was taken from an unlocked car parked Jan. 3, at 4 p.m. until 7 a.m. the next day in the driveway of a house on the 400 block of Moran in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The purse contained credit cards which were traced to a series of fraudulent transactions following the theft.

Thieves made purchases at service stations on Mack and Moross in the Farms and on Warren near Mack in Detroit.

Three more transactions occurred at 4 a.m. at a department store at Harper and Nine Mile in St. Clair Shores.

Police hope to identify a suspect by examining a security video from the Farms service station.

Suspect in car break-ins

Police think they know who ransacked the glove box of a 1998 Jeep Cherokee parked from Sunday, Jan. 2, at 5:30 p.m. to Monday, Jan. 3, at 8:10 a.m., in the 400 block of McKinley in Grosse Pointe Farms. Nothing of value was stolen.

"(The female victim) stated that in the past week she observed footprints in snow around her vehicle and on her driveway," police said.

The crime is similar to others that occurred recently in the City and Grosse Pointe Woods. Harper Woods police suspect a 19-year-old Detroit man.

City police said car break-ins stopped when Grosse Pointe Woods officers arrested the suspect.

Briefcase taken from car

A briefcase was taken from a van parked the night of Sunday, Jan. 2, in the 200 block of Kerby in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The victim said thieves entered the van by breaking a passenger-side window.

Briefcase recovered

Thieves took a briefcase and music CDs from a van parked Monday, Jan. 3, between 4 and 9 p.m.

The briefcase was found discarded a few houses away.

Gas leaks on Putnam

A Grosse Pointe Shores public safety lieutenant detected an odor of natural gas Jan. 7, at 7:53 p.m., while patrolling Putnam.

The officer notified DTE Energy, which had a repair crew on the street by about 3 a.m. to the next day.

On Sunday, Jan. 9, at 11:48 a.m., an officer cruising Putnam reported the odor of gas. A MichCon dispatcher said a repair crew would be on scene in 30 minutes.

Plow warnings

If you have a snow removal company with customers in Grosse Pointe Shores, you'd better have a permit.

Public safety officers during the protracted snowfall of Wednesday and Thursday, Jan 4 and 5, handed out at least 14 warnings to unlicensed crews.

No citations were issued. Instead, officers patrolling throughout the village advised offenders of the municipal ordinance and handed out permit applications.

Plow tickets

Less than a week after issuing warnings instead of tickets to unlicensed snow plow operators doing business illegally in Grosse Pointe Shores, police on Saturday, Jan. 8, cited operators of nine companies for not obtaining required permits.

Some offenders worked for companies that had been warned a few days earlier.

Helping hand

Grosse Pointe Shores police on Thursday, Jan. 6, shortly before 6 a.m., aided an 83-year-old woman whose car became stuck backing from her snow-covered driveway in the 500 block of Lakeshore.

Officers pushed the woman's car into the street where she was able to drive away.

— Brad Lindberg

Stolen van

A 1993 Chrysler Town and Country parked in the 1400 block of Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park was stolen sometime between 9:15 and 9:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3.

Rings stolen

A 14-carat gold wedding band and an aquamarine ring on a 14-carat gold band were reported stolen from a house in the 1400 block of Anita in Grosse Pointe Woods at 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 4.

Detectives are investigating a possible suspect.

Drug, gun bust

A traffic stop netted an arrest for possession of marijuana and a concealed weapon for a 20-year-old Harper Woods man.

A Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officer pulled over the man's maroon 1990 Buick driving with no headlights at 12:31 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 5, in the area of Harper and Allard.

When the driver was questioned about having any illegal items in his car, the officer noticed a plastic bag that looked as if it contained marijuana.

During a search of the vehicle approximately 6 ounces of marijuana, rolling papers, a .380-caliber gun and four bullets were found in the car.

Food theft

A 30-year-old Detroit resident was arrested by Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers for stealing food from a store in the 15000 block of Kercheval at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

Case of the cases

An unknown man made off with eight cases of beer from a grocery store in the 20400 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 6.

Store security was unable to apprehend the man, who loaded the cases into a grocery cart and then walked out of the store without paying for the beer.

The theft suspect is described as a 5-foot, 9-inch to 6-foot, 1-inch white male wearing a NASCAR cap and blue denim jacket and jeans.

Good Samaritan

A Dearborn Heights woman has a Grosse Pointe Woods woman to thank for receiving two support checks, albeit late.

The Woods woman found the two checks on the sidewalk during a walk in the area of Helen and Jackson in the Woods between 7:30 and 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 7.

Plate pinched

A license plate was taken from a vehicle parked in back of a building in the 20500 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between noon and 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 7.

Asking for trouble

A 27-year-old Detroit woman warned Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers that they might be arresting her in the future.

The woman visited the public safety station on Saturday, Jan. 8, to complain that she received two suspected $50 counterfeit bills from a Woods bank on Friday, Jan. 7.

The reporting officer noted the woman did not have a receipt from the bank to confirm her story.

She refused to turn over the $50 bills in question because she had to pay a phone bill.

Instead, the woman told the officer she would take care of the matter by returning to the bank the following business day to "kick her (the bank teller's) (expletive)" and that officers would have to arrest her then.

The woman had a prior arrest for passing a counterfeit bill at a Warren restaurant.

— Bonnie Caprara

Violent muggings at Mack & Moross

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A couple of violent muggings occurred last week in a parking lot behind stores on Mack near Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms.

There were no serious injuries, but in separate incidents one woman faced a drawn pistol while another was knocked to the ground and beaten.

A two-man team of muggers stole the purse of a 42-year-old Harper Woods woman, knocked her to the pavement and kicked her Monday, Jan. 3, at 12:15 p.m., moments after she parked her car in a lot behind stores in the 18800 block of Mack near Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The woman had exited her car near the Farms soccer field when approached by what she described as a 25-year-old, 6-foot-2, "lanky" black man with 4-inch braids sticking straight up from the top of his head.

He slapped the woman's face, knocked her down and grabbed her purse. Then he kicked and yelled at her as she lay in the parking lot.

"He roughed her up," said Detective Mark Brecht. "When he used force, it turned into an armed robbery."

"She suffered minor injuries," said Mike McCarthy, detective.

The attacker wore a blue and yellow jacket, possibly University of Michigan colors, and "dark baggy pants hanging from his behind." He left the area in a dark Chrysler with a dark vinyl top driven by another black man described as having a "fat face" and double chin.

The woman said her $20 purse contained $40 cash.

No suspects have been identified.

"I'm working with Detroit detectives, hoping they have some information to assist us," said McCarthy.

He said the victim is going to meet with Michigan State Police to form a composite sketch of the suspects.

In the second incident, on Friday, Jan. 7, at 3:20 p.m., two men about 20 years old, one with a gun, robbed a 46-year-old Detroit woman of her purse and car.

The woman had just parked her 2002 Pontiac Vibe and was about to enter the back door of a store when approached by two men who had been near the entrance.

One man pointed a small black pistol at her and said, "Give me your purse."

"Give me your car keys," said the second.

Both escaped in the woman's car westbound through the alley toward Kerby.

"She was not injured but appeared very emotionally upset," said police.

Minutes before the robbery, one of the suspects may have returned merchandise to the store outside which the robbery occurred.

In order to get a refund, he had to list his address. Police think he lives in the 4800 block of Devonshire in Detroit.

Brecht said the gunman is wanted for another crime the following afternoon in Detroit.

"He was involved in a holdup," Brecht said. "He used the Vibe."

The gunman and partner drove away with Detroit police in pursuit.

"The perps bailed out and are still at large," Brecht said.

Officers from Detroit's 11th Precinct, northeast of Highland Park, recovered the Vibe. It wasn't damaged.

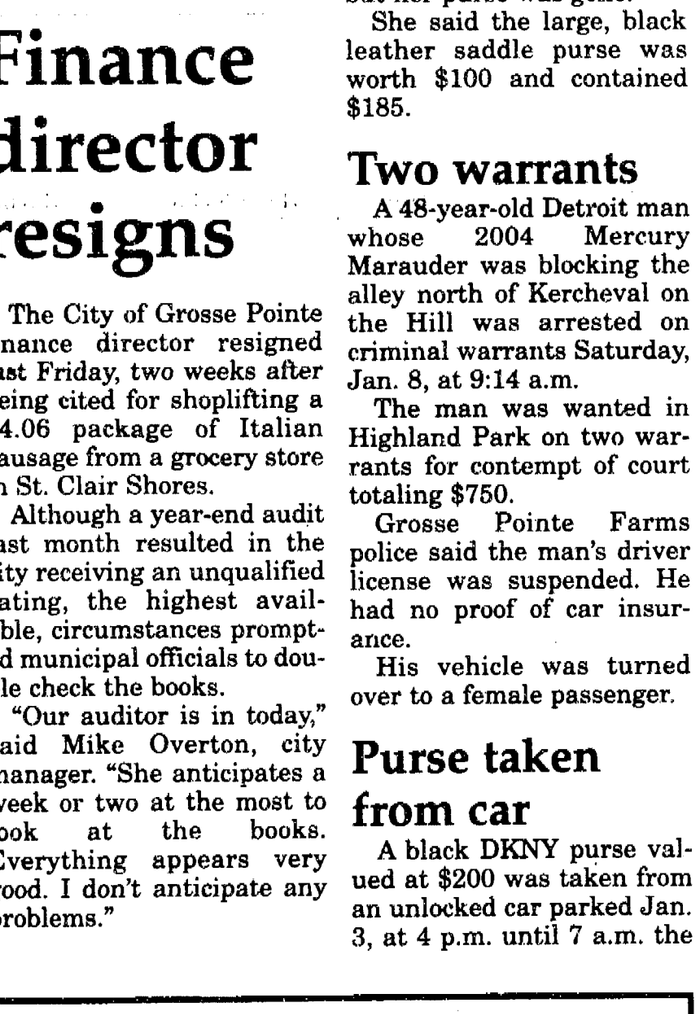
"Detroit police will process the car for fingerprints," Brecht said.

Finance director resigns

The City of Grosse Pointe finance director resigned last Friday, two weeks after being cited for shoplifting a $4.06 package of Italian sausage from a grocery store in St. Clair Shores.

Although a year-end audit last month resulted in the city receiving an unqualified rating, the highest available, circumstances prompted municipal officials to double check the books.

"Our auditor is in today," said Mike Overton, city manager. "She anticipates a week or two at the most to look at the books. Everything appears very good. I don't anticipate any problems."



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I am the walrus

We don't know if this walrus is named Paul, but he's alive and living the cool life in the front yard of 537 Rivard in the City of Grosse Pointe.

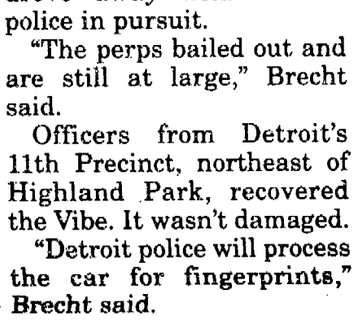


Photo by Brad Lindberg

Fifth Third opens on Hill

Fifth Third Bank has opened a branch on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms. Local designer Robert Woods consulted with Barton Mallow Design to create a building with French and English elements.

Charter One gets new sign

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The Charter One Bank building in the Village is among more than 40 branches in Michigan and Ohio to revise signs following a merger.

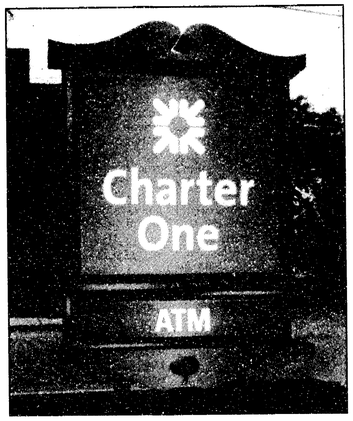
Bank officials will convey the change at the City of Grosse Pointe location by refacing signs in new company colors.

Most notably, a monument sign near the bank parking lot on Kercheval Place and Notre Dame will be changed from red, white and blue to bright green with white lettering.

Bank officials proposed a more contemporary design, but City representatives suggested something more in keeping with the building's traditional architecture.

"This is one of our Colonial-style buildings," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

City officials denied the bank's request to spell out the company name on a gable facing Kercheval Place in translucent plastic letters backlit to suggest the feeling of neon.



Photos by Brad Lindberg

Charter One Bank in the Village will soon installa new sign, above, outside its branch on Kercheval Place and Notre Dame in the City of Grosse Pointe. City council members asked bank representatives to consider illuminating its main sign on the branch with gooseneck lights, below, as are used elsewhere in the shopping district.

Mike Overton, city manager, suggested gooseneck lights could do the job and more.

"Not only will they light the sign, they will light the area," Overton said.

"A traditional-style gooseneck would extend from the building and shine back on the sign," Jackson said. "It would soften the area."

Councilman Joseph Jennings was concerned goosenecks would interfere with nearby homeowners.

"You're not on Kercheval; you're back a little on Notre Dame, which has houses right across the street," Jennings said.

City officials gave bankers the option of illuminating their main sign with gooseneck lamps or backlighting opaque lettering. There will be no neon effect.

The sign application involved changing 13 signs on the property, from a 22-square-foot wall sign showing the company name and logo to a small parking sign measuring 1.5 square feet.

"You don't recognize how many signs are associated with a bank until you get one of these applications," Scrace said.

"There are a lot of signs associated with this change," said John Jackson, vice president of McKenna Assoc. of Northville, planning consultant to the City of Grosse Pointe.

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SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2005

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 20, 2004.
2) To open the Public Hearing on a proposed fare increase by Shamrock Cab Company.
3) To close the Public Hearing on a proposed fare increase by Shamrock Cab Company.
4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 72616 through 72729 in the amount of $460,303.21 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment number four to Grosse Pointe Farms in the amount of $37,591.18 for our annual lease payment for the radio system. (3) Approve the request from the Shamrock Cab Company for taxicab licenses covering the cabs listed on the attached application for 2005. (4) Approve payment in the amount of $7,404.00 to Versyss, Inc. for the annual software and hardware maintenance agreement renewal for 2004.
2) To approve the following fares for Shamrock Cab Company: Flag Throw $2.00,Per Mile Charge $1.80, Wait Time/Traffic Delay Time $28.09/per hour.
3) To accept the low bids submitted for various Library furniture, fixtures and equipment as follows: American Interiors $37,992.00, Interior Dynamics $17,056.49, Library Design Assoc. $99,212.94, SCF/Media Technologies $26,813.40, Work Squared, LLC $6,460.25.
4) To accept the low quote of $8,805 as submitted by Testing Engineers & Consultants of Troy, Michigan for construction testing services associated with the Library Renovation and Addition Project.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

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Ambassadorial scholars study worldwide

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A pioneering adventure awaits those who have the spirit to go it alone.

Well, not completely alone. It just feels that way sometimes.

"The biggest struggle has been being by myself in a foreign city," said Kristin Nickel.

The 22-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident is spending the academic year a half world away.

She's in Budapest, Hungary, serving as an ambassador of goodwill on behalf of her hometown, region and, ultimately, countrymen.

Her mission to Central Europe is possible because of the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship, sponsored by Rotary International, celebrating its centennial Feb. 23.

Ambassadorial scholarships form the largest privately funded international scholarship program. Since their inception in 1947, ambassadorial scholarships totaling $413 million have allowed more than 34,000 recipients to study in 105 countries.

Scholars spend a year studying abroad, living with Rotarians in the various host nations. Recipients from the Grosse Pointes compete for $25,000 scholarships financed mainly by Rotarians in southeast Michigan and Ontario, Canada.

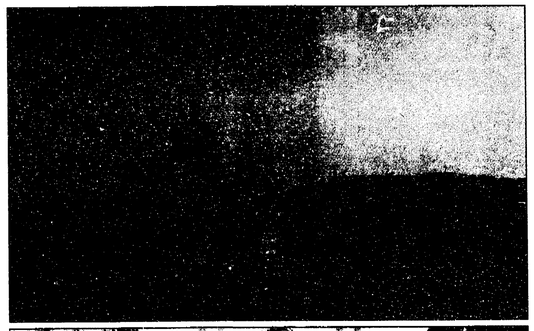
"You're not cooped up in a dorm, but living with families," said Frank Sladen, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Rotary International Committee and resident of Grosse Pointe Woods. "The Foundation puts you up with a counselor in the area where you're going. That person makes sure you meet people in Rotary and give talks. You get to know people in the community and community organizations."

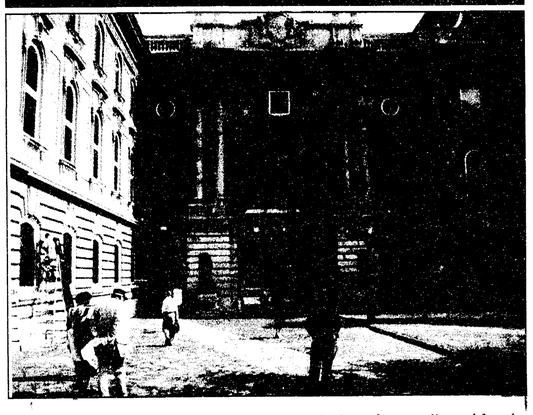
Although ambassadors are assigned to Rotarians serving as counselors in host nations, scholars aren't coddled.

"I have support of the local Rotary Club, but Rotary isn't there to figure out the year for you," Nickel said. "They enable you to have the opportunity. They send you a check that funds your year, but you need to have a lot of motivation and ability to plan independently."

Nickel is spending her scholarship as a graduate student of international relations and European studies at Central European University in downtown Budapest. Her master's thesis concerns income and equality in countries evolving from communism to capitalism.

"Most of my peers live in either Central Europe or former Soviet republics," Nickel said. "They romanticize capitalism. They see it as the solution to all their problems. It's quite a contrast to being an American college student in the U.S. surrounded by a liberal perspective."





The dome of Budapest's Parliament Building, top, is a landmark along the Danube River. Kristin Nickel of Grosse Pointe Park tours Buda Castle, built on land where Budapest, Hungary was founded. With foundations dating to the 13th century, the castle has been besieged more than 30 times.

The cultural interaction prompted by intermingling diverse perspectives is the program's reason for being.

"Rotary allows you to study anything you are interested in," Nickel said. "They aren't focused on any one type of person. Their focus is building international awareness and understanding. They feel that can be done whether you're studying art, mathematics or international relations."

This isn't the first time Nickel has studied in the land of Liszt, the Danube and former Soviet occupation.

"I'd lived there for a semester during my junior year in college," Nickel said.

Her ambassadorial experience has made her even more impressed with the Rotary organization, founded by Chicago business leaders to provide humanitarian service, support high ethical standards, build goodwill worldwide and foster unity among member clubs around the globe.

"They don't have someone looking over my shoulder seeing what I'm doing," Nickel said. "They trust you are fulfilling your ambassadorial responsibilities. The benefit of going with Rotary is you get to be part of the local community, whereas many times when you study abroad you can't get much cultural experience."

Rotary is highly selective when choosing ambassadorial candidates.

"My privilege has been to hear people nominated by district clubs come before us and, through talking with them, add a personality to their applications," Sladen said. "We're looking for young people who are, number one, interested in being an ambassador."

"On the application you say I am willing to go anywhere to help build international understanding," Nickel said.

Applicants list preferred destinations. There are no guarantees.

"They strongly encourage you to request countries that are not commonly requested," Nickel said. "It's common for people to request London or Paris. Your application looks stronger if you express an interest in going somewhere like Eastern Europe or the developing world."

Amy Bower of the Farms completed her ambassadorial scholarship at the American University of Cairo.

"They have one of the few programs for refugee studies and forced migration," said Bower, 29. "It's a yearlong graduate diploma, but can be combined with continued study in human rights law."

Bower's scholarship became a life-changing experience. She'd intended to build upon her studies overseas and return stateside to earn a doctorate in political science. Yet, after completing her scholarship, she remained in Africa.

"I had an internship in western Tanzania on the border of Burundi, in refugee camps," Bower said. "After my experience, I decided I would rather work not in academia, but in the field of human rights. If I can get a job in the field right now I'd do it. If not, I'll be looking to go to law school in the next year or so."

It takes more than a year to become an ambassadorial scholar.

"You apply at the club level," Nickel said. "It was not an easy process. It has to be someone who is organized and planning ahead."

Applicants are required to have completed either two years of college-level work or two years of employment.

The number of scholarships issued differs year-to-year. Related scholarships vary from three months to two years. Applicants endorsed by local clubs compete with candidates at the district level.

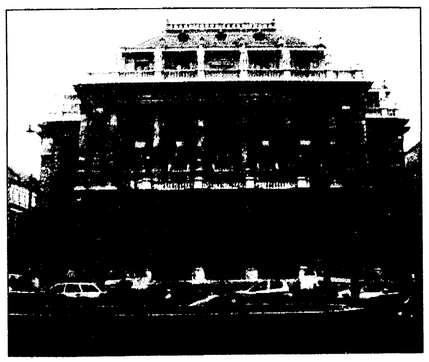
"They require or prefer, depending on the country, (foreign) language proficiency," Nickel said. "They want you interacting with the locals."

Scholarship winners must write two reports in a year and make presentations.

"I am interacting with Hungarian professionals from all different fields — doctors, ambassadors, artists, museum curators," Nickel said. "Once a month I eat dinner with the former Hungarian ambassador to the United States and the Romanian ambassador. I've been blessed with meeting some amazing people in Hungry. To them I could just be a college student, but they treat me as a Rotary ambassadorial scholar and give me special attention. It adds a whole new element. You have a local community that you're an integral part of."

"You're given such an amazing opportunity," Bower said. "Use it as much as you can."

To apply for a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship, write to The Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, P.O. Box 36366, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. Or call Frank Sladen, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Rotary International Committee, at (313) 886-3908. The Rotary Web site is www.rotary.org.



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Ecumenical seminar hosts West African couple

Victoria Akakpo and her husband, Roger, will serve as the 2005 Ecumenical Visitor couple for Grosse Pointe Memorial Church through Sunday, Jan. 30.

The couple from Togo, West Africa, will conduct the Ecumenical seminars from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, through Saturday, Jan. 22, in room 209 of the church, located at 16 Lakeshore Drive.

Topics during this week will include the West Africa's history of the church and culture, the Uprootedness program and other social concerns pertinent problems in the country, music and food of her homeland. A typical West African lunch will be served on Jan. 22. She will also present programs to the Older Wiser Learning Still group, the Men's Breakfast group, the Rotary and will give the invocation at the Senior Men's Club.

The couple will be visiting Hartford Memorial Church to learn what African churches are like in America, the Eastern Market, attend a Detroit Symphony Orchestra concert, tour the Ford Rouge Plant and the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House and grounds.

Akakpo, 48, is active in Christian work, though not a minister. She joined the All Africa Conference of Churches AACC in 1989 after participating in the AACC Youth Desk Working Group and is currently coordinating the AACC Regional Office in Lome, the West African Uprooted Program and the Continental Uprooted Program. Her interest in this ministry dates back to 1995 when she helped put in place the West African Coordination Office for

Victoria Akakpo

Roger Akakpo

Uprooted People. Fluent in Russian, German, French and English, Akakpo has also served as the interim coordinator for the Central Africa Uprooted Programme.

The work with the displaced people has touched her deeply, she said, and she believes the church has a prophetic role in addressing the causes that mean people must move from their homes and it should be at the forefront of solving the problem. She has a master's degree in translation from the Institute of Foreign Language in Moscow, Russia, and has done postgraduate work in the same field. Prior to her work with the AACC, Akakpo served as a translator.

Her husband works with the Ministry of Finance and Economy as the head of the Exchange and Credit Department and is an adviser for newly converted Christians.

Togo is a small country of 5.5 million in West Africa between Ghana and Benin. Thirty-seven African tribes make up 99 percent of the population and 65 percent of the labor force is in agriculture. Other industries in Togo include the production of phosphate, cement, handcrafted items, textiles and beverages. AIDS, infant mortality and illiteracy are three of the social problems facing the population.

The seminars are sponsored by the Lay Theological Academy and are free, however, a free will offering will be taken on Saturday, Jan. 22, to help defray the luncheon cost.

Unitarian Church events

A two-hour concert entitled "Hungarian Fantasy" will be presented on Sunday, Jan. 16, at 4 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee Ave.

The Szikra-Hungarian ensemble will present traditional folk music on the stringed zither during the first half of the concert. The ensemble is made up of both Americans and Canadians and all have Hungarian lineage.

During the second half of the concert, contralto Candace de Lattre and pianist Jacqueline Csurgai-Schmitt will perform songs by Zoltan Kodaly and Franz Liszt.

The Dohnanyi Piano quintet comprised of a pianist Jacqueline Csurgai-Schmitt, two violinists, Velda Kelly and Liz Rowin, John Madison will be on the viola and Nadine Deleury will play the cello, also during the second half of the concert.

Tickets are $14 for church members and friends and will be available in the church office or by calling Lois Scott at (313) 881-2196.

Tickets for this are also available for the 7 p.m. April 17th concert which is a surprise.

The cost is $12.50, or $25 for both the January and the April concerts.

This is part of a seven concert series featuring local professional musicians and is entitled Chamber Music at the Scarab Club.

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For a lasagna dinner and entertainment, attend the Friday, Jan. 21, Circle Circle dinner at the church. It begins at 6 p.m. and costs $5 for adults and children are free.

Folksinger/radio personality Matt Watroba will provide the musical entertainment.

Participants are asked to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert.

Sign up in the church office.

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"Lolita in Teheran, a Memoir in Books" by Azar Nafisi will be the topic of the Women's Discussion Group on Thursday, Jan. 20.

The group meets at 5:30 p.m. in the church's library with Jane Hoey as discussion leader.

A list of books for the coming months is available in the foyer.

Pregnancy Aid holds open house on Thursday, Jan. 20

Pregnancy Aid, a pro-life center located at 17325 Mack, near Cadieux, is hosting an open house for the community from 1 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20. Informal tours of the facility will be available; refreshments will be served, and questions will be answered.

Founded in 1974, Pregnancy Aid celebrates 31 years of offering free assistance to women in crisis pregnancies, women who often have no other place to turn. PA offers pregnancy testing and counseling, maternity clothes, layettes and baby supplies. Referrals are given for such needs as legal, educational, financial, medical, adoption and more.

At the open house, guests will be able to see the assembly room for layettes, which are made up of donated new and used infant items, including some handmade by a dedicated sewers group from St. Paul Catholic Church.

There will be optional video presentations in the counseling rooms. The volunteers, many from Grosse Pointe, will be able to answer queries.

For further information, log on to pregnancyaid.com or call 313 882-1000.

Birth announcements

Katharine Judith Bowen

Chrissy and Mark Bowen of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a daughter, Katharine Judith Bowen, born Oct. 23, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Tom and JoAnn Miller of St. Clair Shores and the late Judy Miller. Paternal grandparents are Joe and Gloria Bowen of Alto.

Michael Henry Wholihan

Jerry and Laura Wholihan of the City of Grosse Pointe are the parents of a son, Michael Henry Wholihan, born Aug. 5, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Watts of the City of Grosse Pointe and the late Linda Watts. Paternal grandparents are Mary Lou Wholihan of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Henry Wholihan.

Charles Edward Groustra

Chelsea and Ted Groustra of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a son, Charles Edward Groustra, born Dec. 7, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Terri and Bob Berschback of Grosse Pointe Park.

Paternal grandparents are Kathy and John Groustra of Lexington, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park.

Elizabeth Marie Groustra

Tim and Tricia Groustra of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Marie Groustra, born May 28, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Jim and Sandy Morrow of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Paternal grandparents are John and Kathy Groustra of Lexington, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park. Great-grandparents are Charlotte Stephenson of Grosse Pointe Woods, John and Marion Morrow of Troy and William and Dencil Tandy of Indianapolis, Ind.

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Salvation Army honors Grosse Pointe resident

The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division recently named Grosse Pointer **Dale Austin** Emeritus board member of its Advisory Board. She has served on the Advisory Board for more than 30 years.

Austin sits on the boards of 18 organizations, including the Thanksgiving Day Parade Company, the Greater Detroit Roundtable of Jews and Christians and the Detroit Historical Museum.

In 1999, she received a Humanitarian Award from the American Lung Association and the Jewish Congress Award. She received the Booth Award, the Salvation Army's highest honor, several years ago.

"Dale has made a lifelong commitment to The Salvation Army and helping others in need," said **Major Norman Marshall,** divisional commander for The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan. "I believe her dedication, compassion and devotion toward the ministry is an invaluable asset to our Advisory Board."

Austin said she was honored by the appointment.

She grew up in Elkhorn City, Ky., in the Cumberland Mountains. "I was sitting in church one day, thinking about a new Easter outfit — in those days we wore new outfits on Easter Sunday — and I decided 'I'm going to give the money I would have spent on new clothes to the Salvation Army.'

"Then I did the same thing with the money I would have spent on Christmas cards and stamps. The more I learned about the Salvation Army, the more interested I became."

Austin decided that helping people in need took priority over buying new things for herself.

"Who needs more things?" she said. "I don't need anything else to dust."

Founded by William Booth in London, England, in 1865, The Salvation Army is a faith-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to serving people in need without discrimination. At work in Michigan since 1887, The Salvation Army operates 180 facilities throughout the state. Annually, these facilities provide more than 3.5 million meals and 600,000 nights of shelter for the homeless.

The Salvation Army also provides utility assistance, disaster relief, foster care for children who are abused, runaways and wards of the state, and athletic and academic programs.

Making wishes: The Make-A-Wish Foundation, a charitable organization that grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions, is selling tickets for a Pistons game that begins at 3:30 p.m. on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 17, at the Palace.

Tickets are $25. A donation of $5 for each ticket sold will go to the foundation. Call (888) 857-9474.

— Margie Reins Smith

Dale Austin of the City of Grosse Pointe, at the left, accepts an honor from the Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division.

She was named Emeritus board member of its Advisory Board. She has worked for the Salvation Army in various ways for more than 30 years. At the right is Major Norman Marshall, divisional commander for the Salvation Army Eastern Michigan.

Photo by Wally Lubzik

Historical Society Ball

More than 400 people dined and danced and were merry at the 2004 Detroit Historical Society Ball on Dec. 3 at the transformed historic main hangar at Detroit City Airport. The event raised more than $160,000 for the Detroit Historical Museums & Society exhibition and educational programs.

Co-chairmen of the black-tie event were Lisa Balian of Bloomfield Hills, Mado Lie of Grosse Pointe Park and Roberta Toll of Bloomfield Hills.

Among those who attended were Grosse Pointers Corey and Devin Scillian.

Antiques Show

The Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology's Friends of Vision will sponsor its eighth annual "Visions to Remember/Eyes on Antiques" show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 4, 5 and 6, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. The three-day event is a benefit for the DIO.

The event will offer items from some 25 Midwest antiques dealers for sale. Also on display — a variety of antique optical aids from a private collection.

Cheryl Gauss, at the left, is chairman of the Victorian Valentine Preview Party. Nancy Pilorget, general event chairman, is shown at the right.

Friends of Library sponsor talk on 'Oedipus Rex'

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library's third season of Classics Books Lecture Series will kick off with "Why Western Drama Begins with Oedipus Rex," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, in the library of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Dr. Enoch Brater will look at Oedipus and some of the western dramas the ancient Greek tragedy has spawned.

Brater is professor of English and theater at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He is known internationally for his seminal studies of Samuel Beckett and other major modern dramatists. In 2002 he received the Certificate of Achievement for Outstanding Contributions to the field by the Association for Theatre in Higher Education.

Friends of the Library members, students and teachers will be admitted free. Guests and nonmembers, $5. To preregister, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 204. Advanced registration is not required.

The Friends suggest some pre-lecture reading: "Oedipus Rex," by Sophocles, and "The Greek Way" by Edith Hamilton are available at all branch libraries.

The second lecture in the 2005 series will feature some of the works of William Shakespeare and the famous playwright's take on the father-son relationship. It will be given by Dr. Ralph Williams at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 17, in the library of Grosse Pointe South High School.

For more information about the six 2005 Classics Books Lectures or to become a member of the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, go to http://www.gpfriends.org.

Meetings

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will meet for lunch and a program beginning at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Pontiac firefighter Dion Wade and his firefighter dog, Blaze, will present a program, "The Role of Firefighters and their Dogs since 9/11."

For guest reservations, call (313) 881-6251 by Saturday, Jan. 15. Grosse Pointe Woman's Club Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month and are open to all current and former Grosse Pointe women and business owners.

New members are welcomed. Call Jean Azar at (313) 882-0462 or Pam Zimmer at (313) 884-1803.

Garden Center

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center will hold its annual meeting on Friday, Jan. 21, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The meeting will begin at noon with a luncheon, followed by a business meeting, election of officers and a program.

The meeting is open to members, their guests and the public. The cost for lunch is $15 for members; $17 for nonmembers. Deadline for reservations is Friday, Jan. 14. Call (313) 881-7511, ext. 206.

G.P. Questers

The Grosse Pointe Quester chapter No. 147 will meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14. Rosemary Bay will present a program, "Jade-Stone of Heaven." The hostess is Karen Joslyn. Co-hostess is Dorothy Denomme.

Cut-a-thon benefits Mother's Club

La Moda Salon will hold a cut-a-thon, a fundraiser for the Grosse Pointe South High School Mothers' Club.

Walk-in customers are invited to visit the salon at 20091 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17.

New women clients will receive a haircut and style for $45; new men clients, $25.

Coast Guard Auxiliary boating class is offered

Flotilla 12-12 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct an 11-week course geared toward new boat owners and family members.

The course will include information for state certification on piloting, boat handling, navigation rules, highway signs, lines, equipment and knots.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. from Feb. 1 to April 26 at Parcells Middle School. The cost is $35 and $15 for each additional family member. Registration will be held prior to the first class from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

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Do flowers help hospital patients feel better?

Down to Earth

By Kathleen Peabody

Well-meaning friends should think again when considering a gift of flowers for a friend who is in the hospital. Often the flowers will get better care if they're sent to the patient's home during his or her recuperation time. This orchid was a gift to Kathleen Peabody, the Grosse Pointe News' "Down to Earth" columnist, when she was hospitalized recently.

What's the best plan for sending flowers to patients in the hospital?

A recent surgery had me in and out of the hospital in a matter of days. The experience led me to think about sending flowers and plants to patients. Sometimes it's difficult to know what to do when a friend or loved one is in a hospital.

Making a call to the florist may not be the best choice.

Before my surgery, I e-mailed some close friends and family members asking them not to send flowers to the hospital. One reason is that I knew the stay wouldn't be long. It's difficult for me to leave fresh flowers behind, even if that really is the best idea.

The patients remaining in the hospital, the staff and the visitors will enjoy them if they're left at the nurses' station. It also makes it easier on the patient and the caregiver. If the flowers are a freshly cut bouquet, the water and vase are often difficult to take home in one piece.

Another problem is that cut flowers can wilt and be a downer for some patients, according Marion Owen of the radio show, "The UpBeet Gardener."

I suggested to friends that they send flowers to my home once they know I've left the hospital. Generally, the recuperation period is longer than the stay in the hospital and the patient has a better opportunity to enjoy the gift.

While flowers and plants are wonderful gifts to show that you care, another way to show concern is in the weeks following a hospital stay. Ask friends to put you on their calendars for two weeks out of surgery, to bring lunch and keep you company for an hour or so. Visitors can bring flowers then, when they are available to give them appropriate care and to share some time with the patient.

If in doubt, take your cue from the patient or family member who may be the caregiver at home. The main concern is the patient's needs. And, with less time and fewer resources, hospital staffs are stretched. Don't count on them to care for the flowers in the hospital room.

Extended stays

If the person you intend to cheer up with flowers is in a hospital or nursing home for a prolonged period, here are some suggestions for working with your florist:

• Before sending flowers, find out what department the patient is in. Often, patients in intensive care cannot receive flowers. Also, a strong scent may wreak havoc with a patient's sense of smell. Choose flowers without a strong scent.

• Seek the advice of the hospital if special considerations are to be followed.

• Keep allergies in mind. If the patient is allergic to certain flowers and plants, that allergy may be intensified once he or she is hospitalized.

• Use stable, clean vases, clean water and the proper amount of plant food. Put Crystal Clear in the water to keep it clear.

• Choose strong stems for longer-lasting blooms as they are transported. Remove old flowers from the bouquet. Clean the stems and remove extra leaves.

What research shows

A study done by a team of researchers in 2001 on the subject of participants' behavioral and emotional responses to receiving flowers has some interesting results. The team was led by Jeannette Haviland-Jones, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. They explored the link between flowers and life satisfaction in this 10-month study.

The conclusions show that flowers are a natural and healthful moderator of moods.

• Flowers have an immediate impact on happiness. All study participants expressed "true" or "excited" smiles upon receiving flowers, demonstrating extraordinary delight and gratitude. This reaction was universal, occurring in all age groups.

• Flowers have a long-term positive effect on moods. Specifically, study participants reported feeling less depressed, anxious and agitated after receiving flowers, and demonstrated a higher sense of enjoyment and life satisfaction.

• Flowers make intimate connections. The presence of flowers led to increased contact with family and friends.

"Common sense tells us that flowers make us happy," Haviland-Jones said. "Now, science shows that not only do flowers make us happier than we know, they have strong positive effects on our emotional well-being."

The Northeast Chapter of the American Horticultural Therapy Association Inc. notes that plants are used in hospitals, schools, correctional facilities, community gardens, senior centers, rehabilitation programs and other settings because they:

• Grow and change

• Respond to care but do not judge

• Encourage participation and help teach skills

• Stimulate the senses

• Rediscover hope and look to the future

A beautiful orchid came to me in the hospital and shows that one of my friends did not get the message. It was the only plant received and I gave it great care on its journey home.

According to Haviland-Jones, "Flowers bring about positive emotional feelings in those who enter a room. They make the space more welcoming and create a sharing atmosphere."

The orchid now sits in my living room for all to enjoy.

Kathleen Peabody is an Advanced Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Contact her online at kmaslankapeabody@sbcglobal.net

Clammy home-baked pizza pie

À La Annie

By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Feasting on clam dip over the holidays brought back a food memory from a restaurant where I worked several years ago. Bertucci's restaurant specialized in brick oven pizzas as well as Italian entrees and panini sandwiches (and this was long before the Panera craze).

I used to come home with my husband's favorite pizza after nearly every shift.

You guessed it — clam pizza. Spicy clam pizza to be exact. A combination of clams, garlic and crushed red pepper topped the pulled pizza dough, and mozzarella cheese finished the pie. (When ordering pizza in New York, you refer to the rounds as pies.) I replaced the dough with a thin pizza crust Boboli on which I have created many a successful pizza.

This is not your average pizza; no sauce is required.

Tony's Spicy Clam Pizza

1 10-oz. Boboli thin pizza crust
4 tablespoons good quality olive oil, divided
1 10-oz. can Bumble Bee whole clams, drained, with juice reserved OR 2 6-oz. cans chopped or minced clams
2 teaspoons finely chopped garlic
2 tablespoons chopped shallot (or other onion)
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon dried parsley
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
A few pinches black pepper
1 to 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
1/2 cup chopped fresh tomato
1 1/3 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
1 to 2 teaspoons sesame seeds

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Brush 1 tablespoon of the olive oil over the crust, making sure to brush all the way to the edge of the crust. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine the clams with the remaining 3 tablespoons of olive oil, 3 tablespoons of the reserved clam juice and the next 8 ingredients (all but the cheese and the sesame seeds). Mix until well incorporated.

Sprinkle half of the cheese (2/3 cup) over the prepared crust. Spoon the clam mixture by tablespoons all over the crust. Use a spatula to carefully spread the mixture evenly across the crust. Top with the remaining 2/3 cup shredded mozzarella. Lightly sprinkle a little dried parsley over the cheese. Use your fingers to distribute the sesame seeds around the edge of the crust.

Bake for 10 minutes in the center of the oven, directly on the rack, on a baking sheet or more preferably on a pizza stone. (Remember, the stone gets placed in the oven before you preheat.)

Cook your clam pizza the way you like it — with a gooey cheese or a crispy crust. I like it somewhere in the middle, which took just 10 minutes in my oven. At this high temperature make sure to proceed with caution and set the timer to check on your pizza after 8 minutes.

I named the clam pizza after my husband because he patiently chopped and diced as I tried to re-create the pizza we used to enjoy back East. If the Boboli isn't your thing, (it wasn't mine until they came up with the thin crust) then substitute your favorite dough or even bread.

This yummy spicy clam mix will sit nicely on a French bread style pizza. Crafty clam lovers will heat the clam mixture (with a little extra oil) and toss it with just-cooked fresh pasta. Don't forget to pass the Parmesan cheese.

If you don't like clams, this recipe is not for you. If you can't remember the last time you've tried clams then for sure give my tasty pie a try.

False positive screening for cancer is found to be frequent, costly

Cancer screening tests can frequently produce false positive outcomes that may result not only in anxiety but also additional economic costs, according to research conducted by scientists at the Henry Ford Health System and published in the December issue of Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention.

Among 1,087 individuals participating in a cancer screening trial who received a battery of tests for prostate, ovarian, colorectal and lung cancer, 43 percent had at least one false positive test result, according to Jennifer Elston Lafata, Ph.D., director of the Center for Health Services Research at the Henry Ford Health System and the lead author on the study.

"As new cancer screening tests are developed, it is important to consider not only their potential clinical benefits, but also their potential for adverse effects," said Lafata, director of the Center for Health Services Research at the Henry Ford Health System." One such adverse effect is the medical care costs associated with false positive cancer screening test results. Although such costs are often overlooked, we've shown they can be quite substantial."

Specifically, men who incurred a false positive result for either prostate, lung or colorectal cancer averaged $1,171 in additional medical care expenditures compared to men with all negative screens. More than half, 51 percent, of the men in the study had at least one false positive test.

For women, 36 percent had false positive screening results. Women with a false positive screen for ovarian, colorectal or lung cancer experienced $1,024 more in follow-up medical care expenses compared to women with all negative results.

The study was funded by the National Cancer Institute and is part of a larger trial of the effectiveness of screening for prostate, lung, colorectal and ovarian cancers.

"The results of this smaller study add to the growing body of evidence highlighting the importance of understanding not only the likely benefits of cancer screening, but also how the accuracy of screening tests impacts patients and medical care expenditures, and thus the overall cost-effectiveness of different screening alternatives," Lafata said.

"Although the clinical evidence for the use of these and many other new screening tests is still being developed, many such screening tests are already widely used in practice thereby resulting in substantial additional medical care costs without known benefits."

Henry Ford Medical Group researchers who collaborated with Lafata in the study included Janine Simpkins, M.A., Lois Lamerato, Ph.D., Laila Poisson, M.S., George Divine, Ph.D., and Christine Cole Johnson, Ph.D.

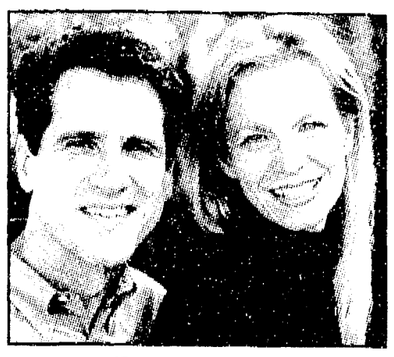
College life, alcohol

By Jeff and Debra Jay
Special Writers

Dear Jeff and Debra:

Our daughter graduates from high school this spring and is beginning to make decisions about colleges. One of the things we're concerned about is the quality of college life she'll experience. We hear so much about binge drinking, date rape and other serious problems. We've talked to our daughter about making decisions based on the social environment as well as the academic environment of the college. What kinds of questions should we ask?

— Concerned Parents



Jeff and Debra Jay

Dear Concerned:

When your daughter arrives on the college campus this fall, you want it to be a time of new experiences, new friendships, academic challenge and good memories that last a lifetime.

Unfortunately, for many students, these hopes are clouded by alcohol and the negative consequences that follow. According to a recent report to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the problems caused by excessive drinking on campus "are more significant, more destructive, and more costly than many parents recognize."

Among students age 18 to 24, alcohol contributes to 40,000 deaths, 500,000 injuries and 70,000 cases of sexual assault or date rape each year.

In addition, 600,000 students are assaulted by other students; 400,000 have unprotected sex, and 110,000 are arrested for alcohol-related violations. Twenty-five percent report academic problems related to drinking.

The first 6 weeks of the first semester are critical to students' success in their first year. Alcohol can interfere with this success. Parents can help their college-bound sons and daughters by alerting them to the problems related to alcohol abuse. Talk about the penalties for underage drinking as well as the risks associated with being intoxicated.

Explain to your daughter that alcohol will affect her ability to make good judgments and render her more vulnerable to risky situations. When she is intoxicated, she's more likely to do things she'd never do sober. She is also an easier mark for unscrupulous people.

You and your daughter can inquire about campus alcohol policies and alcohol-free living arrangements. Visit the college she is considering on a weekend night and observe the students. Ask college administrators about the availability of alcohol-free activities.

During your daughter's first semester, call frequently. Ask about her living arrangement, her roommates and what she is doing with her free time. You can stay involved even if she chooses a school far from home.

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are the authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction," and Debra Jay is the co-author of "Aging and Addiction." Both are Hazelden publications. Jeff and Debra Jay are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. They may be contacted with your questions at (313) 882-6921 or www.lovefirst.net.

Healing Arts Center offers new February classes

Classes centered on complementary therapies are offered at the Valade Healing Arts Center in the Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. February classes, which are open to anyone in the community, include:

Reiki classes

Reiki: Intro to Energy Evening: From 7 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 3. A $5 donation is suggested. This class includes a mini hands-on Reiki session and explanation about Reiki energy healing.

Reiki Level I: One class from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5; $195. Reiki is an ancient, Japanese hands-on healing method. Students learn the history of Reiki, basic hand positions and ways to use this energy in their own lives and in service to others.

Other classes

Emotional Freedom Technique: From 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5 (basic); from 12:30 to 2 p.m. (oncology). $45 basic; $55 oncology. Basic and oncology-specific classes offer tools to balance negative emotions, pain, anxiety and more.

Beginner Meditation: One class from noon to 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5; $25. Students learn how stress affects one physically, mentally and emotionally; and they practice techniques for relaxation, breath work and basic meditation.

Yoga

Prenatal Yoga: The six weeks of one-hour classes begin at 5:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28; $60. These classes offer gentle stretches, breathing techniques, relaxation and meditation appropriate for pregnant women starting after the first trimester. A physician's note is required.

Hatha Yoga: The six-week class runs from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., or 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. The first classes are Monday, Feb. 28. Practice gentle postures, breathing exercises and meditation that may aid well-being. Class sizes are limited.

For more information or to register, call (313) 647-3320, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Valade Healing Arts Center is located on the third floor of the Van Elslander Cancer Center, behind St. John Hospital at 19229 Mack.

It provides an environment where all people, not only those touched by cancer, may enhance their quality of life through programs that complement medical care and focus on the mind, body and spirit.

Help seniors cope with post-holiday blahs

The winter holidays hold traditional expectations of good cheer and joyous times with family and friends. However, for many of our community's elderly, the holidays can trigger or worsen feelings of loneliness, anxiety and depression. Yearround, more than 2 million individuals over the age of 65 suffer from clinically diagnosed depression, and 5 million more have symptoms, making it four times more prevalent among the elderly than the general population.

"Depression in the elderly, if left untreated, can have dire consequences," said Kathleen J. Holycross, president and CEO of Visiting Nurse Association Inc. "According to the National Institute of Mental Health, every 17 minutes, someone over the age of 65 commits suicide."

Many factors may contribute to the holiday blues, such as chemical imbalances in the brain, medications, chronic illness, genetic predisposition, grief and loss, loneliness, financial limitations, inability to be with one's family and loss of independence. Holidays can amplify feelings of loss and increase stress levels, as can the letdown that often follows once the bustle of the season has ended.

According to the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry, depression affects approximately 25 percent of those with chronic illness and is particularly common in patients with ischemic heart disease, stroke, cancer, chronic lung disease, arthritis, Alzheimer's disease, and Parkinson's disease.

"One of the greatest misconceptions, however, is that depression is a natural part of aging," Holycross said. "Feelings of sadness are natural as we go through life, but when these feelings become persistent and interfere with our daily activities, it becomes a situation that requires attention.

"Depression is a treatable medical illness. When properly diagnosed and treated, more than 80 percent of those suffering from depression return to normal activities. Families and friends should watch for signs of depression in older people and these clues should not be ignored."

Symptoms of depression include a persistent, sad, anxious or empty mood; feelings of hopelessness and helplessness; irritability, loss of interest in activities once enjoyed; decreased energy, difficulty concentrating; insomnia and thoughts of suicide.

"If you are caring for an individual displaying symptoms of depression which do not appear mild or persist for more than two weeks, consult a physician or mental health professional for an evaluation," Holycross said.

"Treatment may be as simple as changing medications, introducing exercise or creating a new holiday tradition, or it may require more in-depth recommendations."

VNA serves Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Livingston and Washtenaw county residents through Medicare-certified home health care and hospice services.

VNA's Behavioral Health Program offers psychiatric nursing consultation and evaluation, suicide assessment and patient/family education support to individuals enrolled in VNA home health care and hospice services.

Planning helps older Americans stay at home

(NAPSI) — The desire to "age-in-place" or stay in one's home for as long as possible is the goal of many older Americans.

With some proactive planning, older adult homeowners can renovate their home and make it easier to remain independent as they age. With a home designed to adapt to long-term care, many older homeowners may find their dream retirement home is already right under their feet.

Simple changes to one's home can make a living environment more comfortable and safe for older adults as they age, says Jeffrey Taylor, vice president of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage's Senior Products Group. However, many seniors would say they can't take on such a project because they don't have the money.

One example is remodeling a bathroom to make it bigger and installing safety features as grab bars and no-step showers. Other aging-in-place remodeling ideas include lowering cabinets and cooking surfaces in a kitchen to make it easier to use, putting in remote lighting controls throughout the house and widening doors and hallways so the home is wheelchair accessible.

A reverse mortgage is a loan that lets senior homeowners convert part of the equity in their home into tax-free proceeds without having to sell the home, give up title or take on new monthly mortgage payments as long as they stay in the home.

According to Taylor, there are many resources available to help seniors evaluate their homes, determine their needs, plan solutions and compare costs.

Interior designers, builders and remodeling contractors and even occupational therapists can advise on ways to improve a home to suit changing needs. Reverse mortgage consultants can help seniors get the money needed to finance home renovations.

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage works closely with the Seniors Housing Council and National Remodelers Council of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) to educate consumers, builders and remodelers about how to incorporate aging-in-place features into homes. The NAHB Remodelers Council offers a Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS) professional designation, through which more than 500 professionals have been certified to design and build aesthetically enriching, barrier-free living environments, according to the NAHB. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage serves as a premier sponsor of the NAHB Seniors Housing Council for 2004-2005.

Create and deliver Valentines

Individuals, families, church groups and schools are invited to brighten Valentine's Day for a local senior citizen. Services for Older Citizens is looking for volunteers to make and deliver Valentines from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Neighborhood Club. Breakfast will be provided.

"The seniors cherish these small tokens of love," said Betsy Schulte, SOC volunteer coordinator.

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

Talk will address urology concerns common to women

Dr. Shiva Maralani, a urologist on staff at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, will discuss common female urology concerns and treatment options from a woman's perspective. The talk will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 3, at St. John Medical Center-Romeo Plank Community Center. Discussion topics will include urinary incontinence, kidney stones and urinary tract infections.

St. John Medical Center-Romeo Plank is located at 46591 Romeo Plank in Macomb Township.

The program is free, and attendees will receive a gift from CareLink. Advance registration is recommended. Call (888) 751-5465.

The program is sponsored by CareLink at SJH&MC. Free CareLink membership offers a special link to health services, education and benefits for those age 55 or better. Health care professionals are also available to community groups.

Lunch, lecture on health screens

"Lunch and Learn" with a Henry Ford Health System physician from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at the Henry Ford Pierson Clinic, 131 Kercheval.

Dr. Zenas Dickinson, an internal medicine physician with Henry Ford Health System, will discuss preventive health screenings and which ones are needed at different ages. A light lunch will be provided. The lecture is free. Call (800) 436-7936. Space is limited.

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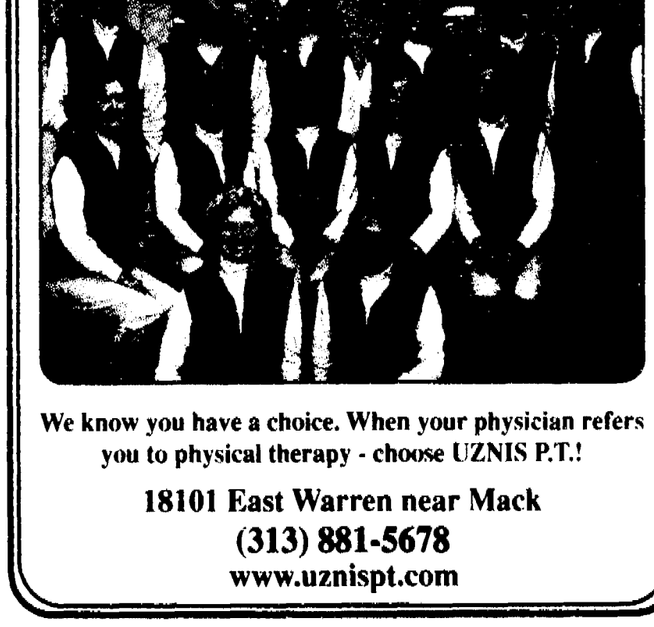

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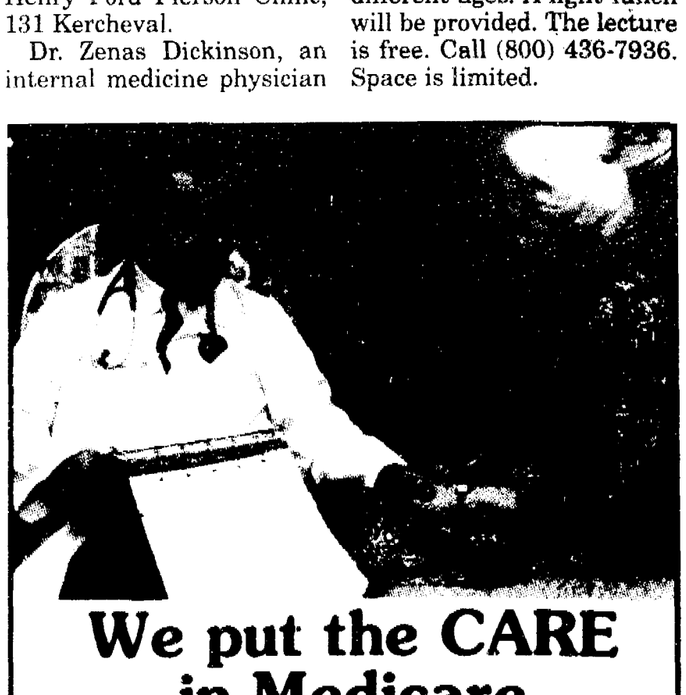

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Better Business Bureau urges caution when responding to tsunami relief appeals

In the wake of the devastating earthquake and tsunamis that recently struck South Asia, relief organizations around the world are launching efforts to help victims and their families.

In the United States, businesses, individuals, families and charitable organizations are responding with donations and organizing appeals of their own.

The Better Business Bureau warns potential donors that fraudulent appeals may seek the use of the disaster to take advantage of American generosity and concern. Be extra cautious with Internet and telephone solicitations. Don't let your guard down when your emotions have been stirred by news about the disaster.

"The Better Business Bureau encourages the public to contribute to helpful causes that will assist the families and victims of the tsunami catastrophe," said Fred Hofrecker, president and CEO of the BBB of Eastern Michigan.

"Donors should make certain, however, that the charity is properly registered with appropriate state government agencies, that it describes exactly what it will do to address the needs of victims, and that it is willing to provide written information about its finances and programs."

Any charity, whether an established relief organization or a newly established aid group, should have written information about its purpose, programs and finances available on request. Michigan-based charities soliciting financial donations should be registered with Charitable Trust Section of the Department of the Michigan Attorney General. The Michigan Attorney General's Charitable Trust Section can be contacted at www.michigan.gov/ag or (517) 373-1152.

Any appeal should clearly state which organization benefits from a donation or purchase. Some organizations have similar names. You want to make sure you know whom exactly your donation is supporting. If the appeal doesn't state clearly what will be done to address the needs of victims, you may want to contact the charity directly for more information.

Donors can check on national charities with the BBB Wise Giving Alliance, online at www.give.org. The reports specify if the charity meets the BBB Standards for Charity Accountability, which addresses various charity governance, finances, fundraising, and solicitation issues. Reports on local charities are available through your local BBB office. Contact the Better Business Bureau of Eastern Michigan at (248) 644 - 9100 or www.eastemmichiganbbb.org.

Keep in mind that even the most well-intentioned efforts can be misplaced. Churches and other community organizations may be organizing efforts to collect donated goods and items to help the tsunami victims. As with all other disaster situations, relief charities prefer financial contributions rather than donated goods so they can purchase items and supplies that are specifically needed. The collection and delivery of inappropriate items can clog airports and delivery channels and delay more vital items in getting through to disaster victims.

Donors also should consider the following tips when giving in the wake of a tragedy or disaster:

• Be wary of appeals that are long on emotion but short on describing what the charity will do to address the needs of victims and their families.

• If you contribute, do not give cash. Make a check or money order out to the name of the charitable organization, not the individual collecting the donation.

• If you decide to donate, find out more about the charity before making a contribution and be aware of red flags that could alert you of a scam. For example, some con artists imitate the name and style of a well-known charitable organization in order to confuse people.

• See if the charity's appeal explains what the charity intends to do with any excess contributions remaining after they have fully funded the disaster relief activities mentioned in solicitations.

• Keep in mind that to get a tax donation for a charitable contribution, the charity must be based in the United States. For donations to an international relief organization, you may want to make sure that your donation goes to its U.S. chapter.

For a list of organizations that are currently eligible to receive deductible gifts, go to www.irs.gov and look up Publication 78.

• Be wary of charities that are reluctant to answer reasonable questions about their operations, finances and programs. Ask how much of your gift will be used for the activity mentioned in the appeal and how much will go toward other programs and administrative and fund-raising costs.

• If a product is offered for sale with a promise that a "portion" goes to charity, ask questions. The appeal should state the name of the charity that will benefit, along with a phone number, address, or URL (Web site) to contact for more information; the actual portion or amount that will go to the charity, such as "$1 from this purchase" or "10 percent of the purchase price;" and the maximum amount to be donated or the ending date of the campaign, as in "up to $250,000" or "through June 30, 2005."

• Watch out for excessive pressure for on-the-spot donations. Be wary of any request to send a "runner" to pick up your contribution.

• Do not give your credit card number or other personal information to a telephone solicitor or respond to an e-mail solicitation. Ask the caller or sender to provide you with written information on the charity's programs and finances or contact the charity directly.

• Do not hesitate to ask for written information that describes the charity's programs and finances, such as the charity's latest annual report and financial statements. Even newly created organizations should have some basic information available.

Those seeking a Web site to help identify established charities providing assistance in the areas impacted by the tsunami may wish to visit www.interaction.org, a Washington, D.C.-based association of relief agencies.

The Better Business Bureau of Eastern Michigan, www.easternmichiganbbb.org, is a non-profit organization with the purpose of assisting in the protection of the local marketplace from fraud and unethical business practices. In addition to its recognized dispute resolution services, the Bureau maintains reliability reports on the customer service history of more than 60,000 local businesses and provides consumer education materials on numerous topics.

The BBB provides its services free to the public through the support of its member businesses, and its service territory stretches across Eastern Michigan from Jackson through Metropolitan Detroit and from Lansing upward to Alpena and also covers the Upper Peninsula.

Hyperglycemia slows mental functions in people with diabetes

A temporary rise in blood glucose (sugar) levels in people with both types of diabetes can interfere with their ability to think quickly and solve problems, according to a study in the January issue of Diabetes Care.

Researchers at the University of Virginia Health System (UVHS) found that people who had both type 1 and type 2 diabetes performed poorly on math and verbal tests when they became hyperglycemic, a condition in which blood glucose levels are higher than normal.

Symptoms of hyperglycemia include high blood glucose, high levels of sugar in the urine, frequent urination, and increased thirst. Roughly 55 percent of the people in the study showed signs of cognitive slowing or increased errors while hyperglycemic, suggesting that the consequences of hyperglycemia vary among individuals. However, among those whose cognitive performance deteriorated when blood sugar levels rose, the negative effects consistently appeared once levels reached or exceeded a threshold of 15 mmol/l or 270 mg/dl.

Because hypoglycemia (when blood glucose levels are too low) can cause dizziness and an inability to focus, many people consume large amounts of carbohydrates to avoid this state prior to school exams and other cognitive-sensitive tasks. But this study suggests that carbohydrate-loading could be counterproductive, the researchers conclude, because hyperglycemia often occurs after overeating.

"The best way to minimize any negative effects on cognitive functioning is to keep blood glucose levels tightly controlled," said lead researcher Dr. Daniel J. Cox, of the Center for Behavioral Medicine Research at UVHS. "People who have diabetes should pay careful attention to the warning signs of hyperglycemia so that they can quickly take action to treat it."

Treatment for hyperglycemia can include increasing insulin or reducing food intake.

Diabetes Care, published by the American Diabetes Association, is the leading peer-reviewed journal of clinical research into the nation's fifth leading cause of death by disease. Diabetes also is a leading cause of heart disease and stroke, as well as the leading cause of adult blindness, kidney failure and non-traumatic amputations.

For more information about diabetes, visit the American Diabetes Association Web site diabetes.org or call (800) 342-2383.

Bon Secours offers volunteer opportunities

If you have time to give, consider volunteering at the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center (NCC) or Charlotte's Place Senior Day Care Center. Both are located on Jefferson at Lakeland (between 10 and 11 Mile roads) in St. Clair Shores.

Individuals of all ages and abilities are needed to assist specially trained music, art, and recreation therapists, dietitians, chaplains and other professionals. Members of corporations, service organizations and community groups also are welcome.

"Volunteering is a terrific way to explore areas of interest and even identify potential career paths," said Brian Oberly, administrator at the NCC. "The older population will continue to grow significantly in the future and will flourish between 2010 and 2030 as 'baby boomers' reach age 65. There will be many rewarding career options in the elder care field. And for individuals of all ages, simply offering the gift of time and companionship to another human being is a rewarding experience."

Because recreation and social interaction are important components of elder care, volunteers can assist with transporting residents from the NCC, and guests at Charlotte's Place, to group sing-a-longs, arts and crafts, and structured activities, or assist in pet therapy sessions and outings to local restaurants and areas of interest. There also are opportunities for volunteers with domestic pets to visit with residents and guests.

Volunteers are needed weekdays, weekends and evenings. For more information, call (586) 779-7011.

GPA offers 3D, photo exhibit

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association is holding its third annual juried Three-Dimensional and Photography Exhibition through Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Art Center, 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park.

Art on display includes sculpture, ceramics, assemblage, photographs and more. A three-dimensional scale model of Frank Lloyd Wright's mile-high building, "The Mile-High Illinois," will be on display. Architectural model expert and Grosse Pointe Artists Association member Jon Bell of Grosse Pointe Park and a group of students at the College for Creative Studies began the model of the 528-story futuristic superscraper. Bell completed it. The model has traveled around the world to art museums in Japan, Germany, Scotland, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Holland and the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

The juror for the show is George Tysh, a local art critic, curator, poet and educator. Tysh will give a gallery talk about the show at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 15, at the center.

The opening reception and award ceremony will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14. For more information, call the Art Center at (313) 821-1848.

Manners class

The Courtesy Coaching Program is an interactive way of teaching manners and etiquette. Boys and girls ages 6-8 are encouraged to join an after-school January class from 4 to 5 p.m., Wednesdays, Jan. 19 and 26, at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Provencal-Weir House. (The first class was Jan. 12.)

The course includes a take-home workbook, parent support materials and culminating tea party celebration.

For more information, call (586) 246-3123.

Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD

Winter's harsh dry cold conditions can be especially exacerbating to the many middle aged and older patients who experience skin that easily bruises or bleeds, most especially on the tops of hands and forearms. This condition is known as fragile skin.

Fragile skin is most frequently the result of prolonged exposure to harsh treatments or environments. Long term exposure to sunlight is the most common factor; other causes include the use of oral and topical steroids such as hydrocortisones, as well as anticoagulants. Rarely, fragile skin can be caused by or may indicate internal diseases, blood disorders or a genetic condition such as Ehlers-Danlos syndrome.

Once skin becomes thin, there is no way to reverse this result. Therefore, prevention is key. Use sunscreens and protective clothing to reduce further damage from the sun. When using topical or oral steroids, carefully follow your physician's instructions regarding these medications as misuse and overuse will result in unintended long term damage to your skin. And especially this time of year, keep your skin moisturized and protected from winter's harsh elements.

If you are experiencing unusual bruising or bleeding of your skin, or to learn more about fragile skin, contact your dermatologist, or call us at *Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates with offices in Grosse Pointe and New Baltimore. You can reach them at (313) 884-3380.*

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Welcome to my new column about hearing. Your hearing is an important part of your overall health and, just like your eyes or teeth, should be checked regularly. I want you to know as much as possible about hearing in general, hearing loss, and hearing health care. In the weeks to come I'll be talking to you about your hearing, and discussing some exciting advances in the field of hearing aid technology. At GROSSE POINTE AUDIOLOGY, we are certified audiologists that can help you with all of your hearing and hearing aid needs. We are located at 19794 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have further questions or would like to schedule an appointment, you can reach me at **313-343-5555**.

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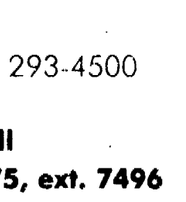

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DSO's Sibelius, Rachmaninoff prove rewarding

State of the Arts

By Alex Suczek

Last weekend's program by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra was billed as romantic, and no one could deny that the Sibelius violin concerto and Rachmaninoff's second symphony are richly romantic music. A better choice of words — one that genuinely characterized the listening experience — would have been "passionate and powerful."

Moreover, the conductor and the soloist were key to the truly rewarding fulfillment of the scores.

The concert opened with the DSO's concertmaster, Emmanuelle Boisvert, in the Sibelius. She dealt with the unconventional opening in a tender, rhapsodic performance of the theme, supported by a beautifully modulated background of orchestral accompaniment. Eschewing any effort at showy technique, she endowed the movement with an air of mystery and underlying passion.

The effect peaked with an enchanting reading of the brief first cadenza as she took the opportunity to bring out the music's drama with growing verve.

Boisvert's phrasing displays a freedom of romantic expressive style that suits this concerto especially well. Meanwhile, Conductor Peter Oundjian had the orchestra follow suit in a unified and moving musical statement.

The woodwinds led the way in the second movement with a fresh and airy mood, leading to Boisvert's flowing melody on the violin as the orchestral part throbbed gently in the background.

Increasingly, a sense of post-romantic pace becomes apparent in the score. It takes the form of a drum-like pulse by the viola section in the third movement, and is reflected in the solo. Soloist and orchestra caught the spirit and generated a strong driving force in the music.

As the pace quickened, Boisvert traversed the demanding technical intricacies of double stops, harmonics and high-speed runs with complete poise and precision while maintaining an elegant flow to Sibelius' impassioned solos. She and Oundjian achieved a smooth collaboration to turn out a totally satisfying performance.

For the second half, Oundjian led the DSO through one of the biggest and most energetic of symphonies and he did it with well-calculated moods and tempos. It was especially impressive that he refrained from cutting the many repetitions and recapitulations, as some conductors do, to shorten the performance time.

In so doing, he demonstrated his ability to tailor the pace and bring out variations in phrasing that fulfilled the emotional and artistic logic of Rachmaninoff's score. While the symphony is admittedly long, the performance never flagged. Oundjian's pacing of the changing moods, pulsing rhythms and contrasts in pace from dramatic allegro to lyrical melody held the listener's interest from start to finish.

In seemingly perfect harmony with the orchestra, they moved deftly from drama to lyricism and from romance to majesty. The orchestra responded to its leader with the precision and virtuosity that we have observed over the years in its best moments.

There are many moments of moody Russian atmosphere to the work. They were beautifully projected early on by the horns and strings. Oundjian continued to bring it out with skillful dynamics and phrasing, giving voice to the music's national origin as well as its romantic nature.

As the score increased in intensity with flaring trumpets and resounding tympani, he brought a high level of excitement to the performance. His command of the orchestra, in fact, was impressive as they proved together that they could also give full expression to Rachmaninoff's most lush scoring in the last movement. Needless to add, the superb acoustics of Orchestra Hall added importantly to the ultimate impact.

The climactic result was a triumphant mood in the last movement that brought the performance to a smashing conclusion.

A special treat awaits audiences this weekend on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. The acclaimed young Chinese sensation, pianist Lang Lang, appears with Music Director Neeme Jarvi and the DSO in Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3 in C major. At the age of 21, he is reported to have already demonstrated extraordinary ability.

The second half of the program will offer Mahler's Symphony No. 6, "The Tragic." For music lovers who are also interested in the background and personality of the music and the musician, Lang Lang will participate in an onstage conversation with the Maestro and DSO Conducting Assistant Charles Greenwell and performance of the Prokofiev at a special Sunday afternoon concert. For full information and tickets call (313) 576-5111.

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Loneliest chore: Taking down the tree

Family Daze
By Debbie Farmer

The late Erma Bombeck once said, "There's no one lonelier than the person taking down the Christmas tree." This, of course, is a universal truth. But over the years I've also learned a second universal truth, which is that there's no one busier than the person taking down the Christmas tree.

I mean, there's nothing like the thought of facing 50 yards of gold-hued garland, a bazillion red felt bows, and dozens of glass ornaments to make a person want to suddenly, uh, sort through the old cheese in the crisper drawer or rearrange the furniture or try on all of the shorts from last year's summer wardrobe to see if they still fit.

In my defense, it's not just me and my bad attitude. I called my usually ultra-organized friend Barb yesterday to see how far she had gotten decoration-wise.

Me: Hi, how's the tree coming?

Barb: Great. Hey, did you know that if I add up the numbers in my Social Security number, with the date of my birth and telephone number, it's divisible by seven?

If that's not enough, when I called to see how my friend Julie was doing with her Christmas decorations, she announced that as of this morning she counted 23 freckles on her right cheek.

And when I called my friend Linda, she immediately confessed that she has mastered the art of playing musical spoons, made her entire shopping list for next Christmas, but, surprisingly enough, has not packed away a single ornament.

Why does this happen? Sure, there are all kinds of expert theories on procrastination. Some philosophers say it's the root of deep emotional issues. Others blame it on laziness or on a character defect.

Me? I chalk it up to the more plausible Farmer Procrastination Theory, the gist of it being, "Why do something now when you can put it off and a) Go shopping for cute shoes, b) Eat some ice cream or c) Practice playing "Free Bird" on your new homemade comb harmonica."

I know what's going through most of your minds. Those of you with your decorations already put away are thinking, "Hey, what's the big deal, Lady? You need more structure and discipline."

Then some of you are thinking, "Hey did she say, shoe shopping?"

You're both right. My friend Shirley suggested I make lists to keep me on task. But obviously she doesn't understand that is exactly the sort of thing that causes people like me to end up where they are today. I mean, what starts out as a simple to-do list somehow morphs into a "People I Want to Invite to Dinner" list, followed by an "Everything I Ate Yesterday" list, which precedes the "Books I Want to Read" list and then finally a "Questions to Ask Napoleon if I Meet Up with Him in the Afterlife" list.

Getting back to my tree predicament: You'll be glad to know that today I promised my husband I'd finally take the ornaments down. Which, of course, is merely a shorter way of saying, "I am going to clean the vertical blinds, change the furnace filter, meet my friend Katie for coffee, and wash the car."

And then maybe, just maybe, I'll have time left over to work on the tree.

With my busy schedule, I doubt it.

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Budzeyko-Stentz

Anne Elizabeth Budzeyko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Budzeyko of Slidell, La., married Matthew Lawrence Stentz, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Keith Stentz of the City of Grosse Pointe on Aug. 7, 2004, at Churchill Manor in Napa, Calif.

The Rev. Gordon Kahlil and the Rev. Carl Pihl officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Churchill Manor.

The bride wore an ivory A-line strapless satin gown that featured a beaded bodice and a cathedral-length train.

She carried a bouquet of ivory and pale pink roses.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Tina Budzeyko, of Slidell, La.

Bridesmaids were Jennifer Reeves of Corvallis, Ore., and Kelly Zinne of Bozeman, Mont.

Attendants wore knee-length satin platinum-colored dresses and carried bouquets of multiple shades of pink roses.

The groom's brother, William Stentz of Atlanta, Ga., was the best man.

Groomsmen were Andrew Kleeman of Ann Arbor and Patrick McCormick of San Diego, Calif.

Ushers were Richard and Cruz Wiles of Mission Hills, Kan.

The mother of the bride wore a ten-length ivory silk two-piece dress covered with hand-painted pink roses. Her corsage was of pink and white sweetheart roses.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length pink peau de soie dress with a beaded bodice and a corsage of pink and white sweetheart roses.

Scripture readers were the bride's sister, Lisa Wiles Bascom of Mission Hills, Kan.

The bride earned a bachelor's degree in sociology/criminology from the University of Montana. She works for the federal government in the Department of Homeland Security.

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Reuss-Blake

Linda Reuss Schlemmer and Patrick Reuss of Cincinnati, Ohio, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Lynn Reuss, to Francis Peter Blake Jr., son of Peter and Louise Blake of Grosse Pointe Woods. A June wedding is planned.

Reuss earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from Miami University and a Master of Education degree in education administration from Xavier University.

She teaches fifth grade at C.O. Harrison Elementary School in Cincinnati.

Blake earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance from the University of Notre Dame and a Master of Education degree in sports administration from Xavier University.

He is a senior financial analyst with Bath & Body Works in Columbus, Ohio.

Jamieson-McAtee

William and Rosanne Jamieson of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Veronica Jamieson, to John R. McAtee, son of Richard and Genevieve McAtee of Clinton Township. A July wedding is planned.

Veronica Jamieson and John R. McAtee

Jamieson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Dayton and a Master of Science degree in clinical-behavioral psychology from Eastern Michigan University.

She is a psychologist at William Beaumont Hospital HOPE Center for Autistic Children.

McAtee earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics/management and computer science from Albion College and is currently working on a master's degree in business administration and a Master of Science degree in finance at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is a contractual manager with ChannelVantage Inc.

Welsh-Krengel

The family of Erin Kerry Welsh, daughter of the late Michael and the late Barbara Welsh, have announced her engagement to Justin Philip Krengel, son of Philip and MaryAnn Krengel of Dearborn. An October wedding is planned.

Welsh earned a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology from Michigan State University. She is the breeding colony manager at the University of Michigan unit for laboratory animal medicine in Ann Arbor.

Krengel earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Michigan. He is manager of emerging media with J. Walter Thompson in Detroit.

Justin Philip Krengel and Erin Kerry Welsh

Anniversaries

Ebners

In June 1953, Lt. Charles M. Ebner, M.D., proposed to Lt. Irene T. Hayes at Coit Tower in San Francisco, Calif. They were married at Sacred Heart Church in Haverhill, Mass., on Aug. 28, 1954.

The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last summer by renewing their vows at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Chatham, Mass. They held a reception at the Wayside Inn in Chatham and a week-long gathering in Cape Cod with their seven children, other family members and friends.

Their seven children are Tom Ebner (Christine) of Pleasanton, Calif.; Therese Anthous (Robert) of Eugene, Ore.; Anne Ebner of Centennial, Colo.; Mary Eberly (Reg) of Parker, Colo.; Trish Pickett (Craig) of Glenwood Springs, Colo.; Julie Matthews (Jim) of Grosse Pointe Park; and Steve Ebner (Andrea) of Denver, Colo.

Also attending were the groom's sister, Toni Ebner King, and a bridesmaid, Genevieve Powers.

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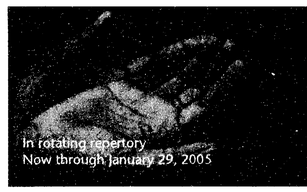

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North's Bramos finds a perfect fit with Miami

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Miami University basketball coach Charlie Coles put Grosse Pointe North's Michael Bramos in some select company when he talked about this year's recruiting class.

Photo by Jill Bramos

Michael Bramos of Grosse Pointe North signs his letter of intent to play basketball at Miami University, while his mother, Judy Bramos, looks on. In back, from left, are North head coach Matt Trombley; Michael's father, Mike Bramos; and assistant coach Gary Bennett.

"He reminds me of a guy I coached up at Central Michigan — Dan Majerle," Coles said. "He's rugged, he can run, he can finish plays and is an aggressive player.

"He not only has great potential, but he's on his way to that potential right now. He's got a good all-around game and I believe he's going to end up being a good scorer in college."

Majerle came out of Traverse City High School to star at Central Michigan. He was a first-round draft pick of the Phoenix Suns in 1988 became a three-time NBA All-Star with Phoenix, Cleveland and Miami.

Bramos, who signed an early letter of intent, is just as happy to be with Miami as Coles and the RedHawks are to have him aboard.

It didn't take the 6-foot-6 Bramos long to decide which college he wanted to attend. Miami was his first and only official visit.

"I felt real comfortable there," said Bramos, who visited the Oxford, Ohio, campus with his mother and his aunt. "They have a good program, and it's a school where I can play right away. I didn't want to redshirt for a year.

"They told me that I'd probably play on the wing — either the two (shooting guard) or three (small forward) positions. I like playing on the perimeter."

Several colleges were interested in Bramos and he made unofficial visits during his junior year to Marquette, Dayton, Bowling Green and Michigan State.

None of them seemed like the perfect fit, however.

"My parents (Mike and Judy) suggested that I take a look at Miami," Michael said. "I have a cousin that goes there and she likes the school. My parents are happy that I'm going there, and I'm glad I made the choice, too."

Last year Bramos was a third-team All-State selection and was the most valuable player in the Macomb Area Conference White Division. He averaged 18 points, nine rebounds and four assists per-game last season as North posted a 21-3 record and won league and district championships.

Bramos's high school coach, Matt Trombley, has no doubts that Michael will be just as successful in college as he has been at North.

"I say that for two reasons," Trombley said. "One is that he has an outstanding work ethic. He works out in the weight room and pushes himself in practice every day.

"As good as Michael has been for the last four years, (assistant coach) Gary Bennett and I have said that if we had to pick a most improved player at this point of the season, it would be Michael. He's so much more assertive this year. We've always encouraged him to shoot more, but he's such an unselfish player and has an outstanding all-around game.

"Second, he's a smart kid with a good head on his shoulders. He's not cocky or arrogant. He's a solid kid. A lot of kids who are outstanding high school players, think they're going to be just as good in college, and it takes them a year or two to adjust. Michael is humble enough that he'll make the adjustment quickly."

Bramos said that it took a big load off his shoulders when he took advantage of the NCAA's early signing period to sign the letter of intent to play basketball for Miami.

"I'm glad to have (the recruiting) over," said Bramos. "It's good not to have to worry about who's in the stands watching me."

That hasn't changed the way he plays. He still gives everything he has every minute he's on the court.

Last Friday's game with Chippewa Valley was a perfect example of the way Bramos plays. North was leading by 14 points with 3 1/2 minutes remaining. One of Bramos's teammates threw a pass the length of the court. The ball was going out of bounds, but Bramos saved it at the last moment, and batted it back to David Klein, who was able to get a shot off.

At that stage of the game, a lot of players would have let the ball go, but not Bramos.

"That's Michael's mentality," Trombley said. "He plays the same way all the time."

That's one reason why Coles thinks he has the best recruiting class he's had in 14 years as a college head coach.

Grosse Pointe North beats defending state champion

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North pulled off its biggest win in a couple of years on Monday, beating two-time defending Class A state girls volleyball champ Fraser 22-25, 25-12, 25-23, 19-25, 15-12.

"It's a huge win," head coach Kim Lockhart said. "Everyone played a great match, and this is the first time we have beaten Fraser since we moved up to the MAC (Macomb Area Conference) Red Division."

The host Norsemen had an opportunity to close out the Ramblers in four games, but they came out flat and never recovered.

"I think the girls were more nervous before game four than they were before game five," Lockhart said. "The girls played with a lot of poise in the fifth game, and Liz (Andary) really made a point with the final kill of the game."

Andary's kill off junior Danielle Zohrob's assist left no doubt as to who had the better team.

"Beating the defending state champ is great for us, but now we have to get ready and play as well in our next match against Port Huron Northern," Lockhart said.

The Ramblers couldn't defend North's offensive balance, which was led by Andary, who set a school-record for kills in a match with 20.

Jessi Koltun held the previous record of 17, and she tied her old mark with 17, while Emily Schleicher and Erica Gaitley each finished with 12 kills.

Zohrob finished with 44 assists, while defensive leaders in the match were Schleicher and Gaitly with 11 and 10 digs, respectively.

The pivotal game five was tied several times before Koltun's kill gave the Norsemen an 11-10 advantage.

Zohrob and Koltun each recorded an ace to bring North within a point of the victory, and Andary's kill won it.

Senior Melissa Watz, junior Caitlin Bennett, and junior Meghan Potthoff also chipped in with several digs to help thwart Fraser's comeback bid.

"We played our best in game two, but I have to give our girls a lot of credit for playing well in every game," Lockhart said. "They came out a little flat before games one and four, but otherwise they really played with a lot of spirit."

North opened its division schedule hosting eight-time defending Class B state champion Marysville.

"We always open division play against Marysville," Lockhart said. "It's a tough way to begin division play, but at least I know our girls played pretty well against the best team we will face in the Red Division."

The Norsemen lost 25-15,

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South nips North on late goal

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team had its best performance of the season last Saturday, but it wasn't quite enough to end Grosse Pointe South's unbeaten streak.

The Blue Devils improved to 9-0 with a 2-1 victory over the Norsemen, who slipped to 5-4 in the Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League.

Amanda Marsh scored the winning goal with 1:29 remaining in the third period when she knocked in a rebound from a melee in front of the net. Ali Morawski and Alex Rentz assisted.

With a minute and a half remaining and a faceoff in South's offensive zone, coach Bill Fox called a timeout to give his tired players a break, and it paid off in the winning goal.

"We played inspired and aggressive," said North coach Tim Van Eckoute. "Our seniors all stepped up and the young kids followed their lead.

"We were able to run three full lines of offense and defense the entire game. If we play that way regularly,

See HOCKEY, page 3C

Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

Grosse Pointe South goalie Whitney Hughes gets plenty of help around the net from Michelle O'Donoghue (13), Kate Gerow (32) and Katie Dosch (16). The Grosse Pointe North player is Melissa Carron.

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North grapplers stay focused, beat WWT in Blue Division

By Bob St. John
Sports writer

Grosse Pointe North's wrestling team had to dig deep to beat Warren Woods-Tower last week.

Head coach Rick Pesta watched his Norsemen fall behind the Titans 34-18 with only four matches remaining

In came the cavalry as senior Ryan Stephens, junior Scott Gawel, sophomore Dan Evola, and senior Spencer Channell earned huge wins to lift North to a 36-34 Macomb Area Conference (MAC) Blue Division match.

"It's a nice win," Pesta said. "We didn't panic when we fell behind because we had four very good wrestlers coming up."

Stephens earned a pin at the 171-pound class, and Gawel won an 8-3 decision at 189 pounds to bring the Norsemen within seven points, 34-27.

Evola gave North a glimmer of hope after he pulled out a stunning 4-2 decision. He trailed 2-1 midway through the third period before earning a point after the official called the Woods-Tower's wrestler for stalling.

With the clock ticking toward zero, Evola earned the winning two points with a take down, bringing his teammates to their feet.

"Dan's win was huge," Pesta said. "We had a chance to win because of Dan."

North wouldn't have had any shot of winning the dual meet without Evola's three points because it would have trailed by 13 points with only one match remaining.

Channell wasted little time going in for the pin as he got his foe in position, and midway through the first period it was lights out; North wins.

Other winners against Woods-Tower were Dan Russo (103 pounds), Mike Kurdziel (119 pounds), Mike Czarnecki (135 pounds), and Jack Todd (145 pounds).

North had no trouble disposing of Center Line in its first dual meet, winning 58-21.

Several Norsemen won by void as the Panthers wrestled with a pretty bare lineup.

"It's important for us to get off to a good start in our division matches," Pesta said. "Tower is a well-balanced team, and it was nice to beat them."

Last weekend, Pesta and his grapplers finished third in the Fordson Invitational.

Czarnecki (135 pounds) and Gawel (189 pounds) earned gold medals, as did Stephens, who beat teammate Mike Murphy in the finals of the 171-pound class.

Channell (275 pounds) and Kurdziel (119 pounds) won silver medals, while Todd (140 pounds), Jason Koch (160 pounds), and Evola (215 pounds) brought home bronze medals.

Zaid Beeai (125 pounds) captured a fourth-place medal to round out the Norsemen's top finishers in the tournament.

The Grosse Pointe North wrestling team is 2-0 in the MAC Blue Division and 12-1 overall.

Coming up next for the Norsemen is the Lake Shore Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 15, followed by a double dual meet on Thursday, Jan. 20, against Fraser and host Macomb Dakota.

Grosse Pointe North's wrestling team had several medal winners at last weekend's Dearborn Fordson Invitational. In front, from left, are Ryan Stephens, Mike Kurdziel, Jack Todd and Zaid Beeai. In back, from left, are coach Rick Pesta, Spencer Channel, Scott Gawel, Jonathon Chow, Jason Koch, Mike Murphy and Mike Czarnecki. Not pictured is Dan Evola.

Knights' Wright is right on with the game on the line

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's basketball team showed some signs of rust in its first game in 2 1/2 weeks but at other times the Knights looked like a well-oiled machine.

"We went over a week without a practice," coach Dean Ristovski said after ULS opened the Metro Conference season with a 54-52 victory over Cranbrook Kingswood.

Jonathan Wright, who led all scorers with 28 points, hit a pair of free throws with 12.5 seconds remaining to break a 52-all tie.

"We were rusty, but at times we played pretty well," Ristovski said. "We didn't have any defensive intensity at the beginning. It's not like us to give up 21 points in the first quarter, but (Cranbrook) hit some huge shots, too. I liked the way we kept battling back."

The Cranes led 21-11 after the first quarter but ULS tightened up defensively in the second quarter and held Cranbrook to only six points.

The Knights ended the first half on a 7-0 run and got within a point at halftime (28-27) on a three-point play by Wright with 40.9 seconds remaining.

ULS had another slow start in the second half and Cranbrook stretched its lead to 38-29, but Matthew Langston hit a three-point basket to trigger a 7-2 run by the Knights.

Langston hit another triple in the final seconds of the third quarter to cut the Cranes' lead to 45-43 going into the final period.

"We need (Langston) to be more confident with his shot," Ristovski said. "Those were a couple of big threes."

The game stayed close throughout the fourth quarter. ULS took its first lead of the game on a pair of free throws by Nick Waller with 3:42 remaining.

Cranbrook regained the lead on Omari Hall's basket, but free throws by Waller and Wright put the Knights back up by one.

Christopher Washington hit one of two free throws with 54.8 seconds remaining to tie the game at 52-all, and set the stage for Wright's game-winning trip to the free throw line.

The Cranes got a shot off at the buzzer, but it hit the rim and bounced away.

There were several things that pleased Ristovski. One was the play of Carlton Snyder.

"He's not flashy, but he's our glue," Ristovski said. "He does the little things that helps win games.

"Adam Heaney played some good defense, and Jeff Heaney gave us some energy off the bench. Christian Starling came in and got some big rebounds and altered some of (Cranbrook's) shots.

"We need everyone to contribute, whether it's in practice, as a starter or coming off the bench in a game or in the locker room."

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25-19, 25-17 as a slow start in each game was one of the main reasons they lost.

"We knew we had to play our best game to beat Marysville, but getting off to the slow starts didn't help," Lockhart said. "I saw some good things on the court, but one thing that was a concern was our serve receive, which was poor. That has to get better before we compete in the tournament this weekend."

Leading North was senior Liz Andary, who had 11 kills and eight digs, and junior Erica Gaitley, who had three kills and 13 digs.

Schleicher finished with six kills and eight digs, while Zohrob chipped in with 21 assists, eight digs, and one ace.

Bennett was North's top serve receiver, according to Lockhart.

"Marysville is strong in every area of the game, which means you have to play a perfect game to win, which we didn't," Lockhart said. "At least we showed some positive signs out there, and that is something we can build on."

North competed in the Port Huron Tournament between league matches, finishing 4-1.

The Grosse Pointe North volleyball team improved to 1-1 in the MAC Red Division and 9-5 overall. With the loss, two-time defending Red Division champ Fraser fell to 0-2 in the division.

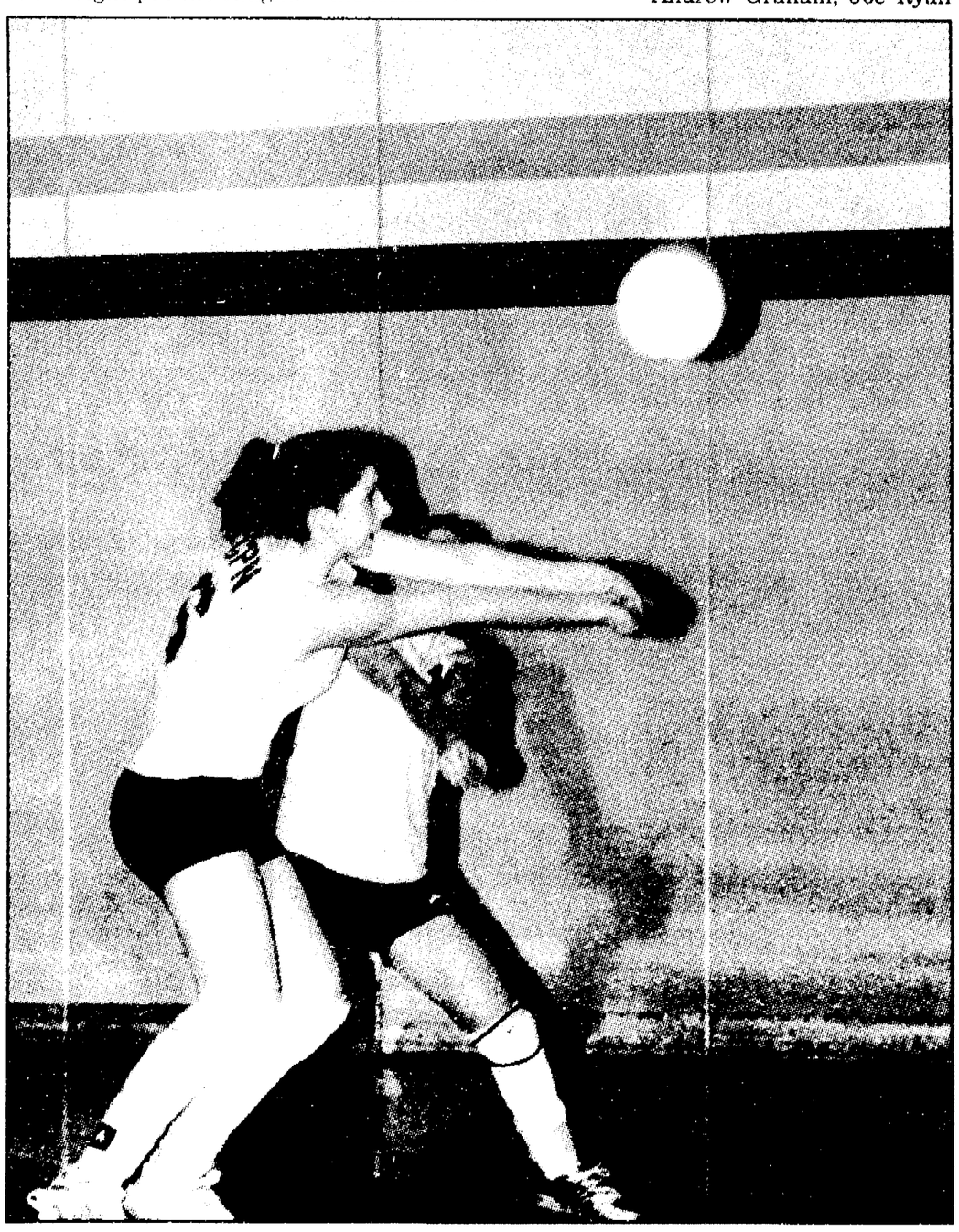

Photo by G. Neal

Grosse Pointe North senior Liz Andary, center, played well against Marysville, netting 11 kills and eight digs in a MAC Red Division opener.

South swimmers break three meet records in Heritage Relays

Grosse Pointe South's boys swimming team smashed three meet records on its way to the team championship at the 13th annual Heritage Relays in Saginaw last week.

The Blue Devils had a total of 300 points to finish 18 points ahead of second-place Troy. Ten teams competed in the meet.

"The team was very happy to win this relay meet," said coach Bill Thompson. "We have been close the past couple of years, so it was nice to finally come out with a victory.

"Relays are always fun because they reinforce the importance of team and the need to depend on one another for success."

Jon Sax, Casey Browning and Danny Basile opened the competition with a record-breaking performance in the 800-yard freestyle relay. Their winning time of 7:35.88 beat the nine-year-old meet record by more than nine seconds.

Sax and Basile swam 200-yard legs, while Browning swam 400 yards.

South's 300 butterfly relay team of Robby Browning, Andrew Graham, Joe Ryan and Luke Richard set a meet record of 2:44.54. The old mark was set by Bay City Western in 1998. Browning and Richard swam 100-yard legs, flanking 50-yard legs by Graham and Ryan.

David Richardson-Rossbach, Ryan Gunderson, Wilson Holm and Casey Browning set the third meet record in the 300 backstroke relay. Their winning time of 2:46.92 broke the previous record set by the Blue Devils in 2003.

Even when they weren't breaking records, the Blue Devils were winning events.

The 300 medley relay team of Richardson-Rossbach, Pete Stevens and Sax touched first in 2:57.05.

The 200 medley relay team of Gunderson, Michael Manos, Graham and Holm took first in 1:48.55.

Gunderson, Richardson-Rossbach, Casey Browning and Richard cruised to victory in the 200 freestyle relay in a state-qualifying time of 1:32.53.

South's divers took first place in the five-dive relay, led by Justin Linne, who took top honors in the event. Kieran Connolly-Ng and Ty Lattimore also performed well to secure the divers' victory.

Jeff Tompkins led off the 400 freestyle relay which finished second behind Heritage. Other members of the team were Alex Gabarino, Basile and Alex Bordyukov.

The Blue Devils were second in the 300 breaststroke relay with Manos, Chris Vella, Jamie Handley and Stevens. The 400 medley relay team of Robby Browning, Jack Hessburg, Sax and Tompkins finished third in 4:04.64.

Earlier, South posted a decisive 112-73 victory over Fraser in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet.

The highlights of the meet were state-qualifying swims by Richard and Casey Browning in the 100 backstroke, as well as some eye-catching performances by some of South's newer swimmers.

The Blue Devils swept the 100 butterfly, led by Graham, who touched first with a season-best 58.0. He was followed by Richardson-Rossbach and Linne.

Manos, a freshman, achieved his first victory for South in the 200 individual medley. He led a sweep that included teammates Tompkins and freshman J.P. Lang.

Sax touched first in the 200 freestyle in 1:50.28, less than a half-second off the state cut. Other firsts came from Casey Browning in the 100 backstroke, Handley in the 100 breaststroke and Linne in diving.

Basile, a sophomore, was second in the 100 freestyle, while sophomore Zachary Graham was fifth and Tristan Cotter was sixth. Cotter posted a personal-best time of 1:06.10, knocking nine seconds off his previous best in the event.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Richardson-Rossbach, Robby Browning, Stevens and Sax won easily in 1:33.43. The Blue Devils showed their depth in the event as their B relay team of Bordyukov, Manos, Lang and Tim Denton finished second.

Fraser's Mark Rossi won the 50 and 100 freestyle events. Denton and Gabarino were second and third, respectively, for South in the 50. Holm was second behind Argent Palumbo of Fraser in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:12.93.

Assistant coach Eric Gunderson has a good feeling about the team's potential.

"We've had a lot of improvement, especially from the new swimmers, as a result of the hard work they've put in," he said. "I'm excited to see what they can do as the season progresses."

South's next meet is against crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North today, Jan. 13, at 5 p.m.

Five South wrestlers go unbeaten in tournament

Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team had more quality than quantity at last weekend's Notre Dame team tournament.

"We sent only eight wrestlers to the tournament and half the team went undefeated," said Blue Devils coach Jose Ramirez.

Joe Pawlowski, A.J. Dixon, Chuck Smith and Blake Walker each went 5-0.

"They dominated their opponents by pinning and teching (technical fall) them en route to their gold medals," Ramirez said.

"I was really proud of all eight wrestlers. They are all getting better and gaining confidence in our Blue Devil style of wrestling."

South's junior varsity competed in the 16-team Canton Invitational.

Highlights were a fifth-place finish by T.J. Carter, and Mitch Smith's first victory as a Blue Devils wrestler.

Grosse Pointe South begins 2005 with impressive road wins

By Bob St. John
Sports writer

Grosse Pointe South's boys basketball team was on top of its game as it opened the new year with an impressive 63-61 overtime win over host L'Anse Creuse.

Both squads entered the nonleague game with 4-1 records.

"We knew we had to slow down (John) Brandenburg in order to win," head coach Jay Ritchie said. "We felt good about our inside play because L'Anse Creuse is more of a perimeter, up-tempo type of team, and I felt good about our chances to compete."

The Blue Devils held the lead through a majority of the game, but in the final minute of play they trailed by a basket.

Senior Eric Berschback threw a perfect backdoor pass to senior Andy Wolking, who sank a layup, tying the game with only one second left.

"Eric actually called that play in our huddle," Ritchie said. "It worked perfectly because Andy had a wide open layup."

It was all South in the overtime session as sophomore J.C. Cruse nailed each of his four free throws, while Wolking hit 2-of-2 free throws to help the team earn the win.

"This was a nice win for us, especially on the road against a pretty good team that was 4-1," Ritchie said. "We need to now get ready to play a very physical team in Stevenson in a few days; so our guys have to be ready."

South led 16-13 after the first quarter and 29-27 at the half. The Blue Devils still held a two-point (40-38) advantage after the third period, but they were outscored 15-13 in the final stanza.

"It seemed as if we had an eight point lead several times in the game, but when I looked up at the scoreboard we would only be up one," Ritchie said.

Junior Christian Conroy led the Blue Devils with 19 points, while Wolking added 18 and Cruse finished with 12.

Berschback chipped in with nine points and played a big part in the Blue Devils winning the turnover battle as they forced L'Anse Creuse into 23 turnovers, while Ritchie's squad committed only nine.

"Nine turnovers is great," Ritchie said. "Our guards played very well, and our low-post players were able to hold their own."

Brandenburg did score a game-high 24 points for the Lancers.

South began its division play with a 54-48 win over host Sterling Heights Stevenson.

"We're the best group of skinny kids around," Ritchie said. "Stevenson is the preseason favorite to win our division, and for us to win on its home floor is very nice."

The undersized Blue Devils were matched up against a Stevenson squad that is known for its tough, physical play. Several of its players competed on the football team that played in the Division I state championship game.

"Stevenson has a lot of its football players competing on the basketball team," Ritchie said. "They know how to win and how to play physical basketball."

The Blue Devils, 1-0 in the Macomb Area Conference (MAC) White Division and 6-1 overall, withstood every Stevenson rally, including one in the fourth quarter in which the home team cut a 12-point deficit to six, 48-42, with three minutes left.

Ritchie called a timeout and diagramed the offense to move the ball around the perimeter, looking for a layup.

The Blue Devils ran the offense to perfection, running the clock down to under one minute, forcing Stevenson to foul.

Junior Dave Baldwin hit four free throws, and Berchback hit two to lift Ritchie's squad to the victory.

Baldwin led the Blue Devils with 13 points and seven rebounds, while Cruse had 12 points, 11 rebounds, and two blocked shots.

Wolking added 10 points, followed by Bershback with eight, junior Dave Deboer with six, Conroy with four, and senior Ed Barclay with one.

"We're 1-0 in the division and tied for first place," Ritchie said. "We had a great week, getting two big road wins. We're not a flashy bunch of kids, which suits us just fine."

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we'll be right in the hunt come playoff time."

Morawski opened the scoring at 3:48 of the first period. She streaked up the left side, went around the defense and forced North goalie Angela Lee to commit low. When she did that, Morawski lifted the puck over Lee's left shoulder.

Marsh and Katie Gerow had the assists.

South had its hands full for the rest of the period, killing off two penalties. North's breakout play was effective all game and pushed the Blue Devils hard throughout the contest.

South had a power-play opportunity early in the second period, but couldn't capitalize.

That gave the Norsemen some momentum and half a minute after the penalty expired, Emily Nelson broke away and slipped a shot low and to the right of goalie Whitney Hughes to tie the game at 1-1.

South had two more power plays late in the second period and early in the third but couldn't score despite a 21-9 advantage in shots through the first two periods. Lee stopped all 14 shots she faced in the second period and always seemed to be square to the shooter.

North's defense allowed Lee to see the shots, then effectively cleared the puck out of the defensive zone.

North's Nelson, Christy Sandmair, Kate Zeminick, Melissa Carron, Maria Feldpausch and Ashley Allemon were a constant threat on offense.

South's starting line of Sarah Parker, Hilliary Inger and Shami Entenman combined for 10 shots on goal, while the second unit of Morawski, Marsh and Annie Shepard had 14.

Jenna Huitsing and Caitlin Lariscy filled in on the wing to give the regulars a breather.

South's defense was solid throughout the game. Linda Stanek and Gerow had their best game of the season. The other defensive pairs of Michelle O'Donoghue and Ali Merritt and Maria Hartman and Katie Dosch did their part to prevent North from getting second and third shots after Hughes, who turned back 13 shots, made the save.

South plays Regina on Saturday at 9 p.m. at the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena.

North-Ladywood

Earlier, North dropped a 4-2 decision to Livonia Ladywood.

The Norsemen scored early in the first period when captain Jess Richardson put a puck past goalie Michelle Wyniemko, but the Blazers got the tying goal three minutes later.

Ladywood scored the only two goals of the second period.

The Norsemen pulled their goalie late in the game and Nelson scored with 2:49 left to cut the lead to 3-2, but the Blazers iced the victory with an empty-net goal with nine seconds to go.

North outshot Ladywood 27-20 but Wyniemko did a good job of stopping the Norsemen's low shots.

North hosts South on Wednesday, Jan. 19 at the Viking Arena in Hazel Park at 7:30 p.m.

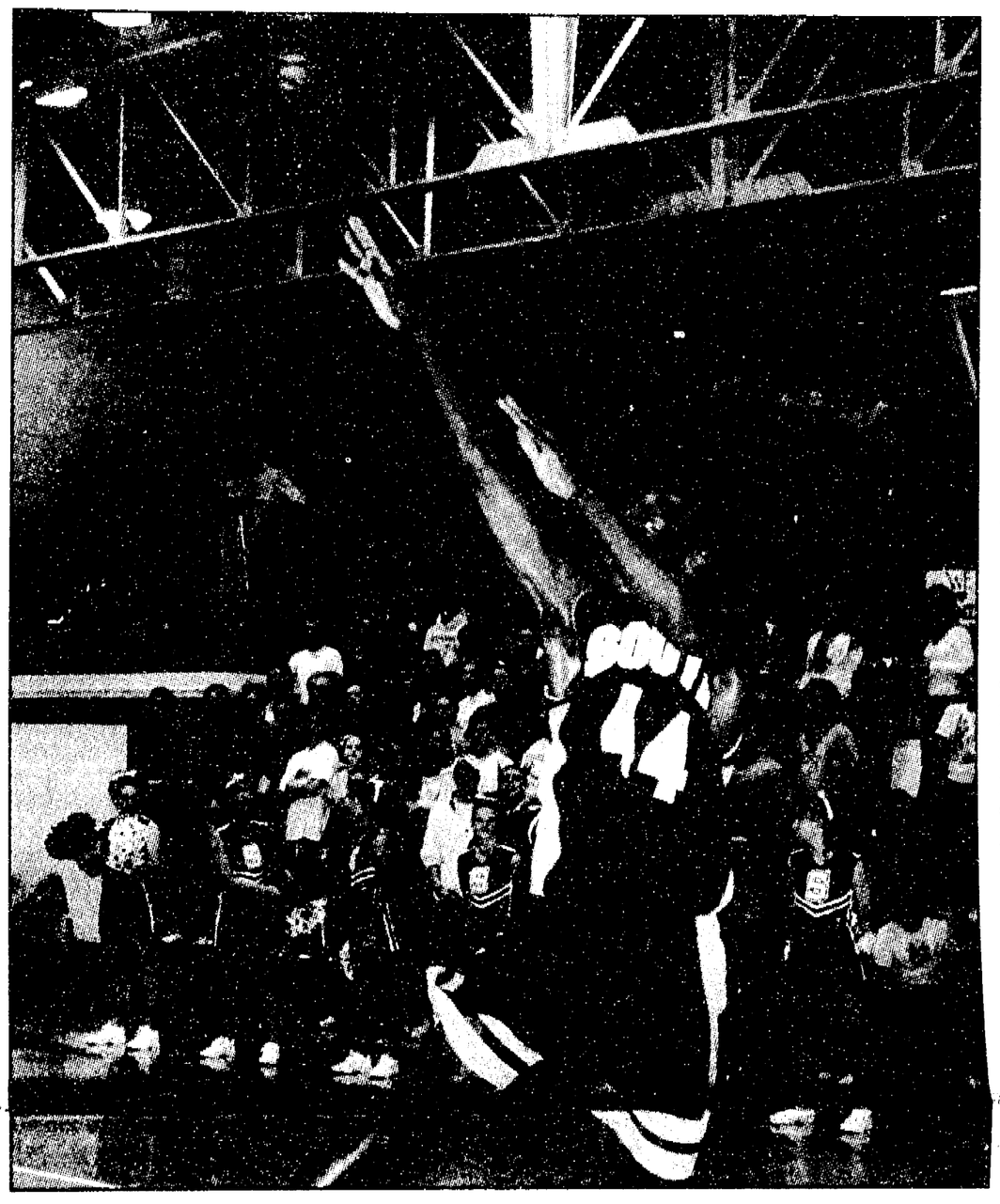

Photo by Bob Bruce

Grosse Pointe South sophomore J.C. Cruse, above, recorded a double-double, netting 12 points and 11 rebounds, as the Blue Devils upended Sterling Heights Stevenson.

North swimmers bow

Michael VanBeek won two events last week but it wasn't enough to save Grosse Pointe North's swimming team from a 107-79 loss to Romeo in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet.

VanBeek took first in the 200-yard freestyle and came back to win the 100 freestyle. His 100 freestyle time was a season-best performance.

North's other first came from Matt Doak in diving. It was Doak's best score of the season.

There were several season-best performances in addition to VanBeek's and Doak's.

They were posted by Chris Blunden, Robert Briski and Aaron Bowersox in the 50 freestyle; Karl Tech, John Schultes, Mike Kedzierski and Briski, 100 freestyle; Roy Lucier, 200 freestyle; Matt Lane and Lucier,500 freestyle; Mike Walton, Brian Cornillie, Scotty Moore and Ed Grumeretz, 100 backstroke; Andrew Fly, Jeff Moore, Chris Bill and Tim Schultes, 100 breaststroke; Kedzierski, Ryan Boury and Cornillie, 100 butterfly; Fly, 200 individual medley; and Scott Ulrich [illegible], diving.

The loss dropped North to 1-1 overall.

Woods-Shores Little League to meet on Tuesday

The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League board of governors will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall council chambers.

The Woods City Hall is located at 20025 Mack Plaza.

Agenda items for the meeting include expansion of Little League offerings in Woods-Shores to include youth 13 through 18; presentation and approval of the league's financial report, discussion of field improvements and facility upgrades, tournament scheduling for 2005, and planning for the 2005 season.

Election of new and returning members to the board of governors for the upcoming year will also be held at this meeting.

In addition to those who have already expressed an interest in serving on the board, nominations will be accepted from the audience.

Board members serve two-year terms, governing the league and performing individual functions and overseeing activities such as player agents, registrar, tryout coordinator, safety officer, special events planner and grounds, facilities and equipment management.

The meeting is open to the public and participation from interested members of the Woods and Shores communities is welcome.

The Woods-Shores Little League provides a multi-level program for youth ages 6 through 16 who live within the boundaries of Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores.

There is T-ball for 6-year-olds, a collegiate (instructional) level program for 7- and 8-year-olds, and Major and Minor programs for players 9 through 12.

The league participates with Harper Woods to provide baseball opportunities for youth from 13 through 16 and is looking to add opportunities for 17- and 18-year-olds.

Registration for the 2005 season begins in February. Look for the announcement in The Grosse Pointe News.

MSU, CMU coaches are guest instructors

The baseball coaching staff at Michigan State University and the softball coaches at Central Michigan University will be the guest instructors at a pair of clinics sponsored by the Hitting Zone in Clinton Township.

The girls fast pitch softball clinic will be held Saturday, Jan. 22 from 9 a.m. until noon with the Central Michigan softball coaches as guest instructors.

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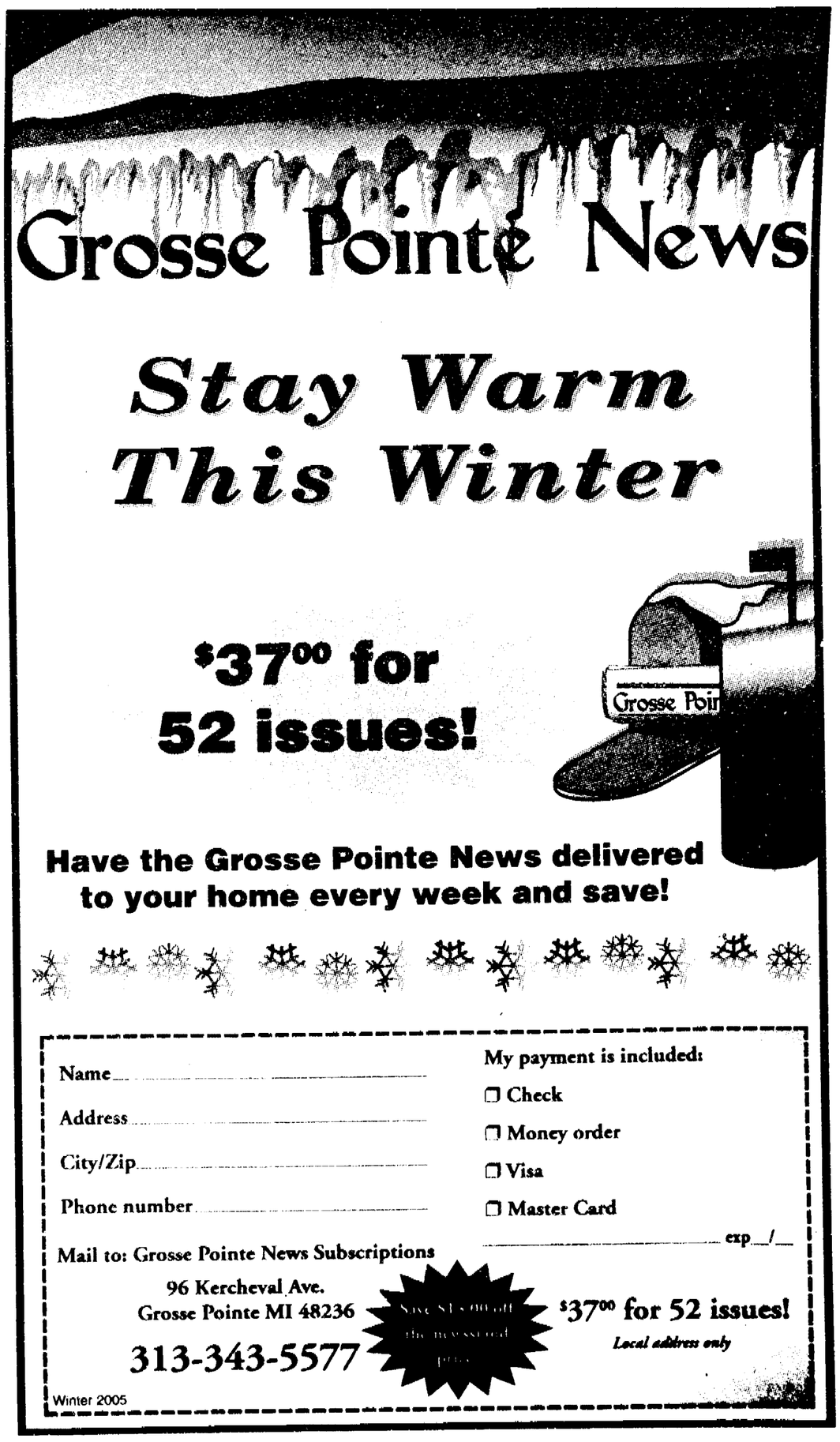

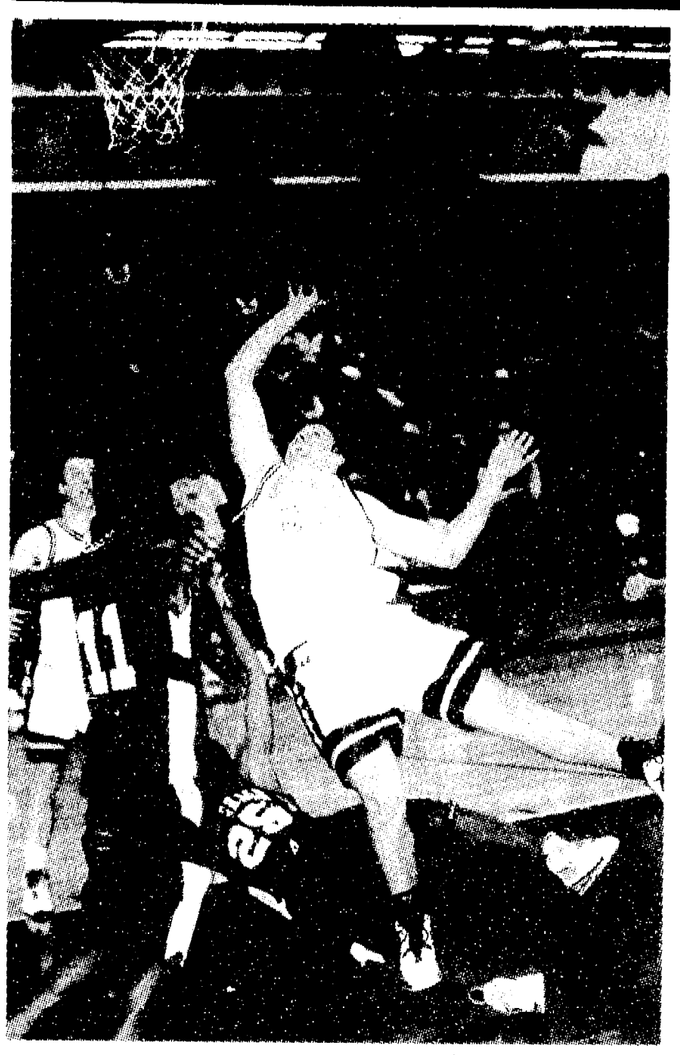

Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

North's Jake Bloomhuff puts up a shot against Fitzgerald.

North's defensive pressure causes headaches for opposing point guards

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Point guards around the Red Division of the Macomb Area Conference are in for some tough times when they play Grosse Pointe North's basketball team.

"We're going to pressure the other team's guards as much as possible," coach Matt Trombley said after the Norsemen opened the MAC Red season last Friday with a 61-55 victory over Chippewa Valley.

That's what North did to the Big Reds.

"I liked our defense. They don't have a real good ball handler, so we tried to take advantage of that," Trombley said. "We had 22 steals and we caused a lot of other turnovers."

North went ahead to stay with a 9-0 run that started at the end of the first quarter and continued through the beginning of the second when Jordan Savage hit a three-point basket to give the Norsemen a 21-17 lead.

Seven of the nine points in the spurt came as a result of turnovers by the Big Reds.

North's depth showed in the second quarter when Michael Bramos picked up his second foul and sat out most of the quarter. Despite the absence of their best all-around player, the Norsemen added to their lead.

North led 35-26 at halftime and stretched the margin to 48-29 with nine seconds left in the third quarter after David Klein converted a three-point play.

Chippewa Valley closed to within four points in the final minute against North's reserves, but Trombley sent his starters back into the contest with less than a minute to play and Bramos, Alex Sultan and Marcell Maxwell each hit key free throws in the last 30 seconds to preserve the lead.

Bramos finished with 19 points and nine rebounds. Maxwell led North with 11 rebounds and five steals, and he and Klein finished with 11 points apiece.

Jake Bloomhuff and Henry McCain each had four steals, while McCain also had four assists.

"Henry has the ability to do a lot of things for us," Trombley said. "I hope he continues to unleash that ability."

Josh Voss led Chippewa Valley with 17 points and Jordan Kwiatkowski had 14 points and nine rebounds.

Earlier, North had little trouble disposing of an undermanned Fitzgerald squad 61-29 in a MAC crossover game.

"Our defense frustrated them," Trombley said. "They're a young team and they had trouble getting the ball over the half-court line. We held them to only 12 points in the first half."

North, which led 29-12 at halftime, got everybody into the game and 10 Norsemen broke into the scoring column.

"We had a good spurt in the third quarter," Trombley said. "We did a good job of running our zone press."

The Norsemen also thrilled the home crowd with a couple of dunks. McCain scored on a breakaway dunk after a turnover, and Maxwell fed Bramos an alley-oop pass for another one.

"That seems to get everybody excited," Trombley said.

North had 26 team steals and 18 assists. Andy Bennett led the way in both categories with six steals and six assists. Savage and McCain each had five steals.

Trombley also said that Sultan played a good all-around game.

Bramos led the Norsemen with 15 points and McCain finished with 12.

North, 5-2 overall, plays at Utica on Friday and returns home to meet Eisenhower on Tuesday.

Faceoffs are a key in South's victory against Divine Child hockey team

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Winning faceoffs can win hockey games.

All Grosse Pointe South's players have to do is look at the films of recent games with Dearborn Divine Child to understand just how important the faceoffs are.

"It seems every year against DC it comes down to South needing to win some big faceoffs in our end late in the game, and every year Joey Parke wins them," Blue Devils coach Bob Bopp said after his team split its two Michigan Metro High School Hockey League games last week.

"We don't practice winning faceoffs but we practice what to do after the faceoff. We practice being in position wherever the puck goes."

South held on to beat Divine Child 5-4, but lost 4-3 to Warren De La Salle a few days later.

The Blue Devils were leading Divine Child 5-2 when disaster struck for South. The Falcons scored two shorthanded goals 32 seconds apart midway through the third period to cut the lead to one.

To make matters worse, the Blue Devils picked up a couple of penalties and played four of the last six minutes shorthanded.

"On defense, Taylor Ryan and Anthony Swancoat logged a lot of ice time in the last six minutes, and along with Joey Parke, Tom Porter, Ryan Abraham and Timmy Shield, our penalty-killing was at its best," Bopp said. "It was a good win against a good team."

South appeared tentative in a scoreless first period, but the Blue Devils came out much stronger in the second period.

Parke scored the first goal of the game at 4:25 of the second period, assisted by Forter. Divine Child tied the game at 6:18, but South's Alex Alvarez broke the tie at 7:07. Frankie DeLaura and Jimmy Marshall assisted.

DeLaura carried the puck over the blue line. Alvarez broke to the net and, despite being tied up by a Falcons player, he tipped the puck past the goalie.

"That was a very heads-up pass from Frankie but the effort from Alex to fight off the check and get a stick on the puck was really great to see," Bopp said.

Less than a minute later, South scored again when Shield took a pass from D.J. Rentz and scored on a back door play.

Alvarez and Rentz, who have been victims of South's depth this season, got more ice time than normal because South's coaches shuffled the lineup, and both players made the most of their opportunity.

"D.J. is a really talented player, too," Bopp said. "He hasn't had much ice time so far this season but he certainly made the most of his chance to get a regular shift in this game and played really well."

South led 3-1 after two periods, but Divine Child took advantage of some sloppy puck handling by the Blue Devils in their end and scored a goal 41 seconds into the third period.

Once again, South answered quickly with a goal of its own. Abraham intercepted a pass and went in alone on the Falcons' goalie.

"He made no mistake on his shot. We have some finishers this year," Bopp said.

Porter made it 5-2 with a power-play goal, assisted by Parke and Mackenzie Brookes, at 6:19.

Brad Allemon turned away 15 shots to post the victory in goal for South.

In the De La Salle game, the Blue Devils got off to a blazing start but then the Pilots' alarm clock went off.

"The first three minutes almost the entire play was in De La Salle's end," Bopp said. "Then (the Pilots) really started to play well. They were all over us and we were having problems breaking the puck out of our end.

"They scored on a back door goal that Brad Allemon had no chance on. They scored again and after one period I was thinking we were lucky the score was only 2-0."

South regrouped between periods and at 3:01, Anthony Swancoat took a breakout pass from Ryan on a Blue Devils power play and went end-to-end for South's first goal.

The Blue Devils then ran into penalty trouble. They were shorthanded for seven minutes, including nearly two minutes of being two men short. South did a good job of killing off the penalties, but the Pilots scored a power-play goal with 45 seconds left in the advantage and 4:14 left in the period.

South, which has been able to answer quickly after an opponent's goal most of the season, did it again, scoring twice in the final 2:52 of the second period to tie the game at 3-3.

DeLaura, assisted by Marshall and Bryan Mansfield, made it 3-2, and Brookes got the equalizer with 41 seconds left in the period. Swancoat got the only assist on Brookes's goal.

"It was a really good period for us, considering the amount of time we had to play shorthanded," Bopp said. "In the third, both teams played well, but De La Salle got a big break when one of our defensemen fell down and their player went in alone to score the winning goal. We played well in the period but couldn't get our chances to go into the net."

De La Salle's power-play goal at 4:29 of the third period stood up as the game winner.

Allemon made 20 saves for South, which is 8-3 overall and 3-2 in the league.

"We're still in good shape in our division where we're 3-1," Bopp said. "We just need to get off to quicker starts and then maintain it throughout the game. We also have to play stronger at the end of periods. We've given up some late goals. There are a few things we have to work on, but I still like our team."

South hosts Grosse Pointe North on Saturday at City Sports Center.

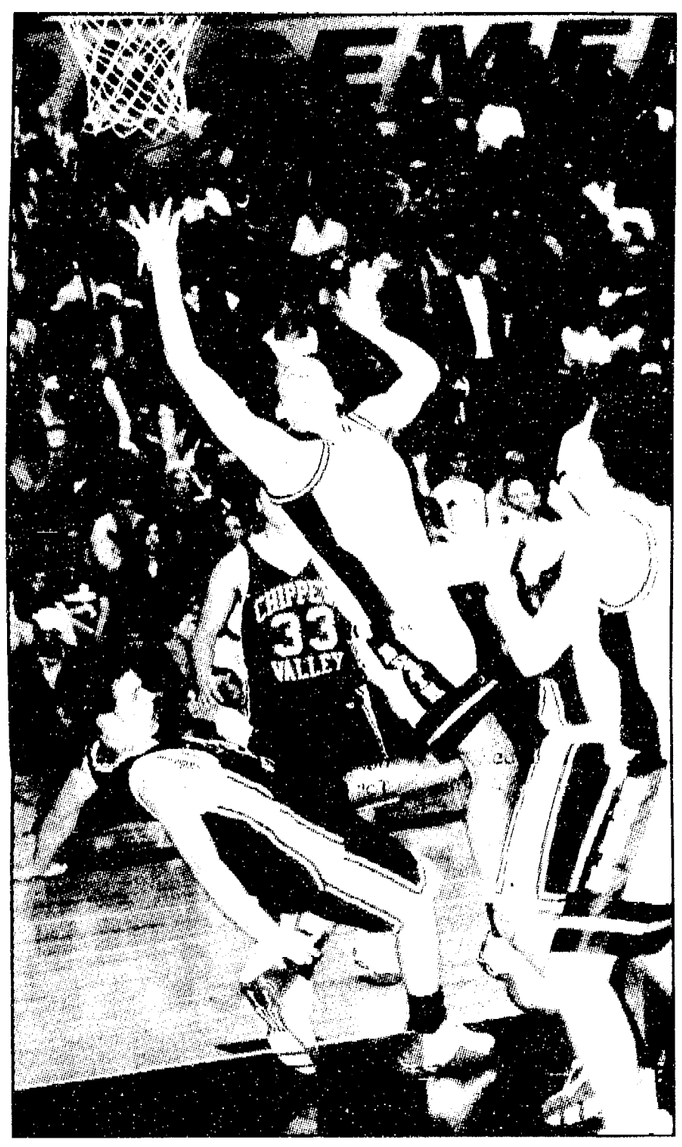

Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

Michael Bramos goes through a sea of Chippewa Valley players to score a basket for Grosse Pointe North.

Clinic

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The baseball hitting and pitching clinic will be held Saturday, Jan. 29 from 9 a.m. until noon.

Michigan State's baseball coaches will be the guest instructors. They will be assisted by former Detroit Tiger Dave Bergman, the founder of the Grosse Pointe Redbirds baseball program, and other professional baseball players.

Both clinics are designed to teach the proper mechanics for pitching and hitting. The clinics also give students the opportunity to be seen by trained eyes in evaluating their talents.

The cost for each clinic is $75 if students pre-register. The cost is $100 on the day of the clinic.

To pre-register, call (586) 469-1700. If the call goes to the answering machine, leave a message and the call will be returned.

GPHA house highlights

PEE WEE
Rangers 4, Chill 1

Goals: Rory Deane, Christian VerVaek, Miles Knight, Mitchell Makos (Rangers); Albert Ford (Chill).

Assists: Matthew Slavik, Alex Atsalakis, Dan Carron, David Gushee (Rangers); Izaac Piepszowski (Chill).

Comments: Ford's goal came on a third-period breakaway. Alex Dane had a fine game defensively and Piepszowski was outstanding on offense for the Chill.

South grad helps college finish fifth in nation

Former Grosse Pointe South runner Liz Petit helped her Colby College cross country team to a fifth-place finish in the NCAA Division III championships in Colfax, Wisc.

Petit, a June 2004 graduate of South, had a time of 23:24.6 in the six-kilometer race.

Twenty-four colleges and universities competed in the Division III championships.

Petit ran on the cross country and track teams at South and was an All-State runner.

She is majoring in biology at Colby College, which is located in Waterville, Maine.

The Division III meet was run at the Whitetail Golf Course in Colfax, and was hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Liz Petit

North rusty in loss to Catholic Central

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Redford Catholic Central came up at the wrong time on Grosse Pointe North's hockey schedule.

Last Saturday the Norsemen played their first game since Dec. 22, and there were signs of rust as Catholic Central skated to a 7-3 victory in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League game.

"We hadn't played in three weeks and they played last Wednesday and beat U-D 10-0," said North coach Scott Lock.

"They got to play everybody in that game and they all had enough ice time to get rid of the rustiness. They're a good team and they're well-coached, but I think we can go 5-on-5 with them. It's just that when we make one mistake, they capitalize on it."

North's biggest problems against the Shamrocks came on defense.

"I expect a lot more from our defensemen," Lock said. "We dressed seven defensemen and Drew Davis was the only one who played well. We have a lot of experience on defense, and I look at that as one of our strengths, but it wasn't against CC. As a group, they looked more like a bunch of freshmen."

The first period started fast and furious from an offensive standpoint.

North scored a goal on its first shift, but the Shamrocks came back to tie the game with a power-play goal. The Norsemen regained the lead, but CC scored the last two goals of the period to lead 3-2.

"You couldn't blink in that first period or you'd miss a goal," Lock said. "I think both goalies were shaking off the cobwebs."

North continued to play well offensively in the second period.

"We were all over them, but their goalie got rid of his cobwebs and made some key saves," Lock said.

The Shamrocks made it 4-2, but North closed the gap back to one before CC scored the final goal of the second period to take a 5-3 lead into the third period.

The Shamrocks scored their last two goals late in the third period.

"The third period wasn't our best," Lock said.

North got all of its scoring from the line of Jon Tibaudo, Mike Rourke and Colin Brown. Each of them had a goal and two assists.

"They were outstanding," Lock said. "The line of Jeff Rohrkemper, Michael Cartwright and Doug Rahaim also played well. They didn't score, but they put on a lot of pressure."

North visits Grosse Pointe South on Saturday at City Sports Center.

"We're getting into a routine where we're playing twice a week for the rest of the season," Lock said. "But we have some really tough games, starting with Saturday."

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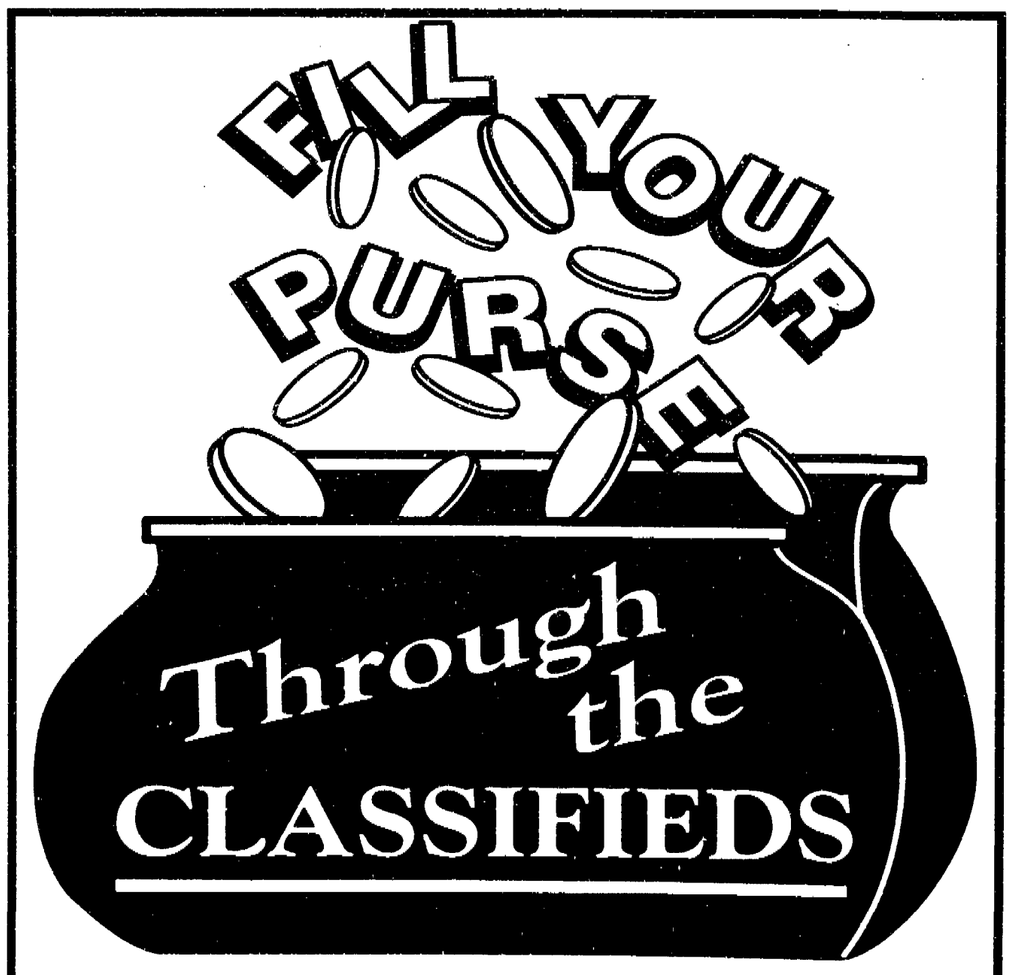

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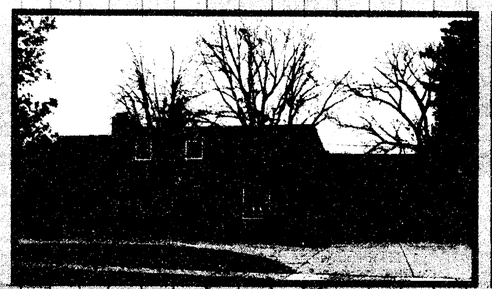

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New Year's collectibles

Antique's Ambience

By Diane Morelli

Another new year is upon us. What will the future bring? Perhaps memories or money from past New Year's collectibles.

Kovels' Online describes a crystal, ribbed screw-cap bottle/flask, circa 1890, inscribed "Christmas," "Happy New Year's" valued at $440; a Coca-Cola New Year's Eve cardboard sign, circa 1949, valued at $300; a German 25 inch papier-mache display of a New Year's stork valued at $250; and a Pepsi-Cola Seasons Greetings, New Year's card, circa 1960s, for $10.

Maloney's Online lists collector Ann C. Bergin who wants items relating to holidays and ceremonies of life. She can be reached at P.O. Box 105, Amherst, NH 03031-0105; e-mail at acbergin@aol.com. And Betty Powell, buying and selling U.S. postcards; artist signed, holidays, topicals and views can be reached at P.O. Box 571, Columbus, Ohio 43085-0571; Fax at (614) 885-1962.

Recently sold on e-bay was a vintage New Year's Eve menu from the Hotel Del Coronado, circa 1935, in good condition for $86 with a bid history of 15.

Take time this year to look over your set-aside New Year's memorabilia; or save this year's collection for the future.

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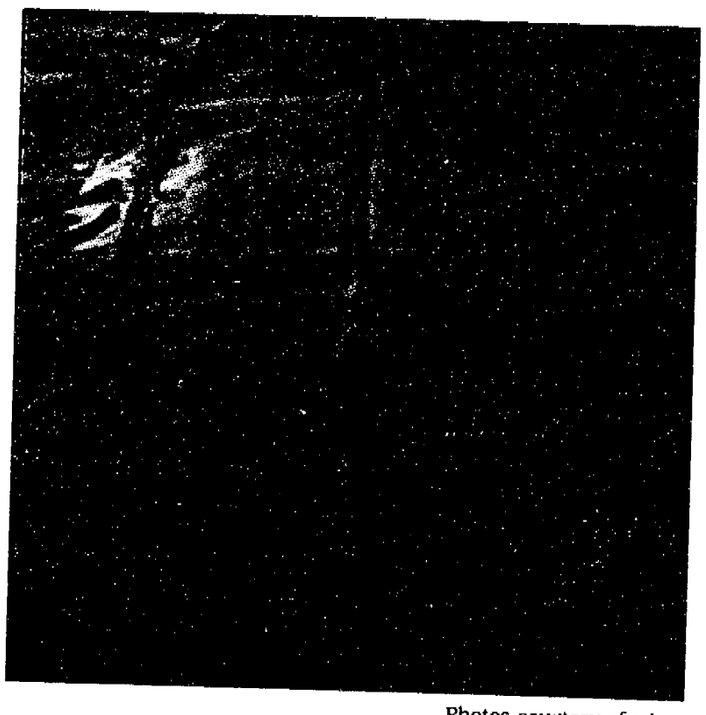
Send your questions to: Diane Morelli c/o Grosse Pointe News at 96 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms 48236 e-mail dmorelli@grosse-pointenews.com.

These 24 vintage New Year's Eve postcards, in good condition, recently sold on e-bay for $20 with a history of five bids.



Photos courtesy of e-bay

This vintage novelty New Year's Eve party linen hand towel in good condition, circa 1940s, recently sold on e-bay for $15.

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POTTERY BARN MODEL!!! Updated Farms home featuing a newer kitchen with eating area, large living room with fireplace, formal dining room, large master bedroom and finished basement with fireplace. Refinished hardwood floors, new deck, new landscaping. Move-in today!

78 VENDOME
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CLASSIC MICOU BUILT - FARMS! Every room a designers jewel - featuring a spectacular 23 x 21 kitchen - new in 2001 from The Blake Company. Five fireplaces including master suite, dining room and family room, six bedrooms, five baths, central air and second floor laundry.

1517 LOCHMOOR
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CAPE COD ON PRESTIGIOUS LOCHMOOR BOULEVARD. Five bedrooms, three and one half baths. Family room and library. Master bedroom suite with Jacuzzi, heated tile floor, walk-in closets. Three fireplaces, central air, sprinklers, finished basement and attached two car garage.

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66 FORDCROFT
GROSSE POINTE SHORES

$895,000 SPACE FOR EVERYONE! Two first floor master suites. Five bedrooms upstairs. Five full bathrooms. Family room overlooks brick paver patio, in-ground pool, and courtyard. Updated kitchen with corian countertops opens to huge eating area. Library with built-in bookshelves. Multiple fireplaces.

591 OXFORD
GROSSE POINTE WOODS

$1,475,000 COMPLETELY renovated. Handicap accessible, with elevator to all three levels. Kitchen opens to huge great room with natural light. Custom oak library. Five car garage. Tennis court. Indoor pool with separate ventilation system.

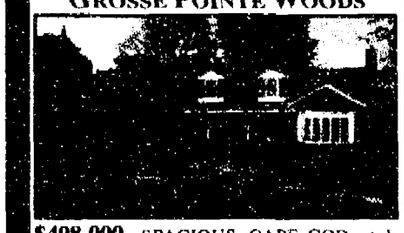
180 PROVENCAL
GROSSE POINTE FARMS

$4,760,000 EXQUISITE HOME detailed out • Nearly two acres of land on private road • Over 10,000 square feet. Totally renovated with extensive additions • Fabulous for entertaining • Gourmet kitchen • First floor twelve seat theater • All six bedrooms have private baths

30 MOORLAND
GROSSE POINTE SHORES

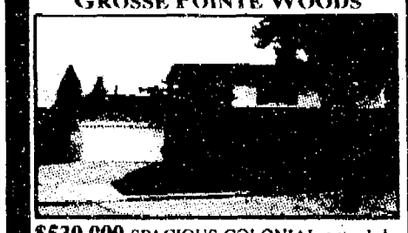
$450,000 BUILT ORIGINALLY as a builder's residence! Four bedroom, three full and one half bath ranch. New maple kitchen with Corian counters. Private courtyard with brick BBQ. First floor laundry currently being used as butler's pantry. Two and a half car attached garage.

594 PEAR TREE
GROSSE POINTE WOODS



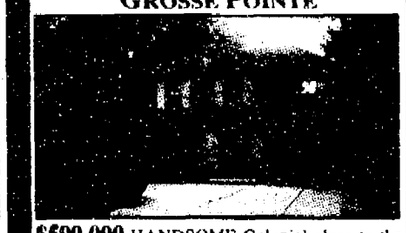
$498,000 SPACIOUS CAPE COD style home on a cul-de-sac east of Morningside. First floor master suite with new master bath. Large kitchen. Formal dining room. Living room with fireplace. Library with built-in bookshelves. First floor laundry room. Gleaming hardwood floors.

618 CANTERBURY
GROSSE POINTE WOODS



$530,000 SPACIOUS COLONIAL on cul-de-sac East of Morningside. Pie shaped lot. Four bedrooms, two and one half baths. Family room with fireplace plus large paneled library. Formal dining room. First floor laundry. Newer furnace. Two car attached garage.

552 WASHINGTON
GROSSE POINTE



$599,000 HANDSOME Colonial close to the "Village." Library with built-in bookshelves. Family room. New kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Carpeted recreation room. Immediate occupancy.

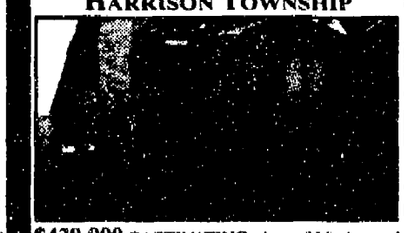
271 ROOSEVELT PLACE
GROSSE POINTE

$449,000 ELEGANT BROWNSTONE in immaculate condition. Panelled library with built-in bookshelves. Custom cherry cabinets for the new kitchen with quality appliances. Master suite with private bath and dressing room with customized cabinets.

569 BALLANTYNE
GROSSE POINTE SHORES

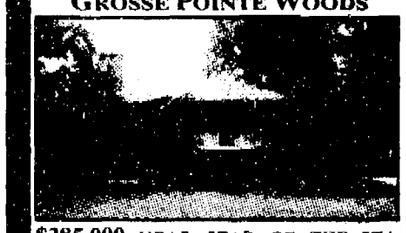
$445,000 SPACIOUS RANCH near Star of the Sea. Paneled library plus family room. Three bedrooms, two full and one half baths. Large lot. Hardwood floors. Quick occupancy.

26030 HARBOUR POINTE
HARRISON TOWNSHIP



$438,000 CAPTIVATING view of Marina and Lake St. Clair. Three bedroom, three bath condo. State of the art kitchen with granite counter tops. Huge deluxe master suite with skylights. First floor laundry. Deck. 40 foot boat slip included. Two car attached garage.

645 PEAR TREE
GROSSE POINTE WOODS



$385,000 NEAR STAR OF THE SEA. Impressive recent improvements. Master bedroom with bath. Formal dining room. Hardwood floors. Multiple fireplaces. Large family room. Private yard with patio. Immaculate condition. Specious two car attached garage with built-ins.

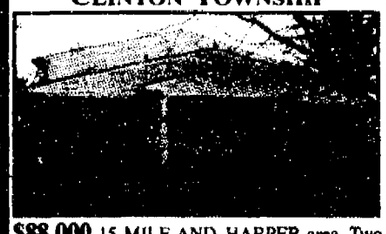
277 MERRIWEATHER
GROSSE POINTE FARMS

$335,000 LOCATION AND CONDITION make this English style Tudor most desirable. Newer: kitchen; windows; and central air. Refinished hardwood floors. Living room with fireplace. Formal dining room. Plus, library/den. Carpeted recreation room. Two car garage.

19771 HOLIDAY
GROSSE POINTE WOODS

$239,000 MOVE IN READY! Brand new kitchen with granite counters. New furnace and central air 2001. New windows. Updated bath. Gleaming hardwood floors. Neutral décor. Living room with fireplace. Attached garage.

24546 QUAD PARK LANE
CLINTON TOWNSHIP



$88,000 15 MILE AND HARPER area. Two bedroom, one and one half bath ranch condo with attached garage. Full basement with lavatory. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer; gas forced air and central air. Immediate occupancy.

1325 BRYS
GROSSE POINTE WOODS

$169,000 GREAT VALUE! Near Marter. Two bedrooms on first floor. Large second floor master bedroom with built-in drawers and walk-in closet. Neutral decor. Hardwood floors. Newer dishwaser. Gas forced air and central air conditioning. Two and one half car garage.

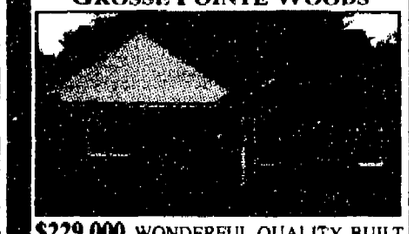
1798 STANHOPE
GROSSE POINTE WOODS

$219,000 CHARM AND CHARACTER in this home on double lot. Living room with fireplace. Beautiful hardwood floors. Immediate occupancy.

20742 CHARLEVOIX
GROSSE POINTE WOODS

$229,000 GREAT VALUE. Renovated three bedroom two full bath Colonial. Open floor plan. Spacious family room. First floor laundry. New in 2003: Kitchen, baths, tear off roof, waterproofed basement. Move right in! Immediate Occupancy!

19990 E EMORY COURT
GROSSE POINTE WOODS



$229,000 WONDERFUL QUALITY BUILT HOME. Original owner. Four bedrooms complimented by two full baths. Living room with fireplace. Large kitchen. New windows. Hardwood floors. Two car garage. Move right in.

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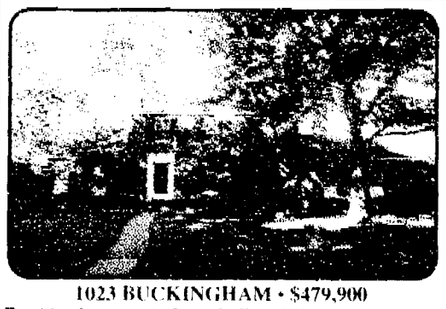
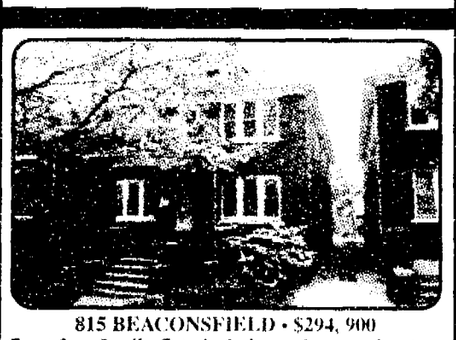
45 WINDEMERE • $1,100,000
Fabulous executive home with an elegant master bedroom with a tray ceiling, fireplace, spacious bathroom and two walk-in closets. Brand new kitchen with granite counters. Totally redecorated with new carpeting, wallpaper and paint. Full basement with 9' ceiling. First floor laundry, spacious library, and landscaping maintenance included. Located in the most private area of Windemere Place with a spacious lawn and covered patio.



1023 BUCKINGHAM • $479,900
Freshly decorated front hall and living room, new kitchen with granite counter tops, and a family room with built ins and a wet bar. A large deck affords a view of the fabulous 100'x172' lot. A family sized home with four large bedrooms and two and one half baths. An attached garage , first floor laundry, back up generator and great neighbors!

32040 JEFFERSON
ST. CLAIR SHORES • $449,900
This is a fabulous price for this home directly on Lake St. Clair. Located in an area of fine homes, the lot is 47' x 526' Three bedrooms (one on the first floor) and views of the Lake from most rooms. A three season glassed porch gives serene views of the Lake and the covered dock. two garages, one attached and one detached are great for storage or boat repairs. There is a laundry area and a nice family room,too!



815 BEACONSFIELD • $294, 900
Great four family flat nicely located across the street from Trombley School. In GREAT condition, with four newer kitchens, newer boilers, refinished hardwood floors and mostly new windows. Rents from $575 to $650 and plenty of parking and storage. Make your money work for you!

20433 COUNTRY CLUB
• $143,900 TERRIFIC VALUE!
Wonderful three/four bedroom home with a finished basement and Grosse Pointe Schools. This is a great house with a brand new kitchen,new electric, new furnace and central air, stylish décor, refinished hardwood floors and an oversized garage for the tool collector in your family! This home is beautiful! Call for your private showing!

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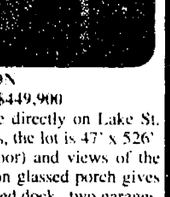
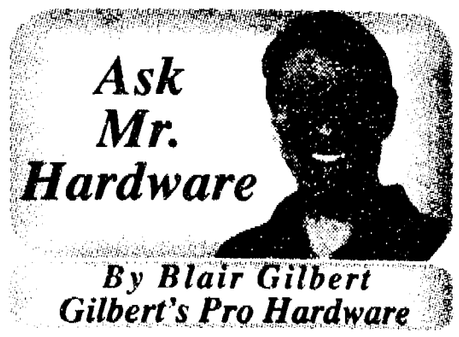


Make that rust sleep



By Blair Gilbert
Gilbert's Pro Hardware

Q. Mr. Hardware, the hot water in my shower has been leaking for some time and there is now a rusty-red stain on the tub. I finally got the couch potato to repair the shower valve, thanks to your column I saved from last year. Now he says it is my job to clean the stain. Save me Mr. Hardware.

— Carol O. in St. Clair Shores.

A. Carol, next time you repair the tub, let the potato clean the stain. For starters do not use chlorine bleach on the rust, it will set an iron stain.

When it comes to rust stains in the house, I pull out the oxalic acid. As ominous as oxalic acid sounds, it is a safe household cleaner when used properly. Painters know it as "wood bleach" and use it to remove stains from wood after water damage or paint stripping.

First I suggest using Zud on your stain. It is a common household cleaner that contains oxalic acid. I have had success removing rust from my fiberglass boat by wetting the area and sprinkling Zud on the stain. I kept the area damp and softly worked the Zud back and forth on the stain. Before I knew it the stain was gone.

For a stubborn stain, mix a saturated solution of oxalic acid in warm water, one tablespoon oxalic acid into four ounces water. You should not need much more than that for a small stain. Apply it to the stain three times in ten minutes. Work the area with a soft nylon brush, rinse thoroughly and

See MR. HARDWARE, page 8

565 LINCOLN ROAD
Start your New Year out with the purchase of a New England Colonial in the "City". Just place your furniture in this four PLUS bedroom, three and one-half bath home. Charm galore, refinished hardwoods, fresh decorating, wonderful lower level with fireplace. Many newer mechanicals including furnace and central air. Possession negotiable.

2009 VAN ANTWERP
Owner sadly transferred after painting and updating this wonderful three bedroom bungalow in the "Woods". Many nice features which include: newer maple kitchen, refinished hardwoods, updated main floor bath, newly renovated bath and recreation room and much more. Begin 2005 with a "new" home! Early occupancy.

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES $3,995,000
Elegance and livability combine in this gorgeous southern colonial overlooking Lake St. Clair. Lots of family living space: richly paneled library, large great room open to the kitchen, separate breakfast room, lower level pub with huge wine cellar. First and second floor master suites.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE $3,900,000
Lakefront elegance where beauty, and function harmonize. This unique 5 BR, 3 full and 2 half bath Nantucket Colonial at the water's edge has spectacular views. Superb decorating with lavish appointments too numerous to list. The ultimate retreat in the city.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES $2,995,000
A unique opportunity to live in a home with all the grandeur of an earlier era, completely updated and enhanced with every imaginable luxury. Natural light flows throughout this extraordinary home from the dazzling kitchen to the stunning 900 sq. ft. master suite. The elegantly landscaped yard provides beautiful vistas from this gracious home.

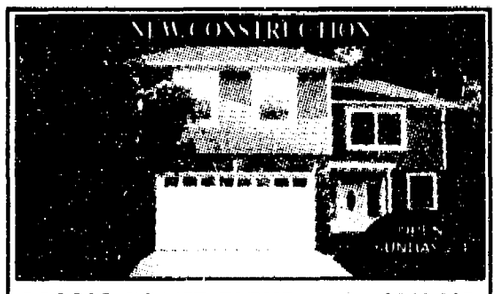
HARBOR SPRINGS $2,950,000
Extraordinary & unique opportunity to own the only large lakefront parcel available near Harbor Springs. Protected by forest on 3 sides and Lake Michigan on the 4th, this 42 acre property is the epitome of privacy, beauty, & tranquility. 800' of pristine beach and 1400' of bluff top views. Classic log lodge and charming guest house.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES $1,495,900
Beautiful new construction, 1 block from the lake. Gorgeous custom kitchen with granite and top of the line cabinets. Open and airy great room, paneled library, wonderful master suite with large walk in closet. Bright and open; great entertaining as well as family life. **30 SUNNINGDALE**

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE $889,900
Only steps away from Lake St. Clair, this handsome custom-built Colonial features all the conveniences of newer construction. The impressive two-story entryway welcomes you into this bright 4 BR, 3.5 bath home with gourmet kitchen, inviting library, spacious great room, and garden room overlooking picturesque yard.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS $775,000
Right in the heart of Grosse Pointe Farms, this center entrance Colonial offers wonderful curb appeal! Spacious, with five bedrooms, 3 full and 1 half bath, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, fresh decor, and more. Newer WeatherGuard windows on the first floor.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS $684,900
One block from the lake and short walk to Pier Park you will find this fabulous center entrance Colonial with 4 BR, 2 full and 2 half baths. Gorgeous newer kitchen. Lib w/wet bar & fireplace. Bright sunny bkfst rm & fam rm w/fp overlooks a beautifully landscaped yard w/pond, perennials, & hot tub.



GROSSE POINTE FARMS $640,000
Located within walking distance from the lake, this brand new 3200 square foot residence was built with attention brought to all elements of design. Features include a wonderful bright gourmet kitchen, great room, library, dining room, mud room, 2 laundry areas, 4 bedrooms including a master suite with walk-in closet and bath with whirlpool tub. **155 LAKEVIEW**

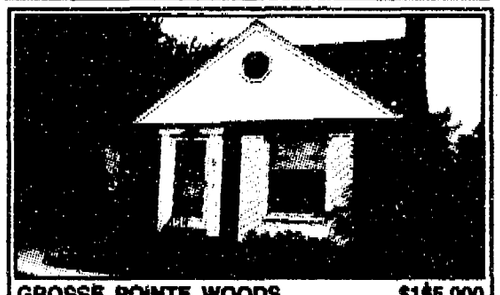
ST. CLAIR $579,000
Enjoy watching the freighters go by on the St. Clair River This updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch with walkout lower level, a lovely yard that slopes down to the water's edge, and its own private dock, is perfect for year-round living. Customized tongue-in-groove cedar and brass fittings throughout complete the nautical feeling of this river residence.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS $575,000
Luxury abounds in this meticulously maintained 3 BR, 2 bath condo. Tastefully decorated featuring a versatile floor plan that includes FR w/fireplace & vaulted ceiling; LR w/fireplace; master suite & more! Truly one of the finest condominiums around!

GROSSE POINTE FARMS $424,900
The holiday season is the perfect time to discover this charming 3 Bedroom, 2 bath English cottage in coveted location. Updates include new furnace, CAC, hot water heater & dishwasher. Newer kitchen with granite counters.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS $374,900
Delightful 4 BR, 2.5 bath center entrance colonial custom built for present owner, featuring a country kitchen w/corian countertops & incl. appliances, a spacious fam rm w/built-ins & N.F.P. 1st floor laundry, finished basement. Newer Pella windows & siding.**1193 ROSLYN**

GROSSE POINTE FARMS $314,500
Great price on this appealing English Colonial on great block of McKinley. Spacious and bright throughout. Wrap-around family room, and an additional 1/2 bath in master bedroom that could easily be converted to full. Finished basement, two car garage.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS $165,000
New price on this charming 2 bedroom ranch with hardwood floors and newer roof, plumbing, driveway, sump pump, CAC, landscaping and garage door. Upstairs has great expansion potential. Immediate occupancy.

HARPER WOODS $104,999
Living room with fireplace, separate dining room, hardwood and marble floors, a cute extra room upstairs for office or nursery, extra large fenced lot, great price: all make this home too good to pass up. Updated kitchen and bath, and nicely finished room in basement.

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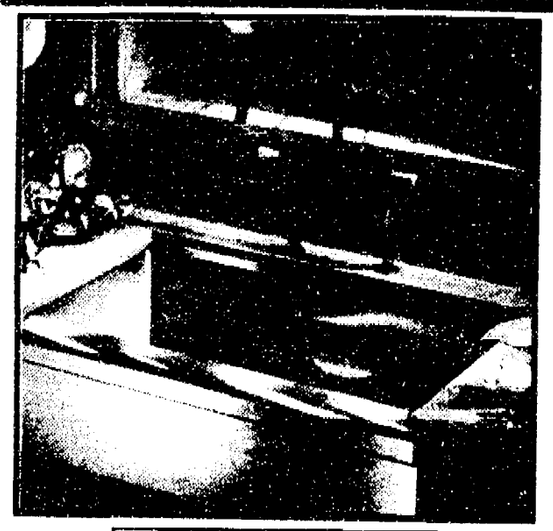

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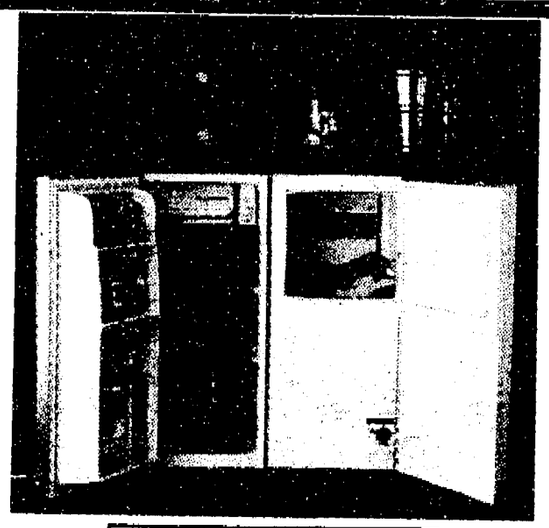

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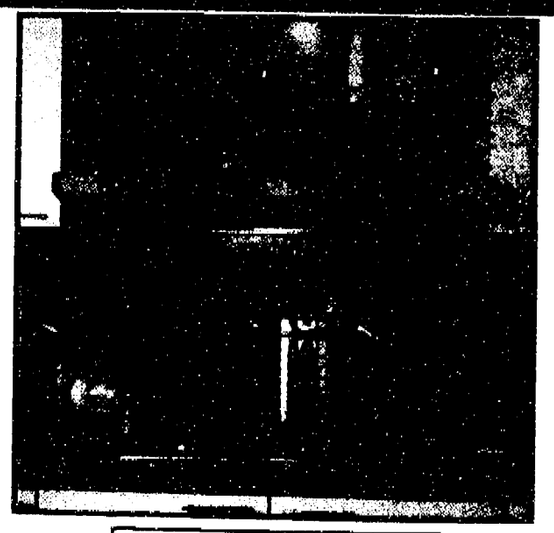

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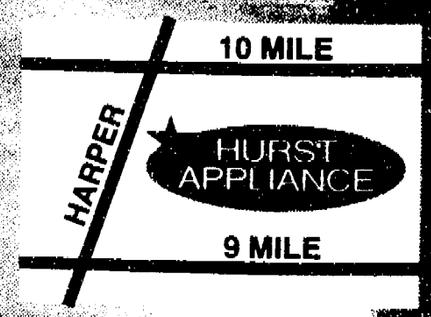

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Elegant French Normandy with stunning detail! Gorgeous Kitchen. $1,599,900.

RIDGEMONT
Lots of updates in this beautifully detailed Farms Colonial. $229,000.

535 WASHINGTON
Fully renovated, spacious Ranch with Family room. Four baths! Now $445,000.

LAKEPOINTE
Walk to new Park Libraryt Recent updates include windows; roof, more.

WATERFRONT
Unique Lake Shore Road Colonial. Library. 580' deep lot. $1,999,900.

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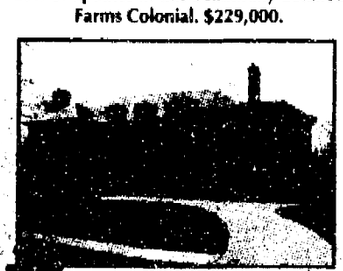

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Spacious Woods Bungalow in wonderful location! Real value at just $150,000.

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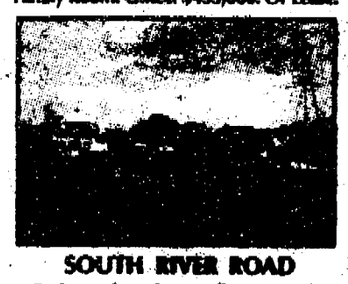
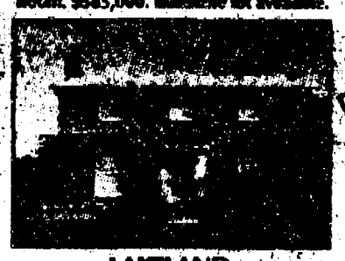
Beautifully renovated Colonial! Only $259,000. Adjacent lot available.

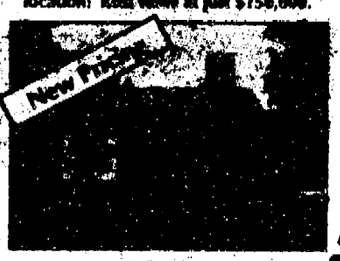


SOUTH RIVER ROAD
Package of two lots totaling 80' on the Clinton River. 250' deep. $349,900.

WATERFRONT
Intimate "up close" Lake views. Fabulous third floor Great Room! $2,600,000.

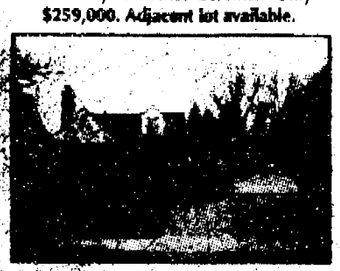


LAKELAND
Beautiful classic Colonial! Library, Florida Room. Many recent updates! $459,000!

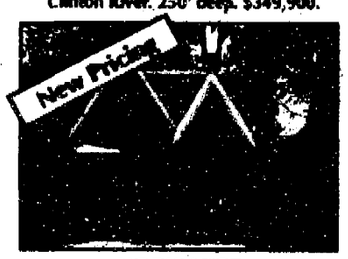


ROSLYN
Perfectly located home with great open floorplan. Family Room.

KERCHEVAL AVENUE
Unique mid-century gem! First floor master. Family Room. Private yard.

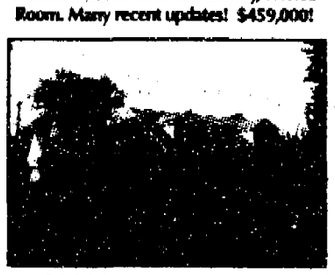


RIDGEMONT
Cute Cape Cod! Room to grow on generous double lot. Kerby school. $257,400



YORKSHIRE
Lovely Colonial has coved ceilings, wood floors, lovely detail. Family Room.

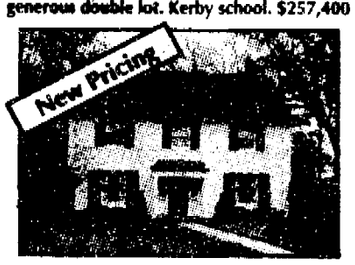
WILDWOOD CO-OP
Wonderful, peaceful complex. Appliances, washer, dryer included. $48,900.



951 LAKE SHORE ROAD
Wonderfully located Cape Cod. First floor Master Suite. 3000+ square feet. $649,500

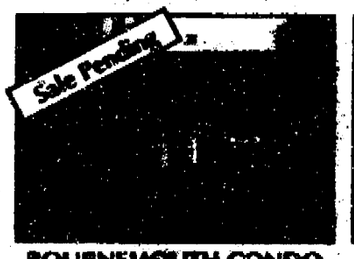
WATERFRONT
Custom Contemporary with 146' lakefront walk! Lovely views throughout $2,700,000.

JEFFERSON AVENUE
Exceptional single floor penthouse Condo. Library. Valet parking. $499,000.



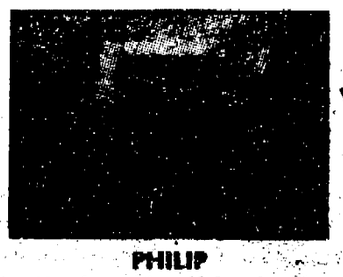
BALFOUR ROAD
Freshly staged classic Colonial with lots of space! Family Room, Sun Room. $479,000!

LAKE SHORE ROAD
Stunning Contemporary! Cathedral ceiling in Great Room for amazing views!



BOURNEMOUTH CONDO
Tastefully updated first floor condo. Central air. Convenient location. $69,900!

SOUTH OXFORD
Professionally decorated Colonial! Country Kitchen. Family Room. $475,000.



PHILIP
Move-in condition with fenced yard. Short walk to the waterfront. $76,500.

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Financial assistance programs made available

With temperatures down and natural gas bills up around the nation, Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) Chair J. Peter Lark is reminding Michigan utility customers that there are many low-cost actions they can take now to lower their winter heating bills. He also outlined financial assistance programs available to low-income utility customers.

Low-cost actions to reduce natural gas consumption are:

- Lowering thermostats or installing a programmable thermostat that automatically lowers temperatures at night and when no one is home.
- Cleaning or replacing furnace filters.
- Lowering the thermostat on water heaters to 115 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Caulking and weather-stripping around doors and windows.
- Adding insulation to attics and walls, if needed.

Lark also highlighted the financial assistance programs for which low-income utility customers may be eligible. "Since 2002, the MPSC's Low Income and Energy Efficiency Fund has awarded over $135 million in grants to Michigan agencies to provide shut-off and other protection for low-income customers and to promote energy efficiency by all customer classes.

Other financial assistance programs are:

- Utilities' budget payment plans, available to any residential customer.
- The Winter Protection Plan, created by the MPSC and administered by utilities, is available for senior citizens aged 65 and older, people receiving assistance from the Family Independence Agency or people with incomes at or below 150 percent of the poverty level.
- The Michigan Home Heating Credit from the Michigan Department of Treasury. Residents who received a Home Heating Credit for tax year 2003 should receive a form for tax year 2004 in the mail in early January. After Feb. 1 forms will be available by calling (800) 367-6263 and in many public offices. Forms must be filed by Sept. 30.
- Local Family Independence Agency offices administer a State Emergency Relief Program; and
- The Internal Revenue Service offers an Earned Income Credit on federal tax forms.

The MPSC's "Be WinterWise" campaign is designed to make people aware of higher natural gas prices, to provide information on what people can do now to lower their bills and to provide information on the variety of financial assistance programs available to low-income utility customers.

The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Labor & Economic Growth.

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Beautiful four bedroom French Colonial on private road with spectacular views of Lake St Clair. Completely remodeled by Uznis Builders. New kitchen with granite and state of the art appliances, new baths, furnaces.
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Grosse Pointe $995,000
Elegant Tudor style home on private lane. Built in 1980 on lovely large lot near the lake with updated kitchen, large family room, three natural fireplaces, first floor laundry, master bedroom with balcony and more!
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Grosse Pointe Woods $850,000
Charming Elizabethan English Tudor on quiet boulevard. Many extras including three natural fireplaces, wood moldings, kitchen with built-ins, hardwood floors, spiral staircase, turret bays, and leaded glass windows.
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Grosse Pointe Shores $888,888
Magnificent ranch with custom built-ins throughout! Gorgeous granite foyer and hall lead to gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and island, granite and marble baths with crown molding throughout.
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Grosse Pointe Woods $888,888
Five bedroom Colonial on beautiful large lot 80 x 240. Newer: roof, furnace, central air condition, copper plumbing, refinished hardwood floors, large family rm, cozy den, finished basement.
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Grosse Pointe Farms $229,500
Grosse Pointe Farms bungalow with newly finished master bedroom (second floor) with large sitting room, many possibilities.Natural fireplace. Finished basement with half bath.
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Tons of period charm! Uniquely crafted plaster moldings. All newly remodeled and detailed mother in law suite. Custom designed basement including built in cabinets and office area.
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Gorgeous four bedroom brick Colonial. Library, huge family room with fireplace, hardwood floors, French doors, eat-in kitchen with Viking appliances, attached two car garage, fenced yard, newer roof, air condition and furnace.
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New Pricing! This is a special home!! Leaded glass windows and French doors, fabulous updated kitchen with Sub Zero and Viking appliances. Formal dining room, family/TV room, finished basement.
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Grosse Pointe Park $888,888
Cozy brick ranch in Grosse Pointe Park. Freshly painted and updated kitchen and bath. Newer roof and third bedroom in basement. Wider lot with private backyard.
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Grosse Pointe Shores $449,900
An absolute gem - Must See! In Grosse Pointe Shores one block from Lakeshore. Beautiful curb appeal with new landscaping, patio with gas grill, and a Florida room. New roof, windows, air condition, furnace and hardwood floors.
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Grosse Pointe Woods $179,900
Remarkable contemporary quad completely updated. New kitchen, skylight, built-in appliances, and updated bathrooms. Jacuzzi tub, steam showers, new roof, driveway, new sprinkler system, natural fireplace.
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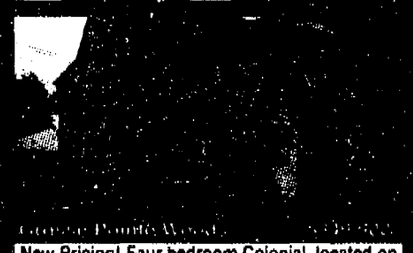

Grosse Pointe Woods $249,900
New Pricing! Four bedroom Colonial located on cul-de-sac. New kitchen/great room with center island, granite counters. Andersen windows. New tear off roof 2002, new two car garage, copper plumbing.
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Grosse Pointe Woods $888,888
Remodeled two bedroom brick ranch. Convenient location. Hardwood floors. Large eat-in kitchen with fireplace. Family room, new bathroom with jacuzzi, new roof, windows, finished bsmt with full bath.
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Grosse Pointe Woods $888,888
Three bedroom tri-level on cul-de-sac. Newer windows on two floors, newer roof, open kitchen concept with separate eating area. Paneled library with full bath could be fourth bedroom.
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Grosse Pointe Woods $888,888
Much to offer: fireplace, large bay window, family room, new roof (tear off), new windows, newer kitchen, all appliances stay. Patio, two and one half car garage. Convenient location, lakefront park, and more.
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Grosse Pointe Woods $888,888
New dementional roof, furnace and air conditioning, copper plumbing, paint, refinished floors- plus replacement windows, glass block windows and more. Recreation room with lavatory, and an updated kitchen and bath.
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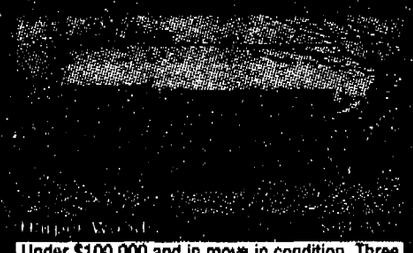

Grosse Pointe Woods $888,888
Under $100,000 and in move in condition. Three bedroom ranch freshly painted featuring refinished hardwood floors, brand new stove and dishwasher, all new window blinds. Finished basement with full bath and gas fireplace.
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Grosse Pointe Woods $888,888
Freshly painted townhouse in desirable Willaimsburg Condos. Hardwood floors in living room, dining room, and bedrooms. All appliances stay. Air conditioning is only two years old! Great location.
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Grosse Pointe Woods $888,888
Outstanding first floor unit. Two bedrooms, kitchen eating area, all appliances included. Updated bath and electrical. Newer windows. Basement. Maintenance fee includes water, insurance, and outside maintenance.
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FARMS - 2,000 square foot with Family Room, Den, sharp and larger Corian kitchen. All rooms are oversized. Great value. #11

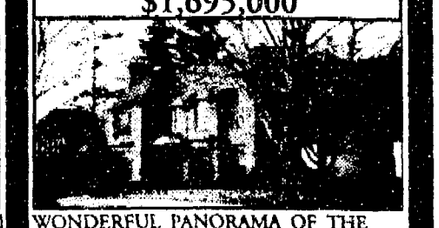
NEW OFFERING

RANCH - 2,000 square feet Woods Beautification Winner with three/four bedrooms, Family Room, two full baths, two car ATTACHED GARAGE with fresh neutral decor throughout. #12

NEW OFFERING

PRIVATE FARMS STREET. Beautiful Colonial located on a cul-de-sac featuring three large bedrooms, one and one half baths, updated kitchen with eating space, two car attached garage, hardwood floors, den and large deck. Great curb appeal! #13

$1,695,000

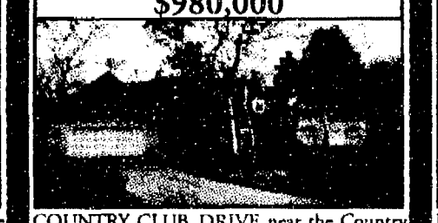


WONDERFUL PANORAMA OF THE LAKE from this new Russell built home. First floor master suite with adjacent panelled library, kitchen has granite countertops and butler's pantry. Unique floor plan offers optimum views, all the amenities on expects in a truly fine home, including an auxilary power system. #14

$1,095,000

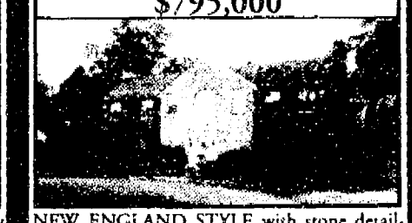
GRACIOUS newer Farms Colonial on private dead-end street. Large family room with fireplace and western red cedar panelling overlooks beautiful yard and patio. Spacious oak panelled library, new kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances. New master bathroom and powder room! Large entrance foyer. #15

$980,000



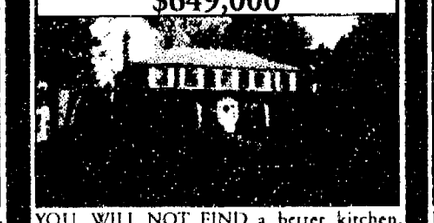
COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE near the Country Club of Detroit with 3000 square feet of first floor living included. Large family room, and 2000 square feet additional on second floor, exquisite detailing, gorgeous property and landscaping with 120x171 lot. #16

$795,000



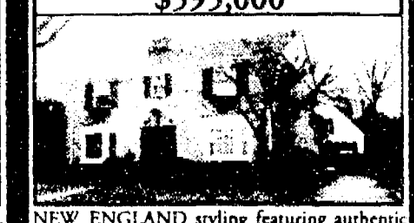
NEW ENGLAND STYLE with stone detailing, gorgeous 100 x 213 lot with manicured grounds, circular drive, three car attached garage, large family room, three fireplaces, large new kitchen. This five bedroom, four and one half bath is in great condition and very close to waterfront park. #17

$649,000



YOU WILL NOT FIND a better kitchen, master bedroom/bath or finished basement for under one million. Over 3,000 square feet of totally redone living space, including a family room and a garden room all on a huge, beautiful landscaped lot with a three car garage. #18

$595,000

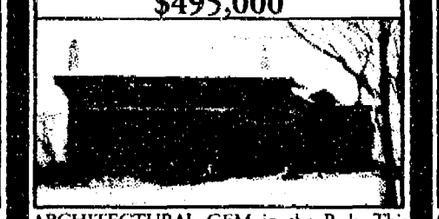


NEW ENGLAND styling featuring authentic stone exterior with four bedrooms, three full bathrooms, sharp kitchen with eating space, classic library,great Farms location - walk to everything. Carriage house efficiency apartment over three car garage. #19

$499,000

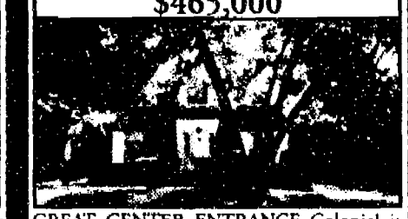
LARGE SHORES RANCH. Three bedrooms, two and one half baths with large room sizes and attached two and one half car garage near Lake St. Clair. First floor laundry, finished basement, master suite and new roof. Family room (23x17) with fireplace. Immediate occupancy. #20

$495,000



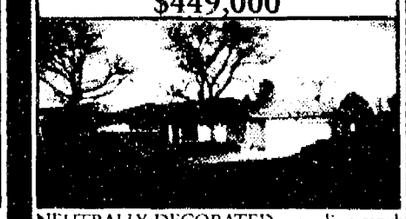
ARCHITECTURAL GEM in the Park. This five bedroom, three and one half bath home features updated kitchen, refinished hardwood floors, two natural fireplaces with beautiful Pewabic tile, newer roof, finished basement, a two car attached garage and a two car detached garage. #21

$465,000



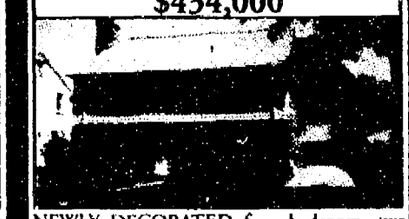
GREAT CENTER ENTRANCE Colonial in a wonderful Park location. Beautiful hardwood floors, six panel doors, lots of closets, open kitchen and special floor plan for family entertaining. #22

$449,000



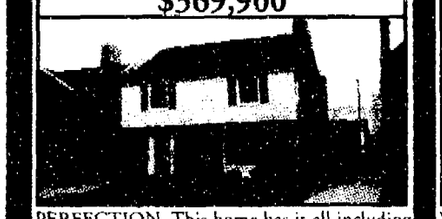
NEUTRALLY DECORATED sprawling ranch in prime Grosse Pointe Shores location. Custom moldings and built-ins. Multiple fireplaces. Large family room. Newer roof, Pella windows and Oak Pella front door. Office and full bath in basement. #23

$434,000



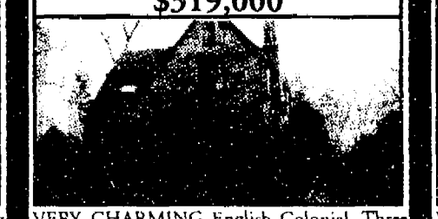
NEWLY DECORATED four bedroom, two and one half bath center entrance Colonial in "great" Grosse Pointe Park neighborhood. Numerous updates include: roof, furnace, central air, new carpeting and refinished hardwood floors. New landscaping. #24

$369,900



PERFECTION. This home has it all including a desirable "M" street location in the Farms. ALL NEW KITCHEN opens to LARGE FAMILY ROOM. Spacious bedrooms, finished basement, new windows. Refinished hardwood floors up and down. Attention to every detail. #25

$319,000



VERY CHARMING English Colonial. Three bedrooms, one bath and additional full bath in finished basement. 1,800 square feet. Two car garage. Central air. Much detail with natural woodwork and beautiful hardwood floors with walnut inlay. #26

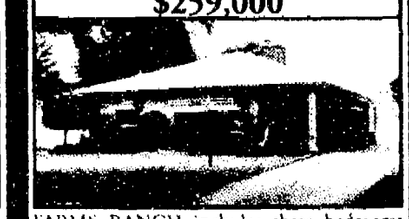
$275,000

WELL MAINTAINED Colonial with lots of space to spread out! Large family room opens to a new paver patio. Updated kitchen includes all appliances. Wonderful family neighborhood near Maire elementary school. #27

$269,900

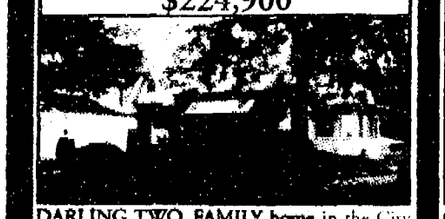
FARMS - MAST BUILT with nice family room, hardwood floors, deeper lot, newer kitchen, central air, six panel doors, recreation room, great floor plan and lots of quality finishes. #28

$259,000



FARMS RANCH includes three bedrooms, great floor plan, larger kitchen, new furnace with central-air, all new windows and a special 32x22 finished basement with wet bar and second full bath. #29

$224,900



DARLING TWO FAMILY home in the City. First floor has two bedrooms with bath, kitchen, living room and dining room, hardwood floors, fireplace and cute sunroom. Upper apartment has one bedroom, one bath, kitchen and sitting room. New roof and two car garage. On a large lot close to the Village and schools. #30

$199,900

OUTSTANDING Woods location. Large family room with bay window, natural fireplace in living room, hardwood floors, new windows, finished basement, newer furnace and central air. #31

$194,000

ATTRACTIVE THREE BEDROOM brick ranch, two fireplaces, finished basement, large wood deck and nicely landscaped yard. It's many updates include: kitchen, refinished hardwood floors, windows, roof and central air conditioning. #32

$179,900

EVERYTHING IS DONE! Completely updated Woods brick home featuring a new kitchen with granite counters, new bathroom, new windows, new roof, new driveway, and new landscaping. Home also features refinished hardwood floors, two and one half car garage, and new deck. Move in today! #33

$179,900

PERFECTLTY CHARMING renovated farmhouse. Newer kitchen includes all GE appliances and newer bath has custom tile work. Great location neat "The Village". Many other improvements make this a wonderful buy. #34

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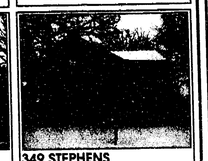

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461 MAISON
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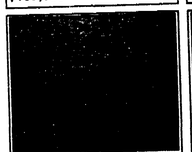

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Take time to make great basement living space

Today's basements may have plush home theaters, weight rooms and saunas, climate-controlled wine cellars, lap pools and dance floors, along with bedrooms, baths and kitchenettes.

Finishing an unused lower level is a way to gain living space at a lower cost than adding to the footprint of the home. Even so, the nationwide average price tag for a basement remodeling/finishing project is around $43,000. The actual cost depends on the homeowner's vision for the space and can easily top six figures, says Karl Holtermann, project manager at Bartelt-Filo Design Build, based in the Milwaukee metro area.

The following are basic considerations to keep in mind:

Address dampness as the first step in a basement project so that flooding, mold or musty smells won't ruin your investment. Get a qualified professional to identify the source of any water problems, including seasonal seepage, and prescribe a fix. Install one or more sump pumps, with one powered by a battery or generator in case of a power failure. Use a dehumidifier, and install proper ventilation for adequate air exchange.

Plan ahead and cluster your utilities and mechanical systems, such as the furnace and hot water heater, in one place, away from the living areas, to reduce noise and maximize the amount of finished space. Make sure all your contractors know of your plans for finishing the basement. Wiring, plumbing, heating and cooling systems should be installed so that they are easily accessible and have minimal impact on living space and headroom.

Get your living space off the cold concrete. Rick Angelico, a partner in Hampton RMR, a residential construction firm in Easthampton, N.Y., suggests installing a DRIcore subfloor. The DRIcore system consists of interlocking 2- by 2-foot squares that are set directly on top of the concrete to form a floating floor over which carpet, vinyl, laminate or engineered hardwood may be installed.

Let in the light. If you are building a new home or planning an extensive remodel, specify generously-sized windows in walk-out or daylight basements. If you have an existing basement with a few tiny transom windows and a tight budget, you'll need to be more creative to achieve a light and inviting room. Consider using strategically placed spotlights to add drama.

Charles Riley, a New York interior designer who tackles basement projects with creativity and flair, suggests framing a large panel of frosted glass or other quality translucent material to create a shoji screen effect. Install the panel with a light behind it, in or against a basement wall and below a transom window, to give the illusion of a full-length window through which filtered sunlight shines.

Don't skimp on quality. Create whatever style you desire, but be sure to finish the lower level with the same quality as the main floors of the home, Holtermann advises. That means using drywall rather than paneling, and quality detailing and workmanship.

"You are making an investment in your home and your quality of life," says Holtermann. "If a remodeled basement is a great source of enjoyment for your family, then the payback is measured in far more than monetary value."

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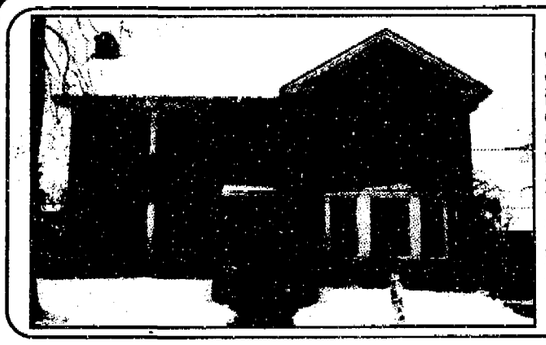
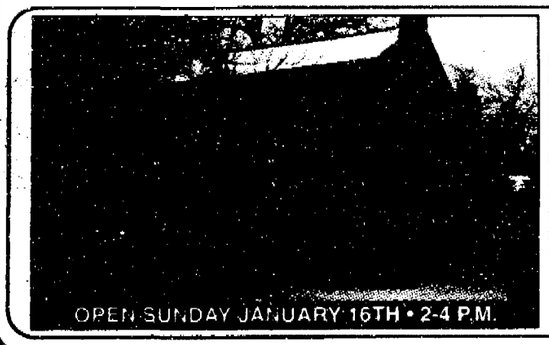


1325 BEDFORD
WELCOME HOME! Here is the home you've been waiting for...a delightful four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial with exciting updates. There is a fabulous new kitchen that was carefully crafted using the finest materials in a style that is reminiscent of the era of the home. The refinished oak floors, upbeat décor, walk-up attic, finished lower level and nicely landscaped rear yard add to the appeal. It is the right home for you!

487 RIVARD
IF THE WALLS COULD TALK! This special home has seen experienced many memorable occasions and its history is lovingly embraced. Built by the Bernhard Stroh family, there is an exceptional entrance hall with two story rounded window wall and dramatic staircase. There is a wonderful master suite with large private bath and library with fireplace. The four additional bedrooms and two baths on the second floor, expansive laundry room, third floor with bedroom, play room, bath and storage await your inspection. $ 675,000.



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DRAMATIC FAMILY ROOM WITH FIREPLACE! It's all here! Enjoyable three bedroom home with TWO and one half baths, living room with fireplace, dining room with refinished oak floors, recreation room, two car tandem garage, deck and great location! The side hall allows easy access from the front door to the efficient kitchen. Close to schools and shopping, this home is a real bargain! See it today!!
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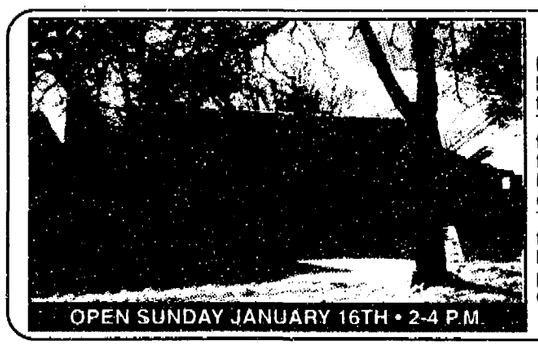

979 BRIARCLIFF
BETTER THAN NEW! This handsome home has a pleasing interior design that takes advantage of its spacious midst. The two story entrance hall with beautiful curved staircase provides a great first impression. There is a brand new kitchen with island center, eating area, cherry cabinets and hardwood floors. There is a first floor laundry and two first floor half baths. Upstairs, you'll find four bedrooms and two full baths. A completely finished basement adds to the charm..

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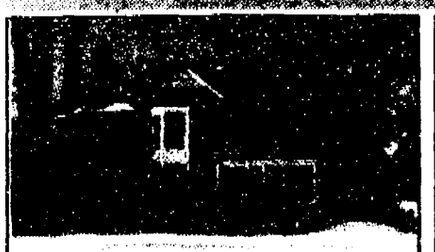

GROSSE POINTE PARK **Lakefront**
This true "Lakefront " home is set on the tip of a secluded point with panoramic views from Peche Island to the Eastern horizon. Freighters glide through the nearby channel. A gorgeous home in a spectacular setting.
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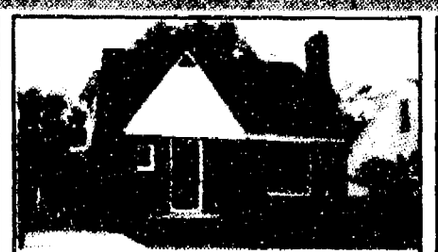

GROSSE POINTE WOODS **Great Home**
Neat and clean with many newer features in popular Woods area. Natural fireplace in living room, formal dining room, beautiful hardwood floors, Mutschler kitchen, master bedroom with bath and sitting room. Basement.
(LGP39HAM) 313-886-5040 $229,900

GROSSE POINTE SHORES **Elegant**
For the buyer who expects excellence and desires a ready to move into home, this spacious ranch offers a master suite with richly appointed bath (granite and marble throughout). Contemporary layout with lots to delight.
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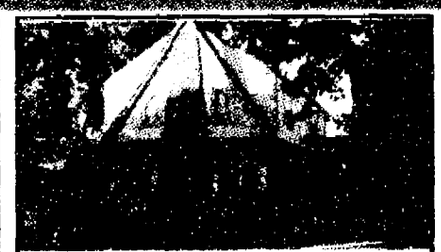


GROSSE POINTE PARK **Attractive**
Traditional carriage style Colonial with amazing appeal. Leaded glass French doors, hardwood floors. Newer custom kitchen opens to recent family room addition with vaulted ceiling. Close to Village, shopping and schools.
(LGP47GRA) 313-886-5040 $324,900

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.
(LGP66CAD) 313-886-5040 $299,900

GROSSE POINTE PARK **Character**
Elegant detail and charm embrace this four bedroom, three and one half bath center entrance Colonial located on large lot south of Jefferson. Gracious living room with fireplace flows into bright sunroom.
(LGP07BED) 313-886-5040 $325,000

GROSSE POINTE FARMS **Exquisite**
Gorgeous Georgian, prestigious locale, seven bedrooms, five full and one half baths. Three fireplaces, updated kitchen, butler's pantry, finished basement with rec room. Tavern room with wet bar. Newer furnaces, c/a, roof, refinished hardwood floors.
(LGP71LEW) 313-886-5040 $900,000

GROSSE POINTE PARK **Grand**
Seven bedroom, five bath two family home in great location south of Jefferson. Fireplaces, central air, newer roof/boilers. Great investment at this low price. Check out the comparables and hurry in with an offer.
(LGP88TRO) 313-886-5040 $380,000

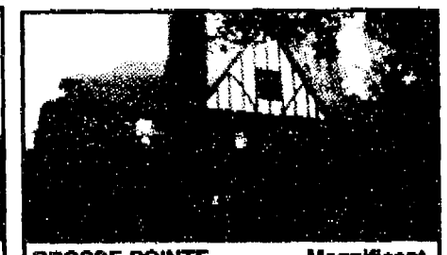
GROSSE POINTE FARMS **Roomy**
Gracious three bedroom offers beautiful hardwood floors and newer kitchen with appliances. Huge master bedroom with bath, two fireplaces, knotty pine recreation room and bath in basement. Two car garage and immediate occupancy.
(LGP40MAD) 313-886-5040 $249,900

GROSSE POINTE FARMS **Enjoy**
Rich and airy Cape Cod on generous lot. Vaulted great room, master suite, two updated full baths, two fireplaces. Several upgrades. Near elementary and middle schools. Designed for your comfort and pleasure!
(LGP57BEL) 313-886-5040 $279,000

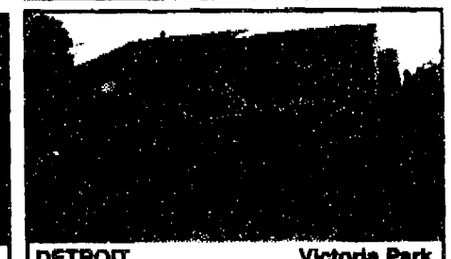
GROSSE POINTE **Spacious**
Nice floor plan on this five bedroom Colonial situated steps from the lake. Open concept kitchen/family room. Master suite with cathedral ceiling, walk-in closet and marble bathroom with spa tub. Library/den and finished basement.
(LGP17WEL) 313-886-5040 $649,900

GROSSE POINTE WOODS **Lovely**
Delightful brick Colonial with outstanding detail and decor. Living room with bookcases which surround a natural fireplace. Huge sharply updated kitchen with lots of cabinets and counter space, opens to bright family area.
(LGP70HAW) 313-886-5040 $250,000

GROSSE POINTE FARMS **Lovely**
Three bedroom, two bath home offers a location that's an easy walk to the Hill, Pier Park, schools, more! Pretty hardwood floors, leaded glass windows, breakfast nook, den. Partly finished basement, newer boiler.
(LGP43MCM) 313-886-5040 $295,000



GROSSE POINTE **Magnificent**
This English Tudor offers three floors of grace and elegance with a carriage house. Two story foyer leading to sunken garden. This home has been restored with ceramic tile and marble throughout. It will not disappoint you!
(LGP94LAK) 313-886-5040 $1,950,000

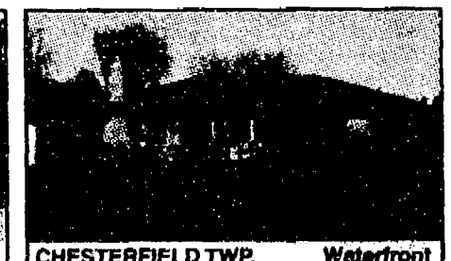


DETROIT **Victoria Park**
Try something different! Contemporary four bedroom home perfectly situated minutes from downtown entertainment in great community. Spacious kitchen, two story great room, and finished basement prepped for home theatre.
(LGP01NEW) 313-886-5040 $252,000

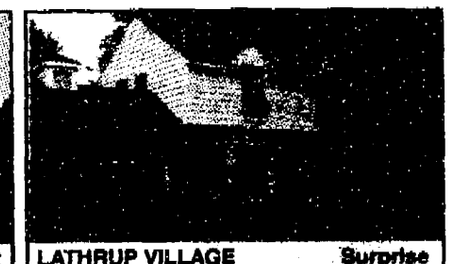
DETROIT **A Real Gem**
Located in historic Indian Village Manor on the Detroit River. You won't be disappointed with it's beauty and quiet comfort. Meticulously cared for. Each bedroom has it's own bath. Gracious foyer opens to living room.
(LGP20JEF) 313-886-5040 $230,000

ST. CLAIR SHORES **Nautical Mile**
Newer construction with nice upgrades, a stone's throw from the Nautical Mile. Lovely two story great room, first floor master suite, second floor laundry, finished basement with wet bar. Multi level maintenance free deck, hot tub and two car garage.
(LGP32RID) 313-886-5040 $247,500

CLINTON TOWNSHIP **Exceptional**
Thoughtfully designed for the ultimate in comfort and convenience. This custom built split level offers stunning golf course views, a luxurious first floor master suite, amazing kitchen, and too many amenities to list.
(LGP80DAN) 313-886-5040 $625,000



CHESTERFIELD TWP. **Waterfront**
Meticulously maintained custom brick ranch. Updated kitchen, fireplace, hardwood floors, newer windows. Open floor plan, neutral decor. Copper plumbing. Heated garage. Appliances. Florida room. Steel seawall with slip.
(LGP00EDG) 313-886-5040 $339,000



LATHRUP VILLAGE **Surprise**
Beautiful estates area, designer's home, use of hardwood, granite, high-end materials abound. Euro kitchen has very unique cabinetry and all stainless steel appliances. Four bedrooms, two fireplaces, two full and two-half baths.
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1052 Bedford, Grosse Pointe Park
Stunning Colonial, four bedrooms, three and one half baths located off of St. Paul. Cathedral ceilings, family room, updated kitchen, natural fireplace, random pegged hardwood floors. Beautiful third floor bedroom with private bath. $484,900

693 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores
Spectacular full views of the Lake. Built by Jim Scott. Four very large bedrooms each with their own private bath. Impressive foyer, paneled family room, two fireplaces, custom kitchen and first floor laundry room. Gorgeous landscaping. $1,795,000. Call Sandy Azar for a private showing

1030 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores
Gorgeous!!! Custom built in 2000!! Vaulted ceilings, great room, multiple natural fireplaces, lower level basement with high ceilings. Beautiful "black" pool overlooking the lake. First floor master suite, panoramic views of the water. $3,995,000.

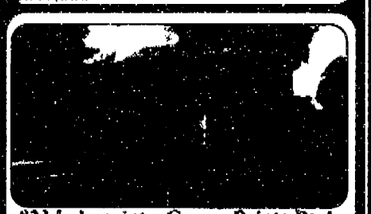
799 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Park
This Spanish Colonial features a clay tile roof, three and one half car garage, large lot, sunken living room, five bedrooms, three and one half baths, multiple fireplaces including master bedroom. Library, den, hardwood floors. $849,000

386 Provencal Road, Grosse Pointe Farms
Located on one of Grosse Pointe Farms' finest streets. Five bedroom, four and one half baths, approximately 5,000 square feet, great location overlooking the golf course. Beautifully maintained. Newer roof and furnace, loft apartment with separate staircase. $1,399,900.

1378 Buckingham, Grosse Pointe Park
Four bedroom, two and one half bath English Tudor. Natural fireplace, hardwood floors, family room and den. Gourmet kitchen, master bedroom with new bath, recreation room. $449,000

874 Westchester, Grosse Pointe Park
Lots of old world charm, stone fireplace, hardwood floors, large open two story stairway, butler's pantry, adjoining kitchen, central air on the second and third floors only. Glass block windows in basement. Natural wood work throughout. $405,000

1033 Bishop, Grosse Pointe Park
Great home with beautiful family room and knockout master bedroom suite. Agent owned. $454,900

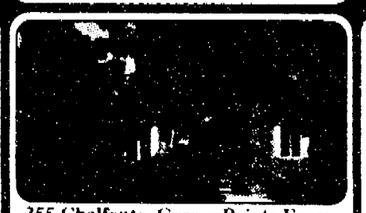


823 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park
Three bedroom, one and one half bath Colonial. Huge rooms, large master bedroom, nineteen foot family room with fireplace, kitchen with eating area, central air. Two natural fireplaces. $329,000.

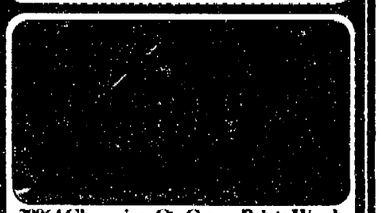
22666 Wildwood
Wake up to totally unobstructive views of Lake St. Clair. Three bedroom, three bath home with three natural fireplaces including master suite. Plus canal to dock your boat. Attractively priced. $595,000

715 Pear Tree, Grosse Pointe Woods
Attractive four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial. Updated kitchen with eating area, huge family room with natural fireplace, first floor laundry. Living room with natural fireplace. Master bedroom with full bath, two car attached garage. $379,900

538 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe City
Fabulous location. Walk to the Village or the waterfront park. Huge lot, five bedrooms, two baths, fabulous oak family room, two natural fireplaces. Central air, updated kitchen. Attractively priced at $395,000.



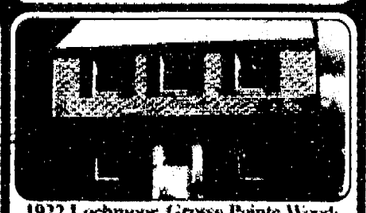
355 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms
Large updated Cap Cod features four bedrooms and three full baths, recent updates include new kitchen with skylight, newer Pella windows and tear off roof. First and second floor master bedroom suite as well as an enormous garden room. $355,000



20064 Chesquiere Ct, Grosse Pointe Woods
Beautiful Cape Cod with center natural fireplace. Gorgeous lower level family room in the basement, great court location, hardwood floors, attached garage. Newer windows (Pella), central air. $314,000.

1428 Yorkshire, Grosse Pointe Park
Beautiful English Tudor in the Park. This beautiful six bedroom, three and one half bath is filled with classic features. Beveled leaded glass doors and windows (some stained), gorgeous natural wood and refinished hardwood floors. $519,000

769 Shelden, Grosse Pointe Shores
Charming one owner home, marble tiled 11'7'x 8'4" foyer, hardwood floors throughout. Large living room with crystal sconces and natural fireplace. Formal dining room, large custom kitchen with eating area. Tiled basement with natural brick fireplace. $535,000



1922 Lochmoor, Grosse Pointe Woods
Beautiful three bedroom, one and one half bath Colonial with large lot, 19 X 12 family room, 19 foot kitchen, full basement and two car garage. Natural fireplace, central air. Attractively priced at $229,000.

412 Roland Court, Grosse Pointe Farms
Custom brick ranch neat and clean on a large one hundred foot lot. Close to shopping, featuring open floor plan, hardwood floors throughout, nice size bedrooms, plus an extra sitting room. Large basement. $269,900.

1127 Kensington, Grosse Pointe Park
Gorgeous English Tudor with five bedroom, three and one half baths, new kitchen phenomenal oak appointments, crown molding and hardwood floor. House approximately 80% renovated, waiting for new owner to complete. Call for details. $595,000

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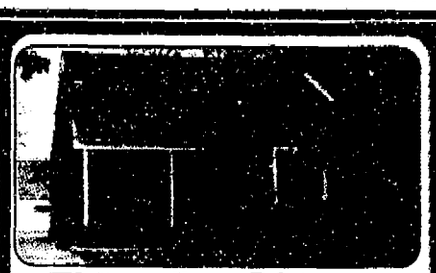
1033 North Brys, Grosse Pointe Woods
Three bedroom, one and one half bath ranch. Updated open floor plan, freshly painted, new kitchen, new windows, newer gas forced air with central air, hardwood floors, underneath new carpeting. Attached two car garage. $299,000

1082 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Woods
Beautiful three bedroom Woods bungalow with fantastic location. Features large rooms, hardwood floors, living room with fireplace, mostly newer windows, fresh paint and two car garage. $270,000.



379 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms
Great area, close to public schools. This maintenance free brick home features spacious rooms and hardwood floors. Kitchen provides plenty of cabinet and counter space. Lovely living room with natural fireplace. Family room that is perfect to leisure in. $209,000.

475 Belanger, Grosse Pointe Farms
Just bring your suitcases. The sitting room on the first floor could be used as a fourth bedroom, lots of nice updates. Newer roof, newer windows, the master bedroom and bathroom have their own under floor heating system. $223,000

1446 Kensington, Grosse Pointe Park
Three bedroom brick Colonial with two full baths and a first floor laundry room. Family room. Freshly painted interior with new carpeting and new window treatments. Eating space in the kitchen and a natural fireplace in the living room. $194,900

Sunday Open Houses

252 Merriweather, Grosse Pointe Park
Charming three bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial in prime location. Recent updates include new roof and gutters, new hot water tank, new stove and disposal. Mud room off of the two car attached garage. $399,900

2001 Anita, Grosse Pointe Woods
Move your family in today! This wonderful "gem" located in a gorgeous Grosse Pointe Woods neighborhood has it all; huge family room, central air, new kitchen and natural fireplace. Don't miss this one! Another David Paul Platinum Property. $194,900

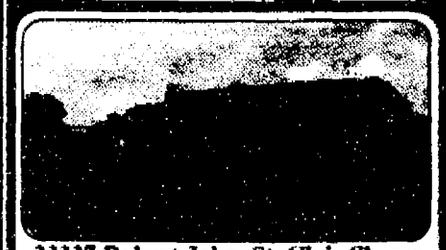
1365 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park
This property could be converted to a single family home if needed, nice rental, separate entrances. Separate heat, electric, the second floor has its own laundry room, appliances to stay. $159,900

1594 Aline, Grosse Pointe Woods
Superbly maintained brick ranch has features galore!! New kitchen with eating area, dining area off living room adjacent to kitchen, finished oak hardwood floor, gorgeous completely finished basement. $208,900

1976 Littlestone, Grosse Pointe Woods
Completely redecorated three bedroom one and one half bath Colonial features newer roof and windows, new carpet with hardwood floors beneath, fresh paint, new kitchen flooring. $245,000

611 University, Grosse Pointe City
One year lease. Wonderful family home features new gourmet kitchen, five bedrooms and three full baths. Central air, two natural fireplaces and new two and one half extra deep garage. Walk to Village, Hill, Library and City Park.. $2,600

439 Matson, Grosse Pointe Farms
Picture perfect Colonial in desirable Farms location. This home offers an updated kitchen with eating space. Living room with gas fireplace, hardwood floors throughout and views from a lovely bay window. $319,900



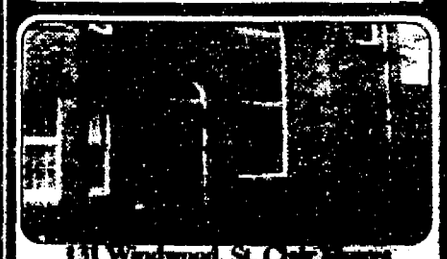
23337 Robert John, St. Clair Shores
Outstanding marble granite entrance foyer with extra wide staircase. Hardwood floors in living room and dining room. Updated kitchen, oversized attached garage. $399,000

25300 Winton, St. Clair Shores
Fabulous three bedroom two bath ranch. New construction Master suite with den and bath and extra closet. Huge oak kitchen with center isle. Natural fireplace in living room, first floor laundry off garage. Full deep basement. $249,900

22816 Poplar Beech, St. Clair Shores
Fabulous updated Colonial. Four bedrooms with possible first and second floor master bedroom, two full baths, first and second floor laundry rooms. Possible mother-in-law suite. Built-in cabinets, hardwood floors under carpet on first floor. $249,900

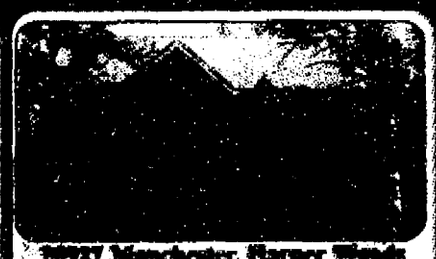
21936 Shorepointe, St. Clair Shores
Beautiful condominium in prestigious development. Additional finished lower level (gorgeous), dry walled, new carpeting in lower level family room type area. First floor laundry, attached garage. $199,000

19701 Maxine, St. Clair Shores
Move in condition describes this three bedroom brick ranch, park size lot 80 x 250. New roof, new vinyl windows, new cement. Hardwood floors, two fireplaces, finished basement. $179,000



131 Windwood, St. Clair Shores
Condominium located between Jefferson and the lake. The only unit for sale in the entire complex speaks for itself. Two bedrooms, two and one half baths, attached garage, basement, first floor laundry room, library, natural fireplace. $289,000.

21364 Severn, Harper Woods
Four bedroom brick with new windows, air condition, natural fireplace in living room, recreation room in basement. Immediate occupancy possible. West of Mack. $149,900



20927 Manchester, Harper Woods
Newer windows, hardwood floors, copper pipes, circuit breakers electrical box. Nice starter home. $103,000

5572 Three Mile
Excellent two family with newer kitchen in lower, new carpeting, both units show beautifully! Live in lower and have upper make your payment, or excellent rental area. Enclosed rear porches in both units. Alarm system.

3477 Bedford
Great value. Three bedroom (possible fourth in second floor heated sunroom), one and one half bath Colonial Brand new gas forced air heating and new ducts, new basement glass block, newer roof, hardwood floors under carpet. A must see. $109,900

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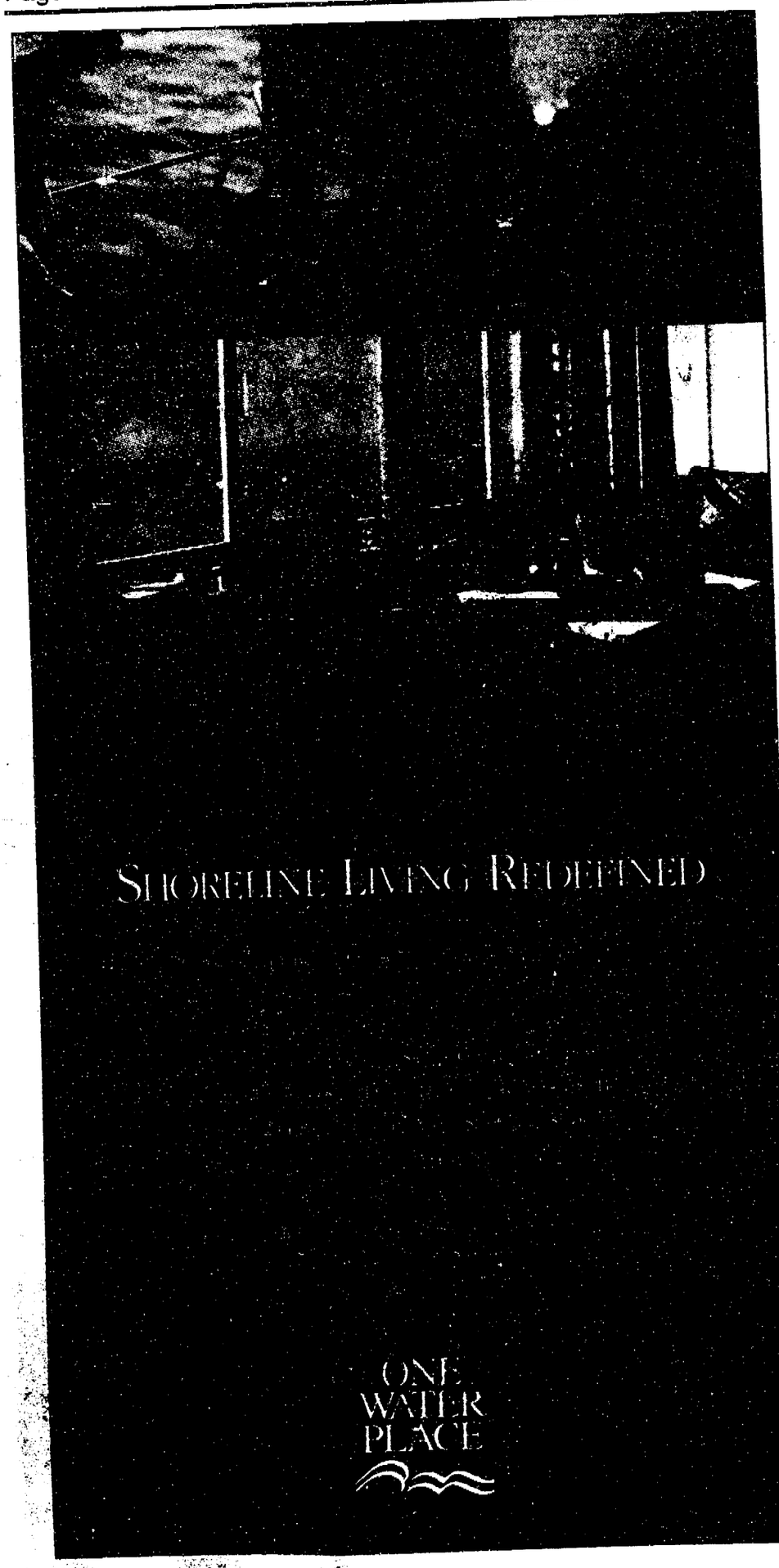

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Brand new home on a private street. Open floor plan. Extensive crown moldings, 18 foot ceiling, recessed lighting and fireplace. Large bright open kitchen with custom cabinets and GE Profile appliances. Library or sunroom off kitchen. First floor master with full bath: stall shower and step down whirlpool tub. Second floor has two/three bedrooms. Full basement prepped for full bath. Landscaped. Sprinkler system. $519,900

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Hard to find, large three bedroom ranch on a park-like setting. Open floor plan, newer kitchen, laundry room, roof and insulation. Recreation room - new in 2004 with full bath, built-in computer office station. Redecorated throughout. Sprinkler system. Expansion possibilities (Second floor walk-up). $479,900

636 BIRCH LANE

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Original owner. Very nice condition. Spacious Colonial on desirable street. One block from lake St. Clair and close to the Grosse Pointe Shores Park. Very large kitchen. Family room with fieldstone fireplace plus library. Andersen windows, six paneled doors. First floor laundry/mud room (8.11 x 6), newer high efficiency furnace/air conditioning/hot water heater. Expansion possibilities, large lot. Two and one half car oversized garage. SEV is much higher in comparison to offering price $439,900

HARPER WOODS

Well-kept Colonial on prime sought after street in Harper Woods with Grosse Pointe Schools. Newer larger eat-in kitchen with appliances overlooks large family room and yard with deck. Updated tear-off roof, furnace, Central air conditioning. Powder room on first floor. Master bedroom with full bath. Living room and dining room. Freshly painted and carpeted. Open basement with poured walls. $189,900

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Great starter home. Large Colonial with newer family room overlooking a large yard. Newer eat-in kitchen with appliances. Three bedrooms up with large closets. First floor laundry room with appliances. High efficiency furnace and air conditioning. Updated electrical. Immediate occupancy. $135,900

2181 HAMPTON

HARPER WOODS

Meticulously maintained and updated Ranch in prime Harper Woods location. Newer windows, roof, driveway and garage floor. In kitchen and bath - all appliances stay. Finished lower level, copper plumbing and sprinkler system. Formal dining room and covered patio overlooking lovely landscaped yard. $129,900

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ST. CLAIR COUNTY WATERFRONT

$1,850,000

FRENCH COUNTRY MANOR
ST. CLAIR RIVER

No detail was missed when this French Country Manor was built on the St. Clair River. Custom design built in 2003, this home has it all including 8,865 square feet, three fireplaces.

ML#30179047 **GP-2958**

$1,750,000

STATELY ENGLISH TUDOR
ST. CLAIR RIVER

Largest parcel on the river, 3.5 acres in St. Clair Twp., Seven bedroom and five baths, over 7,000 square feet plus lower level. Seven car garage and detached carriage house.

ML#30149343 **GP-2852**

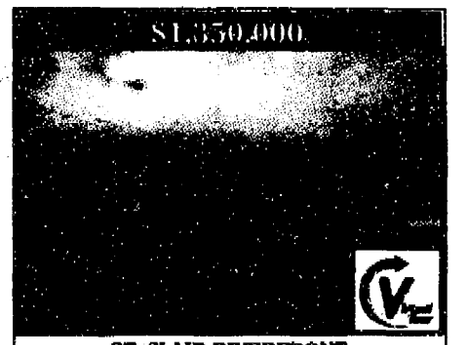
$1,490,000

ST. CLAIR RIVER
E. CHINA TWP

Awesome home on the St. Clair river with township taxes. 7400 square feet, three fireplaces, solarium, sunroom, deck and patio. Four car garage.

ML#30230306 **GP-3164**

$1,350,000



ST. CLAIR RIVERFRONT
E. CHINA

Waterfront living is even better when so many rooms have a view of the St. Clair River. First floor master suite and guest bedroom, two upstairs guest rooms all have a view.

ML#30206949 **GP-3046**

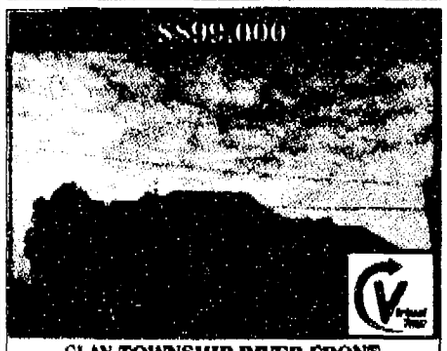
$1,250,000

WATERFRONT LIVING
EAST CHINA TWP

Glorious views of the St. Clair River from almost every room. 4,100 square feet, updated Colonial with 110" of sandy beach. Custom kitchen with Grabil cabinets.

ML#30223247 **GP-2879**

$899,000

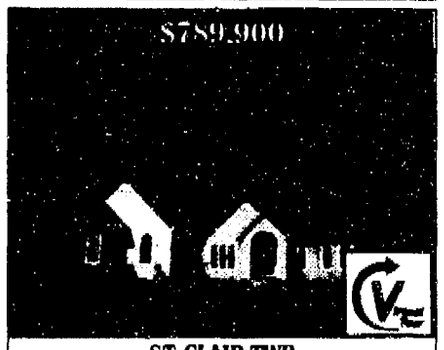


CLAY TOWNSHIP RIVER FRONT

Inside & Out... this St. Clair River home impresses you. Close to the river and freighters, this brick beauty offers three bedrooms, three baths, balcony and patio on the river.

ML#30250448 **GP-3251**

$789,900

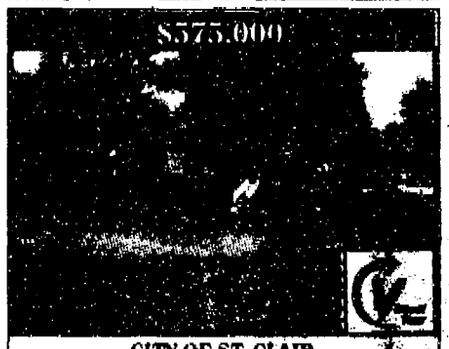


ST. CLAIR TWP

Run your business from this ideal location and live in this grand house. 3,082 square feet, three bedroom, three and one half bath almost new home filled with Brazilian cherry floors.

ML#30217018 **GP-3101**

$575,000

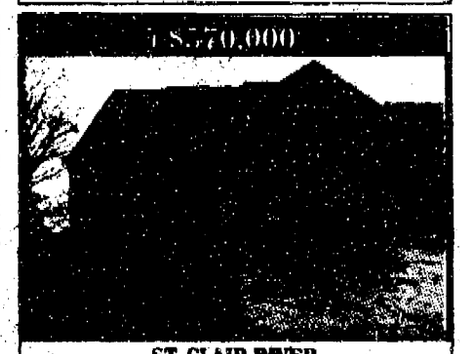


CITY OF ST. CLAIR
WATERFRONT

Waterfront home on the St. Clair River. Panoramic views! 3,000 square feet, open floor plan, four bedrooms, three and one half baths, 31 x 36 great room with cathedral ceiling.

ML#30242841 **GP-3223**

$570,000



ST. CLAIR RIVER
NEW CONSTRUCTION

Beautiful all brick five bedroom home on the St. Clair River. Formal dining room, first floor master bedroom, three and one half baths, first floor laundry, walkout basement.

ML#30236628 **GP-3195**

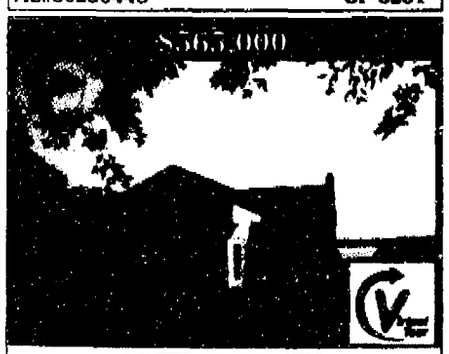
$569,900

ST. CLAIR RIVER

Boat Lovers Take Notice. A protected harbor for your yacht, a 3,050 square foot home with 2,200 square foot finished lower level walkout.

ML#30209730 **GP-3062**

$565,000

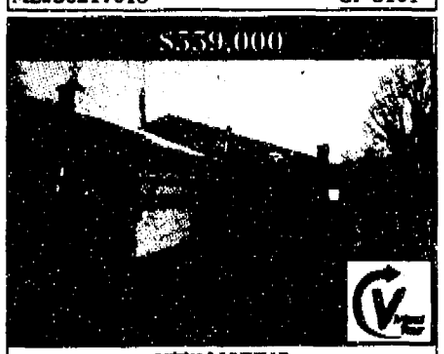


WATERFRONT GEM
ST. CLAIR TWP

Have coffee on your deck overlooking the St. Clair River each morning. This 2,475 square foot three bedroom, two and one half bath home features hardwood floors and Andersen windows.

ML#30237234 **GP-3199**

$539,000

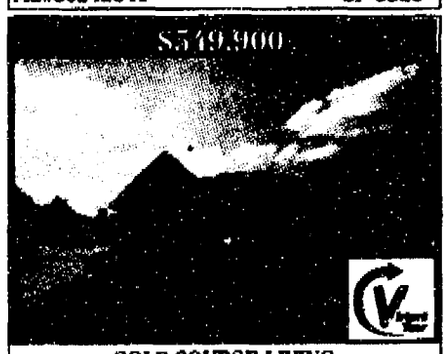


NEW LISTING
ST. CLAIR RIVER FRONT

Nautical themed home in city of St. Clair featuring 1,860 square feet, with additional in finished lower walkout. Three bedrooms, three baths. Covered hoist, deck and dock. Meticulously maintained.

ML#30255188 **GP-3267**

$549,900

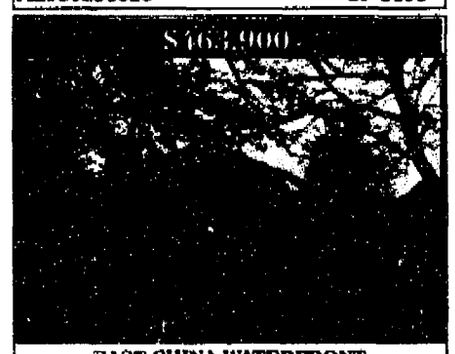


GOLF COURSE LIVING

Bigger and better on the 14th hole of St. Clair River Country Club. 3,450 square feet plus 2,800 square feet on finished lower level. Four bedrooms, four and one half baths. Master suite on main floor.

ML#30239149 **GP-3209**

$463,900



EAST CHINA WATERFRONT

St. Clair River front brick Tudor three plus bedrooms, two and one half baths, 70' of river frontage, first floor master, hardwood floors and ceramic. **Handicap**

ML#30237497 **GP-3012**

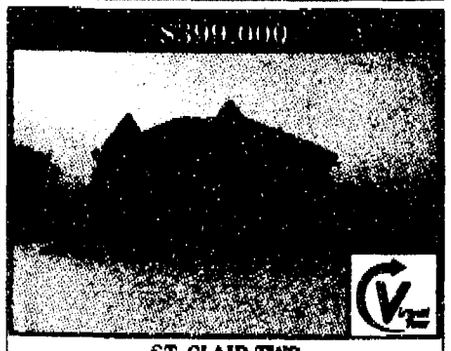
$449,900

ST. CLAIR RIVERFRONT

St. Clair River front home with spectacular view! 1,718 square feet, three bedrooms, two and one half ceramic baths. Enjoy a million dollar view for half the price!

ML#30238732 **GP-3208**

$399,000



ST. CLAIR TWP

Spacious Victorian on 1 acre parcel within walking distance of downtown and view of the St. Clair River. 3,350 square feet, four full and two half baths with full basement.

ML#30254855 **GP-3266**

$379,900

CITY OF ST. CLAIR

First floor master suite. Highlands brick two story offers large lot , 3,000 square feet, four bedrooms all with attached baths, hardwood floors and ceramic tile flooring, a large first floor laundry.

ML#30233915 **GP-3184**

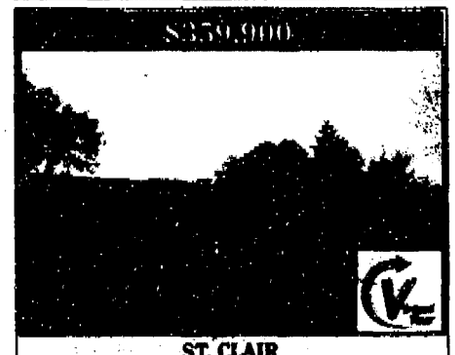
$369,900

ST. CLAIR COLONIAL

This is not a plain Colonial... this four bedroom, three and one half bath home has had major upgrades throughout. Ceramic tile on the main floor and in the basement, hardwood floors up.

ML#300233659 **GP-3182**

$359,900



ST. CLAIR

Beautiful Colonial on large lot with St. Clair River view in front and Alice Moore Nature Reserve in back. Updated 1999 with fabulous kitchen and master suite. Second floor laundry.

ML#30245956 **GP-3234**

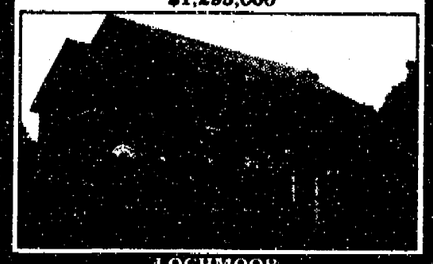
$359,000

UNIQUE ST. CLAIR WATERFRONT
MARINE CITY

Three bedrooms, two and one half baths. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, Three car attached garage. Beautifully landscaped. Former Detroit Edison sub-station.

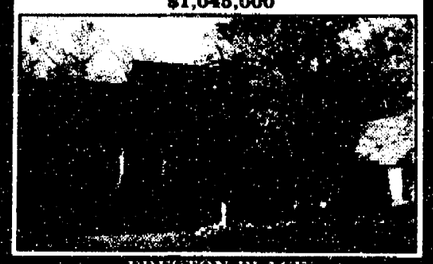
ML#30243740 **GP-3227**

$1,295,000



LOCHMOOR
GROSSE POINTE SHORES

$1,045,000

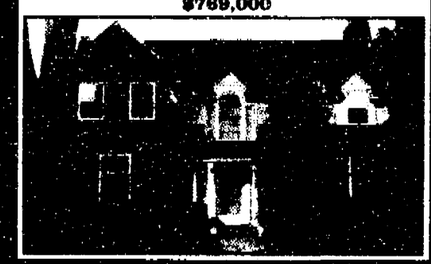


PRESTON PLACE
GROSSE POINTE SHORES

$695,000

STRATFORD
GROSSE POINTE CITY

$769,000



KENSINGTON
GROSSE POINTE PARK

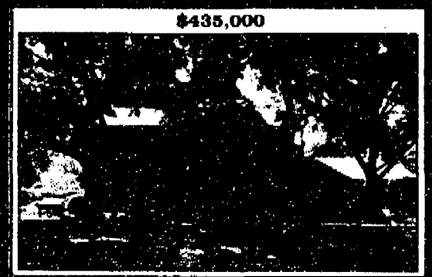
$495,000

PEMBERTON
GROSSE POINTE PARK

$889,900

DEAN LANE
GROSSE POINTE FARMS

$435,000

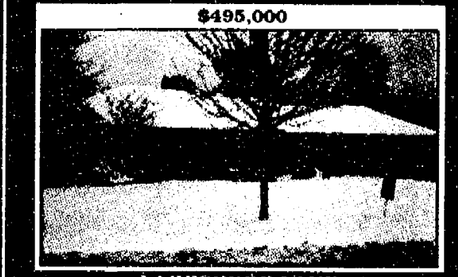


BERKSHIRE
GROSSE POINTE PARK

$420,000

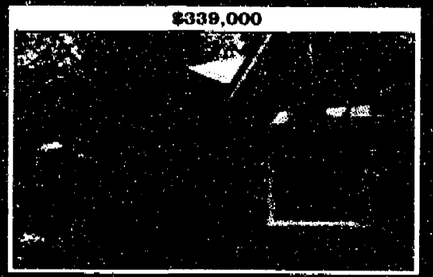
FAIRFORD
GROSSE POINTE WOODS

$495,000



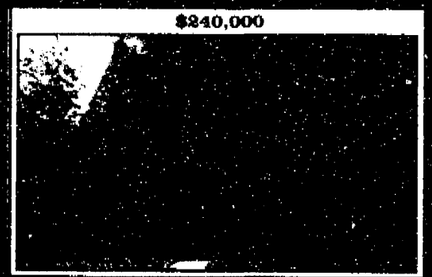
LAKESHORE LANE
GROSSE POINTE SHORES

$339,000



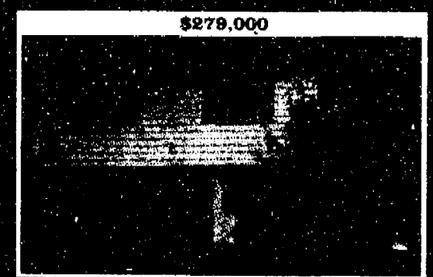
* MOROSS
GROSSE POINTE FARMS

$240,000



UNIVERSITY
GROSSE POINTE CITY

$279,000



* LITTLESTONE
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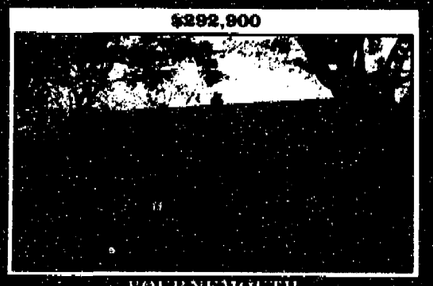
$292,900



BOURNEMOUTH
GROSSE POINTE FARMS

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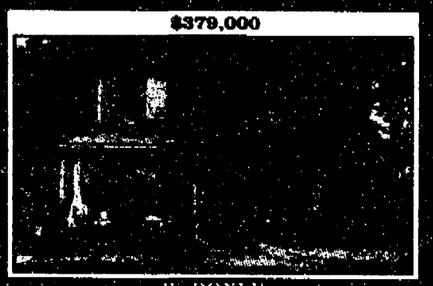

W. DOYLE
GROSSE POINTE WOODS

NEW PRICING • $239,000

CADIEUX
GROSSE POINTE PARK

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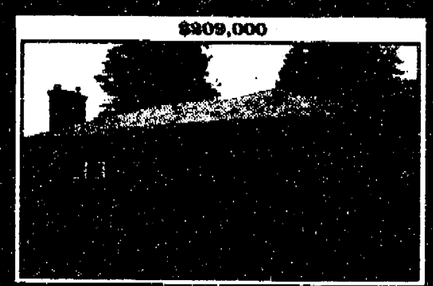

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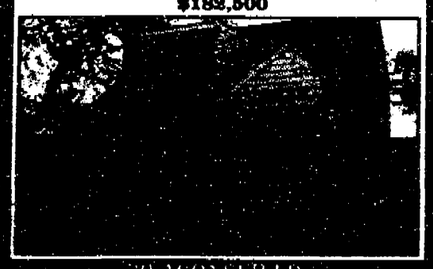

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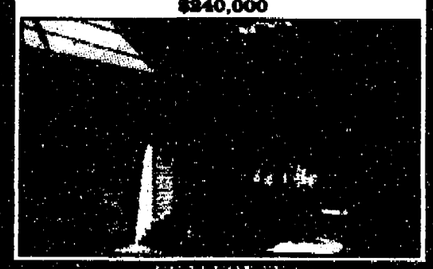

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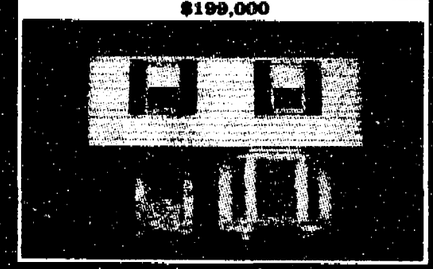

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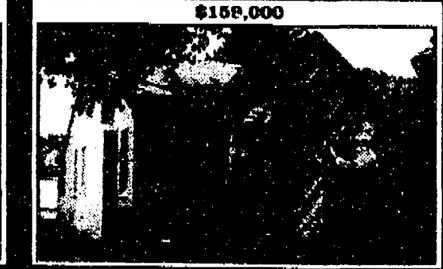

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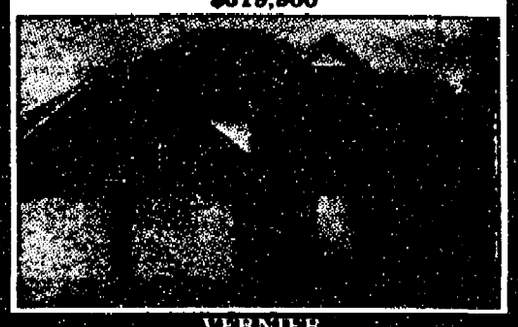
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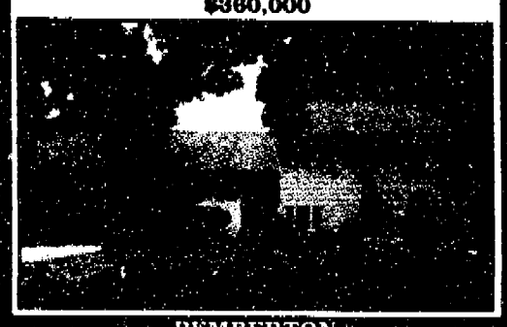
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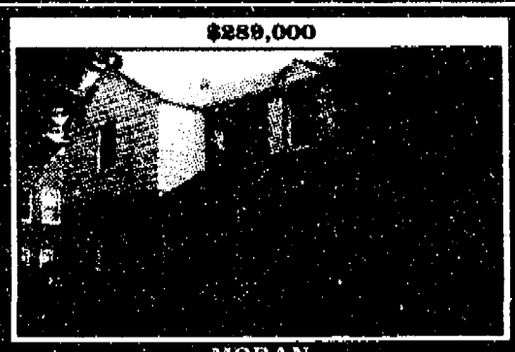
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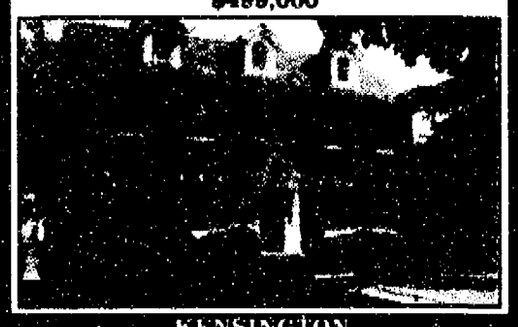
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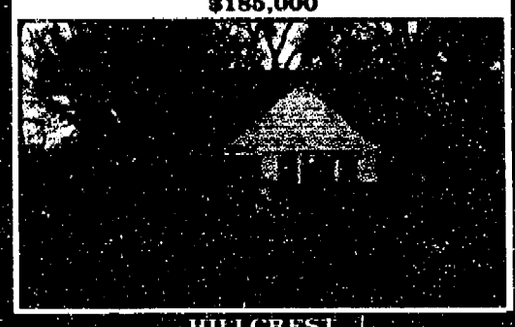
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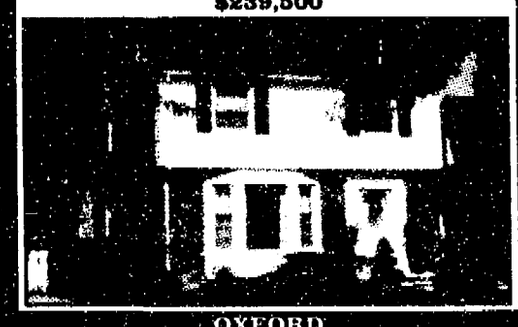
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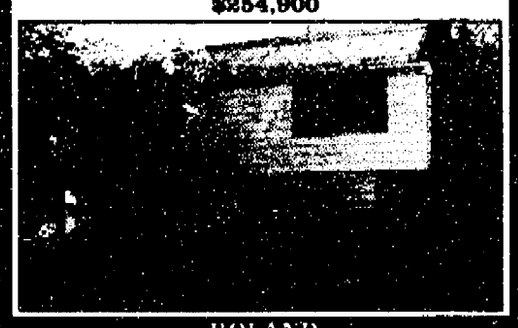
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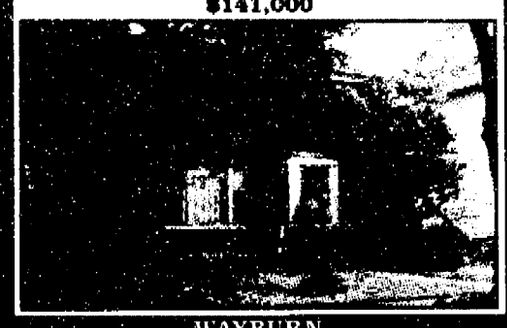
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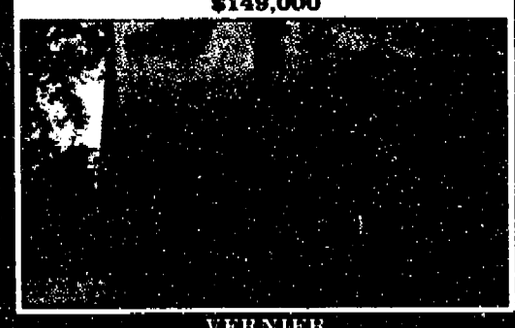
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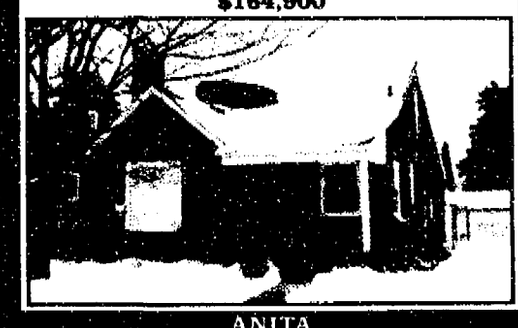
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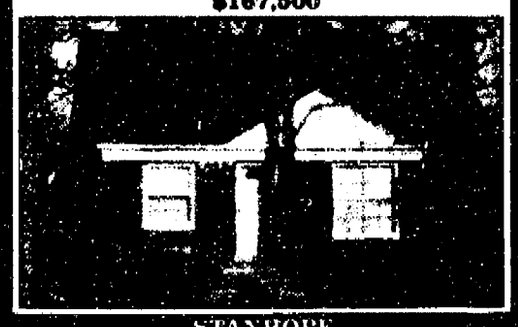
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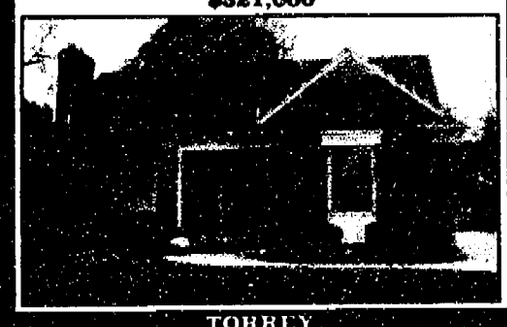
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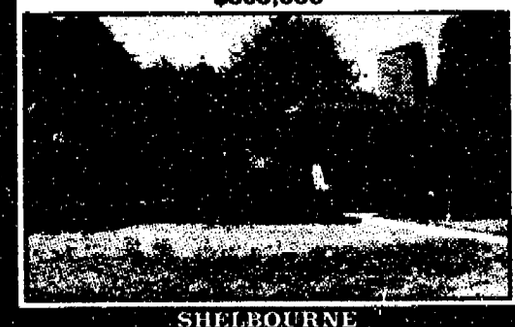
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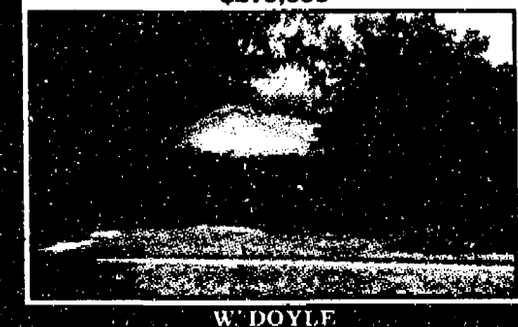
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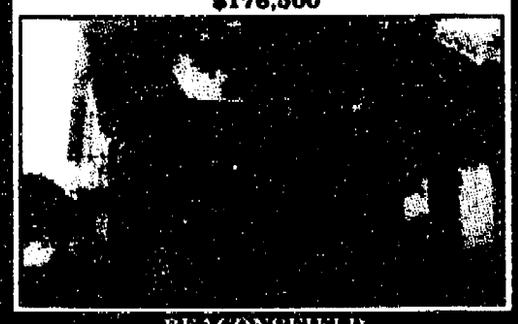
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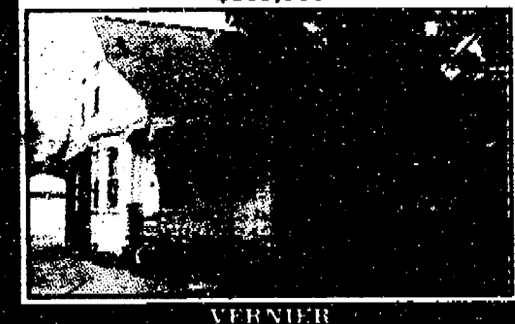
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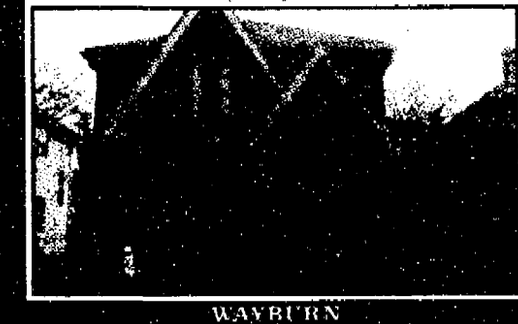
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HARD TO FIND large ranch nestled in a lovely park-like setting. Updated throughout. New paint, carpet, crown moldings and lighting. Open floor plan with three bedroom, two and one half baths and huge family room with fireplace. $479,900.

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