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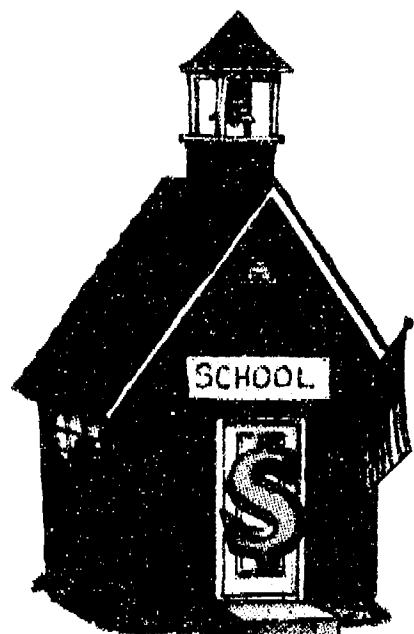
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The Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at the Park city hall at 7 p.m.

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Thursday, Jan. 27

The Grosse Pointe Public School System holds a Community Forum on the upcoming school millage election at the public school administration building at 389 St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe at 7 p.m.

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Parents seek post-Labor Day start of school

**Beth Quinn
Staff Writer**

Though the school year hasn't yet reached the half way mark, a group of Grosse Pointe parents is looking ahead to next year's school calendar.

The group, spearheaded by Grosse Pointe Farm resident Paula Cornwall, started an e-mail campaign petitioning the Grosse Pointe Public School board to have the 2005-06 school year start after Labor Day.

"For the last three years, people have been saying that they don't like the pre-Labor Day start; so I decided to do something about it," said Cornwall.

She also feels that the school board should survey residents on their preferences concerning the school calendar.

Cornwall had discovered that many people have embraced her idea.

"I have a friend who said that she has received my e-mail 30 times," Cornwall said.

Presently, the school year begins Tuesday before Labor Day. The middle and high schools have full days of classes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The elementary schools have half days on Tuesday and Wednesday, and a full day on Thursday. All the schools are closed on Friday, making a four day weekend for Labor Day. Classes resume on the Tuesday after Labor Day.

The school calendar is an issue in contract negotiations between the Grosse Pointe Education Association and the school board. The school calendar has yet to be approved for the 2005-06 calendar year.

At issue is the fulfillment of the state law requiring schools to have 1,098 hours of in-class education.

The teachers' union, the

Grosse Pointe Education Association, is strongly opposed to the post-Labor Day schedule. According to GPEA president Rosalie Bryck, most teachers want to start school before Labor Day.

"Since most high school athletics start in August, most families don't go away; so it's natural for school to start before Labor Day," Bryck said.

High school football practice has begun as early as the first Monday in August.

Cornwall thinks that parents should have a voice in establishing the school calendar.

"The district should see what their constituents want," she said.

Cornwall and her group have a proponent in State Rep. Edward Gaffney, who last year sponsored a bill mandating that all Michigan public schools start after Labor Day. The bill died at the end of last year, but he plans to reintroduce it toward the spring.

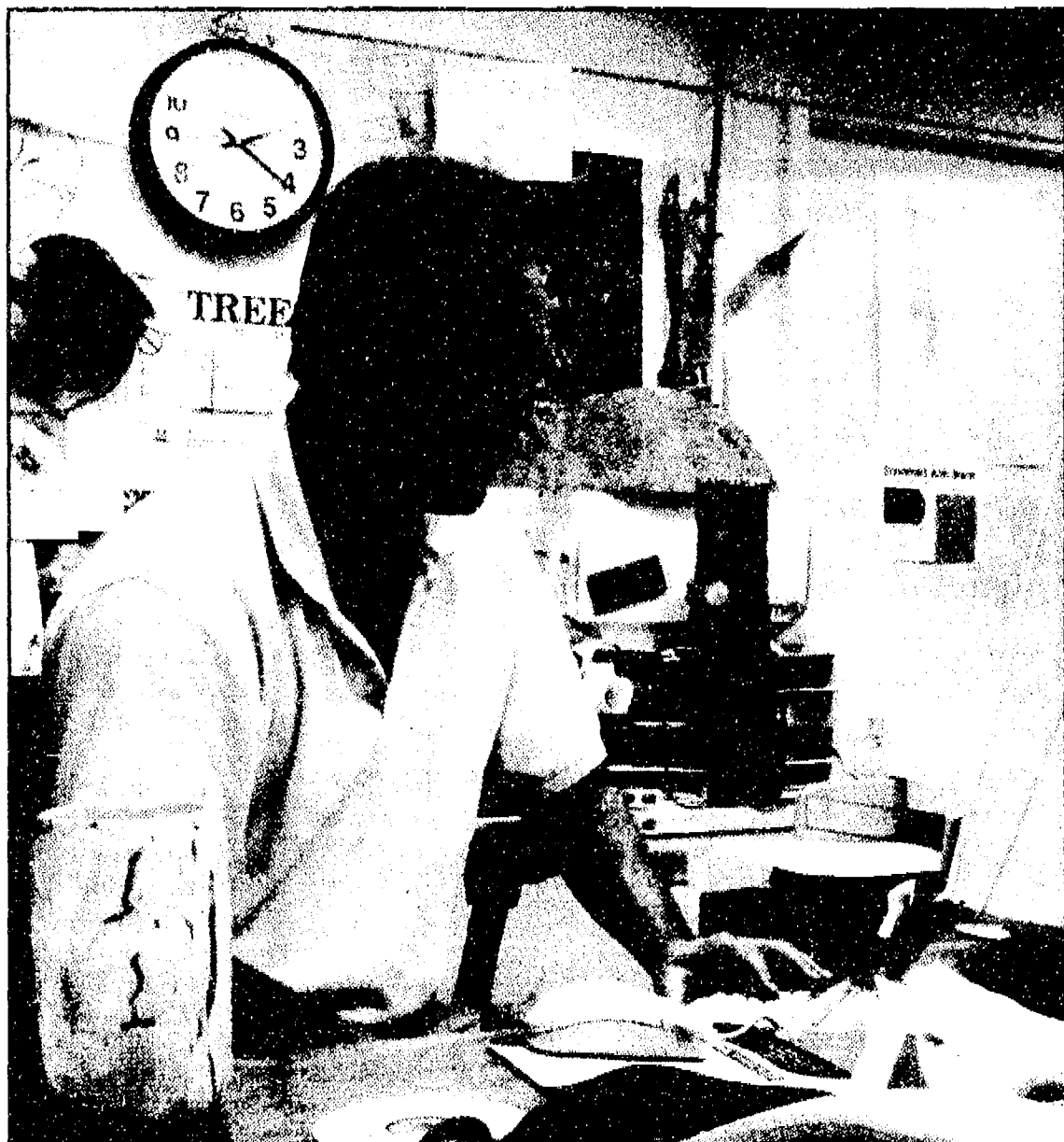
"I think it's a great idea that local constituents lobby local officials," Gaffney said. "I recommend that the public make this an issue in the upcoming school board elections."

The school district is preparing a survey on its Web site where parents can voice their opinion on the school calendar.

"We want data from the parents that we can use as a guide as we negotiate the calendar with the teachers' union," said Grosse Pointe schools executive director of human resources Larry Lobert.

The Grosse Pointe News conducted an unscientific survey of Grosse Pointe residents who have children in Grosse Pointe high, middle

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The remnants of tunnels that emerald ash borers ate through an ash tree appear as dark lines on an ash mug of Brian Colter, Grosse Pointe Park city forester.

State's ash borer help could be a hindrance

'It doesn't make sense,' Brian Colter, forester

**By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer**

The governor's office could be barking up the wrong tree by expecting municipalities to coordinate a state program helping homeowners dispose of ash trees riddled with emerald ash borers.

"It's an unfunded mandate," said Frank Schulte, public works supervisor in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Under direction of Gov. Jennifer Granholm, 26 tree companies have been contracted to cut down and haul away trees killed or being killed in southeast Michigan during at least seven years of attack from emerald ash borers.

Companies have been retained for three years with a two-year option.

Communities in a 20-county zone of infestation comprising almost all of Michigan's borer-infested southeast quadrant are eligible to sign up for the voluntary campaign.

Upon joining, local officials will be drafted as matchmakers between vendors and homeowners. Administrators also will have to survey private property, including back yards, to inventory ash trees.

"It's putting the burden on local municipalities," Schulte said. "They want us to pre-collect (payment from homeowners.) It doesn't make sense for us to do this."

"It's going to add additional workload to people like me who already have municipal trees to worry about," said Brian Colter, city forester of Grosse Pointe Park. "We're being asked to facilitate this, but we're not getting any money to hire someone to help us."

The payoff is expected to be lower removal costs to tree owners who will benefit from contractors pooling resources through the state's competitive pre-selection process.

"We worked with the department of management and budget and department of agriculture in crafting a con-

Reporter Brad Lindberg was recently awarded a second place in environmental reporting in 2004 by the Suburban Newspapers of America for his coverage of the emerald ash borer invasion.

tract that is fair and equitable for everybody," said Patricia Lockwood, Granholm's emerald ash borer policy director. "It's a cooperative effort between local and state government to help our residents. We're open to constructive criticism of the program to make it better."

State-accepted prices to remove trees and grind stumps on private land range from \$60 to \$1,500 per specimen depending on size and location.

The program is open to cities at \$60 to \$1,000 per tree. It costs 40 to 90 cents per mile to haul tree remnants to the nearest of five marshaling yards set up in the region.

"It's price fixing," said Chuck Irish,

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Susan Macdonald

Home: Grosse Pointe Park
Age: 50s
Family: Daughter Nicole, 26; son Ramsay, 17
Occupation: Director of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's Art Center; artist
Quote: "We want the public here (at the Grosse Pointe Art Center). Our lectures are open to the public, and we are delighted to see visitors."
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Susan Macdonald



Labor

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and elementary schools. Of the respondents, 90 percent were in favor of starting after Labor Day.

Many parents don't understand the starts and stops at the beginning of the school year, and they would rather have the entire week off before Labor Day.

"It's simply a waste of time to do those half days, full days and then take a four-day weekend. It loses momentum in the learning process," said Grosse Pointe Park resident Carol Kern.

The 10 percent of parents who agreed with the teachers' union cited their children's sports schedule as a major reason for being in favor of the pre-Labor Day start.

"I am happy that we start before Labor Day. With kids in fall sports, they are home and practicing anyway beginning in early August, and by the third week, they are ready to go back," said Elaine Schweitzer of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Many parents would prefer to see fewer vacation days during the school year in order to start after Labor Day.

"I'd like to shorten the

February break. I never really understood why they went to school in August and had time off in February," said Ann Rock of Grosse Pointe Park.

Bryck explains that the teachers' union is in favor of the mid-winter break in February because the children need a break from school between winter and spring break.

"As educators, we see the kids getting crankier and crankier without a break," she said.

Gaffney believes that the numerous school vacations cause a burden for parents and are especially hard on working parents.

"If you don't have a safety net, it's a burden," he said.

Cornwall has a solution that would accommodate all interest groups. She suggests eliminating the extra vacation days attached to the Thanksgiving and spring breaks.

Currently, the students have an extra day and a half off at Thanksgiving. They have a half day on Tuesday and a full day on Wednesday off in addition to Thursday and Friday. The week before spring break, they have a half day off on Wednesday and a full day off on Thursday and Friday. Cornwall suggests eliminating these extra days off.

"This way," Cornwall said, "they could also start after Labor Day."

Weather fluctuations spawn early potholes

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

While most people have enjoyed the occasional 40- to 50-degree respites from winter, the wild swings in temperatures have been brutal on area roads.

"There are a lot of potholes," said Joe Ahee, Grosse Pointe Woods director of public service. "We put a crew out every day."

Potholes are created when moisture seeps into the pavement, freezing, expanding, and then thawing. This weakens the pavement. Warm temperatures heat the cold pavement, melting and evaporating any frozen water. This creates air pockets that can eventually cause the pavement to break up. Traffic loosens the pavement even more, and it eventually crumbles and pops out.

During cold weather, temporary repairs are made with cold patch asphalt, because the weather is too cold to use hot asphalt. During warmer temperatures, hot asphalt is used for permanent repairs.

But with fluctuating temperatures, Ahee said, "We fill them, and they pop back out."

If a pothole is on a municipal street, call the local Department of Public Works. Call Wayne County Roads to report potholes on Mack, Lakeshore/Jefferson and Moross.

"We haven't gotten that many calls, but we do call Wayne County for the potholes on Mack," Ahee said.



Photo by Bonnie Caprara

Wild swings in temperatures have resulted in a bumper crop of potholes on area streets such as this one on Mack near Hampton in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"They've been quick about coming out. They're usually out here in a day or two."

As in the Woods, Grosse Pointe Shores Director of Public Works Brett Smith said his road crews patch village roads on a daily basis but the big work will begin with hot patching in the spring.

"We're still in pretty good shape, but I'm sure that won't be the case in the spring," Smith said.

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State budget drives Gaffney's second term

For Grosse Pointes' state representative, the business of Michigan is business

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Achieving elected office is considered a democracy's second highest honor, the greatest honor reserved for membership in the electorate.

And it was an occasion of ritual and rite of passage

last week when members of Michigan's 93rd Legislature accepted the oath of office and their duties as the citizens' representatives.

"It is the solemnity of this assumption to duty to the people of Michigan that makes this event consequential," said Clifford Taylor,

Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court.

"We have a lot of work to do," said Edward Gaffney, taking his seat in the House as the Grosse Pointes' second-term Republican state representative. "I think my second term will be characterized by budget belt tight-

ening. All of our policy decisions will have to be influenced by what budget is available."

Michigan's constitution mandates balanced state budgets. Gov. Jennifer Granholm anticipates a nearly \$1 billion shortfall.

Gaffney and a number of his Republican colleagues say state money problems can be solved in the long term by developing a stronger state economy.

As next year's budget approaches, there's been talk of such short-term options as cutting services and increasing taxes, such as on businesses or purchase of services.

"People didn't send me to Lansing to increase taxes," Gaffney said.

Granholm has repeated her analogy, expressed in two consecutive State of the State speeches, that state government must live within its means, as members of a household are expected to do.

"There are some areas we can cut, maybe in corrections," Gaffney said. "Prison should not be like a country club. That's for sure. Maybe higher education could take a hit. We have to be careful of the community health budget. We don't want anybody to die for lack of medical care."

He anticipates continued cuts in statutory state revenue sharing to local communities.

"Revenue sharing was instituted at a time when we had a lot more money to spend," Gaffney said. "I think it's on the chopping block."

"I've told my community not to rely on its statutory revenue sharing when building budgets," said Rep. Joe Hune, R-Fowlerville.

Hune and Gaffney teamed up on many pieces of legislation during their first terms. Now they sit next to each other in the House.

"Talking with Ed over the last several months, we will continue working to find better solutions to our state budget and not balance it on the backs of taxpayers," Hune said. "We're going to be building budgets from zero and trying to determine where our priorities really lie as opposed to using the rhetoric of cutting budgets."

"We want to hold harmless K-12 education funding," Gaffney said. "By cutting that, you would be mortgaging our future."

Gaffney wants to make Michigan more financially attractive to commercial investment but wants to make sure every business pays its fair amount of unemployment tax.

"We need a better business climate," he said.

"Michigan's economy is abysmal," said Rep. Christopher Ward, R-Brighton, Majority Floor Leader. "Until we get the economy charging again, the

budget will be out of whack. We have to take a look at where we stand in a competitive environment with other states and countries in this global economy in terms of regulations. Michigan is known as a high-regulations state."

"Speed up decline of the small business tax," Gaffney said.

"Take out the penalty of purchasing health care for employees in the single business tax," Ward said.

"The interesting juxtaposition is needing more revenues and raising taxes," said Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton.

Patterson is former House floor leader and, before that, colleague of the Pointes' former state representative Andrew Richner on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

"A lot of people say you have to raise tax rates to collect more revenue," Patterson said. "No. You want to stimulate the economy. You do that by lowering tax rates. That gets everybody to flourish, which results in more revenue being generated at lower tax rates."

Of 110 House members, 36 are beginning their first term. Gaffney hopes to be renamed to the health policy committee.

"It's a major, major committee," said Patterson, vice-chair of the Senate health policy committee.

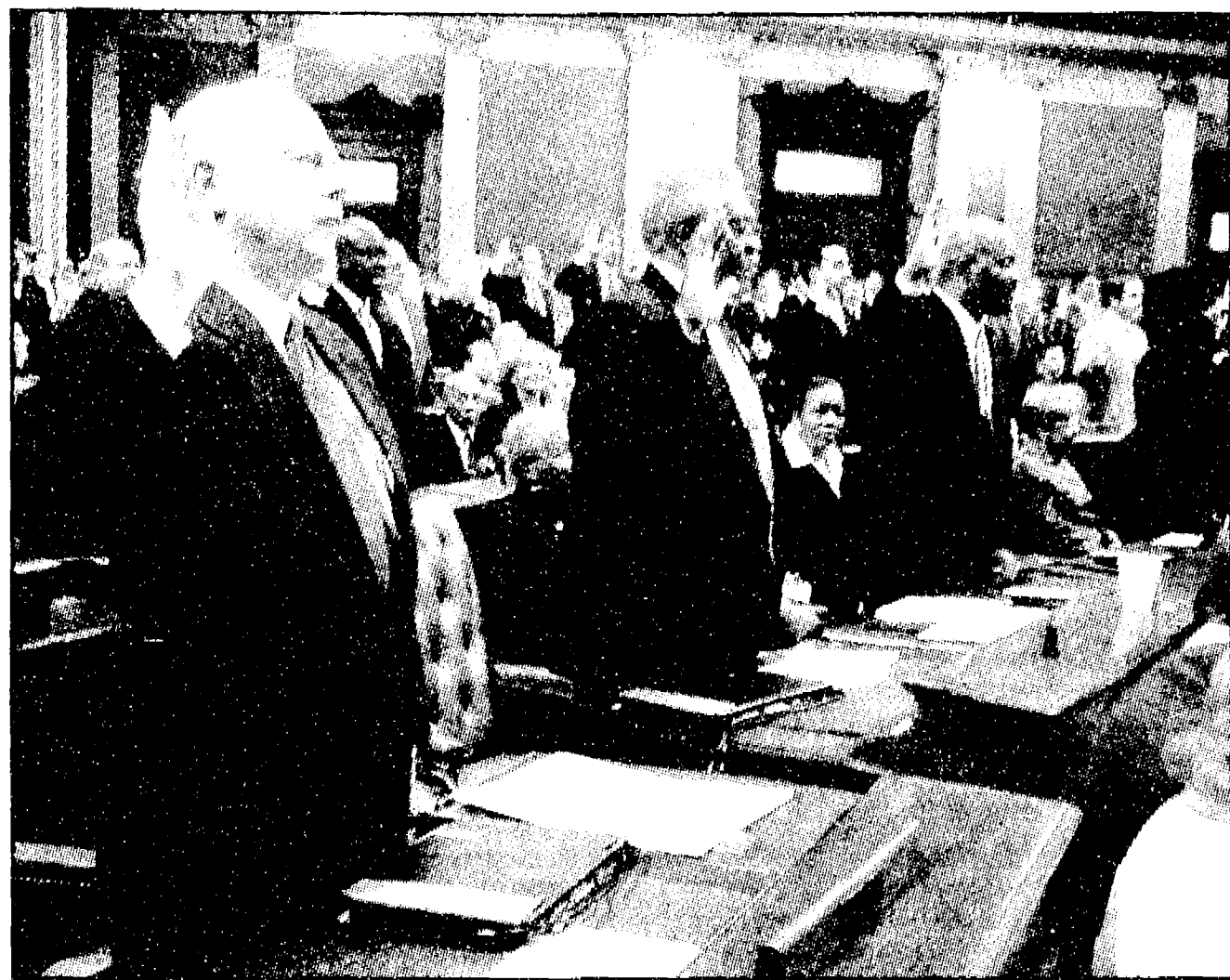


Photo by Brad Lindberg

Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, is sworn in for his second term in the Michigan House of Representatives. During the ceremony representatives sat according to their district numbers, which put Gaffney, of District 1, next to Rep. LaMar Lemmons Jr., D-Detroit, and grandson Rep. LaMar Lemmons III, D-Detroit.

Jacobson's site one of many City issues for 2005

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Whether you live in the Village, City Farms, Shores or Woods, it takes a Village to have a downtown Grosse Pointe.

"For many years, people have looked at the Village as the retail heart of the Pointes," said Dale Scrace, City mayor.

Scrace characterized the City's three-block central business district on Kercheval as one of many important elements binding the greater Pointe community.

"We're not little islands," Scrace said. "This is a quilted community, a patchwork of various retailers and professional offices with numerous opportunities for families, including the Neighborhood Club and War Memorial. It all fits together."

Scrace's goals for the City during 2005 include filling a vacant, block-long building in the Village that had been occupied for years by Jacobson's department store.

"As it has continued to be for several years, one of the biggest challenges and exciting opportunities for the Village, City and Grosse Pointes in general is the former Jacobson's building," Scrace said.

A couple of developers have proposed renovating the structure, empty and unused for nearly three years since the multi-state Jacobson's department store chain closed in bankruptcy. CVS Pharmacy owns the structure.

The most recent plan is from Cullan Meathe, a Farms businessman who grew up within walking distance of the Village.

"We expect sometime late

this month (Meathe) will make an informal public presentation to us of his mixed-use development,

the first floor, an office or compatible use on the second floor and a significant number of residential units," Scrace said.

The presentation is scheduled tentatively for a city council meeting Monday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at city hall.

Meathe last year proposed condominiums reaching six stories.

In order to make the idea profitable, the City needed to essentially donate its parking deck to the cause. The deck is valued at approximately \$5 million, or \$881 for each of the City's 5,670 residents based on the 2000 Census.

"There were issues we felt needed to be sent back to the drawing board," Scrace said. "But it will result in a more significant project."

There's more than Jacobson's on tap for the Village.

Updated design standards for the business district, including new sign regulations allowing blade signs, are being developed jointly by representatives of the city, merchants and landlords.

"It's not an ordinance," Scrace said. "It's a guideline."

Upon approval, guidelines will be given to prospective developers and existing property owners seeking to alter their structures.

"It will help applicants move projects more quickly through the approval process," Scrace said.

Also in the Village, Scrace said city administrators are considering ways to provide an additional 150,000

square feet of retail space, as recommended last year in a marketing study analyzing the district's strengths and

"We definitely have other users who want to come into the Village, but there's no place for them," Scrace said. "On another positive note, most vacant stores are either spoken for or are in the process of being redesigned."

Commercial interests in other parts of the City include enhancing the shopping area along Fisher Road across from Grosse Pointe South High School.

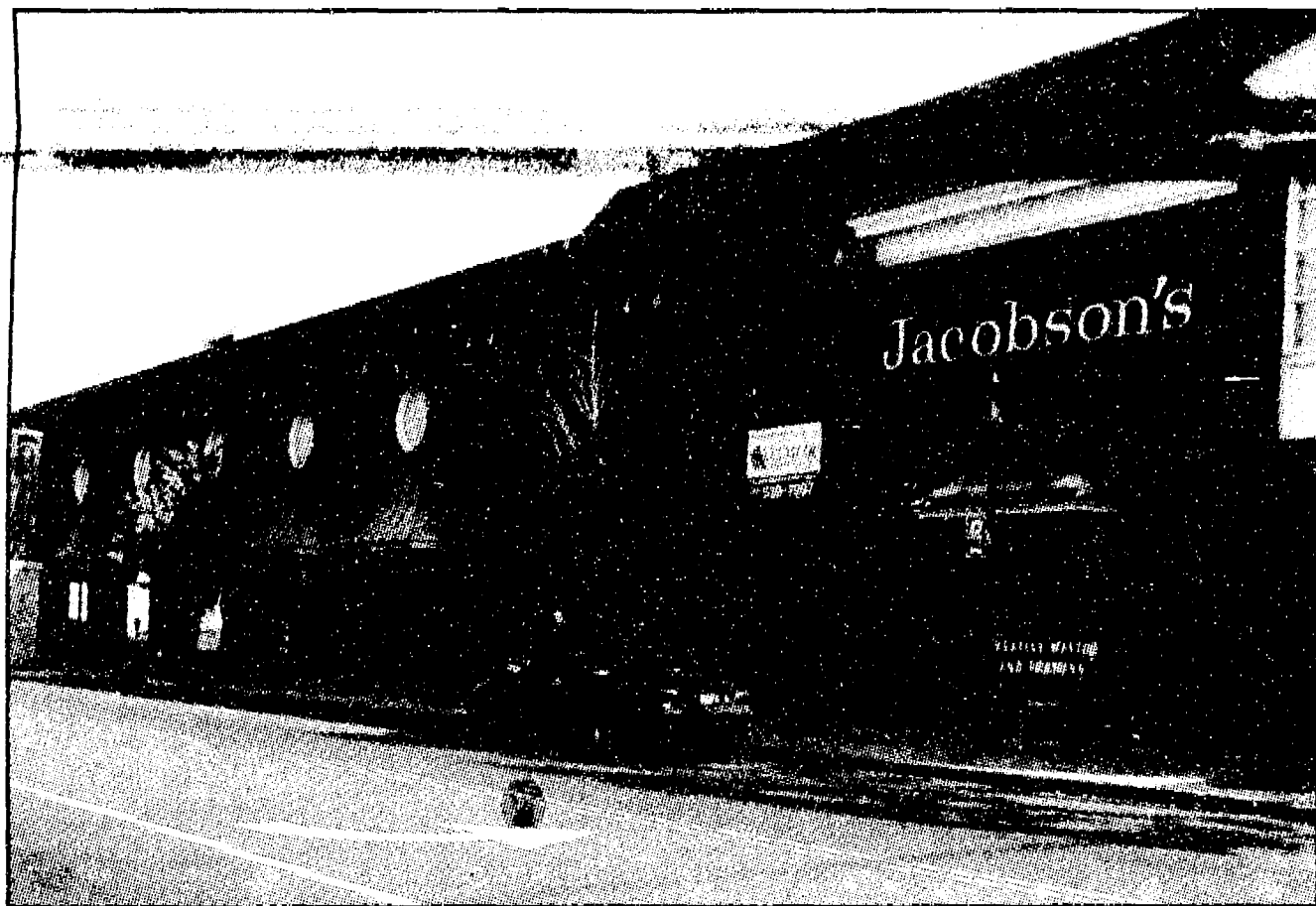
"It's a quaint block," Scrace said. "It has an eclectic mix. It's anchored on one end by a health club and by a bank on the other corner. In between, there's everything."

Businesses on Fisher include a dress shop, market, restaurant, salon, shoe repair store, flower shop, dry cleaner, offices and more.

"I'd like a new sidewalk or more benches," Scrace said. "It's not a major overhaul, but subtle changes, including signage, to encourage a pedestrian presence."

At the core of municipal operations is the budget.

"We continue to have chal-



Working with developers on the future of the block-long former Jacobson's site is at the top of the City of Grosse Pointe's to-do list for 2005.

lenges with budgets — revenue sharing decreases and ever-increasing health care costs," Scrace said. "We've been blessed with being able to deal with those and still keep our taxes as low as absolutely possible. All of us on the council pay taxes. Any tax impact to our citizens goes to us, too."

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Macdonald said her interest in art began when she was a child. Artistic abil-

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The Grosse Pointe Art Center also provides space

"I want people to know how happy we are that the Park mayor has been so

His company has been injecting ash trees with Imidacloprid, a powerful

"Art centers all bring a focus of creative energy not only to the areas in which they're located, but frequently to their states as well."

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Grosse Pointe Park resident Brian Douglas Cornwith, 54, died on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005.

He was born on Jan. 28, 1950, to Barry Owen and Vivian Irene Cornwith in Detroit. He graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1968. He attended R.E.T.S. Electronics School.

Mr. Cornwith was partner and owner of Barco Machining. He served in the United States Army.

His interests included boating, rollerblading, canoeing, camping and other outdoor sports and activities.

Mr. Cornwith is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Cornwith and Jaimie Cornwith; his son, Jason Cornwith; his mother, Vivian Irene Cornwith; and his sister, Colleen (Carlos) Danel.

He was predeceased by his father, Barry Owen Cornwith.

A memorial service was held on Jan. 15 at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Hospice, 37650 Garfield, Clinton Township, MI 48036.

Mildred H. Neveux DeFour

Mildred H. Neveux DeFour, 88, of Grosse Pointe Woods died on Tuesday, Jan.

11, 2005, in her home.

She was born on June 28, 1916, to Edward and Amelia Haas in Detroit.

She attended Grosse Pointe High School, Southeastern High School, Girls Reserves, and Detroit Business Institute.

Mrs. DeFour was employed by United Community Services in Detroit. She was a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Augustinian Club and the Rosary Altar Society.

She is survived by her daughters, Marie (Charles) Fotion and Patricia Neveux Marshall; her sons, Michael Neveux, Robert Neveux, Stephen (Joni) Neveux, and David (Colleen) Neveux; her stepdaughter, Maureen (Frank) Neuhaus; her stepsons, Ralph (Jan) DeFour and Brian (Sandy) DeFour; her grandchildren, Deanna, James and Trisha Fotion; Eric, Emily and Ellen Neveux; Alexander, Eric and Andrea Marshall; and David, Erin, Michael and Rachael Neveux; her four great-grandchildren; her sisters, Marie Mlynarek, Catherine Haywald, and Shirley Krauss; and her brother, William (Margaret) Haas.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Clyde Neveux; her second husband, Morris DeFour; her son, Timothy Neveux; her step-son, Wayne (Debra) DeFour; her sister, Colletta Alef; and her brother, Edward (Lorraine) Haas.

Visitation was at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Park and a funeral Mass was celebrated at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church on Jan. 14. Interment is in Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

Sharon S. Hammel

Sharon S. Hammel, 49, of Grosse Pointe Woods died on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005, in St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Mrs. Hammel was born on Feb. 5, 1955, to Walter and Genevieve Sygiel in Detroit. She received an associate's degree from a junior college.

She was employed as a special education classroom

assistant for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. She had a love for her family and animals.

Mrs. Hammel is survived by her husband, Robert Hammel; her daughter, Erica Hammel; her son, Robert Hammel Jr.; her sister, Dianne Tomasik; and her brother, Ronald (Patricia) Sygiel.

She was predeceased by her parents, Walter and Genevieve Sygiel.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, Jan. 20 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 467 Fairfield Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, instate will be at 8:30 a.m. until the time of Mass at 9:30 a.m. Interment will be in Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit, MI 48207-3496.

Patricia A. Higbee

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Patricia A. Higbee, 77, died on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, in Bon Secours Nursing Center, St. Clair Shores.

Miss Higbee was born on Oct. 26, 1927, in Detroit. She was employed by Sears, Roebuck and Co. as a department manager in the candy department at the Macomb Mall, and later at Oakland Mall in the women's lingerie department. She retired in the late 1980s.

She was an enthusiastic Eastland Mall walker, and enjoyed golf, bowling and gardening.

Miss Higbee is survived by two sisters, Elizabeth M. Higbee of Mount Clemens and Dorothy I. (Dr. Jerrold) Maben of Greenwich, Conn.; three brothers, Beeler D. Higbee of Bloomfield, Donald (Ruth) Higbee of Warren and James W. (Ruthann) Higbee of Macomb Twp.; her nieces and nephews, David (Janet) Higbee, Susan (Larry) Thering, Mary Ann (Ed) Nemer-Kaiser, Barbara (Robert) Smith, James Higbee, Kenneth (Cheryl) Higbee, Judi (David) Jones, John (Mary) Higbee, Mary Ann Higbee, Ellen (Frank) Strong, David Higbee, Karen Maben, Jerrold Maben, Mark (Julie) Maben, Jean (Jeff) Rick, Patricia (William) DeWitt, Nancy Brady, James Higbee Jr. and Bruce Higbee; and 26 great-nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, Dr. Beeler and Lillian Jenne Higbee; her brother, Dean Higbee; her nephew, Edward Higbee; and three sisters-in-law, Marjorie, Bernice and Lorene Higbee.

Funeral services were held at the Harold W. Vick Funeral Home, Mount Clemens. Interment is in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Macomb, 11350, 22 Mile Rd., Utica, MI 48317 or St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.



Paul Charles Jankowski

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Grosse Pointe Shores resident Paul Charles Jankowski, 74, died on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005.

Mr. Jankowski was an avid golfer at the Lochmoor Club, an active giver to multiple charities, a friend to everyone, and loved by many.

Though he was an orphan, he succeeded in life by working hard and having perseverance.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jankowski; his sons, Paul (Lisa) Jankowski Jr., Thomas (Tina) Jankowski, and David (Wendy) Jankowski; his grandchildren, Paulie, Marisa, Michael, Peter, Matthew, Stephen, Alexander and Jenna; his sister, Rosemary Uzelac.

He was predeceased by his parents, Peter and Mary Jankowski; and his brothers, Chet, Donald, Peter and Robert Jankowski.

Instate Thursday, Jan. 20, at 11:30 a.m. until time of Mass at noon at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 467 Fairfield, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or the Capuchins, c/o St. Bonaventure Monastery, 1740 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.



Charles Edward Riley

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Charles Edward Riley, 62, died on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005, aboard his sailing yacht, Southern Star.

He has been surrounded by many friends who knew him as Chuck, Charlie, Chuckles, Uncle Chuck or Cheese. His wanderlust was sparked as child in Michigan where his parents began motorcar trips throughout the United States after World War II.

Mr. Riley was introduced to sailing at age five by his late grandfather, Commodore Charles Sieder (Detroit Yacht Club). His sailing skills developed rapidly at the age of 11 on the R Class sloop Spook out of the Detroit Yacht Club. His passion for racing and cruising on the Great Lakes was established forever. He became a true world-class sailor in 1977 when he took his family of five on a 13-month cruise from St. Clair Shores to the Eastern Seaboard, the Bahamas and down to the Caribbean to Granada and returned. His children are all passionate sailors.

Upon relocating to Sausalito, Calif., his horizons expanded to the West Coast and Mexico. He also became an avid motorcycle rider with a whole new circle of friends.

He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1960 and attended Ferris and Wayne State Universities.

His career spanned from disc jockey to advertising at Young & Rubicam in Detroit and San Francisco.

His charitable work included America True, San Francisco Zoo, Ritter House, and various yacht club and racing associations. He was a founding member of the Great Lakes Single Handed Society and Doublehanded Sailing Association, a member of Bayview Yacht Club in Detroit and St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco.

Mr. Riley is survived by his children, Dawn, Dana,

and Todd; his stepdaughter, Krissey Hannon; his daughter-in-law, Tami; his granddaughter, Emma; his sister, Marion Riley Phelps; his brother, Howard Riley Jr.; and their families.

He was predeceased by his daughters, Debbie and Mitla; and his parents, Howard E. and Mildred Sieder Riley.

There was a celebration of his life at the Sausalito Yacht Club on Jan. 19. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 11:30 a.m. at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit, followed by a reception.

Memorial contributions may be made in the name of Charles Riley to the any of the above charities or to the Chuck Riley Memorial Fund c/o Northern Trust Bank, Attn: Banking Dept., 580 California St., Suite 1800, San Francisco, CA 94104. These funds will be used for sailing scholarships in Detroit and San Francisco Bay areas.

Birdie Louise Ross

Former Grosse Pointe resident Birdie Louise Ross, 87, died on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005, at St. John Medical Center and Hospital in Detroit.

She was born on May 1, 1917, in Detroit to Edward and Louise Theimer.

She was a seamstress in the furniture industry and she was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

She is survived by her daughter, Judy (Robert) Sheehy; her son, Donn (Phyllis) Ross; her grandchildren, Kevin Sheehy, Brian Sheehy, Michael Sheehy, Kim Lee and Jeff Ross; five great-grandsons; and her sisters, Betty (William) Kazmer and Helen Baker.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, Jan. 16, at A. H. Peters Funeral Home, Warren. Interment is in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.



Leslie W. Seppala

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Leslie W. Seppala, 88, died on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, at Beechwood Manor in St. Clair Shores.

Mr. Seppala was the retired co-founder of Harper Sport Shop in St. Clair Shores. He and his wife, Kay, purchased the sport shop in 1947 when it was located in Detroit. The shop moved to St. Clair Shores in 1995. Mr. Seppala also taught physically handicapped students for 30 years for the Detroit Board of Education.

He was born in Laurium, the seventh of eight children. He graduated from Calumet High School in 1933, where he played hockey and was an Eagle Scout. He graduated from Wayne State University in 1940 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and a master's degree in special education.

Mr. Seppala met his wife when they were counselors at Camp Grace Bentley, a camp for handicapped chil-

dren. They were married in August 1941 and were married for 61 years.

In January 1941, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was a fighter pilot and taught in flight school. He was shipped to England in September 1944. In February 1945, his plane was shot down after a mission to Berlin, and he was a prisoner of war until he was liberated in May 1945. He was awarded two Purple Hearts.

Mr. Seppala is survived by his daughter, Sandra Seppala of Alexandria, Va.; his son, William Leslie "Bill" (Mary Beth) Seppala of Grosse Pointe Woods; his four grandsons; three great-grandchildren; his sister, Leona Tuckwell of Adelaide, Australia; and many nieces and nephews. He will be missed by his dear friends, Margaret Hartwig and Tim Jaqua.

He was predeceased by his wife, Katherine "Kay" Seppala.

A funeral service was held on Jan. 14, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Walter A. Schmidt, pastor of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Rev. John K. Hesford, pastor of Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church, Detroit, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or the Athletic Department at Wayne State University, c/o Fund Office, 5475 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48202.



Cheryl J. Springstead

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Cheryl J. Springstead, 57, of Higgins Lake, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at Munson Hospice House in Traverse City, surrounded by her family and friends, after a courageous nine-year battle with cancer.

Mrs. Springstead was born on Oct. 12, 1947, in Detroit to James "Robby" and Marjorie "Midge" (Eckles) Robinson. She was raised in Grosse Pointe and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School.

She married Michael J. Springstead in May 1972 in Grosse Pointe where they lived until moving to Higgins Lake in 1992. She was a teacher's aide for the last nine years at Roscommon Elementary School.

She is survived by her children, Erin of Montana and Seann (Carrie Arleth); her grandson, Erich; her parents, Robby and Midge Robinson; her sisters, Carol Robinson, Caryn Anderson and Connie (Jeff) Rapp; her brother, Jay Robinson; other family members, including Pat and Vicki Springstead; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was predeceased by her husband, Michael and her son, Erich.

Visitation will be at Walsh Funeral Home in Roscommon on Saturday, Jan. 22, from 1 until 4:30 p.m., when a memorial service will be held with Dr. James N. Kent officiating.

A gathering to celebrate her loves of decorating for the holidays and of entertaining family and friends

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Real Estate Board's new directors

New directors for 1980 were elected by the Grosse Pointe Real Estate Board at its monthly meeting. They include, standing from left, outgoing president James Danaher of Danaher, Baer, Wilson and Stroth, Inc.; John Strongman, vice-president of Strongman and Assoc.; and treasurer Karl Mauelshagen of Schweitzer Better Homes and Gardens. Seated from left are Donald Smith of Higbie-Maxon; Paris Di Santo of Johnstone and Johnstone, president; and Thomas Youngblood of Youngblood Realty, Inc., secretary. (From the Jan. 17, 1980 Grosse Pointe News.)

50 years ago this week

■ Ever eager to make being cited for overtime parking as convenient as possible, Grosse Pointe Woods officials consider installing "T" eterias at various intervals along Mack Ave.

Trafeterias are boxes attached to parking meters

into which meter violators can deposit their fines without visiting the violations bureau at city hall.

■ Grosse Pointe Farms officials buy liability insurance as protection from law suits if foreign contents are ever found in water processed at the filtration plant.

Officials make no attempt to hide that controversy over fluoridation is the chief reason for buying insurance.

■ Many Pointers hear and see Harley Earl of Grosse Pointe Farms on radio and television as guest of honor on the Arthur Godfrey Show in New York.

Earl, the wizard of design

at General Motors, is a close friend of Godfrey's.

The pair hunt every year in Northern Michigan at the lodge of another Pointer, Harold Boyer.

Earl is in New York for the GM Motorama.

25 years ago this week

■ It is a happy new year for Seniors Onward for Change (SOC), as the organization's minor home repair program resumes after being suspended in September.

The program fell under temporary moratorium last fall, after it had gone at a fast clip since February, because funds were exhausted and outstanding obligations, such as tax payments, had to be met.

■ A spirit of cooperation is apparent between city council members from Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores as they meet to discuss possible solutions to the traffic problem in the northwest section of Grosse Pointe Woods.

A professional traffic study provides 15 solutions, but local officials don't settle on any one via a solid consensus of opinion.

■ It could take at least a year before homeowners on Wayburn know if they are residents of Grosse Pointe Park or Detroit.

A decision last November in Wayne County Circuit Court stated that 450 homeowners on Wayburn and part of Barrington are Park residents.

Attorneys for Detroit have appealed the finding.

10 years ago this week

■ After weeks of confusion over whether a new franchise agreement is needed, members of the Grosse Pointe Woods city council decline to vote on granting MichCon a new franchise agreement to provide natural gas service in the city.

■ Following months of study, the Grosse Pointe Woods recreation commis-

sion, a citizen group of appointees that advises the city council on recreation issues, recommends that a new and larger playscape be built at Lake Front Park.

"We're not saying yes or no at this point," says Mayor Robert Novik. "Commission members spent a lot of time on this, and they must be given their due."

5 years ago this week

■ Public school administrators consider closing the Grosse Pointe North and South high school campuses during lunchtime.

Issues include student safety, particularly traffic safety due to students rushing from campus and back during 35-minute lunch periods.

■ Plans for a comprehensive cancer treatment center at Cottage Hospital are approved by Grosse Pointe Farms council members.

Hospital officials say the 7,000-square-foot facility will allow local residents to be treated more conveniently closer to home rather than commuting to hospitals in downtown Detroit.

■ Uncooperative weather forces Grosse Pointe Farms recreation officials to cancel this year's Winter Festival at Pier Park.

"We tested ice in Farms harbor," said Dick Huhn, recreation director. "It was about two or three inches thick. For the festival we like to have the harbor ice reach a thickness of about five or six inches."

— Brad Lindberg

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Wildlife chills at private club

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

It has been thought to be more of a symbol of the wild west and not of a Midwest suburban country club, but a coyote has made himself a home on the grounds of the Lochmoor Club.

"He's been living on our grounds for the past eight to 12 months," said Robert Russo, building manager of the club. "He's a good little fellow; he's very tame."

The coyote rarely appears and was only recently brought to the attention of the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety by club members, who caught a rare glimpse of it and were startled by its presence.

Woods public safety employees refused to comment on the coyote, but Tim Payne, a wildlife biologist with the state Department of Natural Resources, said

coyotes are not a threat to humans.

"They're not known to attack people," Payne said. "If they see people, they'll run away. Just think of them as large dogs on the loose. Around small children, being outdoors with a child is enough to scare a coyote away. If one does become a threat to small mammals (small dogs and cats), you can contact a pest control contractor to set out a trap."

Payne recommended that people not attempt to tame or feed coyotes.

"When a coyote starts losing its fear of humans, then it can cause trouble," Payne said. "It can come up from behind and nip a person at the ankles. The best thing to do is not to give them food; keep them wild."

Payne said coyotes are not common to southeast Michigan, but they have been reported living in

parks and golf courses in other cities such as Southfield, Royal Oak, Farmington Hills and Detroit.

"Country clubs and parks have wide open areas with wooded areas where a coyote can hide for a bit," Payne said.

Russo said the coyote was especially welcome at the club since part of its diet consists of rabbits and field mice.

According to Payne, coyotes as well as foxes and pheasants typically travel to suburban and urban areas along railroad lines and drainage ditches.

Russo said the club also has foxes and a couple of pheasants that inhabit the grounds.

"I think it shows we keep a good wildlife balance here," Russo said.



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The media today are far more timid, respectful and circumspect than those in the time of Benjamin Franklin, our first media mogul.

This all comes to mind as our nation gathers today, Jan. 20, to celebrate — or vilify — our 55th inaugu-

al. Today, George W. Bush, our 43rd president, will be sworn in for his second term.

There has been much to do about the pomp, circumstance and cost of the 2005 inaugural celebration. This is not anything new.

Our president's father, George H.W. Bush, in 1989 had the most expensive inaugural to that time. Eight years ago, President Bill Clinton's bash was the first Webcast on the Internet.

The coldest inaugural — 7 degrees — was for Ronald Reagan in 1985. Four years earlier, no less than nine inaugural balls were held for President Reagan's first inaugural celebration.

The first inaugural address, of course, was by George Washington on

April 30, 1789. Washington also gets credit for the shortest address, 135 words, on March 4, 1793.

The longest inaugural address (10,000 words) was made by William Henry Harrison on March 4, 1841. The speech was so long that it was interrupted to get the oath of office in and then was resumed.

Abraham Lincoln's inauguration parade in 1865 was first to have African-American participants.

The first food fight recorded at an inaugural ball was that for Ulysses S. Grant. It was not reported whether the president actually took part.

Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1937 was the first president inaugurated on Jan. 20 following passage of the 20th Amendment to the Constitution,

which fixed the swearing-in date. Of course, FDR was the only president to take the oath of office for third and fourth terms.

President John F. Kennedy was the first Catholic inaugurated and the first to use a Catholic Bible to take the oath of office.

Following Kennedy's assassination, Lyndon B. Johnson on Nov. 22, 1963, was the first president to take the oath of office in an airplane.

President Bush's 2005 inaugural theme is "A Vision of America." It is meant to mark the centennial of Theodore Roosevelt's 1905 inaugural and the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition reaching the Pacific in 1805.

Both events marked men and events that proved to be visionary for America: Lewis and Clark and the settlement of the West and Teddy Roosevelt and the national park system.

Regardless whether you think President George W. Bush belongs in such fine company or not, we all have to celebrate the success of a 229-year-old experiment: democracy.

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By Michael Goodell
Grosse Pointe Farms

Today, Thursday, Jan. 20, is Inauguration Day. George W. Bush, having been elected by a clear majority of the voting population, will take the oath of office from Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist and begin what once was regarded as a highly improbable second term.

Unlike 2001, there are no doubts about the legitimacy of this election, at least not in rational circles. Having survived a major recession and the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history, Bush can lay at least a plausible claim to a mandate going forward.

More than a vindication, his inauguration will ratify the resolve of the American majority. In the words of former Georgia Sen. Zell Miller, "With the re-election of President Bush, America recommitted itself to expanding freedom and promoting liberty. This election validated not only America's role in promoting freedom, but also the faith our Founding Fathers placed in average folks to chart the course of this great nation."

Arrayed against these noble words are a witch's brew of disgruntled blue state elitists. While many Democratic Party leaders have again betrayed their true feelings about bipartisanship by leaving town this week, there are thousands flocking to take their place.

Grouped under the term Counter Inauguration, the recreation directors of the left will bring their play book of antics to this event. Among those gathering to protest another free election are the Ladies of Liberty, or LOL. Joined by hysterics from Code Pink, Raging Grannies and The Pagan Culture, they will host a "rally for women's voices and funeral march" accompanied by a New Orleans-style jazz band. They will "mourn the multiple blows to the American people dealt by the Bush administration." The LOL will also serve as a feeder march for the D.C. Anti-War Network, or DAWN.

DAWN's protest is titled RISE Against Bush, and carries this poetic description. "Every morning, the sun rises up, penetrating and overcoming the darkness of night. ... Our world is in darkness tonight, plagued with war, poverty, environmental destruction and attacks on many of the liberties that so many of us hold dear. The darkness of our world has grown yet darker with the election of George W. Bush to another four years in office. In the dark of the night, we need only wait for the sun. However, in the dark of our world, we cannot wait. If we are to see a new dawn, we must take action now. The D.C. Anti-War Network calls on the people of the world to RISE Against Bush."

In case you are concerned for the safety of our president, rest assured. DAWN claims its protest will be non-violent.

More ambitious than even DAWN, is Turn Your Back Upon Bush, or TYBUB. TYBUB's organizers hope to get as many as 10,000 people to line the parade route, and as Bush passes, to turn their backs on him. Their rationale is that "in the past four years, Bush has made it clear that dissent is unwelcome in his America. ... We want our audience with our president." How turning their back on his motorcade will achieve this, is not explained. Without sporting signs or buttons, the TYBUBs will attempt to pass as normal Americans. "Until the moment we turn around, there will be nothing to distinguish us from the rest of the crowd" — other than IQs, perhaps.

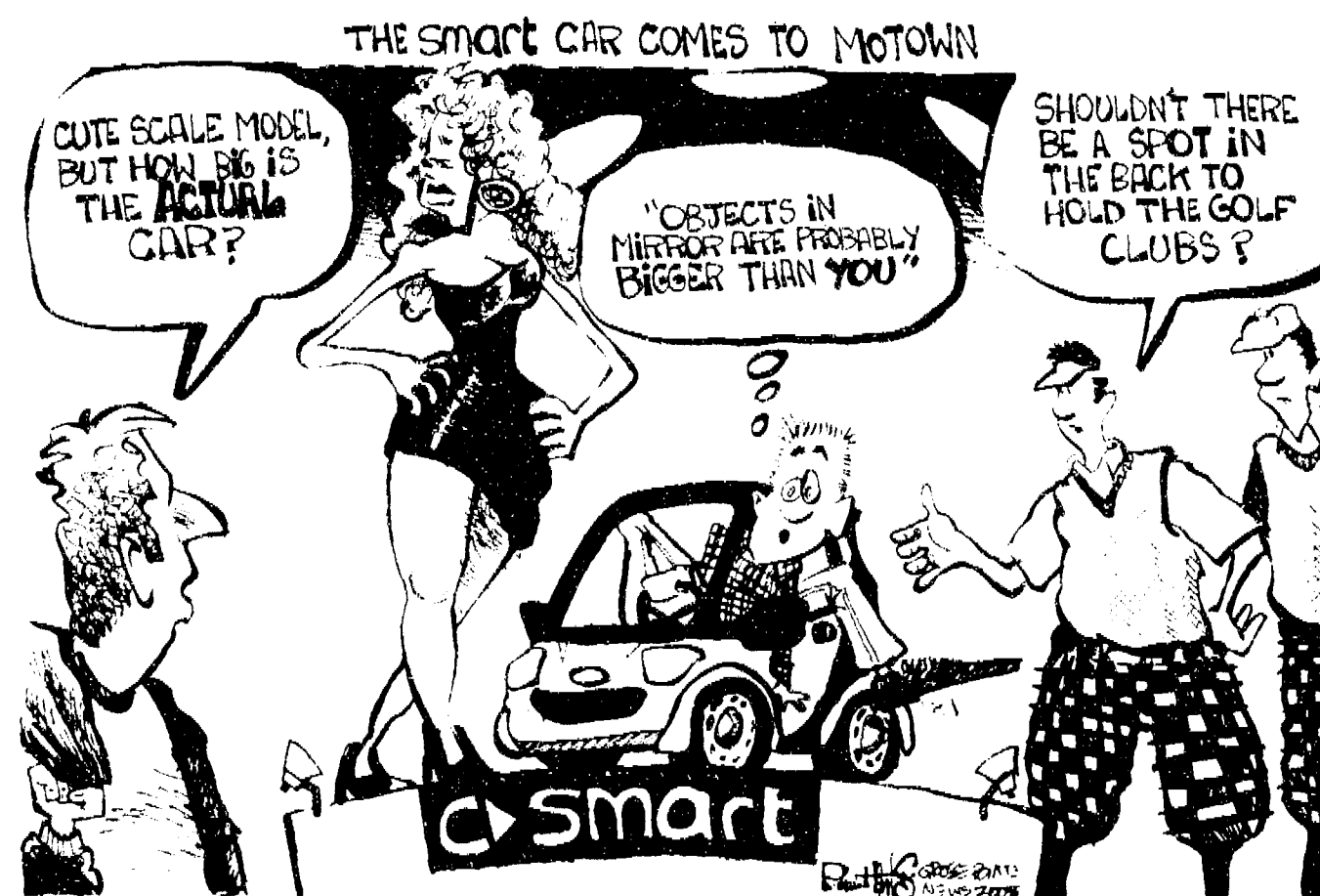
For more than a month, the TYBUB Web site promised to provide the secret code word which signals its minions to do an about face. Finally, it revealed the word: Bush. It is the appearance of the motorcade. But which motorcade? There may be several in the parade, and some of them might be moving pretty fast. The solution? "To be sure that you turn your back on Bush, turn whenever you see a motorcade."

These groups all enjoy the approval of United for Peace and Justice, or UfPJ, which is an umbrella organization consisting of more than 800 anti-war groups. Among them are African Ancestral Lesbians United for Societal Change, African-American Institute for Policy Studies, Bushistoblame.com, Coalition of Alternative People, Hip-Hop Against Racism War, Intergalactic Artists for Peace, Justice for Woody, People for a Gasoline-Free Day and Restaurant Opportunities Center of New York.

Arguably the most imaginative protest is Not One Damn Dime Day, or NODDD. The organizers, apparently lacking a NODDDing acquaintance with reality, are calling on their supporters to commemorate the inauguration by doing nothing. They urge those "who oppose what is happening in our name" to speak out by not spending any money. "Please don't spend money, and don't use your credit card. Not ... for gasoline. Not ... for necessities or for impulse purchases. Nor toll/cab/bus or train ride money exchanges."

"There's no rally to attend," they crow. "No marching to do. No left or right wing agenda to rant about. You can take action by doing nothing." Sounds like the ideal protest for slackers. That might be why the NODDDers set this up. Maybe they got tired of being the only ones hanging around the skateboard park.

If all goes well, the inauguration will be a success, a series of formalities and celebrations enlivened by the childish antics of a group of neer-do-well activists. The problem is the rhetoric used to rally the participants. The calls to arms don't exactly square with the harmless nature of their pranks. One only hopes that the serious players in the realm of evil don't answer the call.



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

What's good about January?

You have to be kidding. It's a frigid January night, and my editor wants a column by morning. I've slackened off during the holidays, and it's time to get the creative juices flowing. I repeat, you must be kidding. Nothing is flowing in this weather!

I sit at my computer reaching for my hibernating creativity. It remains dormant. The draft ripping through the window behind the keyboard is freezing my already numb thighs. My right hand is 50 degrees colder than my left because of same draft, and the brain is totally frozen.

There's a subject, *Why January?* It hardly seems a month fraught with fresh promises of wondrous things to come. It creeps in on us after the holidays, urging us to seek renewal and make pledges of resolve. How does one get inspired in this weather? There should be rainbows and glorious sunsets to spur us on to our personal victories.

Now let's see, what exactly is *good* about January. I know, the nasty reminder that our first-born is 45 years old this week, translating that we must be somewhat older than that. Untenable, that's not good. **WE ARE NOT OLD!**

How about the fact that we don't feel safe taking a walk around the block because of the threat of slipping on the ice and our fragile old bones? That's not good. How about the unprecedented number of funerals and hospitalizations of friends this

year? That's certainly not good. What about the fact that we can't even transport flowers or groceries to our cars without their freezing, not good...

How am I doing so far? Maybe I should change my focus. What *is* good about January in Michigan? Wonderful long nights by cozy fires with good reads. Lap robes and footstools while you watch something entertaining on television. Knitting on a project that is too hot in the summer. Going to the auto show just to play, pretend and dream, and then deciding maybe you could lease one of those beauties for a couple years.

Good stuff? I know, hockey games. Oops, well that's usually a very good thing. In fact, most sports on TV are fun to watch especially the gracefulness of figure skating and the golf that offers promise of better weather to come. Time indoors does offer guilt-free opportunities to pursue hobbies or projects saved for a rainy (snowy) day.

The phone just rang, and I had to listen to a friend lament about the cold weather in Florida. Poor soul, it was in the 50s and raining, and her husband couldn't play golf until later in the day. I told her I was just heartbroken for them and would call back, but I first had to chop the ice off the windshield.

Hey, that reminds me. One really good thing about January is the HoneyBell oranges from Florida. I'd better call her back fast...

— Offering from the loft

Letters

School ranking

To the Editor:

A recent letter, "Educational challenges" (Jan. 13, Grosse Pointe News), referred to the "ranking" of the "Best High Schools in America" that is published by a news-

magazine. It may be helpful for your readers to understand how that ranking is calculated.

That ranking of the high schools is based upon one measure only: the number of AP (Advanced Placement) or IB (International Baccalaureate) tests taken

by all students divided by the number of graduating seniors. That's it — just the number of tests taken.

There is no consideration of whether the students passed the tests or their scores, no consideration

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Price is no object

Estimated cost of raising a child born in 1975: between \$160,000 to \$1.5 million:

Estimated additional cost of raising a child born in 1975 if that child is a girl (factoring in the price of Barbie, Ken and Skipper, their clothes, shoes, campers, town houses, cars and accessories): \$3,000 to \$4,000.

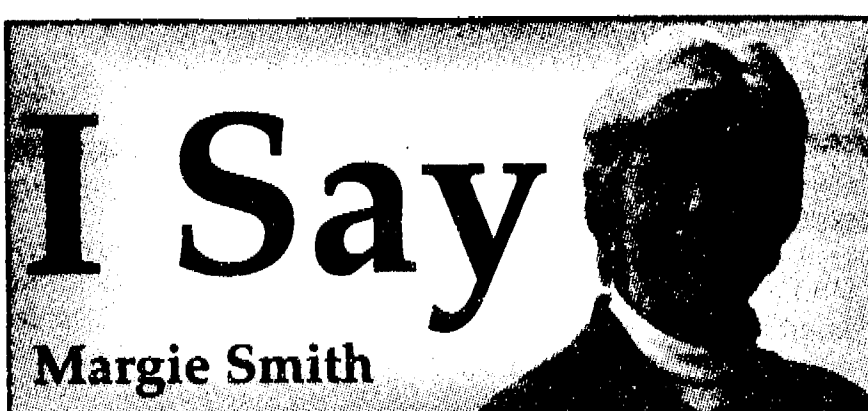
Knowing that the daughter born in 1975 has grown up to be a mature, responsible human being, a good friend, a hard worker and a charming person with a terrific sense of humor: Priceless.

It wasn't easy. Sometimes help came disguised as something else.

I began working at the Grosse Pointe News in 1986. Daughter No. 1 was a student at Michigan State University and Daughter No. 2 was a junior at Grosse Pointe North High School. Daughter No. 3 was a fifth-grader at Monteith Elementary School.

One of my first assignments at the newspaper was to cover the police beat in Grosse Pointe Woods. I went to the Woods police station every Monday morning and pored over a stack of police-written accounts, called briefs, of the week's activities.

I decided which incidents needed to be reported in our newspaper under the head-



ing "Police News."

Many police runs were prompted by a telephone call from a resident. The briefs usually contained the name of the caller, the time the call came in, what Woods police did about it and the final result.

Some incidents were mundane: "6:30 a.m.: Caller reported dead squirrel on driveway." Or "4 a.m.: Caller complained about next-door

neighbor's dog barking since midnight." Or "3 p.m.: Caller reported hand-knit cable-stitch sweater and beret stolen from stone goose on porch."

The names of the callers and the name of the perps of these dire deeds were usually in the briefs.

One Monday an incident caught my eye. Daughter No. 3's name was in it. So were those of several of her

friends.

Apparently, a pack of youngsters had been terrorizing a plastic snowman on my neighbor's front lawn. The kids had thrown snowballs and knocked the snowman's head off. The neighbor yelled at the kids and they scattered.

The neighbor called the cops. The cops followed the kids' footprints, and the kids were caught white-handed, so to speak.

I confronted Daughter No. 3 after school that afternoon.

"How did you know that?" she demanded. "We said we were sorry and we put the head back on." In spite of her indignation, I knew she was mortified.

I told her about my job reading police reports. I did-

n't tell her that I only read those that were filed in the Woods. And a few years later, when someone else took over the Woods police beat and I got a new beat, I neglected to mention it to Daughter No. 3.

Ever after the plastic snowman incident, if she was involved in the teeniest, most insignificant, most unremarkable event anywhere in the five Grosse Pointes, she thought for sure I would read about it on Monday morning in the police report.

She confessed all, early and often.

Daughter No. 3 stayed completely out of trouble all the way through high school: Priceless.

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The Op-Ed Page



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

Streetwise

Question of the Week:

What are you doing to keep warm during cold days and nights?



Bob Padalino

"Turn on the gas fireplace and stay inside with a hot cup of coffee."

Bob Padalino
Grosse Pointe Woods

"Drinking more hot beverages."

Julie Krebs
City of Grosse Pointe



Julie Krebs



Katie Daudlin

"Running on the treadmill indoors instead of running outdoors."

Katie Daudlin
Grosse Pointe Woods

"Eating soup and wearing my Uggs."

Sissy Peoples
City of Grosse Pointe



Sissy Peoples



Megan Avery

"I have on my long-sleeved shirt, a vest, my gloves ..."

Megan Avery
Eastpointe

"Snuggle with my dog, Gypsy."

Adrienne Jordan
Grosse Pointe Woods

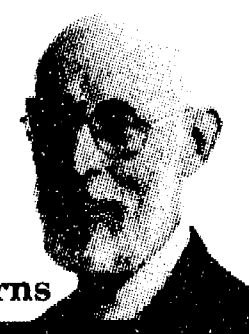


Adrienne Jordan

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

fyi

by Ben Burns



Pedal power

Now that Susan Rhee, of the Woods, has pedaled a bike across the Golden Gate bridge in San Francisco, she feels she can do anything.

Of course, the Johns Hopkins student in Baltimore from North had to ride nearly 4,000 miles to get there as she and fellow bicyclists raised \$60,000 for the American Cancer Society and cancer awareness along the way. The 25 students started from Baltimore last May 29 and finished in San Francisco Aug. 1.

"Our main goal for this trip was to spread hope and cancer awareness," Susan said in an e-mail. She is the daughter of Dr. Kenny and Joanne Rhee of the Woods, and her sister, Rebecca, is a junior at North.

"I ended up raising nearly \$4,000 thanks to family, friends and the community of Grosse Pointe," she said. "I also could not have reached my goal without the help of the Grosse Pointe public schools and the teachers."

"The money raised from the North vs. South faculty game was donated to the Hopkins 4k. I just want to thank everyone who helped me for their kindness, whether they made a donation or simply read about my organization and our message of hope."

"On the first day of the trip, my body was not used to biking so much; so I ate



Susan Rhee

four Balance Bars before I had even reached the lunch spot ... This trip made us appreciate the little things in life. ... One of the best parts of this trip was the people we met and how generous and kind they were to us."

"We had the best time in Nebraska. We slept in an indoor miniature golf course one night, where we had free access to as many milk shakes as we could drink. On another night, we went to a fire department and got to put on the outfits, ride on the fire truck with the sirens blaring and hang out with the volunteer firefighters and even the mayor of the town."

Peaceful Pointers

Jack Lessenberry is a writer and lecturer who takes no prisoners, but he will be the 15th speaker of the Pointes for Peace program next Monday at 7:30

p.m. at the Children's Home of Detroit administration building, 900 Cook Road, in the Woods.

Consumers of Lessenberry's articulate rants either love or respect him, or they hate and revile him. There are no mugwumps. So if you want a blood-stirring experience, consider attending his talk on "The Myth of the Liberal Media and the Real Meaning of the 2004 Election."

In the interest of truth in journalism, I should also admit that while Lessenberry and I might hold opposite opinions on whether the liberal media is a myth, he is a friend and colleague at Wayne State.

Era ends

The obituaries all described Les Seppala as a businessman and teacher, which he was, but to generations of eastside prep athletes, he was the final word on the right sports equipment for more than half a century with his Harper Sports store at Harper and Cadieux and later at Harper just south of Nine Mile.

When Les died last week, it marked the end of an era for Detroit area family-owned sports stores that have survived for decades because of the personal service and the custom service they provide.

At Seppala's funeral,

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Points about the Pointes

Thirty days and counting...will we still have our school system on February 23rd?



On February 22, our community will vote on our school millage renewal. The renewal (it's not an increase) represents 23% of our school system's budget. If it doesn't pass, we'll no longer have a school system as we know it. Over the next month, all of us on the School Board, along with countless volunteers, Suzanne Klein and Chris Fenton from the Board Office are visiting every school, PTO and community group we can get to, to explain what this renewal

truly means to our students and the property values in our community.

If you know of someone who can't leave their house to attend a meeting, doesn't read the newspaper or their mail, doesn't have Internet access, and doesn't talk to their neighbors, please call me.

I'll make sure that they get any information they need to understand the importance of a "YES" vote on the renewal February 22nd. Thank you!

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

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regarding taking an AP or IB course if you didn't elect to take the test (which is an option) or any of the other many qualities that constitute an excellent high school.

As you can imagine, using only one criterion to make judgments about educational programs has been

strongly criticized. This measure omits many qualities that Grosse Pointers want in their schools, including:

- A high-quality fine and performing arts program with student opportunities for band, orchestra, choir and art classes.
- Honors classes.
- A strong extracurricular and athletics program.

• Courses for which no AP exam exists, such as humanities, or Italian which didn't have its first AP exam available until this year.

• A variety of high-quality elective offerings such as journalism, microbiology, astronomy, advanced architecture and advanced engineering graphics, debate, etc., which frequently prepare students for their even-

tual careers.

Our district currently offers 20 AP courses to our students and we are proud of the strength of our program. We certainly endorse continuing to encourage students to accept a challenge by undertaking as many of the courses as they can, but leave the choice of how many AP classes and which ones and whether to take the test up to the student and his or her parents.

Using one simplistic measure to rank schools may make headlines, but it is not a reliable method to evaluate a high-quality educational program.

Grosse Pointe students, parents and staff know that the colleges and universities

which over 90 percent of our students attend admit well-rounded students who have demonstrated not only high-quality academic achievement but also leadership and character expressed through special talents and participation in extra- and co-curricular activities, athletics, other non-school activities and community service. A high grade point average is no longer enough.

We are committed to continuing to fulfill the needs of our community by providing a program that prepares our students well for their next steps beyond our schools.

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Dr. Susan D. Allan
Assistant
Superintendent
for Curriculum,
Assessment
and Instruction,
Mr. James Steeby
Principal
North High School,
Mr. Alan Diver
Principal
South High School

Jingle Bell Walk
Run a Success

To the Editor:

We, the Grosse Pointe Lions Club, wanted to thank all our sponsors and partici-

pants of this year's 8th Annual Jingle Bell Walk Run held just before the Santa Claus Parade at the end of last year.

Over 350 registered to walk that lovely morning to support this worthy cause. We continued to coordinate with our local public schools to assist their programs as well.

Additional thanks go to the seniors again at Grosse Pointe South High and the staff at the Grosse Pointe News for their time and support.

Prizes for the fastest runners and best jingle bell costumes were given in the form of Kroger turkeys, Meijer gift certificates, and Bruegger Bagels.

We want to highlight and applaud the magnanimous effort of the Grosse Pointe Farms' and Grosse Pointe City's officials and the assistance of their respective police officers, who helped keep our streets and neighborhoods safe at that time.

Finally, we are grateful for the work of the Village Association and Terri Berschback, who coordinated the parade, and who assisted us to make every aspect of this event a fun and successful affair.

The following are the sponsors who deserve very special recognition:

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Rob Lyles
Grosse Pointe
Lions Club
Treasurer

Term limits

To the Editor:

This is in regards to the Grosse Pointe News article of Jan. 6, "Pointe reps favor longer term limits."

May I remind the republican reps that their Republican Gov. Engler was the one who pushed for term limits?

This country has always had term limits; it's called voting!

Susan Everhart
Harper Woods

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

ELECTION COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF
THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMNOTICE
FOR FILING
NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR
GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY given by the Election Coordinating Committee, comprised of the municipalities of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores/Grosse Pointe Township, Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods, to the electors of the above-stated municipalities, that Nominating Petitions for candidates seeking election to the following offices; i.e.,

Two members of the School Board of Trustees for the Grosse Pointe Board of Education (to be elected for a 4-year term at a regular election to be held Tuesday, May 3, 2005)

will be available at the Grosse Pointe Board of Education business office at 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday. Nominating petitions may also be obtained from the City Clerk's office of the above-stated municipalities. **Qualifications:** Any registered voter who resides in the Grosse Pointe Public School System district is eligible to be nominated for School Board Trustee.

Filing deadline: No later than Tuesday, February 8, 2005, on or before 4:00 p.m. For an individual's name to appear on the official ballot as a candidate for school board members, the candidate shall file a Nominating Petition (signed by a minimum of 40 and a maximum of 100 electors of the school district) and an Affidavit of Identity. In lieu of a petition, a candidate for school board member may pay a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 to the School District Filing Official. If paid by the due date for a Nominating Petition, it has the same effect as the filing of a Nominating Petition.

Where to file: Nominating Petitions, Affidavit of Identity and/or Fee of \$100.00 must be filed with the School District Filing Official who is City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, during normal business hours weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF
SCHOOL MILLAGE ELECTION PROPOSALS
IN THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005

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. This authorization would replace two separate authorizations for mills previously levied by the School District which expired with the School District's 2004 tax levy and restore the authority to the level authorized in 2000. Under existing law the School District would levy only the portion necessary to allow the School District to receive the full revenue per pupil foundation allowance permitted by the law.

"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 8.0784 mills (\$8.0784 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 authority previously reduced by the 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 (i) 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 (ii) increase the prior authority by one (1) mill. If the Non-Homestead Millage Renewal Proposal is also approved by the electors, this authority could allow the School District to continue 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 in the event of future Headlee Rollbacks, of up to one (1) mill.

"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 2.2125 mills (\$2.2125 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 ☐

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Mark Secontine, son of **Vince Secontine**, who owned Varsity Sports in Birmingham, and **Jerry** and **Bob Phillips**, sons of **Mac Phillips**, who owned East Side Team Sports in Warren, were there to offer condolences.

Mark's dad Vince died in December, and Jerry and Bob's dad, Mac, died a week before Seppala. All the sons carry on their parents' business traditions.

Asked later how such family-owned stores survive in the face of giant chain competition, Bill Seppala

said:

"Well we do it by offering a lot of services and offering the products the chain stores can't or won't sell. We do custom uniforms, varsity jackets, bowling trophies and almost all the hockey business because it is very specialized."

"A fellow from Dunham's called me to find out how we are successful at selling children's shoes because they weren't, and I said, 'Well, we measure their feet, because most parents don't know what size the child's feet are.' The Dunham's guy said, 'We can't do that.'"

Varsity Sports, which has been in business more than 50 years, reportedly will still break in baseball mitts for free by coating them with shaving cream and then steaming, oiling and hammering them for two days so young buyers don't have to take them home and run them over with a car to try to make them flexible.

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2005

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor James C. Farquhar, Jr., Councilmembers Douglas F. Roby, Jr., Peter W. Waldmeir, Therese M. Joseph, Joseph T. Leonard, Charles S. Terry Davis III Louis Therios.

Those Absent Were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Ferber, Director of Public Safety.

Mayor Farquhar presided at the Meeting.

The Council approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, which was held December 13, 2004, as submitted.

The Council approved the Minutes of the Closed Session, which was held December 13, 2004.

The Council rescheduled the Public Hearing for Proposed Soil Erosion Ordinance to Monday, February 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

The Council scheduled a Public Hearing for Monday, February 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the formal adoption of the Amendments to the Property Maintenance Code.

The Council approved from the Consent Agenda the re-appointments of the following residents to the City's Election Commission, each to serve a two-year term:

Joan Bartoszewicz of 308 Ridgemoor
Donna Imesch of 7 Radnor Circle
Marilyn Stantizke of 255 Merriweather.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236, ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2005 AT 7:00 P.M. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY-OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. RESIDENTS MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: WWW.CI.GROSSE-POINTE-FARMS.MI.US/

James C. Farquhar Jr.,
Mayor

Shane L. Reeside,
City Clerk

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Things learned along the way

It's another one of those "things I learned along the way as I looked for something else" columns.

For example, when I was doing spam research, I learned the Texas state attorney general filed a lawsuit against a 22-year-old college student, who graduated from Ann Arbor Pioneer High School in 2000. He and his business partner are accused of illegally sending hundreds of thousands of unsolicited, misleading e-mails.

Ryan Pitylak, a student at the University of Texas at Austin, heads the fourth-largest spamming operation in the world, Texas AG Gregg Abbott said. The lawsuit filed last week alleges Pitylak, with Mark Trotter, his 40-year-old business partner in California, have been sending the e-mails since at least Sept. 1, 2003.

The old saying, "local boy does good," goes out the Windows with this one. As a punishment for this alleged deed, I recommend 10 years eating nothing but Spam.

I heard a new technology title I thought was amusing. Ever heard of a high-tech anthropologist? Neither have I, but I found the description amusing and possibly overdue. It's a position dedicated to "ending human suffering as it relates to technology." It's the brainchild of Menlo Innovations in Ann Arbor. Don't plan to use the term in your business, though. The term is trademarked.



From my experience, everyone will start using it anyway, and it's hard to sue a hundred million people. Think Kleenex.

Here is another new one for the automotive dictionary.

It's called the Lane Departure Warnings System. The system is designed to warn all those people, not including you, of course, who drift out of their lane in traffic either because of fatigue or because they are doing something they shouldn't. Think cell phone.

It will alert the driver with an audible alarm or tactile feedback, such as vibrating seats when a car or truck unintentionally moves from its lane without using a turn signal. Of course, the turn signal problem won't apply here in Michigan, because everyone here always uses a turn signal, right? (Tons of sarcasm here today, folks.)

This may also be integrated with a Collision Mitigation System that automatically deploys the brakes and tightens seatbelts when it senses an impending accident. It must have been named by an engineering department. Personally, I prefer "STUPID STOP" as an alternative name.

Here is a close-but-nogig item for the Grosse Pointes.

The Ann Arbor tech promotion group Cyber-State.org named the City of Sterling Heights' Web page the top municipal site in

Michigan in two straight competitions. The site was built by the city's community relations department and the city department heads.

So how did Sterling Heights, which first ventured online in 1996, design this latest version of its Web site some two years ago? The community relations department went to their department heads and asked them why people come to city hall; what do they want to get, and why do they call? (Sarcastic note: It's called research.) Their stated intent was to create a virtual city hall.

The site features online application and payment for parks and recreation department registration, property taxes, utility bills and building permits.

Here is another success story.

Oakland County reports strong success for the county's online payment of traffic tickets and downloading of vital statistics. Folks have paid more than \$320,000 of traffic tickets since the system debuted in November. And more than 5,000 official documents have been downloaded in the program's first year, including 3,000 birth certificates.

Can this be copied in Wayne County? I doubt it. Think scofflaws. Why pay through the Internet if you don't have to pay at all?

Have a tech question or subject you would like addressed in this column? My e-mail address is mimaaurer@comcast.net.

Creative cyber shopping tips that save you time, money

Whether you're looking for rare baseball cards, tickets to the hottest concert, or vintage movie posters, you can most likely find them online, from the comfort of your home computer.

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When you enter a site, check for the company's privacy policy. This policy should answer your questions about how your personal information will be used and whether it will be provided to third parties. And it will help you avoid online threats, such as spam, spyware, identity theft, and inappropriate content.

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Cooking for groups

Cooking for your upcoming family reunion or neighborhood gathering? Get "Cooking for Groups: A Volunteer™ Guide to Food Safety" to find out the simple steps you can take to safely plan and serve food at your large event. This informative publication from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service features useful tips on safely preparing, transporting, reheating, and storing food. It shows the temperature "danger zone" where bacteria can grow and gives time limits for safe food storage. For your free copy, call toll-free 1 (888) 878-3256 and ask for Item 621M. Or send your name and address to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 621M, Pueblo, CO 81009.

IRS offers helpful tips for taxpayers

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) opened its 2005 tax filing season, highlighted by expanded electronic services, easier tax filing rules, and new tax law changes.

The IRS also expects to surpass a milestone in the electronic filing (e-file) program by the April 15 filing deadline.

The IRS mailed more than one million tax packages to Michiganders last week as more taxpayers are swapping their pencils for their mouse.

"Last year, Michigan taxpayers filed 4.5 million individual income tax returns, and over half, 2.3 million, were filed electronically," said IRS Michigan spokesperson Sarah Wreford. "We expect the number of e-filed returns to increase even more this year. Remember, e-filing is fast, secure, and reliable. Taxpayers who e-file will get their refunds in half the time."

Taxpayers who use IRS e-file have a higher satisfaction rating than those who still use paper returns, according to the American Customer Survey Index, which rates private and public sector service industries.

"We are taking steps in several areas to help taxpayers," Wreford said. "Many of these features can be found on IRS.gov."

Some of the new features are added earned income tax credit (EITC) help. The EITC Assistant, available in English and Spanish, will allow taxpayers to type in a little information and follow easy directions to determine if they are eligible for the EITC. Tax professionals, who prepare the majority of EITC tax returns, also can use the EITC Assistant to help determine their clients' eligibility.

Another new feature is expanded 1040 Central. Taxpayers again will find a one-stop shop for their tax

return needs by visiting 1040 Central on IRS.gov. The newly expanded page will connect taxpayers to basic income tax preparation needs such as key forms, answers to frequently asked questions, and critical links to key tax issues.

The popular "Where's My Refund?" function on IRS.gov allows taxpayers to answer the most frequent question they pose during the tax year. All taxpayers need is their Social Security number, filing status, and exact amount of their anticipated refund. Last year, it was used 20 million times.

Simpler forms for more taxpayers is another helpful area. The income limits for using the Form 1040EZ and form 1040A will increase from less than \$50,000 to less than \$100,000. Last year, approximately 18 million taxpayers nationwide filed a Form 1040EZ and another 24 million filed a Form 1040A. The change in the threshold will mean 1.6 million more taxpayers are eligible to file the 1040EZ or 1040A.

The one-page Form 1040EZ is for taxpayers who have no dependents, no credits other than the Earned Income Tax Credit, and no adjustments to their income.

The Form 1040A is for taxpayers who do not itemize their deductions, claim limited tax credits, and have few adjustments to their income.

There are also simpler forms for self-employed individuals. The limit on business expenses for self-employed individuals using Schedule C-EZ also will increase to \$5,000 from \$2,500. This change will mean 500,000 more small business owners and self-employed taxpayers can use their simpler version of the expense form. The change will mean a savings of five million hours of paperwork burden from small business taxpayers.

In addition, there are recent tax law changes that affect tax returns filed in 2005 for the 2004 tax year.

One of the biggest involves the new sales tax deduction.

Taxpayers who itemize deductions will have a choice of claiming a state and local tax deduction for either sales or income taxes on their 2004 and 2005 returns.

Optional tables are available for determining the deduction amount in Publication 600, which can be found on IRS.gov.

Other tax law changes affect such areas as charitable donations, child tax credit, and combat pay issues.

More information is available by visiting IRS.gov. The IRS also reminds taxpayers to claim all of the credits, deductions, and other tax benefits that they are legally entitled to.

But the IRS urges taxpayers to be on the lookout for tax schemes and scams that

can cause costly problems for unsuspecting taxpayers.

When in doubt, ask the IRS or a reputable tax professional for help.

"Our working equation is service plus enforcement equals compliance," Wreford said. "We will continue to improve customer service as we work to strengthen our enforcement efforts."

Migun Feel Good Shop ready to go

Jennifer DeYonker announced the opening of her new business, called Migun Feel Good Shop L.L.C.

The thermal massage bed company is located at 19156 E. 10 Mile in Eastpointe.

Business hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The store is closed on Sunday.

DeYonker says she is offering a free 90-day trial at their demonstration center on the thermal massage beds.

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'Phishers' trolling the Internet; surf the web with caution

By Mary Davis

Last week I received an e-mail purportedly from Citibank urging me to "confirm my banking details" in order to "safeguard my account against identity theft."

The message also stated that if I didn't comply with instructions therein, my account would be suspended.

It turns out the e-mail didn't originate from the real Citibank, even though it bore Citibank's name and logo.

The communication I received is what is known as "phishing" scheme, an e-mail message designed to trick me — and thousands of other consumers who likely received it — into disclosing personal information.

Phishers design these fraudulent e-mails to look as if they come from well-known businesses and financial institutions, and even government agencies such as the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Department of Homeland Security.

While the majority of us are deleting these fraudulent communications, phishers are able to convince up to 5 percent of recipients to divulge their personal information. Because phishers can use this information to access existing accounts and withdraw money to buy merchandise or services, and open new accounts in victims' names, consumers who reply to these e-mails are suffering financial loss.

Citibank, according to the industry organization Anti-Phishing Working Group (www.anti-phishing.com), is among the most targeting

brands.

In July 2004 alone, the company experienced 682 phishing attacks. Other businesses whose brands have been hijacked include U.S. Bank, Earthlink, Wells Fargo, MBNA, eBay, PayPal, and Fleet.

The following are tips from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to help you avoid getting netted by a phisher.

First, resist the urge to reply. Legitimate companies do not ask for personal financial information by e-mail. If you get an e-mail that warns you that your account will be in jeopardy if you don't confirm your billing information, don't replay to it or click the link in the e-mail.

If you're concerned about your account, call the telephone number that is listed on your statement and talk to a customer service representative. Chances are what you've received is a fraudulent e-mail.

Second, do not e-mail personal financial information. If you initiate a transaction and want to provide personal information, like a credit card number, be sure the site is secure. Indicators of a secure site include an icon that looks like a lock on the browser's status bar, or a URL for a Web site that begins "https." (the "s" stands for secure).

Be cautious; some phishers have forged security icons. If you have any doubt, log off the Web site and conduct your transaction over the phone.

Third, review credit card and bank statements. Review it for any unauthorized purchases. If your

statement is late by more than a couple of days, call your credit card company or financial institution to confirm your billing address and verify account balances.

Fourth, invest in anti-virus software. Some phishing e-mails contain software that can harm your computer files or track your activity on the Internet without your knowledge. You may wish to purchase anti-virus software like Norton Internet Security ("http://www.symantec.com/abu/nis/nis_pe") or http://www.symantec.com/sabu/nis/nis_pe/, which provides protection from viruses, hackers, and online privacy threats.

Broadband connection users may wish to consider purchasing Norton's AntiVirus ("http://www.symantec.com/nav/nav_9xnt") and a broadband router/firewall hardware product.

Report phishing schemes. If you receive an e-mail that is phishing for personal financial information, forward it to "mailto:span@uce.gov" or "mailto:span@uce.gov".

If you believe you've been scammed, complete the Identity Theft Complaint Form on the FTC's Web site at "http://www.ftc.gov". Then visit FTC's identity theft Web site "http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft" or "http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft".

Mary Davis manages public affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL).

Business People

Warden appointed to research board

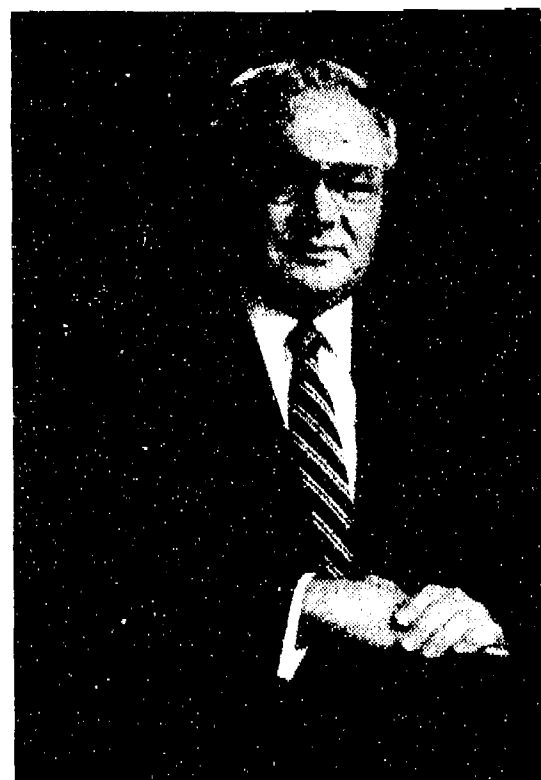
National Research Corporation has appointed Gail Warden to its Board of Directors.

Warden, a City of Grosse Pointe resident, is currently president emeritus of Henry Ford Health System, where he has served as president and chief executive officer from 1998-2003. He also is chairman of the Detroit Wayne County Health Authority.

He serves in numerous leadership positions as chairman to several national healthcare committees

and as a board member to many other health care-related committees and institutions.

In addition, Warden serves the Detroit community through various memberships on local governing committees and groups and is a visiting professor at the University of Michigan School of Public Health.



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Eighth-graders tune in to positive peer support

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Every Pierce eighth-grader changed last week.

Each one became aware of his or her faults, similarities and differences. Students were made to admit the hurt they have inflicted on others, apologize, forgive and in the end hug and cry.

They will live the program for a few hours or the rest of their lives. But they would be changed, one Challenge Day facilitator said.

Through a series of exercises including group discussions and physical games, students confront their actions. They saw they weren't alone in many of their life experiences. And they learned who had different experiences.

Each half of the eighth-graders attended one session of the two all-day programs which had the goals of increasing their personal power and self-esteem, shifting negative peer pressure to positive peer support and eliminating the acceptability of teasing, violence and all forms of oppression.

Erin Shook pointed out after only half a session that everyone she encountered was basically the same. Students in her small group, none with whom she normally socialized, talked about the pressure they were under in sports, classes and in the home life. "People had family deaths. It was hard."

These students are coming to school with a backpack, said Superintendent Suzanne Klein. The backpacks are not only full of books but are also filled with feelings. "The dog is sick. I had a fight with my brother. My grandmother is sick."

Through Challenge Day the students will learn how to handle each problem and learn how to handle each other, she said.



Photos by Robert McKean

It was not unusual to see students who had not been friends before display comfort and support.

When facilitators asked who had been bullied, many moved from their place in the group to stand and look back into the eyes of those who hadn't been a victim of a bully.

At the end of the exercise, which identified those who had been physically or verbally abused, those of various ethnic backgrounds or those touched by alcoholism in the family, for example, students recognized how alike and how different they were.

Hugs and tears, confessions and apologies brought students and staff to a better understanding of each other, just as teacher Sheila Moll predicted.

The students will reap the rewards of Challenge Day said teacher Sheila Moll. "It will make the kids aware of their words, actions and behavior. There will be a change — treat others the way you want to be treated. It teaches respect. It's character education."

Both facilitators Michael Allen and Erin Ross agreed, saying their lives had changed since being affiliated with Challenge Day.

"It helped me become who I am. We live what we teach. I live 100 percent off what I am. It's exciting," Ross said.

Allen, who travels throughout the country hoping to influence schools and communities to listen and learn, said "This is an opportunity to love each other. This work breaks the walls of separation."

There are three points that Allen identifies in what middle school-aged children do to one another. It was these three points he wanted to change:

- 1) Students hurt each other with words.
- 2) They judge and separate students.
- 3) There is violence in the schools.

Changing students' behavior began as soon the group shed coats in the St. Ambrose facility. They were

not allowed to sit by their friends, but rather to become acquainted with someone outside their normal circle of friends.

Danny Pogue said he was able to share his feelings about his mother going through chemotherapy. But he said he also listened and learned that his fellow Pierce eighth-graders were carrying other problems, just as burdensome. These small group discussions pointed out to him, he said, his actions and vowed to be kinder to both sixth- and seventh-graders, as well as his peers.

Allen said he believes that introducing this to students is a first step.

"It's not just the students that need changing. The change needs to occur in the



Presenters Michael Allen and Erin Ross wanted to know everything about the eighth-graders to make them aware of their actions.

Keeping the momentum of the program going at Pierce, the entire school will join with 600 other middle schools across the nation in No Name Calling week, Jan. 2. Students and staff entered into a group hug as awareness, hurt and forgiveness joined.

community. "The adults and the administration need to change," he said. "They must keep moving and build teams including the community. Teasing needs to be stopped. All the violence needs to stop. We need to honor each other. When things change then kids will go to school without fear." We want to create an atmosphere of respect coming with head and heart, Klein concluded.



Challenge Day brought out the similarities and differences in eighth-graders who attend Pierce Middle School. That hurtful words and actions injure should be replaced with respect. This concept fits in with Pierce's overall philosophy, said principal Gary Brushell. Here students formed one line. When presenters asked who had been bullied, rejected or ostracized, students stepped away from the group so the two sides could see where the hurt lay. The two-day seminar accommodated all eighth-graders and was funded through private donations.

Board of education members recognized

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

"A society grows when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in."

Greek proverb

So quoted Suzanne Klein, Grosse Pointe Public Schools Superintendent, to the board of education as a way of thanking the seven board members for the work they do on behalf of the school community.

She acknowledged how many times residents stop board members as they attend to their daily routine. Yet, those same residents may not realize how those board members spend more than just a few hours attending televised board meetings. Klein reminded those attending the Jan. 10 board meeting and those watching at home that members spend hours in subcommittee

meetings, conversing with their colleagues via the Internet and on the telephone. There are continual updates from the administration and educational sources.

These members, she continued, have the stewardship of caring for the 8,900 children in kindergarten through 12th grade.

"It's blending of wisdom and life experiences," she said that makes a board member. "Now is a challenging time and their spirit is to serve. Their commitment is to the children."

Having said that, Klein wanted to present members with something that is timeless. A planting — a place of growth, a place for shelter — will be made in their honor at a time and place yet to be determined.

Board members are the following: Joan R. Dindoffer, Joseph Brennan, Jeffrey Broderick, Joan Richardson, Lisa Vreede, Anglea Kennedy and Ahmed Ismail.

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Carl Sandburg

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Increasing the amount of poetry in the elementary and middle school curriculum is just one of the changes the language arts/English curriculum study committee will be presenting to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education in March.

"The state only has it at one grade level. We find poetry helps kids in rich use of language and inference to reading and interpretation which is so fundamental,"

said Chris Kaiser, language arts specialist for the Grosse Pointe Schools.

However, poetry is only one aspect that the team she headed to study changes is citing in its report for kindergarten through eighth-graders. While the curriculum is more organized, and one grade builds on another's accomplishments, it points to the importance of language, of grammar, reading, spelling, writing and working in a team.

These important building blocks for a successful life were ideas gathered from reports set out by top U.S. businesses and the Navy. The reports cited what is important to them as they see their employees move up the ladder. However, the recent study committee went beyond what business and guidelines set by the State of Michigan and the federal government are saying to establish a multi-layered approach which incorporates Michigan K-12 standards,

multi-year benchmarks, Michigan grade level content expectation and Grosse Pointe grade level expectations.

Today's students

need to comprehend, use and conquer reading, writing, speaking and listening skills, she continued.

"Students need to write clearly and grammatically correct in sentence, para-

graph and composition form," she said. "They also need to read narrative (and) poetry, (b e

state, which has a narrower view."

From the first-grader who would have a topic selected by the teacher and answer one question in the writing genre, to the eighth-grader in both regular and honors classes developing evaluations on a multitude of resources, Grosse Pointe students will have a rigorous and challenging curriculum set before them.

Revisions to the curriculum were undertaken during its regular rotation with the last curriculum change completed in 1999 and at the high school level in 2002. To set the changes in place by fall of 2005, the board must approve the new curriculum in March.

Textbook manufacturers, three of which were recom-

mended by the federal government, will be contacted. Administrators will negotiate to possibly include professional training with the material order.

The bottom line depends on cost of material, said Susan Allen, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, with implementation being a big part of helping teachers step into the multi-layered curriculum.

"It's a big number looking at K through five material. Probably about \$200,000 for elementary and middle school to be spent over two years," she said.

Half of that has been budgeted in the textbook budget for the 2004-05.

However, the bottom line is "Children have to be challenged," Kaiser concluded. "We will raise the bar of the product produced."

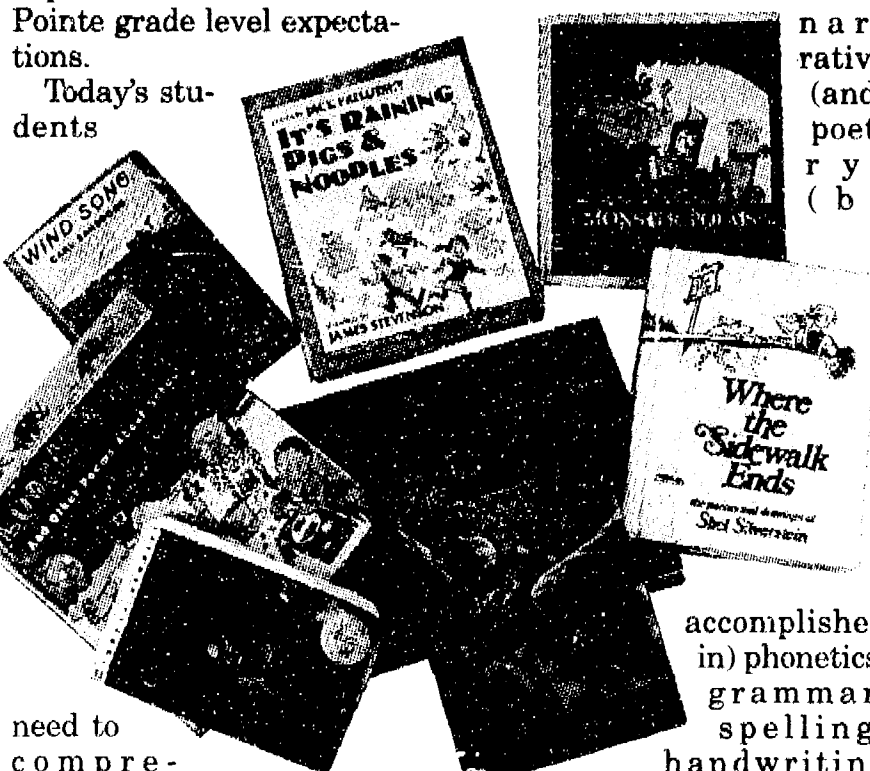


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Register child for kindergarten

If your child turned 5 years old on or before Dec. 1, it's time to register him or her for kindergarten.

The Grosse Pointe Public Schools offer both a regular half-day program (morning or afternoon) and an extended day program (EDK).

EDK has a child care fee of \$2,950 and provides kindergarten curriculum for half the day and a variety of extensions during the remainder of the day. Registration will, for the first time, take place for EDK via the mail. Applications are available at the Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, and at school offices. Extended day kindergarten are planned at Barnes, Defer, Kerby and Poupard elementary schools.

The day runs from 8:25 a.m. to 3:38 p.m., and Kids' Club is provided before and after school at an additional cost.

All schools have half day kindergarten sessions, either in the morning or the afternoon. The morning session runs from 8:25 to 11:34 a.m. and the afternoon session is held from 12:29 to 3:38 p.m. There is no child care fee. There is a Kids' Club provided before school for the morning students and after school care for the afternoon kindergartners.

Students enter kindergarten with a variety of interests and talents. The school system offers a differentiated curriculum, which means that students are supported at all levels with appropriate activities.

As Superintendent Suzanne Klein said, "The kindergarten program is designed to respond to each child's learning needs, whether he or she is a 'young five' or an older five."

The curriculum is comprehensive. Kindergartners learn how to learn through a variety of experiences in language arts, math, science and social studies. Children also regularly receive instruction from specialists in art, music, physical education and library science.

Requirements

- A child must be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1.

- All students must be residents of the Grosse Pointe Public School system.

- Parents whose children's names are on the census will receive a letter notifying them of dates for kindergarten registration. Their residency requirement has already been established.

- Parents who have recently moved into the school district or whose name is not on the census list must first establish residency at the Department of Social Services, Administration Building, 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230.

- Once residency is approved, a parent or legal guardian must take the child's original birth certificate, Social Security number and a record of immunizations to the neighborhood school.

- Each school will have different registration dates, available at parent meetings.

EDK registration

Parents will be able to

take advantage of a new process for signing their child up with a mail-in registration. The forms are available at the school office.

List the top three choices for your student on the registration form and mail it or drop it off at Barnes by Monday, Feb. 28, with a \$400 deposit.

If applications outnumber openings, a random selection will be made on March 1 with PTO Council members in attendance.

Notification letters will be mailed on March 2.

Information nights

All EDK 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25 at Barnes

Defer, 15425 Kercheval, — 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1

Ferry, 748 Roslyn, — 6:45 p.m., Thursday, March 10

Kerby, 285 Kerby, — 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1

Maire, 740 Cadieux, — 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 3

Mason, 1640 Vernier, — 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27

Monteith, 1275 Cook, — 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 10

Poupard, 20655 Lennon, — 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27

Richard, 176 McKinley, — 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3

Trombly, 820 Beaconsfield, — 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27.

Major wheels in first art award

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

For her first major art entry, North ninth-grader Lauren Major took first place.

With a rendition of a futuristic car in bright orange, Major took first place in the 17th annual poster contest for the North American International Auto Show, which opens Saturday, Jan. 16, in Cobo Center. She won in the designer's best of show in the traditional category.

"I like bright colors," she said of the watercolor poster which took her two or three days to complete. Though modest in her accomplishment, it was evident Major was pleased with having captured this first prize. Major noted that her parents were "surprised."

As a reward, Major will accompany her parents and sister to the opening of the annual auto show. There they will once again see the poster she worked on for two or three days during Robert Thies' drawing and painting class.

This is an advanced drawing and painting class, Thies explained. "She is coming in as a freshman because she did so well at middle school. She has exceptional ability."

Thies presents his students with real-world application of art, and entering the poster contest for the auto show was one option for them. The second contest he pre-



Photo courtesy Mayor family


Lauren Major, a student at Grosse Pointe North, took first place in the 17th annual poster contest for the North American International Auto Show.

sented in October was for Coca-Cola.

The simple reason Major opted to enter the auto show contest was that she "couldn't think of an idea for Coke."

Following the contest guidelines of avoiding the use of one brand of car, Major chose the aerodynamic car with Detroit guiding the car's lines. The "E" and "O" of Detroit she used as the wheels. In the poster's background are multi-storied gray and black buildings and Cobo Center in large red letters on an end building. She incorporated Detroit's proximity to the river, with a reflection of car's colors spelling out 17th annual International Anniversary in the water.

For her work and creativity, Major received a \$500 prize. Since she will be turning 16 this year and is looking at cars, in particular the Nissan, the money could come in handy to pay for gas.



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The Grosse Pointe Public School System is beginning its annual search for students who are intellectually and/or academically gifted.

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dents presently in grades one through four who may require additional services in order to be challenged are invited to be evaluated for fall placement in the dis-

trict's Magnet Program.

Presently located at Defer and Ferry elementary schools, the program offers the option of full-time accelerated instruction for students in grades two through five with exceptional abilities.

For more information, visit the district's Web site at www.gpschool.org/ci/gifted/home.htm or call Cynthia Doherty, coordinating psychologist of the gifted program, at (313) 432-3045 to obtain an information packet and to schedule an appointment for evaluation. Parents of public school students have received informational materials in the weekly backpack mail.

The deadline for parent nomination forms is Tuesday, Jan. 25.



Photo courtesy St. Clare of Montefalco staff

Star watch

St. Clare of Montefalco School helped students expand their knowledge of the world outside the classroom by bringing in Mobile Educational Productions of Redford and a 45-minute show. The 30-foot by 15-foot portable, inflatable planetarium allowed program presenters to guide students through the Northern Hemisphere sky. Joselyn Evans exits the star lab while David Slusser, left, and Ashley Hall, right, hold the door flaps open.

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Hot chocolate a hot fundraiser for tsunami relief

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Like many people, Jennifer Ryan, 10, of Grosse Pointe Park wanted to send money to the victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami, but she wanted to do more than emptying her piggy bank.

She had no idea how much more she could be capable of doing.

In the past few days Ryan, with the help of her friends Kelly Ansell, 11, and Christina Naber, 10, also of the Park, have raised \$1,700.

The trio first started out by holding a hot chocolate and bake sale last Friday night at Patterson Park. They spent a week getting the word out by making and posting flyers at Ryan's school, Maire Elementary, and around the neighborhood. Friends, teachers and even neighbors they didn't know donated homemade baked goods.

Ryan's mother, Polly, helped by asking Parks and Recreation Director Terry Solomon if the girls could set up shop rink side at Patterson Park.

Solomon, who usually doesn't permit outside vendors to peddle food at the parks, made an exception.

"I thought whatever they could do would be wonderful," Solomon said. "We even gave them some extra thermal cups we had left over from our Halloween party."

The flyers brought out more skaters and sledders than usual for a Friday night at Patterson Park. The girls figured they could net about \$700.

They more than doubled their expectations: \$1,600.

"We had people who paid more for their hot chocolate and people who were just donating to the Red Cross," Ryan said.

"And family and friends who couldn't make it are still donating," Ansell said.

The leftover baked goods were sold Tuesday, Jan. 11, at a bake sale at Maire, which brought in another \$68.

The girls request tsunami relief donations be sent directly to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 9089, Washington, D.C. 20090, Attention: Tsunami relief.



Photo by Bonnie Caprara

Kelly Ansell, 11, and Jennifer Ryan, 10, and Christina Naber, not pictured, of Grosse Pointe Park, came up with a hot idea to raise money for aid to tsunami victims: a hot chocolate and bake sale at the ice rink at Patterson Park on Friday, Jan. 7. The trio raised over \$1,700.

Pointes for Peace hosts talk on 'liberal media'

Jack Lessenberry, an award-winning columnist, will be guest speaker at the Pointes for Peace public forum Monday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook Road, in Grosse Pointe Woods. The program is free to the public and light refreshments will be served.

Lessenberry will speak on "The Myth of the Liberal Media" and the 2004 presidential election.

A lecturer at Wayne State University, Lessenberry also is a regular columnist for the Metro Times. His work has appeared in the New York Times, The Boston Globe, the Chicago Sun-Times, The Memphis Commercial Appeal and The Toledo Blade. Awards include a Michigan Press Club first-place recognition for excellence in journalism, an Association of Alternative Newsweeklies award for best column in the nation, and an Emmy.

Pointes for Peace is a community-based group of east-siders and others who are

committed to educating for conflict resolution and other strategies to work for peace on local, national and international levels. Membership is free. All are welcome at Pointes for Peace weekly gatherings Sundays at 7 p.m. at Starbucks on Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

For more information, or to be added to the Pointes for Peace mailing list, call Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732 or Mary Read at (313) 822-2702; e-mail at pointesforpeace@yahoo.com.



Ewald Library opens to the public today

The Carolyn and Ted Ewald Memorial Branch Library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, will open its door to the public today, Thursday, Jan. 20, at 10 a.m.

Though the finishing touches on the 15,500 square foot building have yet to be completed, the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees decided to open the facility for public use.

"We know the public wants to get in," board president John Bruce said.

The new hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday. The branch will be closed on Sundays.

Woods almost ready for new liquor license requests

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Up to four Grosse Pointe Woods restaurateurs may be expanding their menus to include beer, wine and cocktails soon.

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council unanimously approved an ordinance at its Monday, Jan. 17, meeting which provides guidelines in issuing up to four newly available Class C liquor licenses.

The guidelines are designed to ensure a fair selection process by the council, whose consideration is a factor in final license issuance by the state Liquor Control Commission. In addition to guidelines imposed by the state, some of the additional council review guidelines include input from surrounding business owners, impact of

the establishment on surrounding businesses and neighborhoods, and diversification of the type of commercial activity in a given area or block. The ordinance calls for a \$2,500 application fee and restricts a business owner from holding onto a Class C license for "investment purposes" or for longer than six months.

The licenses became available when voters overturned a city charter provision in the August primary election that imposed local restriction on the number of licenses that were available in the city. Up to five Woods restaurateurs are reportedly interested in obtaining the newly available licenses.

The Woods will begin to accept applications for consideration for Class C licenses on Monday, Feb. 7, 20 days after the council's approval of the ordinance.

Obituaries

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will also be held on Memorial Day weekend at Higgins Lake.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, or to an educational fund to be established by the family at a later date, c/o Walsh Funeral Home, 143 Lake St., Roscommon, MI 48653.

Nancy E. West

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Nancy E. West, 75, died on Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at Indian River Memorial Hospital in Vero Beach, Fla., after a brief illness.

Mrs. West was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., and moved to Vero Beach 22 years ago from Grosse Pointe Farms.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Donald West of Vero Beach, her sons, Mark T. West of Virginia Beach, Va., and Thomas E. West of Miami Beach, Fla.; and one grandchild.

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Armed robbery

Armed robbers on Sunday, Jan. 16, at about 1 p.m., put a gun to the head of a pizza parlor manager in the City of Grosse Pointe and forced him to empty the company safe.

"They knew what they were doing," police said. "They got in and got out very quickly."

No customers were present. No one was injured during the robbery in the 17600 block of Mack near University.

Police said three men entered the parlor through the back door.

"They wore ski masks," police said. "One had a semi-automatic gun. Another had a short-barrel shotgun. One of the men put a gun to the back of the manager's head and walked him to the safe."

The men got away with an undisclosed amount of cash and checks.

City officers are working with Michigan State Police to process evidence found at the scene.

Bike taken

A boy's bike was stolen Friday, Jan. 14, a few minutes before 5 p.m., while parked behind a store in the 17100 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Police said the blue and silver Giant mountain bike had been left unlocked and unattended.

B&E fails

A shopkeeper in the 16800 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe reported a failed break-in overnight Wednesday, Jan. 12.

"The (store) window was pushed in from what appeared to be several strikes with a blunt object, leaving scuff marks on the glass," police said. "From inside the business, the frame of the window was pushed out far enough that the nails were exposed and the wall was cracked from the force."

On-line theft

Identity thieves charged two transactions totaling \$1,099 to a woman from the City of Grosse Pointe.

"The charges were made on-line," police said.

Credit representatives said the fraudulent purchases occurred in December and January and were registered to women.

Surprise buy

A City of Grosse Pointe man was surprised last week to learn "high end" transactions had been charged in his name on a credit card for which he'd never applied.

Bankers wouldn't provide the victim additional information. They advised him to make a police report and have officers contact the bank.

Fake credit

Someone last month charged \$4,000 on a credit card obtained fraudulently in the name of a City of Grosse Pointe man.

Upon receiving the bill last week, the victim learned two additional credit cards had been opened in his name. One account was registered to a Detroit address.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**Close shave**

City of Grosse Pointe police are trying to track down an unknown man accused of stealing \$48 worth of shaving products from a drug store in the 16900 block of Kercheval.

The store owner reported witnessing the crime on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 10:25 a.m.

Flat tires

Five flat tires since October is no coincidence, according to a woman employed at a store in the Village shopping district of the City of Grosse Pointe.

On Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 4:30 a.m., the woman told police she traced four instances of flat tires to driving over screws in a parking lot behind a store in the 16900 block of Kercheval.

"(The woman) believes (a) suspect is leaving screws under her tires for her to drive over," police said. "(She) has four screws removed from her tires."

3 suspensions

On Monday, Jan. 10, at 1:30 p.m., a 53-year-old Detroit man with three current driving suspensions was caught in the City of Grosse Pointe operating a car outfitted with an expired license plate.

Police stopped the man in a white 1998 GMC Jimmy on Mack near St. Clair.

Violent parolee

A 34-year-old Detroit man on parole for aggravated

assault with intent to murder was caught Sunday, Jan. 9, at 6:02 p.m., in the City of Grosse Pointe.

He was driving a car with a partially obscured license plate.

Officers found a small bag of marijuana in his pocket. The man had no driver license. His license had been suspended 10 times.

He was wanted in Eastpointe for contempt of court and in Detroit for a traffic violation.

Four warrants

On Saturday, Jan. 15, at 8:09 a.m., a 29-year-old Detroit man wanted on four warrants attracted attention from Grosse Pointe Farms police by driving a car with only one taillight on McMillan near Ridge.

His driving record listed nine current suspensions.

He was wanted on a \$375 warrant for failure to appear in Farms court. Officials in the City of Grosse Pointe wanted him on two warrants totaling \$612 for failure to appear in court.

He was wanted on a \$100 warrant in Detroit for a traffic offense.

Van damaged

On Friday, Jan. 14, between 9:50 and 11 a.m., car thieves attempted to steal a 1994 Dodge Caravan parked in a lot between stores in the 18400 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Would-be thieves broke the door handle, steering column and ignition.

Car B&E

A City of Grosse Pointe woman reported her purse taken from her unattended 2000 Chrysler Concorde parked Thursday, Jan. 13, from 4:10 to 4:45 p.m., behind a school in the 200 block of Chalfonte in the Farms.

She'd left her purse on a rear seat. Thieves entered the locked vehicle by smashing a passenger-side window.

The next morning a Farms public works employee found the purse discarded behind a store in the 18300 block of Mack. Money and credit cards were missing.

Watches taken

Two cleaning women are suspected of stealing a pair of gold watches from their former employer's house on Hendrie Lane in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The watches, a woman's Rolex and man's antique Patique Philippe, are valued at a minimum combined \$40,000.

The victim thinks the thefts occurred between October and December last year.

"(She) has had difficulty trying to contact either (cleaning lady) since their termination," police said.

2nd time around

A 52-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man with a record of drunken driving admitted having "a few" when pulled over by Farms police on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 1:57 a.m.

Officers said the man made an improper turn at Mack and Moross in a silver 2003 Pontiac Grand Am four-door.

"During the field sobriety portion of the investigation the suspect began to shout and became argumentative," police said.

Officers measured his blood alcohol level at .11 percent.

The man was released at 9:40 a.m., on \$500 bond.

Phone faker

Debt collectors last week dunned a Grosse Pointe Farms woman for a \$1,301 unpaid telephone bill thieves opened in her name. The account was traced to a Detroit apartment.

Officer draws Taser gun

On Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 10:42 a.m., a 26-year-old Detroit man argued with Grosse Pointe Farms police when pulled over near Mack and Moross.

Police had traced a license plate on his white 1991 Chevrolet Corsica to a man wanted on eight misdemeanor warrants totaling \$986 in 36th District Court.

"(He) began to yell and scream, claiming the only reason he was stopped (was) because he is black and wearing a skull cap," police said.

The man had 12 license suspensions.

He struggled with police until an officer drew a Taser shock weapon.

Farms officers released the man on \$200 bond and turned him over to Detroit authorities.

Child neglect

Grosse Pointe Farms police logged a case of child neglect Monday, Jan. 10, at 9:23 a.m. An officer found two Detroit children in an unattended, unlocked car parked in a high-crime lot where two muggings occurred last week behind stores on Mack near Moross.

An officer discovered the 4-year-old girl and her 2-year-old brother upon hearing the horn of their mother's 1994 Oldsmobile Bravada station wagon. Neither child wore a jacket in the 32-degree temperature.

"The children (were) hopping over the seats and jumping around in the vehicle," police said. "The vehicle

was a complete mess with food and unknown substances smeared on the seat and windows."

The children had different last names.

"(The girl) had a difficult time remembering her brother's name and did not know how old he was," police said.

Upon the 28-year-old mother's return to the vehicle, she reportedly explained "she was only shopping and not gone long," police said.

Store B&E

Grosse Pointe Farms detectives are trying to trace footprints and fingerprints found at a store burgled on Monday, Jan. 10, at 12:40 a.m., in the 18200 block of Mack near Fisher.

Thieves broke through the front glass door and stole an unknown number of Nextel T Mobile camera phones and related miscellaneous equipment, police said.

"A check of the front of the store revealed fresh footprints in the melting snow mixed with mud," police said.

Officers found a shoe print on the store counter. A stolen telephone charging unit was found discarded near the intersection of Beaupre and McKinley.

Wanted man

While cruising a high-crime parking lot behind stores on Mack near Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms, a public safety officer recognized a parked car registered to a 39-year-old Detroit man wanted by 3rd Circuit Court for growing and delivering marijuana.

Records also showed the man had 17 driving suspensions.

Police arrested the man upon his return from shopping. Officers arrested his 28-year-old female companion, of Detroit, on a \$540 warrant from the Farms.

Road hazard

A 46-year-old Detroit man with a blood alcohol level of .287 percent was arrested for drunken driving Sunday, Jan. 16, at 12:37 a.m., in Grosse Pointe Shores.

An officer came upon the man's red 1990 Mercury four-door stopped without lights in the right lane of southbound Lakeshore near Oxford.

Police confiscated two partially consumed bottles of vodka found in the vehicle.

Kid caught

A 17-year-old St. Clair Shores male tried to escape Grosse Pointe Shores police during a drunken driving investigation on Briarcliff at about 9:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15.

A patrolman had found the teenager's car parked on Briarcliff with only one headlight functioning. The driver claimed he and two male passengers had run out of gas and were making their way home. Officers found 15 bottles of beer in the car.

"(The driver) fled the scene on foot," police said. "(He) was apprehended behind (a house) after a short chase."

The teen's blood alcohol measured .027 percent. The passengers had not been drinking.

Police cited the driver for consuming alcohol, interfering with a public safety officer and not having auto insurance.

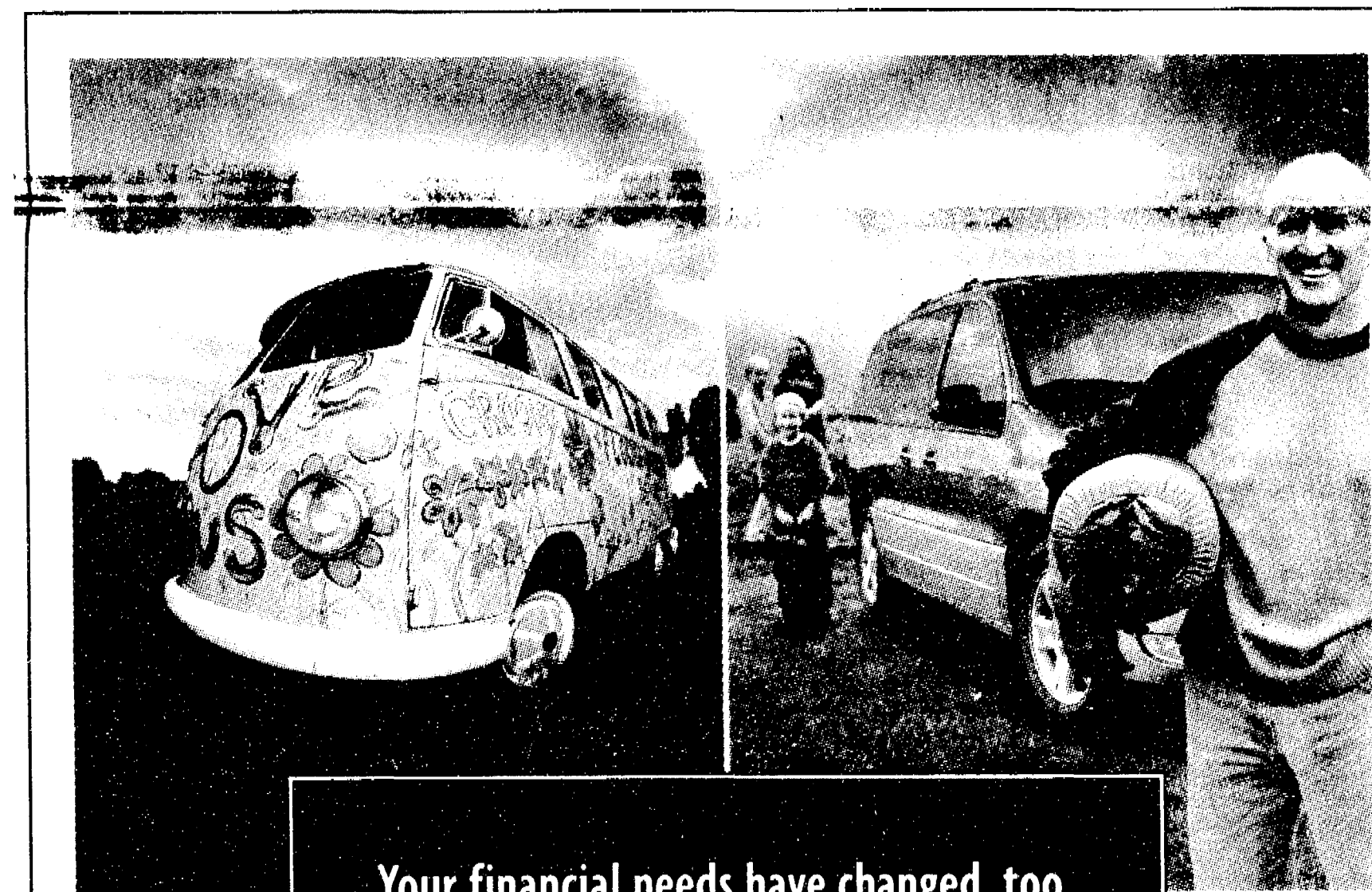
Pipe breaks

Two water main breaks were reported shortly before 8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15, in the 500 and 800 blocks of Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Drives drunk

A 27-year-old Detroit man with a .124 percent blood alcohol level was arrested for drunken driving Saturday, Jan. 15, at 1:37 a.m., on southbound Lakeshore near Oxford in Grosse Pointe Shores.

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Grosse Pointe Woods youth, 13, makes Eagle Scout

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Nationally, about 2 percent of Boy Scouts attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Most do so by their junior or senior year in high school.

Nathan Strickland Jr. wanted to become an Eagle Scout earlier so "It wouldn't

interfere with school."

At 13 years old, Strickland, of Grosse Pointe Woods, is the youngest scout of Boy Scout Troop 703 at Grosse Pointe United Church to attain Eagle Scout ranking.

Strickland attained the rank of Eagle Scout on Oct.

21 after completing all of his Eagle Scout requirements, including his leadership project: building a handicap accessible flower and vegetable garden at Heartland Health Care Senior Center-Georgian East in St. Clair Shores.

"My church does a lot of

work at Georgian East, and I noticed the garden didn't look right," Strickland said. "It wasn't handicap accessible."

Last summer, Strickland secured material and plant donations from several hardware stores and recruited volunteers from his

church and his troop to help him rebuild the garden.

"We brought it down to the proper level so the residents could reach inside the bed," Strickland said. "We also built new benches and made sure they were secure, safe and accessible."

"We and the residents are very pleased," said Elizabeth Platt, activities director at Georgian East. "Now it's bigger and more accessible."

Strickland also earned 26 merit badges toward his Eagle Scout requirement. Twenty-one badges are required.

He was also awarded the God and Church Medal and the United States Heritage Medal.

"He is a remarkable and extremely gifted young man," said Petersen Decker, scout master of Troop 703.

"He has not only been an example for the younger scouts, but he's also been helping out our 15-, 16- and 17-year-old scouts attain Eagle Scout level."

At Brownell Middle School, where he is an eighth-grader and honor student, Strickland received

the United States Physical Fitness Certificate in 2004 and received a Division II medal in the strings competition at the Solo & Ensemble Festival. He also plays viola and piano for the Dearborn Youth Orchestra, tutors other students in music, helped lead his Harper Woods Junior/Babe Ruth baseball team to a city division championship in 2004 and received a third-place medal at the Roseville Junior High Wrestling Tournament in 2004.

Strickland was congratulated at a Circle of Honor ceremony on Sunday, Jan. 16, at Grosse Pointe United Church and has accumulated a box full of letters and resolutions from dignitaries all the way to the President and First Lady.

Although Strickland has accomplished what many scouts only hope, his work is not done at Troop 703, where he is the patrol leader and librarian.

"I still go to meetings and encourage and inspire scouts to become Eagle Scouts," Strickland said.

Lake St. Clair on rise since January

The following lake levels as of Jan. 14 are offered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

All of the Great Lakes except Lake Ontario are 6 to 11 inches above last year's levels.

Lakes St. Clair, Ontario and Erie are above their long-term averages by 6, 11 and 6 inches.

Lake Ontario is 5 inches below its level of a year ago.

Lake Superior is 1 inch below its long-term average

and Michigan-Huron remains 11 inches below its

long-term average.

The Lake Superior outflow through the St. Marys River into Lake Huron is expected to be near average during the month of January.

Flow in the St. Clair and Niagara rivers are expected to be near average and the Detroit River flow is expected to be above average in January. The St. Lawrence River flow is expected to be near average for the month of January.

Lake Superior is forecasted to continue its seasonal

decline and decrease 3 inches by mid-February.

Lake Michigan-Huron is nearing the end of its seasonal decline and should remain fairly steady in the next month.

Lakes St. Clair, Erie and Ontario have been inundated by heavy rain and significant runoff from snow melt so far in January. This precipitation and runoff has caused significant rises in water level since the start of 2005.

The water levels on lakes St. Clair, Erie and Ontario

are expected to remain fairly constant during the next 30 days, as the period of normal decline nears its end.

Alerts

Users of the Great Lakes, connecting channels and St. Lawrence River should keep informed of current conditions before undertaking any activities that could be affected by changing water levels.

Mariners should utilize navigation charts and refer to current water level readings.

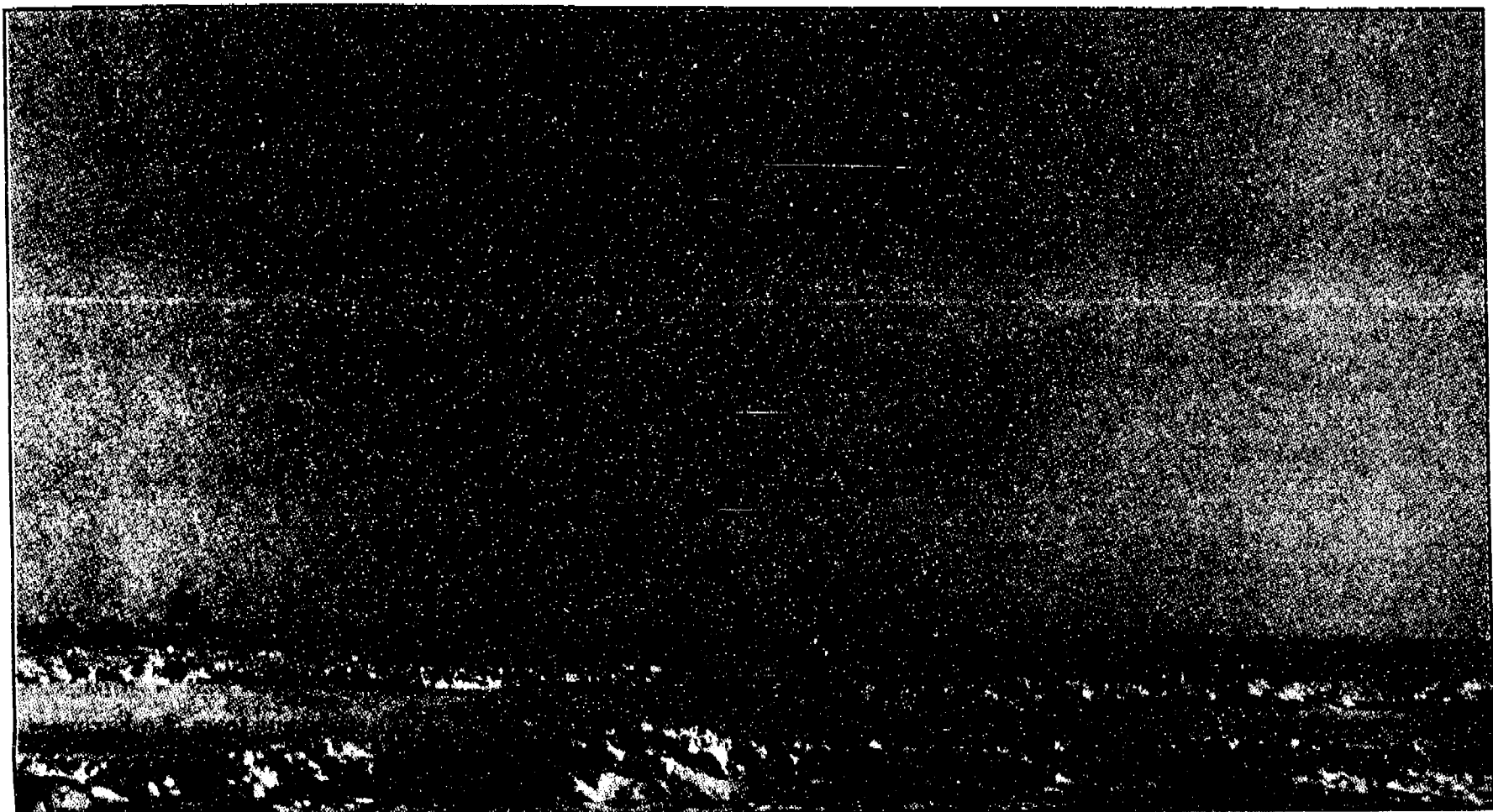


Photo by Brad Lindberg

Precipitation has resulted in rising levels of Lake St. Clair. But owners of vessels other than icebreakers, shown during a freezing spell last year, will have to brave winter before testing the waters.

Safety

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Officers said the man's 1996 Dodge had a burned-out taillight.

User loser

A 26-year-old Eastpointe woman was arrested Thursday, Jan. 13, at about 6:30 p.m., after showing up high on heroin for a Grosse Pointe Shores parole hearing. A body search turned up two needles, a silver pipe and other paraphernalia.

"(She) stated she used heroin about one-half hour prior to arriving," police said.

She was wanted in Warren and Detroit on three warrants totaling \$600. Shores officers released her to Warren police later that evening.

Poor cooking

"Poor cooking" triggered a smoke alarm Monday, Jan. 10, at 10:16 a.m., on Belle Meade, according to Grosse Pointe Shores firefighters.

Officers in cruisers and a fire truck arrived at the house to learn an occupant had already extinguished a small pan fire.

— Brad Lindberg

Lost & found

A manger may have been proper housing for a baby at one time, but the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety building is not.

The department still has four of six baby Jesus nativity figures that were recovered from youth theft suspects on Dec. 21. The department is seeking their owners to recover them.

Laptop larceny

A Gateway laptop computer was taken from a desk in an office building in the

20200 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 6, and 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 7.

Suspicious subjects seen

Residents in the 1800 block of Prestwick and the 1800 block of Norwood in Grosse Pointe Woods say they saw suspicious people nosing around their garages last week.

At 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8, a Norwood resident saw a man in his garage. The resident then saw the man go to a person waiting nearby in a red Dodge van and say, "I was in there. There's nothing. Go down the street."

Neither the men nor the van could be located by public safety officers.

At 6:09 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 10, a Prestwick resident saw a man trying to take a snowblower out of his garage. The unknown subject ran away and fled the area in a white van when the resident's dog started barking.

Punctured tire

The sidewall of a tire of a car parked in the 2100 block of Eight Mile in Grosse Pointe Woods was punctured during the night of Tuesday, Jan. 11.

Tools taken

A utility vacuum, a portable compressor, an AM/FM/CD player and a miter saw were taken from a house in the 19200 block of Raymond in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 12, and 5:10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 13.

It is believed whoever took the items gained entry into the house by prying open a

door with a flat-head screwdriver. A second door at the house was tampered with in a like manner.

Home invasion

A house in the 1300 block of Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park was broken into sometime between 8:10 a.m. and 1:10 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 12.

Various video games, an X Box, a suede jacket and an unknown amount of money were taken from the house.

Theft from Jeep

A green Jansport backpack was taken from a 1999 Jeep Cherokee parked in the 700 block of Barrington in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between 12:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 14.

Check for groceries

Management of a store in the 20400 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods still isn't sure if a group of women intended to buy or steal groceries.

A group of five women came through a check-out lane at the store at 8:20 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 14, with an undisclosed amount of groceries.

A 37-year-old Detroit woman from the group wrote a check for the purchase, which had to be verified at the customer service desk.

While the check writer and three of her friends went to the desk to check on a delay, a 27-year-old Detroit woman from the group packed up and wheeled the groceries to a car in the parking lot. She was detained by a store employee.

As store management was trying to assess the situa-

tion among the five women, the check writer said she was feeling ill and was taken to a nearby hospital by Woods medics.

The check for the groceries was never processed.

Broken window

Someone threw a rock through a 3-inch-by-4-inch window of a building in the 15000 block of Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park at 8:52 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17.

Minivan theft

A 1995 Plymouth Voyager parked in front of a house in the 1400 block of Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park was stolen at 9:38 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17.

The owner of the vehicle saw a man wearing a yellow puffy jacket drive the minivan away.

— Bonnie Caprara



Nathan Strickland Jr., 13, of Grosse Pointe Woods, is the youngest member of Boy Scout Troop 703 at Grosse Pointe United Church to attain the level of Eagle Scout. He is pictured sitting on a handicap accessible garden he coordinated and built at Heartland Health Care Senior Center-Georgian East in St. Clair Shores.

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Making its debut: the 5 Series Touring

BMW presents the new 5 Series Touring to the American public for the first time at the 2005 North American International Auto Show, this time as the 530xi combining sporting performance, superior function, outstanding comfort and generous space inside.

Other features boasted on the car include xDrive with Hill Descent Control, a panorama sliding roof, BMW's Head-Up Display as well as Adaptive Headlights.

Measuring 190.6 inches in length, the BMW 5 Series Touring is 1.50 inches longer, 1.81 inches wider, and 0.91 inches higher than its predecessor. This increase in size provides particular benefits inside the car especially through the even larger luggage capacity.

The rear lid opens and closes automatically as an option simply by pressing a button on the key. Convenient access to the variable luggage compartment is also possible through the rear window, which opens separately for smaller odds and ends. Luggage compartment capacity varies from 17.5-56.5 cubic feet with the rear-seat bench folded down and the car loaded up to roof level — that is 3.15 cubic feet more than on the previous model.

The BMW M5 is relatively reserved and even modest in its looks. This sports car is the most powerful 5 Series the world has ever seen: five liters capacity, 10 cylinders, 500 horsepower (SAE net) output, 383 pound-feet maximum torque, and engine speeds in excess of 8,000 rpm. The BMW M5 boasts the most innovative drive concept in its class, the best power-to-weight ratio, truly supreme

handling, as well as outstanding everyday driving qualities.

The seven-speed SMG gearbox is the first transmission in the world with seven sequential gears and a Drivelogic function offering no less than 11 gearshift options. BMW's V10 is the only high-speed engine currently available in a production sedan, making the M5 BMW's most powerful production model. Running at engine speeds of up to 8250 rpm and with specific output of 100 hp/liter aluminum engine in bed plate design and with double-VAN as is comparable to a racing engine in every respect.

Particularly the car's acceleration and driving dynamics make the M5 truly outstanding on the road: acceleration from 0-100 km/h (62 mph) comes in less than five seconds and the M5 reaches 124 mph or

200 km/h after approximately 15 seconds. This ongoing surge of power continues all the way to 155 mph or 250 km/h, where the speed of the M5 is finally limited electronically.

Together with the variable M differential lock and DSC with two dynamic driving programs available on demand, the chassis and suspension with Electronic Damper Control EDC provides a perfect match for this outstanding power. Benefiting from its extra-large and highly efficient braking system carried over from motorsport, the M5 comes to a standstill from

62 mph after just 118 feet, with stopping distance of less than 460 feet from a speed of 124 mph.

BMW H2R: Braking



BMW M5

records with the hydrogen combustion engine. BMW is presenting the H2R Hydrogen World Speed Record Car in Detroit. In September 2004 this prototype impressively proved the potential of a hydrogen

car with a combustion engine, achieving nine records in one day. This clearly proves the BMW Group's conviction that hydrogen can replace conventional fuel without the driver having to forgo the performance and dynamics of a modern premium automobile.

Displacing six liters, the 12-cylinder engine featured in BMW's record-breaking car is based on the gasoline engine featured in the BMW 760i, developing more than 285 bhp. This accelerates the prototype to 62 mph in approximately six seconds and gives the car a top speed of 187.5 mph.

The BMW H2R was developed by BMW

Forschung und Technik GmbH in just 10 months, benefiting in the process from the series development of BMW's hydrogen car based on the 7 Series. The aerodynamically optimized outer skin of the record-breaking prototype made of carbon-fiber-reinforced plastic gives H2R a drag coefficient (Cd) of just 0.21.

With a full tank and with the driver at the wheel, the BMW H2R weighs just 3,440 pounds, not only setting up world speed records, but also emitting nothing but vapor.

The BMW H2R World Record Car has set up the following world records, among others: One mile with a flying start in 19.9 seconds, one mile with a standing start in 36.7 seconds, and 10 miles with a standing start in 221.1 seconds.

Source: BMW

The world feels like a better place in a convertible

By Steve Schaefer

When the Chrysler Crossfire debuted last year, it was a totally new offering, a dramatically styled two-seater from a company famous for huge sedans and mighty minivans. With the arrival of the Roadster, the Crossfire becomes an even more appealing proposition.

Unlike its corporate cousin, the Mercedes-Benz SLK, the Crossfire has a cloth lid. Its proportions and lines complement the rest of the car, and it is well sealed against the elements. To drop it, you pop a central latch, and lift the front edge of the top up several inches. Then, with a push of a button, the hard tonneau cover lifts, the top disappears under it, and then the tonneau returns to create a finished appearance. It takes only 22 seconds.

Other than a clunky sound when the top detaches in back and the need for a healthy and loud pull to close it, the top works fine.

Inside the trunk you can slide luggage under the top holding area, or if the top is up, you can expand the modest cargo space by moving a cloth divider out of the way. It's not roomy back there, but this car isn't meant for hauling sacks of cement anyway.

The Crossfire features a 3.2-liter, single-overhead-cam V6 engine with three valves per cylinder. It generates 215 horsepower and 229 pound-feet of torque, which in this under-3,200 pound car feels strong. This engine is classified as an

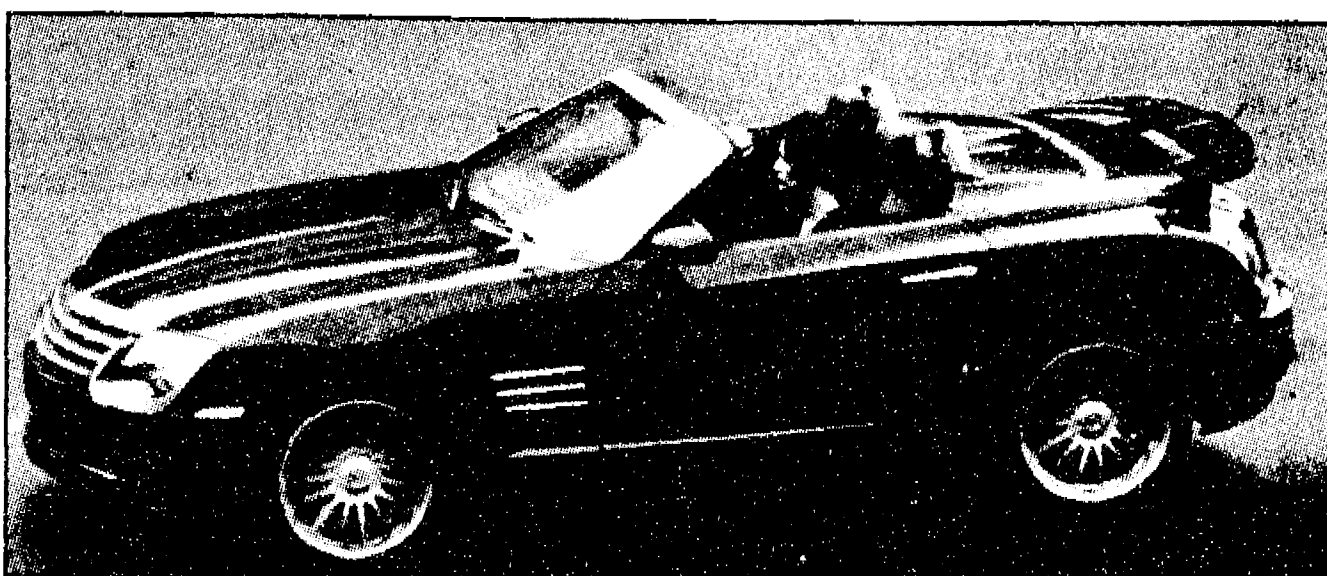


Photo courtesy of Chrysler Internet Media

The 2005 Chrysler Crossfire Roadster

Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) by the EPA, and in my Aero Blue Pearl Coat tester, earned fuel economy ratings of 17 city, 25 highway.

A six-speed manual shifter is standard, but you can order a five-speed automatic with AutoStick sequential manual shifting in the upper level model. My car's six-speed manual delivered satisfyingly precise gear changes, although I had to ease into first gear in order to avoid jumping forward like a frog. The shift knob was as slick as a cue ball.

The Crossfire gets noticed out on the road. The sides carry the same trick crease as the coupe has, which reverses from convex to concave just past the leading edge of the doors. The hard tonneau cover has built-in extensions from the seat tops for a custom effect, tying in perfectly with the silver sport bars behind each seat. Like the coupe, the roadster has six deep grooves down the hood and a precision-carved nose that carries the new Chrysler family face.

The boattail design in back is still prominent, even without the tapering metal top of the coupe. Twin exhausts sit close together below the bumper. A spoiler pops out of the trunk lid at about 60 miles per hour. Chrysler is using extra big 19-inch rear wheels in back with smaller 18-inches in front.

Inside, the luxury mission is clear. The sumptuous black and tan leather sport seats hold you snug, and the light/medium quartz interior panels brighten up what could be a crowded cabin. The gauges sparkle, and silver matte accents about the cabin imbue it with a premium aspect. The car certainly doesn't resemble any of the competition, except perhaps a nod to the metallically endowed TT.

Most of the requisite luxuries are there in the Crossfire Roadster. The heated driver's seat moves eight ways electrically; the passenger has to settle for four ways. Electricity motivates the locks, mirrors and windows. The climate control has dual zone controls. The car appears to be very nicely assembled in Osnabrueck, Germany. I thought the door slams felt a little metallic, but that's the extent of my complaints.

The Crossfire's navigation system is different. Like other systems, it has a very soothing voice, female in this case, which leads you along without requiring you to look away from the road. The system uses buttons to allow input direction requests. What's different is that there is no large screen, and, hence, no map available. The system worked effectively without it, displaying street names and a directional arrow.

The Crossfire has plenty of safety equipment, including four-wheel antilock

brakes, with an electronic stability program and all-speed traction control. This feature lets the car's computer counteract unexpected changes in direction by automatically applying the brakes or backing off the throttle to bring the car into position. A tire monitoring system lets you know if any of the large, low profile tires are unsafely underinflated. Air bags are at the ready from the front or the side.

As with the coupe, you can order the Roadster in standard or Limited versions. For about \$4,000 more, the Limited brings many details, including a standard 240-watt Infinity Modulus stereo and lots of shiny accent pieces inside and out. You can order the automatic transmission only with the Limited. Prices start at \$34,960 for the standard model or \$38,920 for the Limited. My Limited tester had the navigation system (\$1,200), coming to a total of \$40,120.

If you are single or a couple and travel lightly, or can afford to have the Crossfire Roadster as your frolicking second car, it supplies many happy times. The wind is not much of a bother at freeway speeds and the open top makes the interior feel as roomy as the whole world. With the sun glinting off the numerous silvery surfaces and light tan leather, the world feels like a better place in a Chrysler Crossfire convertible.

— AutoWire

Warming up to remote starters

(NAPSI) — Winter isn't just hard on cars; it can be hard on drivers, too. Most anyone who's gotten into a cold car in the early morning will probably agree. But there are ways to make it more bearable. A remote-start unit makes it easier to warm up the interior of a car before getting in.

There's a wide variety of remote starters available, but which is best? "If you're looking to purchase a remote starter, it's best to choose an original equipment (O.E.) unit built specifically for your vehicle," says Cindy Moreen, marketing manager for Mopar Accessories. "Aftermarket units aren't customized to

your vehicle so, at the very best, they represent a compromise. And the "cut and splice" installation technique used in most aftermarket systems can be a prescription for faulty wiring and operational problems."

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Tacoma highlights high-performance sport truck

Toyota has introduced an all-new Tacoma pickup truck line for 2005, featuring a wide selection of models that are larger, more maneuverable, more powerful, and more fuel-efficient than the compact trucks they replace.

Leading the Tacoma line in performance and style is the X-Runner model that blends concept-truck design with sports-car performance from a new 245-horsepower V6 engine and a specially tuned chassis.

"The arrival of the all-new Tacoma series marks the first step in expanding our presence in the North American light truck arena," said Don Esmond, Toyota Division senior vice president and general manager. Larger in every metric of comparison, the new Tacoma offers an extensive variety of body-and-bed configurations with substantially more passenger room, cargo volume and towing capacity than before."

Documented industry-leading quality, dependability and reliability have long been top reasons customers have chosen Tacoma. The new-generation Tacoma models build on that solid foundation and broaden market appeal by adding sophisticated new design, greater performance and capability and improved passenger room and comfort.

Launched in October 2004, the all-new Tacoma has been named Motor Trend's "2005 Truck of the Year" and one of Automobile Magazine's 2005 All-Star Award Winners. In addition, the Tacoma X-Runner was Sport Truck Magazine's choice for its 2005 Sport Truck of the Year Award.

Eighteen model configurations make up the 2005 Tacoma line, based on three cab types — Regular Cab,

extended Access Cab with new dual access doors and tumble flat rear seats and the four-door Double Cab. The Tacoma Regular Cab and Access Cab models feature a 73.5-inch-long bed. The Double Cab is available for the first time with a choice between a 60.3-inch bed and the 73.5-inch bed.

The Tacoma line offers the 4x2 and 4x4 drivetrains, plus the PreRunner models that combine the 4x2 drivetrain with the raised riding stance and styling of the 4x4 models.

Toyota added to safety technology in the new Tacoma, making anti-lock brakes (ABS) with Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD) and Brake Assist (BA) standard on all models and offering the Vehicle Skid Control (VSC) system on all models (except X-Runner). All bench seat models feature dual-stage deployment passenger front air bags.

All models with bucket or sport seats are equipped with dual-stage air bags with an occupant classification system (OCS). A front passenger cutoff switch is standard on all Regular and Access Cab models. Double Cab models in addition offer optional curtain and seat side air bags. Seating positions on all Tacoma models are equipped with three-point seat belts.

The new-generation Tacoma moves well beyond the compact-truck dimensions of the previous model. Regular Cab 4x2 models are built on a new 109.4-inch wheelbase (an increase of 5.9-inches); PreRunner and 4x4 Regular Cab Tacomas sit on a 110-inch wheelbase; 4x2 Access Cab models ride on a 127.2-inch wheelbase (an increase of 5.3 inches); Access Cab PreRunner and 4x4 wheelbase is 127.8 inches. The Double Cab with the

standard five-foot bed shares the 127.8-inch wheelbase, and the new Double Cab long-bed models ride on a 140.9-inch wheelbase.

Front and rear track have been widened by nearly four inches, yielding more than four inches of additional shoulder and hip room. The Tacoma Access Cab models add dual rear access doors for 2005. Rear doors on Double Cab models are more than three inches longer than before and open to 80 degrees to give passengers easier access.

Even with its larger dimensions and increased passenger room, the new Tacoma offers a stronger, stiffer chassis and improved maneuverability. New suspension and steering tuning improve off-road performance and on-road ride and handling.

The 2005 Tacoma line features two engines: a new 2.7-liter VVT-i DOHC four-cylinder engine that produces 164 horsepower and 183 pound-feet of torque and a revised 4.0-liter VVT-i DOHC V6 that produces 245 horsepower and 282 pound-feet of torque (replacing the 190-hp 3.4-liter V6 in the 2004 models). Both feature a new Electronic Throttle Control System with intelligence (ETCS-i) that helps improve performance and fuel economy.

Two new transmissions are offered with the V6 engine, a six-speed manual and a five-speed automatic. The four-cylinder models offer a choice between a five-speed manual and a four-speed automatic transmission.

Tacoma features a new integrated hitch and bumper design. Properly equipped, the V6-powered

Tacoma models can tow up to 6,500 pounds, a 30-percent increase over the 5,000-pound towing capacity of the 2004 V6 models.

market is a growing segment dominated by young male enthusiasts who make significant investments in

the modification and customization of their trucks. Toyota is committed to reaching this unique market through the expansion of its high-performance series.



2005 Tacoma Access Cab



The 2006 Cadillac STS-V

Gov. Jennifer Granholm gets a closer look at the new 2006 Cadillac STS-V that will be built at GM's Lansing Grand River assembly center. Leading her tour through the GM exhibit at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit on Jan. 12 is GM Vice President of Government Relations Ken Cole.

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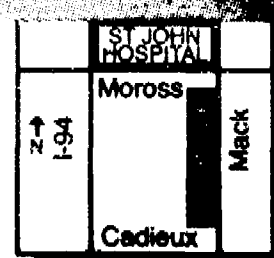
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2005 Saturn Ion 3 Sedan is this year's solid buy

By Greg Zyla

This week we test drive the 2005 Saturn Ion 3, further refined for the new model year and still a solid buy — base price: \$16,805; price as tested: \$18,605. Saturn has made changes inside and out that improve its standing in the crowded economy class for midsize sedans.

As the new model year was beginning, the Ion received some good news: The 2004 Ion 3 received the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's five-star frontal crash-test rating for driver and front passenger.

The exterior features smart, dent-resistant polymer panels, a newly designed front grille and fascia, and new, larger, 16-inch alloy wheels that make Ion look a bit more racy.

Interior refinements for 2005 include a larger, four-spoke steering wheel, new shift lever and redesigned seats. The focus of the Ion's interior, however, remains the center-mounted instrument panel. For some reason, Saturn has moved the cluster from front and center of the driver to the middle of the dash. The view is angled back toward the driver, but as hard as we tried, we couldn't accurately see the gauges without taking our eyes off the road. It's a trendy look, but at the least, it's impractical, and at the most, precarious.

Interior highlights include an MP3 player that accompanies the AM/FM stereo and CD, an obvious attraction for the sought-



2005 Saturn Ion 3 Sedan

after youth market. Saturn also throws in front and rear floor mats as standard equipment. We always ask, why not?

The Ion's interior is spacious and comfortable, with ample leg, head, hip and shoulder room. The 2005 model is 2 inches taller and 6 inches longer than in 2004, and Saturn touts its "rear theater seating," as rear-seat passengers sit an inch higher to promote the "everyone wants a good view" ideal.

The list of interior amenities shows Ion 3 offers a lot for the price. Included are air conditioning, power locks with anti-lockout feature, remote keyless entry with alarm, power windows and mirrors, cruise control, adjustable steering column, auto headlamps, remote trunk release, driver seat height and lumbar adjustment, 60/40 fold-down rear seats, fold-flat front passenger seat, adjustable armrest with storage, and an oil-life monitor.

Under the hood, Ion 3 continues to use GM's respected Ecotec 2.2-liter, four-cylinder, double-overhead cam, 16-valve engine. Introduced in 2004 to improve Ion's lack of "get-up," the 140-horsepower Ecotec improves perfor-

mance yet still maintains a 32 miles per gallon highway/24 city EPA fuel ratings. The Ion is offered with a standard five-speed or four-speed automatic that includes "grade control logic," which improves performance on hills.

The optional \$1,235 Safe and Sound package that came with our tester is a recommended option, particularly for its head curtain side air bags and anti-lock brakes with traction control. The package also includes map lights, auto-dimming inside mirror with exterior temperature gauge and digital compass, and Onstar.

Other important numbers include a 2,772-pound curb weight, 103.2-inch wheelbase and 13-gallon fuel tank.

While Saturn is chasing the younger market, the style and flash of this car is lacking, especially compared to the wide range of domestic and foreign competitors. (The Saturn Ion Red Line coupe, with its rear spoiler and 17-inch wheels, is more in tune with the younger set.)

Still, factoring in the cost and solid fuel mileage, we give the Ion sedan a 7.5 on a scale of 1 to 10 and see it as a solid buy.

Likes: Cost, MP3 player, long list of standard equipment.

Dislikes: Cockeyed instrument panel; window noise.

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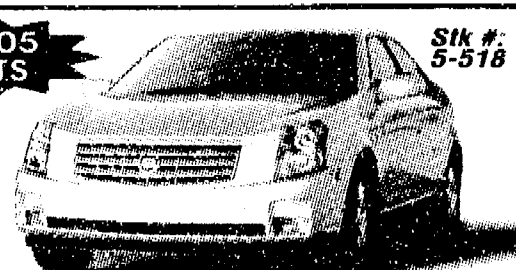
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Back to the living fields

A Park man revisits Vietnam, this time as a sightseer

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

In 1969, Vietnam did not provide the ideal working conditions for 25-year-old B.J. Khalifah. As a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Khalifah spent just over a year leading his troops on canal patrol through the Mekong Delta and skulking about the rubber trees in the north central highlands of Xuan Loc for 14 days at a time trying to keep cover from the Viet Cong.

"The delta is very flat," Khalifah said. "Where there weren't rice paddies there was long grass, which we defoliated. You could see for miles. In Xuan Loc, which is east of Saigon, is where things got messy. It has hilly terrain, and we never stayed in one place for long. "There are two seasons in South Vietnam: hot and rainy and hot and dry. During the rainy season, which was from Easter through Thanksgiving, we'd get infections and leeches walking through knee-deep water and mud. During the dry season, the ground was hard as a rock.

"We also had to see past the poverty. The people of Vietnam not only had no money but no food. The people were starving."

Like many Vietnam veterans, Khalifah's war experience is one he doesn't relish in reminiscences, but for years he's longed to go back as a tourist.

"It's a beautiful country," Khalifah said.

Saigon, now Ho Chi Minh City

After surviving a heart attack at the age of 60 in 2004, Khalifah, now of Grosse Pointe Park, felt his window of opportunity to return to Vietnam was getting narrower. So in November, Khalifah finally made the 21-hour trek across the Pacific with his wife, Christine; his Vietnamese tutor Sean Nguyen; and his Army buddy Murphy Archibald of Charlotte, N.C., and his friend, Burt Dancey.

In some respects, after 35 years much of Vietnam has not changed much. Khalifah and his party came into Saigon the same way he had as a first lieutenant — through the Tun Son Nhat Airport, which used to be the main United States air base in Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City). "It's pretty much the same way it was 35 years ago," Khalifah said.

Since the end of the war in 1975, many of the landmark French-influenced buildings have remained intact in Saigon such as the Notre Dame Cathedral, the opera house and the presidential palace, which is now a museum. Even the former U.S. Embassy, whose roof provided the last escapes for U.S. citizens, has been preserved for posterity.

The Hotel Majestic,

where Khalifah and his party stayed for the first few days of their trip, is another example of the preservation of prewar architecture. The Majestic, a French-built hotel, is an offering to the traveler who wishes to stay in historic yet modernized comfort although there are a number of Western-style hotels which have been built in recent years.

"All of the large cities in Vietnam have three- and four-star hotels," Khalifah said, and added that Vietnam hosts many Western European tourists.

The Ben Thanh Market, is still Saigon's main farmers market. Today, it is full of produce and seafood.

"Food is very plentiful now," Khalifah said. "They even import their pears and apples from the United States. And everywhere there was fish. They have some of the best seafood in the world. They have lobsters as long as your arm. The United States is the biggest buyer of shrimp; it buys four to five tons of it per day."

Motor scooters are still the primary means of transportation in Saigon and many parts of Vietnam.

"You hear them at all hours of the day and night," Khalifah said. "They're incredibly loud."

Bicycles and cyclos (two-person bicycle taxis) are also predominant forms of transportation. Cars and trucks are not as plentiful. Tourists must employ their own drivers as foreigners are not allowed to drive in Vietnam.

The living fields

As food is now plentiful in Vietnam, so is the vegetation in the Mekong Delta that had once been stripped bare by Agent Orange, B-52 craters and firebombs. But not only does rice grow plentiful in the delta, but automotive jobs, too. Ben Chen, which once housed a U.S. Army installation, is now an industrial area complete with a Ford Motor Co. plant.

"There's still squalor there," Khalifah said. "The people there only make about \$1.40 per day."

The rubber plantations of Xuan Loc east of Saigon have regenerated, too, although they are now owned by the Vietnamese government, not Michelin and other French corporations. Khalifah, a pharmacist and photographer, measures the growth of vegetation in terms of visual composition, with Hill 837 as a focal point. And what used to be a small missionary village where Khalifah and his fellow troops offered protection and secured medical attention for the inhabitants, Xuan Loc is now a bustling city.

The DMZ & beyond

During their three-week trip, Khalifah and company

also toured beyond the once first lieutenant's territory.

Beyond the central highlands to the north is Hue, which is situated along the South China Sea and was once the provincial capital of Vietnam. There they visited the tomb of Emperor Ming Manh and the Citadel, where some of the war's bloodiest battles took place.

"The Citadel is where the emperor used to live," Khalifah said. "It's huge — unbelievably huge. It's larger than the size of Grosse Pointe Park; it's 10 kilometers around. It has a wall and a moat and another wall and another moat around it."

North of Hue is the Ben Hai River. Now a quiet place, it once divided Vietnam between north and south and was also called the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ).

"This is where people shot at each other all day long," Khalifah said.

The wood bridge that used to carry foot traffic between the north and south is dilapidated but still stands as a reminder although a modern concrete bridge supports the traffic that moves a land without boundaries.

The Ho Chi Minh Trail is now open to visitors, although it is recommended to stay on the trail.

"Since the end of the war in 1975, about 75,000 people have been killed by land mines and unexploded artillery off the trail," Khalifah said. "It's still not a safe place."

Farther north toward the Red River Valley, where Vietnam was relatively untouched by the war, hills, mountains and hardwood trees dominate the landscape. Extreme poverty, too, still exists.

"People still live in grass huts," Khalifah said. "And the women smoke marijuana in pipes. It keeps all their problems away."

Today Hanoi is the capital of Vietnam both governmentally and symbolically.

The tomb of Ho Chi Minh is a major tourist attraction. So are the Maison Centrale (Hanoi Hilton) and Ho Chi Minh's presidential palace, which is complete with a fishing pond and bunkers where Ho Chi Minh reportedly lived for three years.

"The Hanoi Hilton is now a museum," Khalifah said. "There's still barbed wire and broken glass on top of the wall. They show the cell where they held (once U.S. Army Major, now Sen.) John McCain and the torture chambers."

Yet not all of the north is full of persistent poverty and macabre reminders of the triumphs of the Viet Cong.

One of Khalifah's last visits was to Ha Long Bay, about 20 miles south of the Chinese border. Khalifah and his party hopped aboard a junk that navigated the waters around giant pieces of vegetation-covered limestone.

Wherever Khalifah and his party went in Vietnam, he said, "We were treated very well. The people there liked us. I was never afraid while I was there."

"I'm glad I went. This was not a war trip; it was sightseeing. It was hard not to think about the war, but it was nice to go."

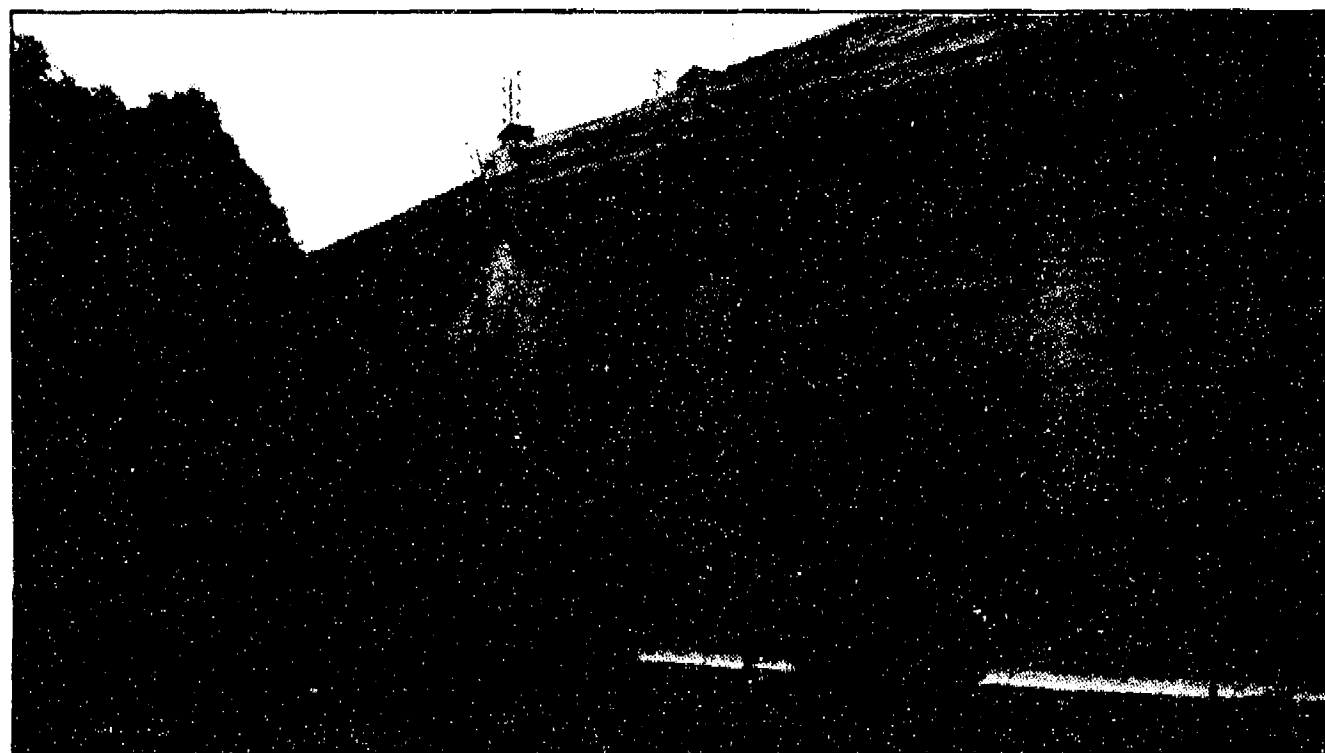
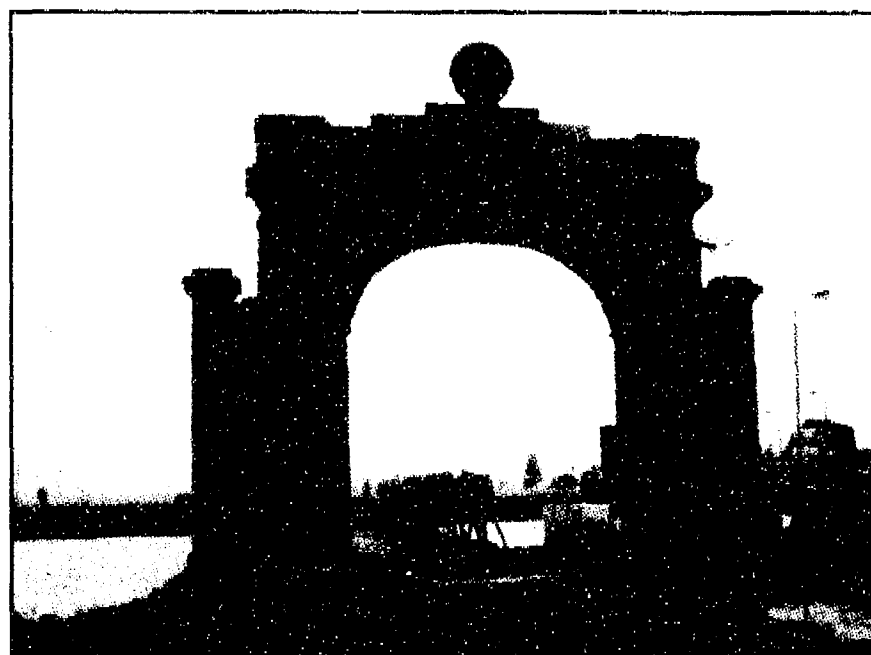
Photos by B.J. Khalifah

In 1969, 1st Lt. B.J. Khalifah, above, stands with his radio operator in the Mekong Delta.

A lone soldier, below, patrols a small canal in the Mekong Delta. In 1969, Khalifah said, "The delta is flat ... you could see for miles."



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Tourists to Vietnam today can see Ha Long Bay, the Ben Hai River and the Maison Centrale (Hanoi Hilton), all landmarks of the North once cut off from from West-
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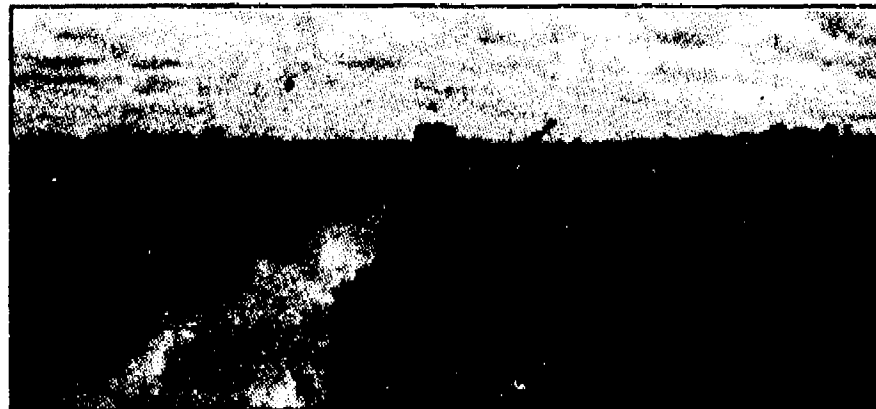
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Area dentist hosts Macomb County 'Heartfelt Project'

By Mimi Drennan
Special Writer

With a cordial smile and a warm handshake, Grosse Pointe Woods resident and St. Clair Shores dentist Kevin Prush, D.D.S., greeted his youthful patients and their parents recently in accordance with the Macomb District Dental Hygienists Society (MDDHS) Children's Dental Health Month and its 11th annual "Heartfelt Project."

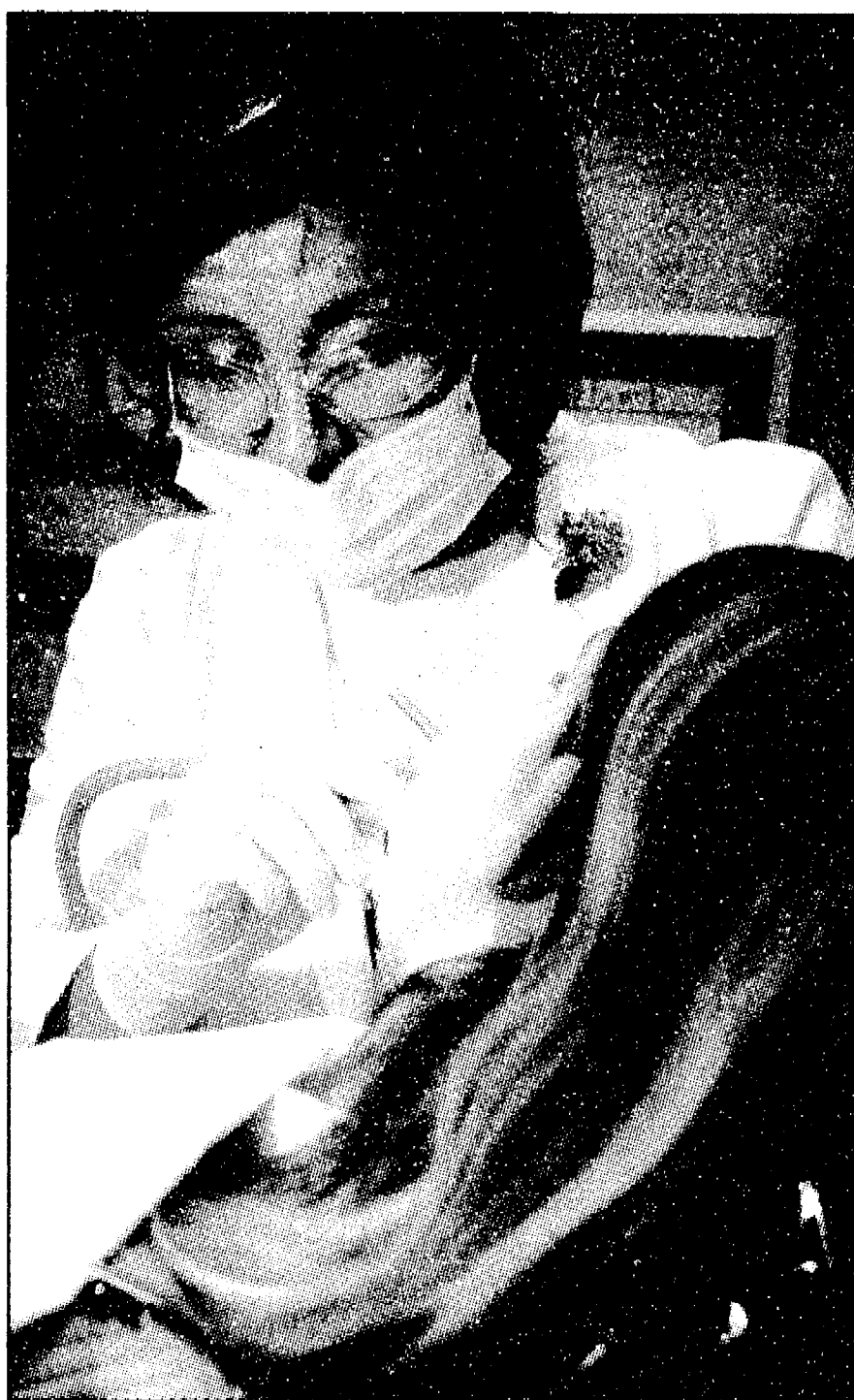
"This is my eighth year as a host for the project," explained Prush. "I feel it's my way of paying back to the community for all the good things I've experienced in my practice here."

During the project, more than 40 dental hygienists, members and potential members of MDDHS, provide dental screening, cleaning, fluoride treatment and oral hygiene instruction at no charge for Macomb County children ages 3 to 13, who do not have dental care through private insurance plans or government programs.

Prush's chief assistant, Corinne Mazzola, commented on the program, "This is such a great idea for these kids. Without it, many of them would probably never have an opportunity to see a dentist or learn how to care for their teeth." As part of the program, the children also receive dental care products, prizes and informational literature about proper care of their teeth at home.

Mazzola, together with her registered dental hygienist co-workers Annette Janiszewski, Melanie Jacobs and Lidia Prush, as well as front desk receptionist, Rose Sesta, volunteered their time to participate in the project.

"I'm really proud of my staff," said Prush. "They're eager to help out and happy



Lidia Prush cleans the teeth of a young patient while explaining the proper way to keep her smile sparkling white.

Photos by Robert McKean

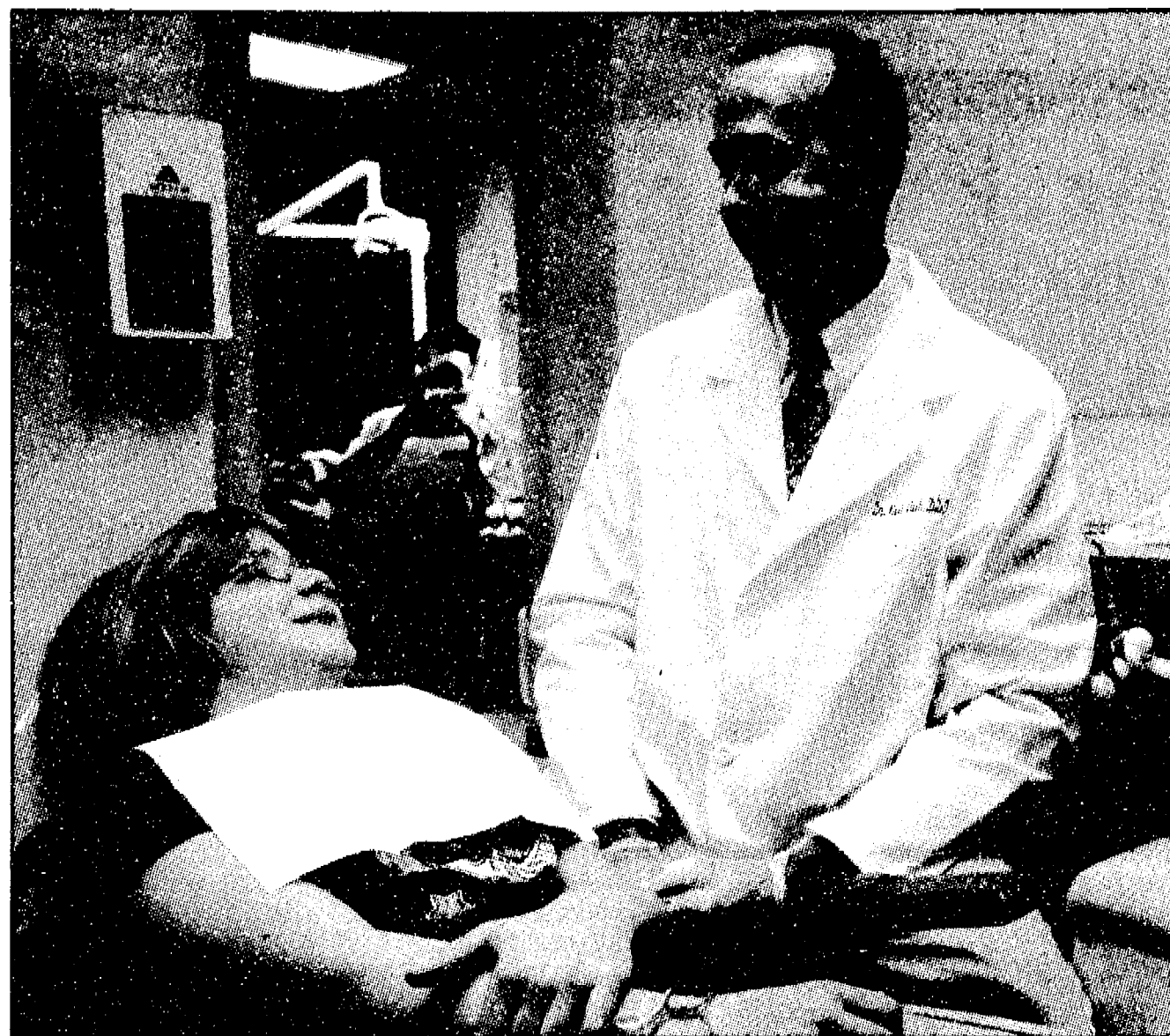
to participate in this important and beneficial program for the children in the area."

Kathy Burczyk, mother of 9-year-old Bradley, was thankful for the "Heartfelt Project" and said, "This is such a wonderful program for Bradley and the other children. He has a couple of dental problems and by being here today we can get the proper help before they get any worse."

Garrett Bush, 9, and his 5-year-old brother, Cameron, both residents of

Eastpointe, learned about the program through an ad in the paper. They arrived at Prush's office with their mom and dad, Sandra and Carl, who think the project is "just great for our kids."

On hand to help with the steady flow of youthful patients, Shelly Pohl-Sand, the MDDHS chairperson for the event and herself a registered dental hygienist, explained, "This event has grown from one office with five hygienists serving 20 children to this year's scheduled 230 children in



Kevin Prush, D.D.S., examines Ashley Williamson's teeth. Prush was participating in Macomb District Dental Hygienists Society (MDDHS) Children's Dental Health Month and its 11th annual "Heartfelt Project."

10 offices.

"In 1998, our project received national recognition and was presented with the Colgate Community Outreach Award."

Both Pohl-Sand and

Prush agree that the success of the "Heartfelt Project" is due to the combined efforts of the MDDHS committee and the volunteers, consisting of hygienists, dentists, office staff members and

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Sound advice for good health in 2005, beyond

By Dr. Alaa Mansour
Special Writer

As a general rule, problems caught early are easier and less expensive to fix than those allowed to intensify. Take, for instance, wet basements and credit card debt. To ignore both only costs more down the line.

The same rule applies to our health.

With age, our bodies begin to show the negative effects of unhealthy lifestyle habits, excessive stress and a genetic predisposition to developing certain diseases. We should see our physicians regularly at every stage of our lives, but it's especially important for middle aged-men and women to have regular physical examinations by an internist or family practitioner.

During a physical your physician can perform certain screening tests to check for high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, diabetes, overweight, some cancers and other abnormalities, which in the early stages may not cause symptoms. If problems are found, early intervention can help prevent serious complications down the line.

After adolescence, physicals can be done yearly or as recommended by your physician. Individuals with a strong family history of coronary artery disease, high cholesterol, and high blood pressure, and those who smoke should be particularly diligent about having regular physical exams.

Besides visiting your physician, maintain good health by making these actions a priority:

Daily

- Exercise for 30 minutes at least four times a week. Do something you enjoy that is convenient, like brisk walking, riding a bike, aerobics or swimming.
- Follow a well-balanced diet that is rich in fruits and vegetables and low in fat.
- Don't smoke or take drugs, and restrict alcohol intake.
- Protect your skin from the sun.
- Take steps to control stress.
- Take personal safety precautions such as always wearing a seat belt, wearing a helmet when riding a bicycle or motorcycle, and installing smoke alarms in your home.

Monthly

- Women should perform breast self-examinations; and males, beginning around age 14, should perform a self-testicular exam.
- Perform self-examination of the gums, teeth, lips and tongue.
- Check entire body for changing moles or other skin conditions.
- Check your weight.

Yearly

- Have a dental checkup at least once or twice a year.
- Have blood pressure and cholesterol levels checked.
- Pelvic exam and Pap smear for women and baseline mammogram at age 40 or earlier if there are personal risk factors.
- Eye examination.

Other

- Men and women are advised to have a digital rectal examination after age 40 and a baseline colonoscopy at age 50 (or earlier if there is a family history of colorectal cancer or colon polyps).
- Baseline bone density scan in postmenopausal women after age 50 and then every year or two depending on risk factors.

Caution: American lifestyle may be hazardous to your health

Our sedentary lifestyle and high fat diets are making obesity, even in children, a national epidemic. Individuals who possess any three of the following abnormal findings are now said to have metabolic syndrome, according to the American College of Physicians:

- Obesity (especially concentrated around the waist)
- Serum triglyceride level greater than 150 mg/dl,
- Low HDL (good) cholesterol and a fasting blood glucose level of 110 mg/dl or greater.

Research shows that having this syndrome (mainly the result of an unhealthy lifestyle) increases your risk for coronary artery disease.

Even if you don't have metabolic syndrome, being overweight, having elevated LDL cholesterol and not exercising are all major risk factors for coronary artery disease.

The good news is that we can control our weight and increase our physical activity, which reduces LDL cholesterol and increases HDL. If LDL remains elevated, certain prescription drugs have proven to be very effective at lowering cholesterol, especially if combined with diet and exercise.

The American way of life has pushed daily physical activity out of many of our routines, but it's never too late to start. See your physician before you begin any form of exercise, and then find something you like and that fits into your lifestyle.

The payoffs will be many. Regular exercise not only reduces risk for heart disease, but also it may alleviate depression or help you cope with stress, reduce low back pain, lower blood pressure and give you more energy throughout the day.

Exercise also has been found to help improve self-esteem, sleep, and it may help prevent cognitive decline in older persons.

Dr. Mansour is a board-certified Bon Secours Cottage internal medicine physician who practices at the Mansour Mercy Medical Center. For an appointment, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at (800) 303-7315.

It's his birthday and he'll cry if he wants to

By Mary Beth Langan and
Theodore G. Coutillish
Special Writers

Actually, he did little of it.

Crying, that is. Mind you, this was Andrew's fourth birthday party, and 32 relatives and friends are bouncing around inside his house on a wintry Saturday afternoon in January. His sanctuary is being ripped apart mostly by 11 under 11.

When afternoon came it was freezin' rain
In the face of a hurricane west wind.

— Gordon Lightfoot
The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald

The Tsunami birthday party, hosted with a summer theme, began loud and stayed that way. Waves of adult chatter, Beach Boys music and screaming children pierced eardrums throughout the evening, with aftershocks being felt days later.

Free from heavy winter clothing, the shorts- and T-shirt-clad children repeatedly crashed into walls, moldings, furniture, a mini trampoline, a ball pit "swimming pool" and "jello"

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for parents of children with special needs

floor cushions and each other with hurricane force.

Parents were disciplining children not of their making because they repeatedly did not follow directions, and their parents were too busy talking with adults.

Sound familiar?

It got so loud and chaotic that Adam, a 4-year-old child without special needs, talked his dad, Frank, into watching a SpongeBob SquarePants video upstairs in the master bedroom and then leaving immediately after dinner.

"I'm so sorry," Frank said. "Don't be," I said. "Trust me, we understand."

Does any one know where the love of God goes
When the waves turn the minutes to hours?

— Gordon Lightfoot
The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald

With his hypersensitivity to sound and other sensory issues, Andrew did extreme-

ly well weathering the storm. Put yourself in his place. We all know children's birthday parties can be hard on us, but the ultra-elevated noise and sensory information is much more intense on him.

He cried only once and in predictable fashion. We asked everyone to whisper the happy birthday song, which he hates with a passion, and wave hands afterward rather than cheering and applauding, a la the Extreme Home Makeover television show about an Oak Park family with a child with autism who is also blind.

They did, but Andrew cried for a few moments before resuming play with his animals. Shortly after, he went limp in his daddy's arms.

End of Tsunami birthday party.

Andrew bounced around in his sleep during the night. He awoke at 10:18



The Langan-Coutillish family

a.m., by far the latest he's slept during his young life.

The house was back to normal and quiet, except for the ringing in the ears.

Sound familiar?

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutillish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X syndrome (fragilex.org). Send your questions or comments to tcoutillish@dmac.wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.

Better sleep at night, better health by day

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Do you have a problem sleeping at night? Could it be your mattress? Your pillow?

Chances are sleep problems may be a side effect of a medical or mental health condition.

According to Dr. Amer Georges Aboukasm, a neurologist and one of the physicians associated with the Sleep Disorders Center at Cottage Hospital, poor sleep can have a detrimental affect on people during their waking hours.

"Mental health and cognitive functions can be impacted by a lack of sleep," Aboukasm said. "Accidents happen three times more often in people with disruptive sleep. There should be an evaluation to see if there's a cause. In many

cases there's a very simple explanation."

At the Sleep Disorders Center, a sleep specialist will conduct an assessment to find possible reasons for restless nights.

"Insomnia is the most common cause of sleep problems," Aboukasm said. "A lot of it is stress and depression. Some of it is because of alcohol and medication use. Sometimes, people have poor sleep because they use their beds for all kinds of activities other than sleep."

In those cases, attending a stress reduction program, psychotherapy, increasing relaxation and recreation time or changing sleep hygiene habits may promote better sleep.

Another leading cause of poor sleep is sleep apnea.

"Sleep apnea is caused by the compromise of the upper

airway airflow and the person stops breathing," Aboukasm said. "It can be detected by hearing someone snoring, or not waking up refreshed or waking up choking. Many people aren't even aware it's happening to them."

Aboukasm said many of the risk factors associated with sleep apnea include obesity and alcohol and cigarette use and can be a side effect of increased blood pressure. Men tend to be more at risk than women. Those factors can be addressed by a primary care physician.

In addition to working with a primary care physician, Aboukasm believes a Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) machine provides the most effective treatment for sleep apnea.

"It's a small air blower connected to the face worn during sleep," Aboukasm said. "It reduces and controls blood pressure and it's the most effective and less invasive form of treatment. About 80 percent of the people learn how to use it."

For people who fail to use the CPAP, surgery is available, although Aboukasm doesn't recommend it.

"Its success can be limited," Aboukasm said. "It's invasive and it has about a 50 percent success rate."

Other common sleep disorders are easily treatable according to Aboukasm.

"Restless Leg Syndrome,

when a person uncontrollably moves his legs in the late afternoon or bedtime, is easily treatable," Aboukasm said. "We also see some people with abnormal REM (Rapid Eye Movement) sleep behavior. It usually affects older people and consists of them acting out in their sleep."

"Some of these people punch and kick their spouses during sleep or break furniture. It's a serious problem, but it's easily treatable."

Aboukasm said narcolepsy, the desire to sleep at inappropriate times or uncontrollably, is not very common but is treatable. Various types of parasomnia, such as sleepwalking, sleep talking, teeth grinding and bedwetting, are also easy to treat through therapy.

Not all sleep problems require sleep studies, but for those that do, a sleep technologist at the Sleep Disorders Center at Cottage can conduct up to 15 different tests that include brain activity, muscle activity, breathing, eye movements, heart function and oxygen levels in a setting that looks much like a hotel room.

As for sleep medications, Aboukasm said: "I try to avoid them as much as possible."

For more information about the Sleep Disorders Center at Cottage Hospital, call (313) 343-2370.

Pilates will be topic of talk

An informative program about Pilates will be presented by physical therapist Romina Profeta, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center (VECC), at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

The focus will be on exercises that can be done at home without special equipment.


Pilates has become popular in recent years and has been found to benefit many different populations -- from the fit, to the not-so-fit. Pilates focuses on the core muscles of the body, which are involved in every movement.

This exciting form of exercise can improve well-being.

The VECC is located behind St. John Hospital at 19229 Mack and Moross, east of I-94. To register or for more information, call (866) 246-4673.

Free VECC Community Education Night programs are held the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center is a member of St. John Health, a growing network of community-based hospitals and health care services in southeast Michigan.



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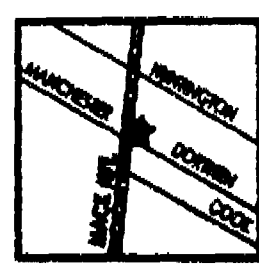


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AAA Michigan offers tool to help seniors drive more safely, longer

Just as you would screen for high cholesterol or high blood pressure, AAA Michigan introduced today a first-of-its-kind scientifically validated tool designed to help seniors screen for their driving health.

And it can be done in the privacy of one's home. "Roadwise Review: A Tool to Help Seniors Drive Safely Longer" is a CD-ROM that measures eight physical and mental abilities shown to be the strongest predictors of crash risk among older drivers and then provides feedback to guide the user's driving decisions.

AAA Michigan, through the auspices of the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA), will provide free copies of the Roadwise Review CD-ROM to senior services agencies throughout the state.

"As we age, we experience physiological changes which could affect our driving, but there are steps you can take to drive safely longer," said Richard J. Miller, manager of Community Safety Services for AAA Michigan. "Roadwise Review helps seniors recognize and address common problems that affect their driving ability."

People over 65 are the fastest-growing population in the United States and by 2020 there will be more than 40 million licensed drivers ages 65 and older. Because of their fragility, seniors have the highest crash death rate per mile of everyone except teenagers.

The computer-based screening program in Roadwise Review contains the most effective predictors

of crash risk in eight functional areas as validated in research sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the National Institute on Aging.

AAA worked closely with scientists at TransAnalytics, a leading transportation safety research organization, to create a tool that is both state-of-the-art and user-friendly.

"In our extensive focus group testing, senior drivers viewed the program as simple, clear, valuable and even fun to use," said Miller. "Many were especially enthusiastic about the potential to keep themselves and their loved ones safer and said they would follow through with the program recommendations."

Using videos and easy-to-follow instructions, Roadwise Review screens drivers in eight functional areas:

- Leg Strength and General Mobility — necessary to control acceleration and braking.
- Head/Neck Flexibility — essential in checking blind spots, lane changes or merging.
- High Contrast Visual Acuity — needed to identify pavement markings as well as to detect many types of hazards in or near the road.
- Low Contrast Visual Acuity — vital for low visibility conditions such as dusk, rain or fog.
- Working Memory — important in following directions, remembering traffic rules and regulations and using information on highway guide signs.
- Visualization of Missing

Information — helps a driver recognize hazards even when seeing only part of the picture.

• Visual Search — safe driving requires the ability to quickly find and recognize traffic signs and landmarks.

• Useful Field of View — ensures drivers can pay attention to what is happening right in front of them while also noticing safety threats at the edge of their field of view.

Roadwise uses an integrated data system that reports and provides users with confidential feedback about screening results, and its CD-ROM format is compatible with most home computers.

"This type of screening is like a blood pressure test, something you check periodically to stay healthy," said Miller. "We believe it is important to screen for your

driving health just as you would your physical health."

Through its partnership with OSA, AAA is offering the program free at senior centers, area agencies on aging and councils and commissions on aging throughout the state.

To find one of these agencies near you, visit www.miseniors.net. Click on "Search for Agencies" under the Resource Directory tab. The CD-ROM will also be for sale at a nominal price (\$3 for AAA members and \$5 for nonmembers) at AAA branch locations statewide.

For a list of AAA branch locations, visit www.aaa.com. The program can also be purchased by sending a check payable to AAA Michigan to: Roadwise Review Community Safety Services; AAA Michigan; 1 Auto Club Drive, Dearborn, MI 48126.

St. John Health launches free online cancer risk assessment

Are you at risk for cancer?

St. John Health is offering a free cancer risk assessment on its Web site (www.realmedicine.org). The new online test helps educate the public on potential cancer risks, prevention and treatment options.

The simple test asks several questions relating to three areas — family health history such as a blood relative with breast, melanoma or prostate cancers; personal health factors such as fair skin or being more than 20 pounds overweight; and lifestyle and environmental questions such as smoking and eating habits.

Participants receive the results via e-mail or can view online.

If the participant checks "yes" to any question on the test, the results explain the risks and prevention. For instance, checking "yes" for "fair skin or sunburn easily" provides preventive steps to protecting your skin and recommendations for check-ups.

Once the assessment is completed, the Web site

offers opportunities to learn more about treatments and services offered at the system's cancer centers: Providence Cancer Institute at Southfield Cancer Center and Assarian Cancer Center in Novi, Webber Cancer Center on the St. John Macomb Hospital campus in Warren and Van Elslander Cancer Center on the St. John Hospital and Medical Center campus in Detroit.

Participants can also create a personalized health care information page to learn about specific health conditions, keep records of physicians and bookmark important information.

Mediterranean diet talk Feb. 10

James J. Maciejko, PhD, Preventive Cardiology Program director at St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC), will explain how the Mediterranean diet impacts heart health from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 10, in the hospital's Lower Level Conference Room.

The Mediterranean diet is a style of eating that reflects the dietary habits of people living in Greece, Crete and southern Italy during the 1960s. The diet is linked to a lower incidence of chronic diseases and higher life expectancy.

Maciejko is a leading clinical researcher and educator on cholesterol and the prevention of coronary heart disease.

The program is free, and attendees will receive a parking pass and refreshments. Advance registration is recommended.

To register or for more information, call the toll-free St. John SeniorLink at (888) 751-5465.

The truth about Shakespeare

At long last I'm empowered to come out of the closet and admit that, with a few exceptions, I don't like Shakespeare. The one who gave me the courage to say this was interviewed in The New Yorker magazine a few months ago. He's Paul Giamatti, who starred in that wonderful movie "Sideways," still showing locally.

There are very few Hollywood stars who have the credentials that would give me courage to say something that could forever separate me from the intelligentsia. While I would never class myself with those treasured few, I have always considered myself at least somewhat smarter than the average bear.

Back to Giamatti and why I can make this outrageous statement with what I believe is legitimate support.

He graduated from Yale and a few years later attended drama school there.

Here's something even more persuasive from my standpoint. His father, Bart Giamatti, was Yale's president from 1978 to 1986. It's obvious that Giamatti grew up in a cultured background where books, guests from the arts, writers and national leaders were present.

Of Shakespeare, Giamatti says, "I got really sick watching Shakespeare. The comedy's just not funny, and I can't understand what they're talking about half the time. They really ram it down your throat in drama school."

Wow.

Years ago I read a quote from Jose Ferrer who said that he didn't understand Shakespeare. I couldn't believe this was coming from a famed Shakespearean actor. I thought that it must have been a joke inasmuch as I assumed that anyone with an ounce of gray matter loved Shakespeare.

It was especially hard to believe his statement since the Shakespeare drama that I saw and really enjoyed was "Othello," with Ferrer playing Iago, Paul Robeson as Othello and Uta Hagen as Desdemona.

I think my feeling about Shakespeare began in high school when a teacher required us to memorize certain passages from his works. One — and to this day I cannot understand why anyone would think it worth memorizing — was: "If it were done when it were done, then it were better it were done quickly."

Say that fast in a sing-song way and it comes out pure twaddle. Sort of like "Twas brillig..." in "Alice in Wonderland."

It's truly freedom I feel when I can simply say that I don't like most Shakespeare without even a twinge of inferiority. I'm not as alone as I thought.

I love hearing about seniors who are still active participants in the real world. That describes Daniel Schorr, one of the most influential figures in American journalism for some 60 years.

Schorr will be remembered for the 20 years he was a foreign correspondent traveling the world. He won an exclusive interview with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev in 1957, then ran afoul of the KGB, the Soviet secret police, and was ordered to leave the country that same year.

(Foreign correspondency has changed. Today he would have been kidnapped and perhaps beheaded.)

He won three Emmys in the early 1970s for his work covering the Watergate scandal. He ended up on the Nixon White House's enemies list.

He helped start the Cable News Network and has been with National Public Radio since 1985.

Today Schorr's average day starts with reading the newspaper and turning on the radio. Then he goes to work.

Work consists of writing commentary for the NPR programs, "All Things Considered," "Weekend Edition Saturday" and "Weekend Edition Sunday."

He's also written a book called "Stay Tuned: A Life in Journalism," published in 2001.

As for retiring, Schorr says it is simply inconceivable that he would get up in the morning and not write. "Work keeps me going. It's very stimulating to write for people."

Incidentally, Schorr is 88 years young.

Despite his age and a demanding schedule, he continues his favorite pastime — tennis.

If you have a question or comment for Cain, her e-mail is ruthcain@comcast.net.

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Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



While most skin conditions can occur in persons of any race, some skin diseases are more likely to appear in persons of color. Two examples of skin conditions that occur more commonly in African Americans are Confluent and Reticulated Papillomatosis (CRP) and lupus.

Patients with Confluent and Reticulated Papillomatosis develop a profusion of dark, scaly, net-like lesions on the chest, back and neck. As with other skin diseases, CRP can be difficult to diagnose in its early stages. In fact, it is often confused with a common fungal disease called tinea versicolor. However, left untreated, CRP can become progressive,

eventually spreading to involve the entire neck and trunk area.

Lupus is a severe autoimmune disease that often affects African Americans. Nine in ten patients with lupus are women, with black women three times more likely to develop lupus than white women. Patients with lupus may develop red, raised patches over the cheeks and nose, often called "butterfly rash." Other skin lesions may also occur. Lupus can also affect the joints, kidneys, lungs and brain.

To learn more about CRP or Lupus and their treatment, 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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Sindbad's plans fundraiser for Yankee Air Museum

Marc, Brian and Denise Blanche of Grosse Pointe Woods, owners of Sindbad's, Detroit's riverfront restaurant, will offer 200 tickets to the North American International Auto Show at \$35 each. All proceeds will go to the Yankee Air Museum.

Tickets are for the last day of the Auto Show, Sunday, Jan. 23, between noon and 5 p.m. In addition to the show, tickets include valet parking in Sindbad's secure lot, an hors d'oeuvre and cash bar reception on the upper deck of the restaurant, and transportation to and from Cobo Hall.

On Oct. 9, the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport suffered a terrible fire that destroyed the historic hangar housing the museum. More than \$1 million worth of artifacts, photos and books were lost in

the fire. The aircraft collection remains largely intact.

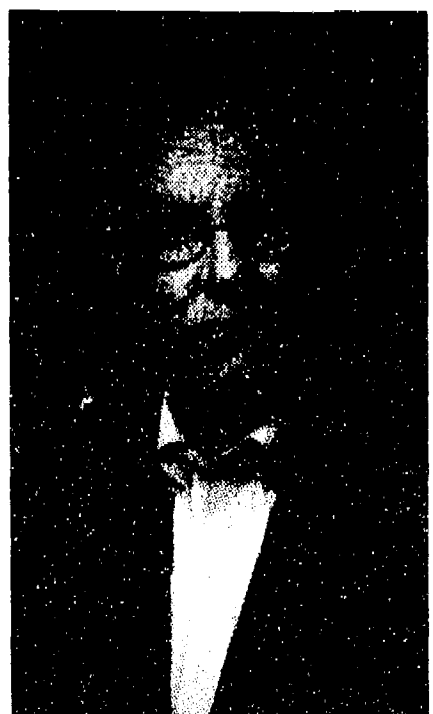
For tickets to the fundraiser or more information, call Jerry Schoenith at (586) 773-8955.

Mentor honored:

VIP Mentoring, in conjunction with the Metro Detroit Mentor Collaboration (MDMC) will honor Grosse Pointe resident Paul Louisell at the second Mentor Celebration Gala which begins at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the San Marino Club, 1685 East Big Beaver in Troy.

The MDMC will recognize the hard work and dedication of 10 local mentors and several companies in southeast Michigan for their dedication and impact they have had on the lives of children.

Louisell has been a committed mentor for more



Paul Louisell

than four years at VIP Mentoring, an organization that provides mentors to children between 7 and 14 years of age who have a parent in prison. He has mentored three at-risk children and is currently spending his third year with the third child.

He has dedicated his time to build strong, trustworthy friendships with these children and has become an integral part of these children's lives.

Tickets to attend the event are \$50 and include dinner and a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit the collaboration and participating organizations. For

more information, call (313) 964-1110

Appointed: Terry Cramer of Grosse Pointe Woods has been appointed to the board of directors of Special Olympics Michigan. Cramer took office on Jan. 1. Cramer is the Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of Cambridge Financial Services Inc.

Since 2002, he has been a member of the Special Olympics Corporate Advisory Committee, which provides advice and assistance to the Development Committee concerning fund-

ing and volunteer recruitment efforts for Special Olympics Michigan.

For the last 10 years, Cramer has been actively involved in volunteering with Special Olympic Michigan events, such as the State Soccer and Cycling Finals.

Special Olympics Michigan provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Athletes build physical fitness, develop self-confidence, and prepare for participation in society.

— Margie Reins Smith

Taking part in the paper chase

Make no mistake about it. Sending your child out into the world creates all sorts of surprising parental responsibilities. I don't mean things like making sure they're wearing shoes or teaching them to look both ways before crossing the street or anything like that. No. That's a given.

I mean things that you've never even thought about before. Like, for instance, keeping up with all of the paperwork.

You see, as a parent of a school-aged child, you're in charge of all of the notices he or she will bring home. Not just one or two, mind you. Piles and piles of them, filled with all sorts of important times and dates of events that you're supposed to keep and refer back to when needed.

Take it from me; you won't.

One of the main problems with notices is that they tend to disappear just when you need them most. Don't waste your time looking. You'll never find them. This is because they have, in fact, disappeared into thin air, not to be seen again until the day after whatever-it-was-you-needed-to-be-reminded-about happened.

You'd think that this problem would be resolved by finding a practical place to keep notices. You'd think. But the other tricky thing about notices is that they don't stay in one place. They'll start out innocently enough, lying on the kitchen table or on the desk next to the phone, but they'll somehow end up in mysterious, unthinkable places like behind the sofa cushions or underneath the cat's water dish.

No one knows for certain why this happens. My children claim that the wind blows them there, while others say it's the result of running a shoddy and haphazard household. But my theory is that almost instantly after you receive them, notices become a special kind of Glorified Scratch Paper.

This is exactly what happened to the very, very important notice about the mandatory rehearsals for my daughter's annual violin recital.

"It didn't stand a chance," I explained to her music teacher. "The very nanosecond the notice came out of the backpack it was put on the Special-Designated-Spot-on-the-Refrigerator-Door. Then it was used for several rounds of tic-tac-toe and as a canvas for a crayon sketch of our house being swallowed by

a big, purple sun.

"After that, it disappeared completely, only to mysteriously reappear days later underneath the sofa. But by then a wad of gum was sticking to it and all I could make out was the word 'vznxl' and something with the number two."

Family Daze

By Debbie Farmer



I could tell by the look on his face that he wasn't the sort of person who had this kind of trouble at his house.

That said, obviously there are parents out there who can keep track of their notices and fliers. They are the people who are always on time for the kickoff, never miss a PTA meeting, and generally go around making the rest of us look bad.

You might think that with a little bit of effort and organization I, too, could shake off my bad reputation and mend my ways. Fat chance.

Once I tried putting every single notice my children brought home into a special red folder. But despite my best efforts, the paperwork refused to remain in its designated spot. Day after day, I'd catch the soccer schedule roaming through the house aimlessly until I eventually cornered it upstairs in my daughter's bedroom disguised as a camping tarp underneath Malibu Barbie's tent. Just try explaining that to a disgruntled soccer coach.

Then there was the time I resorted to trying to lure a notice out of hiding by going through each room in the house and saying loudly, "It's too bad the Cub Scout picnic happened YESTERDAY, AND WE MISSED IT!"

Now I bet you're thinking that this doesn't sound like anything a sane and rational person would do. And you're right.

But we all know there's nothing sane or rational about keeping track of notices. Or, for that matter, being a parent.

Now, if I could just get that in writing.

Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother holding down the fort in California. She can be reached at www.familydaze.com.



Heroes

Three Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety officers received Service Above Self awards from the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe on Jan. 10. They were honored for their heroic efforts in saving lives in the community.

From left, are Linda Mackool, Rotarian; Public Safety Officers Christopher Killop and Bryan Ford, Departmental Lifesaving Medal winners; Public Safety Officer John Walko, Departmental Medal of Valor winner; and Dan Jensen, Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Deputy Director and Rotarian.

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Brecht, Prokofiev show revolutionary ideas in art

Two revolutionaries dominated last weekend's art scene, both from the same era: the first half of the 20th century.

One was playwright Bertholt Brecht, represented by his epic story "Mother Courage and her Children." The other was Sergei Prokofiev, working to break free from both the restrictions of traditional musical forms and of the political domination of art in his native Soviet Russia.

Brecht was a revolutionary in more ways than one. An idealistic believer in the socialist theories of Karl Marx, he also wanted to revise the contemporary approach to theater. He is best remembered for his collaboration with Kurt Weill, who composed the music for their hugely successful and regularly revived satiric musical "The Three Penny Opera."

Their song, "Mack the Knife," became a major hit. While none of Brecht's plays afterward matched that first success, he wrote a number of probing and incisive scripts on important social and political issues. His revolutionary approach to theater was to try to make his audience identify with the issues and ideas rather than with the characters and their stories.

Brecht's most important and influential play on 20th century theatrical style, "Mother Courage and Her Children," was completed in the late '30s. Though not often revived, it has

remained an important work, achieving classic status in theatrical literature. That makes it an appropriate show for a company like Wayne University's Hilberry Theatre to include in its repertory.

Notwithstanding Brecht's intent to focus the audience on his ideas regarding war and survival, Hilberry's director, Blair Anderson, has staged a performance in which the person of Carly Germany, in the title role, wins audience sympathy.

She is young and attractive. We easily identify with her struggle to survive the privations and tragedies of the Thirty Years War. We understand and even condone her efforts to make a living by profiteering in selling supplies to the armies and the displaced population. We are allowed to overlook the ugly fact that she is trading in clothing and weapons scavenged from corpses on the battlefield.

We admire how she finds the strength to persevere in spite of the deaths of her three children, victims of the turmoil. We do get Brecht's message about the enormity of war however, and while the play's setting is in the 1600s, it reminds us agonizingly of today.

An opening comment by a sergeant who is trading with Mother Courage seems prescient. It is to the effect that war is desirable to further political goals and that society gets slack without its stimulus.

It has a stunning impact in reference to the justification of military actions, the cost in lives and the outcomes. It also reflects Brecht's vehement opposition to war and the people who make it.

Mother Courage is an inspirational figure who would stand out in any era. She exhibits ingenuity and grit in buying and selling the shirts of dead officers and black market liquor. She is crafty in protecting her two sons and daughter from the risks and ravages of the armies.

And she never gives up, even in the face of devastating reversals as being arrested and interrogated as a spy, the deaths of her children or threats of her own death.

She is the quintessential survivor who finds a way to exploit whatever situation she faces. At the same time, Carly Germany's portrayal of Courage brings to the role a warm sense of humanity with the tenderness and protectiveness of a mother for her children.

That may not be what Brecht intended.

Then there are her relationships with a general's cook and a chaplain whose help she needs as she loses her children. She depends on them for a while, but aware of their becoming a burden, Mother Courage steers clear of relationships that are too close. This, too, is part of her survival skill and adds a fascinating aspect to her character.

The power of the play is diminished somewhat by noticeable shortcomings in the staging. There needs to be more action and more sense of the movement of large armies in the background. Courage's great wagon with which she transports herself and supplies back and forth between the battlefields of Europe, sits immobile on the stage. The simulated hauling of the wagon by her, her sons and then her two recruits gives little feeling of the great distances they covered.

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And the character of Mother Courage in the context of Brecht's script would be more convincing as a tough old woman. She was already the mother of three grown children at the start of the war and presumably grew old in the course of its 16-year duration. We should have an impression of her fading into an old hag instead of retaining eternal youth.

Brecht seems to have intended her to be an unsympathetic aging survivor, a "battlefield hyena," as one scornful soldier calls her. Her antithesis is her daughter who is the only truly idealistic figure in the play. She is shot by soldiers when she alerts a nearby city that the soldiers are about to attack.

The cynical message is that she represents an idealized world that cannot yet exist. Only people like Mother Courage who embrace war and profit by it, Brecht implies with some bitterness, are able to survive.

While the run of the play is near its end, there is still time and it is worth the effort to spend three hours to listen and learn what this renegade playwright is saying about war and the human condition.

Don't expect any light-hearted satiric songs or rib tickling repartee.

Call the Hilberry box office at (313) 577-2972. If you miss out on Brecht, try Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman," which is also in the current repertory schedule.

Meanwhile, Russian com-

poser Sergei Prokofiev was represented on Sunday at a unique concert in the Detroit Symphony series. It's too bad there's not another chance to experience this remarkable performance.

The phenomenal 22-year-old Chinese pianist Lang Lang was soloist. Maestro Neeme Jarvi was on the podium.

Preceding them, Conducting Assistant Charles Greenwell gave a highly informative talk about the composer's life and work and led the orchestra in a series of key sample passages from Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3, which Lang Lang then performed.

The concerto was an experience to remember. Lang Lang plays with finesse and delicacy, notwithstanding his incredible, youthful virtuosity and speed.

When the score called for tenderness and lyricism, he made Prokofiev sound like a romantic composer. A slow passage in the third movement recapitulating a main theme had the poetic passion of Romeo making love to Juliet.

When the music needed a slow build to a thundering crescendo, as in the finale that followed, he rolled it out with perfect control and balance to reach the climax.

He mastered the changes of pace to perfection, and there are many in this demanding work. They are often sudden and always dramatic.

Out of a whirlwind of notes will suddenly emerge a march-like beat, throbbing insistently. Out of a thundering passage will come an air of mystery, with ghostlike musical images rising from a misty cloud of harmony. Then under his hand, the piano subsides to a whisper.

It all seemed so effortless that it almost eclipsed the revolutionary brilliance and difficulty of the music. That, of course, would do Prokofiev an injustice. Moreover, it would not rec-

ognize adequately the remarkable congeniality between the composer and this interpreter. The point is that as often as this concerto has been heard, this performance revealed qualities hitherto not fully appreciated.

It is also essential to recognize the remarkable collaboration by Jarvi and the orchestra who matched tempos and suspenseful variations in Lang Lang's phrasing.

The maestro demonstrated his unmatched talent to meet such a challenge and his uncanny ability to help the orchestra achieve it.

Perhaps most appealing about Lang Lang's performance is its total freedom from a sense of preplanned interpretation.

There is an overwhelming sense of spontaneity giving rise to a nonetheless totally appropriate expression of the score.

Considering his readiness to charge ahead in fierce tempos and change pace to achieve the most expressive phrasing, it is easy to understand how the pianist might occasionally provoke criticism for losing control.

Perhaps it depends on how you listen to the music. For one who looks for the romance and passion in music, he fires the soul with a youthful exuberance that is infectious.

The points were emphasized further when he rewarded his enthusiastic audience with two encores, "Traumerei" and "The Flight of the Bumblebee." They were totally contrasting in mood and both brilliant.

This weekend the DSO offers Pops Concerts. The week after, Maestro Jarvi returns with pianist Alexander Markovitch to bring us Tchaikovsky's "other" piano concerto (No. 2). Astor Piazzolla's "Tangazo" and Nielsen's Symphony No. 5 make what should be another memorable program.

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Babies

Catherine Elizabeth Strain

John and Christine Strain of Atlanta, Ga., are the parents of a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth Strain, born Nov. 16, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Catherine Price of Harper Woods and the late Robert W. Price. Paternal grandparents are George and Blair Strain of Fernandina Beach, Fla.

Samuel Hayden Lacy

Matt and Courtney Whitehead Lacy of Wahiawa, Hawaii, are the parents of a son, Samuel Hayden Lacy, born Oct. 10, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Jeff and Carol Whitehead of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Natalie and Edward Surovell of Ann Arbor and Tom and Marilyn

Lacy of Long Beach, Calif. Great-grandparents are Lawrence H. Welch of Stuart, Fla., Charlotte Sallade of Ann Arbor and Thomas Lacy of Harbor Springs.

David Eric Guaresimo

David and Maggie Guaresimo of Washington are the parents of a son, David Eric Guaresimo, born Nov. 29, 2004.

Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Ursula Czachor of Romeo.

Paternal grandparents are Paul and Susan Guaresimo of Grosse Pointe Woods and Gail Guaresimo, also of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Great-grandparents are Maureen Garceau of Grosse Pointe Woods, Andrzej and Elzbieta Czachor of Hamtramck and Anna Olszewska of Hamtramck.

Luke Thomas Michaud

Tom and Christina Michaud of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a son, Luke Thomas Michaud, born Dec. 28, 2004. Maternal grandparents are James and Mary Francis of Grosse Pointe Woods. Paternal grandparents are Chuck and Marjorie Michaud of Liverpool, N.Y.

Joseph Andrew Schueneman

Andrew and Therese Schueneman of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a son, Joseph Andrew Schueneman, born Nov. 10, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Bill and Rosanne Jamieson of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Joe and Judy Schueneman of Lancaster, Ky. Great-grandparents are

Grace Jean Upton of Roseville and Connie Kowalski of St. Clair Shores.

Jack Edward Jones and Ryan Matthew Jones

Richard and Karlyn Jones of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of twin boys, Jack Edward Jones and Ryan Matthew Jones, born Dec. 10, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Bernard and Denise Buchta of Troy and the late Shirley Buchta. Paternal grandparents are Dr. Jack and Marilyn Lighton of Jupiter Island, Fla., previously of Grosse Pointe.

Caroline Ann Southwell

Todd and Elizabeth Southwell of Chicago are the parents of a daughter, Caroline Ann Southwell, born Sept. 21, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Patricia Hart of Evansville, Ind., and the late Maurice Hart. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Sharon Southwell of Grosse Pointe Shores. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rensch of St. Clair Shores and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Southwell of Flushing.

Meetings

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe will meet on Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Country Club of Detroit.

The program will be "Getting to Know the DSO," by Kindra Whitlock.

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For Super Bowl Sunday, a super cookie

My mother passed the following recipe on to me. It's for a cookie that's baked in a skillet in the oven.

The idea of a large gooey cookie sent my thoughts straight to Super Bowl Sunday, coming up soon on Feb. 6. As the tradition of a party on the biggest football day of the year continues, you will inevitably end up being the passer (thrower of the party) or the receiver (invited to the party).

Either way, you will be expected to do something with food. Enter the skillet oatmeal chocolate chip cookie. It's got half-time written all over it.

Don't worry if you don't have an ovenproof skillet in which to bake your cookie. A glass pie dish will do just fine.

Oatmeal Chipper Skillet Cookie

3/4 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter (1 stick), softened to room temperature
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/4 cup sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/2 cups dry oats (any variety)
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 10-inch, ovenproof, nonstick skillet with nonstick spray. Set aside.

In a small bowl, combine the flour, soda and salt and set aside. In a

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large mixing bowl, beat together the butter with both sugars until creamy. Beat in the egg and the vanilla. Add the flour mixture and mix well. Stir in the oats and the chocolate chips.

Press the dough into the prepared skillet.

Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes, until the top of the cookie becomes a light golden brown. Don't overbake your cookie, as it will continue to cook after removing it from the oven.

Allow to cool for 10 minutes. If you intend to let the cookie cool all the way, use a metal spatula to loosen the cookie from the skillet at this time.

Store covered with plastic wrap or foil until serving.

Cut into 16 wedges and serve warm, topped with vanilla ice cream.

Bake this ahead and reheat in a low (300 degree) oven covered with foil for 15 minutes or so. You may also enjoy this rich and chewy cookie at room temperature.

Next week; another food idea for the Big Game. I'm cheering for Pittsburgh.

How to care for your car during flu season

Are you and your family ready for the cold and flu season? How about your car?

"The same snowy, freezing, damp weather that brings on the sniffles for people lowers the resistance in cars," said Joel Burrows, a.k.a. "The Car Doctor" and VP of Training/R&D at Precision Tune Auto Care (PTAC).

"Motorists are more likely to face car trouble in winter than any other time of year," Burrows said. The American Automobile Association reports that of the 21 million emergency road service calls they receive, most are in the late fall and winter.

Of those calls, 40 percent involve vehicles that wouldn't start and 34 percent are for major mechanical failures requiring towing.

In light of those statistics, the Car Doctor suggests making sure your car is healthy with a complete physical exam. Just as a cough is the signal for an oncoming cold, rough idling, hard starts, stalling or diminished power are signs of pending car trouble.

"A thorough inspection and analysis by a trusted professional assures that your car is running at maximum efficiency and provides insight to potential problems. Pay special attention to replacing dirty filters for air, fuel and crankcase ventilation when necessary."

In addition to the basics, Burrows identifies critical areas that cause car owners the most headaches during winters. He advises giving special attention to:

Verdi's Requiem to be performed

The Oakland Community Chorus will perform Verdi's beloved Requiem, composed in memory of the Italian patriot Alessandro Manzoni, on Sunday, May 1, at St. John's Episcopal Church, at the southeast corner of Woodward and 11 Mile in Royal Oak. The chorus will be accompanied by the Birmingham-Bloomfield Orchestra.

Rehearsals with the 100-voice chorus are being conducted by Grosse Pointe Frederic DeHaven, Musical Director of the Oakland Community Chorus. New singers from throughout the metro Detroit area are invited to join the chorus, which meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., at Oakland University, Room 134 Varner Hall.

No auditions are required, but choral experience and reading music are required. The membership fee is \$55 per semester. Call (248) 852-9395 or e-mail freddehaven@sbeglobal.net.

- **Oil** — Oil changes should be more frequent in winter. As temperatures drop, oil thickens and provides less efficient lubrication. Use lighter oil (5W-30 or 10W-40) or try synthetic oil, which flows better in extremely cold weather, offering more protection at start-up. For specific recommendations for your vehicle, always refer to the manufacturer's service schedule.

- **Antifreeze** — Permanent does not mean forever. Most antifreeze requires changing every 24 months. Antifreeze prevents ice from forming in the engine block, and it inhibits rust and corrosion. Dirty antifreeze contains sediments that may plug radiator passages and cause overheating.

- **Battery** — At 32 degrees, a battery may have only 50 percent of its summer output but twice the need for starting power. Check connections to assure a tight fit. Remove corrosion from posts and cable connections. Have your auto care service provider perform a load test on your vehicle's battery.

- **Hoses** — Hoses should be inspected every year and changed every three years. They wear from the inside out, so defects are not always visible. Squeeze to detect loss of elasticity. Look for cracked, bulging, brittle or limp hoses. Check overall condition and tension on the belt. Too tight a belt can result in a dead battery. Look for cracks in serpentine type belts.

- **Tires** — When the temperature drops, so does the air pressure in tires. Improper inflation causes premature wearing which, in turn, can cause an accident. Check tire pressure when the tires are cold, not after driving. Also check for cuts, abrasions and uneven wear.

- **Brakes** — Road contamination and moisture can affect your braking ability. This is especially true in winter due to salt and other materials used to battle snow and ice. A thorough brake inspection, particularly of friction materials, like pads and shoes, is just what

the doctor ordered.

- **Heater/defroster** — The heater and defroster provide warmth and comfort as well as good visibility for safe driving. A screeching sound when you turn on the heater or a stiff control lever can mean trouble. Have it checked out.

- **Fuel** — In cold weather, keep your gas tank full. Pour a bottle of fuel de-icer in the tank once a month to prevent moisture from freezing in the fuel line.

- **Windshield** — Invest in rubber-clad winter blades that can help prevent ice and snow build-up. Wipers work harder clearing snow, frost, ice and road salt.

- **Exhaust system** — Have a qualified technician check your exhaust system on a lift for leaks, soft exhaust pipes, small holes in trunk and floorboards, and cracked rubber hangers or broken clamps. Failure to replace faulty components could be deadly.

"Each car, just like each person, is a little different,"

Burrows said. "Learn about the needs of your own car. Everyone should begin a car preparedness inventory for each season by reading the owner's manual."

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Duets for oboe and cello by Couperin and his contemporary, Schickhardt, will be performed by Arianna Kallian and Sylvain Bouwman. Violinist Gail Aiken and cellist Irina Tikhonova will present Maurice Ravel's Sonata for Violin and Cello.

The recital will conclude with Wind Quartets by Stamitz and Rossini performed by Sylvia Starkman, oboe; Linda Borushko, clarinet; Carl Karoub, horn; and Patricia Snyder, bassoon.

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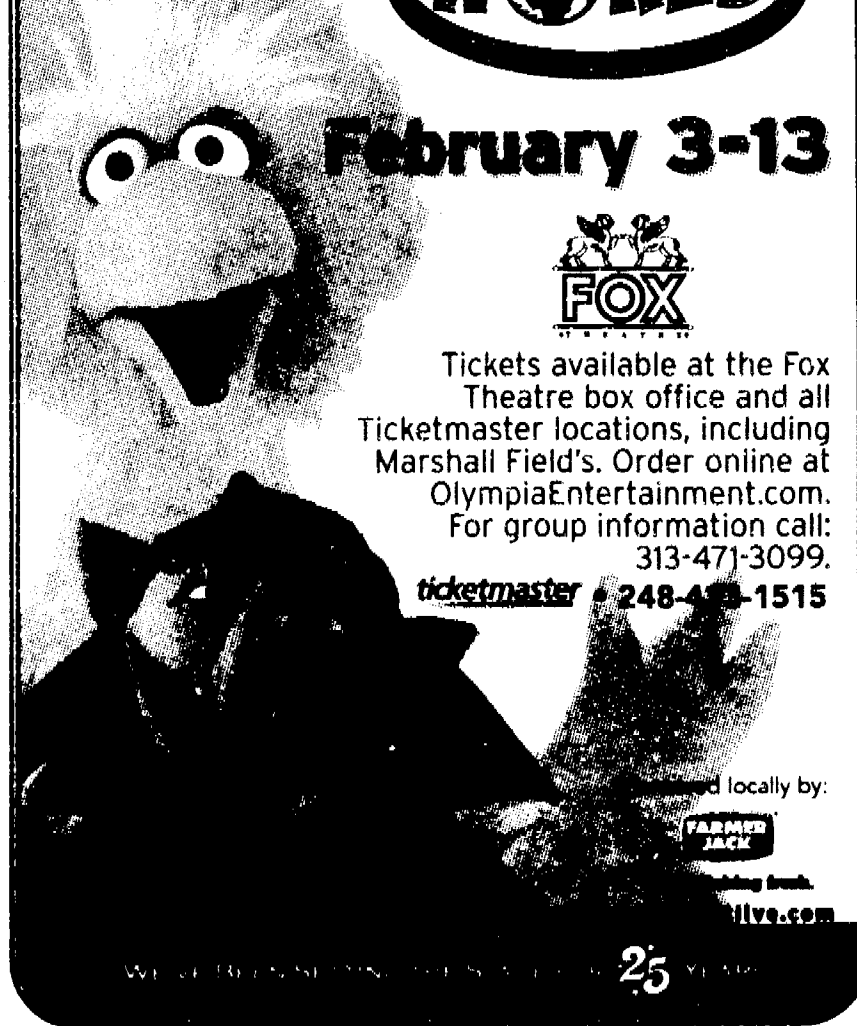
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Anne Dickinson Platt, daughter of Mrs. John B. Warren Jr. of Metamora, and Richard B. Platt of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Ryan Paul Barrows, son of Catherine A. Barrows of Rapid City, S.D., and Bradley E. Barrows of Lincoln, Neb., on Aug. 28, 2004, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

The Rev. David D. Dieter officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Country Club of Detroit.

The bride wore a white silk satin gown with a cummerbund, asymmetrical box triple spaghetti straps and a box pleated skirt. Her white silk cathedral-length veil was trimmed with lace appliques and organza flowers. She carried a cascade of white roses, stephanotis, white freesia, white dendrobium orchids and ivy.

The maid of honor was Brooke S. Wright of Colchester, Vt.

Bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Elizabeth C. Chalenburg of Searcy, Ark.; Christine H. Anthony of

Birmingham, Ala.; Ceren B. Bingol of New Haven, Conn.; Cariann W. M. Chan of New York City; and Katherine C. Stewart, also of New York City.

The flower girl was Lucette L. Langston of Fort Collins, Colo.

Attendants wore pale iris sheer organza knee-length sheaths. They carried free-form cascades of astilbe and a variety of garden flowers.

The best man was Joseph A. Ax of New York City.

Groomsmen were the bride's brother, R. Booth Platt Jr. of Baldwinville, N.Y.; Robert G. Berschinski of Germany; Benjamin C. Case of New York City; and Timothy D. Munn of Lincoln, Neb.

Ushers were Girish S. Gehani of New York City, Joseph A. Malcoun of Ann Arbor, Cory R. Wahlstrom of Lincoln, Neb. and Michael J. Wahlstrom of Chadron, Neb.

The mother of the bride wore a knee-length cocktail suit with crystal embellishments.

The groom's mother wore a tea-length blue satin skirt with a bargello-patterned top.

Readers were Amy T. Dickinson and David M. Chalenburg. The organist and choirmaster was Fred DeHaven. The Christ Church choir sang. Trumpeters were Jeffrey Markwick and Paul Miller.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Yale University. She is a member of the technical staff at Sandia Laboratories.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Yale University. He is a senior associate consultant with Bain & Co.

The couple honeymooned on Mackinac Island. They live in Fremont, Calif.



Heather S. Cunningham and Daniel E. O'Donnell

Cunningham-O'Donnell

Gary and Shelia Cunningham of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Heather S. Cunningham, to Daniel E. O'Donnell, son of Edward and Mary O'Donnell of Chicago. A November wedding is planned.

Cunningham is a dental assistant. O'Donnell earned a degree in finance from Loras College. He is second vice president of National Trust Bank.

Lundmark-Martindale

David and Liselotte Lundmark of Bradley, Ill., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rosemarie Lucille Lundmark, to Thomas Carew Martindale, son of the late Brud and Elaine Martindale, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms. A February wedding is



Thomas Carew Martindale and Rosemarie Lucille Lundmark

planned.

Lundmark earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Olivet Nazarene University with a double minor in French and English. She earned a

Master of Arts degree in painting from Governor's State University. She is an art restorer and an art instructor.

Martindale earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in materials and logistics management from Michigan State University. He is a senior designer in the automotive industry.

Provenzano-Agnone

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Provenzano of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sara Jane Provenzano, to Eugene Agnone III, son of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Agnone Jr. of the City of Grosse Pointe. A July wedding is planned.

Provenzano earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Wayne State University. She teach-

es eighth grade at St. Paul Catholic School.

Agnone earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the College of Charleston. He is an associate with Grubb & Ellis Co.



Sara Jane Provenzano and Eugene Agnone III

Anniversaries

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Charles and Jean Van Hampler of the City of Grosse Pointe will celebrate their 50th anniversary. They were married on Jan. 22, 1955, in Detroit.

Mrs. Van Hampler, the former Jean Lasser, graduated from nursing school at Mercy College and worked as a nurse locally. She is active in St. Philomena Parish.

Mr. Van Hampler, now retired, worked in the construction industry where he specialized in lathe and plaster. He has been a mem-

ber of the Carpenters Union, Lather Division for almost 50 years. He now spends time creating at his workbench, gardening and being a "best buddy."

The Van Hamplers have five daughters: Laurie (Dan) Jensen and Kristen (Rob) Bigham, all of Grosse Pointe Farms; Lisa (Dean) Scoble of New Baltimore; Karen Clark of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and Katherine (Brian) Van Hampler of Madison, Wis.; and 11 grandchildren: Daniel, Joseph, Elizabeth, Peter, Mary, Erin, Charles, Thomas, Brett, Andrew and Elizabeth.

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North, South hockey teams are fit to be tied

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

There's something about Grosse Pointe North that seems to bring out the best in Grosse Pointe South's goalies.

"It seems like whenever we play them, their goalie stands on his head, no matter who it is," North coach Scott Lock said after the two crosstown rivals had skated to a 1-1 tie last Saturday in an entertaining, well-played

contest.

When North and South met in the state Division II regional last year, Blue Devils goalie Mark Grignon was brilliant in a 1-0 loss to the Norsemen.

Grignon has graduated, but there's been no falloff in South's goaltending.

Brad Allemon made 36 saves and blanked the Norsemen until there were 9.3 seconds remaining in regulation. That goal, credit-

ed to Colin Brown, came on a deflection.

"It was a lucky bounce," Lock said, "but we'll take it. That's what we needed because their goalie played extremely well. He kept them in the game, especially in the third period and the overtime."

South coach Bob Bopp was disappointed that his team didn't get the victory after coming so close, but he was pleased with the perfor-

mance by the Blue Devils.

"Allemon came up big, and (defenseman) Bryan Mansfield stepped up and had his best game, but the whole team played well," Bopp said.

"I was delighted with everything except the fact that they tied the game with nine seconds left. Our captains got the team ready to play, so they learned something from our experience in Alpena. And I thought we

forechecked much better than we did when we played North last year."

Lock praised South's effort.

"They had good defensive zone coverage and they did a good job of putting the clamps on us in the neutral zone," he said.

Bopp was impressed by the performance of both teams.

"A lot of people played great hockey from both

schools," he said. "It was fun to play in front of a big crowd, and the kids stuck to playing hockey."

"The fans got their money's worth."

The game was scoreless until South's Tom MacEachern took a pass from Anthony Swancoat and skated in alone to score on North goalie Jordan Zielke at 2:19 of the third period.

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Blue Devils swimmers are at their best in victory over Norsemen

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys swimming team has set the bar high this year, to borrow a phrase from former Lions coach Marty Mornhinweg.

And it's a good bet that the Blue Devils will be more successful than the Lions were during the Mornhinweg regime.

South, which was ranked fourth in the state in the latest Division I poll, improved

to 2-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division with a 129-57 victory over crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North.

"I'm real happy with where we are," said South coach Bill Thompson. "We

have a lot of state qualifiers, and a lot of returning state qualifiers."

"We have a great senior class — 10 solid seniors, who provide great leadership and experience."

Many of South's state qualifiers have been there before, which is a huge asset, Thompson said.

"The kids who have been there know what it takes to be successful in the state meet," Thompson said. "The first time you qualify, everything is new. You're just happy to be there and you don't know what to expect."

"Now they've set their goals higher. Now they want to place in the finals. I've noticed that they have a better work ethic. They committed themselves to work harder during the offseason, and in our practices."

South has competed in meets against some of the best teams in the state. The Blue Devils have done well at the Brother Rice Warrior Relays and the Saginaw

Heritage Relays.

"We like to swim against the teams that are up in the state rankings every year," Thompson said. "That way our kids aren't intimidated when they see those teams in the state meet. They won't be wide-eyed with their jaws dropping when they see them."

While Thompson was happy with the performances of his seniors, he was also excited about his group of nine freshmen.

"They did a great job today," he said. "This is all new for them. They had a lot of nice time drops today. A lot of people might not see them because they're not swimming in the middle lanes, but I watched them and they had some good split times. A lot of them had two- or three-second drops. They're learning the ropes from our seniors."

Alex Garbarino, Ryan Gunderson, Wilson Holm, Luke Richard, David Richardson-Rossbach, Pete

Stevens, Jeff Tompkins and Chris Vella are the eight senior swimmers. Kieran Connolly-Ng and Justin Linné provide the senior leadership for one of the strongest diving groups that South has had.

"We have six divers competing this year," Thompson said. (Diving coach) Chad (Hepner) is doing a great job working with them."

South took first place in all but one event against the Norsemen, who slipped to 0-2 in the MAC Red and 1-2 overall.

Eight individuals achieved state cuts for South, along with the 200-yard medley relay team.

Jon Sax and Luke Richard each had a pair of state cuts. Sax won the 200 individual medley in 2:03.44 and came back to win the 500 freestyle in 4:58.89.

Richard's firsts and state-qualifying times came in the 50 freestyle (22.33) and the 100 freestyle (49.65).

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Photo by Mark Basile

This quintet of Grosse Pointe South swimmers is all smiles after they achieved state-qualifying times in last week's victory over Grosse Pointe North. From left are Luke Richard, Jon Sax, Ryan Gunderson, Pete Stevens and Casey Browning.

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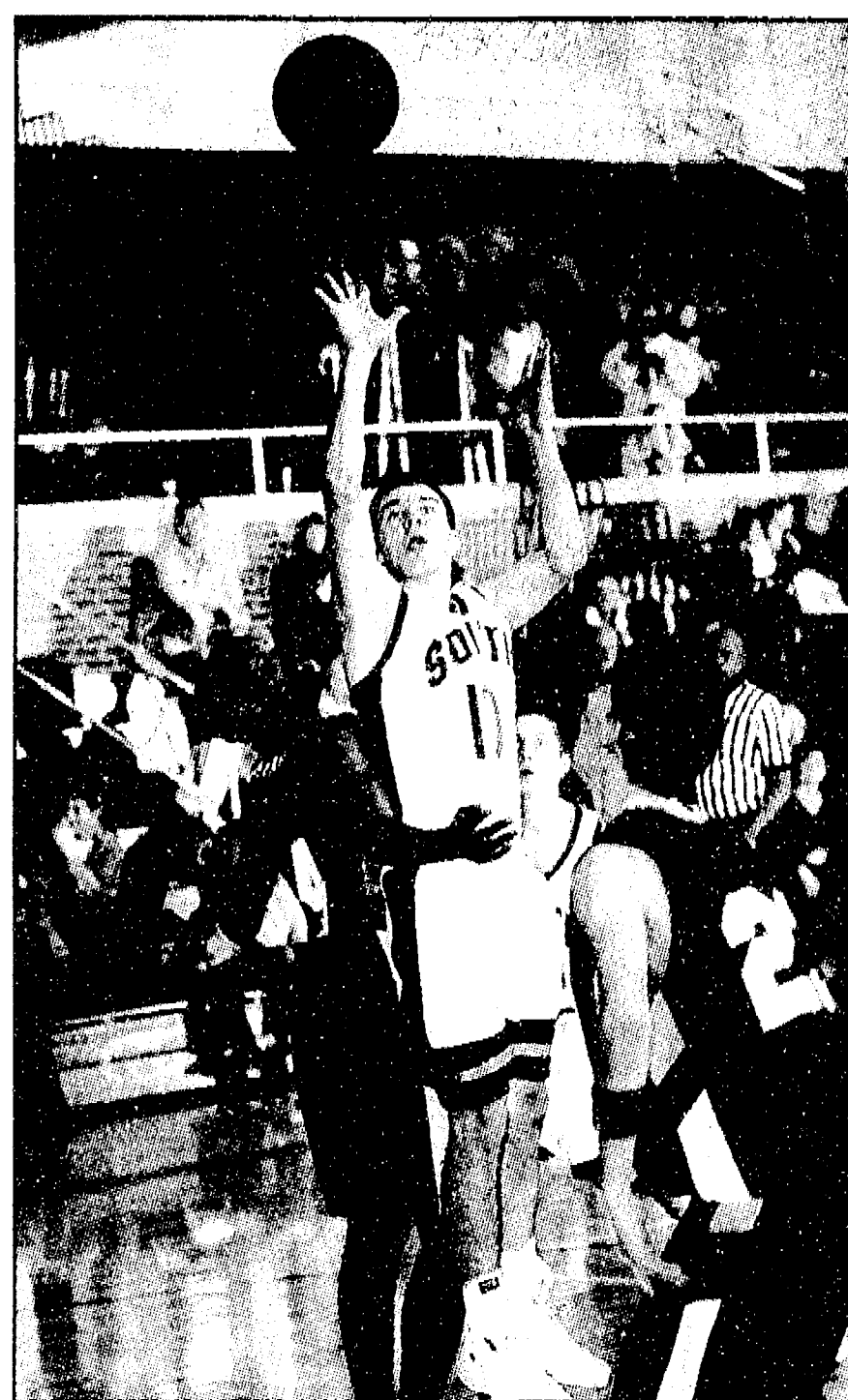


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
Tight defense by Fitzgerald doesn't seem to bother Grosse Pointe South's Christian Conroy as he scores two of his game-high 20 points.

Defense leads Blue Devils to eighth consecutive basketball victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Don't look now, but Grosse Pointe South's boys basketball team has an eight-game winning streak.

The Blue Devils extended that streak to eight last week, beating Warren Fitzgerald 45-36 and Warren Cousino 51-37.

Their only loss was an opening night defeat to Highland Park.

"We're playing very good defense, which has been the key to our success," head coach Jay Ritchie said. "We're not scoring a ton of points, but we're efficient enough to score enough points to win because we're not giving up too many points per game."

The Blue Devils shot only 28 percent against Fitzgerald, which played in the Class B state quarterfinals against Detroit Renaissance a year ago.

However, they turned the ball over only three times, held Fitzgerald to its lowest point total of the season, and got 20 points from junior guard Christian Conroy and 12 points from junior forward Dave Baldwin.

"We didn't play our best

game, but the guys found a way to win," Ritchie said.

The Blue Devils had to contend with Cousino's big guy in the middle, 6-foot, 5-inch, 240-pound center Dave Lewandowski.

"He was a load, and he got his points (27), but we threw a lot of defenders at him throughout the game," Ritchie said. "He was exhausted after the game."

Baldwin, junior Brendan Howe, junior Dave DeBoer, senior Andy Wolking, and junior Curt Mumaw took turns guarding

Lewandowski. Cousino's other players didn't step up as Lewandowski was the Patriots' only scoring threat.

"We made Cousino's guards work to get the ball into Lewandowski, and for the most part our guys took them out of the game," Ritchie said. "We're gaining a lot of confidence, and we need it because we have some very tough games coming up."

The Blue Devils took a 24-19 lead into the intermission, but they started to pull away in the third period after taking a 36-26 advantage.

The lead grew to 16 points, 45-29, midway through the fourth quarter after Ritchie's guards pressed Cousino's guards full court.

"We're learning how to win," Ritchie said. "We're taking care of the basketball and getting good shots at the basket on our possessions."

Wolking, Baldwin, and sophomore J.C. Cruse (12 rebounds) each scored 14 points to lead the Blue Devils, while Howe had two

blocked shots to go with his two points.

The Blue Devils made 9-of-12 free throws, compared with Cousino, which only made 8-of-19.

The Grosse Pointe South basketball team improved to 2-0 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 8-1 overall.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is a home game on Friday, Jan. 21, against Port Huron, followed by an away game on Tuesday, Jan. 25, against Macomb Dakota.

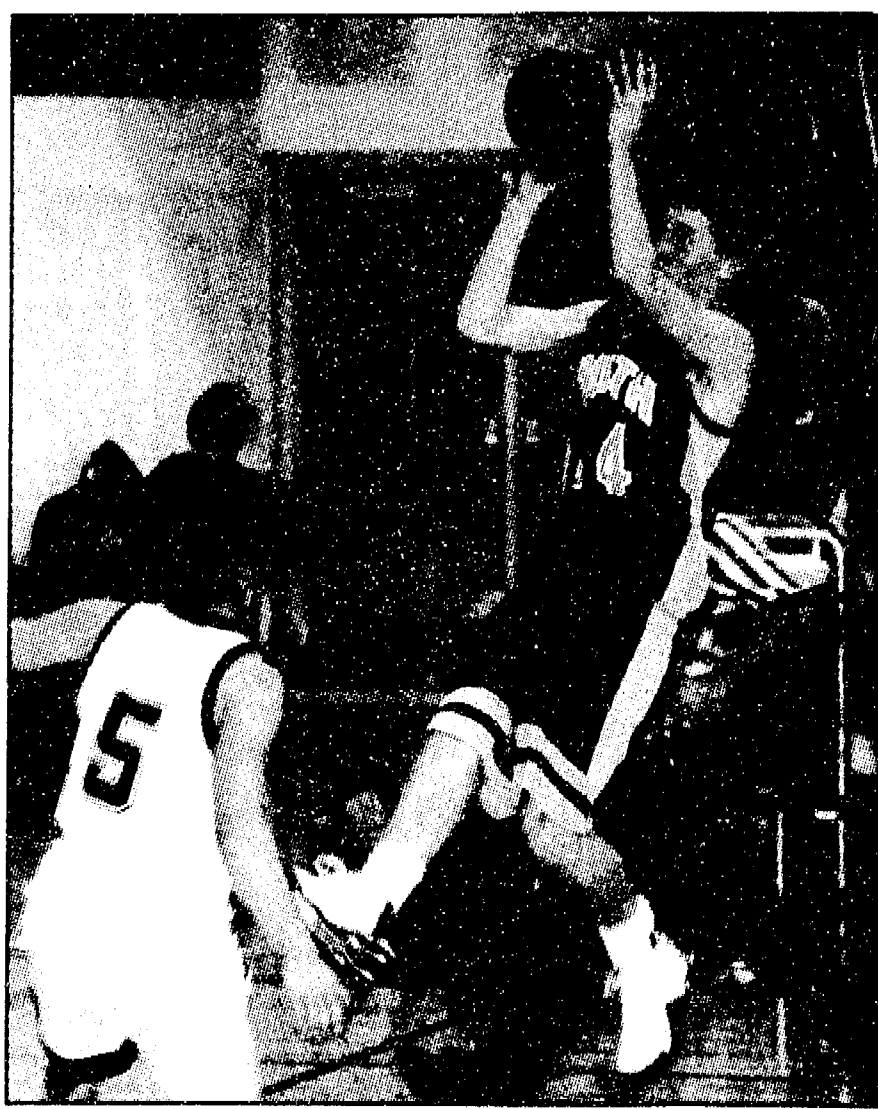


Photo by Bob Bruce
Senior Andy Wolking, right, scores two of his 14 points, leading Grosse Pointe South's boys basketball team to its eighth straight win, 51-37, over Warren Cousino.

Everything clicks in North's victory

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

If Grosse Pointe North's basketball team continues to play the way it did against Utica last Friday night, the Norsemen will win a lot more games before the season ends.

"I was really pleased with the way we played," coach Matt Trombley said after North's 66-50 victory in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division game. "We made some minor mistakes but overall, everything was clicking."

"We forced them to turn the ball over, we executed against their zone, and we hit our shots. Everything just seemed to go so smoothly."

Trombley even managed to find something positive in the flu bug he battled most of last week.

"We scrimmaged a lot on Wednesday, mostly because I didn't feel well enough to do anything else," he said. "Lots of times when you scrimmage during practice it'll turn into streetball, but they played like it was a game."

Trombley thought that the scrimmages might have helped the Norsemen cut down their turnovers in the Utica game, along with doing a better job of running the offense.

"We did a good job of sharing the ball — things we did in the scrimmages," Trombley said. "We'd make the extra pass if the shot wasn't there. We had 19 assists in the game."

"We've been talking about cutting down our turnovers and we had 14 against Utica. We want to be under 15 in every game."

Late in the game, with Jake Bloomhuff and Andy Bennett the only starters on the floor, North did a good job of working the ball around the perimeter and killing off the clock.

"Every guy understood what he was supposed to

do," Trombley said. "It was fun to watch."

Utica's defense left North's Michael Bramos open several times and Bramos reminded the Chieftains why he's going to be playing Division I basketball at Miami next year.

Bramos scored 22 of his 24 points in the first half as the Norsemen built a 41-17 halftime lead. When Bramos stole the ball and went in for a layup for his final basket with about 3 1/2 minutes left in the third quarter, he still had more points than the entire Utica team.

Marcell Maxwell and Henry McCain each scored eight points for North and Ariel Wagner had six. Eleven players scored for the Norsemen.

Bloomhuff and McCain each collected four assists for North, while Adam Miller and Dwight VanHoesen dished out three apiece. Miller also had three steals.

Earlier, North outscored Romeo 11-4 in the last 3:09 to beat the Bulldogs 57-50.

"I thought we could have played better defense," Trombley said. "We gave up some easy baskets. I didn't think we made them work as hard as we should have."

Trombley was pleased, however, with the way the Norsemen battled back after Romeo tied the game at 46-46 with 3:42 left on a basket by Skyler Hake to cap a 6-0 run.

"Sometimes when a team loses the lead like that, they'll pout and let the game get away, but we answered and got the lead right back," Trombley said.

Maxwell broke the tie with a pair of free throws, then Bramos scored two straight baskets to put North up by five points with 1:40 to play. Bramos's second basket came after he stole the ball and went in for a layup.

A basket by Hake with 28.5 seconds left, cut North's

lead to 54-50. David Klein hit a free throw with 18.2 seconds remaining, and after a defensive stop, Bramos secured the win with two more free throws with nine seconds to go.

North led by 10 points early in the second quarter and the Norsemen had a 23-18 advantage at halftime.

An 11-0 run early in the third quarter helped North stretch its lead to 36-22 with 4:05 remaining. Romeo ended the third quarter with a 16-0 spurt to go ahead, 40-38, for the first time since early in the opening quarter.

North scored the first eight points of the fourth quarter — six of them by Maxwell — to lead 46-40, but Romeo came right back with its spurt to tie the game.

Bramos led the Norsemen with 23 points and 11 rebounds. Maxwell finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds, and McCain added eight points. Bramos and Maxwell also had three steals apiece.

It was the third straight game that Maxwell has been in double figures rebounding.

"We've addressed that with him," Trombley said. "We need Marcell to rebound, and he's been doing better lately."

North is 3-0 in the MAC Red and 7-2 overall.

The Norsemen host L'Anse Creuse North in a MAC crossover game on Friday, then return to division play at L'Anse Creuse on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

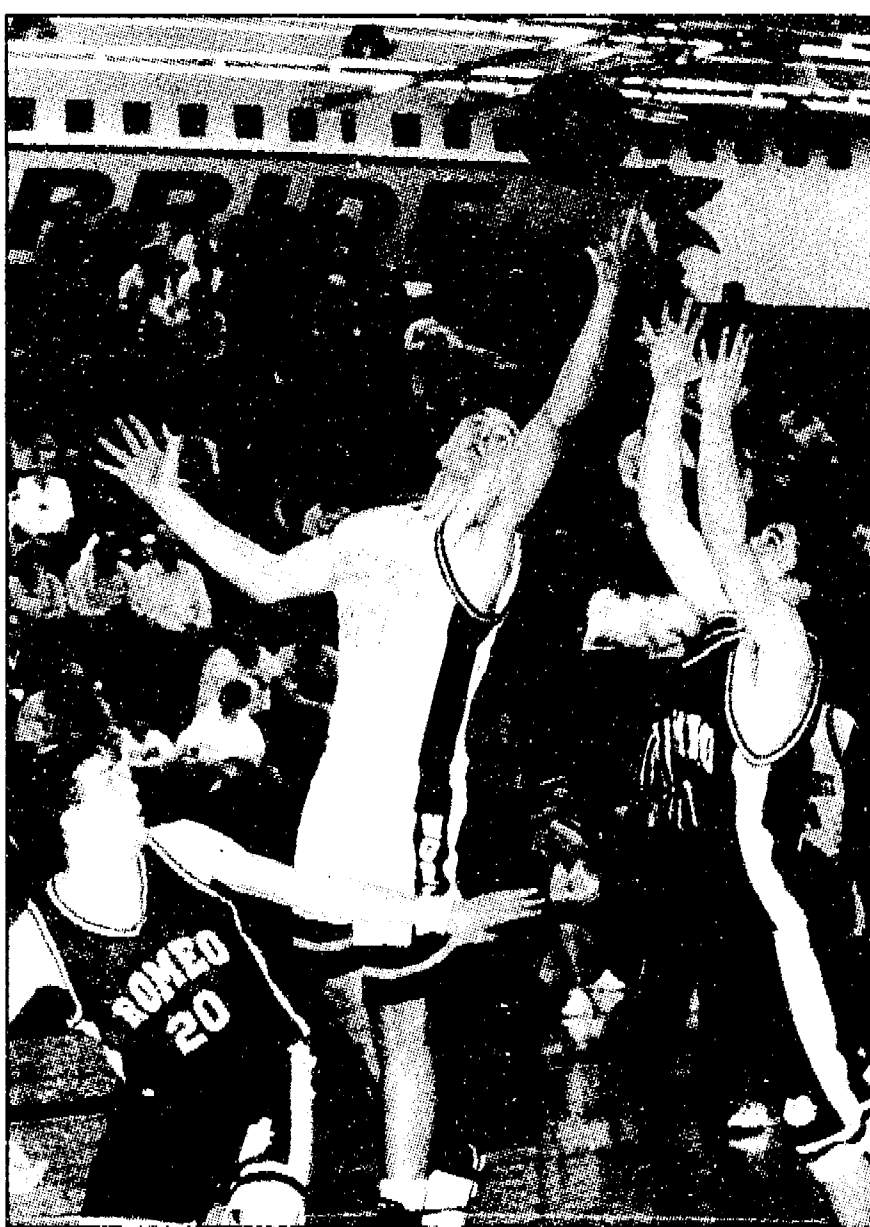


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
North's Michael Bramos snatches a rebound away from a Romeo player.

Injury forces North spikers to dig a little deeper

By Bob St. John
Sports writer

Grosse Pointe North's girls volleyball team was dealt a huge blow on Monday, finding out during the day that senior outside hitter Emily Schleicher will miss the remainder of the season with a broken arm.

"She broke the arm slipping on the ice," head coach Kim Lockhart said. "We're changing the lineup around to accommodate Emily's absence."

Schleicher's absence was evident on Monday evening when the Lady Norsemen lost 27-25, 25-27, 17-25, 21-25 to host Chippewa Valley.

"We played pretty well, but once

we lost that second game I think some of the wind was knocked out of our sails," Lockhart said. "We had little consistency, but still had a shot to win."

The first two games were marathon sets with North rallying from a 24-20 deficit to win the first one, and it gave away a 24-22 advantage in the second.

Unforced errors sank the Lady Norsemen in the third game, and a rally fell short in the fourth set.

Junior Jessi Koltun finished with 19 kills and six blocks, while senior Liz Andary had 14 kills and six blocks.

Junior Erica Gaitley had six

blocks and 27 digs, and junior Caitlin Bennett had six kills and 25 digs.

"We made some nice plays, but not enough of them to win," Lockhart said. "We need some girls to step up and fill Emily's role for us to stay on top."

Last week, the Lady Norsemen defeated visiting Port Huron Northern, winning 19-25, 25-15, 27-25, 25-18.

"It was an ugly one, but it was a win," Lockhart said. "We had a pretty amazing rally which really helped us pull out the win."

The Lady Norsemen struggled in the opening game but stormed back

to tie the MAC Red Division match at a game apiece.

They trailed 23-13 in the third game, but scored 14 of the final 16 points to pull out an amazing comeback.

Schleicher tied the school-record set the week before for kills in a match with 20, while Koltun had 13 kills.

Gaitley finished with nine aces, and junior setter Danielle Zohrob set a single game school-record with 45 assists.

The Grosse Pointe North volleyball team stands 2-2 in the Macomb Area Conference (MAC) Red Division and 10-6 overall.

Ristovski preaches offensive balance

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

University Liggett School's boys basketball team dropped a close Metro Conference game last week, losing 54-52 to visiting Livonia Clarenceville.

"We're not as hungry as we were early in the season," head coach Dean Ristovski said. "We're not playing team basketball, and that is why we're coming up on the short end of the scoreboard."

Ristovski reiterated to his players that they had to stop Clarenceville's standout, Donnie Carson.

"We couldn't let Carson beat us," Ristovski said. "He's a good athlete who can be explosive with the ball."

The plan didn't work as Carson scored nearly at will

(he had two thunderous dunks), and he had plenty of help from Bruno Shkreli, who scored in double figures.

"We played well at times, but defensively I don't think we did a good job," Ristovski said. "Carson scored too many points, and Bruno hit some big shots for them. It was a very competitive game, but it was one we shouldn't have lost."

The entire game was close as neither team could build more than an eight-point advantage.

ULS led 13-12 after the first quarter, while Clarenceville held a 23-22 halftime lead.

It was 40-35 Clarenceville after three quarters, and it

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Griesbaum school holds winter camps

There are only a few more days to register for the winter session of the Dan Griesbaum Baseball School, which will give youngsters an opportunity to work on their hitting, pitching and catching.

Registration must be in by Wednesday, Jan. 26. There is no registration at the door. The two-day camp will be held in the Grosse Pointe

South High School gyms on Saturday, Jan. 29 and Sunday, Jan. 30.

The Saturday session will run from noon to 3 p.m., while the Sunday session will be from 3 to 6 p.m.

Students can elect to attend the hitting camp one day and the pitching and catching camp the next, or if they choose, they can attend the same camp both days.

The cost is \$45 per day, but if a player decides to attend both days the total cost is \$80.

The camp is open to players in grades three through eight. Instructors are high school coaches and players.

Brochures on the camp are available at the front desk in the main office at South or at the Neighborhood Club.

Brochures can also be obtained by call one of the co-directors of the school — Dan Griesbaum at (313) 884-7834 or Matt Reno at (313) 886-5537.



University Liggett School's Adam Rock, No. 23, gets his first of four goals in the Knights' 7-2 win over L'Anse Creuse North.

Rock's solid in ULS victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

ULS' boys hockey team was ready for action after three weeks without a scheduled game.

"We used the time to condition and work on some things that we weren't doing well before the holiday break," head coach Akil Adams said. "We needed the time off."

The host Knights looked well-rested as they skated to an impressive 7-2 win over L'Anse Creuse North last week.

"The guys played a nice

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held on to win even though ULS won the final stanza 17-14.

Senior Jonathan Wright scored 30 points to lead the Knights, while sophomore Carlton Snyder had 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Freshman Nick Waller pulled down 11 rebounds and scored three points.

"We need more guys to get involved in our offense," Ristovski said. "We will work on that before our next game."

Ristovski's tougher practices paid dividends as ULS beat host Lutheran Westland 52-38 last weekend.

Wright followed his 30-point performance with a 27-point output against the Warriors, and junior Matt Langston added 13 points as the Knights improved to 2-1 in the Metro Conference and 5-4 overall.

game," Adams said. "Our offense really clicked. It's nice to get seven goals in a game."

Adams watched his Knights score three first-period goals after getting off to a sluggish start.

"I could tell the guys were a little slow due to the three-week layoff, but they got back into the swing of the game midway through the first period," Adams said.

LCN took it right at ULS, outshooting the host team 8-3 in the first six minutes of the first period before Adam Rock scored on a harmless backhand to make it 1-0.

Mike Burchi scored four minutes later to make it 2-0, and Rock tallied a short-handed goal 37 seconds later to cap the first-period markers.

Rock recorded the hat trick early in the second period to give the Knights a 4-0 lead.

The Knights scored three third-period goals as Alex Amicucci (two) and Rock (his fourth of the game) tallied.

Goalkeeper Zach Keith had a shutout going until the Crusaders scored a power-play goal at the 13:03 mark of the final period.

Stone Hazlett had three assists, while Mike Zukas and Jake Keith each recorded two assists.

Other standouts were Judd DeMartini, Steve Molnar, Mike Thomas, Patrick Latcham, Mike McCoy, George Fink, Charlie Warren, Yates Campbell, Ryan Deane, and George Wines.

"We're more competitive

at both ends of the ice," Adams said. "We have some tougher games ahead of us; so we will see where we stand after we get through those teams."

The Knights couldn't sustain their momentum from the win as they lost 8-5 to host Allen Park Cabrini.

"We weren't very good defensively, but we got another solid offensive showing," Adams said.

Molnar suffered a separated shoulder against LCN, and his absence was felt as Cabrini scored seven goals in the slot.

"Our defensemen weren't clearing the front of the net, and it cost us big-time," Adams said. "It's a learning experience for all of us, and we have to get more consistent during the second half of the season."

Zukas had two goals and two assists, and Hazlett had three assists to lead the offense.

ULS is 5-5-1 overall.

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"We had a tough break on their goal," Lock said. "Adam Davis pulled something and their guy was able to skate around him."

MacEachern's goal seemed to ignite the Norsemen, who carried the play for much of the third period and the overtime.

"After they scored, it lit a fire under our kids," Lock said. "That kind of woke us up. We played with more desperation after that."

Until then, it was South that had the better chances, especially in the first period. "We had three great chances in the first period," Bopp said.

On one of them, after a turnover in North's defensive zone, Ryan Abraham broke in alone on Zielke but the Norsemen's goalie robbed him with a glove save. He also made fine saves on Frankie DeLaura and Joey Parke to rob them of goals.

"I was glad to see Jordan get out of the funk that he's been in for a couple of games," Lock said. "He stepped up and saved the day for us when we had some turnovers in the neutral zone."

"I was happy with the defense, too. I thought (Andrew) Tignanelli and (Jimmy) Solomon played real well. Our forwards did a good job of creating opportunities, but we have to do a better job of finishing our chances."

Although North had more chances in the eight-minute overtime period and Allemon was at his best, Zielke was called on to stop a point-blank shot from Parke with 2:17 left in the period.

Allemon made a skate save on Julien Horrie midway through the overtime, and he got in position to stop a rebound with a little more than a minute remaining.

South spikers win twice in MAC White Division action

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Don't count Grosse Pointe South out of the Macomb Area Conference White Division volleyball race just yet.

"We're coming around," said coach Kevin Nugent after the defending league champion Blue Devils beat Eisenhower and Dakota in division play.

"People are saying that we'll be battling Dakota and Mott for third place behind Romeo and Anchor Bay, but we'd like to think we can challenge for first place."

South will find out soon enough if it's a contender. The Blue Devils hosted Romeo on Wednesday, and they'll visit Anchor Bay on Wednesday, Jan. 26. In between, is a match at Utica Ford II on Monday, Jan. 24.

In South's 25-22, 21-25, 25-22, 25-20 victory against

Dakota last Monday, the Blue Devils got an outstanding performance from Allison Fennell.

"In the first game we were down 19-18 and Allison served us to 24," Nugent said. "In the third game, she closed us out with a block and a kill off a set play. In the fourth game, she had a dig, a block, a block and two kills, accounting for six points in a seven-point sequence in the middle of the game that turned things around for us."

South also got a fine performance from outside hitters Margi Scholtes and Dana Schweitzer. Scholtes had 15 kills and nine blocks. Schweitzer, playing in the back row, had 16 digs and was successful on 23 of 24 service receptions.

In the Blue Devils' 25-16, 25-23, 25-18 victory over Eisenhower, the standouts

were middle hitters Lauren Russell and Ashley Read, and back-row specialists Brooke Ziehr and Kelly Springborn.

"Our middle hitters are showing a lot of improvement," Nugent said. "They're more aggressive all the time. It's the same way with our sixes."

In its division opener, South lost 19-25, 25-23, 25-21, 17-25, 15-13 to Warren-Mott.

"It was a good learning experience for our young team," Nugent said. "And the things we learned carried over into our next two matches. They learned a lot about winning and losing."

"We're only going to be as good as the sum of all our parts."

Scholtes played well for the Blue Devils.

"Margi stepped up down the stretch," Nugent said.

Another tournament win for North wrestlers

Grosse Pointe North's wrestling team won its second tournament of the season last weekend when the Norsemen finished first in the Lake Shore Invitational team tournament.

North defeated Warren Fitzgerald 47-27 in the championship match.

With three wrestlers remaining, North led 32-27, but Mike Czarnecki won a decision at 135 pounds, and Jack Todd pinned his opponent at 140 to seal the victory.

The other teams competing in the tournament were Grosse Pointe South, Harper Woods, Lake Shore and Mount Clemens.

Several North wrestlers went undefeated in the tournament, including heavy-weight "Spencer" Channel, who won all of his matches on falls.

Others who were unbeaten were Mike Kurdziel at 119; Jonathon Chow, 112; Czarnecki; Mike Murphy, 171; and Anthony Kanakri, 145.

North has a double-dual meet with Fraser and Dakota at Dakota tonight, Jan. 20. On Saturday, North will host its annual Norseman Classic invitational tournament.

Parents meeting for volleyball

There will be an informational meeting for parents of athletes participating in the VIP AAU volleyball club.

The meeting will be held at noon Saturday at Grosse Pointe South High School.

There will be a similar meeting at the Macomb Community College Expo Center in Warren at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday.

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Gunderson also had a state cut in the 50 with his second-place time of 22.59.

Casey Browning won the 100 butterfly in 53.79, a state-qualifying time. Robby Browning had a state cut in winning the 100 backstroke in 56.39. South's other individual state qualifying-time was Pete Stevens's winning effort of 1:03.28 in the 100 breaststroke.

The Blue Devils took 1-2 in several events in addition to the 50 freestyle. Freshman Michael Manos was second in the 200 IM. Andrew Graham was runner-up in the 100 butterfly. Danny Basile took second in the 500 freestyle. Richardson-Rossbach was second in the 100 backstroke and Jamie Handley was runner-up in the 100 breaststroke.

The Blue Devils took the first two spots in diving. Linne won with a scored of 239.18 points, while Connolly-Ng was second with 205.05.

South won all three relays. The 200 medley relay team of the Brownings, Stevens and Tompkins posted a state cut of 1:44.29.

South's team of Casey Browning, Alex Boryukov, Andrew Graham and Gunderson won the 200 freestyle relay in 1:34.47, and the 400 freestyle relay team of Richardson-Rossbach, Garbarino, Tompkins and Stevens had a winning time of 3:40.93.

North's only victory came from Michael VanBeek, who touched in 1:52.18 to win a close race with Richardson-Rossbach in the 200 freestyle. VanBeek's time was a season-best.

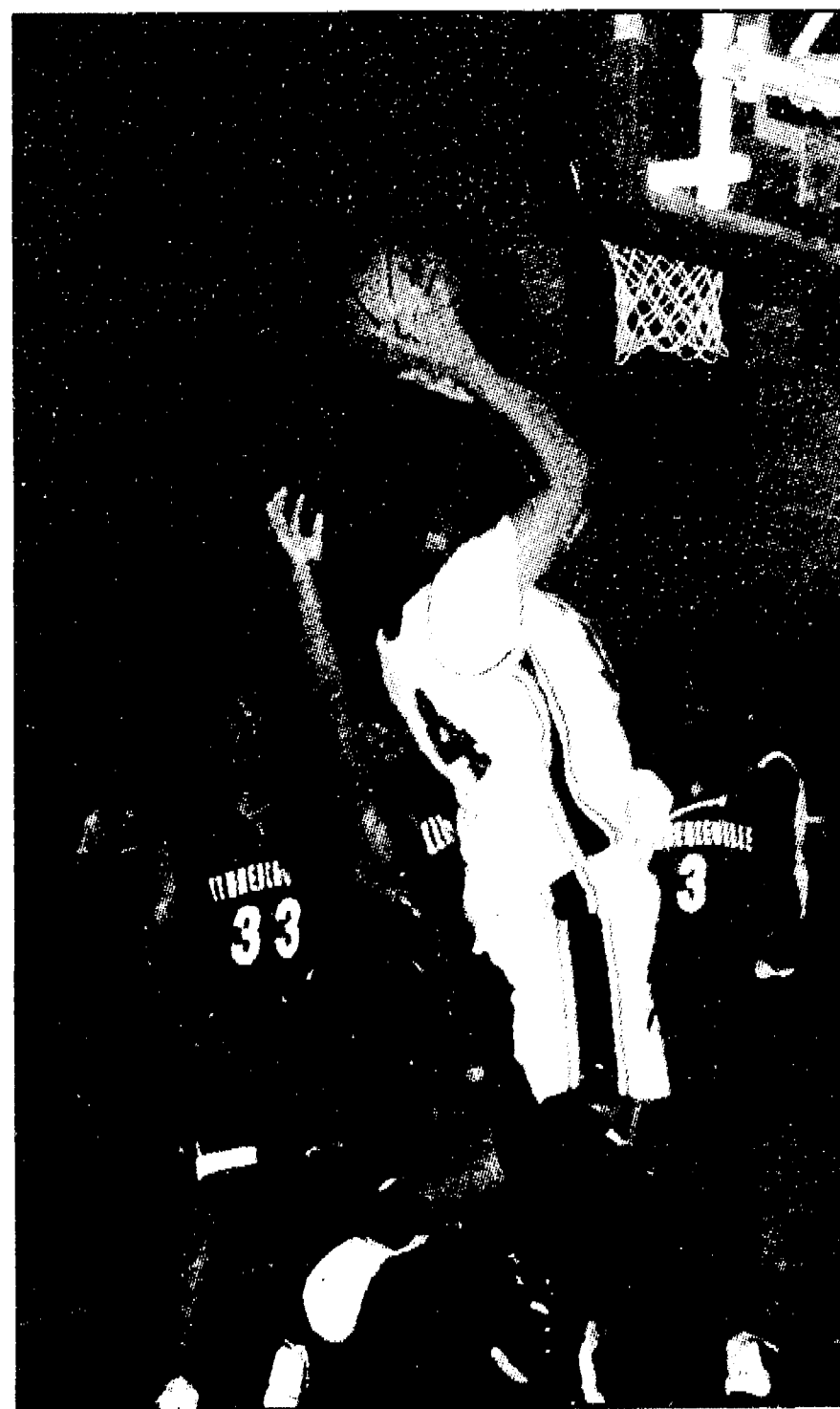
"I was happy with the way several of our kids swam," said North coach Mike O'Connor.

Other season-best performances by the Norsemen came from Karl Tech, Roy Lucier, John Schultes, Tim Schultes, Brian Cornillie, Robert Briski, Scotty Moore, Ed Grumeretz and Evan Marshall in the 50 freestyle; Tech, Mike Kedzierski and Marshall, 100 freestyle; Matt Lane and John Sattler, 500 freestyle; Mike Walton and Scotty Moore, 100 backstroke; Jeff Moore and Tim Schultes, 100 breaststroke; Ryan Boury and Cornillie, 100 butterfly; and Andrew Fly, 200 individual medley.

North divers Scott Ulrich and Cory Fogelsong also posted their best scores of the season.

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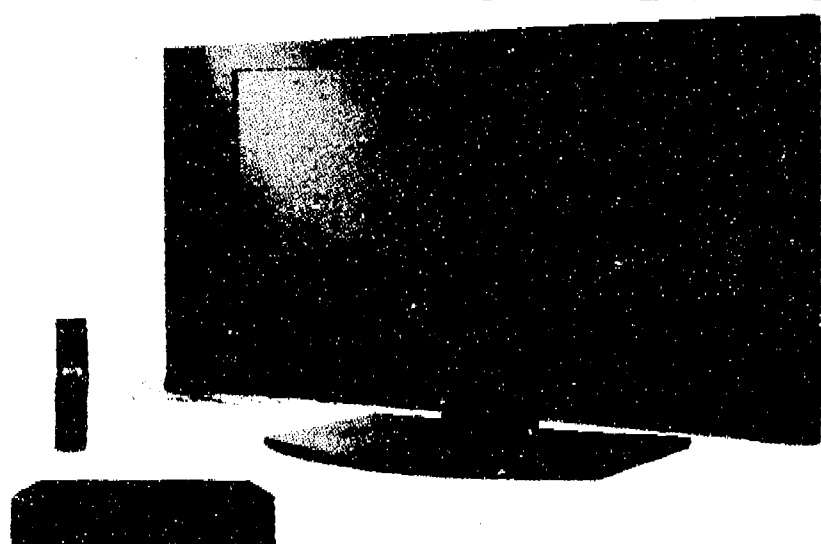
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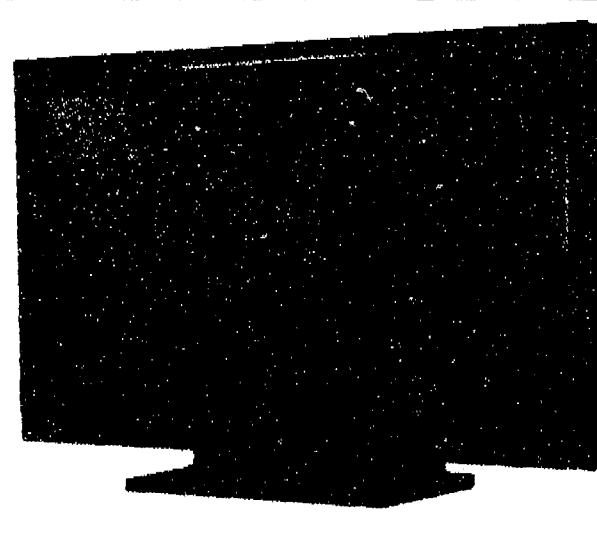
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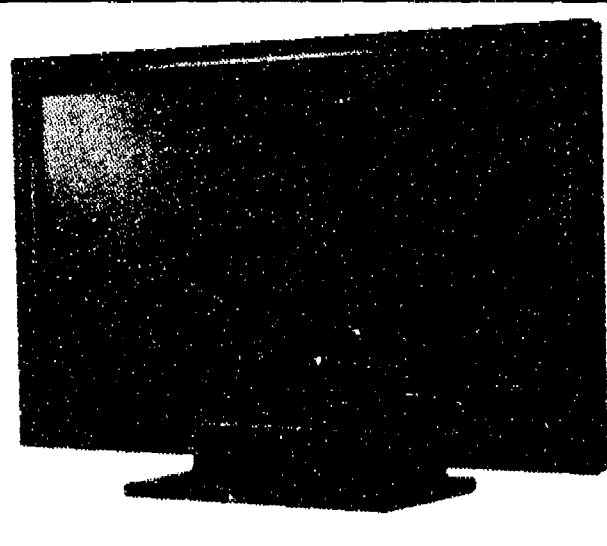
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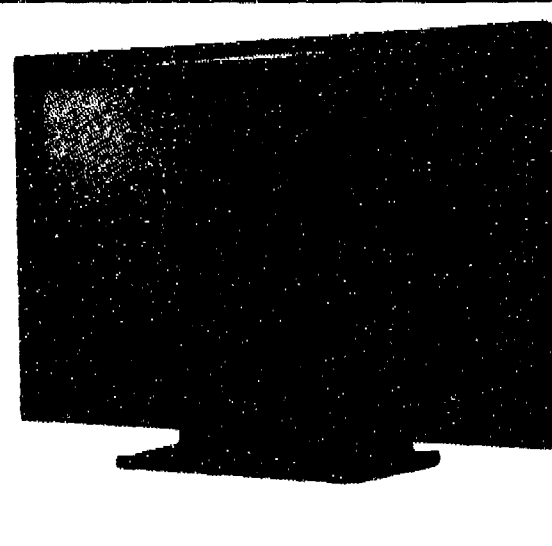
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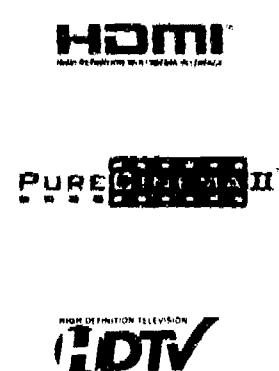
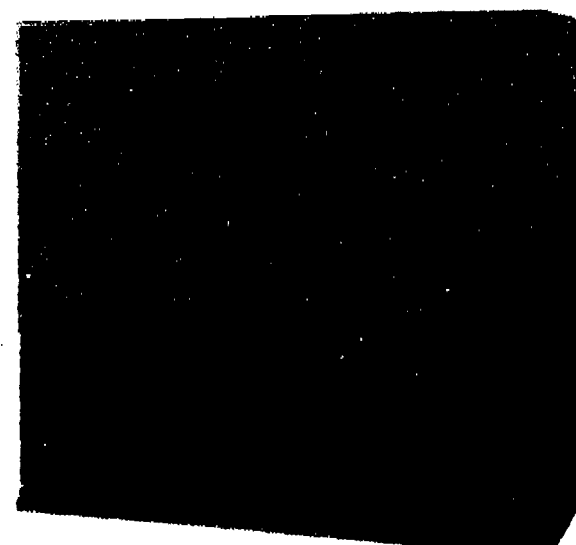
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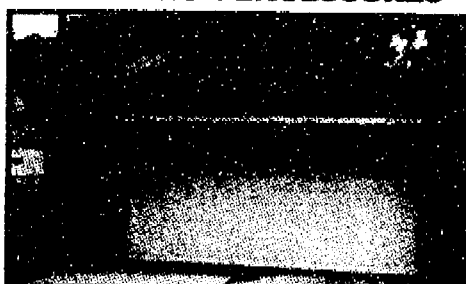
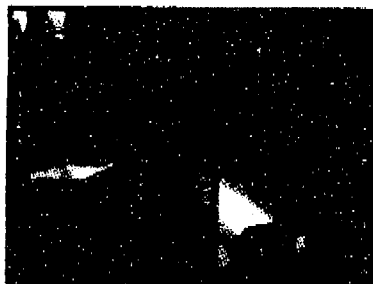
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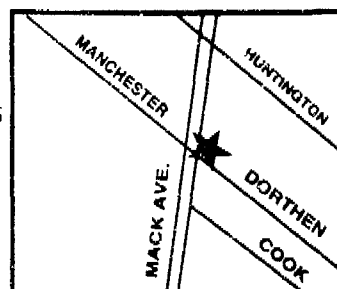
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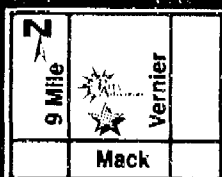
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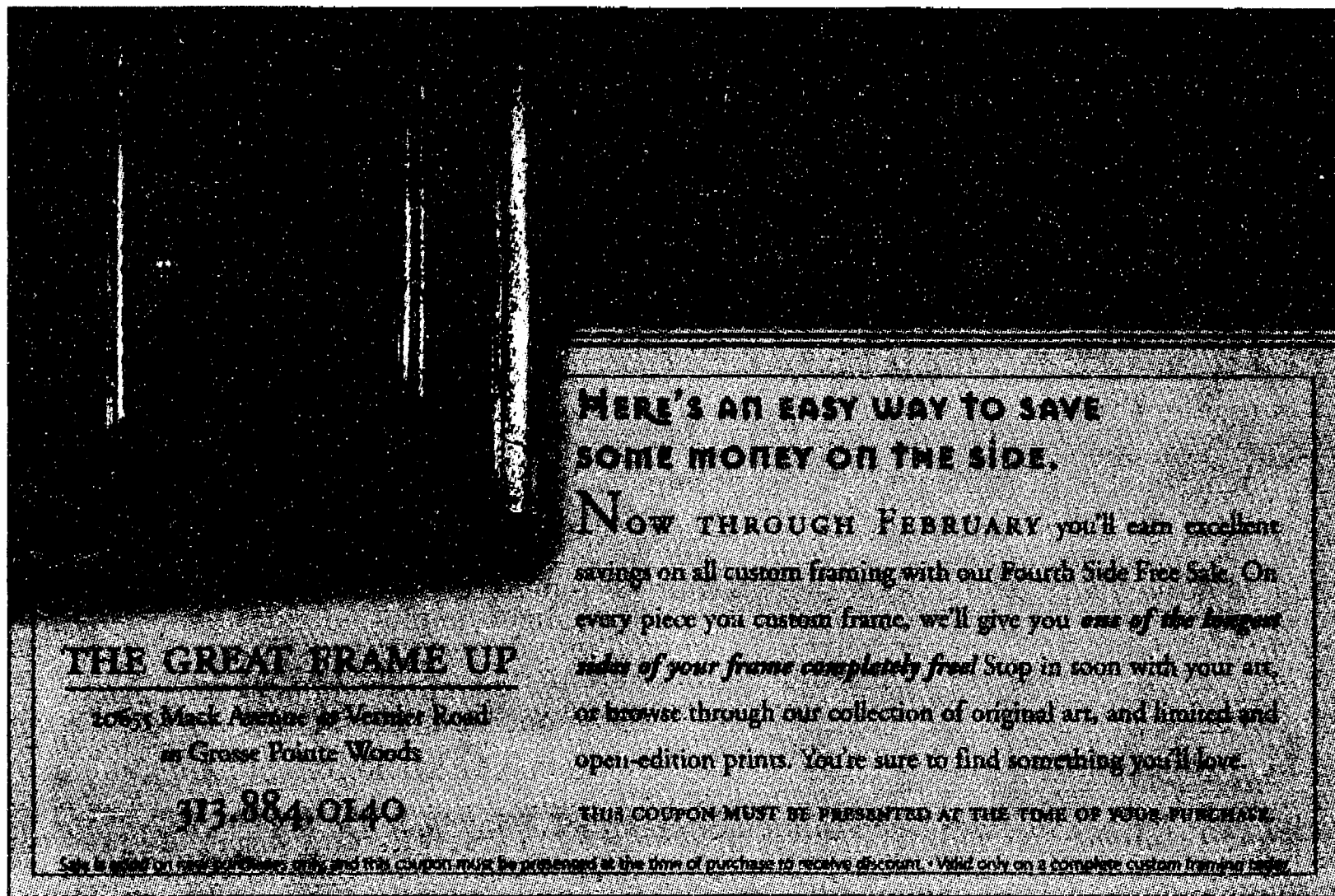
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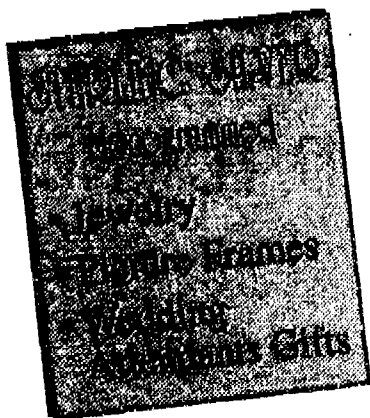
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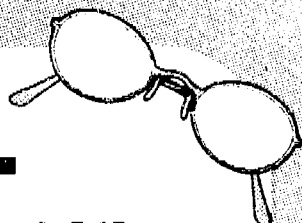
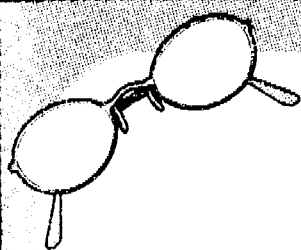
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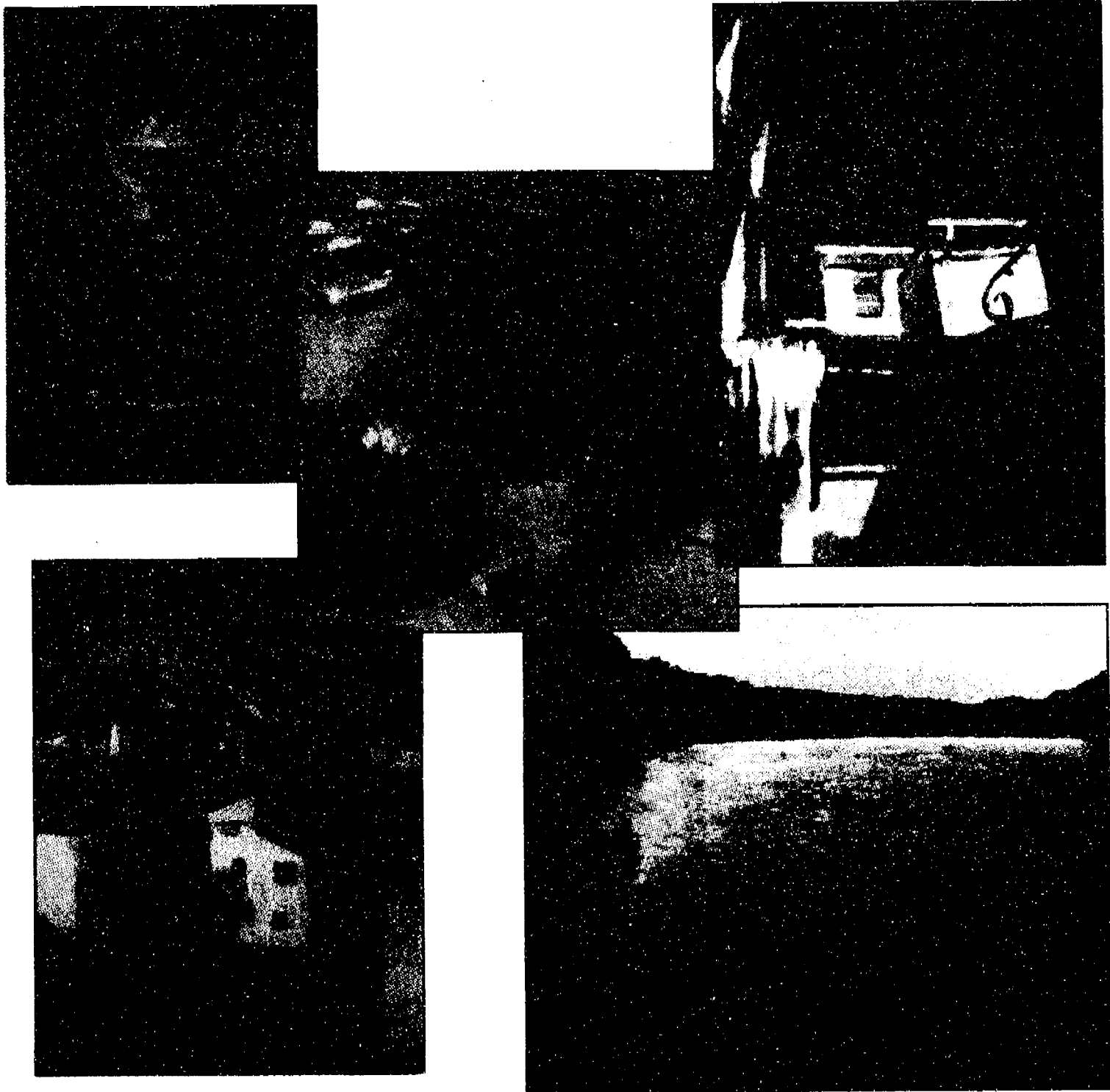
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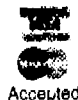
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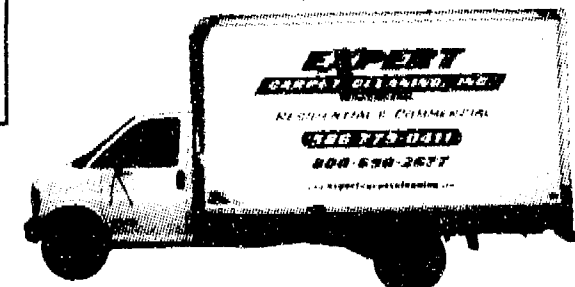


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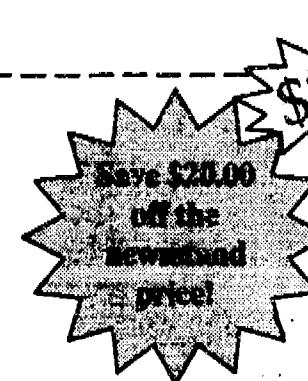
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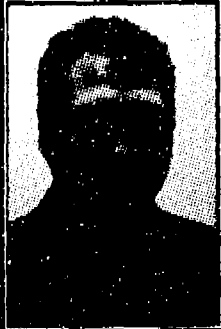
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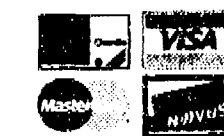
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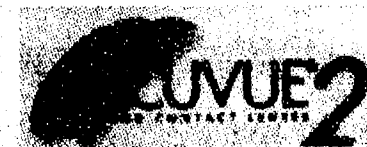
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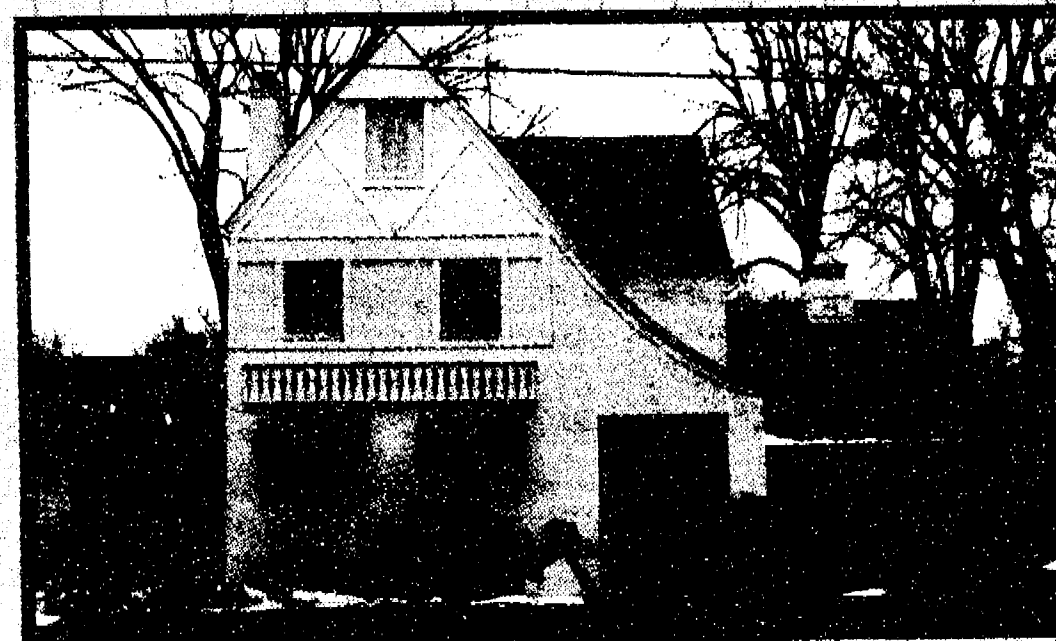
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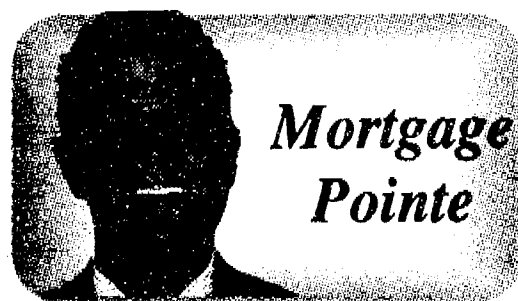
Prepaying your mortgage

We often hear the case against prepaying your mortgage — the advantages of having a low mortgage interest rate, the valuable tax deduction on mortgage interest and the higher return possibilities in other investments.

The logic is that homeowners are better off devoting excess cash to paying off higher interest rate obligations, debts that don't offer the tax deductibility of interest, or pursuing higher returns in other investments such as stocks. However, there are instances where paying ahead on your mortgage makes sense.

Many borrowers are buying homes with little or no money down and paying private mortgage insurance (PMI) as a result. Until a borrower has accumulated a 20 percent equity stake by paying down the loan balance or benefiting from appreciation of the home and subsequent higher appraisal, PMI will mean a higher monthly payment. PMI payments are not tax deductible like mortgage interest, so borrowers are often eager to eliminate PMI.

This is where making additional principal payments can accelerate the timetable to eliminating PMI. For a \$180,000 home financed with a \$171,000 mortgage at 6.5 percent, it will take 10.5 years to pay down



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the balance enough to eliminate PMI.

Taking into consideration a home's appreciation of 4 percent, the borrower could pay for an appraisal after 42 months and eliminate PMI. By tacking on an additional \$100 to each payment, this is reduced to 32 months — saving 10 months' worth of PMI payments.

Borrowers interested in avoiding PMI altogether often take a piggy-back loan, financing 80 percent of the purchase price on a traditional first mortgage and another 10, 15 or 20 percent via a second mortgage. That means with a home purchase of \$180,000 a borrower would have a first mortgage of \$144,000, a second mortgage of \$27,000, and a

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Protecting your home from foreclosure

(NAPSI) — Purchasing a home, whether a single-family, condominium or townhouse, is one of the most important investments a family will make.

Because your home is one of the largest and most significant investments you'll make, experts say it's key that you take precautionary steps to protect it, especially against foreclosure.

Mortgage payment protection, or mortgage payment relief, is designed to help you keep your home and avoid foreclosure. Offered by housing organizations and some lenders, such programs will pay your mortgage in case of unemployment or disability.

According to research, delinquencies and foreclosures most often occur between the second and fifth years of home ownership. To protect

your home and family in the long run, analysts recommend choosing a program that offers mortgage protection for at least five years.

For instance, AmeriDream, Inc., a nonprofit organization, offers the DreamKeeper Mortgage Payment Relief Program. The product provides mortgage payment protection along with a down payment gift — neither of which has to be paid for by the homeowner.

The program offers protection against two of the most probable threats to the borrower's ability to pay: Involuntary unemployment and disability. Electing to use this type of program can protect you and your family from losing your home when unforeseen problems arise.

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134 MEADOW LANE GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Castle-like describes this 1930 French Normandy Colonial nestled at the end of a prized Farms cul-de-sac. Short walks to Grosse Pointe South, Richard, Hill, Library, War Memorial, the lake and churches. This spacious three bedroom, two and one half bath, 2,000 square-foot home features an open circular staircase and foyer, living room with natural fireplace, formal dining room, hardwood floors throughout and a large private fenced yard. Kitchen with breakfast nook and laundry area. Family room with door-wall to newer patio. Partially finished basement with full bath. Newer two and one half car garage. Central air, lawn sprinkler system, all appliances stay. \$430,000

938 BLAIRMOR GROSSE POINTE WOODS

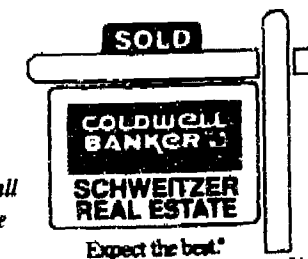
Remarkable contemporary quad completely updated. New kitchen, skylight, built-in appliances, and updated bathrooms. Marble floors in kitchen, hall, and bath. Jacuzzi tub, steam showers, new roof, driveway, and sprinkler system. Natural fireplace and wet bar in family room. \$439,000

1046 DEVONSHIRE GROSSE POINTE PARK

Beautiful center entrance Georgian colonial completely remodeled in last several years. Two story entry hall, dark stained oak floors. Cherry paneled den with fireplace. Upholstered dining room walls overlooking 20x40 pool. Newer baths, roof, windows, and central air. \$995,000

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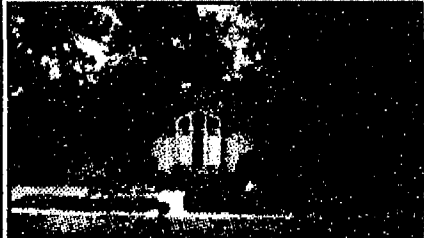
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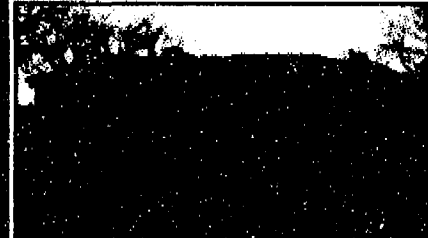
\$700,000 NESTLED just off of Lake Shore and Farms Pier. Kitchen with Corian and granite countertops. Spacious family room with skylights. Living room with fireplace. Formal dining room. Library. First floor laundry. Hardwood floors. Two and a half car attached garage.

66 FORDCROFT GROSSE POINTE SHORES



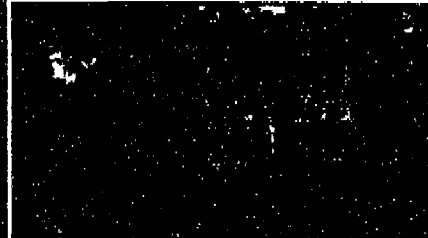
\$895,000 SPACE FOR EVERYONE! Two first floor master suites. Five bedrooms upstairs. Five full bathrooms. Family room overlooks brick paver patio, in-ground pool, and courtyard. Updated kitchen with corian countertops opens to huge eating area. Library with built-in bookshelves. Multiple fireplaces.

591 OXFORD GROSSE POINTE WOODS



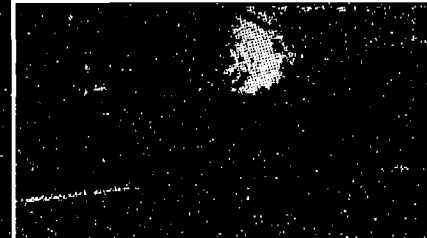
\$1,475,000 COMPLETELY renovated. Handicap accessible, with elevator to all three levels. Kitchen opens to huge great room with natural light. Custom oak library. Five car garage. Tennis court. Indoor pool with separate ventilation system.

180 PROVENCAL GROSSE POINTE FARMS



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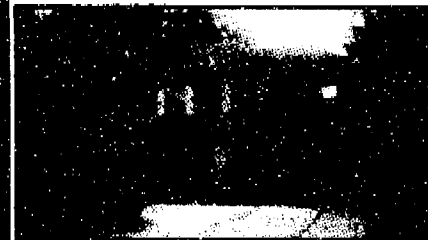
\$569,000 STUNNING four bedroom, three and one half bath totally renovated home combining the best of old and new. Hardwood floors. New custom kitchen with stainless counters and high end appliances. Master suite with walk-in closet and sitting room. All baths updated.

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.

552 WASHINGTON GROSSE POINTE



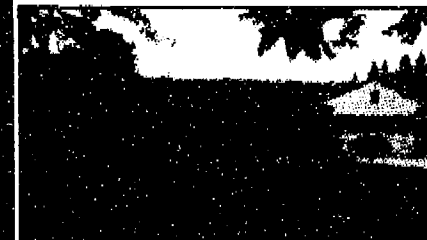
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271 ROOSEVELT PLACE GROSSE POINTE



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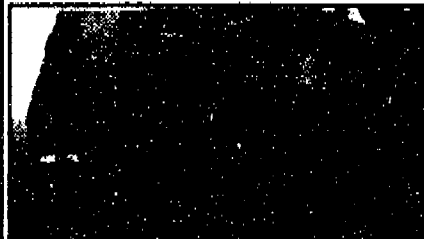
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19990 E EMORY COURT GROSSE POINTE WOODS



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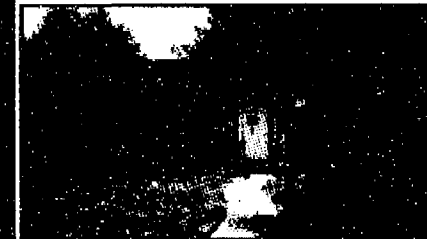
\$385,000 NEAR STAR OF THE SEA. Impressive recent improvements. Master bedroom with bath. Formal dining room. Hardwood floors. Multiple fireplaces. Large family room. Private yard with patio. Immaculate condition. Spacious two car attached garage with built-ins.

277 MERRIWEATHER GROSSE POINTE FARMS



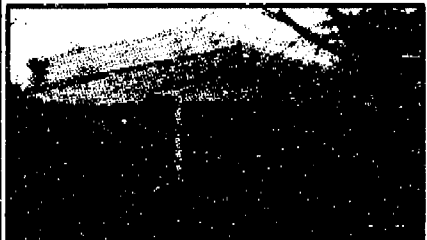
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1798 STANHOPE GROSSE POINTE WOODS



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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, water-proofed basement. Move right in! Immediate Occupancy!

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Record heating costs make ICF construction the less costly alternative

With the Michigan Public Service Commission warning Michigan homeowners that they can expect heating costs to increase by an average range of \$106 to \$253 for the coming winter heating season, the cost to heat a typical home during Michigan's winter months will increase nearly 20 percent. This comes on top of a near 50 percent increase in heating costs last winter.

Other than turning down the thermostat and beefing up insulation, there is little that owners of traditional wood-frame homes can do to minimize these energy cost increases. But the new-home buyers who are planning to build a home can take advantage of a new building technology that will save them hundreds of dollars a year in energy costs — Insulating Concrete Forms (ICFs). ICFs are hollow foam blocks or panels that are stacked into the shape of the walls of a home. The forms are filled with steel reinforced concrete to create a solid structure, sandwiching a heavy, high-strength material between two layers of light, high insulation foam.

Building a concrete home with ICFs saves energy and money. The greater insulation, tighter construction, and temperature-smoothing mass of the walls conserve heating and cooling energy much better than conventional wood-frame walls. This reduces monthly fuel bills by up to 50 percent when compared to energy costs for conventional wood-frame homes. It also allows the use of smaller furnaces and air-conditioning units, saving money in construction.

Buildings constructed of ICFs have a more even temperature throughout the day and night, fewer drafts, fewer cold spots and hot spots, and a more consistent temperature from floor to ceiling.

Insulating values for ICF walls using polystyrene foam are equivalent to R-26 to R-50 (depending on

the ICF used), compared to wood frame's R-9 to R-15. So ICF walls cut the conduction losses through foundation and above-grade walls by more than half. Consequently, houses built with ICF exterior walls require an estimated 44 percent less energy to heat than comparable frame houses. The bigger the house the bigger the savings.

These energy savings estimates come from a study of single-family houses spread across the United States and Canada. Researchers gathered data on 58 houses in all. Half had exterior walls constructed with concrete using ICFs made of expanded polystyrene (EPS) or extruded polystyrene (XPS) foam. The other half were neighboring houses with walls constructed of wood frame. All houses were relatively new (less than six years old) and built with modern methods. The researchers compared the energy bill of each concrete house to its frame counterpart, carefully correcting for important differences to get an "apples-to-apples" comparison.

With the likelihood that energy costs will only continue to increase in the future, the energy savings from ICF construction will become even more significant in the years ahead.



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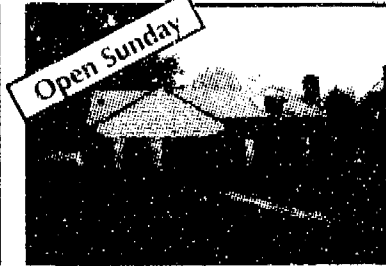
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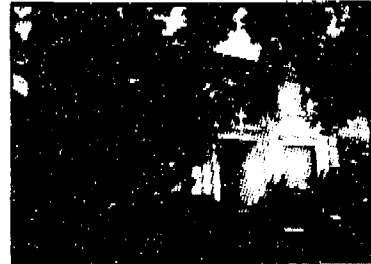
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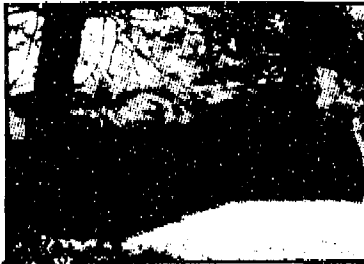
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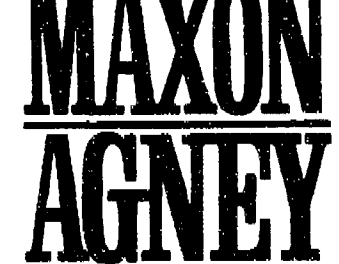
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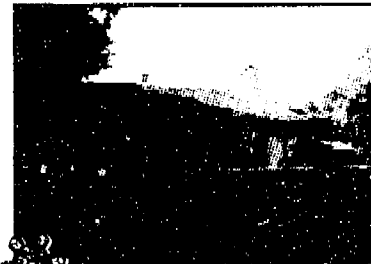
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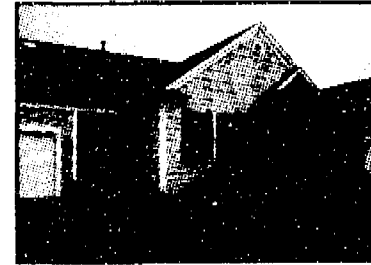
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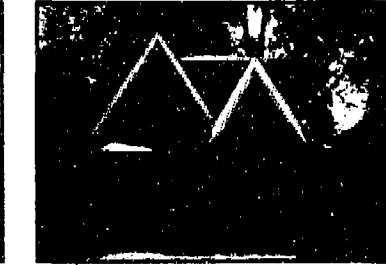
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No need to start moaning over the kitchen faucet

Q. Mr. Hardware, my Moen kitchen faucet has become very hard to operate. The handle sticks to the point that occasionally my husband has to shut it off. Can this faucet be repaired or do we have to call in a plumber?

— Mona in Grosse Pointe Woods.

A. Mona, cartridge faucets change from model year to model year. Even though they still use the same replacement cartridge, older units have different pivot mecha-



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**By Blair Gilbert
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nisms than the new ones.
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tridge before hand it comes with instructions and pictures that will guide you through the replacement.

Typically what has to be done is the top cap where the handle attaches to the faucet is removed to expose a Phillips screw. Once the screw is removed the metal handle and plastic guide assembly will slip off. You will see a brass stem that the screw went into and a clip that retains it.

On most models a cone or shroud prevents you from getting to the clip; if they unscrew you will be able to remove the clip. Be sure to turn off the water before removing the clip! Usually you can grab the stem with pliers and pull the cartridge out. When the cartridge is frozen, and it will not pull out, you will want to use a tool to rotate the cartridge and loosen it up.

Most replacement cartridges come with a plastic tool made just for this job. Occasionally the plas-

tic tool is not enough and you will need to rent a cartridge puller to break that puppy out of there.

Once it is out the job is all downhill from here. Insert the new cartridge, slide in the clip, replace the cone and then turn on the water.

Why turn on the water before the handle is attached? Because if hot and cold are reversed, all you have to do is rotate the stem 180-degrees and you are good to go. The clip is not removed when you do this.

It is a pain to assemble the rest of the faucet and find you need to break it down just to rotate the stem if hot is on the cold side.

Send your questions to: Mr. Hardware c/o Gilbert's Pro Hardware at 21912 Harper in St. Clair Shores 48080; call (586) 776-9532, e-mail staff@mrhardware.com, or visit www.mrhardware.com to view past columns.



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Know the do's and don'ts of apartment makeovers

In nearly every state across the country, there are tenants and there are landlords. Whether you rent a three-bedroom duplex in a high-rise or a bedroom in someone's house, there are certain do's and don'ts when it comes to renovating the space. Here are some handy tips to get you by.

Do ask your landlord his or her opinion. Find out if improvements are even an option and what exactly can be done. Some landlords and buildings have strict restrictions that must be followed or you could lose your security deposit, and even be sued.

Don't assume that if you like it, your landlord will also. Avoid dark or loud paint colors that will be difficult to paint over. And be considerate with the holes you make in the walls, which will have to be patched later.

Do use fabrics, posters and furnishings to represent your personal style. Removable items are best for apartment living. They can add a needed splash of color and then be quickly changed the next time

you feel spontaneous.

Don't wallpaper or make structural changes. It is time-consuming to remove wallpaper. Most landlords would prefer you don't use it at all. Consider instead removable borders that can easily be torn down when you move. Also, don't knock down walls, cut holes in walls or install permanent structures like moldings, without prior permission.

Do ask your landlord to make repairs. This way you won't be responsible if something goes wrong.

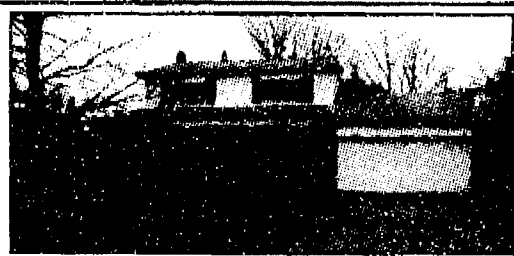
Don't hammer, saw or drill during late hours, disturbing your landlord and neighbors. You might get evicted.

Do remember that although you live there, it is not your house, so be considerate.

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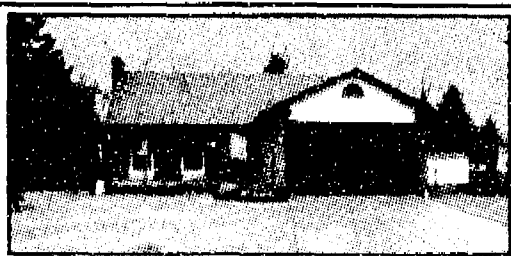
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40473 PAGE

STERLING HEIGHTS. Lovely, immaculate four bedroom brick home has nice large master bedroom, new roof and central air in 2001, new furnace 2002, new Wallside windows 2004, sharp kitchen with dishwasher, stove and fridge, doorwall and deck off dining area, entry foyer, two baths, fireplace in living room (curtains and valances excluded), finished carpeted basement, wide park like lot, attached two car garage and more! Seller is providing one year home warranty policy. Asking \$249,900.



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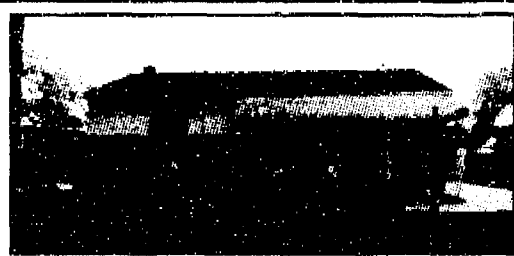
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EASTPOINTE. Absolutely lovely, charming three bedroom brick home has large living room with fireplace, formal dining room, new vinyl windows (2003), new roof (1999), updated furnace (2000), nice sunroom, finished basement with recreation room, kitchen and full bath, nice second floor den, garage and more! All window treatment and some appliances stay. Asking \$158,900.



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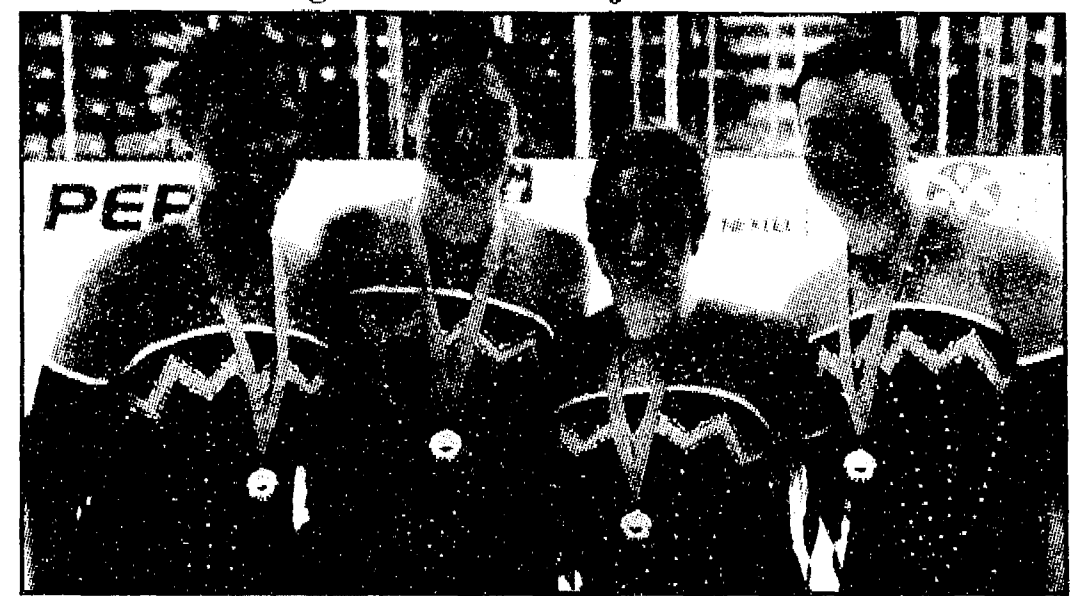
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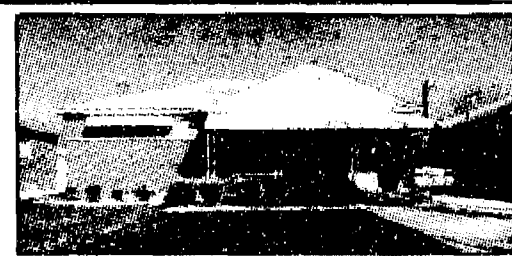
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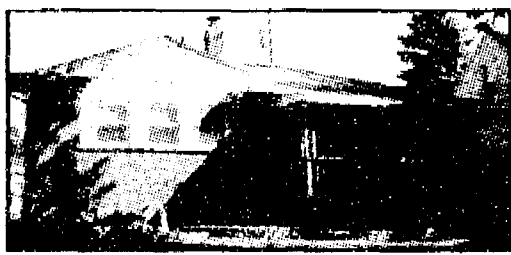
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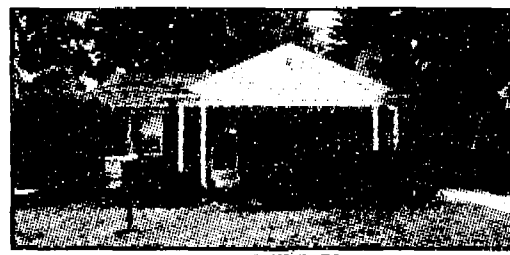
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EASTPOINTE/SOUTH LAKE SCHOOLS. Lovely large three bedroom brick ranch has nice family room, remodeled kitchen with hardwood floors, large eating area, finished basement with half bath, new dimensional roof, gutters & trim (five years), brick front garage with new vinyl siding, copper plumbing, updated central air (six years), entry foyer & more! Move in at closing. Asking \$144,900.



21709 KRAMER

ST. CLAIR SHORES/LAKEVIEW SCHOOLS. Sharp, very clean, very updated three bedroom brick ranch has all vinyl windows, copper plumbing, glass block windows, newer roof on house, lovely brand new kitchen with ceramic floor and built-in dishwasher, hardwood floors, dining "L", updated furnace and central air (1992), remodeled bath, spacious master bedroom, two and one half car garage, half bath in basement and much more! Asking \$149,900.



15540 NORTH PARK

EASTPOINTE. Lovely, clean three bedroom brick ranch has open floor plan, dining area with built-in cabinets, refinished hardwood floors in bedrooms, fireplace, full bath and bar in finished basement, newer dimensional roof, central air, patio and brick porch addition on back of home, two car garage and more. Move in at closing! Kitchen stove and fridge stay. Seller to provide one year home warranty policy. Asking \$139,900.



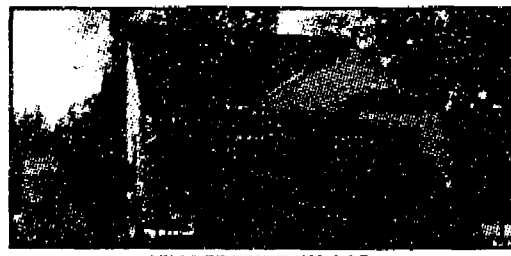
24674 MARINE

EASTPOINTE. Lovely three bedroom brick ranch has new kitchen with pull out shelves, microwave and dishwasher, new vinyl windows and roof (2 years), semi-finished basement with bar, circuit breakers, new entry doors, nice covered patio, new furnace and air (2003), brick front two car garage and more! This home is clean with nice neutral carpeting and decor. Asking \$138,900.



20412 WOODSIDE

HARPER WOODS. Nice three bedroom brick ranch sits on lovely reed park-like lot. Features include hardwood floors, new roof on house and garage (2004), newer living room carpet and kitchen floor, basement, two car garage and more! Stove, fridge and washer all stay. The seller will give purchaser a \$3,000 repair/decorating allowance. Seller is providing a one year home warranty policy. Asking \$118,900.



15006 CRESCENTWOOD

EASTPOINTE. Sharp, charming three bedroom home has updated central air in 1999, ceramic tile kitchen floor, lots of natural wood trim and doors, vinyl windows, circuit breakers, glass block windows in basement, copper plumbing, new dimensional roof in 2000, nice wide lot, garage and more! Asking \$114,900.



20413 WASHTENAW

HARPER WOODS. Lovely, charming three bedroom home has entry foyer with new slate floor and French door to living room, huge master bedroom with hardwood floors, nice kitchen with hardwood floors and bay window, vinyl windows, new landscaping, carpeted basement, newer furnace and central air 1999, two and one half car garage, newer roof 1997, and more! Stove, fridge, washer, dryer and freezer stay. Asking \$114,900.



20284 WASHTENAW

HARPER WOODS. Extremely nice, clean two bedroom brick home has great decor, large unfinished second floor, family room, newer white kitchen, newer vinyl windows, very nice finished basement with bar, circuit breakers, new central air (2 years), nice deck in back, brick paver walkway, dogwood tree and lots of perennials, two car garage and more! All window treatments and stove stay. Asking \$109,900.



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Over 25 dealers from around the country will display and sell fine furniture, quilts, Asian items, jewelry, crystal, silver and other unique pieces. While the majority of the 1500

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The show opens to the public on
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• Sunday, Feb. 6th from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.

General Admission is \$8.00

There is also a silent auction, cafe and door prizes.

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Paw's Corner

Commands for cats

By Sam Mazzotta

Q. Do cats understand verbal commands? I've noticed that when I call my cat and say "dinnertime," he runs straight to his bowl.

— Charlie S., Concord, N.H.

A. That depends on your definition of "understanding." Certainly, cats (and dogs) can learn to associate certain sounds with certain actions, or rewards, on your part. Do they recognize these as words? No, but most pets respond to repetitive stimuli, both positive and negative, whether it's certain words or a snap of the fingers.

My own cat responds to a small number of words — "play" sends him over to the shelf where I keep his favorite dangly toys; "treat" has him scurrying to the kitchen and turning circles underneath the basket that holds his kitty treats (a daily vitamin, unbeknownst to him); "food" results in his sitting by his bowl, waiting for dinner. He

also knows that when I'm clucking my tongue, he needs to stop whatever action he's about to take (usually attempting to steal people-food).

I think he has an inkling about other terms as well, because when I say words like "bath," "brush" or "flea treatment," he suddenly disappears.

Seriously though, pets respond to the sound of your voice, the inflection (happy or angry), and even to your unspoken mood. If you pay attention to your cat, over a few days or weeks you will notice that he responds to you in different ways. And knowing that, the interaction between the two of you will improve remarkably.

Send your tips, questions and comments to Paws Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or e-mail them to pawscorner@hotmail.com.

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\$9,000 down payment.

Making two loan payments every month can be burdensome, and the homebuyer may not want to drag out the repayment on the second mortgage for 10 years or more, especially if it is a variable rate home equity line of credit. However, paying an additional \$100 per month principal on a 10-year second mortgage at a rate of 7 percent would result in paying off the loan a little over three years early.

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\$200 paid toward principal each month, interest savings would total \$90,036, and the loan would be paid off in 20 years.

While there are valid arguments for not paying ahead on your low-rate mortgage, plenty of homeowners stand to benefit by accelerating mortgage repayment at one point or another. It may be a temporary move during the early years of an interest-only mortgage, piggyback loan, or when paying PMI, or it may be in the final years of the loan when the benefits of refinancing don't exist. It is important to contact your loan officer to find out how these advantages may be applied to your current mortgage financing.

Nathan M. Steiner is a loan officer of Flagstar Bank and a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe Farms. You may contact him at (888) 881-4457 or (313) 570-3121. The information in this column should not be construed as an extension of credit. Homeowners and home buyers should always consult a financial professional for guidance specific to their situation.

Collecting

By Larry Cox

Q. I have a stamp collection that I started during the 1930s. I am ready to dispose of it. Whom can I contact?

— Betty, Tipp City, Ohio.

A. You might begin by contacting an appraiser. Two that are established in their fields are Dave Cunningham, 56 Hubbard Ave., Stamford, CT 06905; and John Zak III, 437 North Clyde Morris Blvd., Daytona Beach, FL 32114.

Tip: If a price is too good to be true, it generally is. While strolling through a shop recently, I saw what at first appeared to be a nice collection of Depression glass. On closer examination, the prices were much, much too low, the colors not quite right and conditions too perfect. Be extremely cautious. Evil reproduction elves in Asia are working around the clock to flood the American marketplace with fake glass. A few of the dealers who are less reputable are mixing fake

pieces in with authentic ones and offering all of them as the real McCoy. Be a smart consumer and be aware of this ongoing fakery.

Q. I have several cups and saucers that are marked Nippon. Where can I find out more information about the various patterns and values? — Mildred, Lumberport, W.Va.

A. Janice C. Eldridge is president of the New England Nippon Club and might be able to help you. The club's address is 64 Burt Road, Springfield, MA 01118. Jon Crisman is a member of the International Society of Appraisers and specializes in Nippon. Write to him c/o Jackson's Auctioneers and Antiques, P.O. Box 50613, Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

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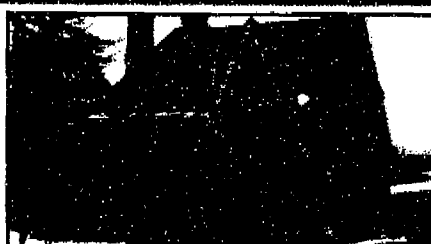
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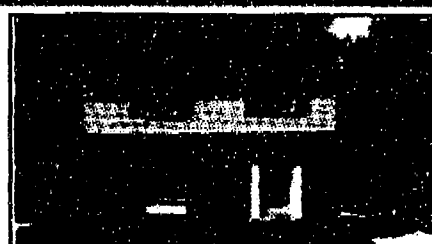
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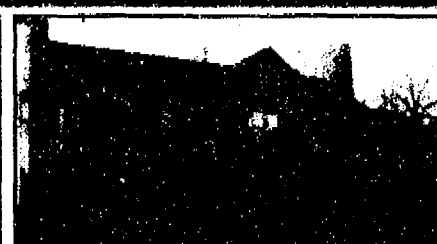
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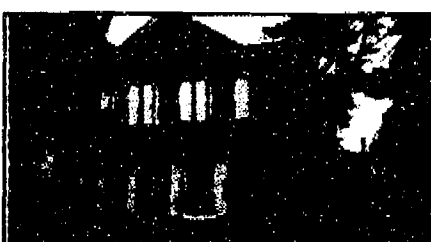
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(LGP30ROL) 313-886-5040 \$379,900



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 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 **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 **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 **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 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 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.
(LGP15LAK) 313-886-5040 \$2,500,000



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.
(LGP35EDG) 313-886-5040 \$515,000



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 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 **Stunning**
Brick three bedroom Colonial, one and one-half baths, one and one-half car garage. Spacious living room with gas fireplace, family room with French glass doors, central air, hardwood floors and Home Warranty.
(LGP67TOU) 313-886-5040 \$249,900



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



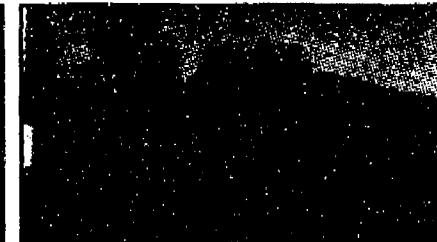
DETROIT **A Real Gem**
Located in historic Indian Village Manor on the Detroit River. You won't be disappointed with it's beauty and quiet comfort. Meticulously cared for. Each bedroom has it's own bath. Gracious foyer opens to living room.
(LGP20JEF) 313-886-5040 \$230,000



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.
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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.
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Basement Remodeling class

Grosse Pointe Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will offer an eight-hour seminar, Basement Remodeling, on Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 25 and 27, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Brownell School, 260 Chalfonte Rd. in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The seminar is designed to help people make better use of valuable space in their homes by planning and completing a successful basement remodeling.

The instructor will also discuss working with subcontractors and finishing techniques. The seminar cost is \$99 plus \$10 for textbook and materials to the teacher. Spouse's discount applies.

Preregistration with payment is required no later than Friday, Jan. 21, to Grosse Pointe Community Education.

For more information or to register, call (313) 432-3880.

Use care when cleaning wallpaper

According to handymanwire.com, never clean old wallpaper with water. Try a dry sponge or a 5- by 7-inch pad of virgin rubber about an inch thick that works like a giant eraser.

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109 MEADOW LANE

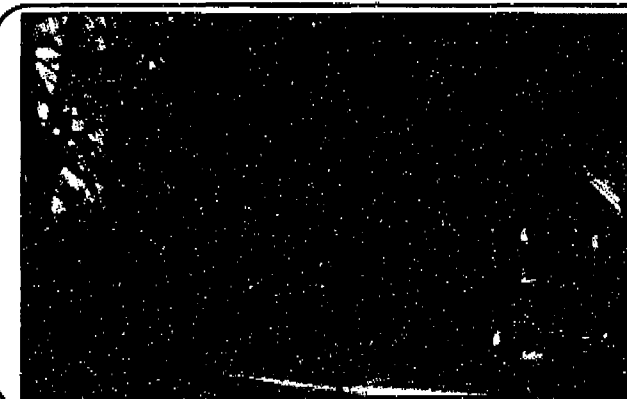
A PERFECT SETTING and a wonderful house in one of the Farms' favorite locations...Meadow Lane. Just think of the low maintenance lifestyle that this cute three bedroom, one and one half bath home enjoys! There is a pretty living room with fireplace and adjacent terrace, formal dining room with bay, newer kitchen with eating area and a master bedroom with fireplace. And, it's nicely decorated, too! Call today for your own appointment.



1325 BEDFORD

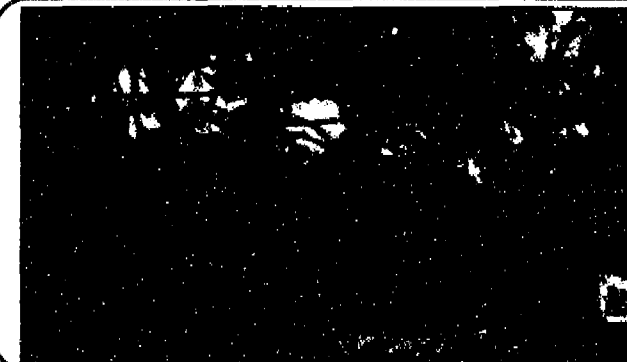
FABULOUS, NEW KITCHEN combined with four sizeable bedrooms, two and one half baths and a spacious den make this stunning colonial a real find! It has been totally redecorated throughout in pleasing tones to enhance its exceptional architectural details. Some of those details include the seven foot palladian window at the stair landing, formal dining room with bay, deep crown and base moldings and a walk-up attic. A must see!

OPEN SUNDAY JANUARY 23RD - 2-4 P.M.



1419 ROSLYN

A DOLLHOUSE FOR GROWN-UPS! This is a darling home that is in a great location in the Woods near Marter Road. The upbeat décor is featured along with the efficient kitchen, refinished oak floors, updated bath, recreation room and deep back yard with oversized deck. Quick occupancy is available and the price is a steal at \$193,900! See it today!



487 RIVARD

A ONCE AND FOREVER HOME - This appealing home is the site of many fond memories of the earlier days of Grosse Pointe. The beautiful appointments and sizeable interior await their restoration to today's expectations, but the character is still there! With over 5,000 square feet of living space, this home provides a master bedroom suite with special bath and private library with fireplace, second floor linen or laundry room, four additional bedrooms and two additional baths on the second floor, plus third floor accommodations. A real gem.

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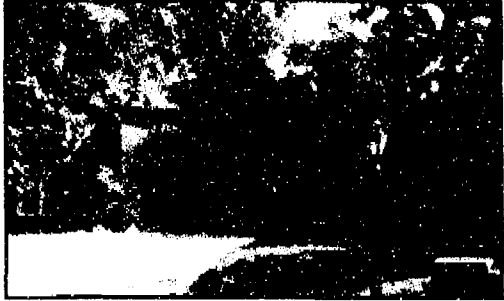
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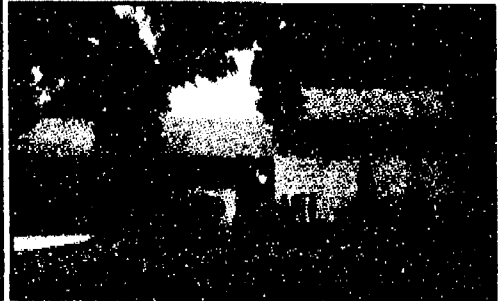


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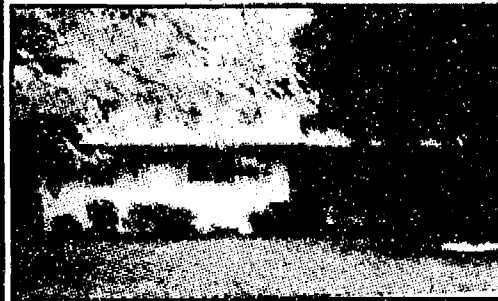
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GROSSE POINTE PARK

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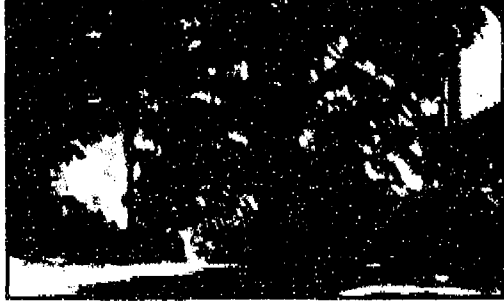
FAIRFORD
GROSSE POINTE WOODS

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LAKELAND
GROSSE POINTE CITY

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HAWTHORNE
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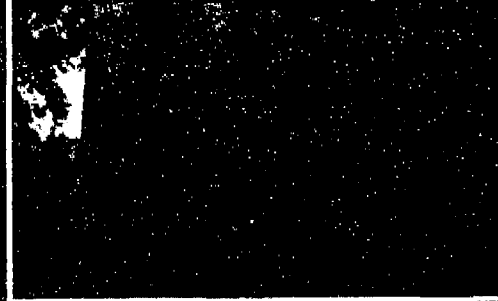
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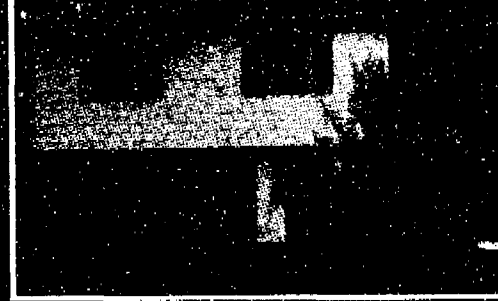
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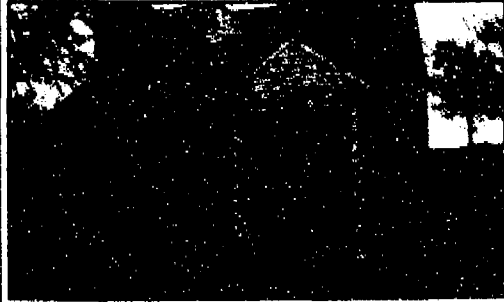
LITTLESTONE
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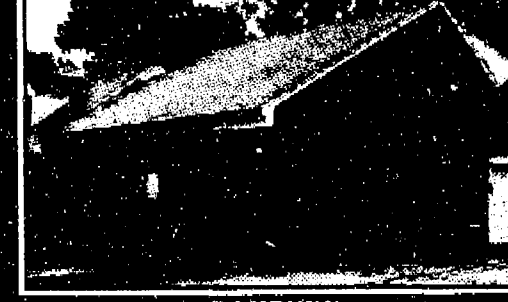
WAYBURN
GROSSE POINTE PARK

\$325,000



ROBERT JOHN
ST. CLAIR SHORES

\$189,900



DANBURY
HARPER WOODS

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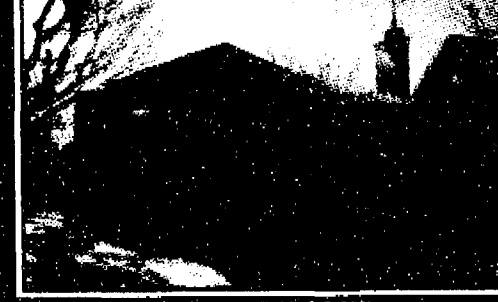
RIVIERA
ST. CLAIR SHORES

\$163,000



CHALON
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\$180,000



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800 HOUSES FOR SALE

438 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe City. \$258,000. Turn of the century 3 bedroom home with improvements. Open Sunday 2-4. Deryck Real Estate. (313)882-7901

529 Coventry

4 bedroom, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, finished basement, large lot. **\$589,000**

19676 Country Club

GP Schools, 3 bedroom, finished basement, newer roof, central air, hardwood floors. **\$129,000**
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(313)886-5670

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BALDUCK Park area, sharp 2 bedroom brick. New paint/ carpet. New roof (2002), furnace (2001), AC (2003). Freshly painted basement & 1 1/2 car garage. Paul Dehem, 586-445-9400.

BY owner. Eastpointe, 1,052 square foot ranch, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, finished basement, 2 1/2 car garage. Central air, new: roof, doors, screens & cement. Piced to sell, \$132,500. (586)321-4551

UNDER \$200,000, Grosse Pointe Farms, 3-4 bedroom ranch, 410 Hillcrest. (313)884-5448

800 HOUSES FOR SALE**800 HOUSES FOR SALE**

701 Lincoln, City. Completely restored and updated Tudor. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, library, 2000 sq. ft. Hardwood floors, brick patio. All appliances. Great location and floor plan. \$415,500. 313-881-2872

975 S. Brys, Grosse Pointe Woods. Updated ranch, 1,850 square feet. Price reduced. Motivated. Must see. (313)881-8832

ALL OPEN SUN. 2-4**GROSSE POINTE****595 LAKE LAND**

Outstanding 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Updated throughout. **\$569,000**
ST. CLAIR SHORES
23230 MARTER

Wow! Completely

updated condo, new windows, kitchen with oak cupboards & ceramic. **\$114,900**

HARPER WOODS**20329 ANITA**

Sprawling 3 bedroom brick ranch. refinished hardwood. **\$159,900**

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60+ foreclosed Detroit area homes, will sell on Sat, 1/22/05 at 1pm, from the Holiday Inn 17123 Laurel Park in Livonia.

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1750 Vernier, 1st floor, corner 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, \$175,000. (734)417-0639

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ST. Clair Shores, Riviera Terrace. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath, balcony, pool, clubhouse, covered parking, immediate occupancy. \$130,000. (313)885-4302

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90 Feet Frontage on a Dead End Street, leading to Lake St. Clair. Established Grosse Pointe neighborhood.

Represented by Broker

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IF you've been dreaming of a beautiful, security, riverfront condo that exudes class & good taste, this is the condo for you! 2 bedroom, 2 bath, complete remodeled, includes an awesome kitchen & in unit laundry. Preapproved buyer call, Doc Williams, Riverpointe Realty, 313-331-3000, 313-622-6622

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

357 Belanger	\$279,000	1-4pm	Randy Repicky/ Century 21 Town & Country	313-530-1710
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GROSSE POINTE PARK

1339 Balfour	\$474,900	1-4pm	Perry Gatliff/ Coldwell Banker	313-885-2000
977 Berkshire	\$449,900	2-4pm	Donna Stoner/ Bolton Johnston	313-655-5066
888 Trombley	\$380,000	1-4pm	Sharon Nelson/ Century 21 Town & Country	313-580-5987

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

21605 River Road	\$267,000	2-4pm	Owner	313-881-2429
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HARPER WOODS

20329 Anita	\$159,900	2-4pm	Goosen Realty	586-773-7138
21111 Fleetwood	\$149,900	1-4pm	Aldo Giglio/ Keller Williams	586-541-4000

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COLONIAL ROAD, GROSSE POINTE SHORES
EXCELLENT FOR ENTERTAINING! This four bedroom Colonial features a great floor plan and spacious rooms, including a family room, heated garden room and den. Master bedroom has a 10' x 12' sitting room. Beautiful interior. \$399,900.

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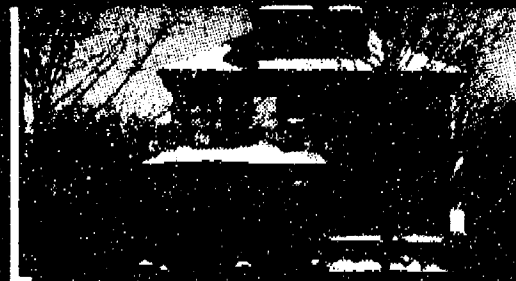
N. OXFORD, GROSSE POINTE WOODS
BESIDES STYLE & CHARM, this Colonial has an updated kitchen and newer baths. Newer family room plus a den, master bedroom has cathedral ceiling, walk-in closet and bath with steamer. Finished basement with bath and tons of storage. \$419,000.

FIRST OFFERING



SEACONSFIELD, GROSSE POINTE PARK
FOUR FOR ONE PRICE! Each unit has a new kitchen and baths and newer appliances including washers and dryers. Separate basements and utilities. New windows, three car garage and extra parking spaces. An investor's dream! \$510,000.

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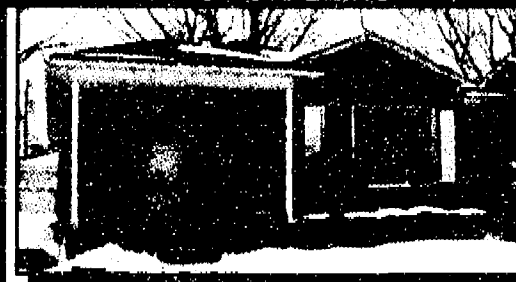
SOMERSET, GROSSE POINTE PARK
INVESTORS LUCKY FIND! Well maintained two family has been well maintained. Updated kitchens with newer appliances, updated baths, separate basements with washers & dryers. Newer windows, two car garage and two extra spaces. \$289,000.

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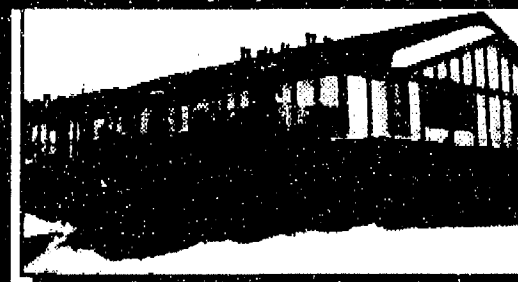
BEAUFORT, GROSSE POINTE WOODS
TOTALLY REMODELED in 1997 - 1998 there's nothing left to do but move in! New kitchen, windows, roof, furnace, central air, full bath, hardwood floors, updated electrical, landscaping and finished basement. \$259,000.

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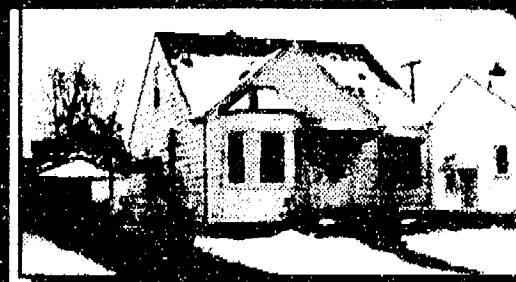
LOCHMOOR, HARPER WOODS
ONE FLOOR FULL of comfortable living. Updated kitchen with eating space and appliances, refinished hardwood floors, three bedrooms and a finished basement with recreation room and half bath. Newer roof, windows and doors. Grosse Pointe schools. \$148,500.

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COUNTRY CLUB, ST. CLAIR SHORES
TIED OF HOME MAINTENANCE? Consider this cute two bedroom unit with a view of the golf course! Tasteful neutral decorating, all appliances, newer windows and roof. First floor laundry, two full baths and attached garage. \$134,900.

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KENOSHA, HARPER WOODS
BEGIN HERE! Nest and close three bedroom bungalow is a nice start. Spend your time adding your personal touches to the interior; the mechanics have been completed. New furnace and central air in 2004, new roof in 2001 and new windows 2004. \$102,000.

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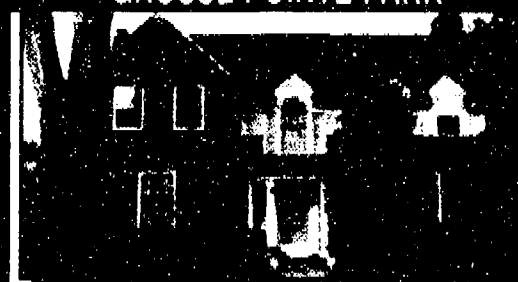
YORKSHIRE, DETROIT
ENGLISH CHARM in East English Village! Spacious living room with natural fireplace, updated kitchen, three bedrooms, one and one half baths, refinished hardwood floors. Basement recreation room with lav and glass block windows. \$159,900.

GROSSE POINTE CITY



THE ULTIMATE IN CAREFREE LIVING! Desirable first floor unit, nine-foot ceiling, fireplace in living room, library with wet bar and entertainment center and closets galore. Both full baths have white marble. Large private basement. \$369,000.

GROSSE POINTE PARK



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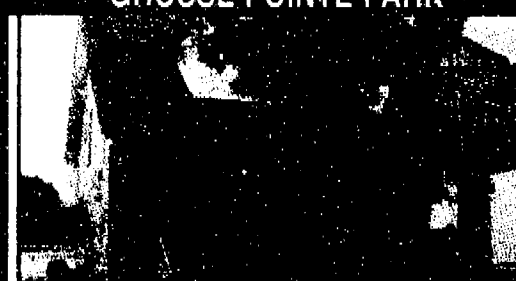
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