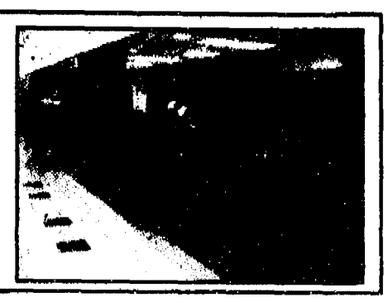
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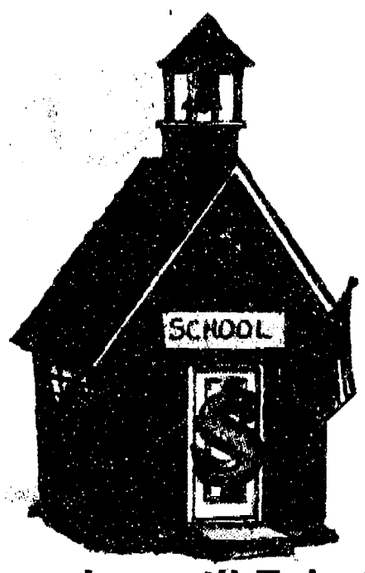


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The Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South varsity gymnastics teams will face each other in a Great Lakes Conference meet at 7 p.m. in the North gym.

Saturday, Jan. 29

Grosse Pointe Woods holds its fourth annual Winterfest for residents at Lake Front Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 31

When does a winter malady warrant a trip to the doctor? Gail Rodger, a registered nurse with the infectious disease department at Bon Secours Hospital, gives some suggestions at a free Services for Older Citizens' lecture at the Neighborhood Club at 11:15 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Services for Older Citizens begins showing movies after noon lunch at the Neighborhood Club on the first Tuesday of each month. This month's movie is "On Golden Pond."

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The varsity basketball teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South will play each other at 7 p.m. on the Blue Devils' home court.

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Boardin'

Thomas Hoffmann, 11, helps his brother, Alex, 8, on a snowboard. The Grosse Pointe Park boys and their dad, Tom; brother Sam, 7; and sister Mary, 5, took advantage of the bright sunshine and nearly a foot of fluffy snow on Sunday, Jan. 23, to play with the snowboard, sleds and skates at Patterson Park over the weekend.



Photo by Bonnie Caprara

Pointes' older homes aren't for older folks?

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

By metropolitan Detroit standards, the Grosse Pointe area is an older community. With houses dating anywhere from 50 to 80 years old, they have aged gracefully in a most dignified manner.

However, the housing stock hasn't adapted for an aging community.

According the 2000 U.S. Census, about 16.3 percent of the combined population of the Grosse Pointes is 65 years old and older. That's 4 percent more than the state's percentage of residents at or over the age of 65.

Even though the Grosse Pointes have a greater percentage of seniors in the population than most communities, many seniors feel their housing options are limited if almost non-existent in their municipalities.

Such has been proven at Sunrise Assisted Living of Grosse Pointe Woods, which opened its doors to its first residents this week. The 50 spots it has for assisted living residents (the center has 20 spots reserved for dementia care), are nearly all spoken for.

Jody Dickerman, the center's executive director, wasn't specific about how many of its founding residents were from the Grosse Pointes but did say it was "a lot."

The center's parent company, Sunrise Development, knows 50 spots for assisted living isn't enough to meet the demands for senior housing in the Grosse Pointes. Sunrise is set to break ground on a 37-unit dementia care facility on Vernier in the Woods this spring and is scouting for land for an independent living development in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"Our goal is to provide various levels of care in the Grosse Pointes," said Laura Hester, development officer of Sunrise Development. "The Grosse Pointes have a very dense and aging population, and there's no opportunity to provide any kind of senior living at this time."

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At a monthly meeting of the Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Club, several of the seniors in attendance once lived in the Woods and now live elsewhere.

Shirley Wiederhold, a Woods resident for 35 years, has lived in a condominium in St. Clair Shores for the past 13 years. At the time she moved she was 62 and felt the 2,500-square-foot ranch once owned by her parents was too much for her to take care of on her own.

At first Wiederhold, who was active in Grosse Pointe Theatre and is still active in a few pinochle clubs and as a volunteer for the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, wanted to stay in the Woods.

"That's what I wanted to do," Wiederhold said. "All my friends were here, but there was nothing here,"

With her condominium, Wiederhold is still close enough to keep in touch with her longtime friends and has made new friends at her condominium complex, several of whom she says originally lived in the Grosse Pointes.

The exodus is also apparent to Sharon Maier, executive director for Services for Older Citizens.

"I can tell from our mailing lists we have quite a few people who have moved to St. Clair Shores, particularly in the Nine Mile and Jefferson/48080 area," Maier said. "But they're still coming to SOC and the Senior Men's Club (of Grosse Pointe)."

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Smooth skating in back yard

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

From Christmas to Valentine's Day, it's smooth skating in the back yard of Kurt and Polly Tech on Stephens Road.

A bit of a woodworker, Tech has fashioned a 40-foot by 100-foot skating rink for his four sons, Kurt Jr., 16, Dieter, 14, Konrad, 11, and Max, 10, and their friends.

"We perfect it each year," Polly said, as the thermometer hovered at a chilly zero degrees with a wind chill at minus eight degrees.

For the past eight years, the family has constructed the wooden framed skating rink using tie rods to secure the sections. Watching the weather closely for the perfect water freezing weather (with no snow in the forecast) three hoses run for 12 hours to fill the rink on which the boys skate or play hockey.

None of the four has taken skating lessons, nor do they play hockey, yet they manage to keep up with their hockey-playing friends, their mother said.

"It's more a labor of love. We do it as recreation, a family skate," Polly said.

The perfect weather for ice making, according to Tech, is a long freeze with no snow. "If snow gets in the water, it won't freeze right," she said. Snow shovels are kept handy to keep the ice clear

During Christmas skating, the outdoor speakers fill the air with songs of the season. Before and after that, the Tech boys like to play Metallica.

To enhance the attraction of the rink, the Tech family has a sky box, which in the warmer months is called a tree house and lights for evening skating. There is also a fire pit in case there is a need for a marshmallow roast.

Maybe the Techs will get gooey white, hot sugar all over their gloves, but they will also get the memories of skating under the stars in the back



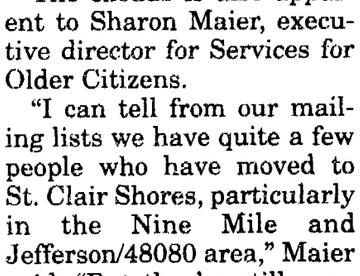
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The Tech family of Stephens Road in the Farms took a lemon (no hockey on TV) and made frozen lemonade by constructing an official-looking rink in the back yard. On Saturday it took Konrad, 11, and Max, 10, just an hour to clear the ice of the nearly one foot of snow that covered the Pointes. Beginning of Friday night, it was the biggest snow fall of the year so far.

POINTER OF INTEREST

Ruvani Fonseka

Home: Grosse Pointe Shores
Age: 16
Family: Mother, Kumudinie; father, Upali; brother, Aruna
Occupation: Grosse Pointe North student and contestant on Teen Challenge "Jeopardy!"
Quote: "The questions aren't that hard. You need confidence. Believe in yourself and try out. I totally didn't think I made it. But you need to do it. You are only a teen for a few years. It's great fun."



Ruvani Fonseka

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Seniors

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Michele Locricchio, marketing director of Bon Secours Place, an assisted living center in St. Clair Shores, can also attest to that trend. She said 70 percent of the residents at the 93-unit facility come from the Grosse Pointes.

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Some seniors seeking a housing and lifestyle change have found it necessary to move even farther beyond the Grosse Pointe borders.

Former Woods resident Polly Dill is one of about 30 to 40 former Grosse Pointe area residents who live at Henry Ford Village in Dearborn, which is home to about 1,200 residents. While Henry Ford Village provides a continuum of care, it is targeted to people like Dill, who want to live an active and independent lifestyle.

"There's everything you could want here," Dill said. "There's a store and a bank, and there's a group I get together with to play spite and malice at night. There wasn't anything like this in the Grosse Pointes."

However, Dill still makes a 30-minute drive to the Grosse Pointes for her hairdresser appointments and to visit friends.

"I miss living in the Grosse Pointe area, but I don't have to worry about things like getting the snow shoveled," Dill said.

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For other seniors, it's not a limited number of smaller houses, condominiums or apartments that force seniors to move out of the Grosse Pointes or stay in their existing houses, but the taxes.

"A lot of us would like to downsize from a Colonial to a ranch but our taxes would double," said Mary Zedan, a Woods resident and a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Commission.

State Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, has been sensitive to the downsides of Proposal A, which has resulted in some property tax bills doubling after a sale. In addition to reintroducing a bill this year that would allow a homeowner to keep an existing tax rate on a house purchased in the same municipality, Gaffney said he plans to introduce a bill this year that would allow people 65 years old and older to maintain the existing tax rate on a house purchased anywhere in the state of Michigan.

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As Baby Boomers age, the need for housing options for seniors in the Grosse Pointes will continue to grow. A population study conducted by SEMCOG in 2002 predicts that the 65-and-older population in the Grosse Pointes will comprise about 25 percent of the area population. The suggestion of senior housing has also been brought up at public forums for master plans in the City and the Woods.

While the topic of senior housing had not been specifically addressed in the City's published master plan, City Manager Mike Overton said it is an issue to which he, his staff and the council pay heed.

"It came up quite a bit during our public session," Overton said. "We heard a lot of people saying, 'We love Grosse Pointe; we want to continue to live in Grosse Pointe.'"

Even though the council discouraged a proposal last year to construct a Sunrise development in the former Jacobson's building, Overton said it has not discouraged Sunrise or any other developers from bringing senior housing ideas to the city.

"Very few people want to see an assisted living or nursing home on Kercheval," Overton said. "In this downtown space, they would rather see active seniors or independent living. This is an area where they want to see people shopping and going out to dinner."

Tom Vaughn, chairman of the Woods planning commission, which is in the process of constructing the city's master plan, has also heard the call for senior housing. However, like the City, Vaughn said that it's an issue that is unlikely to be directly addressed.

"The biggest issue we have is land," Vaughn said. "We would need a good sized piece of land. That's difficult to come by in a built-up community."

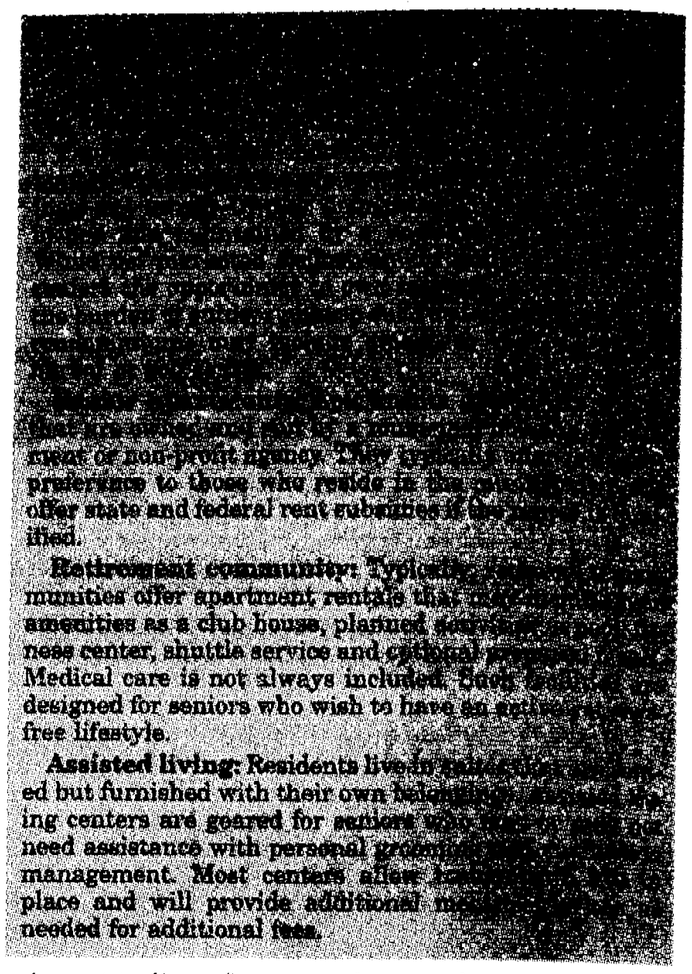
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For seniors who wish to stay in the Grosse Pointes, SOC's Maier believes they have good reason.

"We have all these programs keeping them here in the community such as SOC and Senior Men's Club, but they're also involved in their churches and clubs," Maier said. "Plus we have our homeowner's assistance program that helps them with their snow removal, grass and handyman service for which they can pay a co-pay."

For Evelyn Reinbold, a Woods resident for 40 years, there's no place like her four-bedroom Colonial.

"I'm still in my house," Reinbold said. "My husband and I are still able to take care of it."



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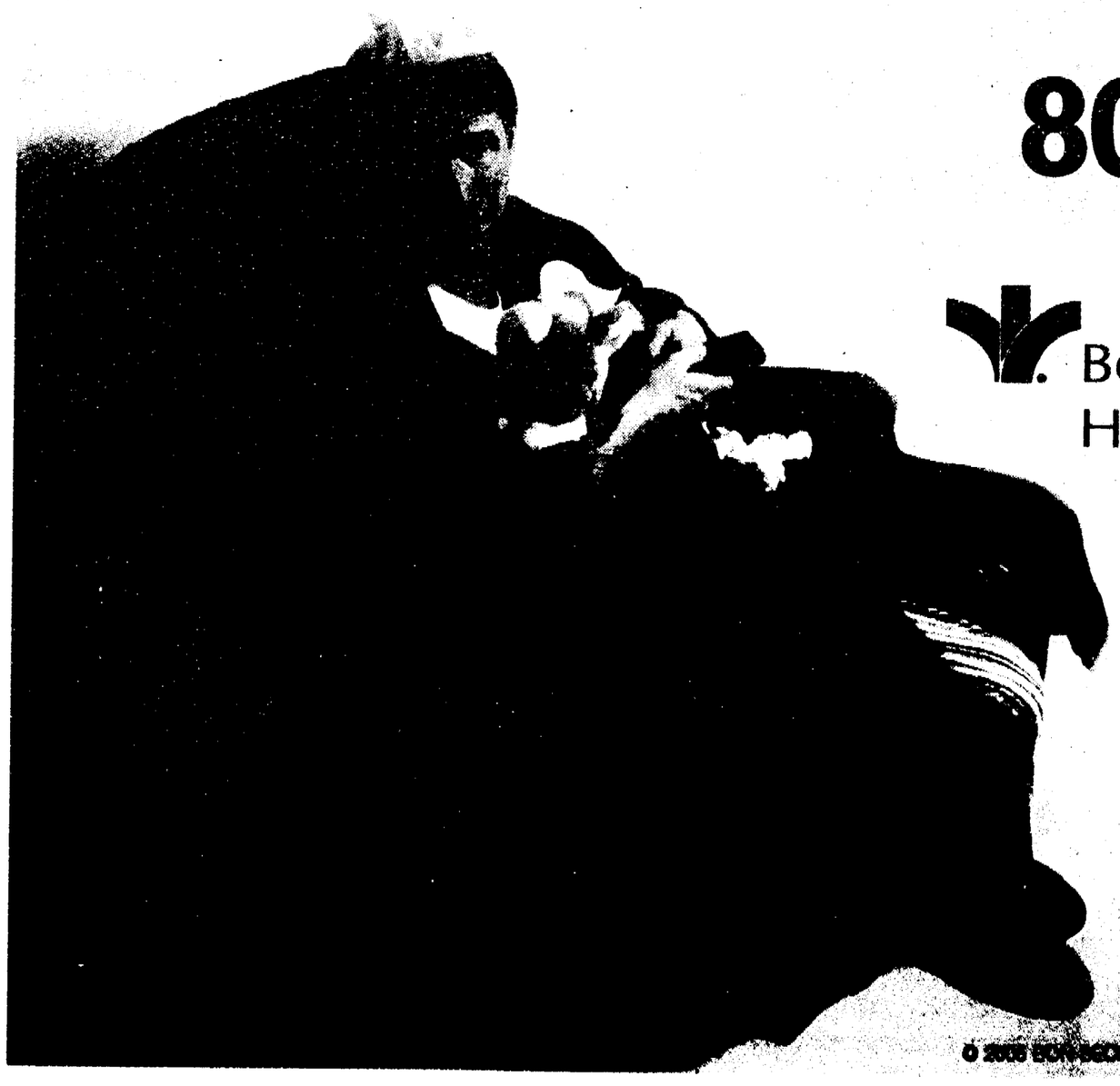
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Four Pointes focus on their own water plant

Shores, Woods may tap into Farms with City

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Four of the Grosse Pointes are a step closer to forming their own water system.

Depending on results of a $24,000 feasibility study due within 60 days, residents of Grosse Pointe Shores and Woods might shed double-digit rate increases from the Detroit water department.

Instead, they could become lower-cost customers of the filtration plant owned by Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Farms already serves the City of Grosse Pointe.

Grosse Pointe Park officials, who in April 2002 determined breaking from Detroit and building a stand-alone water plant and infrastructure would cost $19 million, are not part of the local study.

Detroit currently charges Shores residents $11.07 per cubic feet of water. Woods customers pay a rate of $7.32.

"On the other hand, Grosse Pointe Farms is charging Farms and City residents $6.13," said Mike Kenyon, Shores village manager.

"An expanded (Farms) plant may result in a lower rate," according to Thomas Biehl, executive vice president of Hubbell, Roth and Clark, recipient last week of the feasibility study contract. The company also is engineering consultant to both the Shores and Farms.

"If we were charged only $6.13, we could probably maintain our water rate (of $11.07) for a while in order to make up the cost of improvements we might have to make (to connect with the Farms)," Kenyon said.

The Shores and Woods divided the cost of the water study in proportion to their maximum daily water usage. The Shores, which Detroit records show tops out at 1.74 million gallons per day, is paying $10,100. The Woods, at 2.39 MGD, is paying $13,900.

Biehl anticipates several advantages if four Pointes collaborate on a water plant:

- potential costs savings to the four suburbs,
- local control of water rate increases,
- reliable water service during power outages, due to the Farms plant having multiple backup generators to operate the entire water system during widespread power outages, and
- establishment of a looped water main system connecting all four suburbs.

"In the event of water main breaks, the system will in most cases be able to [illegible] customers, minimizing possible loss of service," Biehl said.

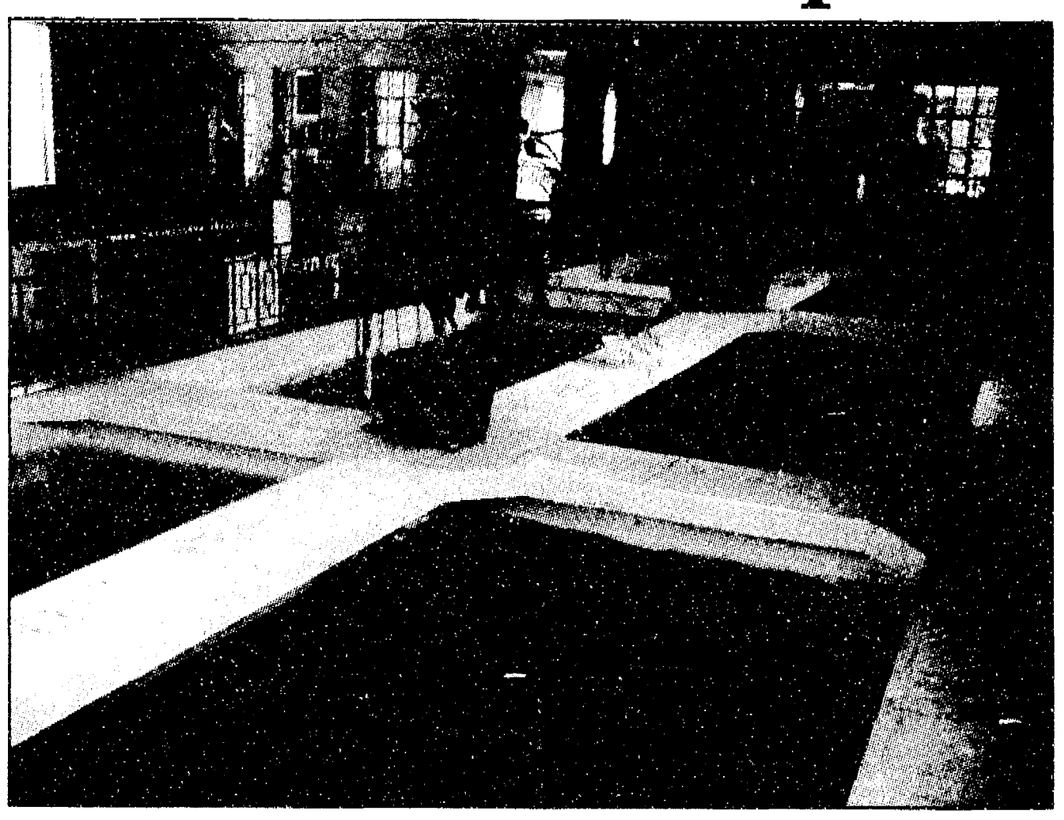


Photo by Brad Lindberg

New technology could let the Grosse Pointe Farms water plant filter more water without constructing additional settling pools or expanding the building.

During the 2002 multi-state blackout, the Farms plant didn't miss a beat. During the same crisis, the 1,000-square-mile Detroit system dropped pressure or failed in some cases.

"Also, an expanded Farms facility could result in ample capacity for all four Grosse Pointe communities with less sprinkling bans or restrictions which have been prevalent in summer during peak demand periods for customers of Detroit," Biehl said.

Key elements of the study are:

- Determining if the Farms' 36-inch water intake is large enough to handle additional flow.
- Deciding how to increase the filtration plant's current daily maximum demand of 8.2 MGD to a projected maximum of 12.33 MGD. This could be accomplished by expanding the existing treatment system or, as Farms officials have said already, installing new membrane pressure filtration which handles additional flows within the same space requirements.
- Developing a hydraulic flow model to determine if and where additional water mains would be needed. This part of the study involves computer modeling and accounts for half its cost.
- Determining the best way to expand water storage capacity to maintain pressure during peak demand.

"There is a concern that the pressure might have to be supplemented by having a water tower and underground storage," Kenyon said. "This community is not going to want a water tower."

When the Park's study presented the same problem, Dale Krajniak, city manager, suggested masking a water tower as a lakeside light house complete with public lookout area.

Shores officials bought water from the Farms until February 1958.

"When the village started to expand farther north, (the Farms) could not supply us with sufficient pressure for fire fighting," Kenyon said. "That's when the village went with Detroit."

Kenyon remembers asking Detroit officials if they would supply water to the north end of the village if the Farms served the south.

"Detroit's response was they do all or nothing," Kenyon said.

This year officials in Grosse Pointe Shores and Woods will study the feasibility of buying water from the Farms rather than Detroit.

The Farms already sells water to the City.

"I don't have a problem with it," Farquhar said of adding to the Farms customer list.

"We would have to upgrade our water filtration. It would be great to have four cities pay to upgrade the water system instead of just two cities bearing the cost."

Regional water study continues

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Representatives of 23 suburban communities are going forward with phase two of a study to determine the costs and benefits of establishing a regional water filtration plant and distribution system.

Phase one of the study tagged construction of the plant at $1.425 billion.

If the facility is built, communities ranging from Grosse Pointe Shores (the only Pointe to participate) to Pontiac and northern Oakland County would supply their combined 800,000 residents with drinking water and break ties with the Detroit water department.

Members of the suburban Water System Feasibility Study Steering Committee are expected to meet this week to discuss up to five alternatives to the billion-dollar project outlined in phase one.

"What's left to explore is option No. 4, a larger regional approach including Genesee County and Flint," said Mike Kenyon, Shores village manager. "Should we do that, the study group will pop up to 2 million (people)."

The plan involves acquiring facilities to transport water north toward Flint.

Another option also includes Genesee County but involves transporting water south from Lake Huron.

The Shores paid $1,179 of the $180,000 study, of which approximately $125,000 remains to conduct further investigations and refinements.

Shores officials last week allocated $10,100 toward a $24,000 joint study with Grosse Pointe Woods to determine advantages of buying water from Grosse Pointe Farms instead of Detroit.

Farms mayor sees a productive agenda in 2005

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

James Farquhar is spending a sub-zero January morning working in the temperate greenhouse of his flower shop tending a springtime palette of vanilla plants and rich red amaryllis.

But everything's coming up roses for Farquhar in his role as mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms.

"It's going to be an exciting year," he said.

Among projects expected to highlight 2005, a two-story community building is scheduled to open this spring at Pier Park.

"It's coming along fine," Farquhar said.

The only major design changes that occurred once construction began was discovering an opportunity for extra usable space on the second floor.

"The trusses didn't take as much room as expected, so we have an additional 1,800 square feet upstairs," Farquhar said.

He'd like to use the room as a drop-in area for teenagers.

"Maybe we'll have pool tables or ping-pong," Farquhar said. "It will give teens somewhere to hang out. In surveys, people said they wanted things for teens to do. Now we have extra space. We could fulfill a worthwhile endeavor for teens."

Another project at Pier Park concerns boaters. Plans are being drawn to redesign the marina, which consists of a main harbor for larger boats and a smaller section for boats 20 feet or less.

"It's been a long time since the Farms did something with its harbor," Farquhar said. "It needs upgrading. We'd love to start this fall."

As initially considered, work was limited to modernizing the small harbor, where wells lack finger docks. Boaters must leap aboard their craft from main docks.

Harbor improvements are financed by money that boaters pay to rent slips.

Another recreation improvement involves construction of a general purpose building near the baseball diamonds and ice skating rink on Kerby between Chalfonte and Mack.

Construction costs will be recouped with rent from a communications company. The company is going to lease the attic to operate cellular telephone transmission equipment.

"The building is going to be great, especially since it will be paid off by the long term lease," Farquhar said. "It will be an area where kids can have a picnic or something after games."

Infrastructure projects for the coming year include relining sewers.

"That's not a high-profile thing, but it's very important," Farquhar said. "We're also going to look at road repairs in the area between Kerby and Moran and Chalfonte and Mack. We're also going to look at some water main replacements in the same areas."

A high-profile issue expected for resolution this year is the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's proposal to replace two houses at 50 and 60 Lakeshore with lakeside condominiums.

"They're coming before us in January with a site plan," Farquhar said.

Many neighbors are against the plan. Members of the Farms Historic District Commission oppose tearing down 60 Lakeshore, an eclectic structure dating back nearly 100 years and built on land once owned by the Farms' first mayor.

Another project involves one of the Farms' most valuable municipal assets, the water filtration plant.



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Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar tends plants in his flower shop.

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Tune in

Fonseka provided questions to Jeopardy! answers

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

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Jeopardy!

The words rang in the ears of 16-year-old Ruvani Fonseka as she stood on the studio stage of Jeopardy! If hearing those words weren't nerve racking enough, being able to talk with host Alex Trebek and knowing 17 million people were watching would be enough to jar anyone.

"Alex was polite. He didn't make us feel nervous," Fonseka said, who will appear tonight on Teen Challenge Jeopardy! airing on Channel 4. However, anticipating which of the four interesting topics Trebek would select to talk with her about nearly made her come unglued.

Fonseka, a junior at Grosse Pointe North, began thinking about trying out for Teen Challenge Jeopardy! when a friend traveled to Chicago to try out for a game show and missed getting a call back. The second motivating factor was the Ken Jennings phenomenon. The Utah resident kept winning and winning until he had amassed more than $2 million.

"I was thinking about it," she said about applying for the high-watched evening game show after the continued appearances of Jennings. It peaked her interest enough to go on-line and discover the teen contestant search was coming to Chicago in June. She sent an application in on-line, tried out and was selected from 4,500 other applicants.

"I was lucky to be picked. A month later there were auditions at Navy Pier in Chicago," she said.

Fonseka and her parents, Kumudinie and Upali, traveled from their Grosse Pointe Shores home to Navy Pier for try-outs and hastened out of town on Sunday, June 27, so she could attend University of Michigan's math and science camp.

The Teen Jeopardy! Challenge auditions, with 50 other high schoolers, took place in a room with the contestant coordinator warming up the nervous teens. Fonseka said 50 answers were flashed from an overhead projector and potential contestants were allowed minimal time to answer. As Jeopardy! staff graded the answers, the teens mingled and got acquainted, awaiting a call-back for nine lucky people.

The next step, she explained, was a mock game against two others.

"I was intimidated. I was against a brother and sister. They had gotten to the second round before. They said 'hi (to the coordinator). Do you remember us?' I was intimidated. I didn't feel I did well," she said.

The only topic she could remember answering was about Ipecac solution, a common medicine used to induce vomiting.

Following the mock game, Fonseka told the Jeopardy! coordinators she would use her winnings for college "to study everything. School is a major passion." A Polaroid was taken of her to accompany the personal information she left with the program officials. She came home with a fist full of Jeopardy! pens and knowing she had tried her out for the highly-watched game show.

The notification deadline of August came and went.

She remained upbeat saying, "I hadn't gotten picked. It was fun and I wanted to try again."

Oct. 15 came.

"It was mid-October. I had just come from a cross country race and hadn't done too well. There was a Federal Express package, 8 by 11. My mother hadn't opened it."

Inside was a congratulatory letter informing her that she would be joining eight girls and seven boys, one each from New York, South Dakota, San Francisco, North Carolina, Arizona, Missouri, Kansas and Tennessee, and two from Maryland, Florida and Illinois in Culver City, Cal., for taping in two weeks. She would be vying for a top prize of $75,000. Second place would receive a minimum of $25,000. All contestants were guaranteed $2,500 for playing and a laptop to be shipped 120 days after the air date.

Filming was near the end of the quarter and Fonseka had to tell her teachers she would be absent.

Advice rolled in. She was told to study the New Testament and pop culture. Teacher and former quiz bowl coach Michael Spears and Jeopardy! contestant hopeful until Jennings appeared knocking Spears out of the rotation, rigged up a device so that the light would go on after he finished reading the answer so she could practice ringing in.

"The button was the worst part. You are at a disadvantage if you ring in before the answer had been finished. You are locked out. He (Spears) helped me so much. There is no one better."

Prior to the Oct. 26 and 27 filming, Fonseka had to list five things that were interesting about her.

"I sent 10."

The staff chose four and Trebek would chose one. Not knowing what he would ask her was one of the most unnerving aspects of the experience, she said; so she would be prepared with preformulated answers.

"My first choice is WILLOW (Women in Leadership Leading Our World). It's a girls mentoring program."

According to her mother, "Looking at her she didn't appear nervous. It was exciting. I was nervous."

Aside from talking on national television and competing against teens from across the United States, what did she wear?

"I took two suitcases. I ended up wearing a top from Express that a teacher had complimented me on. I wore that with maroon pants," she said.

Then it was lights, camera, action as five games were completed in a day with parents in one section of the auditorium and contestants in another.

"It was so amazing. The teams were nice. We all keep in contact," she said.

"My mom thought it was geared toward girls because there was one (category) on makeup and French and food and PG13 movies," said the member of the National Honor Society and choir.

One of the conditions of her appearing on Teen Jeopardy! is that she will be unable to try out again for the game show created at Merv Griffin's dining room table in 1964, until Trebek retires, and according to Fonseka, he has a 10 year contract.

However, she advises North students to give it a shot. "The questions aren't that hard. You need confidence. Believe in yourself and tryout. I totally didn't think I made it. But you need to do it. You are only a teen for a few years. It's great fun," she said.

How did Fonseka do? Tune in to Channel 4 at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 and find out.

POINTER OF INTEREST



Photos courtesy Fonseka Family

Ruvani Fonseka was one of 15 contestants to be chosen for the Teen Challenge Jeopardy! show which will be aired at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27. Taping of five shows is completed in one day at a studio in Culver City, Calif.



It was exciting for Ruvani Fonseka, and her parents, Kumudinie and Upali, to be on the set of a game show watched by 17 million Americans.

St. Paul's auction set for Feb. 4

From Sao Paulo to Saint Paul Carnaval 2005 — A World to Discover is the theme of the St. Paul Catholic School dinner and auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Included in the auction will be trips to Ireland, including air fare; a week at the Kohler, Wis., golf resort; trips to Florida, Mexico; throwing the first pitch at a Detroit Tigers game; a Golden Doodle puppy; a tour of Ford Field and Locker Room for 20; and two wine tasting dinners.

"The goal of this year's auction," said auction chairwoman Lynn Williams, "is to raise money for the new language arts textbooks and to continue with the enrichment programs for the children and teachers to stay on the forefront of education. Another goal of the auction is to unite the parish, school and entire community. All are welcome to attend."

For tickets, call Maureen at (313) 886-1720.

Sign theme restriction may be lifted

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Proposed changes to the Grosse Pointe Woods sign ordinance may lift approval procedures and restrictions out of the Colonial age.

"This is something the planning commission has requested to the city council," said Tom Vaughn, chairman of the planning commission.

A number of the changes will allow the Woods' building official to approve new signs without the need for applicants to go before the Planning Commission and possibly the city council. Specifically, the proposed changes will allow the building official to:

- interpret the ordinance subject to appropriate review powers of the planning commission and council.
- approve or deny sign applications; and
- use judgment in determining whether a sign is compatible with the exterior appearance of a building.

"We spend more time on sign approvals than any other item," Vaughn said. "This will give us more time to work on other things, such as our master plan."

Additional proposed changes call for lifting the Colonial motif, font and color restrictions.

Vaughn said many of the approved fonts and colors are no longer available from sign and paint companies.

The proposed changes call for the planning commission to greatly expand the types of fonts, and the city council has recommended that approved colors fall into general description of "muted."

However, some significant aspects of the sign ordinance have not completely come into the modern age.

Illuminated signs will still be allowed, and the call to pull neon signs out of windows of existing businesses within 60 months has been called off. However, there are no provisions for new businesses to hang neon signs in their windows.

That's a small cause for concern for Rosann Kovalcik, president of the Business and Retail Association of Mack Avenue (BARA).

"I'm not hearing from any members who say they want neon and not getting it, but I think neon can make a difference," Kovalcik said. "It would be nice to have something that would draw people to a business, like a restaurant, after dark."

Overall, Kovalcik was supportive of the proposed changes.

"I agree with the proposed changes," Kovalcik said. "It's good to be a bit broader with the fonts and the colors. It gives a much more appealing look."

The city council is expected to hold a first reading on the proposed ordinance amendments at its Monday, Feb. 7, meeting.

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50 years ago this week

GP swim team gets a win



Bouncing back after two early defeats to Fordson and Royal Oak, the Grosse Pointe Blue Devils find themselves in sole possession of third place in the Border Cities League title chase with a 3 and 2 league mark and a 5 and 2 standard for the first half of the season. Team members are, first row left to right: John Bayne, Harry Huffaker, Russell Whitenberg, Walter Everaman, Mike Collins and Joe Moore. Second row: Carl Anderson, Robert Guenther, Dan Goodnow, Dan Bauer and Dick Stafford. Third row: coach Frank Banach, Dick Degner, James Coreless, Dick Osius, Jim Ketzler, Brad Boydell, Dave Whittingham and student manager Pete McKee. Back row: George Windlehurst, Joe Braden, John Hammond, John Bennett, Edwin Nicholson, Dick Schleicher and George Bell. (Photo by John Duncan. From the Jan. 27, 1955 Grosse Pointe News.)

yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ Residents are asked to turn on their porch lights in support of a march to raise money in the battle against polio.

Hundreds of Pointe mothers will be looking for those bright porch lights in a drive to climax the 1955 March of Dimes "Help Fight Polio" campaign.

■ Some 104 Grosse Pointe High School January 1955 graduates receive diplomas during commencement exercises at the school auditorium.

■ For five straight games, Grosse Pointe's hotshot basketball team rode roughshod over opponents.

But Highland Park bursts the Blue Devil's victory bubble with a 68-58 loss on the local court.

25 years ago this week

■ The City of Grosse Pointe will have what is said will be the most posh condominium complex in Michigan.

The $2.5 million development of five buildings is to be located on Jefferson between St. Clair and Neff.

In support of the project, members of the City council vote 6-1 to change certain zoning districts from single family residential to terrace districts, thus enabling E. Lloyd Eccelstone Jr. and James Barnes Jr. to proceed with their development plans.

■ The arrest of a 25-year-old Detroit admitted drug addict clears 153 thefts on the eastside of Detroit and suburbs.

The heroine user confesses to 41 burglaries in Grosse Pointe Park, 15 in the Farms, 15 in the Woods one in the Shores, 10 in Harper Woods and three in St. Clair Shores.

■ All Grosse Pointes except the Shores enters into a mutual emergency fire aid pact with Detroit. Shores officials are considering joining.

10 years ago this week

■ Members of the Grosse Pointe Park city council tap Carl Jarboe to replace outgoing Municipal Judge Kirstin Frank, named to a judgeship on Wayne County Circuit Court.

"I plan on running for election to the judge's position in November when this appointment expires," Jarboe says.

■ John King steps down as chairman of the Detroit City Airport Study Committee.

King, former councilman and mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe, chaired the committee for seven years.

Committee members representing several eastside communities maintain that an expanded City Airport capable of handling large jet [illegible] burden residents with the form of higher taxes.

■ A strong showing by breaststrokers Tony Atran, Jason Knost and Brad Niclubowicz lift the Grosse Pointe North High School boy's swim team to victory over hated rival South High.

The Norsemen beat the Blue Devils 99-87.

5 years ago this week

■ The City of Grosse Pointe council gives tentative support to the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's idea for a new kind of arts festival in June at Elworthy Field.

The new festival would replace the annual Village arts festival, sponsored by the Village Association as a way to promote the City's downtown shopping district.

If the new arrangement comes to pass, the artist association will incur sponsorship costs.

■ A fresh snowfall means different things to different people, depending on their ages, outlooks and responsibilities.

For 7-year-old Jacqueline Shea of Grosse Pointe Woods, snow means sledding with her brother, Peter, 5, at Lake Front Park.

For Kevin Dwyer, an employee of the City of Grosse Pointe public works department, snow means working behind the wheel of a snowplow clearing Kercheval sidewalks.

■ Low water in Lake St. Clair has Grosse Pointe officials lining up to apply for dredging permits.

Projects range from a small job in the Shores to more comprehensive work at Neff Park in the City. In Grosse Pointe Park, an estimated 2,600 cubic yards of harbor bottom is expected to be removed.

Before any digging can begin, permits are needed from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

— Brad Lindberg



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City books clean in follow-up audit

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A follow-up audit of the City of Grosse Pointe has produced a clean slate.

"We had an auditor come following (the former finance director's) departure," said Councilman Stephen Sholty. "Basically, she looked at journal entries, vendor lists, cash transactions, deposits, wire transfers and so on. While she found some minor inconsistencies, they were subsequently explained. There was definitely no evidence of any fraud whatsoever."

A review of the books followed the former finance director's resignation this month following his citation in December for shoplifting. A yearly audit prior to the director's departure received an excellent rating.

The finance department is being administered by interim director, Gary Fields, formerly of Rehmann Robson certified public accountants in Saginaw.

"I'm happy to be here," Fields said.

"(The auditor) felt comfortable there was nothing unusual in the records she reviewed," said Sholty, chairman the council finance committee.

A written summary is forthcoming.

"She'll make some recommendations about procedures," said Sholty.

He said suggestions will include having two people make journal entries and wire transfers so a single individual doesn't have exclusive power to transfer money.

Also, financial reports will be issued quarterly instead of annually.

City raises 2006 boat rates 4 percent

Rates for 2005 rates to stay the same

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Rental fees for slips at Neff Park will remain unchanged this season.

Next year, however, there will be an across-the-board increase of 4 percent.

When determining the new fee schedule, City of Grosse Pointe officials factored harbor maintenance costs and a $12,000 state assessment.

"We've never been charged that fee," said Mike Overton, city manager and boater. "It's a new fee from the state. It's called a bottom lands fee. We have to rent the bottom of the lake from the state."

Other expenses include driving additional piles to stabilize finger docks.

"Boaters pay for enhancements out of user fees," said Brian Vick, assistant city manager. "These rates traditionally cover dock maintenance, dredging and vegetation control."

Boaters also paid the bulk of totally rebuilding and reconfiguring the harbor, which reopened last spring.

Current rental fees for a boat 16 to 21 feet long are $550 per season. The figure will increase to $572 in

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Laura Murphy Creamer

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Former Grosse Pointe resident Laura Murphy Creamer, 76, died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at a hospital in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

Mrs. Creamer was born on Dec. 20, 1928, in Detroit to Charles Riley and Selenah (Butler) Murphy.

She was a member of Sigma Gamma Sorority which is a sponsor of the Detroit Institute for Children. She was a former member of Catholic Social Services of Oakland County, and a past volunteer for Lighthouse, the United Way and the Urban League of Oakland County.

Mrs. Creamer is survived by her husband, Andrew G. Creamer of Mt. Pleasant, S.C.; her sons, Andrew G. (Judy Evers) Creamer Jr. of Ypsilanti, Charles M. (Andrea Miller) Creamer of Lansing, Mark B. (Theresa Beiler) Creamer of Saratoga, Calif., and Warren M. (Suzanne Smetana) Creamer III of Traverse City; her brother, John M. Murphy II of Brookfield, Wis.; her eight grandchildren; and her two great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, Charles and Selenah Murphy.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Jan. 26, at Christ Our King Catholic Church in Mt. Pleasant. Interment will be private at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Catholic Social Services of Oakland County, Attn: Development Department, 50 Wayne St., Pontiac, MI 48342.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the McAlister-Smith Funeral Home website at www.mcalister-smith.com.

Margaret Marie Ekhardt Groschner

Grosse Pointe resident Margaret Marie Ekhardt Groschner, 98, died on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, in St. John Hospital.

She was born on Dec. 29, 1906, to August and Mary Reichman Ekhardt in Detroit. She attended Eastern High School and the University of Michigan. Her father owned the E & B Brewery in Detroit.

Mrs. Groschner moved to Grosse Pointe in 1943. She was employed as a retail store clerk and real estate agent. She was also a homemaker who enjoyed painting and gardening. She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and the Detroit Boat Club.

Her charitable interests centered around organizations benefiting animals, such as the Michigan Humane Society and the Nature Conservancy. Over the years, she adopted numerous homeless dogs and cats.

She is survived by her sons, Peter K. (Kathleen) Groschner and John C. (Holly) Groschner; her grandchildren, Sarah (Joe) Hinkle and Catherine Groschner; and her great-grandchildren, Anthony, Jacob and Lillian Hinkle.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert K.



Margaret Marie Ekhardt Groschner

Groschner, who died in 1983.

A memorial service will be celebrated at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb.5, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Hospice, c/o St. John Health, 28000 Dequindre, Warren, MI 48092 or the Michigan Humane Society, 7401 Chrysler Dr., Detroit, MI 48211.



Jean Mackenzie Hatch

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Jean Mackenzie Hatch, 96, of Grosse Pointe, died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005, in St. John Senior Community.

Mrs. Hatch was born on Aug. 6, 1908, to Malcolm and Blanche Mackenzie in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada.

Upon completion of her studies at a private academy for women in Toronto, she matriculated to the University of Magill where she earned an academic certificate. After she completed her education, she enjoyed a brief career in the Detroit area where she met and married Emery B. Hatch on Feb. 2, 1929.

While she spent most of her adult life in Grosse Pointe, Mrs. Hatch also lived in Mesa, Ariz., Mackinac Island, and Chestertown, Md.

Mrs. Hatch lived for the present, and did not speak much of the past. When she was asked to share memories of her life, she did so willingly. She had many fascinating stories to tell about her uncle, Alexander Mackenzie, the second Prime Minister of Canada, of travels with her family and of the events in history that she witnessed.

For almost three decades, she worked for Dr. "Eddie" Wishropp at the Grosse Pointe pediatricians' office of Wishropp and Worrel on Mack. Countless children and parents experienced her smile from behind the desk until she retired at the age of 76.

She is survived by her daughter, Peggy (Dick) Price of Stuart, Fla.; her sons, Emery (Joanne) Hatch of Whitehall, Bob (Karen) Hatch of Grosse Pointe Farms; her nephew, Geoff MacGlashan; her cousin, Jean Erquhart; her six grandchildren; and her 12 great-grandchildren. She will also be missed by her caregiver and good friend, Mary Ballew.

She was predeceased by her husband Emery B. Hatch; her sister, Margaret MacClashan; and her cousin, Eugenia MacPherson.

There will be no local memorial service, but rather a quiet family service held later this spring at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., at which time her cremated remains will be placed with her late husband's at his grave site.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.



Alan Bruce Kennedy

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Former Grosse Pointe resident Alan Bruce Kennedy, 46, died unexpectedly on Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, in Texas.

Born in Grosse Pointe on Oct. 12, 1958, Mr. Kennedy was the youngest of five children. He graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1976, and earned his degree from the University of Michigan School of Business.

His career in the steel industry took him into boardrooms and foundries, as well as to the nation's capital to testify before Congress on the issue of steel tariffs. He held leadership positions at Kurtz Steel in Detroit, Universal Stainless in Pittsburgh, Slater Steel in Fort Wayne, and most recently, at Lone Star Steel in Lone Star, Texas.

He was a devoted family man, active in his children's lives, supporting and encouraging them in their various activities and events.

In his spare time, he was an avid U of M football fan and enjoyed playing golf.

He was a wonderfully attentive son as his parents struggled with their final illnesses, and always made the effort to maintain strong ties with his siblings and their children.

He will be remembered dearly in the hearts of his friends and the many that loved him.

Mr. Kennedy is survived by his wife, Denise; his children, Aaron, Megan, Sarah, and Alyssa; his two brothers, Lawrence F. and William P. Kennedy; his two sisters, Susan Stangland and Alice Maun; and many nephews and nieces.

He was predeceased by his parents, Lawrence F. and Beverly F. Kennedy.

A memorial service will be held at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church on Moross Road in Grosse Pointe Farms on Saturday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to The American Red Cross or other humanitarian aid programs.

Elizabeth A. Knaggs

Elizabeth A. Knaggs, 85, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, in Shelby Township.

She was born on Jan. 31, 1919, to John and Elizabeth Massey in Detroit. She graduated from Eastern High School in 1936, and attended Wayne State University for two years.

Mrs. Knaggs was employed by the Grosse Pointe School district as secretary to the principal at Grosse Pointe South High School. She was a member of the Prime-timers Group.

She is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth and Patricia; her grandchildren, Michael (Lisa), Kevin (Staci), and Gary (Krista); and her great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Hannah, Justin, Jonathon and Paige.

Interment is at Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Paws With A Cause, 4646 South Division, Wayland, MI 49348.

Clare Elizabeth Walsh

Clare Elizabeth Walsh, 5, of the City of Grosse Pointe died on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005.

She was born on Aug. 25, 1999, in Grosse Pointe to Christopher and Kathryn (Katy) Walsh.

Miss Walsh lived her life with spirit and hope. Her appreciation for a gentle touch, a familiar voice or a kiss was unmatched. She had a special twinkle in her eye, and a contagious smile that lit up the room. She was cherished by all her teachers and therapists and loved by her caregivers.

She is survived by her parents, Christopher and Kathryn Walsh; her sister, Mary (Molly); her grandparents, John and Mary Ellen Blondin, and Christopher and Suzanne Walsh; her aunts, Michele (Ali) Haji-Sheikh, Brigid (Tim) Gentile, Margaret (Bill) Leonard, Brigid (Rob) Lossing, Suzanne (Joe)



Clare Elizabeth Walsh

Montourri, Kate Walsh, Beth (Matt) Walsh-Sahutske, and Ann Walsh; her uncles, Terrence (Missy) Walsh, Brendan (Sarah) Walsh and Timothy (Michaela) Walsh; and her many cousins.

She was predeceased by her aunt, Maureen Brady.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Jan. 24, at St. Philomena Church in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Special Kids, Inc., 1241 Blairmoor Ct., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, or the Suite Dreams Project, 400 Water St., Suite 250, Rochester, MI 48307.

Marietta Rush Zimmerman

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Marietta Rush Zimmerman, 93, died on Friday, Jan. 14, 2005, at St. John Hospital.

She was born on March 18, 1911, to Joseph and Lydia Rush in Philadelphia, Pa. At the time of her death, she was a resident of St. John Senior Community.

Mrs. Zimmerman was a member of the first class to graduate from Grosse Pointe High School in 1928. She earned an associates degree from a college in Pennsylvania.

She and her husband, Kent A. Zimmerman, were members of the Detroit Athletic Club, The Little Club, The Country Club of Detroit, the Country Club of Florida and The Ocean Club of Florida.

Her life was devoted to her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Zimmerman is survived by her daughters,

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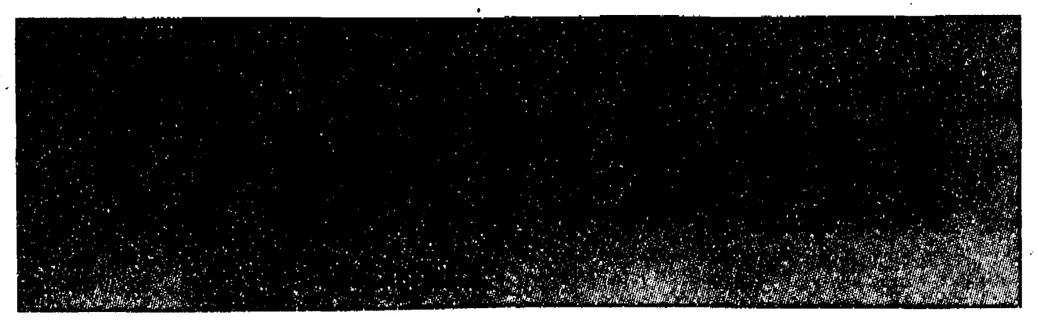
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State fees keep going up, up, up



Taxes keep going up — and so do fees.

In a story by Brad Lindberg in this week's Grosse Pointe News, Grosse Pointe City Manager Mike Overton points out that a bottom land fee is being charged by the state for the first time.

The $12,000 fee is assessed because of the city's marina.

Apparently, the bottom land fee is not new. It is part of Great Lakes legislation passed in 1994 and amended in 2002. The Farms pays $12,349 in bottom land fees, and we imagine the other Pointes pay a similar fee.

The Farms city manager, Shane Reeside, points out another interesting fee. Remember when the state mandated that we separate our storm and sanitary sewers, which we did at a tremendous cost?

But, we reasoned, the elimination of human wastes being overflowed into the lake was a good investment. Now, Reeside informs us, the state is charging the city a $2,000 fee for discharging rain water into the lake.

If the state could tax Mother Nature, it would do it. Short of that, the state just taxes its residents.

On top of that, the state is making the Pointe parks pay property taxes. The reason being that the parks are for residents only and therefore taxable. The Pointe municipalities have fought the tax on their city parks, but they still have to pay.

They say the cost of living (inflation) has only been about 3 percent a year. Who is kidding whom?

We pay more in fees for virtually everything we do — driving, buying, selling and recreating.

Yet the state is broke and running deficits. And as the state struggles to balance a budget that once had a surplus, everyone dependent on state funding — especially schools — is hurting too.

While costs are going up, jobs are being cut, and wages are going down. Remember back in the early 1980s in Michigan? Real wages actually decreased! The same thing seems to be going on now in Michigan.

Beginning with the 2004 presidential campaign, all we heard was how the economy had rebounded (past tense) and good times are here again. Meanwhile, Michiganians all looked at each other in puzzlement, wondering whom they were talking about.

Maybe it is just Jan. 24 that has us down. Last Monday, Jan. 24, was calculated to be the most depressing day of the year by a Wales, U.K., tutor. Since he has a doctorate, we presume tutor means professor in Wales.

Anyway, using varying factors, the good PhD determined that Jan. 24, a month after Christmas, was the saddest day of the year. Factors considered were Christmas debts coming due and New Year's resolutions being broken.

The fact that it was a Monday is depressing enough for a lot of people, but we digress.

It just seems that with all these rising fees — some call them unvoted taxes — something has to give. Unfortunately, the something is we. And we will continue to give and give and give.

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Let them vote

By Michael Goodell
Grosse Pointe Farms

An unrelenting campaign is under way to delay the Iraqi elections, scheduled for Jan. 30. Using terror, they seek to deny the Iraqi people the same opportunity to move into the family of civilized peoples as that long enjoyed in Europe and the United States, and recently afforded the citizens of Afghanistan and the Ukraine.

Self-proclaimed al Qaeda adherent Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a transplanted Jordanian, recently issued a tape declaring "a fierce war on this evil principle of democracy and those who follow this wrong ideology. Anyone who tries to set up this system is part of it." In Al-Zarqawi's eyes, any candidate, election worker or voter is to be viewed as an enemy combatant.

Ba'ath Party insurgents have their own objectives in opposing elections. Numbering only 20 percent of the Iraqi population, they have no hope of regaining power through peaceful means. Having ruled Iraqi society since the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, they dread the elevation of their heretofore subject peoples, the Shiites and Kurds. Their fear is that once in power, their enemies will rule with the same murderous efficiency that they did.

The Americans, aided by those Iraqi nationals who long to establish a stable society, are doing everything in their power to develop a governmental system which will forestall that sort of payback. The Sunni insurgents are not making the task any easier.

The motives of Al-Zarqawi and the Ba'athists are clear. They are understandable, at least within the ideology they espouse. What is more difficult to understand are the motives of those who wish to push back the Iraqi election.

These people claim to support the idea of elections; they merely wish to postpone them until things settle down.

Since elections are a crucial stage in ending the American presence, it is hard to see how postponing them can expedite any conceivable exit plan. It is difficult to conceive of how extending the occupation will mollify those whose motives extend only to ending the occupation.

Since the forces arrayed in opposition to elections have stepped up their terror campaign to dissuade Iraqis from voting, any delay will be viewed as a sign of weakness and a victory for the forces of chaos. It will discourage those Iraqis who long to vote. It will further raise questions about the reliability of their American partners. It will impel the insurgents to redouble their efforts.

A good example of what would transpire following a delay can be found in southern Lebanon. When former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak was bent on his mission for peace, he unilaterally pulled Israeli forces out of the Lebanese buffer zone as a gesture of good faith.

Hezbollah, the Iranian-funded terrorist group committed to Israel's destruction, celebrated the retreat as a victory. It wasn't a harbinger of peace. It was a sign of weakness. A peaceful gesture was viewed as weakness, not good faith.

It would be even worse in Iraq as there would not be even the rationale for a good faith gesture. It would be a defeat, pure and simple. It would mark the beginning of the end of the American opportunity. It would sound the death knell of the noble effort to bring stability to a traumatized country. It would mean 1,200 American soldiers had died in vain. It would be time indeed to ask the John Kerry question: How do you ask a man to be the last man to die for a mistake?

If the elections are delayed, they will never be held. Iraq's freedom gambit will fall short. Another dictator, or another Islamist regime, will rise in the place of dreams of peace and stability. The Iraqi people will lose, and America will continue to be at war against forces which will spread and grow.



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

Letters

Change needed for schools

To the Editor:

Another millage election for the Grosse Pointe public schools is scheduled. But first the school board must make changes.

All homeowners pay taxes. But, at any one time, about 20 to 30 percent have children in our public schools. These children receive an excellent education from our classroom teachers, and we are all pleased about that.

Seventy to 80 percent of taxpayers receive nothing but a tax bill — that is not the American way. Every homeowner must eventually receive the same benefit. Every homeowner 75 years of age, without exception, must be liberated from this tax. This group represents less than 1 or 2 percent.

Every successful organization pays the star the largest salary, and the support group less. The classroom teacher produces the child's education. The teacher is the star of every school system.

Nonteaching jobs are support jobs. The difference in pay between a classroom teacher and an assistant principal, each with 10 years experience and a master's degree, is $29,898, or about $600 per week. The support job is paid $600 per week more than the star.

Each high school has three assistant principals. No support job is worth more than the physics, math or creative-writing teachers, or any teacher all the way up to the first-grade teacher who with support from parents, strive with tender loving care to develop in each child a lifetime love of learning and discovery.

To correct this pay iniquity, the school board must embrace: "except for principals and superintendent, the classroom teacher must receive the highest salary."

When a school board fails to represent the taxpayer, it becomes part of the nonteaching, expanding, bloated public school bureaucracy. And we end up with Olympic-size pools and artificial turf.

Perhaps we, as taxpayers, should call on God for wisdom, a strong judicial backbone, and a good heart for each school board member. And that they will incorporate these sentences in our public school policy:

Without exception, every taxpayer who is 75 years old will be liberated from school taxes.

Except for principals and superintendent, the classroom teacher will receive the highest salary.

The school board will represent taxpayers.

S.E. Girardin
Grosse Pointe Farms

Social Security improvement

To the Editor:

Reform of Social Security is absolutely necessary. People under the age of 50 have every right to be concerned about the present program.

There is no crisis, but the time to change the program is before the crisis. Social Security is not funded until 2050. The current administration is being very statesmanlike in modifying the system. The proposal changes will be helpful for the future retirees and are voluntary as to whether or not you would like one-third of your mandatory contributions invested in private accounts.

Social Security is not an insurance account. The program is organized like a Ponzi scheme. A good example would be chain letters. The transferring of wealth is charity and not insurance. We have always been a charitable country.

Social Security earning low income because of investment in government securities is all right if you believe the government runs its business better than private enterprise.

Social Security has an immense amount of money that has been spent to finance hundreds of other government programs. That money is not there. It has been spent and only IOUs are to be found in the "lockbox." This means higher and higher taxes will be imposed to pay off the IOUs.

Some groups are resorting to the usual scare tactics to attempt to stop the much needed reform. The widows, orphans, disabled, and the truly needy will always be cared for.

There are numerous examples in the world where retirement systems have been improved. Socialist Sweden has made great changes in their program. Probably the best system in the Americas is Chile.

This country needs to remain wealthy. Only a rich nation can care for its needy. Vote for representatives on all levels who have character, strong core beliefs, and who truly represent your values.

Charles H. Lapo
Grosse Pointe Woods

Open parks

To the Editor:

A year ago, I sent the following letter to the leaders of the Grosse Pointes. All of them received it favorably but, alas, nothing was done. I think it's a great idea. If you do too, why not nudge your civic leaders in this direction?

To the Mayors and Council Members of the Grosse Pointes:

Here's an idea that would cost nothing and yet promote community: When you make resident passes for your park, include four extra dots on the side of each pass: One with a C for City; one with an F for Farms; one with a P for Park; one with an S for Shores; and one with a W for Woods (skipping ones own city). That would entitle your residents to visit four neighboring parks on a weekday, once each.

Variety is the spice of life. Going to the same park day after day, summer after summer, year after year, generation after generation, can get stale — no matter how many improvements ones own park makes.

People like a change of scenery. Why should they have to go out to a Metro Park or Belle Isle to get it when we have six lovely parks in our neighborhood?

Yes, residents can invite their friends to their park now, but we'd have to wait for an invitation. I myself have never been to the Shores' and Woods' (since the super slide) and I went to the City Park decades ago when my daughters were little.

My husband and I would love to have dinner some beautiful summer evening at another park just as we do now at our own lovely Pier Park. We'd love just to go and not have to call a resident friend and make arrangements to meet them there if their plans allowed, etc. We'd just want to go on our own.

My daughter and her husband, who live in Ann Arbor, are considering moving back to Grosse Pointe. The parks are a big attraction and yet I can only show them ours.

I overheard that at some Grosse Pointe parks, residents of other cities, like St. Clair Shores, are given passes because a relative works at the park. If this can be done for them, surely a one-time pass could be issued for residents.

You can make it happen. Of course, it won't be as simple as it sounds but that's why talent like yours was picked for the position you hold. You are capable of circumventing roadblocks.

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Fishfly

Ever been a victim? Of course you have.

Of a schoolyard bully. A teacher seeking to set an example. A lousy boss who makes subordinates pay for his or her dumb ideas. A robber. A cheat. A petty thief.

We've all been victims. It's life.

In the United States, our inalienable rights include the pursuit of happiness, not happiness itself. That's for us as individuals to achieve or fail.

The great majority of us get over being a victim. Meaningful people are repulsed by the prospect of joining the whiny ranks of perpetual victimhood, whose members indenture themselves to the more accomplished and powerful, real or imagined.

But what if?

"What if we actually had the opportunity to confront our perpetrator 30 years after the fact?" said Robert Maniscalco. Closure? Or revenge?

Maniscalco offers and answer in his first novel, "The Fishfly."

"My intention in publishing this story is not to capitalize on my, or others, misfortune," Maniscalco said. "My goal has been to express something real and true, to create something that reaches out to those who may benefit from my own experiences, real and imagined. This is the goal of the artist."

Twenty years in the writing, Maniscalco says "Fishfly" is the most personal thing he's created.

"It started as a compilation of unrelated stories of my past," said Maniscalco, a multi-faceted artist who lives in and has an art gallery in the City of Grosse Pointe.

In additional to painting and writing, Maniscalco acts and hosts Art Beat on Detroit Public Television-PBS. He's also a fan of "Star Trek," according to frequent references to the science fiction series in his stream-of-consciousness novel.

"The novel is about someone who finally, rather than observing life, decides to live it," Maniscalco said.

Why, after all these years, finish the book?

"I wanted to do it before my first baby came," he said, referring to Danny, born one year ago to him and his to wife, Amanda. "I figured my whole life as I knew it would change. I wanted to get the book to the publisher in advance of his being born."

Maniscalco said publication was a long shot.

"I didn't expect them to publish it," he said. "It represents a chapter in my own life. It's based on some autobiographical and visual material."

The book cover is decorated with a self-portrait Maniscalco completed about 25 years ago. The painting is displayed in his gallery at 17728 Mack as part of a book-related exhibit through March. An opening reception, Images and Ideas is

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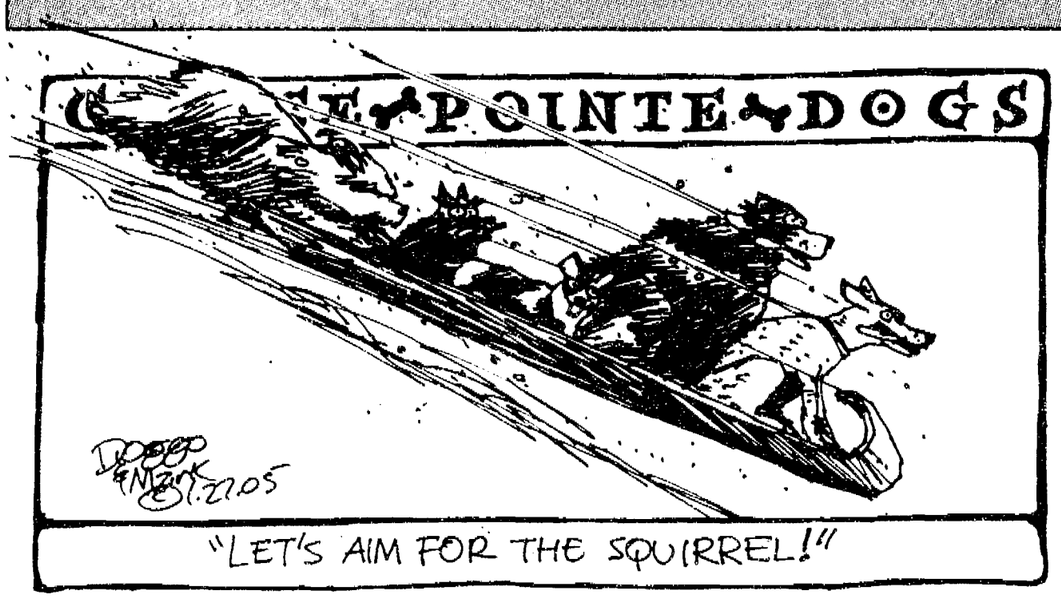


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Robert Maniscalco, "The Fishfly" and "Deliquescence."

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The Op-Ed Page



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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

A Wales professor has calculated that Jan. 24 is the most depressing day of the year. Is it for you? If not, when is your most depressing time?



Bob Lee

"No. The day before taxes are due."

Bob Lee



Gene Bunn

"It feels depressing because I'm a fourth-grade teacher in Detroit, and we start the MEAP tests tomorrow. Testing for two weeks is very arduous for 9- and 10-year-olds."

Gene Bunn



Carol Burton

"No. Summer when I can't go on vacation."

Carol Burton



Henry Partlo

"Yes, because I can't get a cab, and I'm freezing."

Henry Partlo



Steve Wilson

"No. I don't have a depressing day of the year; I'm always happy."

Steve Wilson



Susan Balice

"No. My least favorite time is probably summer just because there's too much to do and not enough time to do it."

Susan Balice

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



Encore

When the lights dim, and the stage lights go on at the Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium the evening of Saturday, Feb. 5, folks who have ponied up $60 apiece to help refurbish the facility will be greeted by a person quite familiar with the stage.

Megan Grano, daughter of Michigan Supreme Court Justice **Maura Corrigan** and the late **Joe Grano**, was one of the funniest girls to grace that venue back in the mid-'90s when she starred in Grosse Pointe's answer to "Saturday Night Live" comedy.

It is fitting that Grano will be one feature of the regional touring company of "Second City," Chicago's famed night club show, because in her high school days, it was her work in South's "Second Suburb" and the Grosse Pointe Theatre that got her started. After that, she went on to the University of North Carolina and then migrated to Chicago and held half a dozen different jobs while trying to break in at "Second City."

If you want to buy tickets and get to sit in one of those 470 spanking new seats during the event sponsored by the Mothers' Club, you may contact **Lisa Gandelot** at (313) 882-5001. Or if you just want to support the refurbishing fund, you should also call her.

Hall of famer

Country western music fans in these parts probably recognize the name **Joe Wade Formicola** a lot more quickly than most folks. "He's interviewed Bill Clinton. He's played a doctor on 'Chicago Hope.' He's even been threatened by Ted Nugent," Hitmakers Magazine wrote in 2001.

Formicola, who grew up in the Woods and graduated from Grosse Pointe High in '66, returns to Detroit this weekend to be inducted into the Specs Howard School of Broadcasting Hall of Fame at ceremonies hosted by **Dick Purtan** at Greenfield Village.

It will be at least the second hall of fame for Formicola, who will be accompanied by his wife, **Ellen**; daughter, **Emily**; son, **Joseph**, and mother, **Rose**.

"His dad, **Leo**, passed away 18 months ago, but like the rest of us, he would be very proud of him," Rose said.

Formicola was named Billboard Magazine's DJ of the year in 1976 and 1984 for his country music programming. He did stints at a number of Detroit radio



John Wade Formicola

stations from '87 to '99 and won the Country Music Association's DJ of the Year award while doing mornings for W4 Country here.

Formicola, who is now program director of WRAL-FM radio in Raleigh, N.C., was inducted into the Career College Association Hall of Fame in 2003. And for a time, he produced the NASCAR Country Radio show that was syndicated to 380 stations nationally.

He told a Holly Springs Sun reporter in North Carolina how he got into radio.

"I was going to college during the day for a business degree and going to

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Points about the Pointes

A total of forty hours of community service in high school....is it enough? No way!!



One of the charitable organizations I work with has had a flurry of 'panic' requests from students for written verification of their community service through the organization. I thought this a little odd, so I started asking students and parents of seniors what the fuss was all about.

Apparently, in addition to good grades, colleges and honor societies want verifiable community service as part of the package from our students. It is also rumored that 40 total hours of community service may soon be mandated by the State of Michigan as a high school graduation requirement. It is long overdue.

If it were up to me, the requirement would be 40 hours per year, not just 40 hours for the entire four years of high school. It should trouble all of us that our high school graduates may end up having spent more time combing their hair in high school than they will have in community service.

Growing up as a minister's son, I admit I may have a tainted view of the issue. I am sure Dr. Phil would lay blame on my father for 'infecting' me with his dedication to community service. My response to Dr. Phil? "It must be contagious, because I think my son Jonathan has caught it, too!"

Most of us didn't move to the Pointes for the shopping; we moved here so that our children would get an education far beyond what the State of Michigan feels is adequate. If we won't accept what the State feels is an adequate education for our children, why would we ever accept any less than the State requires from ourselves in teaching our kids the importance of community service?

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Letters

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I assure you it would be worth the hassle. I appreciate your serious consideration of this proposal before the passes are finalized.

Donna Carloni
Grosse Pointe Farms

Stingy remark

To the Editor:

Americans are the world's most generous people — when it comes to praising ourselves.

Never wanting to let the facts get in the way of a good rant, the Grosse Pointe News published an inaccurate and unsubstantiated viewpoint in the Jan. 6 issue, "'Stingy' Americans lead relief." There were two factual errors in the headline alone.

The United States was not called "stingy" by United Nation's official Jan Egeland, as the Grosse Pointe News reports. "It is beyond me," he said, "why we are so stingy." It was a poor word choice given America's notoriously thin skin, but if someone takes the time to look at his entire comments, the statement is actually directed toward all of the world's developed countries and does not mention the United States.

The second error is that Americans do not lead the relief efforts by any measure that uses reality, world opinion or simply math as its basis. Japan's pledge of $500 million exceeds our $350 million. The only places America leads is in our own perception and in right-leaning opinion forums.

The Grosse Pointe News column's author, Michael Goodell, is correct that America should not expect gratitude.

That's not because the world's poor won't feel it. They will appreciate having a healthy child and a safe place to live. Rather, like most every other day, we probably won't be listening to them.

Andrew Taylor
Grosse Pointe Park

Editor's note: The headline, "'Stingy' Americans Lead Relief," was written by the editor, not the writer, Michael Goodell. We stand corrected. We also would like to include the small matter of the aircraft carrier as part of America's contribution to the tsunami relief effort, a sizable contribution indeed!

I Say

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scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 10, from 6 to 9 p.m.

"To find my voice as an artist, I did a number of things that are still part of me," Maniscalco said. "I haven't shown this work publicly in my own gallery since it was made more than 20 years ago."

He titled the self-portrait "Deliquesence," which means to melt from within.

"It's such a lovely sounding word, but it expresses self destruction," Maniscalco said. "It's a self-portrait of me back when I was 20. It sort of exemplifies what's going on with this character self destructing."

These are painting I did as part of the creative process of writing the novel.

"That's why I'm having an exhibit through the end of March of this work.

The work represents many early experiments of his early 20s.

"The Fishfly," a 172 page softcover published by PublishAmerica, costs $16.95 at Maniscalco's gallery. The book is listed on amazon.com for $19.95.

FYI

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broadcast school in the evening.

"Then I ran across this guy I went to high school with, and he was in the business, and it just seemed more interesting than taking these business classes. Radio just seemed like an exciting thing for me."

The rest as they say, is history.

The bakery

With the weighty responsibility of ordering a wedding cake by appointment, I ventured out in last Saturday's snow storm to Josef's French Bakery on Mack in the Woods. There probably isn't a more pleasant place to chat on a Saturday morning when most mortals refuse to trek through the snow.

Although we have been shopping there since the early 1980s, I had never met **Josef Begosian**, the owner, who personally took on the task of taking the order for the cake. He does that for about 250 cakes a year and has been doing it since 1971 when he was 27 years old.

It was not as easy as it sounded. Chocolate mousse filling, raspberry filling, yellow batter, chocolate batter, butter cream icing or something else? Pillars or no pillars? Live flowers or frosting flowers?

When we had finished, and I had made the executive decisions, I started to totter back out into the storm, and Begosian called me back. "Take a loaf of bread. Take a coffee cake," he said, generously. It was a warm start to a snowy January Saturday.

Jeopardy

Watch "Jeopardy" tonight, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m. on WDIV-TV, Channel 4, and get a chance to be proud of North junior **Ruvani Fonseka**, of the Shores.

The 16-year-old was chosen from 4,500 applicants as one of 15 students from across the nation for the annual "Jeopardy" Teen Tournament.

The daughter of **Dr. Kumudinie** and **Upali Fonseka**, Ruvani is a North Quiz Bowl veteran and winner of the Macomb Daily regional spelling bee in 2001; she finished 34 out of 248 in the nationals.

The key to winning, Ruvani told a Daily reporter, is buzzing in at the right time. If you buzz before **Alex Trebek** finishes the question, your response is locked out.

"She's smart; she's beautiful; she's kind," a "Jeopardy" executive told the Daily. "She played the game with a lot of enthusiasm and a lot of personality."

So tune in; watch and feel good.

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ELECTION COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

NOTICE 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.,

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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.

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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 existing authorization as 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 would 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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Internet company turns up the juice

Here is one that ought to make the high-speed Internet providers like Comcast and DSL get a little tight around the collar, even though it has nothing to do with the Grosse Pointes.

The Grand Ledge Independent reported that a New York company would open an office in Grand Ledge to make that city the first in Michigan to offer broadband access to the Internet over power lines.

The high-speed system will be available to the city's businesses and residents in early to late spring, the paper reported. David Shpigler, president of the Shpigler Group, a consulting firm that specializes in advising utility companies, will offer the service.

The cost to residential customers is expected to be $29.99 monthly. Higher speeds and additional services will also be made available to local businesses on a built-to-suit basis, according to the company.

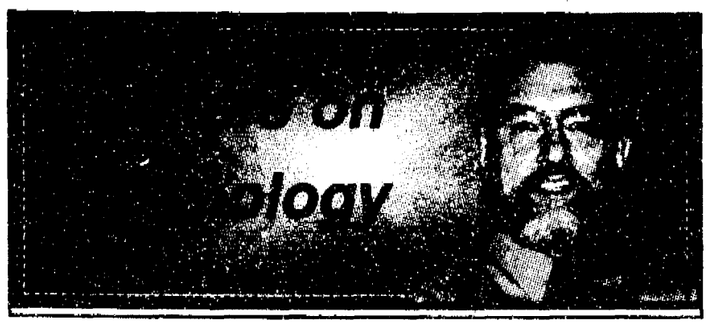
A name for the service has not yet been selected. How about "Socket to Them." I can hear it now. "Joey, don't put that knife in the wall socket... daddy's online."

This next item could only come from a government agency, but not ours this time.

Parents should not give mobile phones to children age 8 or younger as a precaution against the potential harm of radiation from the devices, the chairman of the National Radiological Protection Board in the United Kingdom said.

Some experts deemed the warning unfounded and unwarranted, but a company that recently launched a phone aimed at young children said it was suspending sales until it has time to evaluate it.

Got it? Read on.



Sir William Stewart, chairman of the NRPB, said there's no conclusive evidence showing a clear danger but added they were taking a "precautionary approach."

Let me get this straight.

Don't give cell phones to children under 8. Who would? Hey, the kid will only say "Hi!" to grandma. Here are a couple quotes that came to mind. "Here, son. Clip this to your Binky." Or, "Now children, it's nap time. Please turn off your cell phones and pagers."

Looking ahead, apparently there is no hole deep enough for some slime balls to crawl into. (Or is it "crawl out of?")

A mass e-mail posing as a plea for aid to help the victims of last month's Asian tsunami disaster is actually a vehicle for spreading a computer virus.

The worm appears with the subject line: "Tsunami donation! Please help!" and invites recipients to open an attachment called "tsunami.exe," which, if opened, will forward the virus to other Internet users using your address book.

It could also initiate a denial-of-service attack against a German hacking Web site, putting it out of action.

I've lived in Grosse Pointe for the past 25 years. Before that, my abode was in Dearborn, home to the largest Arab population in the United States. What has that got to do with technology? Read on.

For one thing, modern technology has changed the way Muslims experience the hajj pilgrimage, a rite required of able-bodied faithful who can afford it at least once in a lifetime.

Dressed in a seamless white robe, Algerian pilgrim Tayyeb Bouguettaya circled the Kaaba several times Monday with a prayer booklet in one hand and a mobile phone in the other, reciting religious mantras in unison with his wife a continent away.

Outside the holy Kaaba, which Muslims around the world face in prayer five times a day, Bouguettaya was thrilled to have had the technology to share his pilgrimage with his wife, who stayed at home in Algiers.

Moments later, his Nokia mobile phone rang again. It was his business contact in China said the electronics dealer with a smile. Nearby, several other mobiles were ringing, one of them to the tune of pop star Michael Jackson's "Beat it!" But let's not go there.

I smiled.

Assimilation is what made the American union. The Germans, Irish, Polish and Chinese were gradually assimilated, mainly because the children were exposed to new things outside their culture. OK, Mike, get down off the pulpit.

Let's wrap it up with a new Web site for you to visit. This one will really take you places, heh, heh. The site is located at www.greatstufftodo and lists stuff to do in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.

It is called "Great Stuff to Do."

Great Stuff is your guide for what do in Southeast Michigan. It consists of two parts: their Web site and the free, customized GreatStuff e-newsletter, which is delivered every Thursday.

Meanwhile, throw another log on the fire; sharpen the edge on your snow shovel, and wait for spring.

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

Hickey's, CVS help Village keep shoppers close to home

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

The Village is gearing up for its much anticipated makeover.

A vacated business left an aesthetically unpleasant hole in the Village landscape, but that void has been filled by CVS and Hickey's (Walton-Pierce) Men's and Women's Clothing store.

Hickey's (Walton-Pierce) is moving into the vacated Hallmark building, located at 17051 Kercheval, while CVS plans to expand its business into what once was Hickey's at 17140 Kercheval.

"It's a more visible location for us since we will be on a corner," Hickey's owner Bill Huntington said. "I'm upbeat about our move, and our move will come at a great time around here (spring)."

Huntington said his store will close during the final week of February, and Hickey's plans to reopen for business on March 1.

"We will be ready for our move, and then we can have a soft opening on March 1," Huntington said. "I have built a strong clientele who will continue to do business with us, and I think our new location will increase our business."

Jim Bellanca, an attorney who handles the Frolic properties, says the expansion of CVS and the Hickey's move will add more life to the Village.

"We got an agreement with CVS to expand its business into Hickey's business, and then Hickey's moves to a prime location, which should help the other businesses maintain their clientele," Bellanca said. "We want the local shoppers to stay home, and not go to other cities to do their shopping, and these new developments will help that happen."

Bellanca also said it was more advantageous of CVS to expand into Hickey's than move into the vacated Jacobson's building.

"CVS gets a bigger building, and Hickey's gets a better location with a more appealing store front," Bellanca said. "The Village is slowly filling its vacancies."

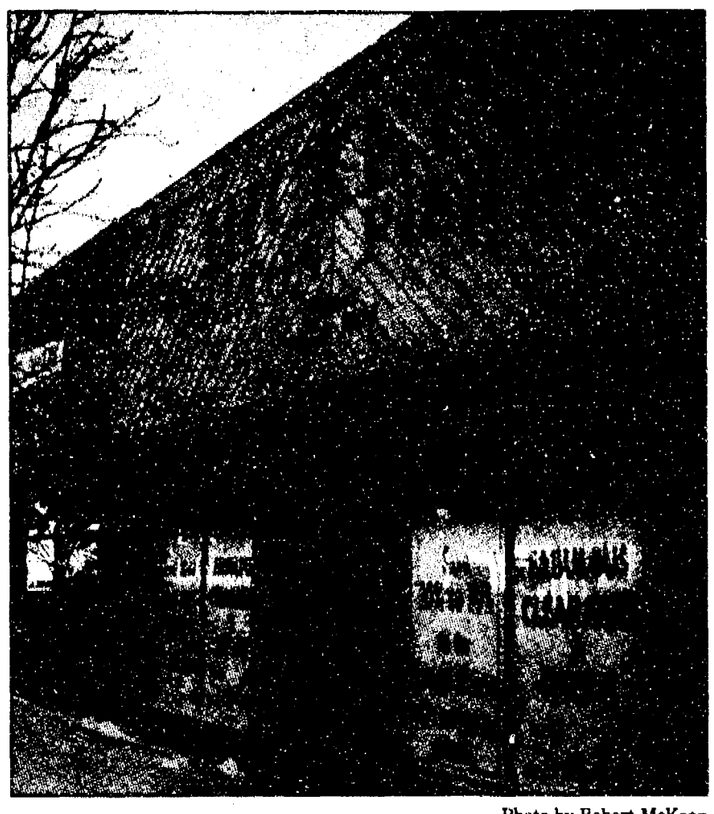


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Hickey's (Walton-Pierce) store, above, is changing locations in the Village, which will give it more visibility, according to owner Bill Huntington.

The expansion of CVS will allow the drug store to provide more products for its customers, and Hickey's gets a great corner lot to increase business.

Local residents will have plenty of shops for all ages to browse in the next month or two.

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Are you counting on your 401(k)?

By Gary Cortner

How well will your 401(k) support you in retirement?

The answer depends on a number of variables: How much you contribute; whether there are periods when you don't put in money; and the returns that you get.

With so many variables, making a realistic projection is difficult. Also, because these defined-contribution plans have been around for only about 20 years, someone retiring today will get only about half a career's "juice" out of a 401(k) because he or she did not contribute to the plan for an entire career.

Still, if you examine each variable and project the actual behavior of current 401(k) participants ahead a few decades, it's possible to get a sense of what may happen.

The Investment Company Institute (ICI) and the Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI) developed a model to predict how much of an individual's pre-retirement income might be replaced by accumulations in a 401(k) plan. They looked at the saving and investment habits of some 2.5 million current plan participants and used those to project where they'd end up if those trends continue until retirement.

First the good news: For steady 401(k) contributors who turn 65 between 2035 and 2039 — those in their mid- to late 20s in 2000 — the combination of Social Security and 401(k) distributions should replace most of their pre-retirement income. The median individual in the highest-earning quartile could expect to retire on 85 percent of what he or she made while working. (The ICI/EBRI model doesn't include income from other sources such as defined benefit pensions, IRAs and taxable savings.)

The projections are based on typical 401(k) asset allocations and returns in line with those experienced from 1926 through 2001. If future markets produce returns like those during the stock market's worst 50-year period (1929-1978, as measured by the performance of the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index), median plan participants in the highest-earning quartile would still be able to replace 72 percent of their pre-retirement income, the study predicts.

You always have to remember that past performance is no guarantee of future results. Your personal outcome could be much better or worse.

The study also shows that things are likely to get dicey when there are lapses in 401(k) coverage.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, only 42 percent of private workers are currently active participants in defined-contribution plans.

Moreover, working at a company that doesn't offer a 401(k) or simply failing to contribute can dramatically reduce the amount available during retirement.

In the ICI/EBRI study, a median top-earning-quartile employee who retires in the late 2030s but hasn't been a continual 401(k) contributor is likely to replace just 42 percent of preretirement income with distributions from her 401(k) and Social Security.

And those much closer to retirement age? The ICI/EBRI study projects that a typical plan participant in the top earnings quartile who turns 65 between 2005 and 2009 could replace about 61 percent of preretirement income from 401(k) and Social Security distributions, while someone in the top-earning quartile who retires between 2020 and 2024 might get some 77 percent of former earnings.

The three-legged stool of planning for retirement, built by combining an employer pension, Social Security and personal savings, no longer applies for the majority of individuals.

The message is clear. Individuals need to maximize their savings with their retirement plan, but also set a goal to save a specific and achievable amount of money outside your retirement plan.

A systematic savings plan is ideal for those who have trouble saving. In addition, part-time earnings in retirement will make a big difference in making sure your nest egg will last.

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Gary Cortner is president of The Bank of Grosse Pointe, This content is for informational purposes only. Always consult with your tax and investment advisers before making any investment decisions.

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Visiting Vietnam expands teacher's insight

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

For University Liggett School history teacher David Backhurst, Vietnam is more than just a country on the map: it is a fascination. Through his second University Liggett School Faculty Venture Grant, he was able to explore this deep interest and gain valuable professional development.

In this Backhurst's second trip to the Asian country, he wanted to obtain a better understanding of Vietnam, one of the last remaining Communist countries to enhance his senior elective, "Vietnam and the '60s." He has been able to bring that knowledge back to the students and faculty alike as well as the answer to his question, "What is life like for the people living in one of the few remaining communist countries?"

Communism should be a workers' paradise, he said; the people are taken care of. "The people are carried from cradle to grave."

He found out that isn't true there. There is no health care, no public school system and no public housing. "They get nothing; so the people must scramble for money to provide those things."

Yet, capitalism is thriving, Backhurst continued, from selling post cards on the street to stores which sell appliances, televisions and washing machines, and there are Ford and Lexus dealers. There are a many middle class entrepreneurs who own their own businesses.



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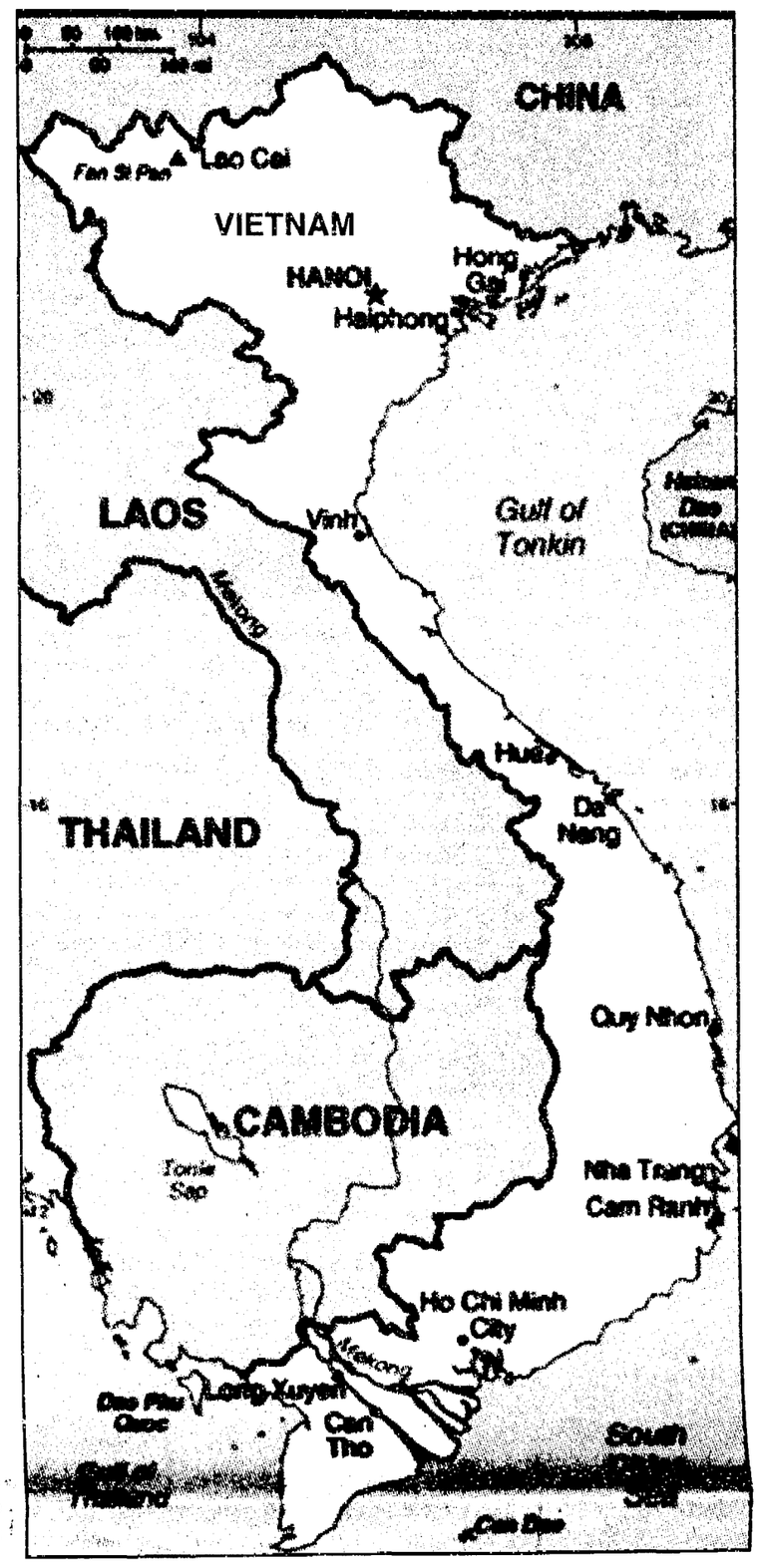
University Liggett School teacher David Backhurst and a group of Vietnamese children. He teaches Vietnam and the '60s as a senior elective class. To make the material come alive and enhance his professionalism in the classroom, Backhurst took a 16-day trip to southern Vietnam in June 2004 with a Faculty Venture Grant.

"It's the party officials who are riding around in the pricey Lexus," he said. The vast majority of the 80 million in Vietnam still ride bikes in a country which is in the bottom 20 percent of the world's poverty stricken countries.

Citizens are unable to criticize the government due to the political repression; yet in Saigon, with a population between 5 million and 7 million, availability to be exposed to world news is hampered by the establishment of Internet cafes and the use of cell phones hamper the government's hold on its people.

"If the first trip was a look at the country's past, this was a look at the country's present and perhaps, future," said Backhurst, who toured the southern end of the country, including the Mekong Delta and DaLat. "I was fortunate enough to travel with a combat Marine who has been a visitor to my class for many years, and who, since 1990, has made numerous trips back and has established many personal friendships.

"I have been fascinated with the war, the country and the people," said the Vietnam war era soldier. His interest in visiting the country became a reality in 1998 when he toured some of the historical battlefields but did not have a chance to talk to the people other than the



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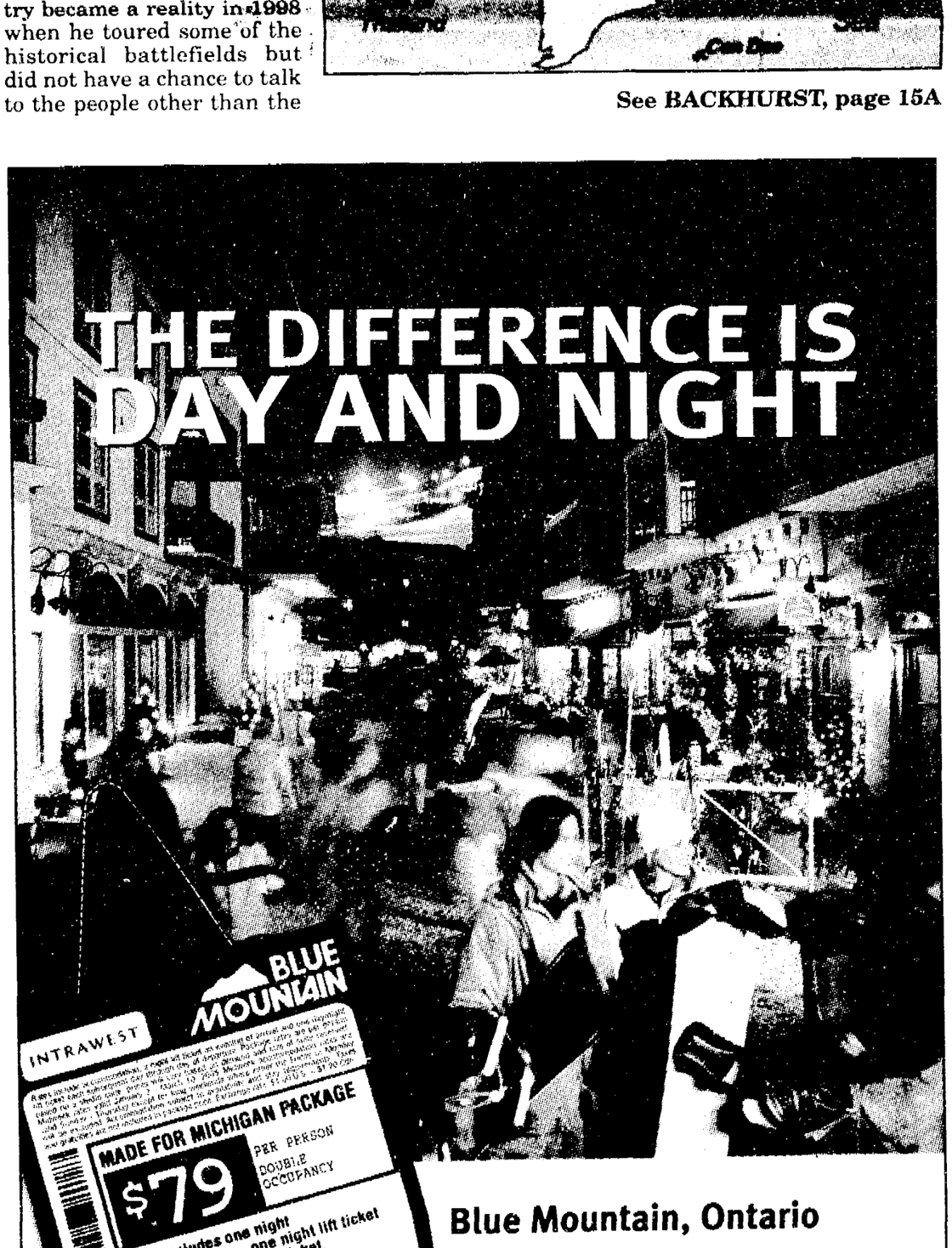
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ONTARIO CANADA

His capital is in geography

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Stephen Peck is the three time National Geographic Bee champ at St. Clare of Montefalco School.

The contest is designed to encourage teachers to include geography in their classrooms, spark student interest in the subject and increase public awareness about geography.

Peck, 13, acknowledged that geography was and is a regular part of classroom curriculum when he began competing against his fellow classmates in fifth grade. During his first try at the geography bee, Peck came in second. However, in the three succeeding years, he has placed first on questions surrounding geographical features and gathered three medals for his efforts.

The competition begins in the classrooms as teachers quiz their students on mountain range locations or where a certain earthquake occurred. Classroom winners compete against each other where Peck comes out on top. This year he was up against Jackson Robar, Grace Ward, Alex Guyon, Alesia Alexander, Miles Hubbell and Mike Wagner, all of Detroit, and sisters, Olivia and Sophie Trautschold of Grosse Pointe Park. Ward was the runner-up honoree.

This year questions on state capitals were easiest because the class had completed a unit memorizing all the capitals. "That was easy."

What isn't easy are questions on rivers.

"I get the rivers wrong," he said.

Other than that, Peck finds each succeeding year's competitions easier, as was the second portion of the event leading up to the national competition in May.

He had to take a written test, which he said was easier this year. If he scores among the top 100, Peck will proceed to the state level. Conquering the meet at the state level, Peck could possibly end up at the nationals where he will be vying for a $25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership to National Geographic.

There is no real way to study for this type of competition, he said, other than staying current. He said his parents get "Time" magazine and he glances through that weekly, as well as keeping abreast with world happenings. When the tsunamis struck, he said, he knew right where the countries were located.

"I glance at maps, what's going on in the world. It's hard to study. There are a range of topics all incorporated with geography," he said.

This will be his last year in the National Geographic Bee; so he passes on this advice to his sixth-grade sister: stay up to date with what's going on in the world, that incorporates geography, where things are. It's not that hard."



Photo by Ann L. Fouty

Stephen Peck, three time National Geographic Bee winner at St. Clare Montefalco School. The eighth-grader is now awaiting word on whether he will be a contender at the state level.



Photo by Robert McKean

Hats on to Pierce students

Some 600 Pierce Middle School students and the staff raised $1,115.05 for the Red Cross tsunmani relief effort just by wearing caps (and blue jeans for staff) to school. Among the students who paid $1 or more for the excuse to wear a hat during class were Kelsey Jones, Kylie Huitsing, Aisha Rodney, Alix Chrumka, Greg Dettloff, Evan Vanslenbrouck, Eli Hoerler, Brett Withers, John Dennehy, Andrew Stieber, Brian McAllister, Amanda Harvey, Alexis Walker, Allison Declercq, Corey Lariscy, Latasha Tave, Audrey Herrington, Lorna Burns, Max Rentz, Max Bobinski, Elizabeth Kennedy, and Erin McGarry.

Kids wear caps for relief victims

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

"It's good because we are helping, and we get to wear hats all day," said eighth-grader Bobby Barrett about doing his part in helping victims of the December tsunami.

All Pierce Middle School students and staff were invited to donate money to the Red Cross Tsunami Relief Fund on Friday, Jan. 21, during the Caps for Caring drive. For $1, students were able to wear a hat in school, all day long. For $5, staff members were allowed to wear blue jeans.

"This is a very giving community," said teacher Mary Brecht, one of the organizers. Every time there is a fund raiser, the students and parents make it a success. For example, one student brought in $50 of his own money on Friday for the effort. It is that kind of effort that makes the students feel good about themselves, according to seventh-grader Erin McGarry. "It (Caps for Caring) helps a lot of people," she said about their efforts. "We are doing good."

Elizabeth Kennedy, another seventh-grader, added she is glad to help and has been volunteering for some time both at school and at her church for other charitable events. "So many people died," she said of the latest disaster.

Another seventh-grader Ben Boyce said he was shocked when he heard how many thousands died as a result of the underwater earthquake.

He continued to say he knew the area having become acquainted with it during social studies.

In addition to donating at school, Boyce was part of a hot cocoa sale in Patterson Park with Kelly Ansell and Jennifer Ryan, which raised $1,700 for the Red Cross relief effort.

Chloe Jacob, too, was shocked to hear how many people had been affected by the tsunami.

"I was speechless. I talked with my friends over break," she said, and when they returned to school after Christmas break, the idea of raising money for Red Cross was appealing to her.

"I like the idea," she said.

Obviously, the rest of the school favored the idea as well, because $1,115.05 will be sent to the Red Cross Tsunami Relief Fund with care from Pierce Middle School.

Students take on the world

Will Basse, a seventh-grade student at The Grosse Pointe Academy, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on Jan. 7. He now has a chance at a $25,000 college scholarship. Eighth-graders Stephanie Skau and Drew Brophy placed second and third, respectively.

The school-level bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 17th annual National Geographic Bee.

Thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participate each year in the National Geographic Bee. Academy Middle School students qualified for the bee by taking a written test; then 10 finalists competed in the final round on Jan. 7 by answering oral questions. Basse and Skau went on to the championship round.

The school winners, including Basse, will take another written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state bee on April 1.

The National .Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geographic Bee national championships on May 24 and 25. The first place national winner will receive a $25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership to the Society.



Photo courtesy The Grosse Pointe Academy

The Grosse Pointe Academy Geography Bee winners are from left, champion Will Basse, second runner-up Stephanie Skau, and third-place winner Drew Brophy.

Board of education filing date is approaching

Two weeks remain to file a petition to run for the Grosse Pointe Board of Education. The deadline to file a petition, an affidavit of identity and/or a $100 fee is due in the Grosse Pointe Park City Clerk's office before 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8.

With the election date moved up to Tuesday, May 3, potential candidates must file earlier than normal.

Two four-year seats will be open this year. President Joan Dindoffer's term expires, and she said she would be would be filing for a third term. During her tenure, she has served as secretary, vice president, president and chairman of the policy committee.

Board secretary Joseph Brennan said he will be obtaining petitions "to be in a position to run" for a third term. He has been vice president and treasurer of the board.

Petitions may be obtained at the administration office, 389 St. Clair, or at city clerk's offices. A minimum of 40 Grosse Pointe Schools registered voter signatures must be on the nominating petition, with a maximum of 100 signatures.

Join Marda Gras at Regina

Celebrate the coming of Lent and join the Regina Players of Regina High School for "The Magic of Mardi Gras" at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6.

It creates a carnival atmosphere with balloon sculpting, face painting, juggling entertainment, and rag time music. In addition, the Regina Players will feature a pre-Fat Tuesday food court and the chance for young children to participate in photo opportunities with the magicians, clowns, jugglers and musicians.

This afternoon will also feature a performance by Misty Lee and Company.

Misty Lee and Company's award winning show of magic and illusions will be in the high school for all ages and is a fund raiser for the Regina High School Drama Department.

The show, a magical mix of comedy, song and illusions, will include a genie appearing from thin air, a woman sliced into thirds and a woman vanishing.

Also appearing will be Scorpio, the Magician and Twinky, the clown.

General admission is $8. Tickets are available through the high school at (313) 526-0220 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The high school is at 20200 Kelly Road, Harper Woods.

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Is school closed today?

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

The words of "Grosse Pointe Schools are closed today" is heard with joy by students, and probably staff.

However, the decision to close school is not made lightly by central administration, who began deliberating at 4:30 a.m.

To get a first-hand road report, Wayne Halkides, manager of building and grounds, and Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business affairs and support services, drive through the school district, all the while listening to updated weather reports. Maintenance staff is consulted about the streets in their particular area.

They look at the amount of precipitation and the timing, when the front is likely to pass, pending weather patterns, the wind velocity, chill and temperature, explained Superintendent Suzanne Klein.

If the precipitation is freezing rain, Fenton and Halkides must think about its effect on the power lines and tree limbs.

Two other factors considered are parking lots and sidewalks — are they cleared and how likely are they to remain clean.

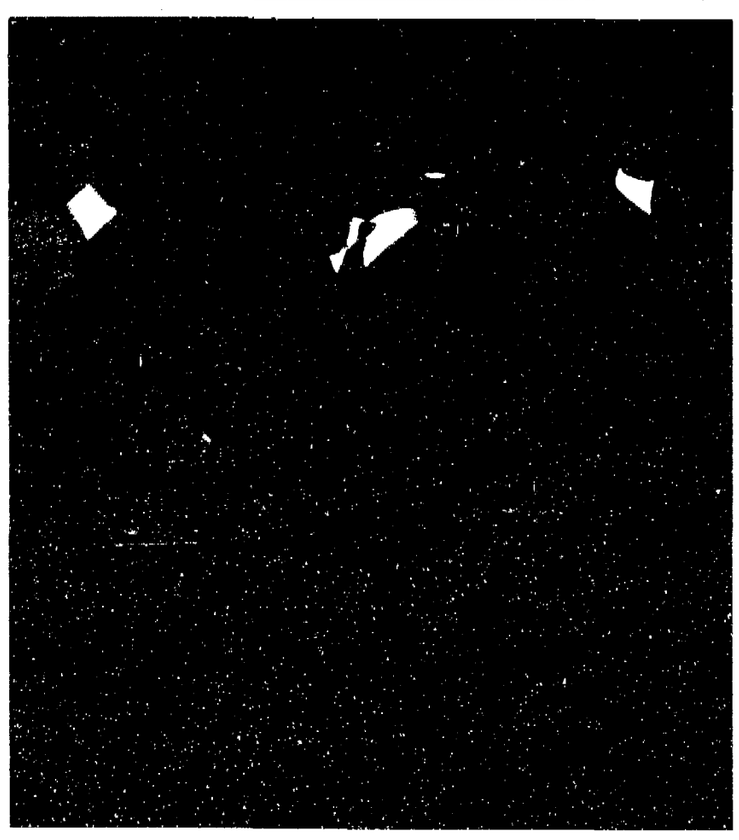
"We talk with our maintenance staff on can the staff drive in. Our top priority is to look at safety first. We value the safety of our staff and students to and from school. We make the decision carefully," she said.

All factors, including the lake effect, are considered before a decision is made no later than 6:15 a.m. Media outlets are notified by the appropriate person using the identifying information, ensuring that a student wanting to get out of a test can't call for the school's closing.

Photos courtesy of Our Lady Star of the Sea

Honored

Our Lady Star of the Sea middle school students learned a bit more about Martin Luther King Jr. on the day honoring the civil rights leader, Monday, Jan. 17. Roosevelt Johnson, an educational interpreter with Mobile Ed from Redford, visited the school giving an energetic presentation about his life of the civil rights leader, often evoking King with his stirring delivery of excerpts from some of King's famous speeches. "The seed of greatness was always in Dr. King," Johnson told the students, "and that seed of greatness is within you." He challenged the students on their knowledge of the civil rights struggle and encouraged them to learn and to read because "knowledge is power." Two words he asked the students to never forget were "racism" and "prejudice."



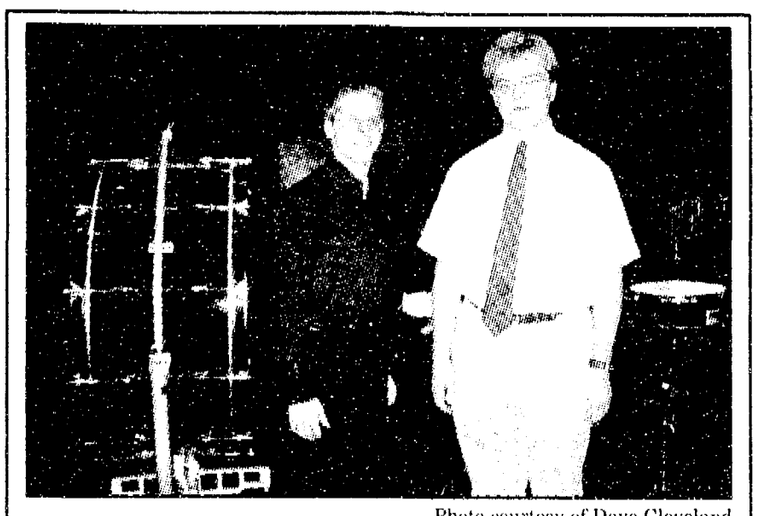


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Musical honors

Grosse Pointe North students Alex Sikorski, left, and Ben Wasmuth are among the top band students in the State of Michigan having been selected to participate in the Michigan State University Honors Band on Jan. 9. Both Sikorski, who is a percussionist, and trumpeter Wasmuth has to submit tapes in November. Scales and solos were included in the audition tape critiqued by MSU music faculty. Sophomore Sikorski and junior Wasmuth are members of the symphony band, full and pit orchestras and jazz and pep bands.

Sign-up for February mid-winter camp

There is an alternative to children spending time alone during the mid-winter break, Feb. 14-18. Grosse Pointe Public Schools is offering a day camp at Grosse Pointe North High School for first-graders through eighth-graders.

Sign-up for the mid-winter camp closes on Monday, Jan. 31, and costs $30 per day for each camper. It is open from 8:30 a.m. to no later than 3:30 p.m.

The activities camp for elementary aged children and the sports camp for middle school students will be staffed by high school seniors and adults. The older children will be developing skills in basketball, indoor soccer, volleyball, floor hockey and swimming.

The elementary-aged campers' day will be divided into five blocks, each an hour long. With every day focusing on an animal, the day's activities will center around that animal. There will be time for exercise and playing games, as well as social and group activities. An hour will be spent making crafts, and another hour will be devoted to swimming. A movie from the Grosse Pointe Schools collection will be shown during the day.

Both camps will be in the same location but will not co-mingle.

This is the first year the school system has opened the camp as a community resource and is cost sensitive.

It will also offer high school seniors, who are interested in pursuing a career dealing with children, an opportunity to increase their knowledge.

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Backhurst

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guide.

"I wanted to do the talking and find out what was happening now, 30 years later. It's one of five communist countries," he said.

This hands-on approach would not only satisfy his curiosity but would enhance this one semester Vietnam class, as well as the world history and U.S. history classes on his schedule.

"My belief as a teacher is you can get the story across having been there. You can convey it better to the students. You have better credibility, a better understanding," he said.

A better understanding is what the students want to know, as well. Whether their curiosity is sparked because there has been a reference to the war, as in the last presidential election, or their interest was peaked at the end of the U.S. history class which touches on the Vietnam War before the school year ends. Some are interested in the counter culture of the 1960s. Whatever the reason seniors sign up for the class, Backhurst wants to give them an accurate picture, including how Civil Rights was such an integral part of that era. Backhurst brings it to life as he talks about walking across the bridge in Selma, Ala., that the civil rights marchers crossed.

"You can visualize it. You can get a sense of the reality, as opposed to the students reading it in a book," he said.

And he brings the times and the places to life for his students because of his visits to Vietnam and his talks with the people there.

"The people are delightfully charming. They are accepting, warm, industrious. They are up at the crack of dawn exercising, performing tai chi or having a soccer match. They are working all day long. People have so much to offer. More than half the population has been born since the war. The older people don't hold grudges. They want to move on. They don't want to go back. The guide said it's the Buddhist influence. Life is a cycle, and you must look to the future."

According to Backhurst, in keeping with this way of thinking, the country has been rebuilt, and the vegetation has grown over the scarred landscape which incorporates a wide variety of topography — 1,200 miles of beaches, mountains which range from 5,000 to 7,000 feet, the Mekong Delta with its canals and rivers and the flat lands containing the rice paddies.

From his 16-day trip, Backhurst brought back enough first-hand information so he could pass on his enthusiasm to his ULS students.

St. Clare hosts an open house

St. Clare of Montefalco will be one of 8,000 schools across the country to observe Catholic Schools Week beginning Jan. 30.

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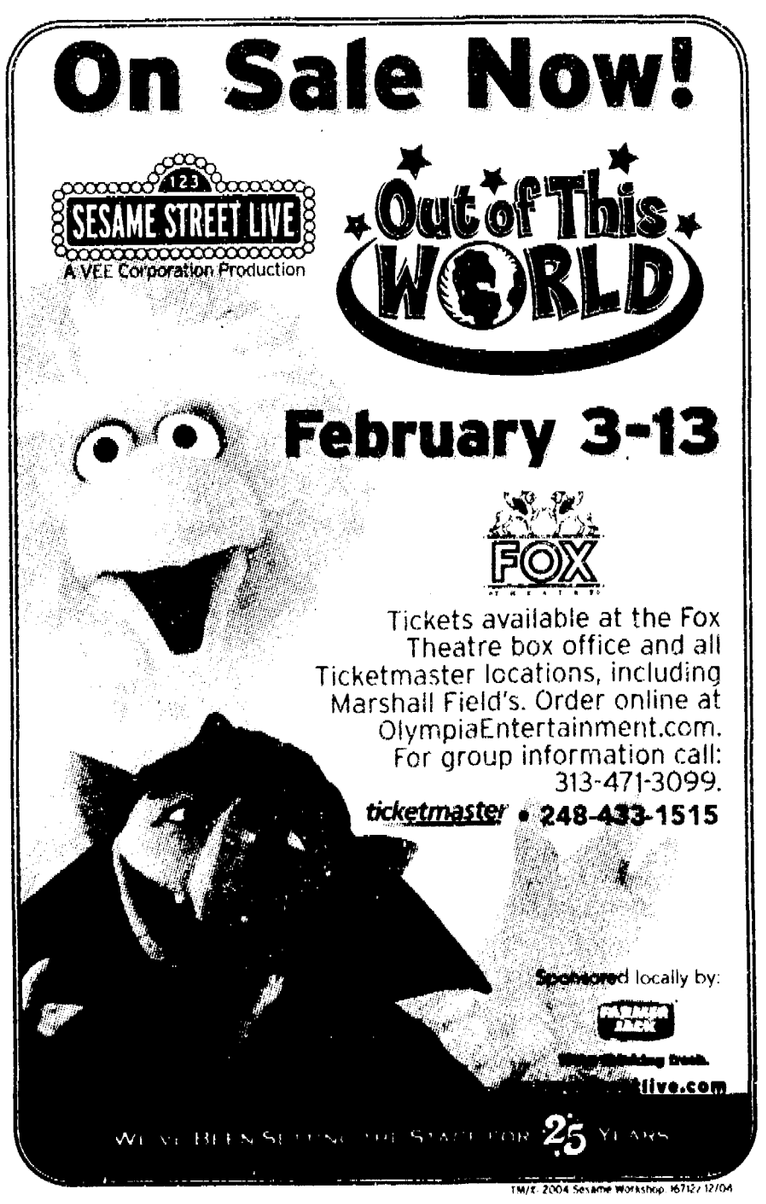
The week begins with an 11:30 a.m. Mass, open house and basketball game on Sunday, Jan. 30. Other days will focus on the families, their faith, the students and teachers and staff.

ULS students help out

For the past 20 years, University Liggett School's middle school students have made community service an important part of their holiday celebration by visiting Goodwill Industries. On Dec. 15, the entire eighth-grade class took part in Goodwill's annual Christmas luncheon and dance.

The students served Goodwill's clients an old-fashioned holiday dinner complete with turkey and pumpkin pie. Later, they rounded off the festivities with a dance.

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Plans are under way to revise G.P. Farms harbor

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

If you've ever tried to board a boat in the older section of Grosse Pointe Farms harbor, you know why city leaders want to rip up the place and start over.

Skippers and guests must leap three or more feet of water and touch down on a narrow forepeak or, if a vessel is moored stern-first, a cockpit.

Bad footing, misjudged distances or an errant bob of a boat due to random waves could mean a trip, fall or splash.

"It's an unsafe way to get to your boat," said James Farquhar, Farms mayor.

Risk would diminish by installing finger docks in the older section of Pier Park harbor, often called the small harbor because it's reserved for boats 20 feet long or less.

Finger docks are narrow walkways jutting from main docks and running parallel to moored boats. The arrangement lets people board and disembark craft be stepping across the gunnel.

If finger docks were added, wells must be widened, which results in less room for docking spaces unless the harbor was totally reconfigured.

Due to 188 residents signed on a list dating back nine years to rent slips at Pier Park, fewer wells aren't an option.

"We started just redoing the small harbor," Farquhar said. "We figured this would be the time to renovate everything."

"We've had a history of long waiting lists to get into the harbor," said Shane Reside, city manger. "To the extent we can meet that demand, it is a benefit to the community."

"The harbor needs renovating," Farquhar said. "I've wanted to do this for some time."

Proposals feature:

- a single entrance facing south designed to reduce wave action from Lake St. Clair,
- slips located along the outer breakwall,
- adding slips for boats 45 feet long,
- increased number of high-demand 30-foot wells,
- rebuilding the south breakwall that doubles among park-goers as a tanning pier.
- upgraded utilities to handle modern appliances and electric demands typical of modern pleasure craft.

There are no plans to alter a portion of the existing marina known as the large harbor because it handles boats more than 20 feet long.

As described in conceptual drawings, a redesigned harbor would extend beyond the existing southern breakwall yet remain within city property.

Because issues involving lake bottom require state approval, Farms officials are in preliminary discussions with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality regulators for permission to renovate the marina.

"We need a permit," Farquhar said. "Two DEQ guys came out and looked at a preliminary plan. Both felt indifferent, which apparently is a good sign."

"We have tentative cost estimates of over $1 million," said Matthew Tepper, assistant city manger. "It is contingent upon what the DEQ says."

Harbor renovations are paid by boaters through annual slip rentals.

"In the past fiscal year we collected $235,000 in boat rental fees," said John Modzinski, city controller.

"The harbor fund is a separately accounted item within the city," Tepper said. "We keep those costs and revenues isolated so boaters pay for the boaters' costs."

"We go from year to year with these calculations to determine how much money we've saved for capital projects," Modzinski said. "For example, three or four years ago we dredged the harbor because of low water levels. We're saving for future improvements and renovations of the harbor."

Farquhar thinks renovations could be financed without increasing well rates. But due to an increased number of larger wells, more rent would be generated.

Fees will help pretty much stay the same," Farquhar said. ""You might have someone with a 20-foot boat who has to pay for a 25-foot slip."

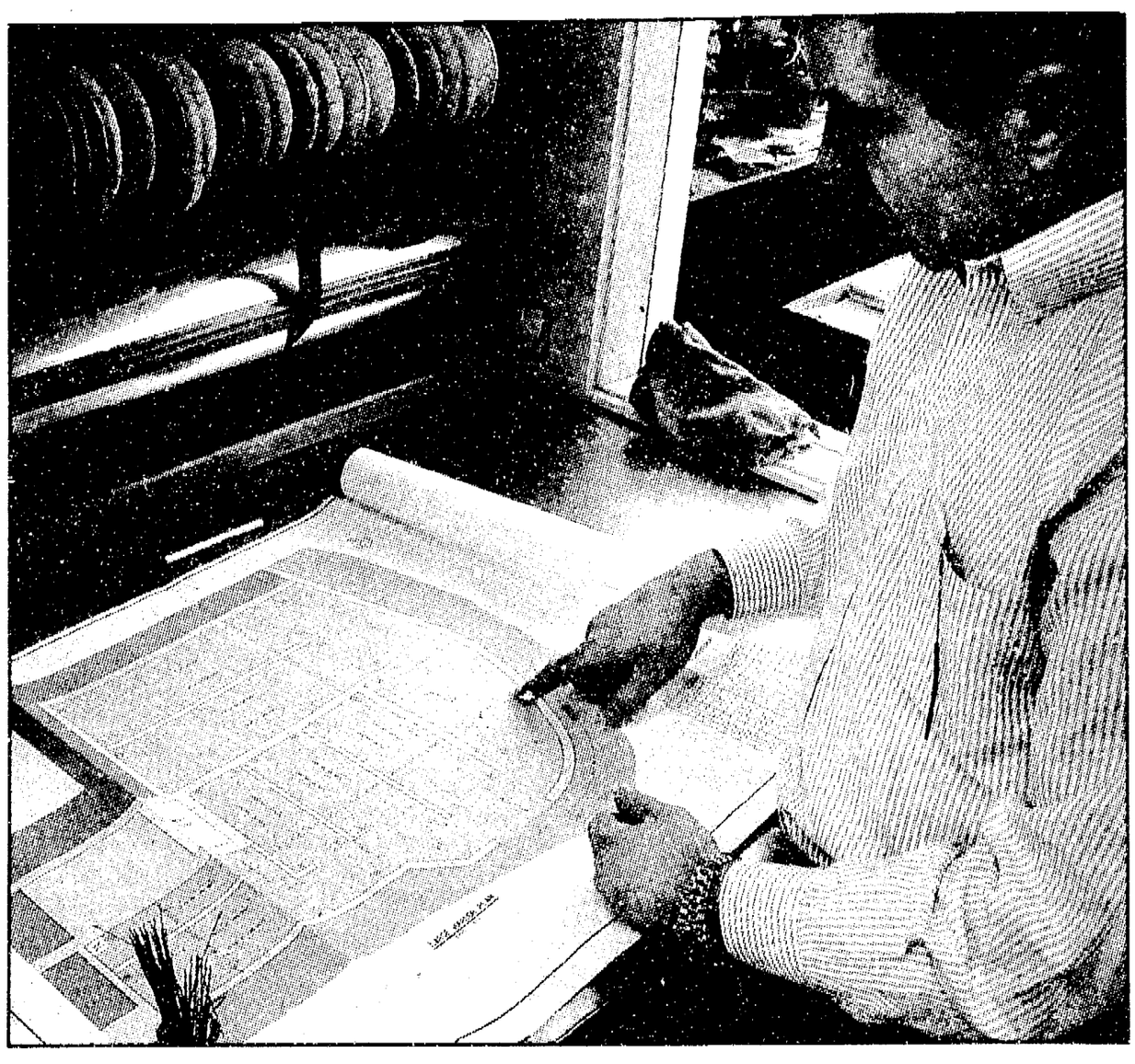


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James Farquhar, mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms, says the city is considering revisions to the harbor at Pier Park.

Bringing life to Woods' newest 'home'

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The first of about 50 of the newest residents started moving into Grosse Pointe Woods' newest, largest and perhaps most well-appointed homes this week: Sunrise Assisted Living of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Sunrise Assisted Living of Grosse Pointe Woods is the only senior-specific housing in the Grosse Pointes.

It has 57 suites to accommodate up to 70 residents — 50 assisted living residents and 20 residents who would require dementia-related care.

During a reception for founding residents and VIPs on Thursday, Jan. 20, Brian Swinton, president of Sunrise at Home Assisted Living, said, "Ten years ago when Sunrise wanted to come to the Detroit area, the Grosse Pointe area was the No. 1 choice. Since then, we've had an opportunity to open 10 centers, so you know how long we've wanted to be here."

Unlike many retirement and nursing homes, Sunrise Assisted Living of Grosse Pointe Woods provide barrier-free amenities without looking institutional. Incandescent lighting and plenty of large windows and skylights provides a warm, natural glow throughout the building. Modified wood chair rails double as handrails. Short hallways with lots of common areas accommodate those with limited mobility and encourage socialization. Residents are responsible for providing most of their own furniture in their suites.

"We encourage people to bring their own furniture because it feels more like home," said Karen Parrot, executive director of the Sunrise Assisted Living Center of Troy.

Woods building official Gene Tutag said the newest Sunrise Assisted Living Center was probably nicer than most.

"This is unlike any other Sunrise," Tutag said. "We held them to a higher standard."

In addition to the attention to the building and amenities, Mayor Robert Novitke said, "If this is a home and a neighborhood, I'm truly impressed ... This has been a long time coming."

Jody Dickerman, executive director of the Sunrise Assisted Living of Grosse Pointe Woods, was not specific in saying how many of the new residents are coming from the Grosse Pointes except for "a lot."

Robert and Mary Leigh Herdegen of Grosse Pointe Farms are two of those residents.

"Being 85 years old, we figured we better get into assisted living," said Robert Herdegen, the former Farms council member who has lived in his house with his wife since 1945. "It's time to slow down, quit worrying and change into a new lifestyle. It will be a pleasant adjustment."

Sunrise is expected to start construction on a 35-unit dementia care facility on the site of the Pointe Masonic Temple on Vernier in the Woods in the spring.



Photos by Bonnie Caprara

Sunrise Assisted Living of Grosse Pointe Woods began taking in the first of its approximately 50 founding residents on Monday, Jan. 24. The center is the first of its kind in the Grosse Pointes.

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The NAIAS was truly a world-class show

By Richard A. Wright and Jenny King

As always at the North American International Automobile Show, there was something for everyone. Amid all the glitter and glamour, this is a world-class international auto show, America's answer to the European shows in Geneva, Paris and Frankfurt and to Japan's Tokyo show.

This show is held in the American industry's hometown, but it is definitely an international show. Production car introductions represented not only American makes but also German, Japanese and Korean. Perhaps more significantly, there were concept cars from Germany, Japan, Korea and Sweden in addition to the United States.

Interested in what's new going into production? For retro fans, there is the Dodge Charger, a reincarnation of the legendary muscle car, and the Lincoln Zephyr. Ford unveiled its new mid-size Fusion sedan based on the Mazda 6, and for truck fans there were the Ford F-150 Harley and the Lincoln Mark LT.

Cadillac introduced its STS-V, a higher-performance version of its flagship STS, and Chevrolet debuted its Corvette Z06, a 500-horsepower version of the sixth-generation 2005 Corvette.

A glimpse of exciting things to come was offered by General Motors' Saturn operation with the Saturn Sky, a completely new two-seater to go on sale in early 2006. The sporty roadster, to be built in Delaware, is expected to be priced under $25,000.

Audi unveiled its new A6 Avant station wagon, and Mitsubishi debuted its new Raider and Eclipse models.

BMW debuted its new 5 Series all-wheel-drive (xDrive) models, and Mercedes-Benz introduced its new M-Class sport utility. The ML350, built in Alabama, is longer, wider and lower than the seven-year old version it replaces.

North American production introductions included Aston Martin's Vanquish S V-12, said to be the fastest Aston Martin ever, and new models of Hyundai Sonata, the first of that make to be produced at Hyundai's new plant in Montgomery, Ala., the redesigned-from-the-ground-up Kia Rio, and the redesigned Infiniti M45.

Honda introduced its first pickup truck, the Ridgeline, and Land Rover added a fifth nameplate to its lineup, the Range Rover Sport. At the Rolls-Royce stand, a representative said BMW plans to maintain Rolls-Royce's unique position in the world auto market. It is backed by BMW resources, but remains its own entity. The 2005 Phantom revives an honored name in Rolls-Royce history. Over the years, Rolls-Royce models' names have tended to reflect supernatural beings — Phantom, Silver Ghost, Silver Wraith, Silver Spirit, etc.

Mitsubishi debuted freshly styled versions of its Eclipse sports car and Raider, its first truck in a number of years, based on the Dodge Dakota.

Subaru unveiled its first crossover utility vehicle, the B9X, and Toyota showed a completely restyled Avalon full-size near-luxury sedan.

Perhaps more interesting was the peek into the future provided by the wide array of concept cars debuted at the Detroit show. And a subtheme running through the 2005 NAIAS was "year of the hybrid" as a number of makers showed gasoline-electric hybrid concepts and other alternative systems.

General Motors showed its Sequel, a crossover vehicle about the size of a Cadillac SRX to demonstrated progress it has made in development of a hydrogen fuel cell vehicle.

GM also showed its GMC Graphyte concept vehicle, a refined four-wheel-drive truck which showcases GM's latest two-mode full hybrid propulsion system, said to provide a 25 percent increase in fuel economy compared with conventional gasoline drive trains.

GM's Opel European unit showed its Opel Astra Diesel, a front-wheel-drive concept vehicle powered by a diesel-hybrid system said to deliver up to 25 percent improved fuel economy.

Lincoln-Mercury unveiled its Mercury Meta One concept car, which is powered by a twin turbo V-6 diesel hybrid system. Ford said this diesel hybrid powertrain provides high torque and meets the strictest of emission standards while achieving excellent fuel economy.

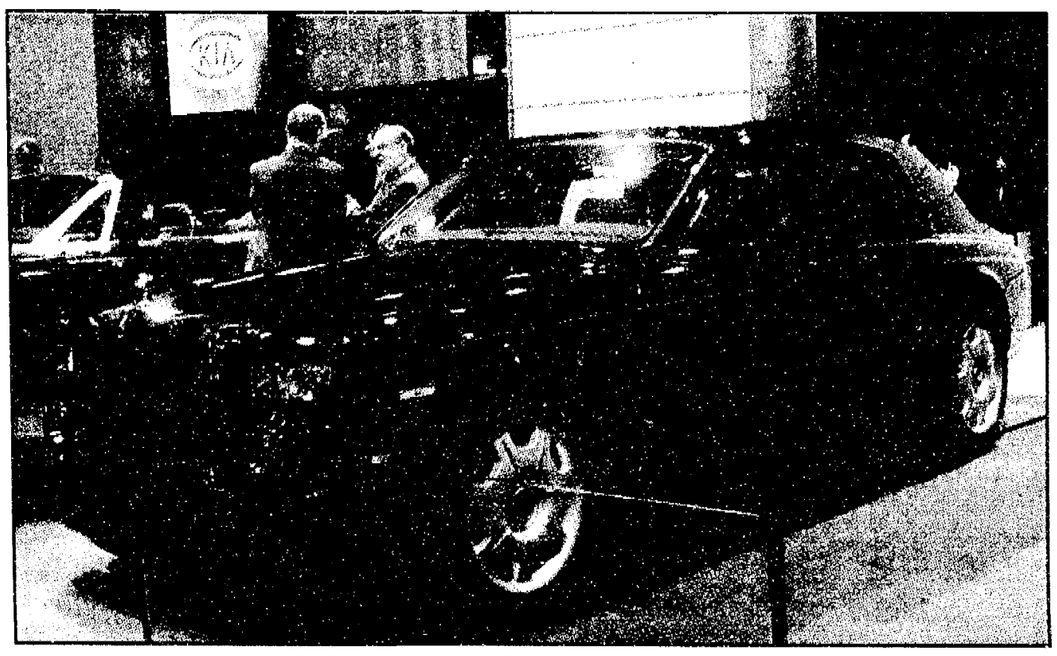
The Meta One also uses a video camera and radar working together in a Collision Mitigation by Braking system to detect collision threats, warn the driver and apply the brakes if a crash is imminent.

Volvo showed its 3CC concept car that has an electric powertrain that quietly propels the Volvo 3CC to a governed top speed of over 85 mph and delivers zero to 60 mph acceleration in less than 10 seconds with zero emis-

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Leading the pack of Smarts down Jefferson Avenue under the People Mover track toward Cobo Center was the lead black-and-yellow checked Smart two-door.



At the opposite end of the automotive spectrum from the Smart is this 2005 Rolls-Royce Phantom, the first production model launched since the legendary British marque was acquired by German maker BMW. BMW vows to maintain its elegance.

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sions.

The Volvo 3CC has dimensions similar to a classic two-seater sports car, but in fact it has a unique two-plus-one configuration, providing seating for two adults in the front and an additional adult or two children in the rear. This three-seat configuration provides a unique experience with occupant communication, unprecedented rear occupant comfort and all-around visibility for all passengers.

Chrysler Group took the automotive press by storm with its introduction of a new and unexpected concept vehicle, the Jeep Hurricane.

With two 5.7-liter 335-horsepower V-8 Hemi engines — Hemi squared — the Hurricane can go from zero to 60 mph in less than five seconds, said Chrysler CEO Dieter Zetsche. The Hurricane features split solid axles, with a V-8 at each end of the truck. It has a mechanically controlled four-wheel torque distribution system.

Hurricane has the unusual ability to spin on its axis — Chrysler calls it a "turntable feature." It also has four-wheel steering to help out if it gets "between a rock and a hard place," Zetsche said.

Automotive writers voted the Chrysler 300 car of the year, and the Ford Escape hybrid was honored as truck of the year. A concept car from ASC (formerly American Sunroof Corp., now American Specialty Cars) showed a stunning four-door convertible version of the Chrysler 300 it called the Helios.

In addition to its Chrysler 300 four-door convertible, ASC revealed a snappy Dearborn Deuce Convertible, which looks like a '32 Ford hot rod. It can be purchased in part ($22,500) or as a finished product ($80,000) from Connecticut-based Hot Rods & Horsepower.

It also showed its Solara Platinum, how ASC sees its work on the Toyota mid-size convertible unfolding. The ASC Diamondback is a fixed-roof version of the Chevrolet SSR which the company already helps produce. It features a 500-HP, supercharged engine, carbon fiber body above the beltline and a bevy of accessories.

A mustard-yellow Pontiac GTO Stinger completed ASC's display. Tricked out with good looks and a Ram air induction system, this version of Pontiac's mid-size car likely would run close to $40,000 with a supercharged engine.

One of the most intriguing of the new concepts was Ford's SYN, a sport utility with design cues from bank vaults and armored cars. Ford said the SYN was designed for young independent drivers in modern cities.

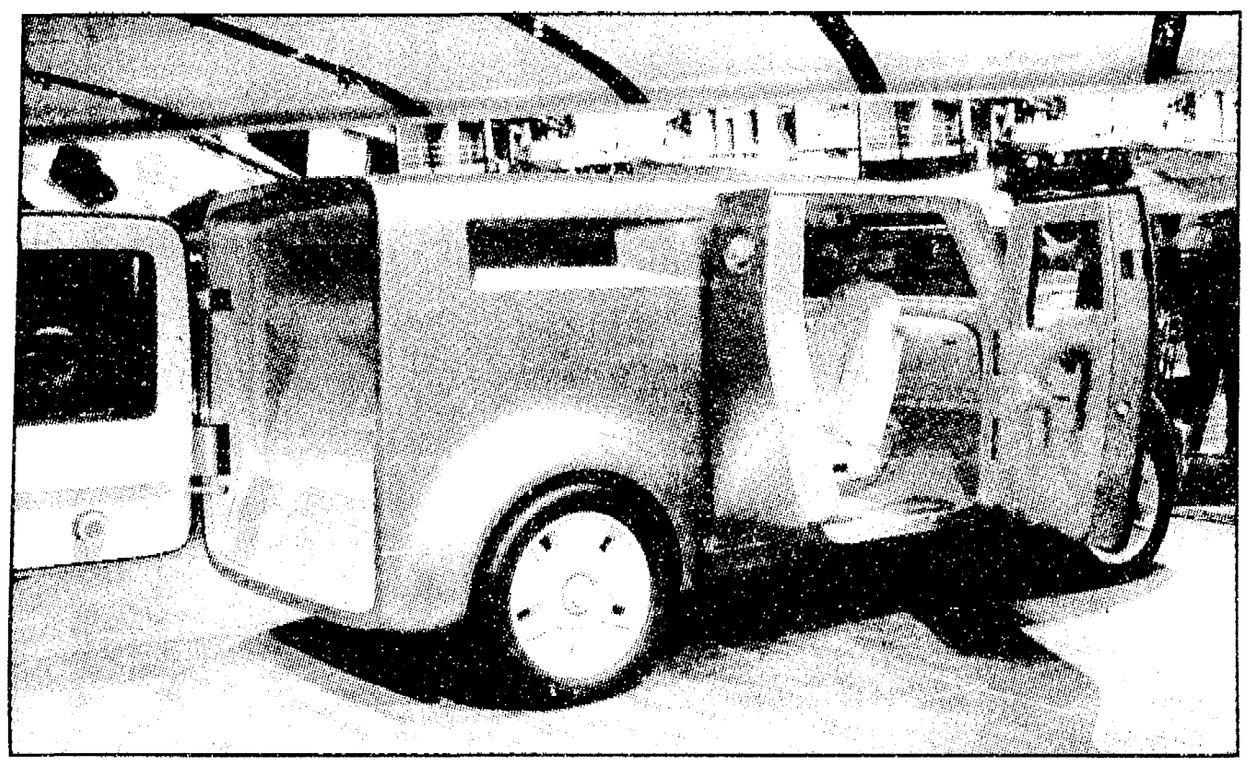
But some of the highlights of the show were not new production vehicles or new concept vehicles. DaimlerChrysler, apparently testing the waters for possible introduction to the American market, had a display on the show floor of its Smart minicar, now selling well in Europe, where gasoline is expensive.

In addition, outside Cobo Center, a fleet of Smarts was buzzing around the area attracting a lot of attention, while a team of presenters leapt about and waved them on.

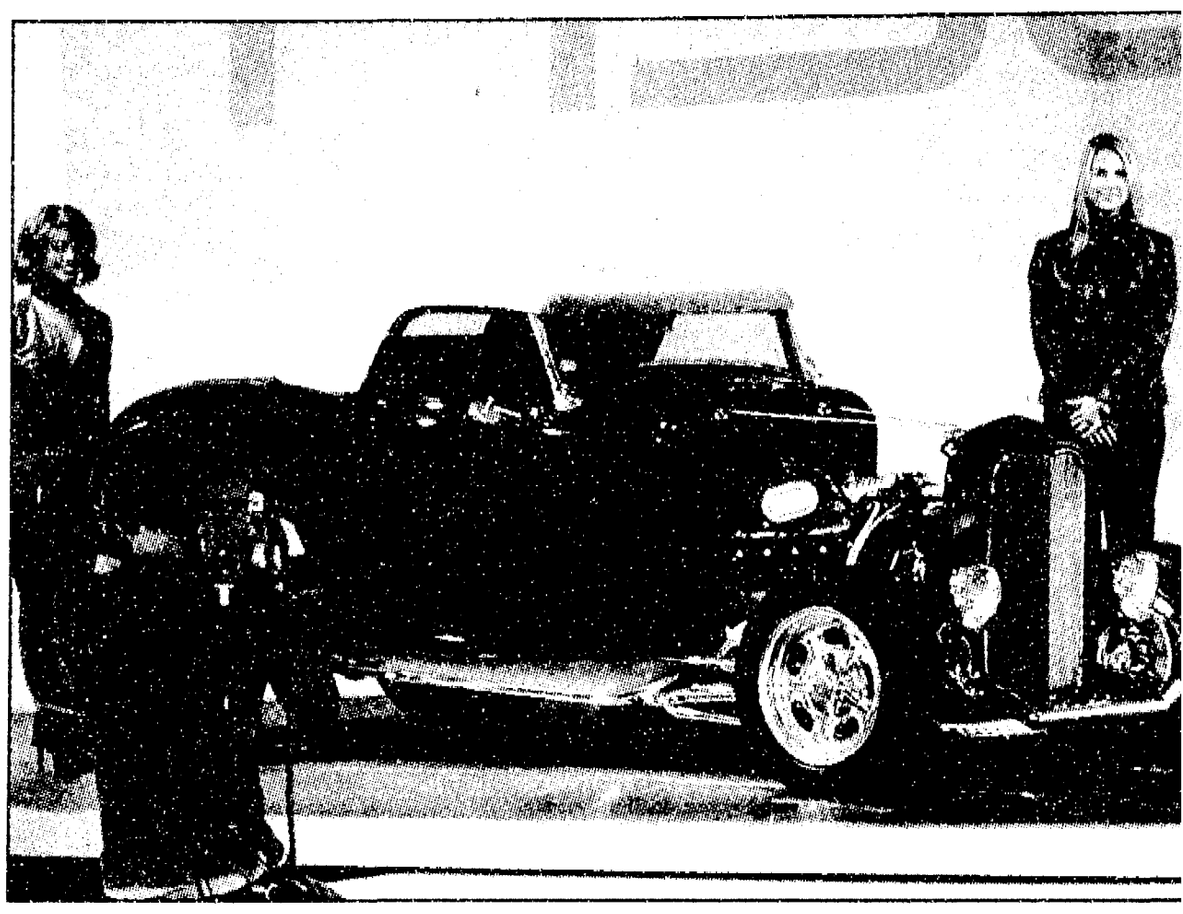
One of the biggest problems with tires is underinflation, according to federal safety regulators. To address this problem, Michelin has developed a tire that needs no air pressure.

Michelin's "Tweel" is a single polymer unit including wheel and tire which was developed largely in cooperation with the Segway personal mobilit vehicle. At a press confer ence at the NAIAS, Michelin demonstrated t new tire on a powered wheelchair and a motorc cle.

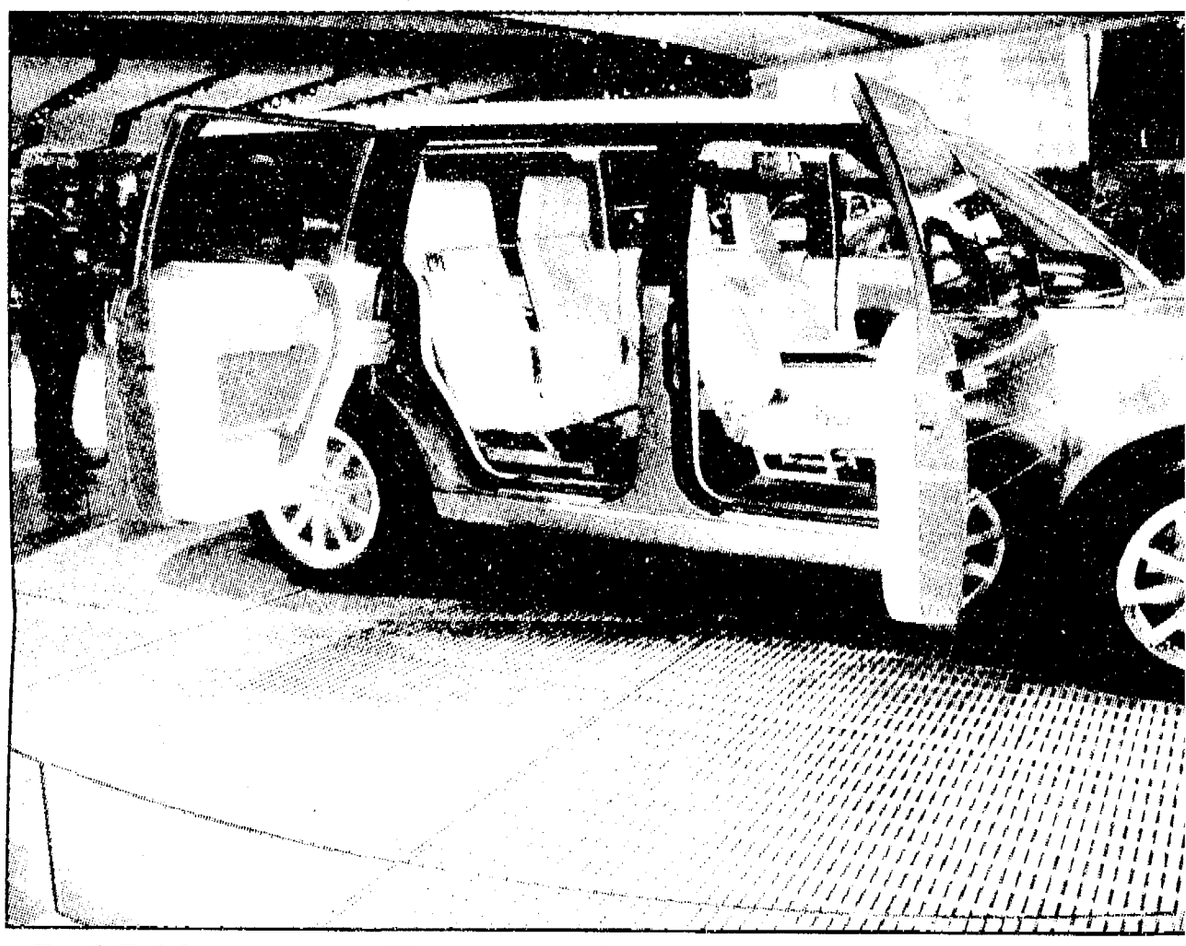
A spokesman said the tire has been tested in m itary and construction u More testing is required, he said, before we see th Tweel on production aut mobiles.



Ford Motor Co.'s SYN US concept is a compact SUV meant for urban dwellers who take the idea of security very seriously. Self-deploying shutters cover SYN's windows when parked, and bullet-proof glass protects drivers from stray gunfire, all while the largest flat screen LCD ever mounted in a vehicle entertains passengers inside.



This Dearborn Deuce idea car from ASC (formerly American Sunroof Co now American Specialty Cars) takes the shape of a 1932 Ford hot rod.



Ford Fairlane sport utility concept is very user friendly, with wide-open doors. Big windows and comfortable-looking seats in an airy greenhouse ma this boxy truck very inviting for people and parcels.



A visitor to the Smart display inspects a two-door sedan model of the ma which may be positioning itself for entry into the North American market.



One of the stars of this year's North American International Auto Show w this ASC Chrysler 300 four-door convertible.

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Angry drunk

A 25-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man with a .19 percent blood alcohol level argued with hometown officers Friday, Jan. 21, at 2:04 a.m., during his arrest for drunken driving.

"(He) became belligerent on the way to (the) station," police said.

Officers had seen his black 2005 Dodge Magnum swerving on eastbound Mack near St. Clair.

"(His) eyes were bloodshot," police said. The man admitted consuming two drinks, police said.

Fake credit

A 40-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man learned last week that someone has been opening fraudulent credit accounts in his name.

He discovered the crimes when contacted by a national department store representative regarding a credit application submitted over the Internet.

The man contacted a credit reporting agency and learned applications in his name have been sent to six stores ranging from Georgia to New Mexico.

One application resulted in a $226 purchase.

Stolen blower

A man living in the 700 block of Notre Dame woke up the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 19, to discover his garage door open and snow blower missing.

City of Grosse Pointe police said the stolen equipment was a black and gold 26-inch, nine horsepower MTD Yard Machine model E640F valued at $1,600.

Steals bike

On Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 11:34 a.m., City of Grosse Pointe police caught a 33-year-old male resident riding a stolen mountain bike on Mack near Washington.

The man was carrying a stolen Homelight leaf blower and bicycle air pump.

Wallet gone

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, between 2:45 and 4 p.m., an unknown thief stole a man's wallet from a medical office on the 17700 block of Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"Office personnel heard the (back) door open and close but thought nothing of it until the (victim) found his wallet gone."

The wallet contained credit cards, $30 cash and two endorsed checks.

Tab snipped

Someone cut off the license tab from a license plate on the car of a City of Grosse Pointe woman living in the 17600 block of Mack. The car had been parked behind her residence the night of Saturday, Jan. 15.

"It appears the tab was cut off with tin snips," police said.

Credit fraud

An unknown thief used the Internet last week trying to obtain an $800 money order in the name of a City of Grosse Pointe man. Police linked the transaction to a man living in Gainesville, Mich.

Tools taken

A resident of the 300 block of Moran told Grosse Pointe Farms police that between 2 and 5 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, someone entered his unlocked garage and stole a Craftsman toolbox and tools with a combined value of $2,000.

"(He) realized the larceny when he went outside to snowplow his driveway and found some of his tools in the street," police said.

Drunk speeds

On Saturday, Jan. 22, at 1:52 a.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police arrested a 34-year-old Dearborn man for drunken driving. His blood alcohol level measured .14.

"He stated he had been at a party in Grosse Pointe and had been drinking beer since midnight," police said.

A patrolman said the man had been speeding on eastbound Mack near Moross.

Purse taken

On Friday, Jan. 21, at 5:30 p.m., a City of Grosse Pointe woman was visiting friends in the 300 block of Touraine in the Farms when she saw a thief enter her unlocked car and take her purse.

"She left her friend's house screaming at the man," said Farms police.

The woman got in her vehicle and pursued the thief, who was driving a silver Honda Civic two-door with a dented front bumper and damaged left rear corner panel. She lost the Honda in the area of Mack and Hillcrest.

An hour later someone tried to use her Visa card to withdraw cash from a money machine in Detroit.

Scammed

A 50-year-old Clawson woman is suspected of cheating a Grosse Pointe Farms woman out of $3,500.

Last June the suspect, employed at an interior design firm, reportedly offered to obtain furniture for the Farms woman at a discount price. Police said the woman failed to fulfill the obligation despite accepting payment.

Officers learned the suspected offered the deal as a "side job" independent of her employer. She wrote the order on a fake invoice and no longer works for the design company.

$7,000 fraud

A 34-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man told police someone obtained his credit information to charge $7,000 worth of transactions between Dec. 27-29 at two department stores in five Detroit suburbs.

Fire smothered

On Friday, Jan. 21, at 12:40 p.m., Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers extinguished a small grease fire in the kitchen of a house on Hawthorne.

Officers smothered flames with a pan lid.

Plow citations

Grosse Pointe Shores police earlier this winter made it clear to snowplow operators that permits are required to work legally in the community. Several warnings were issued.

During the snowstorm Saturday, Jan. 22, officers cited seven offenders operating from mid-afternoon to nearly midnight.

Warrants

A 31-year-old St. Clair Shores man with seven driving suspensions and three outstanding warrants totaling $1,250 was caught last week by Grosse Pointe Shores police.

A patrolman saw the man operating a tan 1994 Geo Prizm four-door southbound on Lakeshore on Monday, Jan. 17, at 9:29 p.m. The vehicle had a broken taillight.

Officers released the driver to Hazel Park police on an outstanding traffic warrant. The man also was wanted in Highland Park, but due to manpower shortages authorities were unable to pick him up.

Refuses test

A 42-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man refused to take a preliminary breath test during a drunken driving investigation Saturday, Jan. 22, at 2:35 a.m., in Grosse Pointe Shores.

A patrolman reported the man swerving a 2003 Chevrolet across the center line of southbound Lakeshore.

Police said the suspect smelled of intoxicants, failed three field sobriety tests and admitted drinking two beers.

A search warrant allowed officers to take the man to an eastside hospital for his blood to be tested for alcohol content.

Drunk driving

A 31-year-old Troy man was arrested Friday, Jan. 21, at 7:35 p.m., in Grosse Pointe Shores for his second drunken driving offense. Police said the man registered a .13 percent blood alcohol level.

The man was caught in the 500 block of Lakeshore driving a black 1992 Ford Explorer registered to a man from Royal Oak.

Under new Wayne County guidelines targeting people who repeatedly violate laws governing alcohol and driving, the Explorer is subject to forfeiture despite its belonging to someone else.

Grosse Pointe Woods police mailed the man a ticket for a hit-and-run accident and driving with a suspended license.

— Brad Lindberg

Snow blower taken in Woods

A snow blower was taken from a garage in the 2100 block of Anita in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime during the night of Jan. 17-18.

Another snowblower was taken from a Woods garage in the 2000 block of Norwood sometime between Sunday, Jan. 16, and Wednesday, Jan. 19.

6 warrants

A Detroit resident was arrested at midnight for multiple charges during a traffic stop in the 1400 block of Wayburn on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Officers pulled over the driver's 1989 Cadillac Deville for improper plates. During the investigation, officers discovered the driver had six outstanding warrants, a suspended driver's license and was in possession of narcotics and $1,160 cash.

Trailer B&E

A trailer parked in a driveway in the 1800 block of Manchester in Grosse Pointe Woods was broken into sometime between 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20, and 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 21.

A reciprocal saw, two roofing coil nail guns, a drill, a staple gun and a nail gun were reported missing.

The owner of the trailer said a padlock, which had secured the trailer, was missing.

— Bonnie Caprara

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Reward to catch bank robber

Gunman wishes victims 'Happy New Year'

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Police aren't cutting an armed bank robber any slack for being polite.

"He told everybody to stay on the ground, jumped over the (teller) counter and took what he could get," said Ron Wieczorek, a City of Grosse Pointe detective. "He jumped back over the counter, ran out the door and called, 'Thank you and have a happy New Year.'"

"We will get this guy," said Chief Al Fincham. "We want to send a clear message. **You're not going to come to** Grosse Pointe, commit crimes and get away with it. We'll get you eventually."

No one was injured during the high-noon robbery Tuesday, Jan. 18, of Charter One Bank on Notre Dame in the Village.

Fincham said it was the first bank robbery during his 31 years with the department, and likely the first in the City's 100-year history.

The robber got away with "large amount of cash," police said.

"People (in the bank) were very cool and collected and made very good witnesses," Fincham said.

Witnesses said the unknown suspect entered the bank and bided his time in line waiting for a teller. When called to the counter he raised a blue steel automatic pistol over his head and yelled, "Everybody on the ground."

Security videos rolled as customers spread out face down.

"We got some really good pictures from inside the bank," Wieczorek said. "He wore no mask, no sunglasses or disguise other than a knit hat with a brim."

Police described the suspect as a thin black male in his late 20s or early 30s, 5-foot-8, about 150 pounds

He wore a black 3/4-length coat, light khaki pants and black tennis shoes.

"CrimeStoppers and Charter One bank have offered rewards," Fincham said.

Police are certain he's the same man seen minutes before drinking coffee at the bar of the Village Grill. The restaurant's back door is about 150 feet from the bank's main entrance.

"He left a 50 cent tip," Wieczorek said. "He appears on a Village Grill security tape. He took his coffee and walked out. We're looking for the cup for DNA evidence."

Fincham and another detective were on the scene within seconds. They'd been eating lunch in a booth at the Grill.

"By the time the dispatcher finished dispatching the call, we were at the door of the bank," Fincham said. "He was already gone."



Photos courtesy City of Grosse Pointe police

City of Grosse Pointe police said rewards have been offered for information leading to the arrest of this armed gunman who last week robbed a bank in the Village.



Police think the man set up police by creating a diversion with a bogus emergency report.

Shortly before the robbery — police logs list 11:51 a.m. — a City dispatcher registered a 911 cellular call from an anonymous male. The caller reported a vehicle accident at East Jefferson and Lincoln involving a man with a gun.

"All units were in the area searching for the accident when the robbery was being committed," said Officer J.P. Cormier.

Wieczorek said restaurant video shows the suspect using a cell phone at the time of the fake 911 call.

Witnesses said the suspect escaped the area in a brown, late-model Chevrolet Impala parked a half block away from the bank on Kercheval Place. The man drove north on Cadieux toward Detroit.

Witnesses got the license plate.

"Of course, it didn't match the vehicle," Wieczorek said.

Officers dusted the bank for fingerprints, took shoe prints and issued an alert for the Impala.

Detectives are seeking search warrants for telephone records to trace ownership of the cell phone used to report the fake car crash.

"The FBI says they're not aware of this individual robbing any other banks," Wieczorek said. "He may have been in the bank previously."

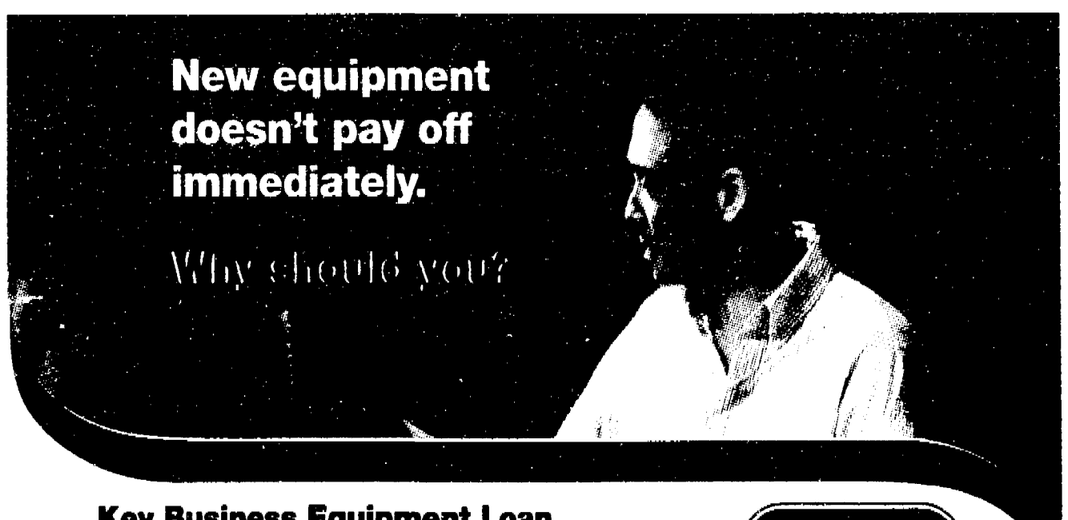
The City had one armed robbery all of last year. Three armed men held up a credit union in the basement of Bon Secours Hospital.

"All three of them are serving federal time," Fincham said.

Earlier this year, three gunman with a pistol and short-barrel shotgun robbed a pizza parlor on Mack near University.

"We've already had two armed robberies this year," Fincham said. "Are we upset about that? Yes. Are we going to get these guys? Yes."





Contractors tour G.P. Shores Osius Park marina

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

It's happening all over the Great Lakes, everywhere there are municipal marinas and yacht clubs.

It might happen in Grosse Pointe Shores, where a marina and yacht club share the same harbor. It's a cramped, convoluted, decaying harbor years past its prime, according to those who want at least the municipal half brought up to date.

Complaints include fiberboard docks that decay when wet. Boat slips are too narrow for modern, wide pleasure craft. Electrical utilities are outdated to power amenities found on modern cruisers.

"People are buying bigger boats with air conditioning and things like that," said Jim Cooke, Shores park director. "The (electrical) power system installed here was to run boats of 40 years ago."

The Shores harbor at Osius Park contains a series of fairways that zig-zag 90 degrees around secondary docks. Traffic funnels under a pedestrian drawbridge on the Yacht Club side of the marina that leads to a harbor opening unprotected from southern winds pushing waves across Lake St. Clair.

"The sight lines are terrible," said Ted Huebner, a Shores boater.

He described the pattern of maneuvers during exit. "Right turn, right turn, left turn through the bridge. It causes all kinds of bottlenecks."

The route presents other challenges upon entering the harbor in a following sea.

"The surge through the harbor is enormous," Huebner said. "We've had cases of a 45-foot boat on a wave crashing into the pier. Part of our concern is traffic patterns, safety and navigation.

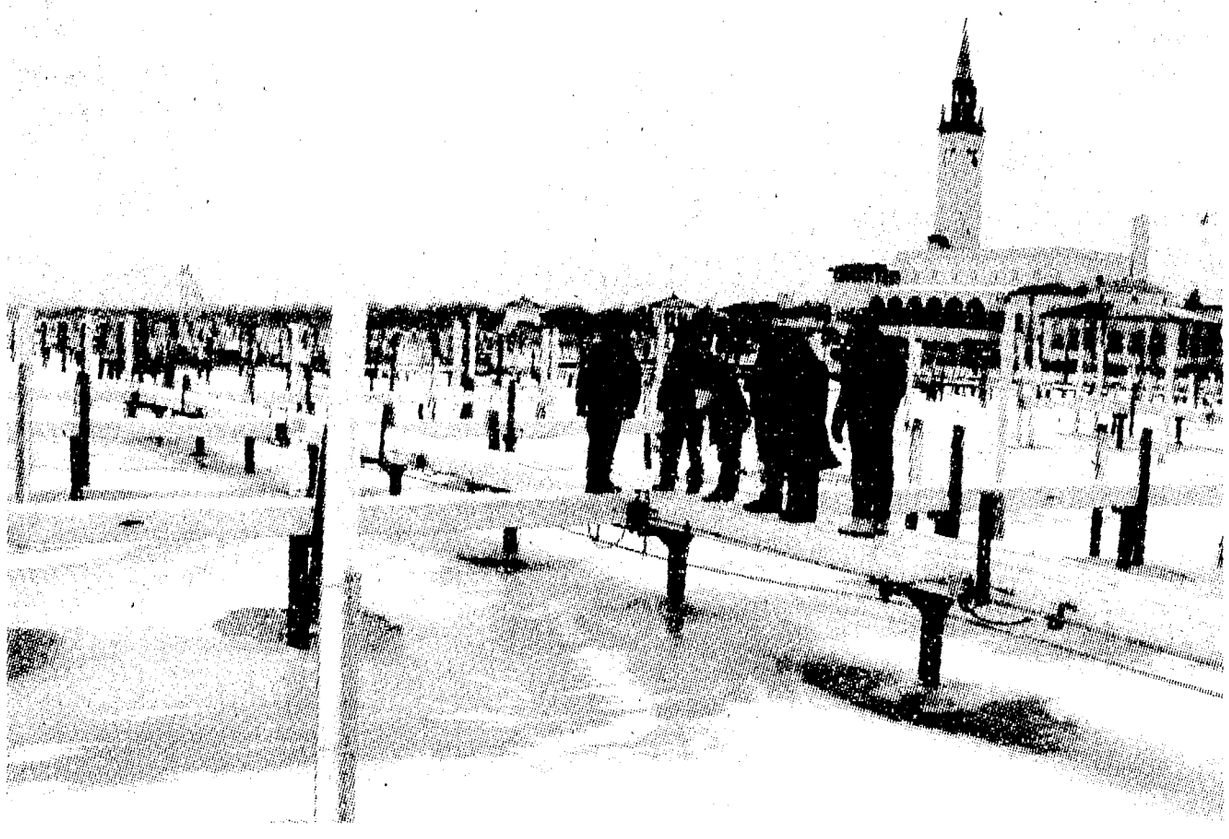
Shores officials are seeking bids from construction firms to overhaul the facility.

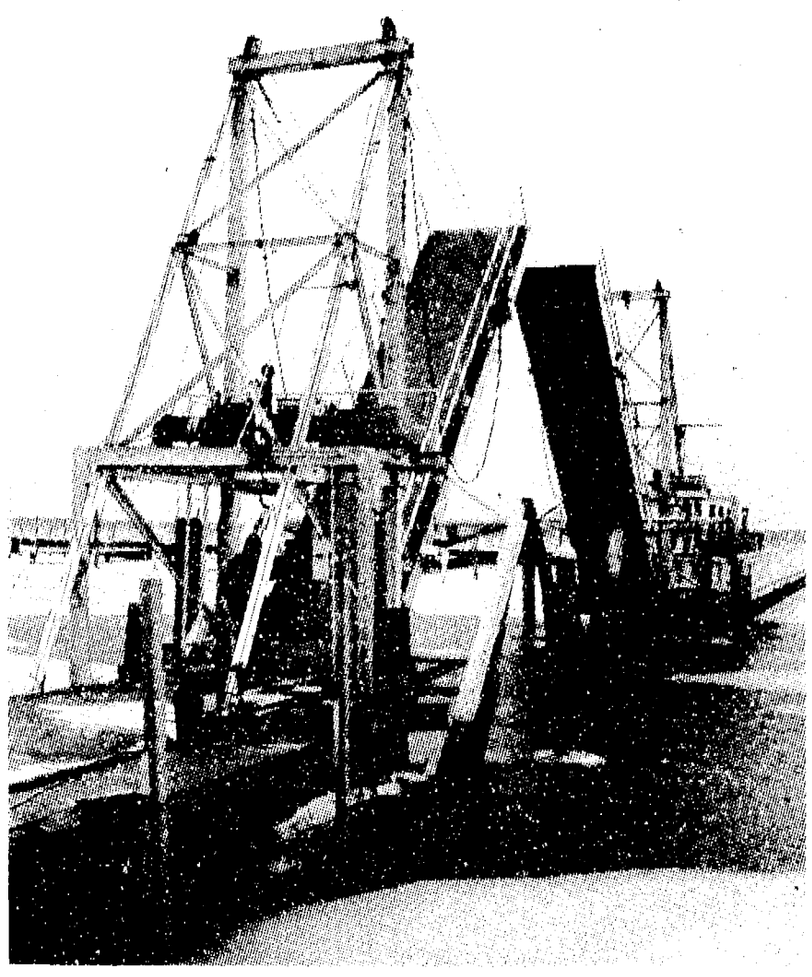
It's a timely request, according to marina designers that last week toured Osius harbor.

"It's very typical," said Bradley Fausnacht, group director of marina and waterfront development for The Abonmarche Group, an engineering firm in Benton Harbor. "Bigger boats are wider. You want to accommodate your clientele."

"Many harbors are going through renovations," said Dale Sass, vice president of JJR, an engineering firm in Ann Arbor. "Harbors built years ago are showing their age. There's also a change in boat size and demands of boats for more power, water and everything."

Representatives of a third company, United Design Associates of Cheboygan, were unable to join the tour but will review the marina at a later day, according to Karl Kratz, a Shores trustee and municipal representative on the harbor committee.





Photos by Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Shores representatives shepherd engineers through the harbor at Osius Park, access to which requires passage under a drawbridge.

Rates

From page 6A

2006. Likewise, the park's largest wells (built to handle boats 34 to 39 feet long) will increase in cost from the present $1,400 to $1,456.

Vick said fees are reviewed each year to make sure users, rather than general citizens, pay their share of administrative and inspection costs.

Other fee changes approved this week were limited to the recreation and building departments. All other fees remain the same.

Recreation fee increases go into effect next month. They include charging $4 per person for previously free teen nights, outdoor movies and the haunted Halloween event at Neff Park.

An American Red Cross class in babysitter training will double in cost to $40.

On the other hand, it will cost less to rent the Norbs room at Neff Park. Fees were lowered to $25 for a five-hour block. The old rate was $100.

Vick hopes a lower rate promotes increased use of the room.

"The room could be used a lot more," he said.

There are no increase costs for lifeguard training, swimming, diving, aquatic aerobic, aquatic exercise and Scuba diving classes.

"It's a great deal," said Jean Weipert, council member.

"They aren't meant to be money-makers," Overton said.

A new fee has been added to the building department.

"Our current fee structure does not address fire alarm systems," Vick said. "Our electrical inspector feels this would be a prudent addition in light of the fact that new fire alarm systems are pending for Bon Secours Hospital and potential Village developments."

Rates apply to commercial alarms only. Residential alarms are exempt.

Commercial fire alarm fees are as follows:

- control panel, $50;
- central station connection or dialer, $25;
- initiating device, $5 each;
- aux control device, $5 each;
- audio visual device, $5 each;
- communication drive, $5 each; and
- plan review (plans must be submitted for three or more zones), $125.

Obits

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Mary Kent Ireland, Barbara (Robert) Wachter, and Catherine (Thomas) Grunewald; her son, Albert Henry Zimmerman; her 19 grandchildren; and her 27 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Kent A. Zimmerman; her daughter, Betty Jane Muer; her son, Rush Albert Zimmerman; her parents, Joseph and Lydia Rush; and her sister, Ruth Ragland.

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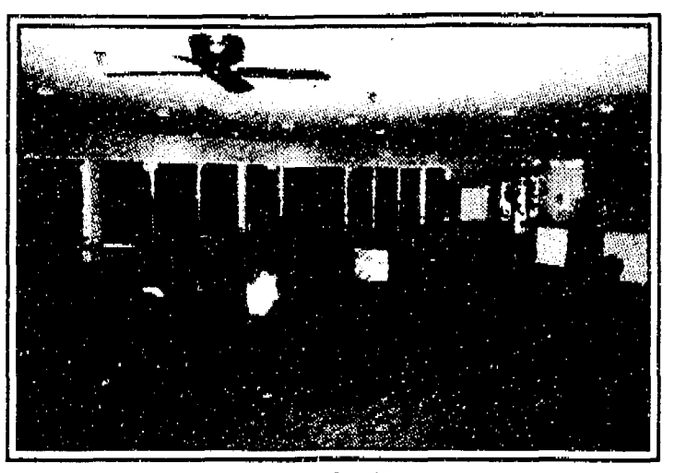
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January 27, 2005

Bon Secours Emergency Center turns 'Ows' into 'Wows'

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

No one wants to go to an emergency room, but the new Bon Secours Hospital Emergency Center is so impressive, it is almost worth visiting.

Bon Secours spent nearly two years renovating the center which was dedicated in July 2004.

The new design is the result of input from physicians, nurses, staff members, board members and members of the community.

"One of our goals was for the efficient flow of patients and the use of the staff," said Dr. Steven Sandubrae, medical director of the emergency center.

The new design made the center more efficient by eliminating the central hallway that divided the old emergency room into two sections.

Now the area is laid out so the flow of patients follows a very logical and organized pattern. New patients are immediately seen by the triage nurse who evaluates their situation. If their condition is urgent or life-threatening, they are immediately whisked into one of the patient rooms.

The renovation added an extra 10,000 square feet in order to treat emergency patients more efficiently.

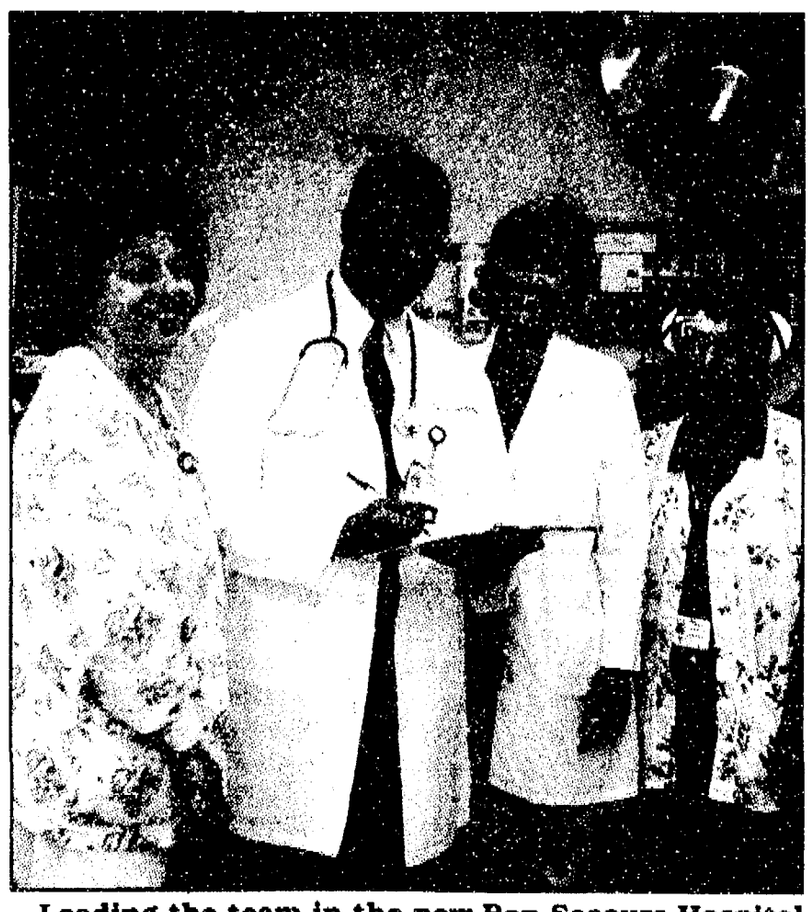
At any given moment, Bon Secours must be able to treat a wide variety of emergencies from heart attacks, pneumonia, fractures and stitches. The high volume of patients demanded more space.

"We were bursting at the seams," Sandubrae said. "Now we are better able to meet the needs of the community."

The renovation makes the E.R. more efficient and patient-friendly.

"Patients who have been here before are in awe of the new place," triage nurse Becky Hiedemann said. "They just love it."

The center is decorated to create a soothing and comforting atmosphere for patients. The color scheme consists of subtle blue, green, plum and gold hues.



Leading the team in the new Bon Secours Hospital Emergency Center from the left are, Bev Gandalfi, R.N., Assistant Nurse Manager; Steven Sandubrae, D.O., Medical Director; Donna Micallef, R.N., MSN, N.P., Director; and Joann Vitale, R.N., Emergency Clinician.

Art and lighting are also important design elements in the new space. The lighting is soft and natural. Original pieces of art, donated by Lynn and Stan Day, are displayed throughout the center.

The additional space enabled the hospital to create a space for 22 patient rooms and a 10-bed "fast track" area for patients with less critical ailments such as cuts and fractures.

The 32 beds in the center lessen the possibility that a patient will be sitting in the waiting room for very long.

"If there is an empty bed, a patient will be immediately placed in one," Sandubrae said.

The patient rooms are very private with only one bed per room.

"HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) regulations were a driving force for this amount of privacy," said Bon Secours Cottage Health Services Community Relations Coordinator Jan Duster. "Now our emergency patients can talk to our E.R. staff with complete confidentiality."

While each room only contains one bed, there is plenty of seating space so patients can have family members with them during their entire stay in the center.

"We are so pleased to have enough room so family members can be with patients during their entire time in the emergency room," Duster said. "We believe family is so important to decreasing the stress level of patients."

The new emergency center is also equipped with the latest technology. Each patient room is outfitted with a state-of-the-art monitor that is connected to a centralized monitor at the nurses' station.

"Now the nurses know what is going on in every room," said Sandubrae.

The cherry paneled nurses' station is so attractive, if it weren't for the medical monitors and equipment, one might think it was a hotel's reception desk.

"The design of this area creates a calm atmosphere, even though it is the middle of an emergency room," Duster said.

"To the right of the nurses' station is the 10-bed "fast track" area where patients with less critical ailments or injuries can be assessed and treated quickly.

"Our goal is to get these patients out within an hour," Sandubrae said.

The "fast track" area is opened daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., generally the emergency center's busiest times. The space has an orthopedic room with casting materials to set all sorts of fractures.

To the left of the nurses' station is a special room called the pulmonary resuscitation room. The room is larger than the other patient rooms because it contains all the medical equipment necessary to treat patients under cardiac arrest.

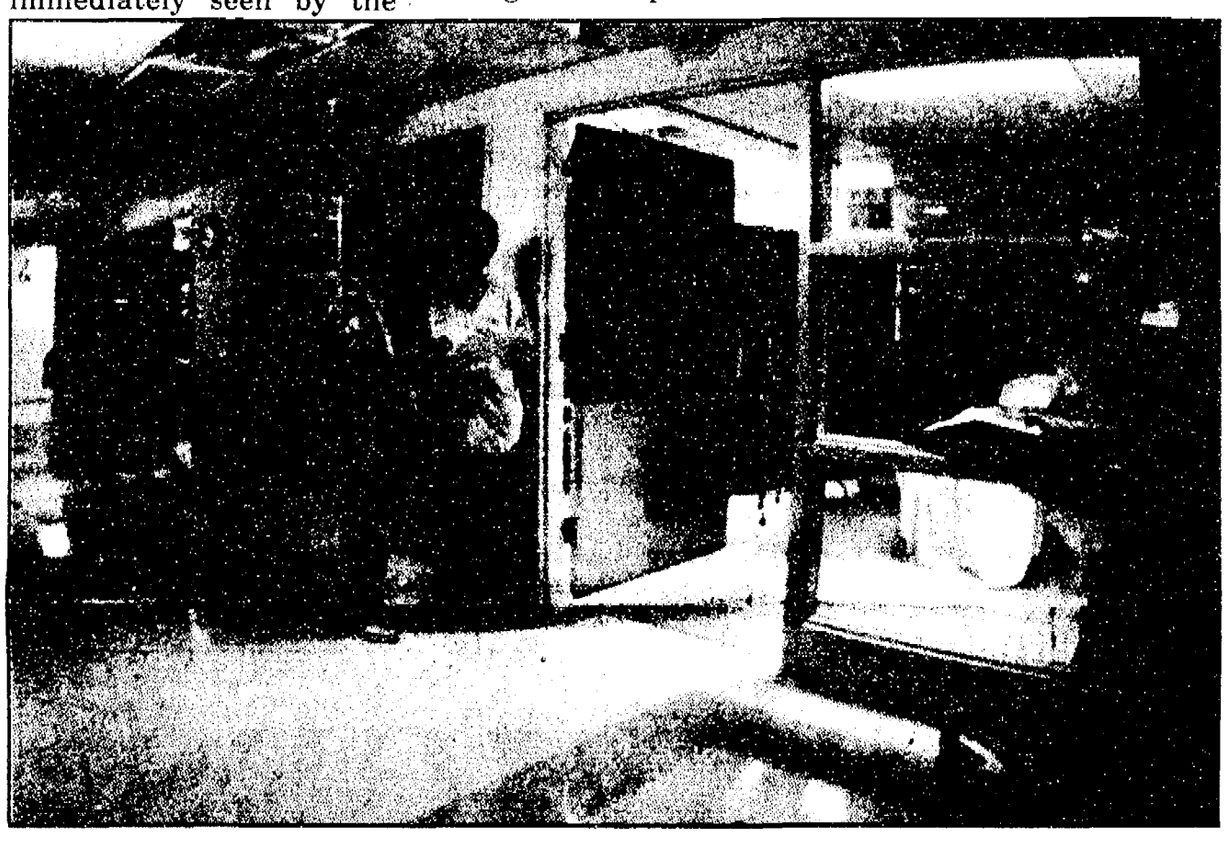
This room also has ample seating for family members who can stay with patients, if the circumstance allows.

The emerency center now contains a decontamination suite which enables the hospital to treat any patients exposed to hazardous materials.

Exposed patients enter through a separate door and are met by staff members dressed in protective gear. The patients are treated in a decontamination shower to rinse off the hazardous chemical.

Bon Secours took part last fall in a mock contamination drill for southeast Michigan at Ford Field.

"We hope that we never have to use it," Duster said, "but it's good to know that we are prepared."



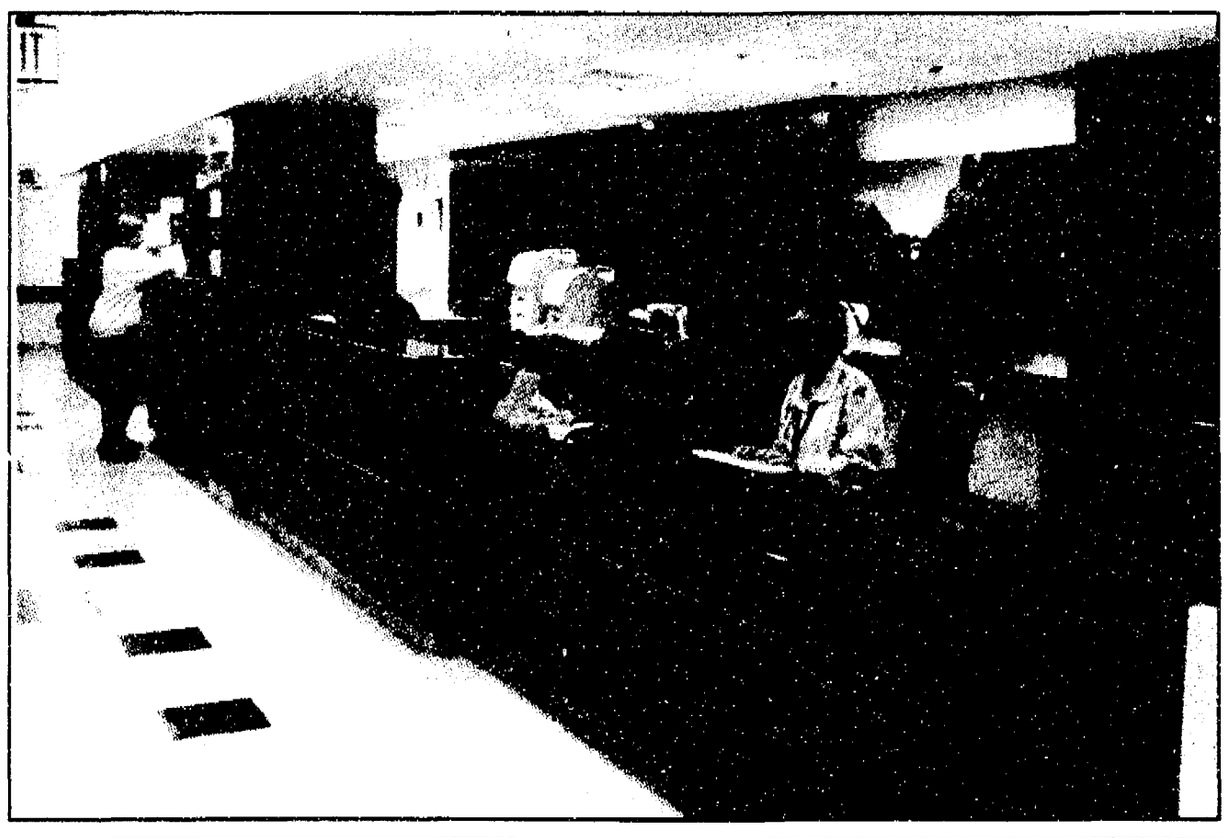




Photo by Beth Quinn

Patients are placed as quickly as possible into one of the centers 22 private beds, top.

Emergency clinician Joan Vitale works at the new nurses' station strategically placed in the middle of the action, center.

The 10-bed "fast track" area is designed to treat patients with minor injuries within an hour, bottom.



Monnett takes over Memorial Church's education programs

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

"I'd never gone out to lunch with a minister," explained the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's interim associate pastor the Rev. James D. Monnett Jr. on how he got into the ministry.

Involved in the youth ministry in his home church outside Cleveland, Monnett ate his McDonald's meal while listening to his pastor suggest that God was calling him into the pastoral field. "Look into the ministry," his pastor told him.

Monnett was advised to go to college and take courses that interested him. He took that advice and attended Hope College, majoring in sociology and leading Bible studies for his fellow classmates.

"I found I really enjoyed serving people and God," he said. That led him to McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago where he received his degree and was assigned to a church in southern Indiana. He remained there for five years before moving to Harrison Township and serving at Lake Shore Presbyterian Church in St. Clair Shores for five years. On Dec. 1, Monnett took over the interim associate pastor's job in Grosse Pointe Farms. Here he is the head of Christian education for all ages of the church which has nearly 1,600 communicant members.

"This is a friendly place, a wonderful place to serve God," he said.

In the recreation program and music programs, as well as OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Still) program, Monnett encourages members of all ages to go more deeply into their Christian faith. "I love education."

Monnett is also looking forward to accompanying Julie Bellovich and some 30 high school students on their June mission trip to Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf in Montego Bay, Jamaica. This will be his first mission trip outside the Continental United States.

"I don't know for sure what we'll be doing," whether it is manual labor or evangelism work.

Signing a single year contract at the time, Monnett said he would continue the work of his predecessors Tom Rice, who is head of staff at the First Presbyterian Church in Royal Oak, and Joanna Dunn, a church assistant in Boise, Idaho.

"I will continue to work with people to go deeper in

Mission trip starts with garage sale

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Before the youth of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church can travel to Jamaica for a mission trip helping deaf children, each one must have enough money to get there and back.

Over the course of the past few months, about 30 ninth through 12th graders have been selling pizzas and cheesecakes, among other fundraisers to bank the funds needed for their first or their fourth mission trip.

"The kids must earn their money. Their parents can't help them," said Geneva Halliday, who is assisting in organizing the garage sale on Saturday, March 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The garage sale is the latest effort in earning money for a week in Jamaica's deaf community. The tropical island country in the Caribbean has some 2,500 deaf children. A hearing impaired Jamaican child is ostracized, explained Julie Bellovich, who will be chaperoning her 10th youth mission trip. The youth group and a few adult chaperones will be working in one of three nondenominational Christian sites set up specifically for this segment of the population. In this community the children are brought together to learn a skill to become employed.

"We will mainly be working on a building project, building a dormitory or a cafeteria," she said. Assignments of where and what the manual labor project is to be will be relayed to the Grosse Pointe contingent in the late spring.

All Memorial Church high school students are eligible to go on this annual mission trip. On a rotating basis, trips are scheduled for the United States and abroad. The 2005 trip to Jamaica is classified as a stateside project. The youth group is also involved in building and rehabbing homes in Detroit and has worked with Habitat for Humanity, Bellovich said. "Going places is fun, but it's just as critical (to work) in your own backyard."

Donations may be dropped off between 4 and 7 p.m. on Friday, March 11, at the church, 16 Lakeshore Drive. Students will be there to accept the donations. And they will be pricing the items for sale the following day.

Lay Theological Academy sets program

The Lay Theological Academy will present the Rev. Robert M. Wills in a program "Marriage and Spirituality -- A Valentine Special," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack.

Wills is a licensed marriage and family therapist. The program will anticipate the spirit of Valentine's Day with an interactive, thoughtful probing of the spirituality of marriage.

The cost is $5. Call (313) 886-4301.

The Lay Theological Academy's mission is to provide ecumenical opportunities for adults so they may grow in knowledge, mature in Christian faith and become better equipped for ministry in the world.

The LTA member congregations are: Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, Grosse Pointe United Church, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, St. Ambrose Catholic Church, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, St. James Lutheran Church, St. Paul Catholic Church, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and, as a supporting institution, the Children's Home of Detroit.

For more information about the group and questions about future courses, call (313) 882-5330, ext. 31.

Tsunami victims helped by local church

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church has contributed funds to help victims of the Dec. 26 tsunami disaster.

The church's Outreach Council approved a $5,000 gift from the 2005 budget, which was supplemented by gifts from the congregation on Jan. 9 totaling $2,450.

The funds are forwarded through the Presbyterian Church (USA) Disaster Relief and Church World Service and go directly to assist people and communities in desperate need.

Those who want to participate may send a check payable to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms 48236.

Identify the donation as a contribution to the Tsunami Disaster Relief Fund.

Seeking camp alumni

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Alumni Association for Camps Ozanam and Stapleton is seeking all campers and staff who attended between 1923 and 2004.

If you attended, call (313) 972-3100, ext. 128 or e-mail sodonnell@gvdpdet.org.

Blood drive to be held Feb. 10

Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council hosts its winter blood drive from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

There is a critical shortage of blood so all healthy, caring people, ages 17 to 99 are urged to give blood and save a life.

To schedule an appointment, contact the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church at (313) 886-2363 or contact Ellen Dunn at (586) 778-7023.

Have a first and second choice of times you are available. Child care will be provided upon request.

First English hosts luncheon

The Women of the Church of the First English Ev. Lutheran Church invite the community to join its members for the annual Valentine Salad Luncheon and card party on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Set in the recently dedicated Luther Center, the Faith Circle hosts the event beginning at noon. The cost is $8.

The afternoon will include playing cards and table and door prizes. Bring other games of your choice.

Call Jose Herrington at (586) 293-3305 or Pat Thomas at (313) 885-4436 for reservations.

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Improving heart health through lifestyle changes

By James J. Maciejko, Ph.D.
Special Writer

February is American Heart Month, and in the coming weeks you'll probably hear or see a lot of news stories about how to improve your heart health. And that's the problem — too many of us see and hear but don't act.



James J. Maciejko, Ph.D.

We may actually be open to the idea of eating better or exercising more, but too many of us lock health information away in a mental "To Do" file, or we vow to start someday . . . like tomorrow.

There's no time like the present to start improving your heart health by leading a healthier lifestyle. This is particularly important because although there are cardiac and interventional procedures like angioplasty that can significantly contribute to saving lives, these are not "cures" for heart disease.

Rather, they're temporary and expensive maneuvers to correct an immediate problem and provide symptom relief. So it's the lifestyle changes you make to improve your heart health and manage your coronary heart disease (CHD) that could prolong your life.

Here are 10 ways to do both:

• **Quit smoking.** Smoking lowers your HDL (good) cholesterol and is damaging to the lining of your coronary arteries, making them more susceptible to cholesterol accumulation and blood clot formation. Smoking also increases the chance that existing blockages will lead to a heart attack.

• **Reduce your LDL (bad) cholesterol.** For most people, an LDL of 100 mg/dL is recommended, although if you have CHD or diabetes the recommended level is 70 mg/dL. All patients with coronary heart disease and/or diabetes should take a statin or other cholesterol-lowering medication, no matter what their total cholesterol or LDL levels are, because they stabilize atherosclerotic plaques that are most likely to cause a heart attack. Increasing your dietary soluble fiber intake to 20-25 grams per day also can help reduce LDL cholesterol. Fiber sources include apples, whole grain breads and cereals, vegetables and psyllium (found in products like Metamucil and Citrucel).

• **Limit fat consumption** by adopting the Mediterranean diet, which has been proven to reduce the risk of heart attacks in CHD patients. It consists of 40 percent of daily calories from carbohydrates, 25 percent from protein, and 35 percent from fat. The fat should come from poly- and monounsaturated fats (like tuna and salmon, almonds and walnuts). Monounsaturated fats tend to raise HDL (good) cholesterol levels and prevent cholesterol from accumulating in arteries. Also, you should reduce your intake of all dairy products, animal meats and processed foods.

• **Lose weight.** Your longevity and quality of daily life are closely linked to a healthy body weight. As you get older, you need less food; so start altering your eating habits now so you can achieve and maintain an appropriate body weight.

• **Exercise regularly.** Aerobic exercise, such as walking, jogging, cycling and swimming, increases blood flow to the heart muscle. Your blood vessels will become better developed, and the symptoms of angina may decrease or even disappear over time.

• **Lower your blood pressure.** If your blood pressure can't be controlled through weight loss and exercise, you may need to take medication to keep it at an optimal level. Medications called diuretics are quite effective for controlling hypertension. Your primary care physician is the best judge about which medication will work best for you.

• **Take an adult or baby aspirin daily,** but only under the supervision of your physician. Aspirin reduces blood clotting and the chance of a clot forming in a partially blocked coronary artery. Studies have shown that taking an aspirin daily reduces by 25 percent the chance of having or dying from a heart attack in individuals with CHD.

• **Take a multiple vitamin with folic acid.** Several studies have indicated that people who supplemented their diets with 500 mcg or more of folic acid daily have a tendency toward less cardiovascular disease. If you take a folic aid supplement instead, don't exceed 800 mcg unless advised by your physician.

• **Have an annual physical.** Prevention is always preferable to treatment, and an annual physical can help identify potential health problems early and in their most treatable stage. This is particularly important if you have a family history of heart disease. Your physician can help you craft a healthy living plan that can help keep your heart in peak condition.

• **Take charge of your own health care.** Don't rely only on your physician to tell you what to do — make a conscious effort to take care of your own health needs. Start by following the very basic guidelines for healthier living outlined here, and your chances of improving the quality of your daily life will be within reach.

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Volunteer award

Holley Ear Institute (HEI) volunteers Ann Allen, Marilyn Newa and Nancy Orr were recently honored as Distinguished Volunteers at the Association of Fundraising Professionals annual National Philanthropy Day celebration.

Specially trained Holley Ear Institute volunteers like Allen, Newa and Orr screen nearly 4,000 infants each year at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Early detection of hearing loss is critical for early intervention and treatment to facilitate a child's speech, language, cognitive skills, social – emotional development and academic achievement.

The Holley Ear Institute is a nonprofit organization founded in 1993. It is a consortium of medical and non-medical professionals, as well as volunteers including doctors, teachers, religious leaders and support technicians. The mission of the Institute is to assist the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and provide services and programs aimed at improving their quality of life.

From left, are St. John Audiologist Jill Wells of the City of Grosse Pointe, HEI volunteer Marilyn Newa of Grosse Pointe Farms, HEI Vice President Dr. William J. Rice of Grosse Pointe Shores, HEI volunteers Nancy Orr of Grosse Pointe Shores and Ann Allen of Grosse Pointe Park, and HEI Development Officer Gary R. Stark of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Those interested in volunteering to help with newborn screenings should contact Wells at (313) 343-4046.

Community support groups available at BSC

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services offers a variety of support groups to the community. Meetings take place at Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms; Bon Secours Hospital, 468 Cadieux, the City of Grosse Pointe; or the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center, 26001 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Domestic Violence

Presented by the Rev. Dr. Raafat Hanna, a Bon Secours Cottage chaplain, this group is intended for individuals who are affected by domestic violence. Learn what domestic violence is, why it should be stopped, and how you can set limits and stop it.

This free support group meets the first Monday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. in the third floor chapel at Bon Secours Hospital.

The group is confidential and open to individuals and families.

For more information or to register, call (313) 343-1656.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings take place at 1 p.m. Sundays in Connelly Auditorium at Bon Secours Hospital. For more information, call (313) 885-1888.

Al Anon

Meetings take place at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays in Conference Rooms 1-4, first floor, at Cottage Hospital. For information call (313) 242-0300 or (248) 706-1020.

Families Anonymous

The public is welcome to attend this 12-step, anonymous, family support program for parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who are concerned about and affected by substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one. Meetings are held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Thursday at Cottage Hospital, Grosse Pointe Farms, lower level Boardroom B. Preregistration is not necessary. For information, call (313) 882-1921.

Emotions Anonymous

Emotions Anonymous meetings take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at Cottage Hospital, Boardroom B. Emotions Anonymous follows a 12-step program similar to Alcoholics Anonymous, but is intended for those recovering from emotional difficulties.

Individuals suffering the effects of depression, anger, grief, low self-esteem and other emotional issues are encouraged to attend.

The group's purpose is to help members become well emotionally. Registration is not necessary.

For additional information, contact Rosemary at (586) 776-3886.

Alzheimer's/Dementia – Bon Secours Nursing Care Center

Community caregivers are invited to attend monthly sessions that focus on coping with these debilitating conditions and place emphasis on caregivers "caring for themselves." Meetings are held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. the second Monday of each month in the In-Service Room.

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Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



Acne-like lesions occurring in the groin, armpits, or anywhere there are sweat glands, may indicate a condition called hidradenitis suppurativa.

The disease is caused by secretions trapped in our sweat (or apocrine) glands which become inflamed and sometimes infected. Hidradenitis suppurativa is most common in women, with onset of the condition observed in patients of any age after puberty.

The condition is often painful, and scarring may occur as lesions resolve. Hidradenitis suppurativa is difficult to treat and slow to heal. Some patients suffering from the condition experience a constant succession of new lesions as old sites heal. For others, the condition flares and then goes into remission.

While the exact cause of the condition is not known, there appears to be a genetic disposition to hidradenitis suppurativa; excessive heat, perspiration and weight also seem to aggravate the condition.

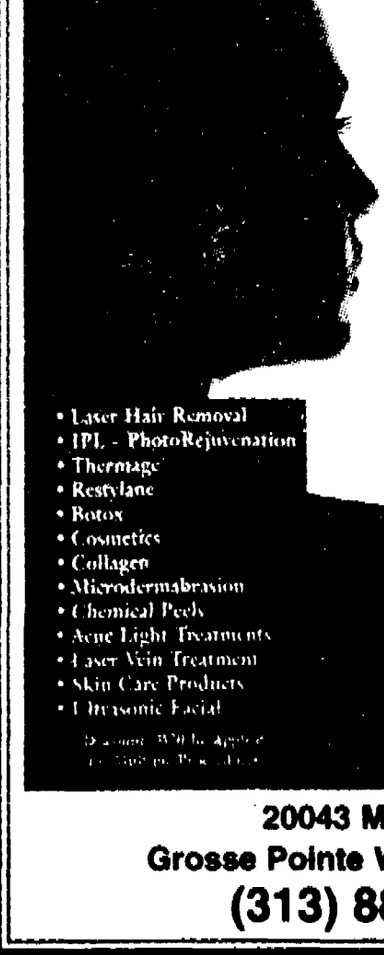
The severity and duration of the problem will determine how to treat and control this condition for which there is no cure. At its earliest stages, lesions are treated with medications such as topical or oral antibiotics and by intralesional injections of active lesions with steroids. Chronic and non-responsive lesions may require more aggressive treatment, including the use of oral corticosteroids and hormone therapy; for some, surgical removal may be required.

To learn more about hidradenitis suppurativa and its 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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A dangerous, addictive drug sweeps nation

Although he's been clean and sober for more than 20 years, Jim Atkins, manager of admissions and case management at Hazelden in Center City, Minn., remembers vividly how he got addicted to methamphetamine.

"Meth was the most popular drug in San Antonio when I was in my teens," said Atkins. "I fell in love with it the very first time I used it. It took away all of the awkwardness and self-doubt of adolescence and instantly made me feel like I was invincible."

Once largely confined to the Western United States, meth abuse is now widespread in big cities and small towns alike. According to the 2002 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 12.4 million Americans age 12 and older (5.3 percent of the population) had tried meth at least once, with the majority of past-year users being between 18 and 34 years of age.

Drug abuse emergency room (ER) visits involving amphetamine and meth increased 54 percent from 1995 to 2002, according to the Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA), with significant increases cited for cities from the Northeast, Midwest and South.

Developed in the early 1900s to treat fatigue and narcolepsy, meth is a highly addictive synthetic drug that stimulates the central nervous system. Meth can be taken orally, snorted, injected or smoked.

Methamphetamine hydrochloride, which can be inhaled by smoking, is often called "ice," "crystal" or "glass," because its clear chunky crystals look like those substances.

Immediately after smoking or injecting the drug, meth users experience a euphoric "rush," followed by 8 to 12 hours of high-energy behavior, during which they do not eat or sleep. Meth causes increased heart rate and blood pressure and can cause strokes. Meth abusers can also suffer respiratory problems, irregular heartbeat, extreme anorexia, cardiovascular collapse, brain damage and death.

Atkins said he sometimes went up to a week without sleeping, causing sleep-deprived psychosis and visual and auditory hallucinations. The hallucinations and paranoid delusions common to meth users place those around them at high risk, because users can react violently if they feel threatened.

Unfortunately, meth is relatively cheap and can be manufactured from products and medications that are commonly found on the shelves of farm supply, grocery, drug and hardware stores.

"When the Internet came along, the formula for making meth spread throughout the world in the blink of an eye," said Atkins.

Whether in a home in the country, an apartment in the city or in a run-down shack on a farm, clandestine meth labs are accidents just waiting to happen because of the volatile, poisonous, flammable and toxic substances used to make it. According to experts, every unit of "finished product" of meth produces six units of dangerous waste that contaminates the environment.

Because of its dangerous toxicity, a hazardous materials team is needed to clean it up, which typically costs between $3,500 to $5,000 but can cost as much as $20,000. As police budgets decrease and meth labs increase, the problem of locating and dismantling meth labs increases exponentially.

Once known as a party drug, meth seems to be making its way into the workplace, where employees use it to combat stress and long hours. Many experts are also worried about the growing popularity of meth among young women.

"Young girls who never used drugs before are told by a friend, 'Here, just smoke this, and you can lose five pounds in a weekend,'" said Carol Falkowski, director of Research Communications at Hazelden. "In no time at all they can end up addicted and emaciated."

The good news: Meth addiction is treatable. Hazelden has consistently found an intense, multidisciplinary approach that integrates the Twelve Steps to be the most effective mode of treatment for alcohol and other drug dependence, including meth.

"We've been successfully treating meth addicts for many years, and their abstinence rates a year out of treatment are statistically no different than they are for all Hazelden graduates -- about 60 percent," Atkins said.

"We don't treat meth addicts or heroin addicts; we treat individuals," said Atkins. "We talk and listen without judgment. We hold up a mirror to them in a respectful way to help them see the consequences of their addiction. We teach them what they need to do each day to stay sober. Recovery from addiction is not easy, but it is no more difficult for someone addicted to meth than it is for someone addicted to alcohol."

This health column offers information to help prevent and address addiction and substance abuse problems. It is provided by Hazelden, a nonprofit agency based in Center City, Minn., that offers a wide range of information and services on addiction and recovery. For more resources, call Hazelden at (800) 257-7800 or check its Web site at www.hazelden.org. Direct your inquiries to mduda@hazelden.org.

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SOC Options

Learn about Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit

By Sharon Maier
SOC Executive Director

This time next year, Medicare beneficiaries will be able to sign up for the new Medicare prescription drug benefit known as "Part D." While the new benefit is voluntary, hundreds of seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods are expected to sign up. Services for Older Citizens (SOC) is ready to assist seniors with the process.



Maier

SOC works with the Michigan Medicare Medicaid Program (MMAP) to provide trained counselors to assist seniors. It's still too early to sign up for Part D, but it's not too early to find out how it works and obtain a discount card or other resources that could help in the meantime.

The current Medicare drug discount cards will expire Jan. 1, 2006, but if you do not have a card, now is a good time to apply for one. Medicare beneficiaries with modest incomes can also get a $600 credit on their discount card that can be used at the pharmacy to pay for drugs.

This includes individuals with annual incomes no more than $12,569 and couples with combined income no more than $16,862.

However, if you would like to receive the entire $600, you must apply for your drug card by March 31, 2005. After March 31, 2005, the $600 will be prorated.

Part D will be similar to the discount cards, as it will be offered by private companies. Several plans will be available. Beneficiaries will need to do some comparison shopping in order to pick the plan that best meets their needs.

When a beneficiary signs up for a Part D private drug plan, a monthly amount will be deducted from his/her Social Security check, in addition to the Part B premium.

The Part D premium is estimated to start around $35 a month, but it will vary depending on the plan you choose. Once you are signed up for a plan, there is an initial deductible of $250.

After you pay the first $250, the Part D plan will kick in and pay 75 percent of your drug bills, up to $2,250.

Then you will have to pay all of your drug bills out-of-pocket again, until your drug bills total $5,100 ($3,600 out-of-pocket).

Then Part D will kick in again, this time paying 95 percent of your drug bills, with you paying no more than 5 percent out-of-pocket, with no limit.

Beneficiaries with low incomes and assets will be subsidized and pay no (or very low) premiums, deductibles and co-payments. The Medicare program plans to increase all premiums.

Deductibles and co-payments will be increased each year for inflation.

Information about Part D private plans will be released in October 2005, and will be available through the SOC office — (313) 882-9600 — or by calling Medicare's toll-free number (800) 803-7174. Beneficiaries can enroll in Part D private plans from Nov. 15, 2005, through May 15, 2006.

Low-income beneficiaries can apply for subsidies beginning July 2005.

While enrollment is voluntary, if a beneficiary doesn't sign up in the first enrollment period, and later decides to sign up, a 1 percent penalty charge will be added to the premium for each month enrollment is delayed.

Paying for prescription drugs is one of the biggest challenges that many local seniors face. If you would like more information on prescription options, please call the SOC office (313) 882-9600.

SOC movies

Services for Older Citizens will begin offering a full-length movie after a noon lunch on the first Tuesday of each month. On Tuesday, Feb. 1, the movie will be "On Golden Pond," starring Henry Fonda and Katherine Hepburn.

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The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe was started in 1959. Its current membership is approximately 900 men. The nonprofit organization is dedicated to operating exclusively for social, educational and charitable purposes.

Semi-monthly luncheon meetings are held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Crystal Ballroom. Speakers are invited to talk about topics of interest to the membership.

The club operates year-round and has 13 sub-clubs for a variety of activities such as bowling, bridge, choral singing, golf, investments, technology and tennis. There is even a sub-club for the Florida snow birds each winter.

To become a member, one must be a current or former resident of one of the five Grosse Pointe communities and either be retired or be 65 or older.

To apply, call Mike Quinn, at (313) 881-2518, or go to mfq2@comcast.net.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Richard Verlinde

Lees-Verlinde

Heidi Griffith Lees, daughter of Steven and Mary Lees of Harper Woods, married Daniel Richard Verlinde, son of James and Susan Verlinde of Grand Rapids, on July 30, 2004, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic church.

The Rev. Michael Prince officiated at the 5:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Blossom Heath Inn.

The bride wore an ivory satin strapless gown that featured lace at the neckline and a two-tiered hemline and an 8-foot train. Her fingertip veil was held in place with a pearl beaded headpiece and she carried a cascade of white calla lilies and yellow, fuchsia and purple roses.

The matron of honor was Melissa Anne Szumlinski of New Albany, Ohio.

Bridesmaids were Jessica Regentin of Waterford, Erica Regentin of Commerce Township, Kate Briles of Grosse Pointe Woods and Jaclyun Bowen of South Lyon.

Maddison Verlinde of Ada and Margaret Lees of Williamsburg, Va., were flower girls.

Attendants wore celadon green satin tea-length dresses with V-necks and belted bows at the waistline. They carried clutch-style bouquets of tropical-colored roses, gerber daisies and calla lilies.

The groom's brother, Jim Verlinde of Hudson, Ohio, was the best man.

Groomsmen were the bride's brother, Alex Lees of Harper Woods; the groom's brothers, Brian Verlinde of Ada and Mark Verlinde of Middleville; and Dustin Ely of Livonia.

The ring bearer was Noah Verlinde of Hudson, Ohio.

The mother of the bride wore a gold satin full-length dress with short sleeves and a brocade jacket. She wore white orchids on her wrist.

The groom's mother wore a champagne-colored ankle-length dress that featured short sleeves and a lace overlay. She wore three peach-colored sweetheart roses on her dress.

Readers were Jim Verlinde, Alex Lees and Brian Verlinde. The La Corda String Trio played.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in telecommunications from Michigan State University. She is a production coordinator with Campbell Ewald Advertising.

The groom also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in telecommunications from Michigan State University. He is an audio engineer with Goldsound Studios.

The couple honeymooned in Kauai, Hawaii. They live in Grosse Pointe Woods.



Thomas Carew Martindale and Rosemarie Lucille Lundmark

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 Elaine Martindale of Grosse Pointe Farms and the late Brud Martindale.

A February wedding is 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.



Edward Anthony Wujek II and Carolyn Frances Solomon

Solomon-Wujek

William and Frances Solomon of Grosse Pointe Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Frances Solomon, to Edward Anthony Wujek II, son of Edward and Carolyn Wujek of St. Clair Shores. A July wedding is planned.

Solomon earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame. She is a kindergarten teacher at Ojibwa Elementary School in Macomb Township.

Wujek graduated from Hillsdale College. He is a commercial real estate broker with Grubb and Ellis Co.

Martin-Warner

Janet and Webb Martin of Harbor Springs have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Martin, to Andrew Warner, son of Peter and Cynthia Warner of Grosse Pointe Park. A September wedding is planned.

Martin earned a bachelor's degree from James Madison College at Michigan State University and a law degree from Loyola University. She is a trial attorney at Schiff Harden in Chicago.

Warner earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University. He is a national account manager of C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Chicago.



Andrew Warner and Kelly Martin

Grippi-Mannino

Frank and Lynda Grippi of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marlowe Grippi, to Charles James Mannino, son of Patricia Mannino of St. Clair Shores. A June wedding is planned.

Grippi earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in supply chain management from Michigan State University.

She is a systems analyst with Tier I, an automotive supplier.

Mannino earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature from Michigan State University.

He is a Realtor and investor.



Lisa Marlowe Grippi and Charles James Mannino



Rahul Gogate and Heidi Wise

Wise-Gogate

Thomas Wise of Grosse Pointe Shores and Cathy Wise of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Heidi Wise, to Rahul Gogate, son of Dr. Ashok and Anjali Gogate of Shelby Township. A November wedding is planned.

Wise earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from Michigan State University. She is a massage therapist with St. John Hospital.

Gogate earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from Michigan State University and a master's degree in business administration from Walsh College. He is a material program manager with General Dynamics.

Vanden Bussche-Matyjaszek

Michael and Theresa VandenBussche of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Sarah Angele VandenBussche, to Robert James Matyjaszek, son of Ann Marie Jurak and Robert and Carol Matyjaszek, all of Jackson. A May wedding is planned.

VandenBussche earned degrees in animal science and veterinary medicine from Michigan State University. She is finishing an internship in equine surgery at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, Ky.

Matyjaszek earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from Michigan State University. He is completing his last year of veterinary medicine and will receive a DVM degree in May.



Dr. Sarah Angele VandenBussche and Robert James Matyjaszek

A weight-loss resolution that lasts

(NAPSI) — Many people commit to the popular New Year's resolution of losing weight. To help achieve this resolve, Weight Watchers offers the following tips:

• Concentrate on getting started; don't worry about every detail of your weight-loss program.

Remain focused on the steps immediately before you. Don't be overwhelmed by the weight you feel you must ultimately lose. Remember that just getting started is an important achievement.

• Make your first major goal to lose 10 percent of your current body weight.

Not only has a 10-percent weight loss been proven to be medically significant by the National Institutes of Health, but it's also an achievable goal.

Sustaining a 10-percent weight loss has multiple health benefits, including lowering blood pressure and cholesterol.

• Get the benefit of coaching and real-life insights from meetings.

Research published in the Journal of the American Medical Association comparing structured commercial weight-loss programs to self-help efforts shows that people who diet together do better than those who go it alone. By joining a meeting, you gain valuable encouragement and knowledge from others going through the same situation.

• Choose a comprehensive weight-loss program.

The combination of a sensible diet and a sound exercise plan is a winning combination. While eating fewer calories is critical to weight-loss success, exercise is a key factor for keeping lost weight off.

• Forget your setbacks and focus on your successes!

Making fundamental changes in your lifestyle is no easy task. If you make a mistake, don't quit! It's what you do about the mistake that's important.

Also, be sure to celebrate every pound you lose. Each pound brings you one step closer to your weight-loss goals.

• Recognize that new behaviors take practice. Practice them until they become your own.

Give yourself time for lifestyle changes to feel natural and automatic.



Urban Roots teaches community gardening

Down to Earth

By Kathleen Peabody

Fresh summer tomatoes. Fresh salad herbs from my garden. Local organic produce at Eastern Market. It's only January, but already my mouth waters for the positive energy that comes from working in our own garden or helping others sustain themselves with my purchase of organic produce.

Wouldn't it be great if we could grow and teach others how to care for and grow their own produce? With more than 60,000 empty lots in Detroit, many of us green-thumbs wonder why some of that space isn't used for growing produce, flowers and herbs. There may even be space in Grosse Pointe for a community garden with its own greenhouse.

Help is on the way. A group of four "green" organizations have come together to help fill the empty space.

Urban Roots plans a community garden training program and is comprised of representatives of the MSU (Michigan State University) Wayne Extension Service; Detroit Agricultural Network; The Greening of Detroit; and Earthworks, the sustainable garden run by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and Brother Rick Samyn.

Urban Roots is a nine-week program designed to foster community gardening leaders through horticulture and community organization training. The course include lectures and hands-on activities.

Group leaders say Urban Roots is an excellent opportunity for gardeners to improve their skills and enable them to become leaders of their communities and create sustainable community gardens.

Kristine Hahn of the MSU Extension in Wayne County explains that there are two parts to the training program. "Half is community organizing, such as how to address the people problems," said Hahn. "The other half is horticultural training geared toward urban environments."

Criteria and requirements for the Urban Roots program are:

- Wayne County residency
- Experience in community gardening and/or relevant volunteer experience
- Enjoyment in working with diverse groups of people
- Ability to attend all of the Urban Roots classes
- Willingness to share information gained from Urban Roots with members of your community.

As many of us who work in volunteer situations understand, the staff is always torn in too many directions, leaving little time for programs that are so necessary.

Ashley Atkinson of The Greening of Detroit explains that new garden leaders will come from this training. "And it will relieve the time put in by the garden coordinators who need to administer the programs," she said.

Community gardening nationally

The American Community Gardening Association lists the improvements community gardens can make in the lives of its participants:

- Provide a catalyst for neighborhood and community development
- Stimulate social interaction
- Encourage self-reliance
- Beautify neighborhoods
- Produce nutritious food
- Reduce family food budgets
- Conserve resources
- Create opportunities for recreation, exercise, therapy and education

Community gardens have even been known to reduce crime in some areas.

Brother Rick Samyn has worked his sustainable agriculture program for a few years, including a program for children. His Earthworks garden now produces enough food to sell at places such as the West Park Farmers' Market in Grosse Pointe Park and other local establishments.

It also provides fresh organic produce for those who are fed by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's two locations. He even has an apiary to make locally farmed honey.

But part of the problem is that, even with volunteers, Brother Rick is pulled in so many directions, he is totally exhausted by the end of growing season.

More on community gardens

Two things have increased my interest in the community gardening concept. A little book called "Seedfolks," by Paul Fleischman is the sweetest story I've read in a long time. I've loaned it to many people and everyone says exactly the same thing. With so much wasted land in Detroit, the dream to see it put to good use is real.

A very popular and successful program starting in Ann Arbor and broadening to include Ypsilanti, Project Grow intertwines gardeners of all ages. The elderly gardener finds ways to share wisdom with elementary students who have found their green thumbs.

After interviewing a young woman who was doing her masters thesis on the program, I found myself on their newsletter mailing list and have enjoyed reading it ever since. These community gardens are a great way to get both children and adults involved in beautifying the neighborhood community while working with nature.

Another way to introduce the concept of community gardening to children is a book titled "Takiya and Thunderheart's Life Garden" and tells the story of children who revive a neighborhood vacant lot into a flourishing vegetable garden. It can be ordered through Spice of Life Educational Publishing.

If you'd like to share your love of gardening with another generation, or with others hungry to learn, consider contacting Urban Roots for more information. Classes run on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., from Feb. 19 through April 23 (no class on March 26).

Completed applications and a $75 fee are due by Tuesday, Feb. 1. Call Kristine Hahn at (313) 833-3275, Ashley Atkinson at (313) 237-8736 or e-mail me at the address below.

Kathleen Peabody is an Advanced Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at kmaslanka-peabody@sbcglobal.net.



Urban Roots teaches young people and older people to work together in community gardens.

What's going on?

- Learn "Pruning: Everything You Need to Know" from Mil Anthony, Advanced Master Gardener, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5 or Wednesday, March 16 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Winter is the perfect time to prune before buds open and the structure of the plant is evident. The class will be held outdoors; bring sharpened hand pruners and loppers. To register, call (313) 881-7511

- The Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe unit, will present a lecture, "Presidential Tea," presented by Pat Sagert at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the Children's Home of Detroit. There is no charge. For more information, call (313) 886-2797.

Tostadas feed the Super Bowl crowd



As the countdown to Super Bowl Sunday continues, there's still time for something new and different to take to your party. I came across this Cooking Light recipe for Cuban chicken pizza, although the picture reminded me more of a tostada or open-faced quesadilla. With some minor alterations (I can't help myself) I made the tasty rounds and had enough food to feed a crowd.

These easy and flavorful tostadas start with a precooked roaster chicken and find their Cuban influence from cumin seeds and fresh cilantro.

Cuban Chicken Tostadas

8 8-inch flour tortillas
1 15-oz. can no-salt-added corn, drained
1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds
4 cups cooked roasted chicken (white and dark meat) diced
2 15-oz. cans black beans, rinsed and drained
2 garlic gloves, minced
1/4 cup fresh lime juice
2 cups shredded pepper jack cheese
3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place the flour tortillas on two baking sheets that have been coated with nonstick spray. Bake the tortillas for 10 minutes, remove from oven, stack and top with a plate to flatten.

Heat a large skillet (that has been coated with cooking spray) to medium high. Add the corn to the skillet and cook for a few minutes or until slightly charred. Add the cumin seeds and quickly stir for just a few seconds. Add the chicken, black beans and garlic. Remove from heat and stir in the lime juice.

To assemble the tostadas, place the tortillas back onto the baking sheets and ladle 1 cup of the chicken mixture on to each tortilla. Spread the mixture evenly over the tortilla and top each with 1/4 cup of the shredded cheese.

Bake the tostadas at 350 degrees for 10 minutes until the cheese has completely melted. Remove from oven and sprinkle each tostada with a teaspoon or so of the chopped cilantro.

Use a pizza cutter to cut each tostada into wedges. A dollop of sour cream will sit nicely on this tasty wedge of Cuban tostada. I pulled my cooked chicken from a 3-pounder I bought at Costco. Because store-roasted chickens are cooked with broth, there is no other added salt in this recipe. Keep it that way. The fresh flavor from the cilantro is the perfect complement to the chicken and the cumin. The spiced up jack cheese adds fuel to the fire. The overall taste is delicious. Even Joe liked them.

Next week I'm planning a super BOWL contest of my own: Chili vs. Chowder. Be there.

Grosse Pointe War Memorial's WMTV5 24hr Television for the Whole Community

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11:30 am Out of the Ordinary
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1:00 pm Watercolor Workshop / Senior Men's Club
1:30 pm Inside Art
2:00 pm The Legal Insider / Consumers Corner
2:30 pm The John Prost Show
3:00 pm Things to do at the War Memorial
3:30 pm Musical Story Time Jamboree
4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)
4:30 pm Young View Pointes
5:00 pm Positively Positive
5:30 pm Watercolor Workshop / Senior Men's Club
6:00 pm The Legal Insider / Consumers Corner
6:30 pm Who's in the Kitchen?
7:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone Exercise)
7:30 pm Things to do at the War Memorial
8:00 pm Positively Positive
8:30 pm Young View Pointes
9:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)
9:30 pm Pointes of Horticulture
10:00 pm The John Prost Show
10:30 pm Inside Art
11:00 pm Out of the Ordinary
11:30 pm The S.O.C. Show
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12:30 am Pointes of Horticulture
1:00 am Who's in the Kitchen?
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Meetings

Pettipointe Questers

Pettipointe Questers No. 243 will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at the home of hostess Mary Lou LeFevre. The program subject will be "Victorian Romantic Jewelry" presented by Mandy Scranton. Luncheon will be served after the program. Those who are going to attend should respond to LeFevre by Monday, Jan. 31.

Windmill Pointe Garden Club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club will meet at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the home of Mrs. Michael Murray. Mrs. Gregory will be co-hostess. The program is about growing poppies by Stewart Fleming.

KKG alums

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority, Detroit East Suburban Alumnae Association will hold a brunch on Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the home of Susie Scheiwe. The group will decorate and fill baskets with toiletries and other necessities for Alternatives for Girls. The organization will also wrap and tag 56 books individually chosen and purchased for all fourth-graders at the Hamtramck Charter Academy.

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The evolution of motherhood

Family Daze
By Debbie Farmer



I hope this column doesn't really need an explanation. If you're a mom, especially a mom of more than one, I'd like to think that you'll agree with every word.

Delivery

First Child: You are determined to have a drug-free birth; so you alleviate the pain by breathing in and out.

Second Child: After 15 hours of hard labor, you finally break down and ask for "a little something" to dull the pain.

Third Child: You start asking for every legal pain killer you can possibly think of one week before your delivery date just so the hospital will have enough time to stock up.

Preparing the nursery

First Child: You sponge paint pink clouds on the walls and put up a border of bunnies. You buy a matching comforter and sheet set, also with bunnies. You hang a bunny mobile and stencil bunnies along the top of all furniture.

Second Child: You faux finish over the clouds with light blue paint and replace the bunnies with lambs.

Third Child: You make room for the bassinet somewhere between the entertainment center and the recliner.

Choosing a sitter

First child: You only accept babysitters who are over 35, have successfully passed a background check by the FBI, have performed CPR at least twice, and have degrees in both child development and physiology.

Second Child: You accept babysitters who are at least 16, are good students, and have three references from people you know well.

Third: Provided they're available Saturday nights, you accept anyone without a criminal record.

Baby appliances

First Child: You buy a wind-up swing, a bouncer, a wipe warmer, a Diaper Genie, bottle warmer, walker, and a baby monitor that doubles as a laser printer and fax machine.

Second child: You buy a highchair that turns into a car seat, a changing table and a crib.

Third child: You buy nothing.

Your stomach

First Child: Your stomach doesn't show until sometime in the seventh month and then, afterward, it goes right back where it was as if nothing much happened.

Second Child: You begin to look pregnant about the third month. After having the baby, you do approximately 400 million sit-ups a day to get it to go back where it came from.

Third Child: You look pregnant the very moment of conception. After having the baby your stomach flaps around below your ankles and won't go back up where it belongs without the use of a girdle or power tools.

Nutrition

First child: You use a grinder to make your own baby food.

Second Child: You prepare only certified organic foods and free-range chicken.

Third Child: You revel in how macaroni and cheese goes with any meal.

Halloween costumes

First Child: It takes you 30 days to sew a new costume.

Second Child: It takes you 30 minutes to buy a ready-made costume at the local discount store.

Third Child: It takes your child 30 seconds to decide between last season's soccer shirt, a ballet leotard, or the Girl Scout uniform.

Toys

First Child: Your child plays with politically correct toys like a sensory rattle, Mother Goose hand puppets, and classic wooden blocks.

Second Child: Your child plays with a Slinky and other educational toys from your childhood.

Third Child: Your child plays with headless, naked Barbie dolls.

Choosing a name

First Child: You read lists and lists of names until you find the exact one that embraces your child's inner personality.

Second Child: You choose an old family name that links one generation to the next.

Third Child: You pick a name you can yell in the park three times in a row without getting tongue tied or attracting dogs.

Packing the diaper bag

First Child: You pack a box of baby wipes, three musical rattles, five kinds of finger snacks, an extra outfit, the emergency number of the local hospital and about two dozen diapers. You bring an extra sweater in case it gets chilly. You bring mittens in case of sudden snowstorms, an umbrella in case of rain and pepper spray in case of wild animals.

Second Child: You pack hand sanitizer, a burp cloth, and two diapers. You bring fishy crackers in case of hunger, a sun hat for protection, and sand toys for stimulation.

Third Child: You put an extra diaper in your pocket.

The first day of school

First child: You walk him into his new classroom and help him find his desk. You meet the teacher and all of the other kids and their parents.

You go home and worry if he'll make friends or fall in with a bad crowd. Or if he'll be able to go down the big slide or find the bathroom in time.

Second child: You take her to the classroom door and wave to the teacher from across the room. You go home and re-wallpaper your kitchen.

Third child: You drop her off in the front of the school and yell, "See you later," as your car screeches away from the curb.

Then you go home and cry.

Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother holding down the fort in California, and the author of "Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat."

She can be reached at www.familydaze.com, or by writing familydaze @oasisnewsfeatures.com.



G.P. Senior Men's Club

The new board members for the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe are in the front row, from left: Art Johnson, Al Thomas, first vice president; Jack Williams; Jack Duncan, assistant treasurer; George Arsenault, president; and Sal Toffanetti. In the back, from left, are George Moulton, immediate past president; Oscar Kanan, Gerald Ewart, Rodger Sulad, secretary; Tom Gibney, assistant secretary; Dick Gross, Hal Suminski, Ron Morketter, treasurer; and Mike Quinn, second vice president.

Not shown: director Salvatore A. Ciaramitaro.

Lions Club



The Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club visited the pediatric play center at St. John Hospital during the Christmas season.

The center welcomed the club's gift of new CD players and other toys for the children who are patients there.

From left, are Michael McNamee; Ed Goosen, chairman of the group's Christmas Toys for Children; and Lisa Beauvais, director of the play center.

The GPW Lions meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at the Amvets Hall on Harper and Allard. New members are welcome.

SOC celebrates South America

Services for Older Citizens, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping older citizens maintain their lives in independence and dignity, will celebrate South America during the week of Feb. 7.

On Monday, Feb. 7, a travelogue on South America will be shown at 11:45 a.m.

On Tuesday, Feb. 8, there will be a carnival/Mardi Gras/paczki party. Festivities begin at 11 a.m.

On Wednesday, Feb. 9, Amy and Ray will demonstrate the Tango beginning at 11:30 a.m.

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

BSC offers nutrition counseling

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services offers an individualized nutrition counseling session by a registered dietitian that covers a variety of diets, including weight reduction, low cholesterol, diabetes and cardiac.

The session takes place at Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free parking is available in the parking deck on Muir.

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Skipped heartbeats are common

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Q. Can you give me some information on skipped heartbeats. I have been bothered by them for some years. The doctor gave me an ECG and said they are premature heartbeats. They make me very anxious. What causes skipped heartbeats?

— Anonymous.

A. Premature beats are extra beats sandwiched between two normal heartbeats. They are of two varieties: atrial or ventricular.

Atrial premature beats arise in the upper heart chambers and are as close to being insignificant as anything can come.

Ventricular premature beats arise in the lower heart chambers, and people often feel a thud in their chests with a PVC — premature ventricular beat. The early beat causes a heart contraction when it is not completely filled with blood. The next normal beat is delayed a bit, and the heart is overfilled. On that contraction people feel the thud. Close to 60 percent of normal adults have PVCs. If the heart is otherwise healthy, the PVCs are not all that frequent and if they don't trigger a sustained, irregular heart rhythm, then often the best treatment is to ignore them. What causes them? Caffeine, nicotine, carbonated beverages and anxiety might bring on some PVCs, but for most people, a cause is never found.

More serious heartbeat abnormalities, like atrial fibrillation, are discussed in the booklet on that topic. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 107W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order for $4.50 with the recipient's printed name and address. Allow four weeks for delivery.

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DIO holds 'Visions to Remember/Eyes on Antiques'

The Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology (DIO) will sponsor "Visions to Remember/Eyes on Antiques," its eighth annual antiques show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 4, 5 and 6, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House's Activities Center.

The event is managed by the DIO's volunteer group, Friends of Vision. Proceeds will benefit the visually impaired and blind throughout southeast Michigan.

More than 25 antiques dealers will display and sell their furniture, quilts, Asian antiques, jewelry, crystal, silver and more.

The preview party, held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, will give guests a chance to see the displays and antiques before the show is open to the public. Tickets to the preview range from $75 to $150.

"In addition to Northern Trust, we would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to Bon Secours Cottage Health Services, HOURdetroit magazine, the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island and Mr. and Mrs. William C. Rands III for their generous sponsorship," said Grosse Pointer *Nancy Pilorget, Friends of* Vision volunteer and director of visually impaired services at DIO.

"I'd also like to thank the committee members for their untiring efforts to make every aspect of this show special."

The DIO is a not-for-profit organization that assists and educates the visually impaired, helps preserve vision through public and professional education, and supports research related to the eye.

The show opens at 11 a.m. on Saturday and runs until 7 p.m. Complimentary wine will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

General admission is $8. There will also be a silent auction, a cafe and door prizes.

For more information, call (313) 824-4710 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays or visit www.eyeson.org.

Award-winners: The Fundraising Professional's 13th annual National Philanthropy Day Dinner, held recently, honored seven people, a foundation and a business. Two of the honorees were Grosse Pointers.

Ed Deeb, president and CEO of Michigan Business and Professional Association and Michigan Food and Beverage Association, received the George Romney Award for lifetime achievement in volunteerism. He is a former Grosse Pointe Shores resident.

Deeb is involved as a volunteer in many organizations. He coordinates Metro Detroit Youth Day, now in its 22nd year. The day provides free food, games, entertainment and fun for more than 23,000 children on Belle Isle each year.

Deeb is also active in the Salvation Army, the Detroit Historical Society, Friends of Eastern Market, United Way Community Services, Boy Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan and more.

Pete Waldmeir of Grosse Pointe Woods, retired Detroit News columnist, received the Neil Shine Award for media commitment to philanthropy. He is active in the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit. He served on the board, as president and now as secretary for the 90-year-old organization.

Theatre Arts: The Theatre Arts Club of Detroit is a nearly 100-year-old women's organization dedicated to the appreciation of the arts, theater arts in particular. The TAC annually awards a scholarship to a woman studying the performing arts at Wayne State University. The scholarship recipient then arranges a performance for TAC members and their guests. Proceeds from the sale of tickets to this performance are used to fund future scholarships.

Scholarship recipient **Jennifer Sessions** has arranged for a performance of "The Last Five Years" beginning at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29, at the historic Players Club on *Jefferson in Detroit.*

The play is a chronical of a young couple's relationship. Tickets are $25 and may be ordered by calling (313) 882-9706. Light refreshments will be served.

COTS benefit: Soup City, a benefit for the Coalition On Temporary Shelter (COTS), will be held from 6 to 10 p.m., Monday, Jan. 31, at the historic Gem and Century Theatres, 333 Madison in Detroit.

Sixteen Detroit restaurants (and a chef from the Reynolds Plantation in Georgia) will serve their specialty soups. There will also be a cash bar, a raffle, a silent auction by Elite Sports and lots of entertainment, including WDIV's Devin Scillian's country band, Arizona Son.

Also on the menu: a jazz trio, a roving magician and a balloon artist. It promises to be a fun evening in downtown Detroit, with all proceeds going to help the homeless through COTS.

The grand prize in the raffle is a weekend for two at Reynolds Plantation in Georgia.

For more information, call (313) 831-3777 or visit www.cotsdetroit.org.



From left, are Tom Brandel of Tom's Oyster Bar; Meaghen Spicer of Meaghen's; Beth McKeown, Soup City committee chairman; and Joe Serventi of Trattoria Andiamo, all Grosse Pointers, are shown at last year's Soup City benefit for Detroit's Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS).

G.P. Symphony to feature pianist Julia I

Concert pianist Julia I will be the guest artist for the next Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra concert to be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Parcells auditorium.

The program will be conducted by Kevin Miller and will include Tchaikovsky's 1st piano concerto and Schubert's Symphony No. 8 (Unfinished).

Dr. Jack Dubois will offer a free preconcert lecture at 2 p.m. in the choir room of Parcells Middle School.

Dr. Julia I began studying piano at age 4 in her native Taiwan. She came to the United States in 1986 to study with John Perry at the R.D. Colburn School of Performing Arts in Los Angeles.

She has performed in concerts in the United States, Taiwan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, China, Hong Kong, Italy, Austria, Holland, Germany, Spain and Switzerland. She has conducted piano master classes throughout Taiwan, Singapore and China.

In 2002, she earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree.

Since moving to Michigan, she has appeared at the Detroit Institute of Arts' "Brunch with Bach" series, the DIA "Gallery Serenade" series, Tuesday Musicale, the Scarab Chamber Music Club and the Schoolcraft Virtuoso Concert Series.

She is currently a member of the faculty at Wayne State University and is assistant director/coordinator at Schoolcraft Piano Academy.



Julia I

"I am very glad to have this opportunity to play with the Grosse Pointe Symphony," she said. "The Grosse Pointe Symphony consists of very dedicated musicians who share their musical talent with great passion. We are also very fortunate to have Maestro Kevin Miller as our guest conductor this time. We have prepared some beautiful music. It will be a family experience to remember for a long time."

Also on the program is Grosse Pointe South High School sophomore Peter Sabino of Grosse Pointe Park, a clarinetist and one of the symphony's Nester Scholarship winners. Sabino will play "Rhapsody" by Debussy.

Tickets for the concert are $15 for adults: $12 for seniors; free for students 18 and under. For more about the orchestra, call (313) 882-0077 or go to www.grossepointesymphony.org.

Connect mind, body, spirit at BSC's program

Learn about Bon Secours Cottage's holistic approach to health and well-being at the following programs, held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Bon Secours Hospital's Connelly Auditorium. The cost for each class is $15. Preregistration is required; call Community Health Promotion at (586) 779-7900.

Journaling

Writing can be a powerful tool in the quest for self-awareness, personal growth and discovery. Creating a written record of thoughts, feeling, ideas, goals, dreams, desires and intentions may be the key to reaching a new level of fulfillment. Certified psychologist Rose Knight assists participants in this process on Thursday, Jan. 27, and Thursday, April 14.

Drumming for Wellness

Certified music therapist Megan Gunnell takes you on a journey using rhythm and drumming to unleash your sense of self-awareness. A drum circle is a group experience and open to anyone. No musical talent is required. A variety of world percussion instruments are provided. Recent research shows that a single drumming experience can significantly increase the disease-fighting activity of circulating white blood cells.

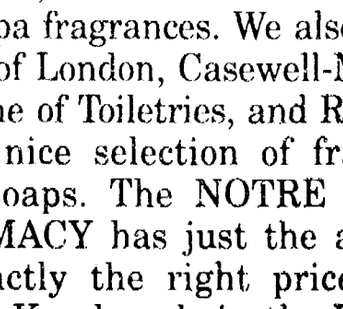
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Norsemen get a pair of victories against a tough UP foe

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's hockey team knows that it's going to lose some games during the course of the season.

When you play one of the toughest schedules in the state, that's inevitable.

However, the Norsemen have been able to avoid losing streaks.

"One of our sayings is, 'don't lose two in a row,'" coach Scott Lock said after North bounced back from a 7-3 loss to Trenton to beat Marquette twice last weekend.

"We haven't lost back-to-back games. We've tried to learn from our defeats, and not make the same mistakes twice."

Lock said that the Norsemen had a good practice last Thursday, and it paid off with two excellent games against the Redmen. North won the first game 4-2 and completed the sweep with a 2-1 overtime victory.

Marquette was ranked No. 2 in the state in the Division I rankings last week, while the Norsemen held down the No.3 spot in Division II.

"We mixed up our lineup after the Trenton game, and we had a good talk after the game," Lock said. "I was really proud of the way we played against Marquette.

"They had nine power plays to our two in the Friday night game, but we didn't fold or get upset. We just kept plugging away and kept our poise."

Goalie Jordan Zielke was one of the key performers in North's win on Friday. He turned back 25 shots, and several of the saves were difficult ones.

"Jordan bounced back strong from a bad outing (against Trenton)," Lock said. "That's two games out of the last three that he has played very well. "

Zielke also turned in a strong performance in North's 1-1 tie with Grosse Pointe South a week earlier.

Jon Tibaudo scored twice for North, while Robbie Ireland and Doug Rahaim collected a goal apiece. Mike Cartwright and Andrew Tignanelli each had two assists, and Jimmy Moran and Drew Davis had one apiece.

Tibaudo got the game winner about three minutes into the overtime period the following night.

Matt Miller started the play and got the puck to Mike Yakamovich, who fed it to Tibaudo.

"Just before that, Tibaudo got stopped on a semi-breakaway," Lock said. "On the goal, he went 1-on-1 with the defenseman and used him as a screen."

Marquette tied the game midway through the third period. North had just killed off the first of two penalties that left the Norsemen two men short, but before the North player could get back into the play, the Redmen scored.

Goalie Evan Chase made the initial save, but the puck trickled slowly to the far post and a Marquette player knocked in the rebound.

Chase returned to action after missing several games and made 26 saves.

"He was awesome in his first game back," Lock said. "He took it upon himself to play well. I think we're in good shape in goal with Chase and Zielke. And Steve Mannino did a nice job as our backup when Evan was out."

Lock was pleased with the play of Yakamovich, who filled in nicely for captain Colin Brown, who missed both games in Marquette after being injured in practice. Yakamovich scored North's first goal in the Saturday game.

"Yakamovich took advantage of the opportunity to play more," Lock said. "He worked hard. He has good size, he skates well and he

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Pair of hat tricks help South beat North

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

HAZEL PARK — Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team once again beat rival Grosse Pointe North 6-4 at Viking Arena in Hazel Park last week.

The teams played two weeks ago with South coming out on top 2-1.

"It was a similar game to the one we played a couple of weeks ago," South coach Bill Fox said. "Our girls were a little too pumped up to play, but in the end they played well and beat a very good opponent. I have to give a lot of credit to North because it is a good team."

The Lady Norsemen jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead when sophomore Christy Sandmair scored just 10 seconds into the game.

"It's my fault for that," Fox said of the quick one-goal deficit. "My girls were too fired up to play, and that is what translated into North scoring that early into the game. The girls settled down after that."

Junior Ali Morawski scored her first of three goals four minutes later to tie it 1-1, but North ended the first period with a 2-1 lead after Sandmair tallied with only 2.2 seconds left on the clock.

Sandmair beat South goalkeeper Whitney Hughes high over the glove hand to give the Norsemen the lead.

Morawski's second goal of the game, 34 seconds into the second period, tied the game at 2, and three minutes later junior Hillary Inger scored her first of three to make it 3-2, South.

Back came North as senior Stephanie Harlan tallied to tie the game 3-3, but with 1:22 left in the second stanza, Inger scored to give the Lady Blue Devils a 4-3 advantage.

"It was an exciting game to watch for the fans," Fox said. "Neither team could get much of an advantage, and we said the team to score first in the third period would win the game."

It was South who scored as Morawski completed her hat trick, giving the Lady Blue Devils a two-goal cushion, 5-3.

Inger notched her hat trick midway through the third period, and North sophomore Emily Nelson scored late in the stanza to complete the scoring.

South outshot North 24-16, including 12-2 in the second period.

"I was really pleased with the way my team played," North head coach Tim VanEckoute said. "I thought our seniors played especially well. They have been doing a great job of leading this team all season and over the past few weeks they have really elevated their game."

Hughes made 12 saves for the Lady Blue Devils, while junior Angela Lee stopped 16 of 22 shots, and sophomore Jackie Zarb stopped both shots she faced in the final six minutes of the third period.

"We were once again able to run three lines of forwards and three lines of defense most of the night," VanEckoute said. "It means we're developing depth in our program. The credit for the win goes to South; they beat us. Bill (coach Fox) has taught his kids to capitalize on their chances. South never lets you get away with making errors in your own zone. They swarm the net and shoot the puck with authority."

North's weekend home game against Northville was postponed due to the snowstorm that blanketed the Tri-County area in a foot of snow.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 12-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls Hockey League, while Grosse Pointe North stands at 7-5 in the MMGHL and 7-8 overall.



Photos by G. Neal

Grosse Pointe South junior Ali Morawski (17) scored a hat trick to help the Blue Devils beat Grosse Pointe North for the second time this season.



Grosse Pointe North goalie Angela Lee made several nice saves to keep the Norsemen in the game against Grosse Pointe South.

North finds its defensive spark

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's basketball coaches have been looking for someone to give the Norsemen the defensive tenacity that Bryan Bennett gave them before he graduated.

They might have found their man.

He's Henry McCain, who provided an early spark with his defensive pressure in North's victories over Eisenhower (55-35) and L'Anse Creuse North (65-54) last week.

"Henry set the tone in both of them," said coach Matt Trombley. "If a player understands his role he can build confidence in it. Henry's role is to bother the other team's ball handler. Since the day he's started, we put him on the ball handler because he's long and works hard.

"He enjoys the role. That's been something we've been missing from last year — somebody to bother the other team's ball handler the full 94 feet."

And when McCain gets a rest, the harassment contin-

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Henry McCain's defensive pressure on Eisenhower's guards helped Grosse Pointe North's basketball team get off to a good start in its victory over the Eagles.

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Jennifer Reck, center, will receive the Woody Hayes National Scholar-Athlete Award on Friday in Columbus, Ohio. Reck, is a 2000 Grosse Pointe North graduate. Among her University of Virginia rowing teammates pictured are Emily Richard, second from left, a 1999 graduate of Grosse Pointe South; and Kelly Jesnig, far right, a 2000 North grad. Richard was on Virginia's second varsity eight boat that finished third in the NCAA Championships in 2002. Jesnig was on the Cavaliers' varsity four boat that was second in the 2002 NCAA Championships. Reck, Richard and Jesnig were all undefeated in Atlantic Coast Conference rowing competition.

North grad receives Woody Hayes Scholar-Athlete award

Former Grosse Pointe North and University of Virginia rower Jennifer Reck is going to have to take a day off from training for the United States national rowing team.

Reck is one of six individuals selected to receive the Woody Hayes National Scholar-Athlete award at a banquet in Columbus, Ohio, on Friday.

The awards are presented to a man and woman in each of the three NCAA divisions for demonstrated excellence in academics, athletics, community service and leadership.

"I didn't expect it," Reck said. "When Virginia called me I was thinking, 'I've graduated. What do they want?' It's exciting. I'm honored to get the award."

Reck is a May 2004 graduate of Virginia. She received the Jettie Hill Memorial Award as the senior female athlete at Virginia with the highest cumulative grade-point average through her four years at the school. She carried a 3.77 GPA while majoring in marketing and finance.

She also received a 2004 Atlantic Coast Conference Weaver-James-Corrigan Postgraduate Award for outstanding academic and athletic accomplishments.

Reck was a three-time scholar-athlete selection by the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association, earned recognition on the ACC honor roll four times and was a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Omicron Delta Kappa and the Raven Society. The latter is the oldest and most prestigious honorary at Virginia.

Reck was a member of the Cavaliers' first varsity eight crew for four years, was a two-time team captain and a three-time first-team All-America selection.

Her varsity eight crew was first in the ACC Championships all four years, and finished fifth in 2003, ninth in 2004 and 10th in 2002 in the NCAA Championships.

She earned All-South honors three times and was selected to the ACC's 50th anniversary women's rowing team.

Reck was a student athlete mentor on substance abuse programs for two years, worked with Habitat for Humanity on the construction of two homes, helped clear trails and painted at Camp Holiday Trails, and assisted elementary school children with learning disabilities as a tutor.

Reck, who is training with the U.S. National team in Westport, Conn., was a member of the U.S. Women's four crew that won a silver medal at the 2001 U-23 World Rowing Championships.

She hopes to earn a spot on the U.S. National team that will compete in the World Championships during the summer.

Port Huron, LCN knock South out of first in MAC White

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's basketball team didn't play one of its best games of the season last Friday, but even the Blue Devils' top effort might not have been enough to beat Port Huron.

"At times we played pretty well defensively, and they still hit 18-footers," South coach Jay Ritchie said after the Big Reds took over sole possession of first place in the Macomb Area Conference White Division with a 56-42 victory.

"They played well. They're athletic and they're a well-coached team. They get after the ball."

Port Huron is a team with quickness and strength. Those are two things that give South some problems at this stage of the Blue Devils' development.

Turnovers were a factor when the game turned in Port Huron's favor.

South started the second quarter with an 8-0 run and the Blue Devils led 14-12 after a pair of free throws by Dave DeBoer.

However, the Blue Devils wouldn't score again until Christian Conroy hit a three-point basket in the final minute of the half to end an 11-0 surge by the Big Reds.

Six of Port Huron's 11 points in the run were a result of turnovers by South. The Big Reds also had a pair of putbacks for baskets.

"We had 20 turnovers and we didn't have any offensive rebounding," Ritchie said. "That's a recipe for disaster."

South had trouble stopping Port Huron's fast break. The Big Reds had 14 fast-break baskets during the course of the game.

The first half ended with Port Huron leading 23-17. Another three-pointer by Conroy to start the second half cut the Big Reds' margin to three points but midway through the third quarter Port Huron had extended its lead to 10 points.

The Big Reds led 42-27 during the final minute of the third quarter before Brendan Howe ended the period with a putback for South.

"We're inconsistent, and a lot of that is because we're young," Ritchie said. "I thought Howe and DeBoer showed a lot of tenacity on the glass."

DeBoer led South with eight rebounds, while Howe and J.C. Cruse each pulled down six.

Cruse led the Blue Devils with 12 points, Conroy had eight and Eric Berschback and Howe added six apiece.

Nasio Williams led a balanced Port Huron attack with 14 points.

Earlier, South lost for the first time in the MAC White when L'Anse Creuse North beat the Blue Devils 59-48.

South led 24-18 at halftime, but the Crusaders scored 24 points in the third quarter to take the lead for good, although it was still a five-point game with three minutes remaining.

"We did everything well in the first half," Ritchie said. "We should have been up by 15 points at the half, but we just couldn't shake them."

LCN's size took its toll on the Blue Devils in the second half.

"They're a big, physical team," Ritchie said. "We had only 13 rebounds and no offensive rebounds.

"But like Port Huron, give them credit. They played well."

Cruse led South with 15 points and Berschback scored eight.

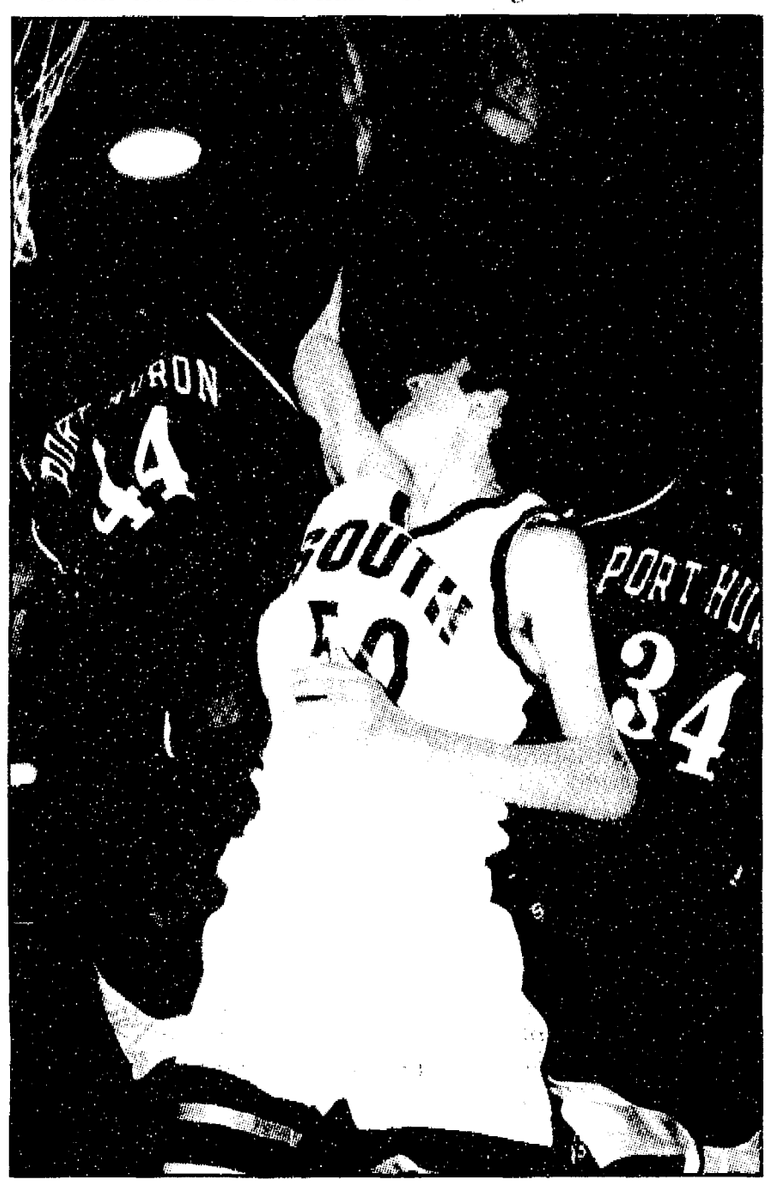


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Grosse Pointe South's Brendan Howe battles for a rebound with Port Huron's Rashad Baker (44) and Marion Stewart (34).

ULS fades in fourth quarter

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

CLAWSON — Head coach Dean Ristovski can't get a break.

For the second year in a row, Ristovski's University Liggett School boys basketball team had to face a state-ranked squad after his players completed their week-long dive into midterm exams.

"Last year we had to play Harper Woods the Friday after exams were completed, and this time we had Clawson," Ristovski said. "It wasn't an easy task."

Clawson, a new member to the Metro Conference, had only one loss on the season, and that came against the No. 5 ranked team in Class C, Harper Woods.

"They're not fast, but their players like to bang in the paint, and they play with a football mentality," Ristovski said the week prior to the game. "We have to either execute a more up-tempo game or rebound with them."

For 20 of the 32 minutes, the Knights were in the ballgame, but a third-quarter run pushed Clawson to a 69-61 victory over ULS.

"We didn't practice all week, and it showed because we came out slow and finished slow," Ristovski said. "We regrouped and played a very good second quarter, but we didn't have our legs, and it showed as Clawson really took it to us in the fourth quarter."

The Knights trailed 16-12 after the first quarter but put its game into second gear in the second period, winning it 19-11 to take a 31-27 lead into intermission.

Ristovski's squad was right in the thick of things with the score tied at 40 midway through the third period.

Then the roof caved in as Clawson ran off nine straight points to take command of the game.

The Trojans led 53-45 after the third period and extended the margin to double digits throughout the final stanza.

"We just ran out of steam," Ristovski said. "The lack of practice time hurt, but it's something that happens every year at this time. We will get back to practice and get ready for a couple of tough games."

Senior Jonathan Wright paced the Knights, 5-5 overall and 2-2 in the Metro Conference, with 24 points, followed by freshman Nick Waller with 15, and sophomore Matt Kimbrough with nine.

Coming up for Ristovski is a battle against his brother, Loren, as ULS faces Metro-leader Harper Woods on Friday, Jan. 28.

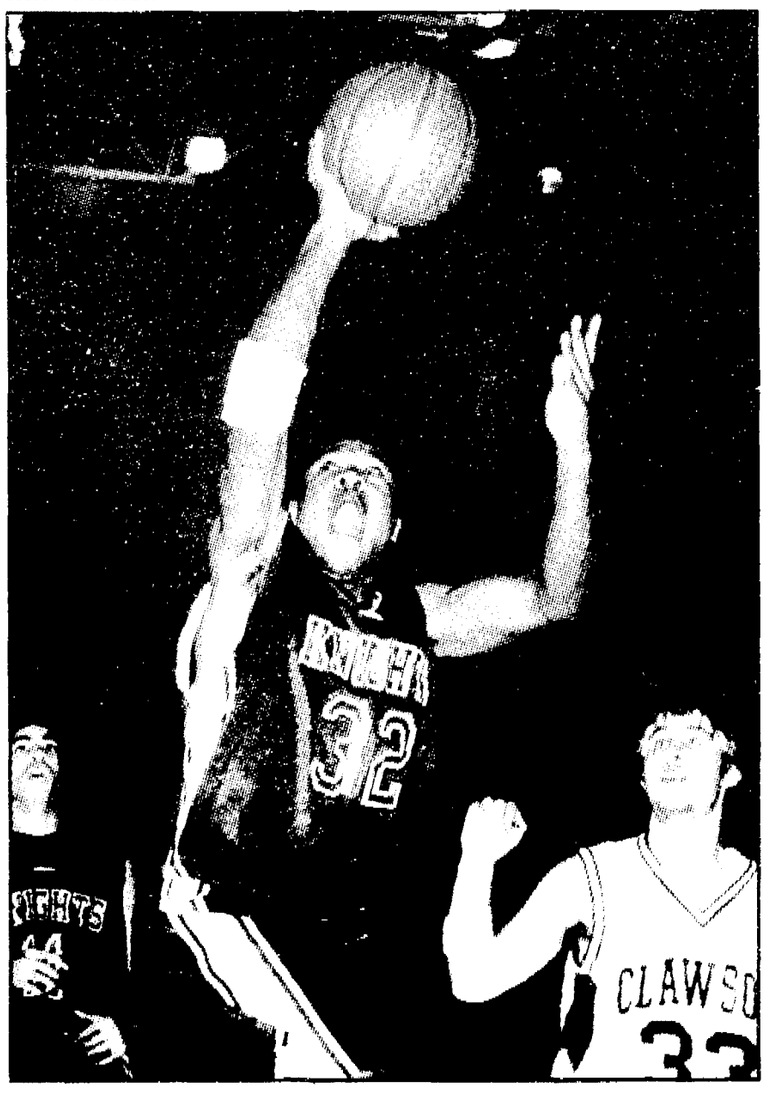


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University Liggett School senior Jonathan Wright, No. 32, goes up for two of his team-high 24 points in the Knights' Metro Conference game against Clawson.

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Comments: The Knights took an early lead and never relinquished it. James Palmer and Jacob Swindell played well for the Chill.

Local Babe Ruth gets a new look

The local Babe Ruth Baseball organization will have a new look for the 2005 season.

The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Babe Ruth League and the Grosse Pointe South Babe Ruth League, which covered the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Farms, have merged into a new league with new division formats.

The new Babe Ruth League of Grosse Pointe is represented by newly-elected board members from both former leagues.

"The merger was a natural and will benefit all with a larger baseball league, a new division for 13-year-olds only (Rookie), a 14-15 (Varsity) division, and a travel division with optional travel teams for all ages, 13-16," said league vice president Earl Kester.

"It's anticipated that the new arrangement will support approximately 20 teams for 2005. All of the five full-sized Grosse Pointe fields will be used for league activities."

All returning Babe Ruth players and this year's Little League graduates will be informed by mail of registration dates in early February.

New players should provide their name and address via e-mail on the league's Web Site (www.gpbaberuth.com).

Information on the new organization, including division breakdowns, season schedules, tournament dates, registration information and more is available on the web site.

Anyone interested in managing, coaching or helping with other league activities should contact George Smale at (313) 300-0781, Earl Kester at (313) 884-0711 or Bill Maniaci at (586) 773-8777.

Hitting Zone adds clinic with Michigan baseball coaching staff

The baseball coaching staff at the University of Michigan will be the guest instructors at a clinic sponsored by the Hitting Zone in Clinton Township on Saturday, Feb. 12.

The clinic, which will instruct high school age players in hitting and pitching, will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Michigan State University's baseball staff will be the guest instructors at a similar clinic at the Hitting Zone on Saturday, Jan. 29 from 9 a.m. until noon.

The college coaches will be assisted by former Detroit Tiger Dave Bergman, the founder of the Grosse Pointe Redbirds baseball program, and other professional players.

In addition to teaching the proper mechanics for hitting and pitching, the clinics also give students the opportunity to be seen by trained eyes in evaluating their talents.

The cost for the clinics is $75 if students pre-register. The cost is $100 on the day of the clinic.

To pre-register, call (586) 469-1700. If the call goes to the answering machine, leave a message and the call will be returned.

A girls fast pitch softball clinic that was postponed because of the weather conditions on Jan. 22, has been rescheduled for Sunday, Feb. 13.

For more information on that clinic, at which the Central Michigan University softball coaches will be guest instructors, contact the Hitting Zone Web Site at www.hitting-zoneinfo.com

Babe Ruth signup dates

Player registration for the new Babe Ruth League of Grosse Pointe will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 9 and Thursday, Feb. 10 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Registration will be at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, in the City of Grosse Pointe, and at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Building, 20025 Mack.

The league is for players between the ages of 13 and 16 who live in the Grosse Pointe School District. The league age is as of July 31, 2005.

New players must provide a birth certificate at the time of registration.

The registration fee is $100 per player.

Any questions should be directed to Earl Kester at (313) 410-1434 or Bill Maniaci at (313) 506-8062.

Diving sweep carries North to division win

A sweep in the diving gave Grosse Pointe North's boys swimming team the winning margin in its first Macomb Area Conference Red Division victory of the season.

The 1-2-3 finish by Matt Doak, Cory Fogelsong and Scott Ulrich helped lift the Norsemen to a 95-88 victory over Marysville.

All three divers also achieved season-best point totals.

Michael VanBeek won the 200- and 500-yard freestyle races, and Andrew Fly provided an important victory in the 100 breaststroke. Fly's winning time was a season's best.

Other season-best times were achieved by Karl Tech, Roy Lucier and Chris Blunden in the 50 freestyle; VanBeek, Blunden, Ryan Boury, Robert Briski and Chris Bill, 100 freestyle; Matt Lane, Briski and Jon Sattler, 200 freestyle; Lucier and Sattler, 500 freestyle; Brian Cornillie and Ed Grumeretz, 100 backstroke; Tim Schultes and Bill, 100 breaststroke; Cornillie, 100 butterfly; and Fly and Boury, 200 individual medley.

Earlier, North rolled to a 135-51 victory over St. Clair in a MAC crossover meet.

Hockey

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has good hockey sense. We might have found ourselves a diamond in the rough."

Although the Trenton game was disappointing, Lock didn't feel quite as bad after viewing the films.

"We didn't play as bad as I thought we did," he said. "Our defensive zone coverage wasn't what we'd like, we had some turnovers and we gave up some bad goals. I thought we had better opportunities than they did, and our power play looked good. We did some things well. I didn't think it was a 7-3 game.

"It's not a game we're happy about, but if we learn from it, it might help us in the long run."

North outshot the Trojans 36-34. Trenton came into the game ranked No. 1 in Division II.

Jake Schering gave the Trojans a 1-0 lead at 6:13 of the first period on a shot from the right faceoff circle after a North turnover.

Brown, who was one of the best players on the ice, tied the game at 1-1 at 12:44. He skated toward the net, put a slick move on goalie Eric Styles and flipped the puck past him. Mike Rourke and Miller assisted.

"Colin might have been the best player on the ice," Lock said. "He gives that kind of an effort day-in and day-out. That's why he's one of our captains."

In addition to his goal, Brown had a pair of assists.

Trenton's Brad Lyons broke the tie with a backhand shot at 1:28 of the second period and the Trojans made it 3-1 at 8:55 on a one-timer by Scott Lukitsch after taking a pass from behind the net. Derek Mayoros gave Trenton a three-goal cushion with a power-play goal on a shot from the point with 51 seconds left in the second period.

Lukitsch scored his second goal of the game at the 41-second mark of the third period.

Jimmy Solomon scored a power-play goal for North at 5:10 of the third period, assisted by Brown and Tibaudo. Trenton answered with a power-play goal by Joey Hurst 1:22 later.

Eddie Tropp got North's third goal at 7:32, but Phil Bouchard capped the scoring for Trenton at 10:19.

"Drew Davis and Robbie Ireland also played well for us," Lock said. "They worked real hard. I think Drew is one of the best defensemen in the state of Michigan this year. He's just steady every game. He reminds me of Nick Lidstrom."

The Norsemen were paced by three double winners.

VanBeek was first in the 200 and 500 freestyle races, Fly won the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke, and Tech was first in the 50 and 100 freestyle events.

Both of VanBeek's and Tech's winning times were season bests, while Fly's time in the 200 IM was his best of the year.

North also had firsts from Mike Kedzierski in the 100 butterfly, Mike Walton in the 100 backstroke and Doak in the one-meter diving. Each achieved season-best performances in winning the events.

Other season-best performances came from Blunden, Briski, Jon Schultes and Grumeretz, 50 freestyle; Blunden, Jon Schultes, Briski and Sattler, 100 freestyle; Lane, Walton and Briski, 200 freestyle; Lane and Sattler, 500 freestyle; Scotty Moore, Cornillie and Grumeretz, 100 backstroke; Jeff Moore and Bill, 100 breaststroke; Scotty Moore, 100 butterfly; and Edwin Whitfield, diving.

Last weekend, North finished third in the Romeo Bulldog Relays.

The Norsemen's 500-yard crescendo relay team of VanBeek, Lane, Blunden and Tech provided North with its only first-place finish.

North

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ues from Adam Miller.

"Adam has quick feet," Trombley said. "He's doing a good job as Henry's replacement. We like that rotation — always having somebody to bother the ball handler."

Eisenhower scored the first four points of the game, but North answered with a 22-1 run. McCain had one steal for a breakaway dunk, forced a couple of other turnovers during the spurt, and hit one of his two three-point baskets for the game.

"I was a little bit worried at the start because last year Eisenhower would try to jump out and control the game, but they don't have the point guard they had last year," Trombley said.

North led 32-11 at halftime and took a 44-22 lead into the fourth quarter.

David Klein had one of his best games of the season for North as he collected 10 points and six rebounds and played solid defense against the Eagles' 6-foot-10 center, Phil DeVries.

"David came out with some fire in his eye," Trombley said. "(Assistant coach) Gary (Bennett) challenged him before the game. In our loss to them in the regional last year, DeVries blocked some of David's shots. This time David was easily the best center on the court."

McCain led North with 12 points, while Michael Bramos had nine and Miller finished with seven. Marcell Maxwell tied Klein for the team rebounding lead as he also pulled down six to go with his six points.

McCain also had three steals and three assists, while Bramos also had three assists.

The victory improved North's record in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division to 4-0. Everyone else has as least one loss in the division.

In the Norsemen's MAC crossover victory against LCN, McCain had a similar performance to the one he had against Eisenhower.

"He really bothered their ball handler and set the tone for us again," Trombley said. "He had eight points in the first quarter, including two three-pointers, and he also had a couple of threes in the third quarter."

Bramos also had a strong all-around game against the Crusaders, who are a half-game behind division-leading Port Huron in the MAC White. Bramos had 20 points, three blocks, six rebounds and four assists.

"Michael also set the tone defensively," Trombley said. "He had a nice dunk off a steal early in the game, too."

Andy Bennett finished with 10 points, five assists and four steals.

"That was one of Andy's best games," Trombley said. "He gave us a big spark with six points in the third quarter. It was nice to see a smile on his face. He had a real solid game."

Maxwell finished with eight points, including four free throws in the fourth quarter, and Miller had five points, including his second three-point basket in as many games.

North broke away from a 12-12 tie after one quarter to lead 32-23 at halftime. The Norsemen extended their lead to 13 points going into the final quarter.

North is 9-2 overall. The Norsemen host Port Huron Northern on Friday, then play another MAC crossover game on Tuesday at Grosse Pointe South.

North spikers lose to LC

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe North's girls volleyball team dropped its league match last week, falling 15-25, 18-25, 17-25 to state-ranked L'Anse Creuse.

"The girls played tremendous defense, but they couldn't put up a big enough block and control their serve receive," head coach Kim Lockhart said.

The Lady Norsemen were up against the Lancers, which only have one loss on the season. The Lancers have one of the tallest front lines in the state, and their lone loss came against Marysville.

Senior Liz Andary had 12 kills and 13 digs, while junior Jessie Koltun had 10 kills to lead North.

Junior Erica Gaitley had 11 digs and four kills, while junior Danielle Zohrob added 26 assists and 12 digs.

Senior Melissa Watz and junior Caitlin Bennett each had nine digs in a losing cause.



Michigan's Chris Getz, who was an All-State baseball player at Grosse Pointe South, is a preseason All-America selection by Baseball America.

South wrestlers improve

Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team lost a couple of close matches to Lake Shore and Mount Clemens, but coach Jose Ramirez was happy with the Blue Devils' performance.

"We won 13 of 19 total matches that were wrestled, and out of the six losses we only gave up four pins," Ramirez said.

"Our takedown ratio has also improved. We took them down 28 times and were taken down only 18 times. The final score on the board does not always tell the whole story. These statistics are evidence of our improvement as a team and of our individuals starting to wrestle the right way."

Among the individual highlights for the Blue Devils are Blake Walker's 12-match winning streak.

"He has improved tremendously on his feet in the neutral position," Ramirez said.

Walker and A.J. Dixon lead South with 22 victories apiece.

Dixon had a seven-second pin, which was the fastest by a South wrestler this season. He has been dominant at 189 and 215 pounds.

Andrew Bagby won two matches on falls, and didn't give up any takedowns in the matches.

Joe Pawlowski is also wrestling well and is closing in on 100 career wins.

Rough sailing for GPYC group

A Christmas vacation trip to the Miami area wasn't all sunshine, gentle breezes and lovely beaches for the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club's 420 and Optimist sailors.

Daniel and Katie Bracciano; Chris and Katie Bill; Christie and Blair Listwan; Michael, Ryan and Kelly Seago; Scott Stevenson; Christian Giancarlo; and Conner Flaska competed in the five-day Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta at the Coral Reef Yacht Club in Coconut Grove, Fla.

"The regatta was anything but beautiful," said Katie Bracciano. "The winds were strong, the waves were high and the salt was sticky."

A fleet of 95 boats competed in the 420 class, while there were 210 boats in the red, white and blue Optimist fleets, and 83 beginner green fleeters.

Sailors from Japan, Denmark, Peru, Brazil, Italy and Chile were among the competitors.

"This regatta was said to be the windiest Orange Bowl ever," Katie Bracciano said. "The air ranged from 15 to 18 knots on the first day, to having the lasers come in early on the third day because of gusts hitting over 35 knots.

"Just to give a comparison, during most of the Junior Detroit Regional Yachting Association (DRYA) regattas that we compete in all summer, we have usually around 10 to 12, maybe 15 knots max, but usually under 10.

"Here it was blowing almost 20 every day, and sometimes even more. What a workout. Although this regatta was tough, I think all of us will be more prepared for next year's journey."

Also making the trip was sailing director Joey Harris and his wife, Claire, to coach the 420 team, and Hunter Ratliff to support the Optimists.



Several members of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club junior sailors program participated in the Orange Bowl Regatta near Miami.

Getz is preseason All-America

Grosse Pointe South graduate Chris Getz, a junior at the University of Michigan, is among the elite college baseball players in the country.

Getz was named to Baseball America's preseason All-America squad as the third team second baseman.

He was also the publication's pre-season all-conference second baseman in the Big Ten, and was the conference's No. 2 prospect for the major league draft behind Illinois catcher Chris Robinson. Getz was drafted out of high school in the sixth round by the Chicago White Sox, but elected to go to college instead.

Getz was also named in four categories on Baseball America's Best Tools list for the Big Ten — best pure hitter, best strike-zone discipline, best baserunner and best defensive second baseman.

Getz was the all-Big Ten first team second baseman as a sophomore in 2004, his first season with the Wolverines after transferring from Wake Forest.

Last season, Getz batted .364. He hit .600 in the Big Ten tournament and was named to the all-tournament team.

Getz led Michigan in runs (52), at bats (239), hits (87) and total bases (116) in 2004, and shared the team lead in doubles (17) and triples (3).

During the summer, Getz played for the Chatham A's in the Cape Cod League and hit .293. He was the starting second baseman for the East team in the all-star game.

North beats two mat foes

Grosse Pointe North's wrestling team remained unbeaten in the Macomb Area Conference White Division with impressive victories against Dakota and Fraser.

In the double-dual meet, the Norsemen beat Dakota 54-17 and crushed Fraser 64-13.

North couldn't beat the weather, however, and last Saturday's Norseman Classic was cancelled because of the snowstorm.

Tonight, North wrestles against L'Anse Creuse North and Sterling Heights at Sterling Heights. On Saturday, the Norsemen will compete in the Holt Invitational.

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Applicants for the Jack McSorley College Scholarship

Several years ago the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association initiated the Jack McSorley College Scholarship Award. It is named after the late Jack McSorley who died before the age of 21. Jack spent 12 years in the GPHA as either a player or referee and embodied everything we hope to teach kids about athletics and academics.

The scholarship is for up to $1,500 and may be awarded to one or more recipients. The criteria are listed below. If you qualify for this scholarship and wish to apply, please mail or drop off all the required information to me at 914 Roslyn, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236. Please call me with any questions 313-881-9862 (home), or 313-396-4200 (work).

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Statement and evidence of above is due by February 23, 2005. Interviews will be scheduled within a week to ten days after February 23, 2005. The Award will be presented on March 12, 2005 at the GPHA closing day ceremonies at City Sports Center.

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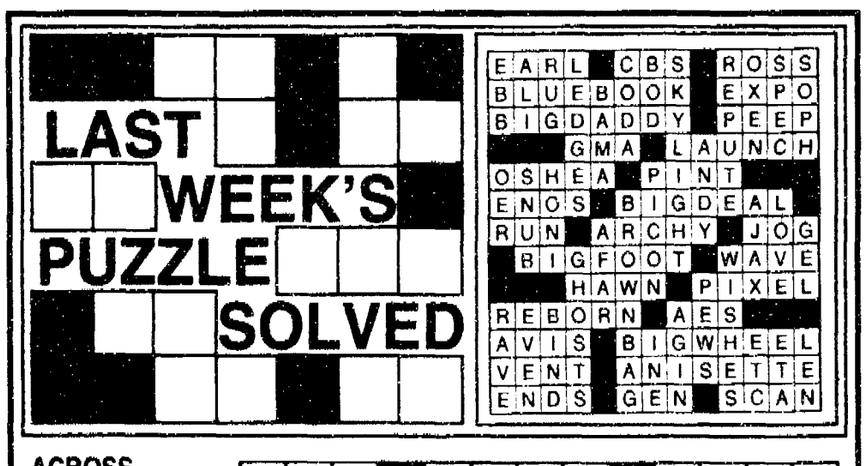
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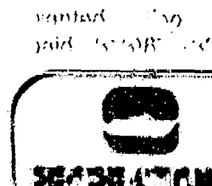
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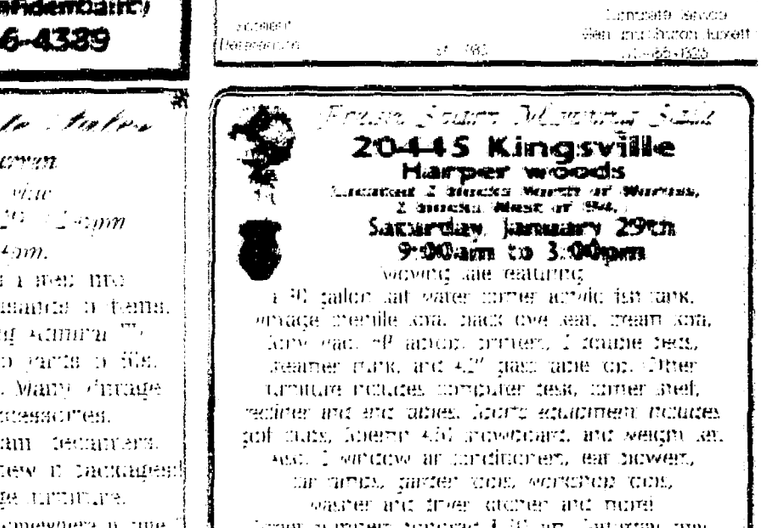
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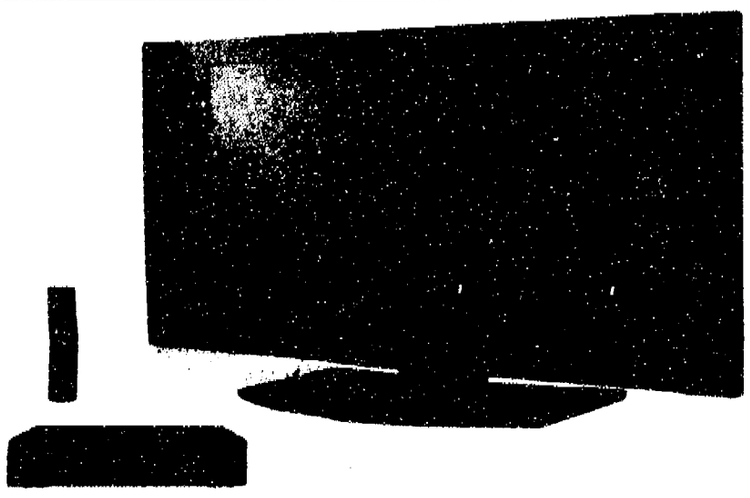
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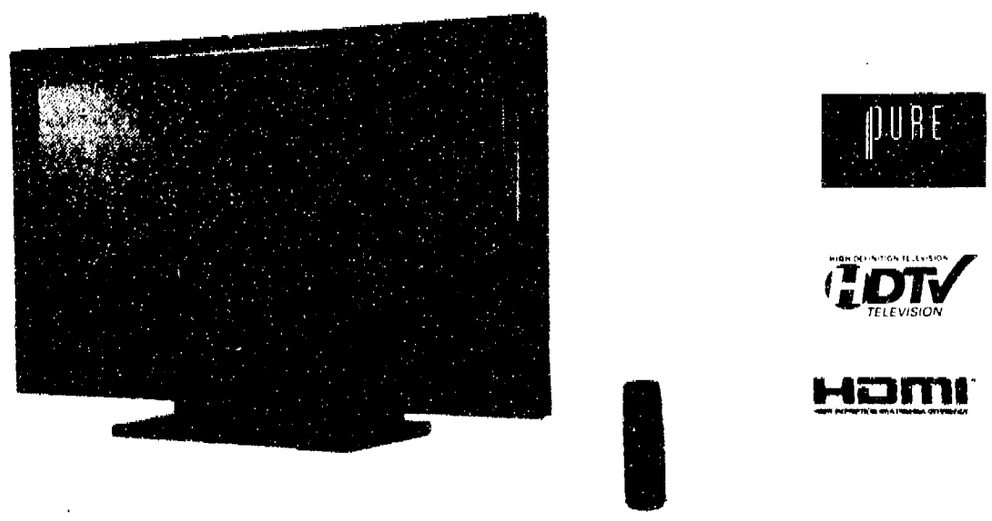
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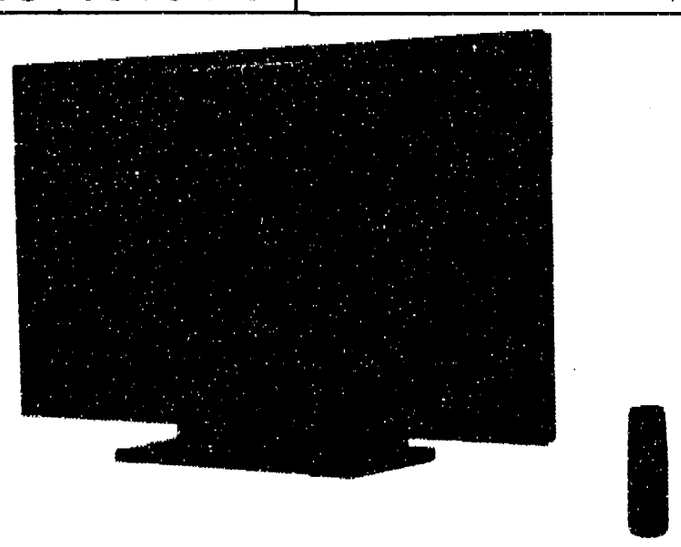
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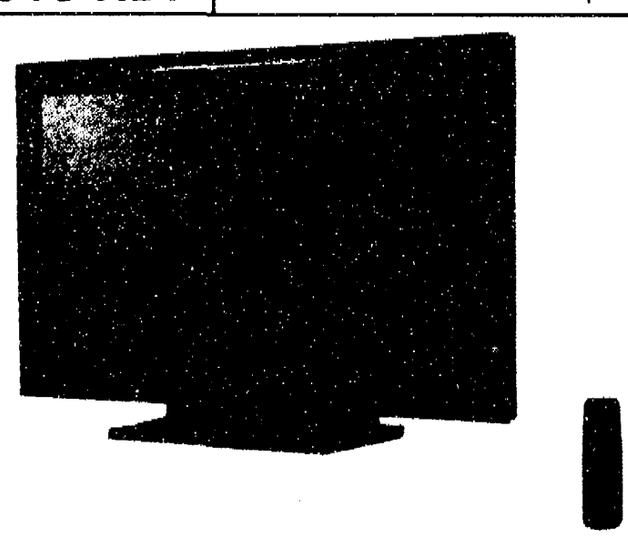
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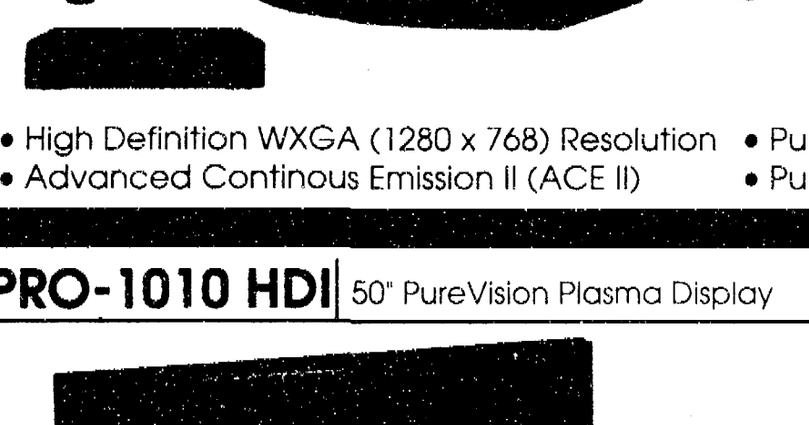
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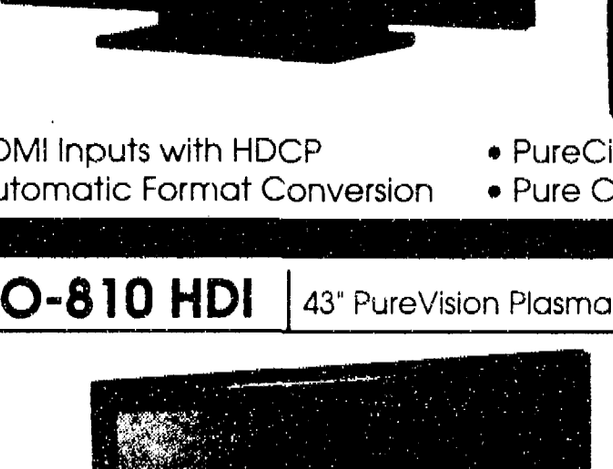
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- PureCinema II with 3:2 Pull Down
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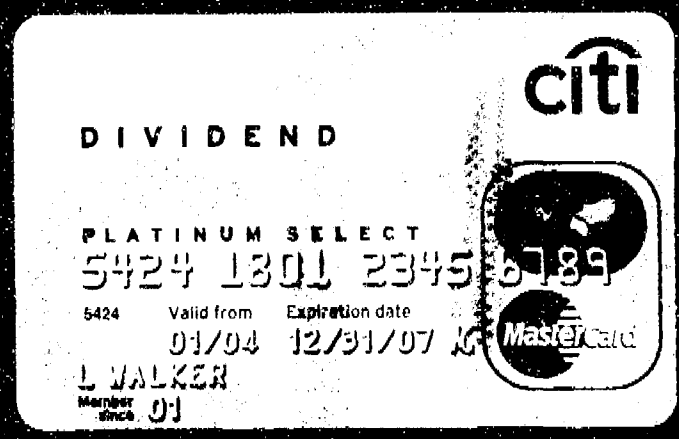
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- Purchases not eligible to receive 5% cash back include, but are not limited to, purchases made at warehouse clubs, discount stores, department stores and convenience stores. In addition, online, catalog, mail-order and telephone purchases are not eligible to receive 5% cash back unless the merchants identify the transactions as being made at a supermarket, drugstore or gas station. We do not determine whether merchants correctly identify and bill transactions as being made at supermarkets, drugstores or gas stations. However, we do reserve the right to determine which purchases are eligible to receive 5% cash back.
- You will earn 1% on cash advances and cash convenience check amounts billed at the standard cash advance rate. Cash advances and cash convenience checks billed at a promotional rate will not receive a rebate unless specified otherwise.

You will receive five Dividend Dollars for each individual balance transfer transaction, including individual balance transfer transactions made with balance transfer checks, of $1,500 and greater.

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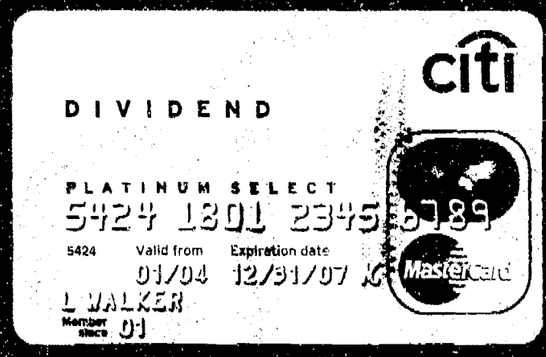
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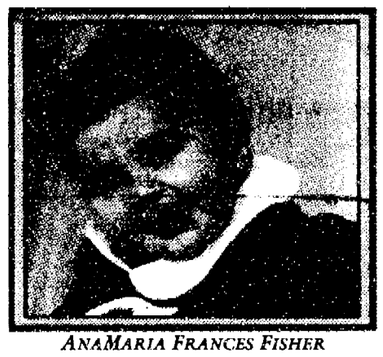


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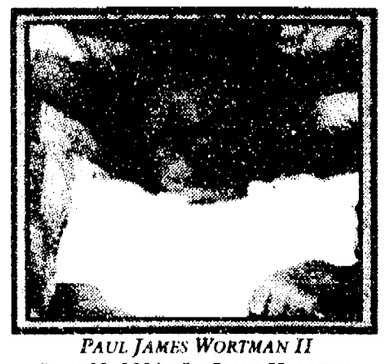
McCartney Kaleokukahi Michaelis
June 16, 2004 • Kapaau, HI
6 lb 14 oz – 19"
Christopher & Sarah (Lenard) Michaelis



AnaMaria Frances Fisher
August 23, 2004 • Bon Secours Hospital
8 lb 12 oz - 20"
Sam & JuliAnne (Gratr) Fisher



Morgan Grace Brown
July 27, 2004 • Mt. Clemens General
7 lb 4 oz – 19 1/2"
Bruce & Beth (Francis) Brown



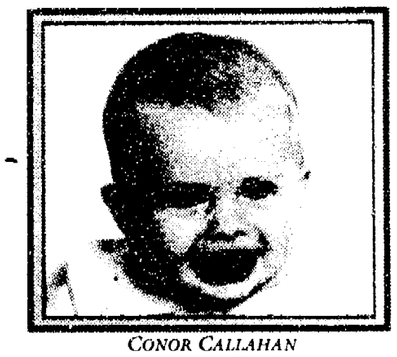
Paul James Wortman II
July 22, 2004 • St. John Hospital
8 lb 4 oz – 21"
P.J. & Laura (Vethacke) Wortman



Stella Grace Clark
March 15, 2004 • Mt. Clemens General
5 lb 13 oz – 18"
Timothy & Susan (Tschiggfrey) Clark



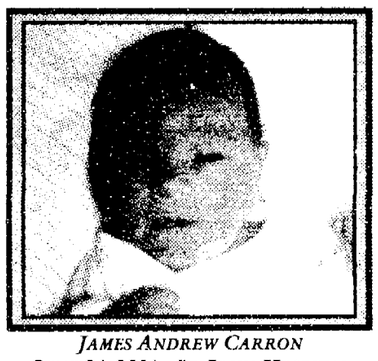
Amelia Rice
April 2, 2004 • St. John Hospital
7 lb 8 oz – 20"
Dino & Julie (Hielscher) Ricci



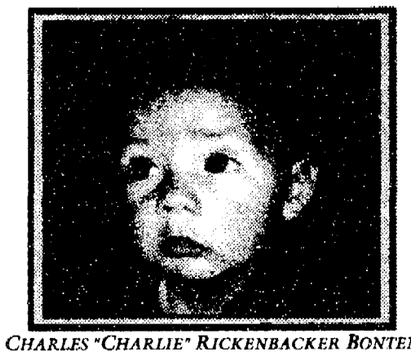
Conor Callahan
April 1, 2004 • Chicago, IL
8 lb 5 oz – 20 1/2"
Brian & Ann (Eckel) Callahan



Paisley Jane Dybowski
March 19, 2004 • St. Joseph Hospital
7 lb 3 oz – 19"
Chadwick & Erin (Bredow) Dybowski



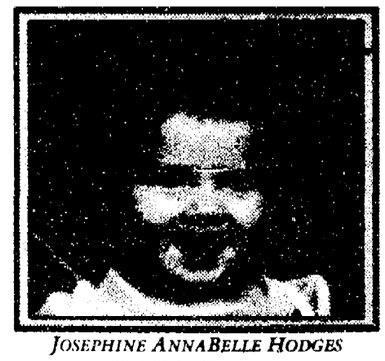
James Andrew Carron
June 24, 2004 • St. John Hospital
8 lb 15 oz – 22"
Patrick & Sarah (Mayer) Carron



Charles "Charlie" Rickenbacker Bonten
May 21, 2004 • St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor
8 lb 13 oz – 21"
David & Elizabeth Clarke (Rickenbacker) Bonten



Anna Rae Peterman
June 1, 2004 • Bon Secours Hospital
7 lb 1 oz – 20 1/4"
Brad & Raquel (Cadena) Peterman



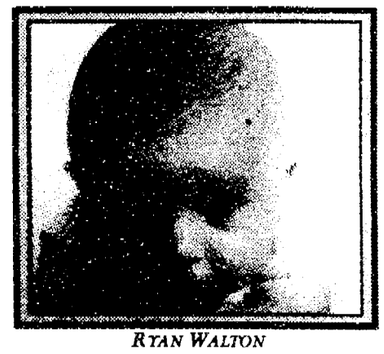
Josephine AnnaBelle Hodges
January 30, 2004 • St. John Hospital
8 lb 4 oz – 20 1/2"
Matthew & Michele (Young) Hodges



Isabelle Buckman
January 21, 2004 • St. John Hospital
9 lb 13 oz – 22"
Mark & Jennifer (Rusanchin) Buckman



Kate Raynal
December 18, 2003 • Mt Clemens General
5 lb 13 oz – 19"
Jeff & Shanna (McNamee) Raynal



Ryan Walton
April 3, 2004 • Bon Secours Hospital
5 lb 14 oz – 19 1/2"
Bob & Susan (Dickinson) Walton



Lauren Elizabeth Barthel
April 2, 2004 • St. John Hospital
7 lb 7 oz – 19"
David & Jennifer (Listman) Barthel

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Your heritage is something to be proud of. Learning about your family's past is how you find your place in history.

• Start with what you know — Fill out a pedigree chart, either on paper or online. Fill in as much as you can based on memory, then leave question marks indicating what you'll need to research. You can download a printable family chart at Ancestry.com.

• Consider using genealogy software — You'll find a variety of software designed specifically for family history research. One program to help you easily compile and organize data is Family Tree Maker.

• Look for records in your home — Scour your own attic for family bibles, photographs, diaries, journals, letters, scrapbooks, legal records, baby books and-most importantly-birth, marriage

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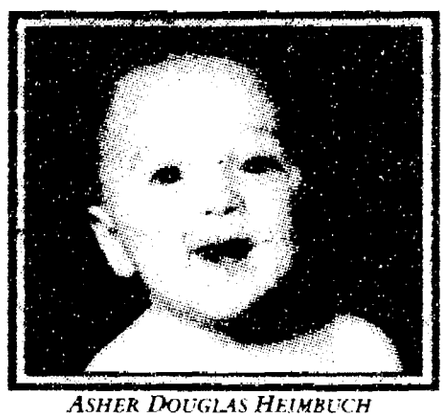
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• Baby Collegiate



Benjamin Pentecost
April 19, 2004 • St. John Hospital
8 lb 9 oz – 21 1/2"
Chuck & Simona (Biordi) Pentecost



Asher Douglas Heimbuch
January 8, 2004 • Bon Secours Hospital
7 lb 2 oz – 20"
Bob & Michelle (Swanson) Heimbuch



Annika Renee Lavender
June 27, 2004 • Durham, NC
8 lb 8 oz - 20 1/2"
Mark & Kim (Dornbrook) Lavender



Elyse Jane & Sarah Alice Kelly
May 5, 2004 • St. John Hospital
5 lb 8 oz – 19" & 5 lb 2 oz – 18 3/4"
Kevin & Carrie (Donaldson) Kelly



Mollie Catherine Woods
August 8, 2004 • St. Vincent's
7 lb 10 oz – 20 1/2"
Alan & Carrie (Rentz) Woods



Paige Evers
March 19, 2004 • Bon Secours Hospital
6 lb 12 oz – 18 1/2"
Ron & Kris (Courtney) Evers



Elizabeth "Elle" Ottaway
August 16, 2004 • Bon Secours Hospital
7 lb 5 oz – 20"
Michael & Tamra (Killinger) Ottaway



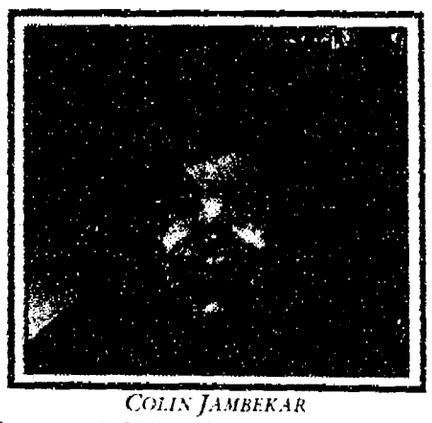
Caroline Southwell
September 21, 2004 • Chicago, IL
6 lb 2 oz – 19 1/2"
Todd & Elizabeth (Hart) Southwell



Elizabeth Cwiklinski
November 5, 2004 • Bon Secours Hospital
7 lb 15 oz – 21"
Mark & Andrea (Lucas) Cwiklinski



Brandon Turner
May 11, 2004 • Bon Secours Hospital
8 lb 10 oz – 21"
David & Geralyn (Bocci) Turner



Colin Jambekar
January 1, 2004 • Henry Ford Hospital
5 lb 11 oz – 18 3/4"
Jay & Jennifer (Mangol) Jambekar



Emma Katharine Meech
March 22, 2004 • Bon Secours Hospital
8 lb 11 oz – 21"
Wayne & Jennifer (Weidenbach) Meech



Katie Ann Zimmermann
September 1, 2004 • Highlands Ranch, CO
6 lb 11 oz – 20"
Erich & Lisa (Cox) Zimmermann



Victoria Glenore Roth
January 3, 2004 • St. John Hospital
8 lb 6 oz – 20"
Jason & Heather (Bauer) Roth



Henry Fitzsimons
November 27, 2004 • Northwestern Memorial
7 lb 1 oz – 19"
William & Lisa (Frerer) Fitzsimons



Benjamin Augustitus
January 27, 2004 • St. John Hospital
6 lb 9 oz – 19 1/2"
Tom & Nancy (Schulte) Augustitus

Discovering your past heritage

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and death certificates.

• Interview relatives — You can begin to fill in the blanks on your pedigree chart by asking relatives for information. Remember to record or videotape the interview for posterity.

• Hit the Web — Online databases, such as those on Ancestry. com, can be a huge help. The site provides the largest collection of family history records online (more than three billion names). Users can search the records from their home computers.

• Pay attention to spelling. Variations in spelling (especially surname spellings) can affect the amount of information that you find.

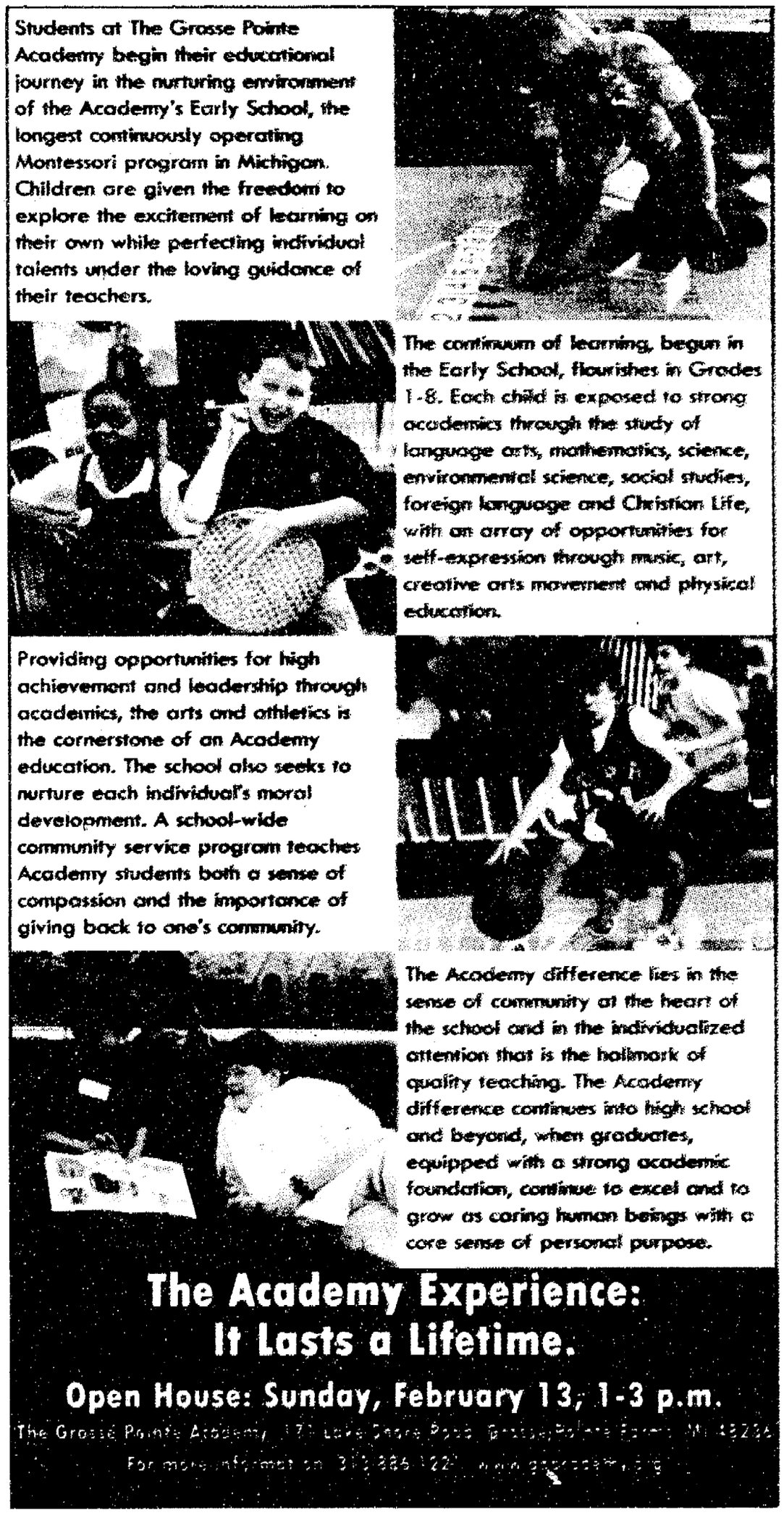
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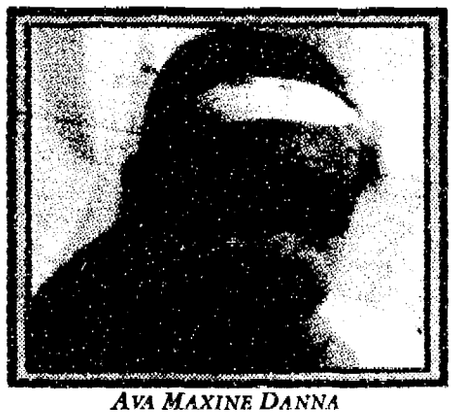
• Join a network — Sharing your questions with other genealogists can help you establish a strong information network. Beginning genealogy classes are also available on the Internet through Web sites such as RootsWeb.com.

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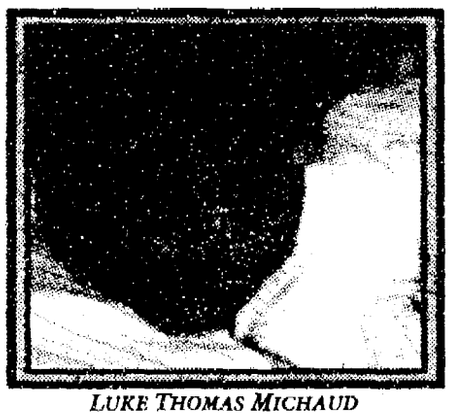
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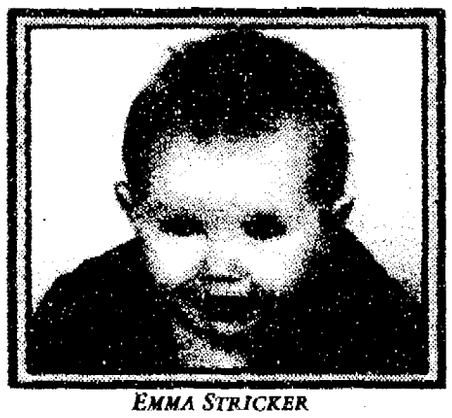
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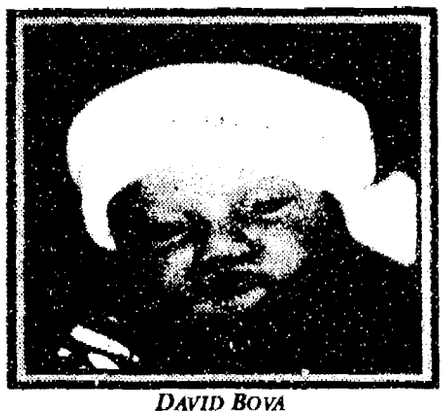
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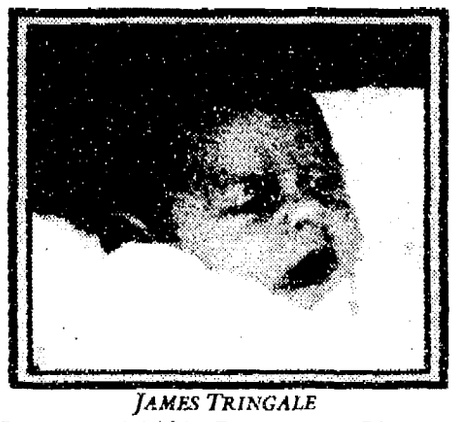
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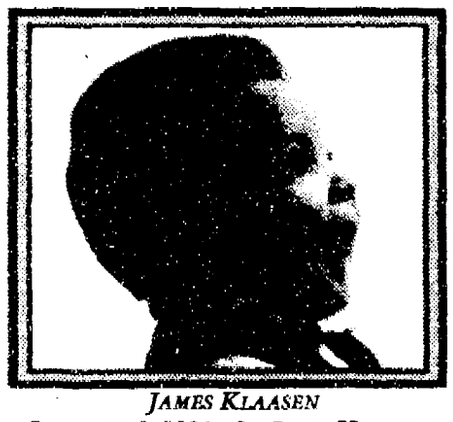
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Joe & Maggie (Sanders) Veneri



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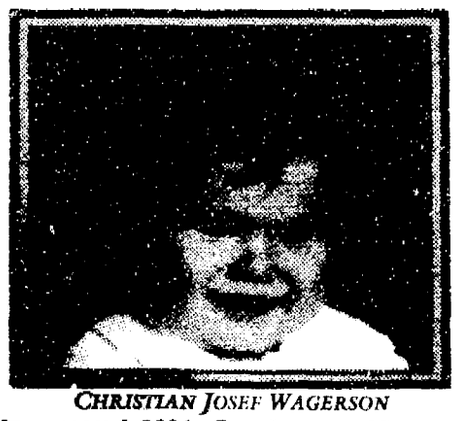
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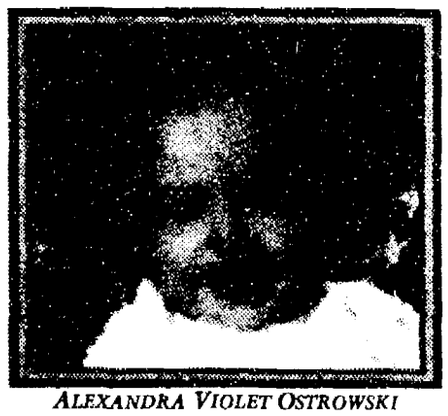
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Kevin & Theresa (Kepferle) Wagerson



Marcus Kosmas
June 10, 2004 • St. John Hospital
5 lb 7 oz – 18"
David & Tracy (Michalak) Kosmas



Alexandra Violet Ostrowski
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8 lb 2 oz – 20 1/2"
Jonathan & Marica (Montmorency) Ostrowski



Mary Elizabeth Schaden
October 4, 2004 • Bon Secours Hospital
8 lb 8 oz – 21"
David & Amy (Austin) Schaden

Taking baby steps in planning a nursery

Anticipating a baby's arrival is a most exciting time for expectant parents, and their world as they know it will change dramatically. One of the many enjoyable aspects of planning for baby is decorating the nursery.

With so many choices available, the task of putting together a perfectly arranged and creatively decorated room, and doing it during a pregnancy, may seem overwhelming.

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David & Laura (Whatley) Wysocki



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Dave & Michelle (Zrimec) Kopitzke



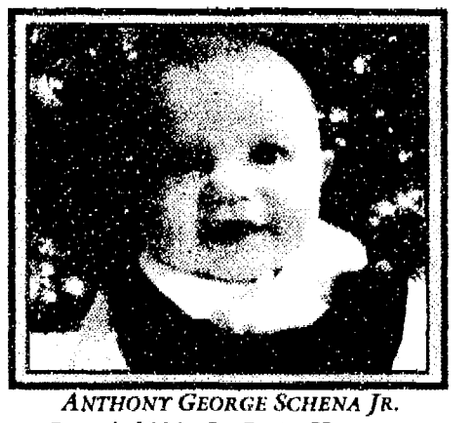
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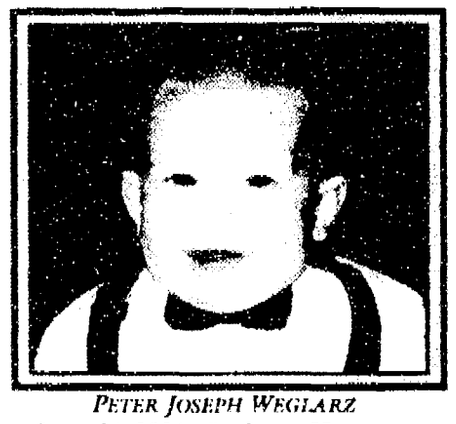
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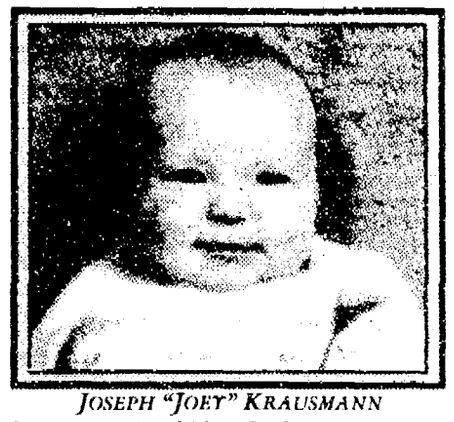
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Brian & Janell (Best) Vier



Olivia Ann DeBets
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Matthew & Emily (Romano) DeBets



Joseph "Joey" Krausmann
September 17, 2004 • St. John Hospital
8 lb 15 oz – 22"
Ken & Kari (Dierkes) Krausmann



Sophie Rose Konkey
May 5, 2004 • St. John Hospital
6 lb 14 oz – 20"
Stref & Debbie (Solterisch) Konkey



Megan Kristen Eugenio
January 8, 2004 • St. John Hospital
7 lb 14 oz – 19 3/4"
Michael & Lindsey (Maks) Eugenio



Bianca Francesca Giglio
February 16, 2004 • Cadillac Mercy
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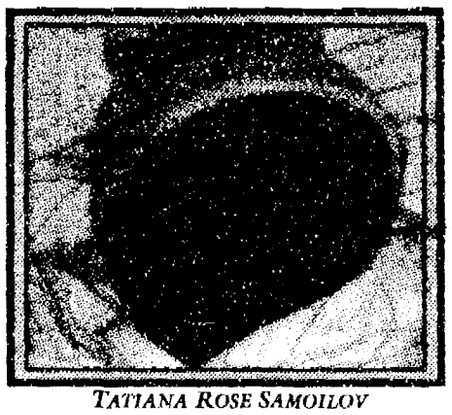
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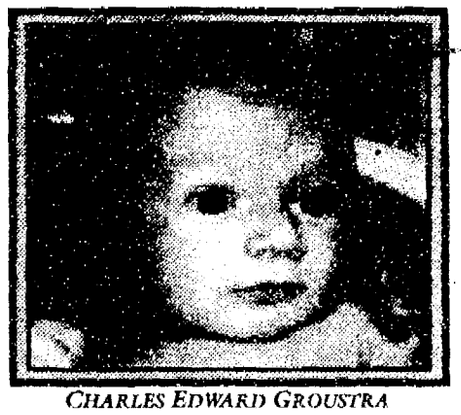
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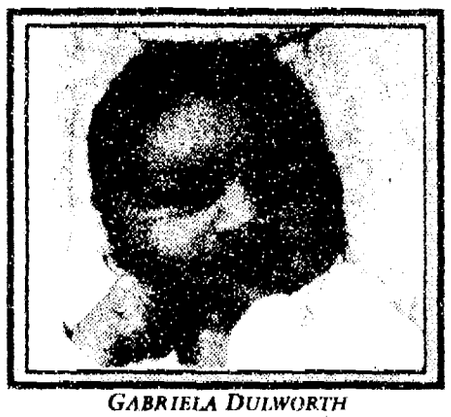
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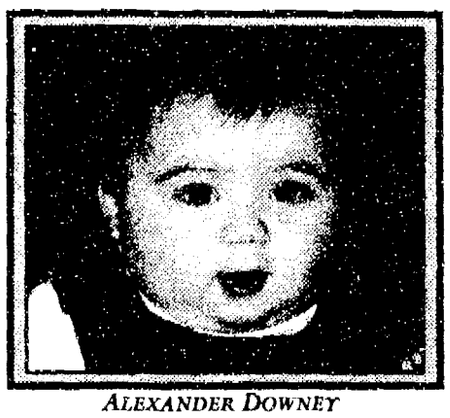
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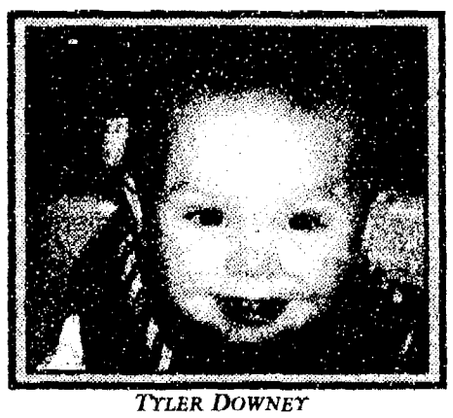
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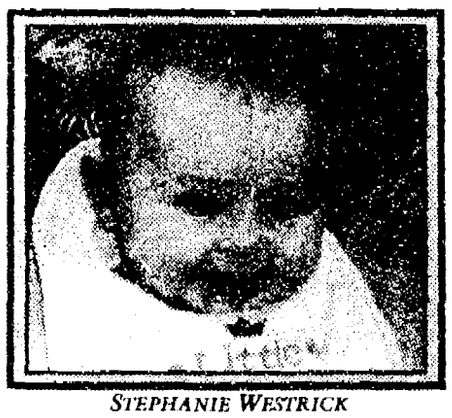
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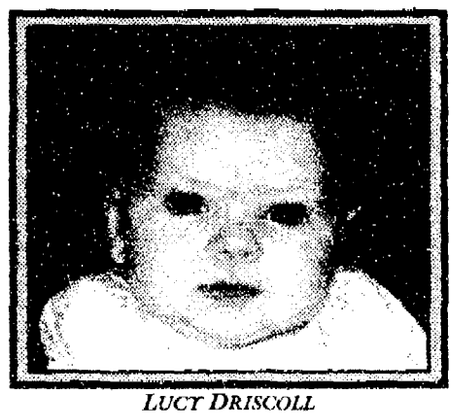
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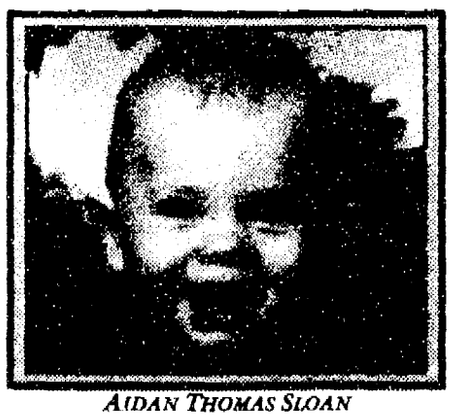
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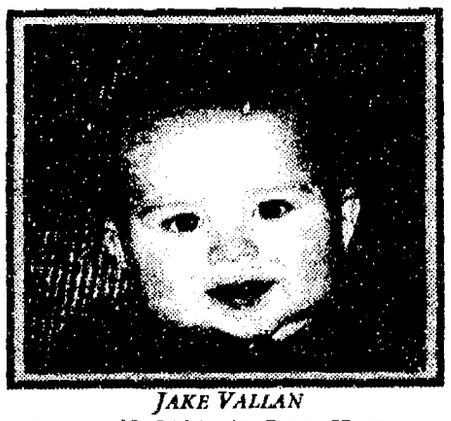
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OCTOBER 18, 2004 • MISSOURI BAPTIST
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ROB & STACY (TSANGALIAS) JURGIEL



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MARCH 25, 2004 • BON SECOURS HOSPITAL
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THOMAS & KYRSTYN (KARLE) SLOAN



JAKE VALLAN
MARCH 31, 2004 • ST. JOHN HOSPITAL
7 LB 2 OZ – 19 1/4"
TONY & SHELLY (BALLEW) VALLAN



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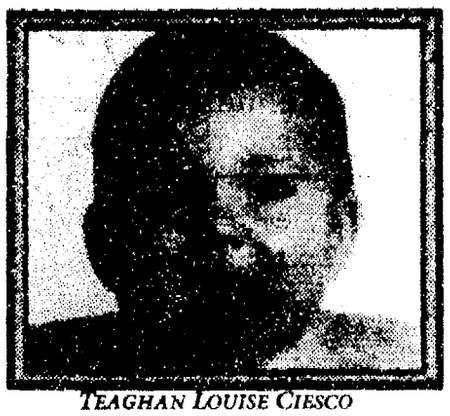
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Brian & Lisa (Heath) Altevogt



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October 23, 2004 • St. John Hospital
8 lb 6 oz – 22"
Mark & Chrissy (Miller) Bowen



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February 23, 2004 • Bon Secours Hospital
David & Krystin Ciesco



Jonathan Widgren
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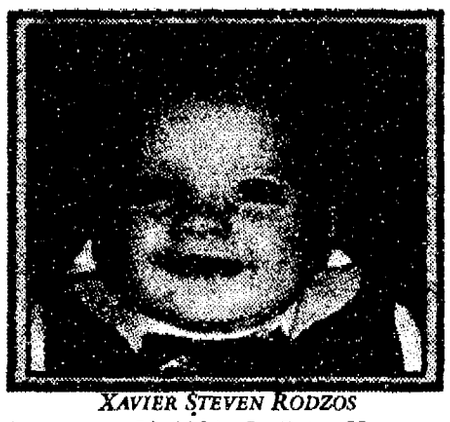
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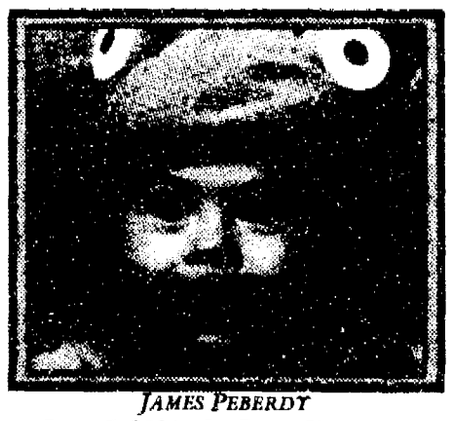
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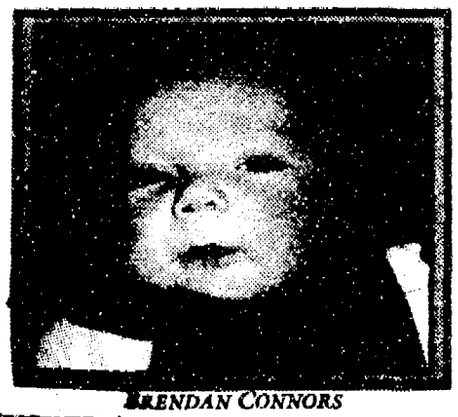
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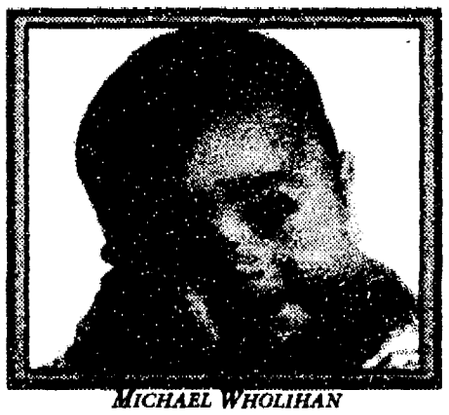
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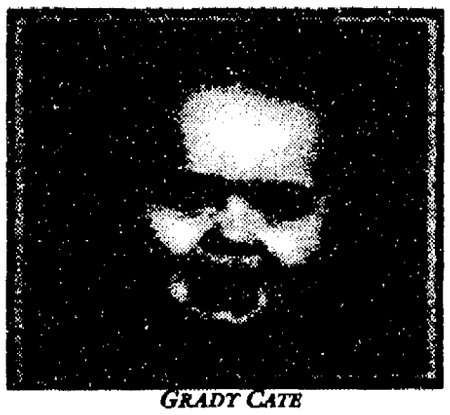
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September 15, 2004 • Bon Secours Hospital
9 lb 2 oz – 21"
Brian & Elizabeth (Denneht) Connors



Michael Wholihan
August 5, 2004 • Bon Secours Hospital
5 lb 12 oz – 19 1/2"
Jerry & Laura (Watts) Wholihan



Grady Cate
May 27, 2004 • St. John Hospital
8 lb 12 oz – 21 1/2"
Mike & Kristi (Widgren) Cate



Vanessa Ciaramitaro
December 28, 2004 • St. John Hospital
7 lb 7 oz – 19 1/2"
Luke & Rene' (Bedway) Ciaramitaro

Planning a nursery can be fun

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a vision. As you stand in the empty room, try to imagine an environment with a special and meaningful theme while allowing for a place for baby to dream and play. A crib should first and foremost meet all current safety standards, while fitting in with the overall vision of the room. Color also helps set the mood, determined by the bedding set chosen.

Make it inviting

Bellissimo recommends making the nursery welcoming to baby and inviting to grown-ups. A comfortable rocker will help during feedings, and should be big enough for reading.

Also, if you can manage a twin bed into your nursery budget, it is a great place to curl up with your newborn, especially if your baby is not feeling well and you feel the need to be close.

A place for play

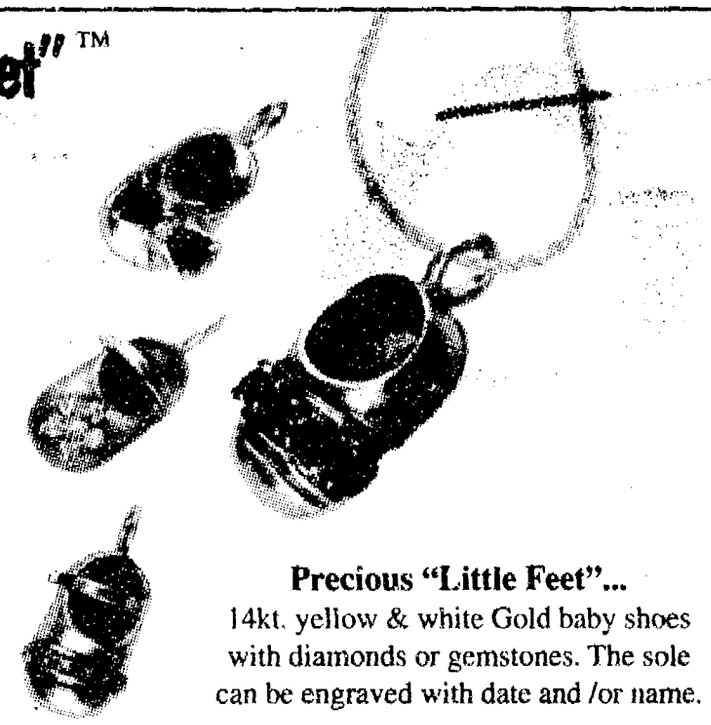
A child's play table and chairs are good for sitting and creating as children grow. Chairs with no arms allow grown-ups to sit, too.

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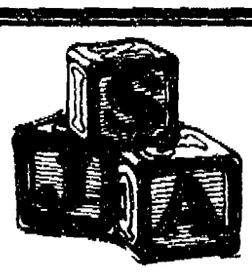
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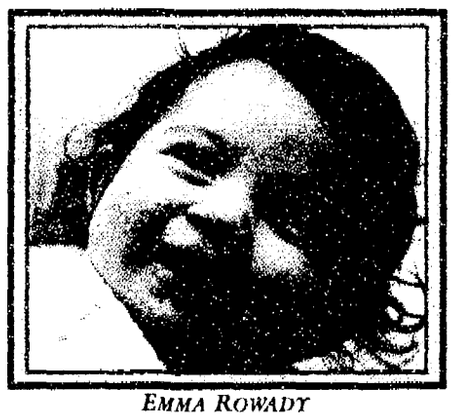
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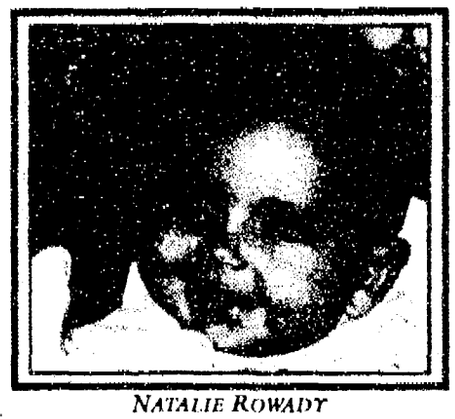
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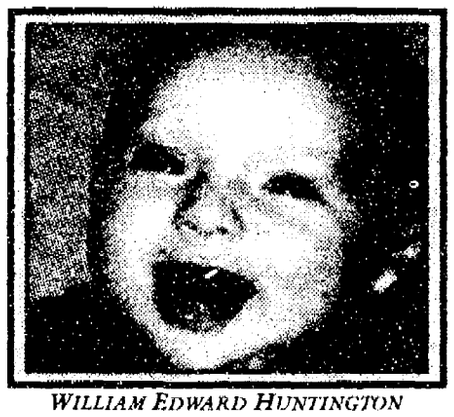
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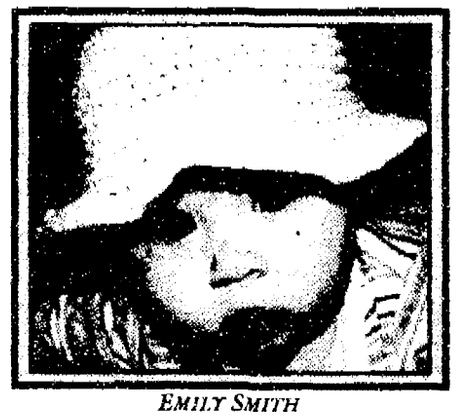
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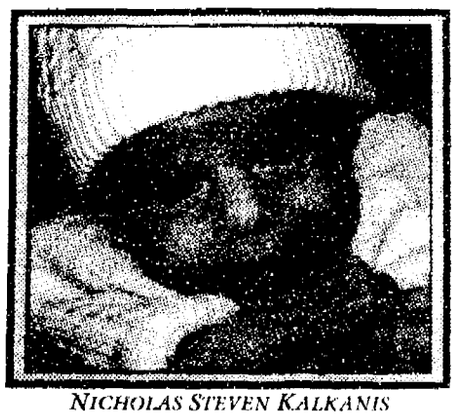
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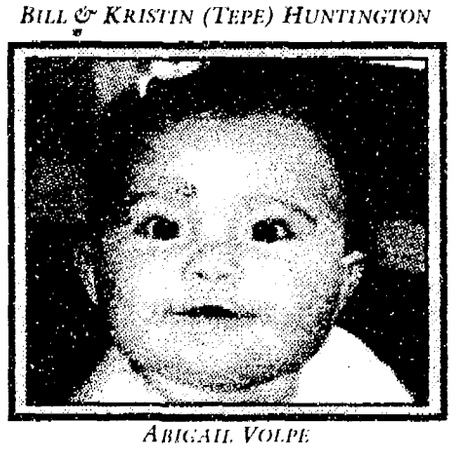
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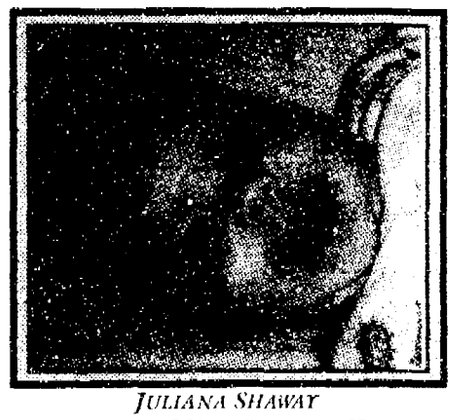
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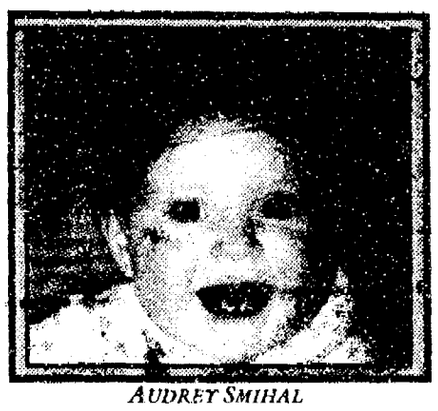
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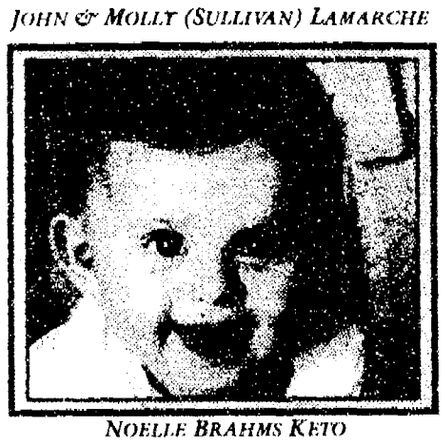
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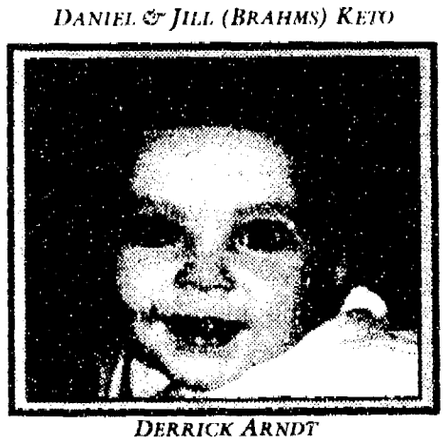
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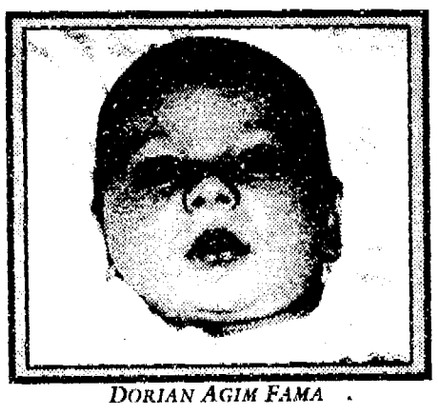
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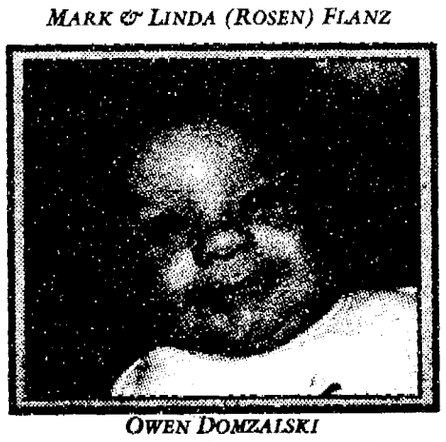
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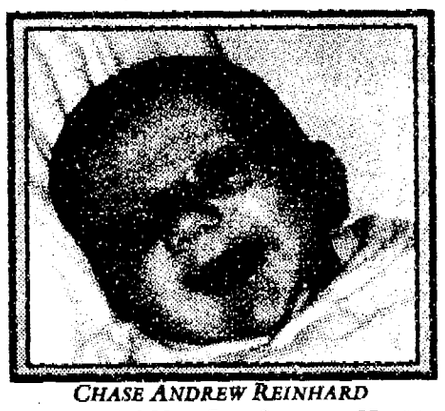
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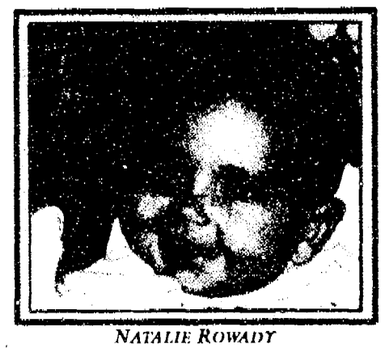
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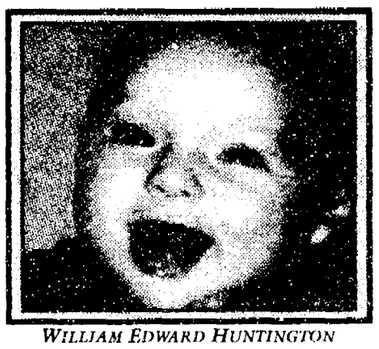
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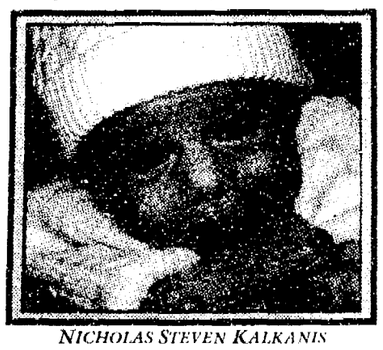
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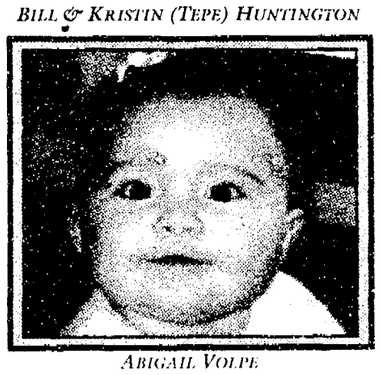
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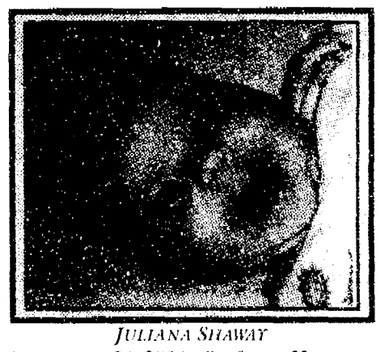
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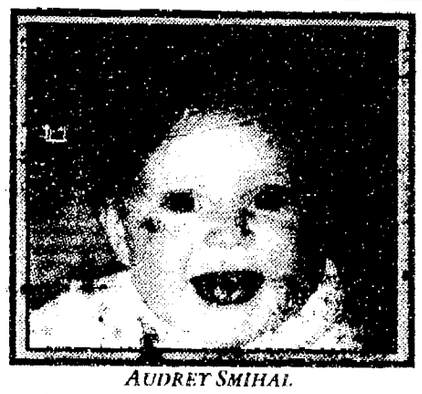
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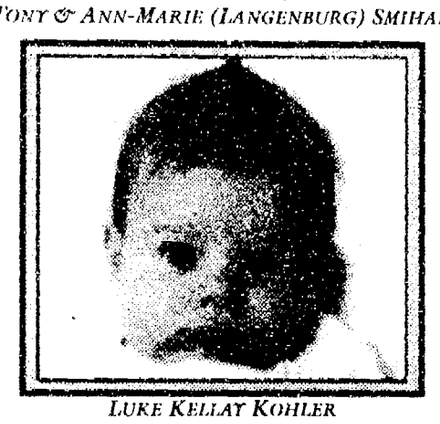
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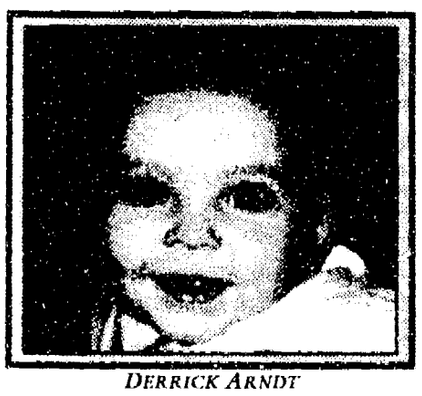
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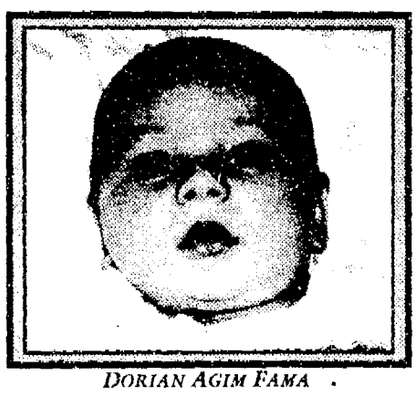
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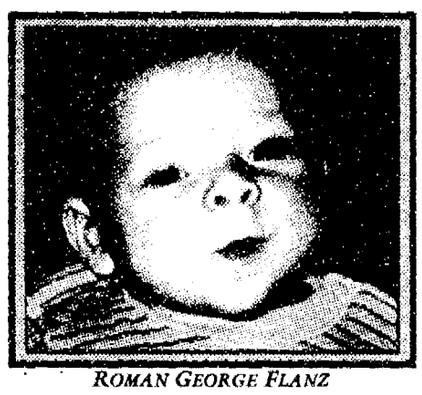
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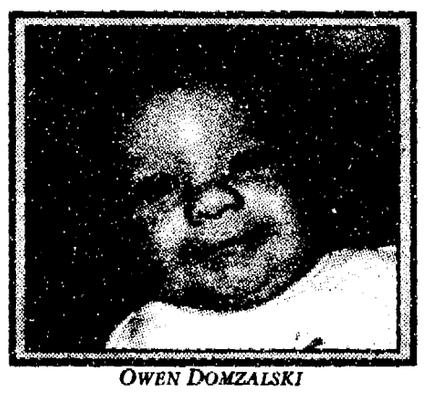
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Get healthy before considering pregnancy

By Deborah D. Hamby, M.D.
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Before embarking on a long road trip in your car you'll want to make sure it's in good shape and ready for the journey. Pregnancy is a nine-month journey during which a developing fetus depends entirely upon its mother's health before conception and as it matures in the womb. Sometimes a pregnancy is not planned, but a woman planning to conceive should first try to be in good health; and this can start with a visit to her physician.

During a pre-pregnancy examination, the physician checks a woman's overall health, blood pressure and inquires about her past medical history. Typically, the only routine blood test required is to check for the woman's immunity to rubella, or German measles.

If the test shows that she is not immune, then a rubella vaccine is given.

Three to four months before conception women are advised to start taking prenatal vitamins to assure they are receiving the extra 400 mcg of folic acid needed to help prevent spina bifida. Women who have a child with spina bifida or who have a family history of the condition need to take even more folic acid (4 mg). Folic acid also is present in foods such as green leafy vegetables, citrus fruits, legumes, commercial breads and cereals.

In the months prior to conception a woman should try to get as close to her ideal body weight as possible. Overweight women are more prone to developing gestational diabetes or high blood pressure during pregnancy. Women who are underweight at the time of conception should make sure they gain adequate weight during pregnancy to prevent having low birth weight babies.

Make healthy lifestyle choices

When preparing to conceive, a few simple, healthy habits can help.

- Tell your physician about any prescription or over-the-counter medications that you are taking, as some drugs are associated with birth defects.
- Follow a well-balanced diet and get enough sleep.
- Avoid smoking and drinking alcohol before and during pregnancy.
- Caffeine is o.k., but in moderation (limit to one cup a day).
- To avoid exposure to toxoplasmosis, have someone else change the cat litter box; but don't stop holding your cat.

Getting fit and staying fit

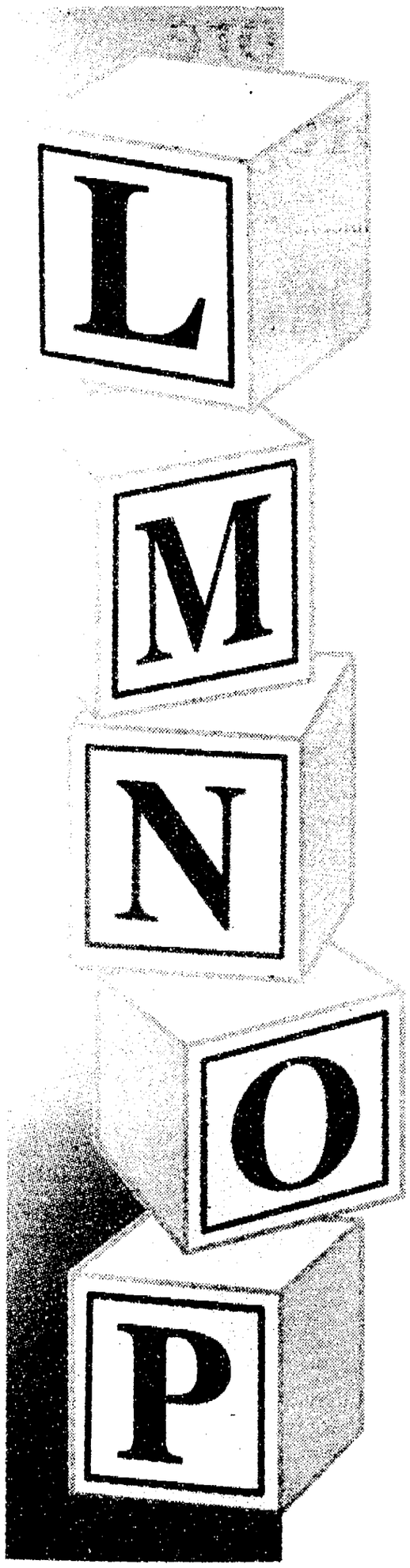
A woman who is physically fit before conception will probably be more comfortable during pregnancy, the delivery and even after the baby is born. Many women who experience nausea and fatigue find it difficult to continue their exercise regimen during the first few months of pregnancy. When she is feeling better, she can resume her regular work out routine providing she keeps her heart rate under 140 during the pregnancy.

Early pregnancy is not a good time, however, for a woman to say, "Now I'm going to get fit."

Give it a year

It can take healthy, young couples up to a year to conceive. The chances that the sperm and egg will meet up in time are 1 in 5. So don't worry if it doesn't happen right away. However, if a woman is 36 or older, has a history of pelvic inflammatory disease or has irregular periods, then her physician may discuss the various fertility treatments that are available.

Dr. Hamby is a board certified Bon Secours Cottage obstetrician/gynecologist with Eastside Ob/Gyn. For an appointment, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at (800) 303-7315.





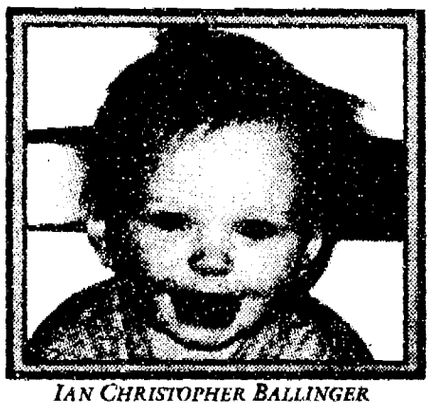
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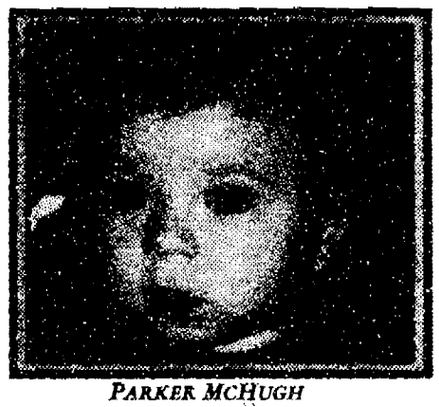
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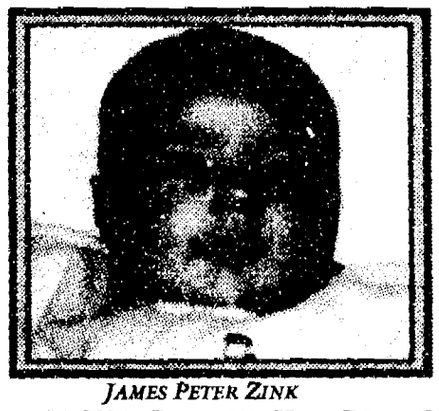
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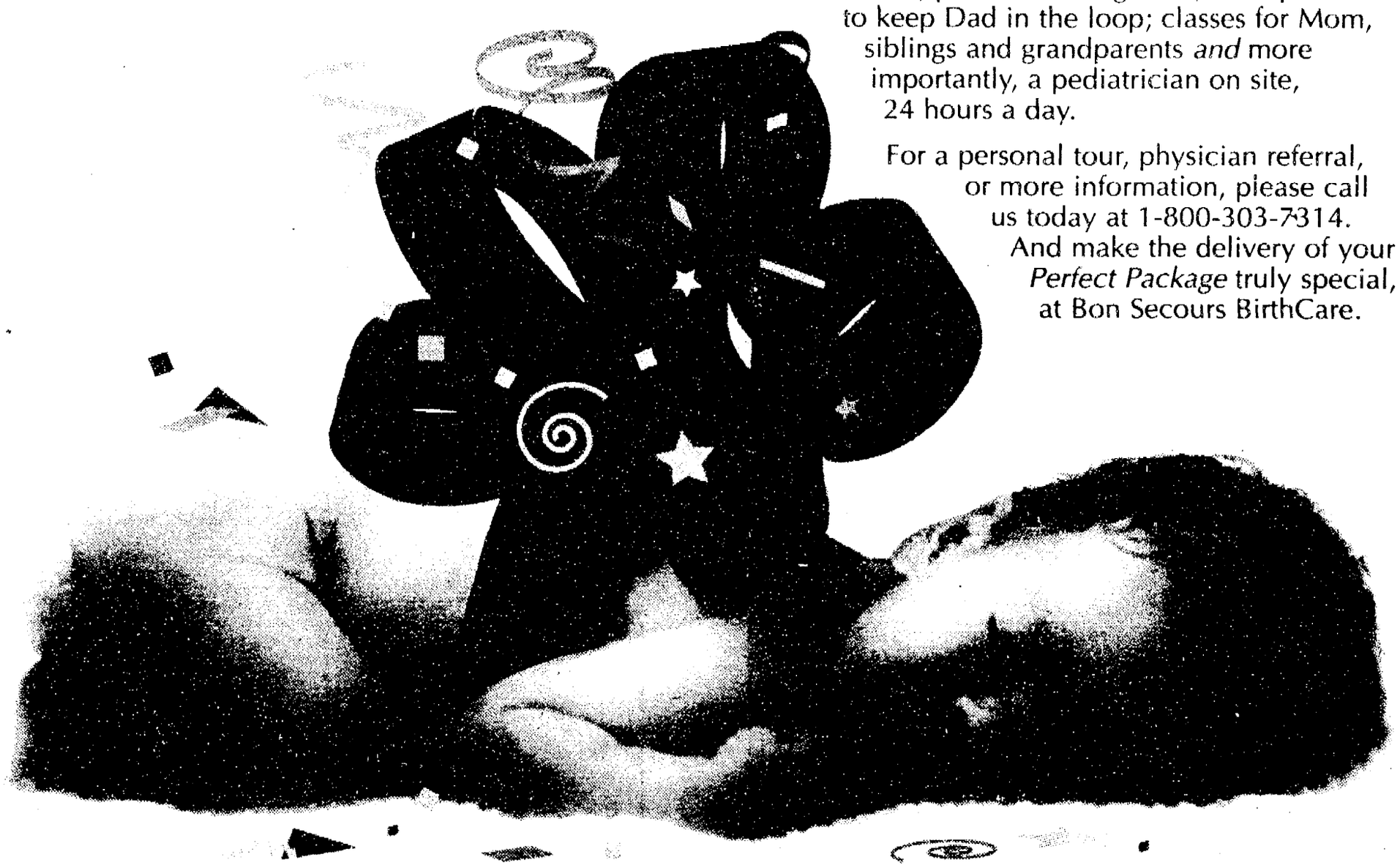
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Think spring for planting



The Backer Yard

By Ron Jazowski
Backer Landscaping

A little caution should be used when ordering something from one of those colorful seed and flower catalogs you may get in the mail. Things don't always turn out the way they seem.

The picture of the magic tree that grows five or more feet per year, is most likely a "weed tree" you'll love to get rid of in a few short years. When checking out the ads, look for the botanical name. If it starts with the word populas, run, don't walk, away from placing an order. This tree has a common name of poplar. It grows like a weed, meaning it's a very weak type of plant. If you look it up in a tree book, a few comments you will find are: "commonly forms many suckers" (which pop out all over your yard), "releases cottony seeds in June" (making it look as if it is snowing in summer), and "susceptible to disease." While not all poplars are bad, most are troublesome. Buyer beware.

When looking at your seed and flower catalogs, it's important to distinguish the exact size of the item that will be coming in the mail. "Seedling" normally refers to a plant that recently "seeded." A fine Norway maple that looks stately in the picture, with a tire swing hanging in it, might be a seedling about 6 inches tall. At the rate of growth, you can probably hang that tire swing from the tree in 25 to 30 years. A sapling is a little better deal as it means a stick that is a year or two older. It'll be 24 to 30 inches tall and only take 23 to 28 years to hold the swing.

If you're buying a tree or a flowering shrub, it's always much better to go to the local garden center and see what you're buying.

Pay attention to the shipping date. You could send the order out the end of January, and 10 days later there's a package of plants sitting on our doorstep. Now what do you do? You can't plant the items in the frozen tundra; storing them in the garage won't work, and you can't bring them in the house. There is nothing to do but watch them die. Shipping is very important to people living in the northern areas of the country. Even though the plants may be coming from the deep south, and it's sunny and warm there in February, we don't want them here until at least May.

Note: Poinsettia plants are not poisonous. I always hear about the flower being dangerous. Well, for one thing, the flower itself is the little yellow pea-size dots in the middle of the plant. Everything else, including the vibrant red, white or pink leaves, is just that — leaves. You probably could get sick if you ate the whole plant, but that wouldn't be from poison. It would be from putting 5 pounds of anything in your stomach at one sitting.

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*Ron Jazowski is a senior landscape designer at Backer Landscaping located at 27739 Groesbeck in Roseville. All questions pertaining to your garden needs are welcome; phone (586) 774-0090; e-mail customerservices@backerlandscaping.com.*rs

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9781 S. RIVER ROAD
CLAY TOWNSHIP

Discover this amazing home with a million dollar view along the St. Clair River south of Algonac State Park. 2,700 square feet, three bedrooms, three baths, sprinklers, security system, dock, patio, two fireplaces and a stones throw from the river. Enjoy freighter watching daily in this brick beauty! $859,000

641 ACRES COURT
E. CHINA

Park like setting on the Belle River with 2.7 acres. Custom built R.J. Smith home with solid oak six panel doors, vaulted ceilings, bridge, marble tile two story foyer, hot tub and first floor master suite with Jacuzzi. 3,100 square feet, four bedrooms, two and one half baths, great design and five plus car garages. $549,900

10 OLD COURSE
ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP

Outstanding Golf Course property in prestigious Golfside Subdivision. This 2,296 square feet home features a custom kitchen with cherry cabinets and three sided fireplace. Master on main floor with additional fireplace. Full finished lower level with kitchen area, two bedroom and one bath up, Large lot. Professionally landscaped lot, brick paver patio $414,900

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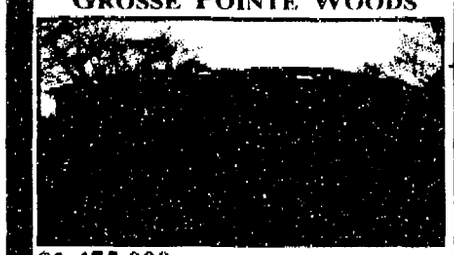
$700,000 NESTLED just off of Lake Shore and Farms Pier. Kitchen with Corian and granite countertops. Spacious family room with skylights. Living room with fireplace. Formal dining room. Library. First floor laundry. Hardwood floors. Two and a half car attached garage.

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



$4,760,000 EXQUISITE HOME detailed out • Nearly two acres of land on private road • Over 10,000 square feet. Totally renovated with extensive additions • Fabulous for entertaining • Gourmet kitchen • First floor twelve seat theater • All six bedrooms have private baths

30 MOORLAND
GROSSE POINTE SHORES



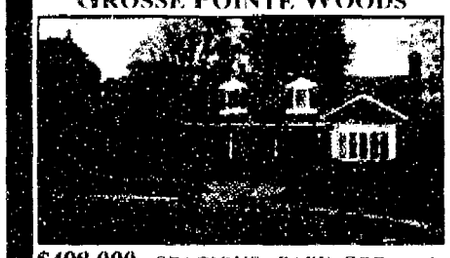
$450,000 BUILT ORIGINALLY as a builder's residence! Four bedroom, three full and one half bath ranch. New maple kitchen with Corian counters. Private courtyard with brick BBQ. First floor laundry currently being used as butler's pantry. Two and a half car attached garage.

1319 BALFOUR
GROSSE POINTE PARK



$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



$599,000 HANDSOME Colonial close to the "Village." Library with built-in bookshelves. Family room. New kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Carpeted recreation room. Immediate occupancy.

271 ROOSEVELT PLACE
GROSSE POINTE



$449,000 ELEGANT BROWNSTONE in immaculate condition. Panelled library with built-in bookshelves. Custom cherry cabinets for the new kitchen with quality appliances. Master suite with private bath and dressing room with customized cabinets.

569 BALLANTYNE
GROSSE POINTE SHORES



$445,000 SPACIOUS RANCH near Star of the Sea. Paneled library plus family room. Three bedrooms, two full and one half baths. Large lot. Hardwood floors. Quick occupancy.

19990 E EMORY COURT
GROSSE POINTE WOODS



$229,000 WONDERFUL QUALITY BUILT HOME. Original owner. Four bedrooms complimented by two full baths. Living room with fireplace. Large kitchen. New windows. Hardwood floors. Two car garage. Move right in.

26030 HARBOUR POINTE
HARRISON TOWNSHIP



$438,000 CAPTIVATING view of Marina and Lake St. Clair. Three bedroom, three bath condo. State of the art kitchen with granite counter tops. Huge deluxe master suite with skylights. First floor laundry. Deck. 40 foot boat slip included. Two car attached garage.

645 PEAR TREE
GROSSE POINTE WOODS



$385,000 NEAR STAR OF THE SEA. Impressive recent improvements. Master bedroom with bath. Formal dining room. Hardwood floors. Multiple fireplaces. Large family room. Private yard with patio. Immaculate condition. Spacious two car attached garage with built-ins.

413 BELANGER
GROSSE POINTE FARMS



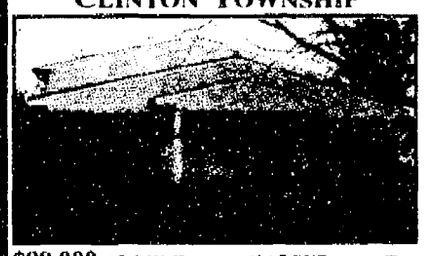
$245,000 SHARP BRICK BUNGALOW in immaculate condition. Custom kitchen with granite counter tops and cozy breakfast nook. Natural woodwork. Gleaming hardwood floors. Newer: furnace, air conditioning, windows. Updated bath. Carpeted recreation room with lav.

19771 HOLIDAY
GROSSE POINTE WOODS



$239,000 MOVE IN READY! Brand new kitchen with granite counters. New furnace and central air 2001. New windows. Updated bath. Gleaming hardwood floors. Neutral décor. Living room with fireplace. Attached garage.

24546 QUAD PARK LANE
CLINTON TOWNSHIP



$88,000 15 MILE AND HARPER area. Two bedroom, one and one half bath ranch condo with attached garage. Full basement with lavatory. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer; gas forced air and central air. Immediate occupancy.

818 CADIEUX
GROSSE POINTE



$245,000 LOVELY ENGLISH TUDOR with natural woodwork. Immaculate condition. Living room with fireplace. Library with built-in shelves. Double doors with beveled glass lead to large formal dining room. Updated kitchen with breakfast nook. Full bath in recreation room.

1798 STANHOPE
GROSSE POINTE WOODS



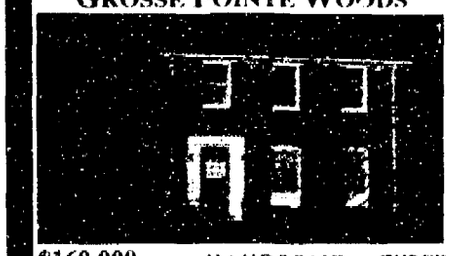
$215,000 CHARM AND CHARACTER in this home on double lot. Living room with fireplace. Beautiful hardwood floors. Immediate occupancy.

20742 CHARLEVOIX
GROSSE POINTE WOODS



$229,000 GREAT VALUE. Renovated three bedroom two full bath Colonial. Open floor plan. Spacious family room. First floor laundry. New in 2003: Kitchen, baths, tear off roof, waterproofed basement. Move right in! Immediate Occupancy!

1372 VERNIER
GROSSE POINTE WOODS



$169,000 HANDSOME THREE BEDROOM, one and one half bath updated Colonial with family room. New since 2001: roof, windows, kitchen features dishwasher and Jenn Aire range, furnace and central air. Two car garage.

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Grosse Pointe Shores $[illegible]

Magnificent ranch with custom built-ins throughout! Gorgeous granite foyer and hall lead to gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and island, granite and marble baths with crown molding throughout.

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Grosse Pointe Farms $629,000

The perfect location near the lake! Very bright and spacious home with five bedrooms, four and a half baths. New roof in 2002. Priced to accomodate your decorating touches. Motivated owner.

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Grosse Pointe Farms $499,000

Just a block off the lake and Pier Park. Once the house of baseball great Ty Cobb! Wonderful layout, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, private yard, attached garage, circular drive.

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Grosse Pointe Farms $369,900

Beautification award winner off Grosse Pointe Boulevard. Newer: kitchen '02, hot water heater, furnace, baths, drive, landscaping, Marvin and Pella windows, hardwood floors,central air, natural fireplace, vinyl siding, N.Y. blue flagstone patio.

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Grosse Pointe Farms $[illegible]

Sharp Colonial in mint condition with new kitchen and bathroom, large California closets, spacious living room with fireplace, large family room with French doors. Well Decorated! First floor powder room.

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Grosse Pointe Farms $[illegible]

Brick Colonial located close to schools, churches, and shopping. Both home and garage have newer 'tear off' roof. Newer landscaping and sprinkler system. Mostly new windows.

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Grosse Pointe Park $329,900

Charming two and one half story. Kitchen with ceramic floor, newer dishwasher, built-in appliances, newer tear-off roof. Dead end street means limited traffic! Enter off of Charlevoix Best buy in area!

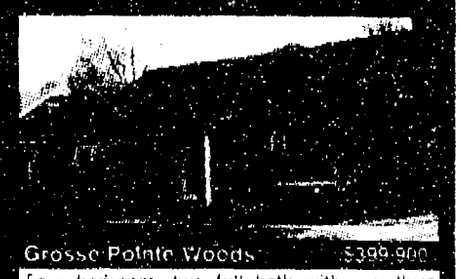
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Grosse Pointe Shores $449,000

An absolute gem - Must See! In Grosse Pointe Shores one block from Lakeshore. Beautiful curb appeal with new landscaping, patio with gas grill, and a Florida room. New roof, windows, air condition, furnace and hardwood floors.

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Grosse Pointe Woods $399,900

Four bedroom, two full bath with everything done. Island in the kitchen. Granite. Finished basement with full bath. Storage galore. Half bath on first floor.

(GPN-GW-61PAG) 313-886-4200



Grosse Pointe Woods $[illegible]

Immediate Occupancy! Priced below market! Freshly painted inside and out, new finished basement November '04. Two fireplaces, hardwood floors, large kitchen, large garage with shed for workroom.

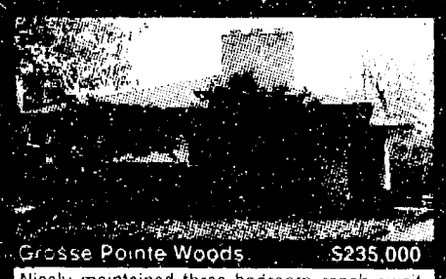
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Three bedroom tri-level on cul-de-sac. Newer windows on two floors, newer roof, open kitchen concept with separate eating area. Paneled library with full bath could be fourth bedroom.

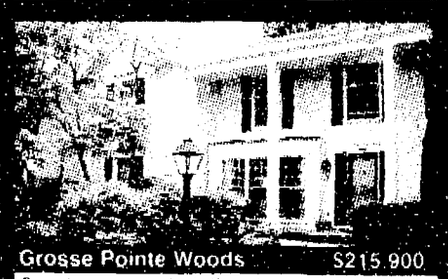
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Grosse Pointe Woods $235,000

Nicely maintained three bedroom ranch awaiting your decorating touches. Updated kitchen with eating space, large family room, finished basement with wet bar and full bath. Newer driveway.

(GPN-H-60MAP) 313-885-2000



Grosse Pointe Woods $215,900

Brand new interior! Townhouse style condo, front entrance in Grosse Pointe Woods completely remodeled with new kitchen, bath, and carpet throughout. Professionally decorated with neutral colors.

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Grosse Pointe Woods $209,[illegible]

Great buy in Grosse Pointe Woods! Amenities include: newer furnace, central air, hot water heater, driveway, carpeting, and roof. Stove and refrigerator stay. Updated kitchen. Square footage includes heated flordia room.

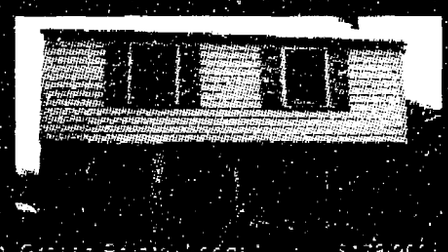
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Grosse Pointe Woods $[illegible]

Great curb appeal! Move right in! Updates include kitchen, windows, refinished hardwood floors, furnace, central air, hot water heater, basement B-Dryed, copper plumbing, electric, new concrete, and two and one half car garage.

(GPN-GW-61HUN) 313-886-4200



Grosse Pointe Woods $[illegible]

Priced to sell! Good-sized bedrooms, formal dining room, two and one half car garage, updated electrical, and one year home warranty included. Stove and fridge stay-keys at closing too!!

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Harper Woods $132,000

Beautiful brick ranch on quiet cul-de-sac with Grosse Pointe Schools. Windows ('97), roof ('97), lovely deck 16x14 in rear yard. Very bright and cheery kitchen with vaulted ceiling overlooking yard. Finished recreation room.

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Harper Woods $92,900

Freshly painted townhouse in desirable Willaimsburg Condos. Hardwood floors in living room, dining room, and bedrooms. All appliances stay. Air conditioning is only two years old! Great location.

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Harper Woods $82,900

Move right in and enjoy! Sharp and clean ranch with newer carpet over hardwood floors. Finished basement with bar and knotty pine paneling. New electric in 2000.

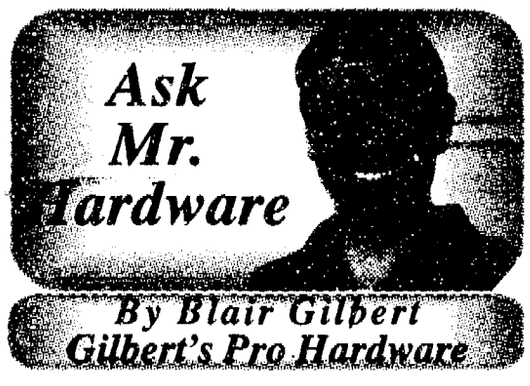
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Q. Mr. Hardware, I read your posting at mrhardware.com concerning painting plastic laminate. Is it the same procedure for painting countertops? Do I need to seal it so it will not fade with daily use and cleaning?

— Jim G. in St. Clair Shores.

A. Yes Jim, to successfully paint any surface follow a few basic rules:

1. Completely clean the surface. This will remove any waxes, loose dirt and grime.

2. Lightly sand glossy surfaces to break the shine. This will improve bonding of the primer. Many primers are for glossy surfaces, but a light sanding will provide some bonding insurance without a lot of effort.

3. Use a rag dampened with the same solvent as the primer for a "pre" tack rag to remove most of the dust from the sanding. Then change your shirt and wash exposed skin to remove dust from your body. Then tack-rag the surface again just before applying the primer.

Use a primer rated for the job. Bonding to plastic laminate and providing a foundation for the finish is very important. Three respected products are B.I.N. Primer Sealer, Cover-Stain primer and XIM Primer-Sealer-Bonder.

There is nothing dumber than having a job peel because you saved a few bucks on the primer. Bonding to the old surface is key to getting durability out of this job.

Choose a finish with a resistance to moisture, chemicals and abrasion. Valspar, among others, makes industrial enamels that are very durable. We use it on our shelving at the hardware store with very good results.

The finish paint is not a product to save money on either. The old adage "you get what you pay for" may mean a finish that will last up to eight years or more.

Your enemy with any applied finish is its susceptibility to scratches produced by abrasive cleaners. These finishes will not be as durable as the old plastic laminate you were used to. If you choose your cleaners carefully, you will enjoy that renewed countertop for years to come.

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.

Safety during power outages

(NAPSI) — To combat the havoc wreaked by ice storms, thunderstorms and high winds, many homeowners turn to portable electric generators.

"Portable electric generators are a good source of power during electrical outages," says Michael G. Clendenin, executive director of the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI). "However, generators that are improperly installed or operated can become deadly."

ESFI recommends following these portable electric generator safety precautions:

• Never operate the generator in enclosed or partially enclosed spaces, including homes, garages and basements. Generators very quickly produce high levels of carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless, deadly gas.

• Keep the generator dry. To protect it from moisture, operate on a dry surface under an open canopy-like structure.

• Plug appliances directly into the generator. Or, use a heavy-duty outdoor-rated extension cord that is rated in watts or amps at least equal to the sum of the connected appliance loads.

• Do not connect your generator directly to your household wiring, as this can backfeed along the power lines and electrocute anyone coming in contact with them, including lineworkers making repairs.

• Make sure the generator is properly grounded.

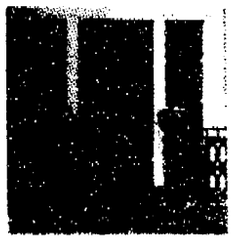
•. A portable generator should be used only when necessary and only to power essential equipment or appliances.

• Make sure fuel for the generator is stored safely, away from living areas, in properly labeled containers and away from fuel-burning appliances. Before refueling, always turn the generator off and let it cool down.

• Turn off all appliances powered by the generator before shutting down the generator.

• Follow the manufacturer's instructions for safe operation and maintenance.

• Keep children away from portable generators at all times.



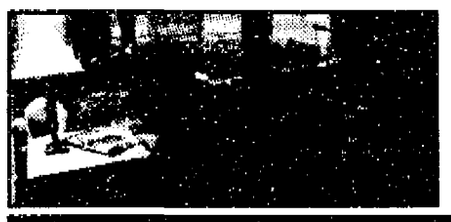
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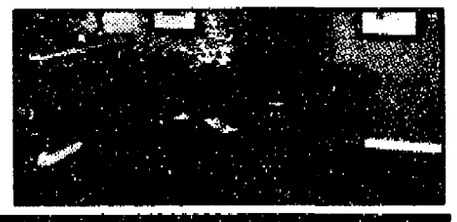
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Gorgeous Georgian, prestigious locale, seven bedrooms, five full and one half baths. Three fireplaces, updated kitchen, butler's pantry, finished basement with rec room. Tavern room with wet bar. Newer furnaces, c/a, roof, refinished hardwood floors.
(LGP71LEW) 313-886-5040 $900,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Move-In
Three bedroom updated Colonial. Newer kitchen, windows, concrete, two and one half car garage. Deep lot, beautiful family room, fireplace, finished recreation room in basement with wet bar and half bath.
(LGP58HAM) 313-886-5040 $210,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Simple
Keep it simple! This two bedroom ranch is clean, sharp and ready to enjoy! Even the yard is simple and easy to manage. The basement is clean, open and has high ceiling (great potential for additional living area).
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS Roomy
Gracious three bedroom offers beautiful hardwood floors and newer kitchen with appliances. Huge master bedroom with bath, two fireplaces, knotty pine recreation room and bath in basement. Two car garage and immediate occupancy.
(LGP40MAD) 313-886-5040 $249,900



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Charming
Step back in time and enjoy all of the pleasure and none of the pain! Thoughtful and well executed updates bring this delightful home into the modern age without sacrificing an ounce of charm. Four bedrooms, one and one-half baths.
(LGP97KER) 313-886-5040 $278,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Updated
Three bedrooms, two and one-half baths. 2004 updates: waterproofed and finished basement with drywall, drop ceiling, recessed lights and carpet. Added hardwood floor in kitchen, refinished all floors and painted.
(LGP79STA) 313-886-5040 $192,500



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Must See
This is it! Charming Woods ranch in prime location. Many updates including roof, furnace, windows and more. Kitchen with eating space. Recreation room. Immediate occupancy.
(LGP30LAN) 313-886-5040 $169,900



GROSSE POINTE PARK Opportunity
Two family income with finished basement living area. Newer vinyl siding and two car garage. Upper unit has finished third story attic. Separate furnaces and utilities. Close to schools, churches and waterfront parks.
(LGP38WAY) 313-886-5040 $189,900



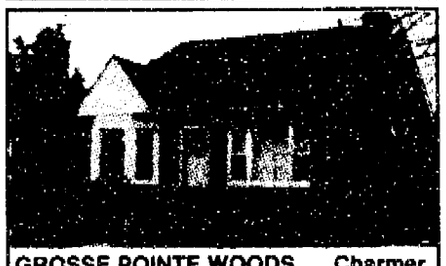
GROSSE POINTE WOODS Two Family
Great locale! Brick two family income. Many updates, also includes hardwood floors, beautiful gas fireplace, formal dining room. Finished basement for extra living space. Separate furnaces and utilities makes smart buy.
(LGP61VER) 313-886-5040 $259,000



GROSSE POINTE Spacious
Nice floor plan on this five bedroom Colonial situated steps from the lake. Open concept kitchen/family room. Master suite with cathedral ceiling, walk-in closet and marble bathroom with spa tub. Library/den and finished basement.
(LGP17WEL) 313-886-5040 $649,900



GROSSE POINTE Spectacular
Beautifully mastered Tuscan style kitchen/ gathering room. Silestone counters, fireplace, plenty of seating at the table or family room area. Beauty continues throughout with elegantly appointed and generously sized rooms!
(LGF09RIV) 313-886-5040 $515,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Charmer
Many recent updates including most windows, roof, furnace, central air, refinished floors. Newer oak kitchen, full bath in finished basement, natural fireplace. Newer two car garage, driveway and deck. Appliances stay.
(LGP09HOL) 313-886-5040 $169,500



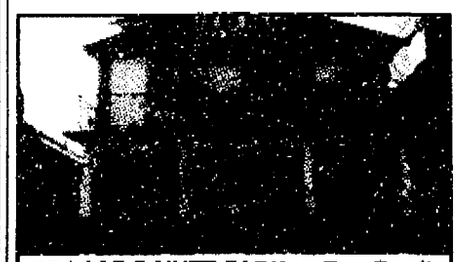
GROSSE POINTE WOODS Value
Nice starter home. Newer kitchen, bathroom, tear-off roof in 2000. Cute and cozy. Great area of Grosse Pointe Woods with all the amenities of schools, waterfront park, public services for a great price. Won't last.
(LGP97ROS) 313-886-5040 $129,900



GROSSE POINTE CITY Brick Tudor
Three bedroom, two full bath brick bungalow. Spacious kitchen with dining area, hardwood floors. Master bedroom has stall shower and double sinks. Recreation room with half bath. Appliances included. Home warranty.
(LGP71UNI) 313-886-5040 $264,000



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Lovely
Three bedroom, two bath home offers a location that's an easy walk to the Hill, Pier Park, schools, more! Pretty hardwood floors, leaded glass windows, breakfast nook, den. Partly finished basement, newer boiler.
(LGP43MCM) 313-886-5040 $295,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK Two Family
Two family income with one year old roof, newer windows and vinyl siding! Separate furnaces and utilities. Upper unit has newer kitchen and third story finished expansion attic. Two car garage. Close to schools and parks.
(LGP43WAY) 313-886-5040 $189,900



GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Attention
Attractive Harper Woods ranch. Hardwood floors, formal dining room. One and one half baths. Doorwall leads to roofed patio with lights. Central air, alarm system, newer windows. Attached two car garage. Home warranty.
(LGP67FLE) 313-886-5040 $175,900



GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Beautiful
Freshly painted, three bedroom, brick bungalow. Natural fireplace and clear pine trimming throughout. Hardwood floors, central air, newer roof with skylights and newer screen doors. Two car garage. Appliances stay.
(LGP22FLE) 313-886-5040 $159,000



GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Nice
Nice three bedroom ranch at a good price! Finished basement with full bath and two extra rooms. Newer roof, electrical, copper plumbing, large two car garage, basement waterproofed from the outside, home warranty.
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ST. CLAIR SHORES Custom Home
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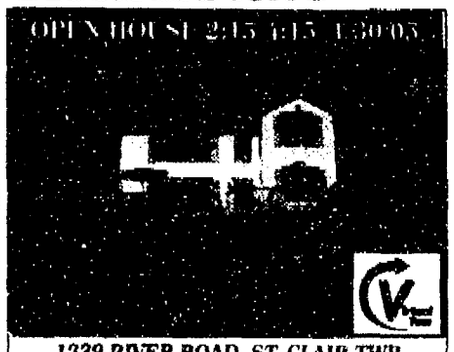
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(North of St. Clair on M-29) A waterfront beauty in mint condition with incredible views of the St. Clair River and Stag Island. Three bedrooms, two and one half baths, 2,475 square feet.
$549,900 **GP-3199**



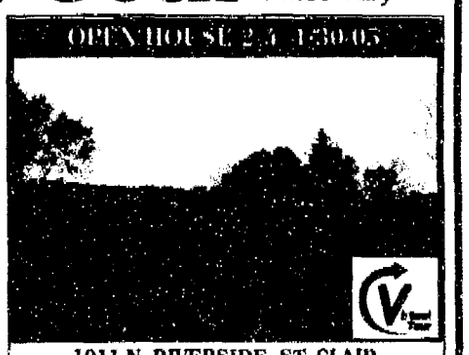
1427 OAKLAND, ST. CLAIR
(South of downtown St. Clair) Spectacular view of St. Clair River! 1,718 square feet, three bedroom, two and one half bath, plus living room. Steel seawall, roof, furnace, windows and central air new 2001.
$449,900 **GP-3208**



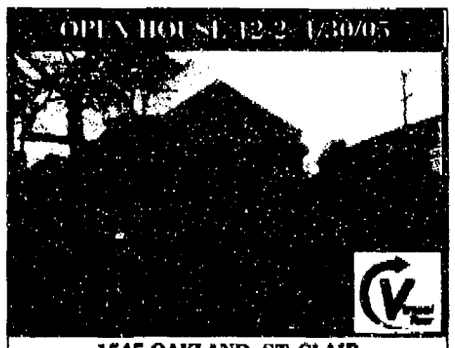
1064 N RIVERSIDE, ST. CLAIR
(North of downtown St. Clair) Waterfront home on the St. Clair river/panoramic views! 3,000 square feet, open floor plan, four bedrooms, three and one half baths.
$575,000 **GP-3223**



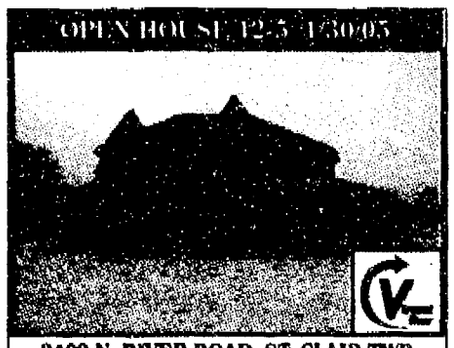
663 N. MAIN, MARINE CITY
(North of downtown Marine City) Unique waterfront, three bedrooms, two and one half baths. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, three car attached garage. Former Detroit Edison sub-station.
$359,000 **GP-3227**



1011 N. RIVERSIDE, ST. CLAIR
(North of downtown St. Clair) Beautiful Colonial on large lot with St. Clair River view in front and Alice Moore Nature Reserve in back. Upstairs laundry.
$359,900 **GP-3234**



1545 OAKLAND, ST. CLAIR
(South of downtown St. Clair) Most affordable waterfront on the market! Fantastic view with many updates throughout. Two bedrooms, one bath, seawall, hoist and dock.
$289,900 **GP-3241**



2402 N. RIVER ROAD, ST. CLAIR TWP
(North of downtown St. Clair) 3,350 square foot custom brick Victorian Colonial, four bedrooms, two full and two half bath, formal wraparound front porch with St. Clair River view.
$399,000 **GP-3266**



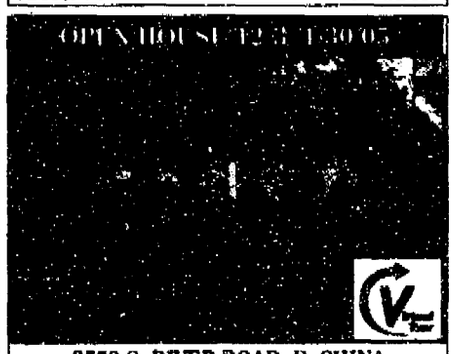
624 N. RIVERSIDE, ST. CLAIR
(North of downtown St. Clair) St. Clair River front with panoramic view-Nautical home features three bedrooms two baths with additional 600 plus finished lower level.
$559,000 **GP-3267**



6100 RIVER ROAD, EAST CHINA
(North of downtown Marine City) St. Clair River front brick tudor three plus bedrooms, two and one half baths, 70' of river frontage, steel seawall, security alarm, sprinkler system, central air, first floor master.
$463,900 **GP-3012**



553 N. RIVERSIDE, ST. CLAIR
(North of downtown, driveway off third street off Vine) NEW LISTING. Queen Anne Victorian built in 1840 across from St. Clair Inn with some river views. Three/four bedrooms, two and one half baths, 2,500 square feet.
$289,900 **GP-3273**



3553 S. RIVER ROAD, E. CHINA
(M-29 South of St. Clair) St. Clair River. 2,564 square foot home with great view! Three bedrooms, two and one half baths, windows all around house takes advantage of the view. 700 square foot detached "recreation building"
$525,000 **GP-3207**



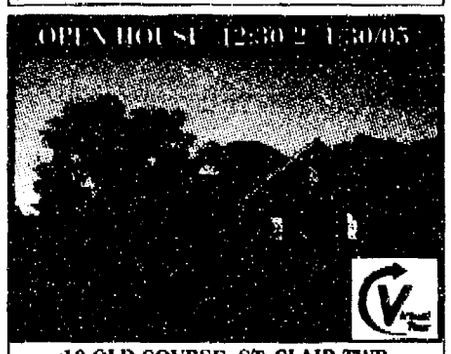
608 PRESTWICK, ST. CLAIR
(M-29 to Brown to Highland Sub) Immediate Occupancy! First floor master suite with fireplace. 3,000 square foot four bedrooms all with attached baths.
$379,900 **GP-3184**



877 BIRKDALE, ST. CLAIR
(M-29 to Brown to Highland Sub) Brand new 2,567 square foot home with three bedrooms, two and one half baths, solid maple Sterling cabinets, crown moldings, fireplace, first floor master suite.
$279,000 **GP-3171**



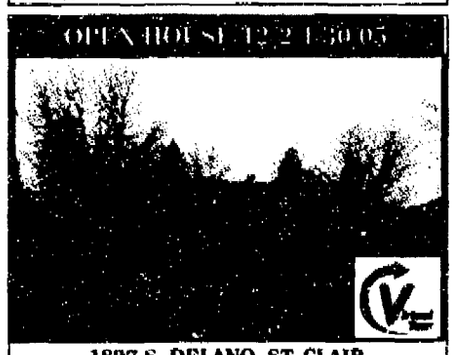
1160 S. RIVER POINTE, ST. CLAIR TWP
(M-29 to River Pointe Sub) 2,031 square foot, three bedrooms, two and one half bath brick ranch home. Fantastic maintenance free deck. Recessed lighting throughout, trey ceilings, cathedral ceilings.
$324,900 **GP-3188**



10 OLD COURSE, ST. CLAIR TWP
(M-29 to Yankee to Pug to Old Course) Outstanding Golf Course property in Golfside Sub. Cherry cabinets and master on main floor with fireplace. Full finished lower level.
$414,900 **GP-3194**



629 N. RIVERSIDE, ST. CLAIR
(North of downtown St. Clair) Price, Condition, Location-On the hill in city of St. Clair. Completely remodeled and updated, hardwood floors, new kitchen, baths.
$219,900 **GP-3239**



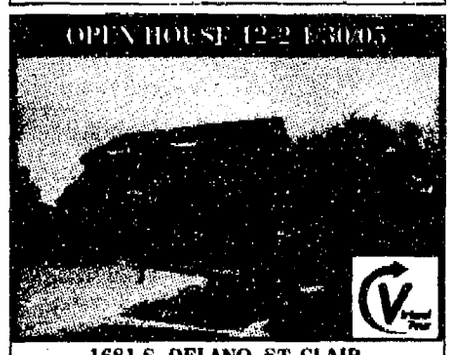
1827 S. DELANO, ST. CLAIR
(Carney to Delano) Three bedroom, two bath ranch in Hunters Forest. Part finished basement with bedroom and bath. First floor laundry, gas fireplace.
$214,900 **GP-3247**



1715 RIVER ROAD, ST. CLAIR TWP.
(Across from St. Clair River Country Club) NEW LISTING- River Colony Complex-Immaculate condo right on the shores of the St. Clair River. Three bedroom, two car garage, end unit, natural fireplace and two large decks. $334,900
$334,900 **GP-3272**



3744 RIVERVIEW TERRACE, E. CHINA
(M-29 South to Diamond Cove) Park your yacht outside your door in a 50' slip next to your new home. 3,046 square feet, four bedrroms, three and one half baths, with additional 2,400 square feet in finished lower level walk out.
$569,900 **GP-3062**



1681 S. DELANO, ST. CLAIR
(Carney to S. Delano) FIRST OFFERING! Great home for the family! Centrally located and in great condition. Three bedrooms, two and one half baths, full basement, two car attached garage, two car detached garage and more!
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693 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores
Spectacular full views of the Lake. Built by Jim Scott. Four very large bedrooms each with their own private bath. Impressive foyer, paneled family room, two fireplaces, custom kitchen and first floor laundry room. Gorgeous landscaping. $1,795,000. Call Sandy Azar for a private showing



386 Provencal Road, Grosse Pointe Farms
Located on one of Grosse Pointe Farms' finest streets. Five bedroom, four and one half baths, approximately 5,000 square feet, great location overlooking the golf course. Beautifully maintained. Newer roof and furnace, loft apartment with separate staircase. $1,399,900.



799 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Park
This Spanish Colonial features a clay tile roof, three and one half car garage, large lot, sunken living room, five bedrooms, three and one half baths, multiple fireplaces including master bedroom. Library, den, hardwood floors. $849,000



312 McKinley, Grosse Pointe Farms
This home needs a little T.L.C. Newer roof (99). Updated kitchen $263,900.



1214 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park
Charming starter home, within walking distance to the quaint restaurants and coffee shops on Kercheval. Living room and dining rom have built-ins. Brick fireplace in living room, upstairs bedroom can be expanded. $124,900



1336 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park
Great buy for small family with all the Grosse Pointe park amenities, including world class resident only parks, library etc... nice cozy home with many original features, bright kitchen. Home warranty, close to shopping. $117,900



1922 Lochmoor, Grosse Pointe Woods
Beautiful three bedroom, one and one half bath Colonial with large lot, 19 X 12 family room, 19 foot kitchen, full basement and two car garage. Natural fireplace, central air. Attractively priced at $229,000.



769 Shelden, Grosse Pointe Shores
Charming one owner home, marble tiled 11'7'x 8'4" foyer, hardwood floors throughout. Large living room with crystal sconces and natural fireplace. Formal dining room, large custom kitchen with eating area. Tiled basement with natural brick fireplace. $535,000



1976 Littlestone, Grosse Pointe Woods
Completely redecorated three bedroom one and one half bath Colonial features newer roof and windows, new carpet with hardwood floors beneath, fresh paint, new kitchen flooring. $245,000



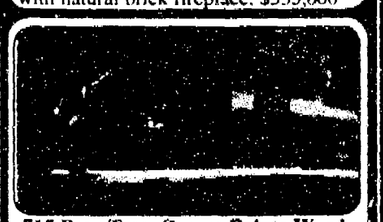
538 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe City
Fabulous location. Walk to the Village or the waterfront park. Huge lot, five bedrooms, two baths, fabulous oak family room, two natural fireplaces. Central air, updated kitchen. Attractively priced at $395,000.



355 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms
Large updated Cap Cod features four bedrooms and three full baths, recent updates include new kitchen with skylight, newer Pella windows and tear off roof. First and second floor master bedroom suite as well as an enormous garden room. $355,000



874 Westchester, Grosse Pointe Park
Lots of old world charm, stone fireplace, hardwood floors, large open two story stairway, butler's pantry, adjoining kitchen, central air on the second and third floors only. Glass block windows in basement. Natural wood work throughout. $405,000



715 Pear Tree, Grosse Pointe Woods
Attractive four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial. Updated kitchen with eating area, huge family room with natural fireplace, first floor laundry. Living room with natural fireplace. Master bedroom with full bath, two car attached garage. $379,900



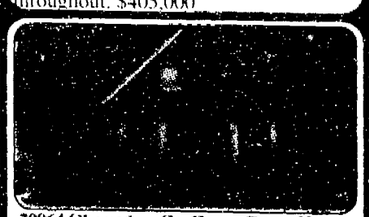
1594 Aline, Grosse Pointe Woods
Superbly maintained brick ranch has features galore!! New kitchen with eating area, dining area off living room adjacent to kitchen, finished oak hardwood floor, gorgeous completely finished basement. $208,900



475 Belanger, Grosse Pointe Farms
Just bring your suitcases. The sitting room on the first floor could be used as a fourth bedroom, lots of nice updates. Newer roof, newer windows, the master bedroom and bathroom have their own under floor heating system. $223,000



439 Maison, Grosse Pointe Farms
Picture perfect Colonial in desirable Farms location. This home offers an updated kitchen with eating space. Living room with gas fireplace, hardwood floors throughout and views from a lovely bay window. $319,900



20064 Ghesquiere Ct, Grosse Pointe Woods
Beautiful Cape Cod with center natural fireplace. Gorgeous lower level family room in the basement, great court location, hardwood floors, attached garage. Newer windows (Pella), central air. $314,000.



1033 North Brys, Grosse Pointe Woods
Three bedroom, one and one half bath ranch. Updated open floor plan, freshly painted, new kitchen, new windows, newer gas forced air with central air, hardwood floors, underneath new carpeting. Attached two car garage. $299,000

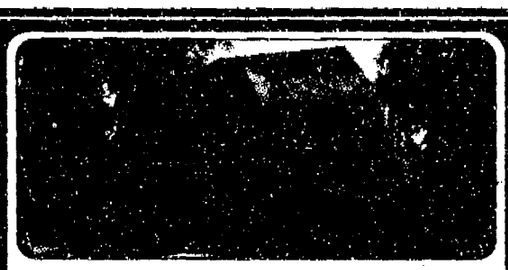
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644 Middlesex, Grosse Pointe Park
Exquisite executive Tudor Colonial in Windmill Pointe Sub. This four bedroom, two bath, two lavatory, home has a beautiful family room and stunning library. Excellent floor plan with large foyer. Master suite has gorgeous private bath with whirlpool tub. Huge oversized heated garage. Large landscaped lot with waterfall and pond.



1428 Yorkshire, Grosse Pointe Park
Beautiful English Tudor in the Park. This beautiful six bedroom, three and one half bath is filled with classic features. Beveled leaded glass doors and windows (some stained), gorgeous natural wood and refinished hardwood floors. $519,000



1378 Buckingham, Grosse Pointe Park
Four bedroom, two and one half bath English Tudor. Natural fireplace, hardwood floors, family room and den. Gourmet kitchen, master bedroom with new bath, recreation room. $449,000



1127 Kensington, Grosse Pointe Park
Gorgeous English Tudor with five bedroom, three and one half baths, new kitchen phenomenal oak appointments, crown molding and hardwood floor. House approximately 80% renovated, waiting for new owner to complete. $595,000

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21936 Shorepointe, St. Clair Shores

538 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe City
20064 Ghequiere Ct., Grosse Pointe Woods



611 University, Grosse Pointe City
One year lease. Wonderful family home features new gourmet kitchen, five bedrooms and three full baths. Central air, two natural fireplaces and new two and one half extra deep garage. Walk to Village, Hill, Library and City Park.. $2,600



412 Roland Court, Grosse Pointe Farms
Custom brick ranch neat and clean on a large one hundred foot lot. Close to shopping, featuring open floor plan, hardwood floors throughout, nice size bedrooms, plus an extra sitting room. Large basement. $269,900.



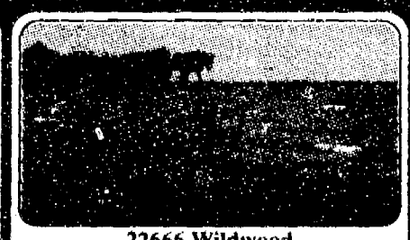
379 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms
Great area, close to public schools. This maintenance free brick home features spacious rooms and hardwood floors. Kitchen provides plenty of cabinet and counter space. Lovely living room with natural fireplace. Family room that is perfect to leisure in. $209,000.



1082 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Woods
Beautiful three bedroom Woods bungalow with fantastic location. Features large rooms, hardwood floors, living room with fireplace, mostly newer windows, fresh paint and two car garage. $270,000.



1365 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park
This property could be converted to a single family home if needed, nice rental, separate entrances. Separate heat, electric, the second floor has its own laundry room, appliances to stay. $159,900



22666 Wildwood
Wake up to totally unobstructive views of Lake St. Clair. Three bedroom, three bath home with three natural fireplaces including master suite. Plus canal to dock your boat. Attractively priced. $595,000



23337 Robert John, St. Clair Shores
Outstanding marble granite entrance foyer with extra wide staircase. Hardwood floors in living room and dining room. Updated kitchen, oversized attached garage. $399,000



131 Windwood, St. Clair Shores
Condominium located between Jefferson and the lake. The only unit for sale in the entire complex speaks for itself. Two bedrooms, two and one half baths, attached garage, basement, first floor laundry room, library, natural fireplace. $289,000.



25300 Winton, St. Clair Shores
Fabulous three bedroom two bath ranch. New construction Master suite with den and bath and extra closet. Huge oak kitchen with center isle. Natural fireplace in living room, first floor laundry off garage. Full deep basement. $249,900



26717 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores
Beautifully maintained Victorian style building that has been completely updated. Parking for 50+ cars, new heat and central air, 7,600 square feet (can be split); great curb appeal, ideal location.



19701 Maxine, St. Clair Shores
Move in condition describes this three bedroom brick ranch, park size lot 80 x 250. New roof, new vinyl windows, new cement. Hardwood floors, two fireplaces, finished basement. $179,000



21936 Shorepointe, St. Clair Shores
Beautiful condominium in prestigious development. Additional finished lower level (gorgeous), dry walled, new carpeting in lower level family room type area. First floor laundry, attached garage. $199,000



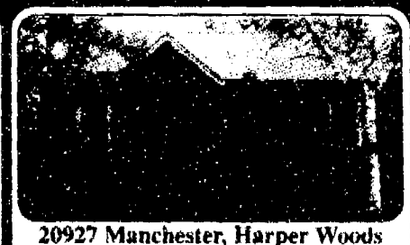
22835 Overlake, St. Clair Shores
Heat, water included in maintenance fee. New completely updated kitchen with new cabinets, counter tops, flooring, freshly painted, lots of improvements, one car attached garage. Move right in, this place is mint! $119,900



20401 Lochmoor, Harper Woods
Sharpest Bungalow in Harper Woods. Completely updated with refinished hardwood floors, newer high-end kitchen, two car garage, finished basement with additional half bath and plenty of storage. Grosse Pointe Schools. $167,900



21364 Severn, Harper Woods
Four bedroom brick with new windows, air condition, natural fireplace in living room, recreation room in basement. West of Mack. $149,900



20927 Manchester, Harper Woods
Newer windows, hardwood floors, copper pipes, circuit breakers electrical box. Nice starter home. $103,000



5572 Three Mile
Excellent two family with newer kitchen in lower, new carpeting, both units show beautifully! Live in lower and have upper make your payment, or excellent rental area. Enclosed rear porches in both units. $119,000

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Vintage recipes to help keep you cozy this winter



Antique's Ambience

By Diane Morelli

Winter has frozen in. Savor the cold by wrapping up cozy in a warm blanket; cuddling up with a loved one; resting by a fire; or baking vintage recipes, set to cook in a warm, aroma-filled oven.

Kovels Online price guide lists the value of the following vintage cookbooks:

"Pillsbury Best 1,000 Bake-off Recipe Book," 1959 — $15; "Jell-O Recipe Book," 1934 — $5; and "Aunt Jemima Recipe Book," 1906 — $250.

Recently sold on e-bay was a vintage 1972 "Betty Crocker's Cookbook" in excellent condition for $41 with a bid history of five; a "Southern Cookbook/Old Dixie Recipes," 1935, with a bid history of eight for $22.72; and a "Canning and Preserving," 1887, with a bid history of 15 for $20.50.

Maloney's Online lists collector Steve Armstrong who wants pre-1950 soft-bound cookbooks, booklets, advertising recipe publications such as baking powder, Jell-O, flour, etc. He can be reached at P.O. Box 1409, Florence, AL 35631-1409. Send complete description and price. Also listed is the Cook Book Collectors Club of America Inc. Contact Bob and Jo Ellen Allen at P.O. Box 56, Saint James, MO 65559-0056; phone, (573) 265-8296. The club focuses on cookbooks, advertising cookbooks, and recipe publications by many companies such as Jell-O, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker and more.

Here are a few of my favorite recipes taken from my collection of vintage cookbooks:

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

"Fine Old Dixie Recipes," "Southern Cook Book — 322 Old Dixie Recipes," Compiled and edited by Lillie S. Lustig, S. Claire Sondheim and Sarah Rensel. Decorations by H. Charles Kellum. Culinary Arts Press, 1939.

1/2 cup butter

1 cup brown sugar

1 medium-sized can sliced pineapple

2 tablespoons whole pecans

Melt butter, in large baking pan. Spread the brown sugar evenly over the pan, and arrange the slices of pineapple on the brown sugar, dropping the pecans in the open spaces.

Cover the arrangement with the following cake batter:

3 eggs separated

1 cup sugar

5 tablespoons pineapple juice

1 cup pastry flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 pinch salt

Beat the egg yolks until light, and cream in the sugar. Add the pineapple juice and the flour which has been sifted and mix with the baking powder and salt. Fold in the stiffly-beaten egg whites, and pour the batter over the pineapple, baking in a moderate 375 degree Fahrenheit oven for about 1/2 hour. Turn out upside down and place on a cake plate. This may be served with unsweetened whipped cream or ice cream if desired.

Favorite Pancakes

"The good old-fashioned kind... of sour milk."

"Betty Crocker's Picture Cook Book," Mcgraw-Hill Book Co. General Mills Inc., 1950.

Heat griddle slowly while mixing batter.

Beat well:

1 egg,

1 1/4 cups buttermilk or sour milk

1/2 teaspoon soda

Blend in:

1 1/4 cups sifted Gold Medal Flour

1 teaspoon sugar

2 tablespoons soft shortening

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

Beat with rotary beater until smooth.

If batter has to stand a long time: add a little extra baking powder.

To test hot griddle, sprinkle with drops of water. If bubbles "skitter around," heat is just right, and cakes will brown immediately.

Pour batter from tip of large spoon or from pitcher, in pools a little apart (for perfectly round cakes). If it is necessary, grease griddle very lightly.

Turn pancakes as soon as they are puffed and full of bubbles, but before the bubbles break. Turn and brown on other side.

Keep pancakes hot for desserts, etc., place between folds of warm towel in warm oven.

Makes 16, 4-inch pancakes.

Blueberry Pancakes

Follow the recipe above and add 1/2 cup drained fresh or frozen berries to batter, folding in carefully at the last.

Nut Pancakes

Follow the recipe above and add 1/4 cup broken or chopped nuts to the batter.

The French Colonists of Carolina and Louisiana used rice and hominy as the foundation for many breads and batter foods, such as pancakes.

French Toast

Dip six slices stale bread into mixture of two beaten eggs, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1/2 cup milk. Brown both sides in butter on griddle.

Banana Nut Bread

"Better Homes and Gardens Cook Book," De Luxe Edition, 1947, Meredith Publishing Co.

1/4 cup shortening

1/2 cup sugar

1 beaten egg

1 cup bran

2 tablespoons water

1 1/2 cups mashed bananas

1 1/2 cups flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon soda

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/2 cup chopped nut meats

Cream shortening and sugar; add egg, then bran; mix thoroughly. Combine water and banana; add alternately with sifted dry ingredients. Mix thoroughly; add vanilla extract and nut meats. Bake in waxed paper-lined 5-by 9-inch loaf pan in moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for one hour. Any type bran may be used successfully.

Remember to use a cookbook holder to help keep your books in good condition. Save your cookbooks and hand them down to family members for keepsake and good use.

Send your questions to: Diane Morelli c/o Grosse Pointe News at 96 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms 48236, fax (313) 882-1585; e-mail dmorelli@grossepointenews.com.

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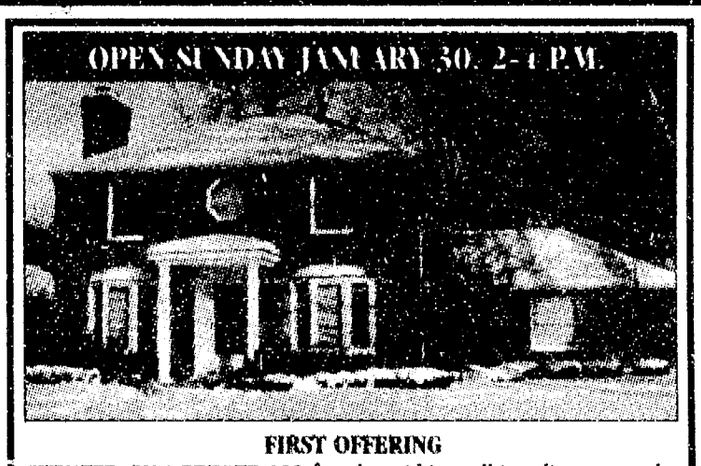
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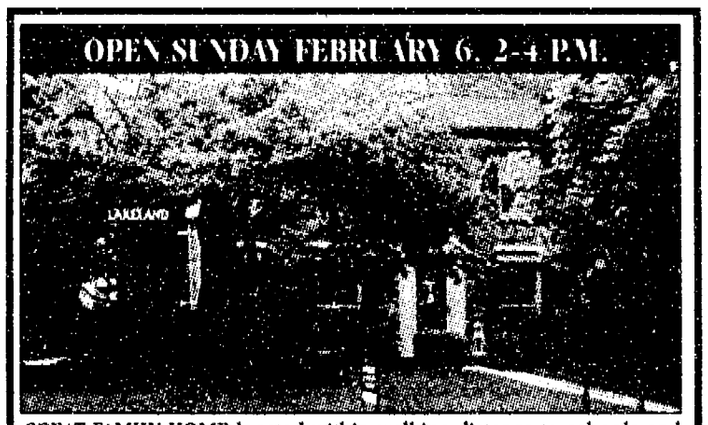
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#5



SURROUND YOURSELF IN ELEGANCE in this fabulously renovated Cape Cod. This home is packed with charm and modern comforts. Exceptional new custom kitchen with eating area, stunning first floor master bedroom suite with a marble bath with Jacuzzi tub, shower, and custom walk-in closet. Family room, Library, first floor laundry and attached garage. Call today to see this home **#6**



FIRST OFFERING
FABULOUS LUXURY CONDO living on the lake. Built by Piku in 2001. Bright kitchen/family room with hardwood floors, granite snack bar, stainless steel appliances, dining area and pantry. Three bedrooms and three full baths. Fourth floor office could be a fourth bedroom. Two car attached garage. First floor patio and second floor deck with lake views. **#7**



PERFECT FAMILY HOME offering five bedrooms, three and one half baths and a practical center hall floor plan. Enjoy the designer decor and beautifully refinished hardwood floors, along with the spacious family room located adjacent to the updated kitchen. Professionally landscaped lot and a half provides green space for the kids and a gorgeous deck off the family room for entertaining. **1115 WHITTIER** **#8**



THIS LUXURY CONDO HAS IT ALL! Enjoy views of Lake St. Clair. Gourmet kitchen with hardwood floors and snack bar. Great room has gas fireplace with custom mantle. Master suite has cathedral ceiling and luxury spa bathroom. Recessed lighting throughout, custom moldings, Andersen windows and deck with view of lake. **#9**



PRICE REDUCED!
OWNER SADLY TRANSFERRED after painting and updating this wonderful three bedroom bungalow in the "Woods". Many nice features which include: newer maple kitchen, refinished hardwoods, updated main floor bath, newly renovated bath and recreation room and much more. Begin 2005 with a "new" home!!! Early occupancy. **#10**

Household Help

By Samantha Mazzotta

Q. With relatives visiting this winter, we plan to have a fire in the hearth during dinnertime. My only worry is that we'll have trouble keeping the fire going. Do you have any advice?

— Cheryl G., Lake City, Fla.

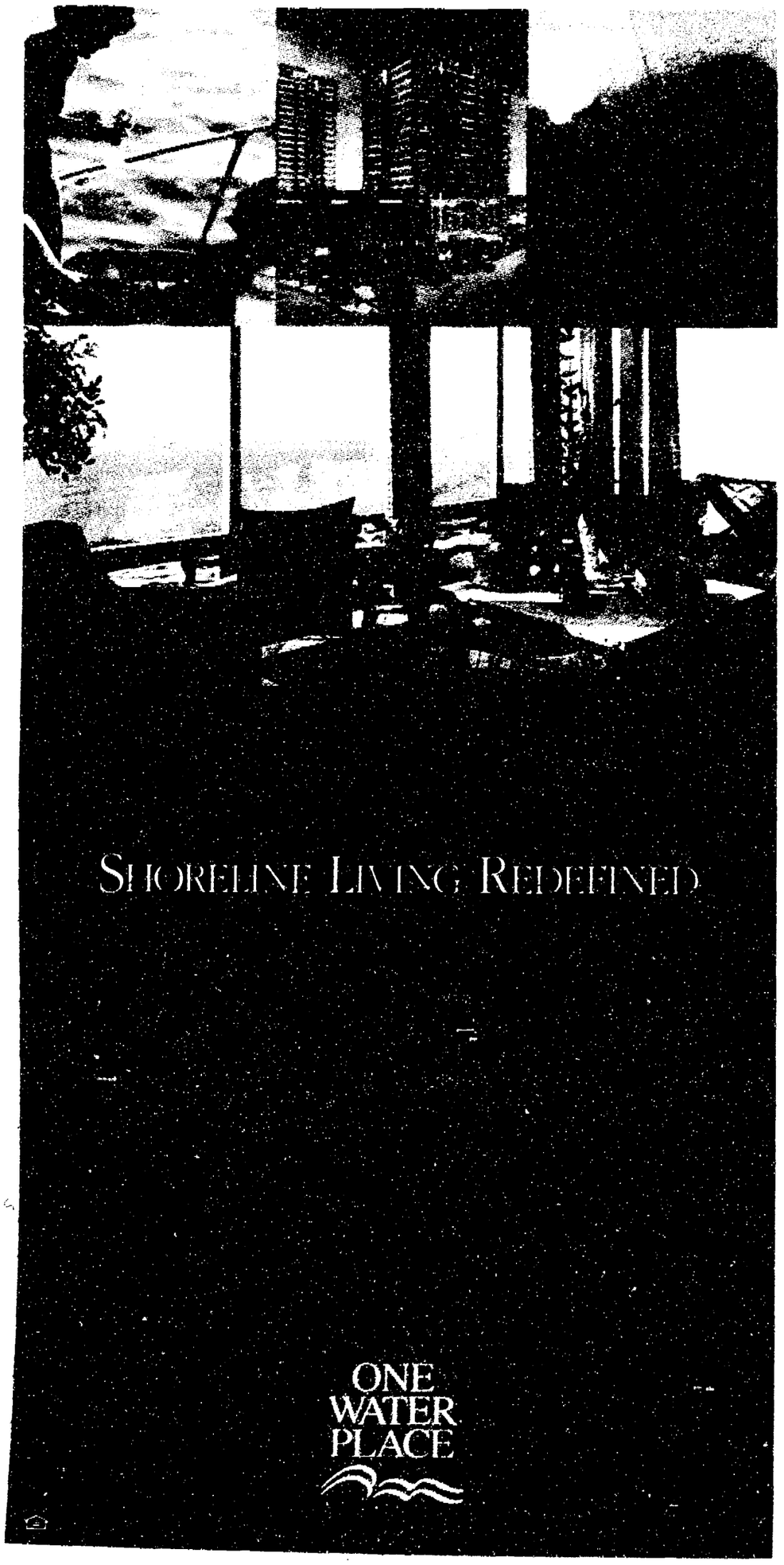
A. Follow some tried-and-true fire-building basics, and you'll be able to quickly start a fire that will remain crackling in the hearth for several hours.

But first, some safety reminders: Make sure the fireplace and chimney are clear of obstructions (like bird nests) and are relatively clean. Visually inspect the damper (located between the top of the fireplace and the entrance to the chimney) and make sure it opens and closes completely. Place a fire extinguisher within 5 feet of the fireplace, and move area rugs and other flammable materials (including the wood supply) out of reach of sparks and cinders. Always have screen or glass panels in front of the fireplace, and never leave the room unattended while a fire is burning.

To build an excellent fire, keep some principles in mind. Fuel -- the type of wood you use -- is important. You'll need a mix of wood, some that burns hot and fast, and some that burns slowly so that the fire lasts. Try alternately stacking pine logs and hardwoods. Fire needs oxygen to burn, so don't pack the wood tightly together. A good fireplace stack alternates woods and leaves about 1/2 to 2 inches of airspace between the logs.

Additionally, don't build the fire too high. The wood stack should be no higher than one-third the height of your burn box (the inside of the fireplace) and one-half the width and depth. In many of today's smaller fireplaces, two to four medium-size logs is plenty.

See HOUSEHOLD HELP, page 16



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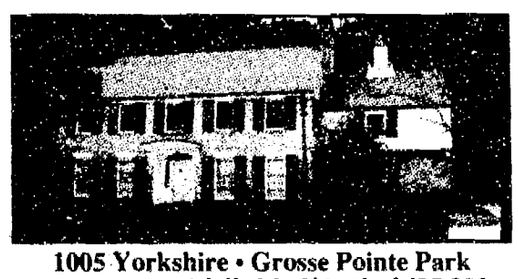
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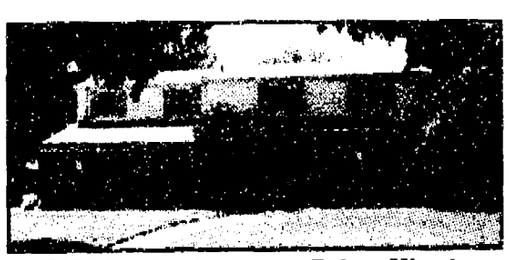

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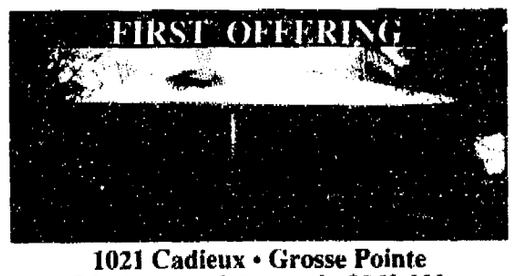

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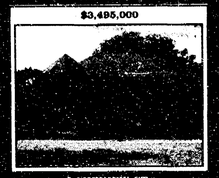
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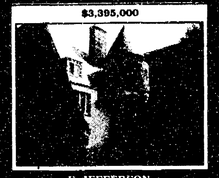
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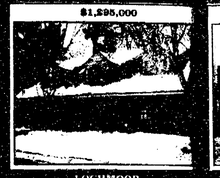
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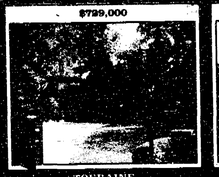
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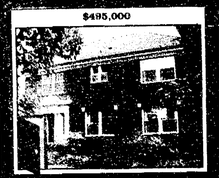
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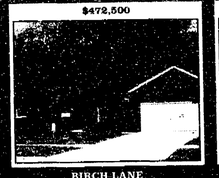
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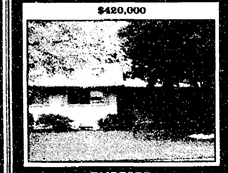
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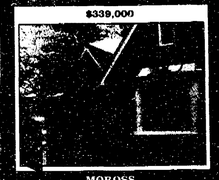
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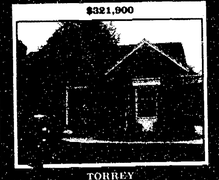
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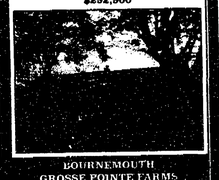
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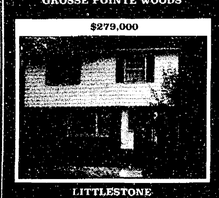
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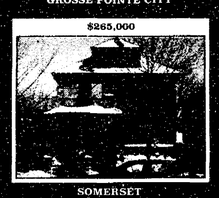
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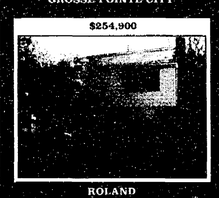
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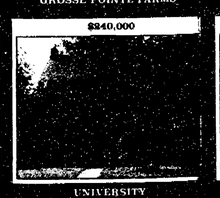
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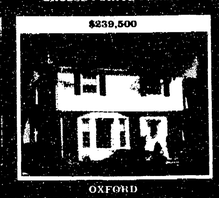
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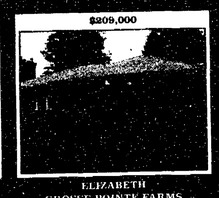
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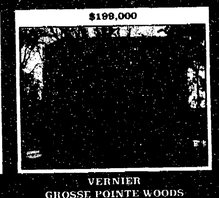
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Stack the wood in a pyramid or square shape, using smaller logs, sticks or newspaper twists as spacers between the layers. Add plenty of kindling: dry wood chips and shavings, twisted newspaper (no magazines), small twigs and sticks.

Just before starting the fire, prepare the chimney flue. Open the damper, then carefully light a newspaper twist and, once it's burning well, hold it up inside the flue for 20-30 seconds. Watch the smoke created by the burning paper; when it starts moving up the flue, the fireplace is ready. What you've done is created a slight upward vacuum, ensuring that smoke from the fire will go up the chimney and not into your living room.

That done, it's time to start the fire. Using long fireplace matches (available at home improvement stores), light the kindling on at least four sides, starting at the back of the wood stack and working forward. The kindling will blaze up for a couple of minutes. As the flames settle, watch the sticks and pine logs closely, and gently blow on them to encourage the red cinders to burn. In five to 10 minutes, a fire should be blazing in the hearth — if not, replace the kindling and try again.

The seasoned hardwoods will be the last to catch and won't flame up as high as the pine, but they will burn slowly, creating hot, glowing embers. Stir these embers and carefully shift the logs around so that oxygen reaches every part of the log. You'll have a beautiful, warm fire that the relatives will appreciate.

Tip: Use good-quality, seasoned hardwoods every time you light a fire in your fireplace. They burn much more efficiently than manufactured logs and leave fewer creosote deposits in the chimney.

Q. I'm wallpapering the bathroom and found out halfway through that one of the corners is not plumb. It's off a lot. When I put up a sheet, the trailing edge is off about an inch. How can I plumb up the paper so that it's straight?

— Art, via e-mail.

A. If you can patch the area and overlap the strip with the current paper so that it blends well, then go for it. However, if the entire wallpaper job is finished and the paper is already dry, removing the crooked area and patching it seamlessly will be quite a trick, if not impossible. It's best to do this kind of repair as soon as you see it, before continuing to set up paper, and before the glue dries and the wallpaper sets.

Reset your plumb line before making the repair: tack a plumb bob — a weight attached to a chalk-covered piece of string — to the top of the wall at the spot you want to cut away, and let the weight dangle to the floor. Hold the line taut and snap it against the wall to leave a chalk imprint. This will create a perpendicular line that you can follow.

Carefully cut away the current corner strip, and scrape or sand away any pieces of paper that stick after the sheet is removed. To place the new strip of paper, measure it beforehand, making sure the ends jut about 2 inches beyond the top and bottom of the wall. Apply glue and carry the strip back to the wall. Hang the paper from the top down, smoothing the top half into place. Work toward the corner and create the small overlap you're looking for. Line up the overlap with the plumb line (redo the line if necessary). Then, smooth the bottom half of the paper into the corner, again being careful to stay with the plumb line.

Don't cut away the paper that juts from the top and bottom until you have placed the next strip of paper and set it firmly against the new corner piece.

If the corner cutaway is done after the entire room is finished, you'll have to match the seams on both sides of the cutaway — and match the pattern as well. Cut out the proper length of wallpaper, then place it (dry) in the corner, shifting left or right until the pattern matches the already-set paper. Then mark the sides and trim carefully. This is best done with two people to ensure the best match.

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WATERFRONT



SPECTACULAR 145 foot frontage - custom built in the 1970's with every immaginable feature including a slate roof, TWO STORY LIVING ROOM, designer Kitchen, formal Library, Family Room, spectacular Master Suite - all with views of the lake. #12

NEW OFFERING



2 FULL BATHS!! A rare opportunity. Brick home with two full baths priced to sell. Updated kitchen with new appliances, master bedroom with bath, formal dining room, updated baths, new driveway, deck, new landscaping, hardwood floors. Hurry, this won't last. #13

NEW OFFERING



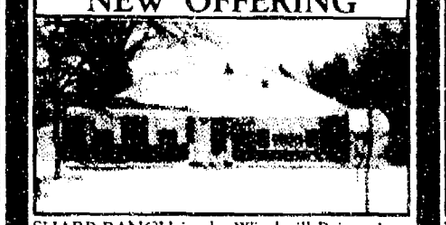
HANDSOME SEMI-RANCH on a quiet street features a huge family room, a large, bright sun room, a new roof and a newer furnace and central air. The home sits on a huge professionally landscaped lot near the lake in Grosse Pointe Shores. #14

NEW OFFERING



NEWER COLONIAL in the Farms built in 1984. Wonderful open layout - great for family or entertaining. Four bedrooms, two and one half baths. 3,100 square feet. Two and one half car attached garage. Outstanding master suite. New furnace and central air. Private yard. Ample storage space. Beautiful kitchen opens to great room. Priced to sell! #15

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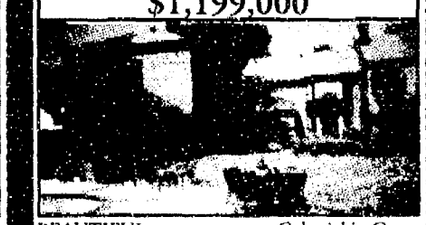
SHARP RANCH in the Windmill Pointe Area. New kitchen with granite counters and stainless appliances, opens to a cathedral ceiling family room. Finished basement with additional full bath. New roof, furnace, windows, doors and driveway. Move in condition. Close to schools, parks and new theater. #16

$1,695,000



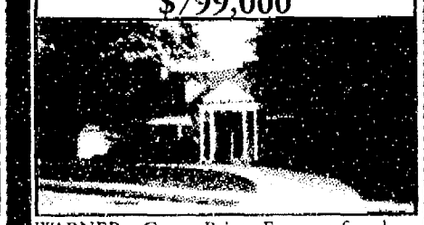
WONDERFUL PANORAMA OF THE LAKE from this new Russell built home. First floor master suite with adjacent panelled library, kitchen has granite countertops and butler's pantry. Unique floor plan offers optimum views, all the amenities on expects in a truly fine home, including an auxilary power system. #17

$1,199,000



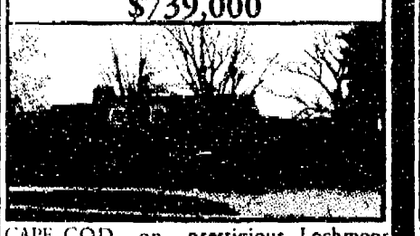
BEAUTIFUL center entrance Colonial in Grosse Pointe Shores. Excellent condition throughout. Five bedrooms, five and one half baths and over 6,000 square feet. Paneled library with natural fireplace. Beautiful Mutschler kitchen. Inground pool and outstanding pool house. Separate full living quarters for au pair or inlaws. #18

$799,000



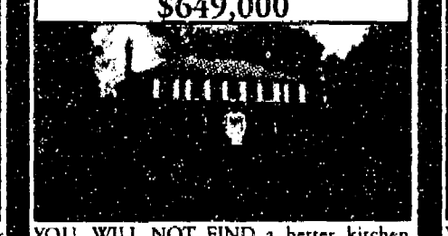
WARNER - Grosse Pointe Farms, a few doors from the lake. Four bedrooms, family room and den, large designer kitchen, hardwood throughout, everything is new. Choice of first or second floor master bedrooms. Outstanding in every way. #19

$739,000



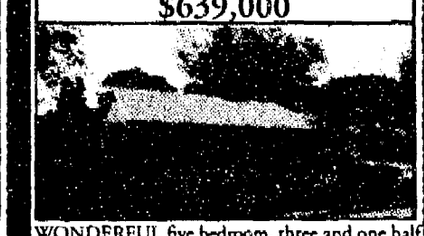
CAPE COD on prestigious Lochmoor Boulevard. Five bedrooms, three and one half baths. Family room and library. Master bedroom suite with Jacuzzi, heated tile floor, walk-in closets. Three fireplaces, central air, sprinklers, finished basement and attached two car garage. #20

$649,000



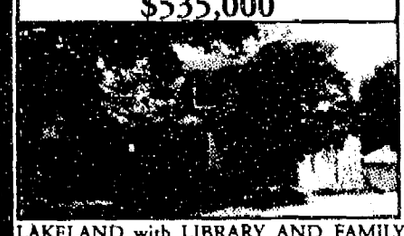
YOU WILL NOT FIND a better kitchen, master bedroom/bath or finished basement for under one million. Over 3,000 square feet of totally redone living space, including a family room and a garden room all on a huge, beautiful landscaped lot with a three car garage. #21

$639,000



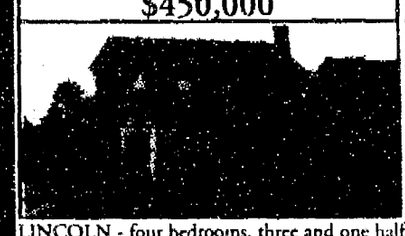
WONDERFUL five bedroom, three and one half bath home in a secluded Grosse Pointe Shores subdivision. Extremely well maintained with newer roof, updated kitchen and much more. In addition to a large yard, this home has loads of living space including a family room, a den, a Florida room and a large recreation room. #22

$535,000



LAKELAND with LIBRARY AND FAMILY ROOM, four bedrooms, great curb appeal, center hall floor plan, charming character throughout. 185 foot deep lot. #23

$450,000



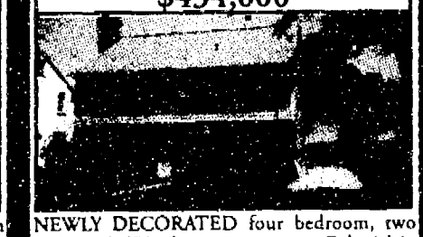
LINCOLN - four bedrooms, three and one half baths with plenty of character and FAMILY ROOM and DEN, hardwood floors, appealing floor plan and a fantastic location for young families. #24

$449,000



NEUTRALLY DECORATED sprawling ranch in prime Grosse Pointe Shores location. Custom moldings and built-ins. Multiple fireplaces. Large family room. Newer roof, Pella windows and Oak Pella front door. Office and full bath in basement. #25

$434,000



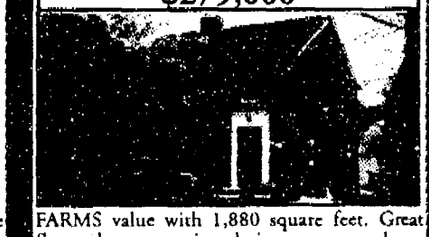
NEWLY DECORATED four bedroom, two and one half bath center entrance Colonial in "great" Grosse Pointe Park neighborhood. Numerous updates include: roof, furnace, central air, new carpeting and refinished hardwood floors. New landscaping. #26

$319,000



VERY CHARMING English Colonial. Three bedrooms, one bath and additional full bath in finished basement. 1,800 square feet. Two car garage. Central air. Much detail with natural woodwork and beautiful hardwood floors with walnut inlay. #27

$279,000



FARMS value with 1,880 square feet. Great floor plan, attractive design, new windows, newer kitchen with large breakfast room, den, all new landscape, finished recreation room and traditional quality features throughout. #28

$279,000



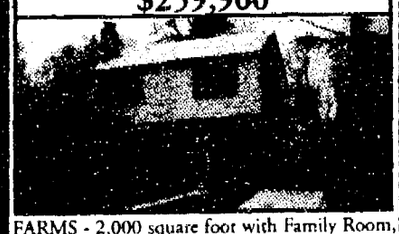
PRIVATE FARMS STREET. Beautiful Colonial located on a cul-de-sac featuring three large bedrooms, one and one half baths, updated kitchen with eating space, two car attached garage, hardwood floors, den and large deck. Great curb appeal! #29

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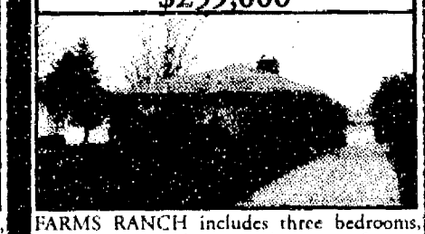
WELL MAINTAINED Colonial with lots of space to spread out! Large family room opens to a new paver patio. Updated kitchen includes all appliances. Wonderful family neighborhood near Maire elementary school. #30

$259,900



FARMS - 2,000 square foot with Family Room, Den, sharp and larger Corian kitchen. All rooms are oversized. Great value. #31

$259,000



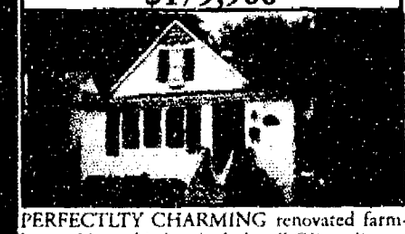
FARMS RANCH includes three bedrooms, great floor plan, larger kitchen, new furnace with central-air, all new windows and a special 32x22 finished basement with wet bar and second full bath. #32

$199,900



OUTSTANDING Woods location. Large family room with bay window, natural fireplace in living room, hardwood floors, new windows, finished basement, newer furnace and central air. #33

$179,900



PERFECTLTY CHARMING renovated farmhouse. Newer kitchen includes all GE appliances and newer bath has custom tile work. Great location near "The Village". Many other improvements make this a wonderful buy. #34

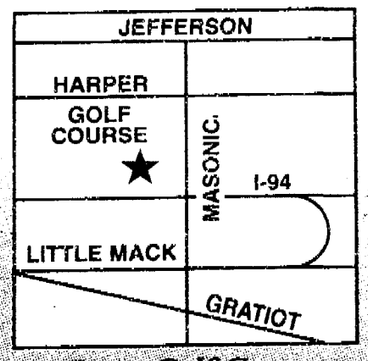
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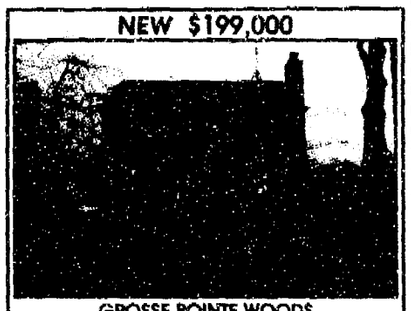
GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Hard to find four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial in the Farms. Large Family Room off of kitchen with NFP and doorwall to backyard, updated kitchen with breakfast nook, living room with NFP. Loads of closet space and a finished basement.

NEW $1,030,000



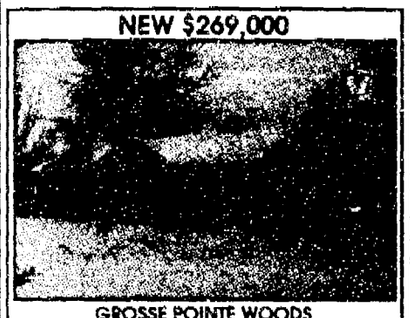
GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Center entrance Colonial east of Kercheval. Updated kitchen, granite counter tops and built in appliances, open floor plan with hardwood floors, family room with NFP and wet bar, living room with NFP, formal dining room, library and master suite.

NEW $199,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Nicely updated and maintained Woods Colonial, beautifully situated within a short walk of all public schools. New Family Room, New Kitchen, New Entry Doors, New Central Air, Newer Replacement Windows, Glass Block in basement, updated electrical.

NEW $269,000



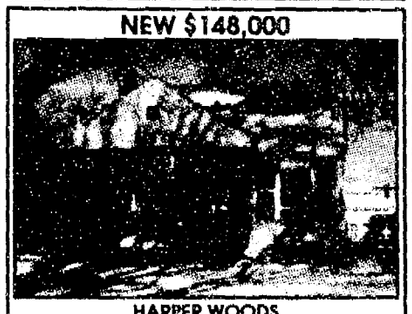
GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Beautifully renovated two bedroom ranch, with large kitchen with granite counter tops, wood floors, custom cabinetry throughout, tiled Florida room, new windows, and newer roof.

NEW $267,500



GROSSE POINTE PARK
Move right into this meticulously maintained and updated three bedroom Colonial a block from the Village. Spacious rooms, neutral décor and circular floor plan. Living Room with a natural fireplace, family room and formal dining room. Finished basement with rec room.

NEW $148,000



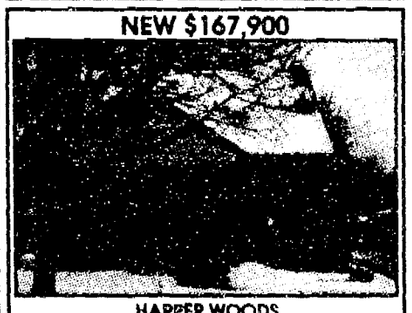
HARPER WOODS
Move right into this fully updated three bed, one bath bungalow located in the Grosse Pointe school district. A few of this home's many fantastic features are: a renovated kitchen, new roof, new carpet, and updated bath. The seller is also offering a home warranty.

NEW $239,000



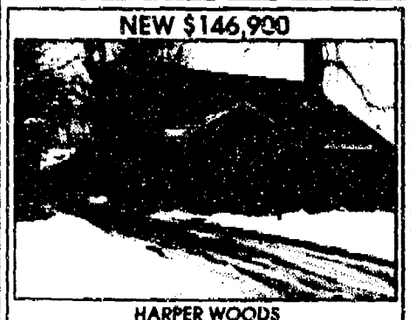
GROSSE POINTE WOODS
This three bedroom, one and a half bath Colonial is just the one for you! Fully renovated from top to bottom there is nothing left to do but move right in. Enjoy the open design concept of the first floor including a new kitchen with cherry cabinets, fireplace in the living room.

NEW $167,900



HARPER WOODS
Brand new spacious second floor full bath with a fantastic glass block shower (like something out of a magazine). Gorgeous oak kitchen with lots of cupboard space, tile floor and beautiful tile back splash. Newer windows, beautiful bay window in living room. Newer furnace and central air.

NEW $146,900



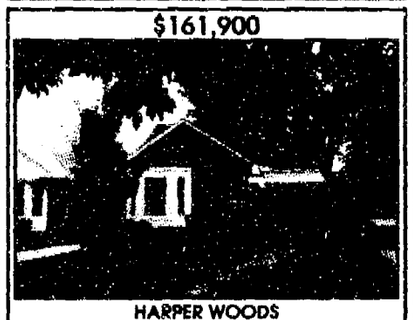
HARPER WOODS
Excellently maintained brick bungalow. Eat in kitchen, hardwood floors on first level, large 2nd story bedroom with full bath, new roof in 2003, new entry door, large closets and plenty of storage. Basement waterproofed.

PRICE REDUCTION $319,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK
Stunning Dutch Colonial located near schools and the Village. Excellently maintained with hardwood floors and leaded glass windows. Finished basement with Recreation Room and new full bath. Maintenance free deck in professionally landscaped yard.

$161,900



HARPER WOODS
Chock-full of features you'll appreciate! Beautifully maintained bungalow with newer driveway, 3-D roof, central air, remodeled kitchen with hardwood floor and all the appliances including dishwasher. Tastefully decorated throughout. Formal dining room, natural fireplace.

$1,199,000



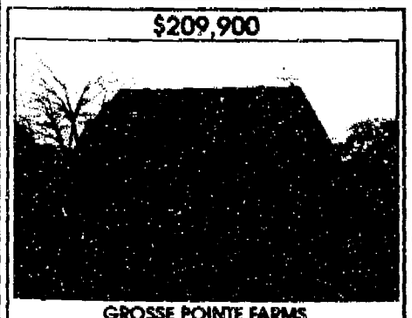
GROSSE POINTE PARK
This luxurious 5 bedroom, 4 full and 2 half baths Tudor situated on a double lot features a two story foyer, crown molding, library with fireplace, wood floors throughout, hand painted walls, Finished basement with beautiful cabinetry. Gorgeous in-ground swimming pool.

$829,500



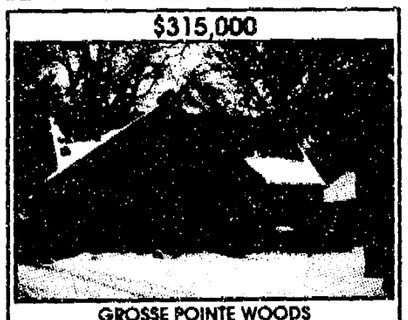
GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Prestigiously located center Entrance Colonial situated on an 117 x 164 parcel of property. This spacious family home has a Family Room with fireplace, Library with fireplace, Florida Room, four bedrooms, four and a half baths and a three car garage. Beautifully landscaped yard.

$209,900



GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Charming Cap Cod located on a cul-de-sac that backs up to Kerby Field. Features include a full bath, 1st floor bedroom and Florida Room, large updated kitchen, formal dining room and two bedrooms upstairs.

$315,000



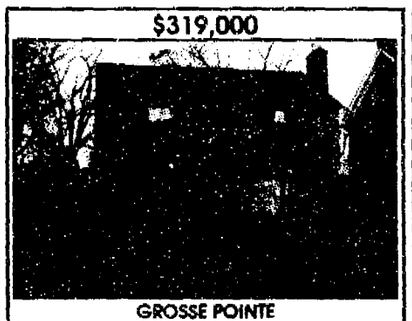
GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Open and spacious move-in condition home. Very large family room with new windows and crown moldings that overlooks a great deck and beautiful paver patio. Gorgeous hardwood floors, newer windows throughout the first floor and updated second floor bathroom.

$212,900



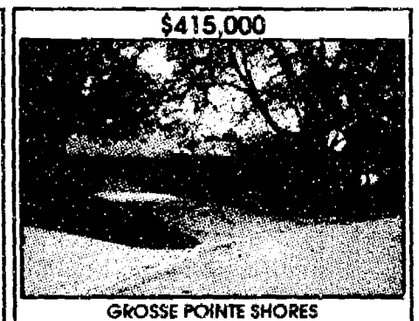
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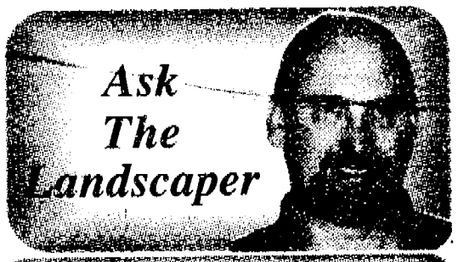
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Protect your plants from hungry wild animals



By David Soulliere
Soulliere Garden Center

Q. There is bark missing at the base of my crabapple tree. What could be causing this damage?

A. Beware. Your trees may look very appetizing to the hungry wild animals living in your community. During a prolonged snow cover and cold temperatures food sources become scarce for rabbits, squirrels, mice and deer in the farther northern areas. This is when your trees and shrubs need protection from the wild critters. These animals will scratch off and eat the bark of some varieties of trees and shrubs. Some varieties are more susceptible than others are, and each animal may prefer one plant to the rest.

Minor damage could be eating the tips of the plant or superficial scratching of the bark. Severe damage can kill your tree or shrub if the animal eats though the bark of the tree destroying the cambium layer of the plant.

The area of the tree affected is usually around the base of the tree where the snow level is. I have seen where mice have lived under the cover of the snow, eating on the bark of low growing junipers. The following season the plant dies because it cannot transport water and food up into the stems.

Precautions can be taken to deter these pests from eating on your shrubs and trees. Mechanical barriers such as chicken wire or fencing can be set up around the plants. The only problem with this is that you have to look at the barrier all winter. Another solution is to spray a repellent on the plants so that they do not taste good to the animals. Choices in animal repellents include ingredients like cayenne red pepper (capsaicin), eggs or oil.

Deer Off is a repellent that contains whole egg solids, capsaicin and garlic. This product has been tested to work on rabbits, squirrels and other animals too. Another repellent contains thiram that is a fungicide as well. Scoot Rabbit is a ready-to-use product you can hook up to your hose to spray castor oil. Again this is a product that makes the animals' food source taste bad so they move on. Most of these products work best if applied to the bark when the temperatures are above freezing.

These products will work to keep the animal pests away from your plants without harming the animals or the environment. Tree wrap can also be installed around the trunk of young trees. This will protect the tree from most animals. Tree wrap can also be used to protect trees after animal damage has occurred.

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Concrete forms insulate

Concrete Advice

By the Michigan Concrete Association

Q. We are planning to build a new house this spring and are concerned about rising energy costs. We have heard that houses built out of concrete have lower heating and cooling costs? How is that possible?

— J.B., via e-mail.

A. Houses built using Insulating Concrete Forms (ICFs), which are hollow foam blocks or panels that are stacked into the shape of the walls of a home, are significantly more energy efficient than the best insulated wood-frame house. 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 will save you 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. 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. 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.

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.

The Michigan Concrete Association is at 3130 Pine Tree Road in Lansing. The association was established in 1952 as a forum for the state's ready-mixed concrete industry and as an educational resource for consumers. For more information, call (800) 678-9622, or visit their Web site at www.miconcrete.org.

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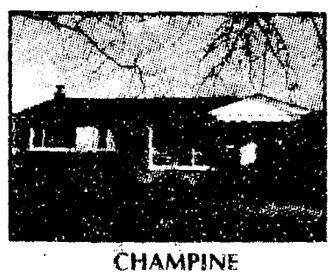
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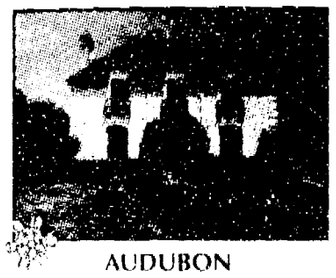
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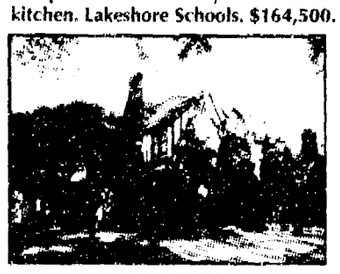
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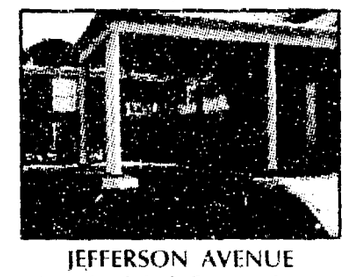
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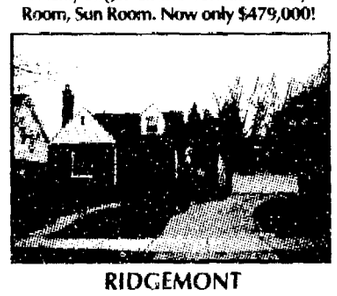
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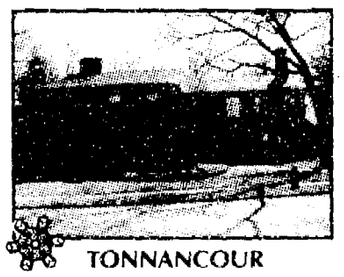
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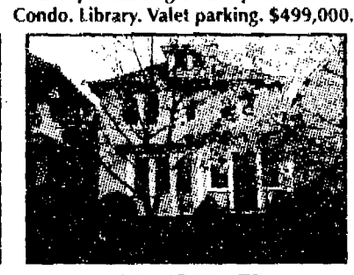
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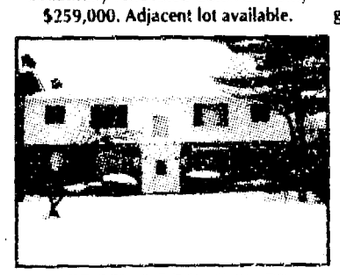
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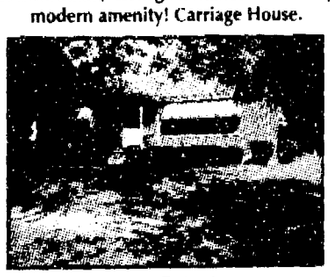
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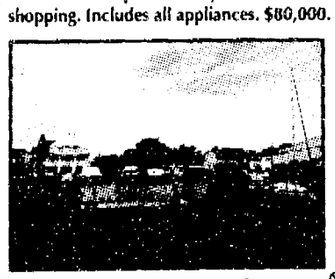
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By Anita Gold

Q. I am a senior citizen who reads your interesting articles in Vermont. I'm hoping you could direct me to a source for information regarding Harriet Hubbard Ayer cosmetic products which included facial powders that came in gorgeous containers sold before my time. I inherited one such container from my aunt Grace that's shaped like a lovely cottage with a nice decor, and that has its original sticker on the bottom printed with the words Golden Chance Dusting Powder — Harriet Hubbard Ayer — New York — Paris Toronto. Although I do remember the cosmetic company, I have not found a knowledgeable person that can tell me more about the company and its products. Can you help?

— Beverly Leblanc, Williston, VT

A. Write Roselyn Gerson who knows everything imaginable about ladies' compacts (and who may be able to tell you something about your cottage-shaped dusting powder holder) c/o the Compact Collectors Club, which publishes the informative Powder Puff Newsletter at P.O. Box 40, Lynbrook, NY 11563-0040. Enclose a photo or drawing of the compact or compact-related item, and include a long self-addressed stamped envelope for compact-related information, or e-mail compactldy@aol.com for membership details, or phone (516) 593-8746 to talk to the beautiful Roselyn.

Q. I've been told that old plastic dinnerware is collectible. I have several pieces and a complete service that belonged to my mother who left them to me. How can I find out if they have any value?

— Doreen Johnson, Columbia, SC.

A. They most certainly do depending on their type, and their completeness as a set, and their condition which is most important. You'll find everything you need to know about such dinnerware including their full descriptions and current values in the 2004 edition of the "KOVELS' Depression Glass & Dinnerware Price List — 8th Edition." It identifies and prices hundreds of pieces and patterns made from the 1920s to the 1980s, and explains factory histories, provides information on makers and marks, and includes a 16-page full-color picture timeline of styles called "Decades of Design" and lots more including a Melmac section which is not found in any other price book, and therefore is especially useful. Then too, pottery lovers will also find more information about such collections as Autumn Leaf, Fiesta, Franciscan, Metlox, Syracuse and Vernon Kilns. The 258-page paperback book is available for $16 plus postage from The Kovels' c/o Random House, 1745 Broadway, New York, NY 10019. Or phone (212) 691-9707 or e-mail adaly@fasspr.com for ordering information

Q. I'll soon be going in to a retirement home and must sell my precious collections of china, furniture, figurines, clocks, pottery and numerous other things. How can I find out what such things are worth?

— Helen Jones, Little Rock, AR.

A. A new thick price guide with color photos which covers everything imaginable and that contains up-to-date prices is the "Antique Trader Antiques & Collectibles Price Guide 2005" edited by Kyle Husfloen, available in a 1,006-page edition for $21.99 postpaid from Krause Publications, 700 E. State Street, Iola, WI 54990-0001. Or phone (800) 258-0929 toll free to order the book you'll not be able to put down.

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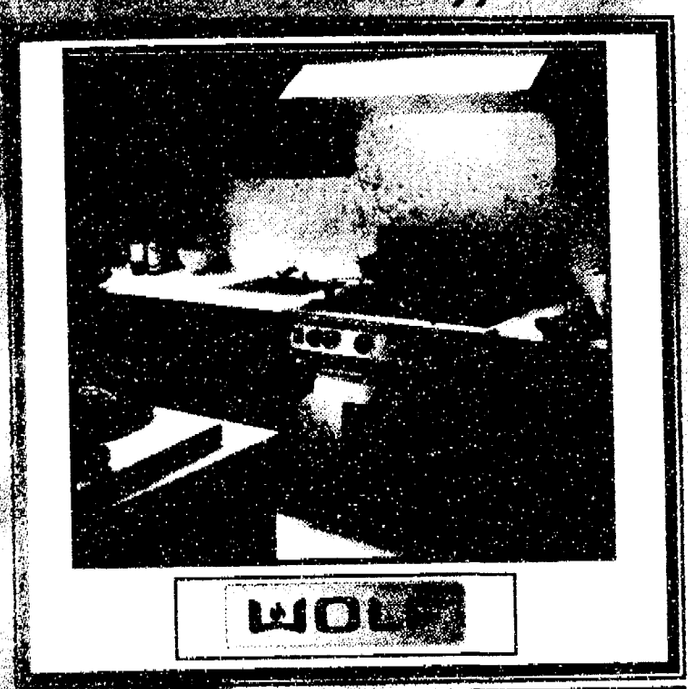
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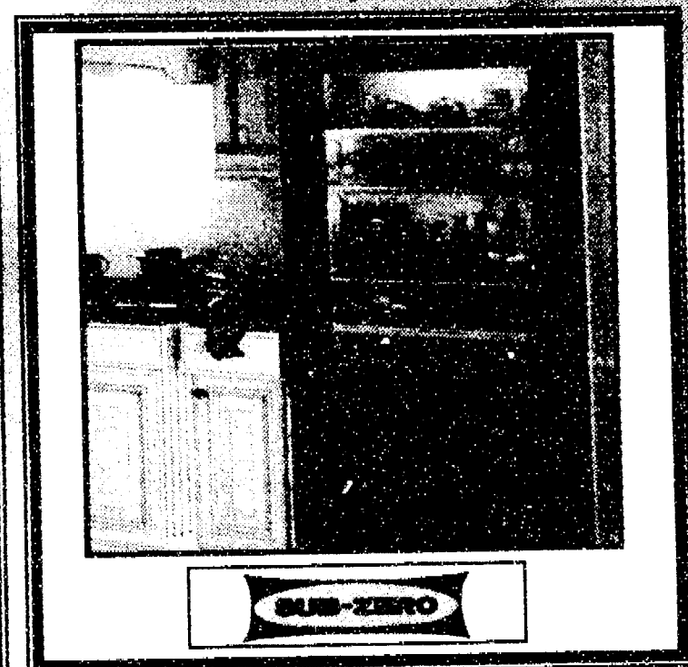
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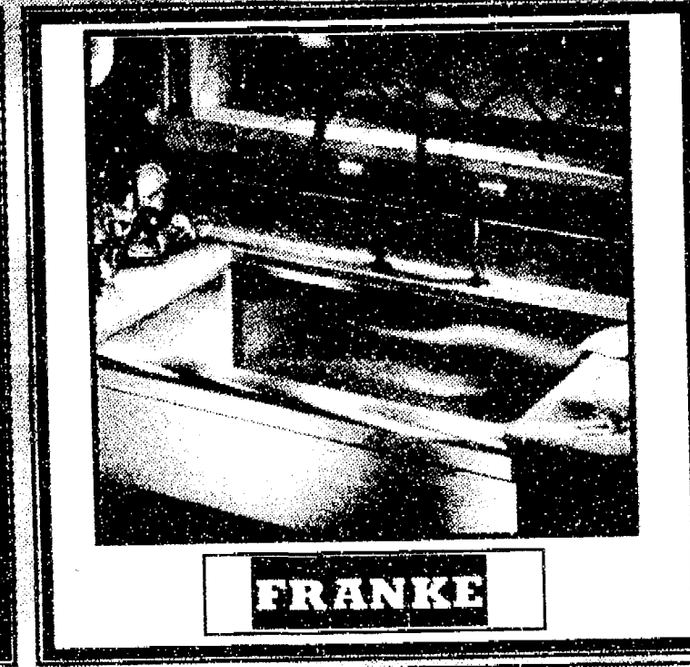
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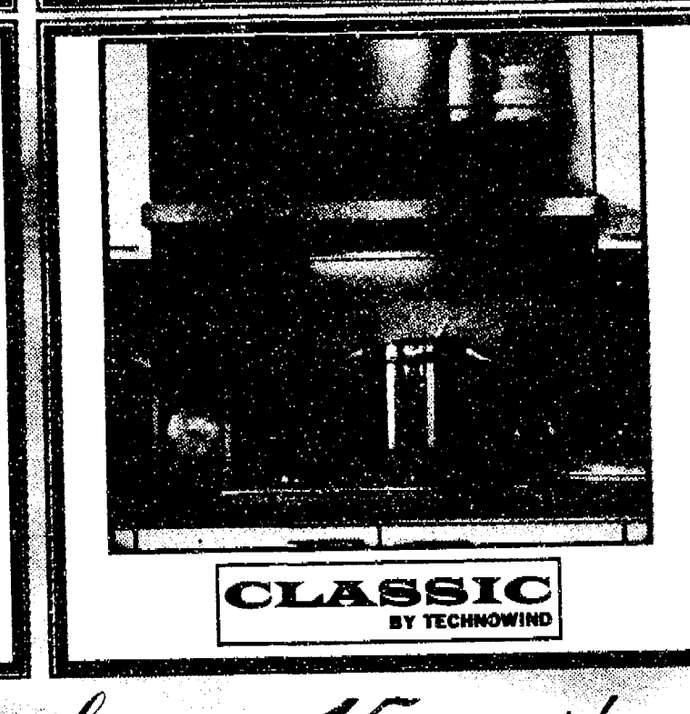










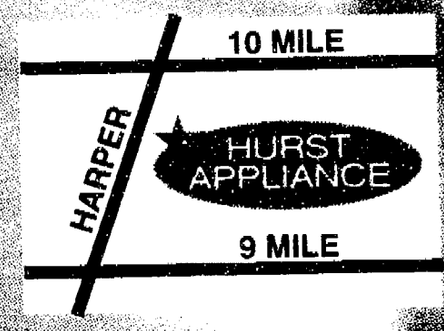


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Flagstar Bank FSB	(800) 72-FIRST	5.625	0	5.125	0	3.5	0	J/B/V/F
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GMAC Mortgage Corp.	(800) 888-4622	5	3	4.75	1.5	3.875	0	J/B/V/F
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 786-4755	4.75	2.125	4.25	2	2.25	2	JB/V/F
Goldstar Mortgage	(800) 489-8260	5.125	0.25	4.75	0.375	2.75	0.5	J/B/V/F
Great American Mortgage	(800) 670-3441	5.25	0	4.75	0	4.5	0	JB
Group One Mortgage	(734) 953-4000	5.375	0	5.375	0	4	0	J/B/V/F
Guardian Mortgage Company Inc.	(248) 649-4225	5.25	1	4.625	1	NR	NR	JB/V/F
Home Federal Savings Bank	(313) 873-3310	5.5	1	5.25	1	NR	NR	J
Home Finance of America	(800) 358-5626	5.25	0	4.75	0	3.125	0	JB
Horizon Financial Group	(866) 538-7687	5.25	1	4.75	1	NR	NR	J
Huntington Mortgage Co.	(800) 536-1612	5.625	0	5.125	0	NR	NR	JB/V/F
International Mortgage Inc.	(248) 540-7576	5.25	0	4.875	0	NR	NR	J/B
JMC Mortgage Corp.	(248) 489-4020	4.875	3	4.375	3	NR	NR	J/B
Keystone Mortgage	(866) KEY-FREE	5.375	0	4.875	0	3.5	0	J/B
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Manufacturers	(586) 777-1000	5.375	1	4.875	1	NR	NR	JB
Mortgage Central LLC	(888) 525-9999	5.375	0	4.875	0	3	0	J/F
Mortgage Funding by Premier	(248) 559-1107	5.125	0	4.75	0	3.5	0	JB/V/F
Mortgages by Golden Rule	(800) 991-9922	4.875	1.375	4.375	1.375	2.5	1	J/B/V/F
National City Bank	(888) 625-4825	5.125	2.125	4.625	2	3.625	1.125	JB/B1
Northtown Financial	(248) 988-8488	5.125	0	4.75	0	NR	NR	V/F
Olympic Funding	(248) 273-4000	5.375	0	4.875	0	NR	NR	JB/V/F
Parkway Financial LLC	(800) 726-2274	5.375	0	4.875	0	3	0	J/F
People Mortgage	(313) 730-5040	5.125	0	4.625	0	NR	NR	J
Pinecrest Mortgage	(800) 622-1448	5.25	0	4.75	0	4.125	0	J
Premier Mortgage Funding	(248) 557-2274	5.125	0	4.75	0	3.625	0	JB/V/F
Prime Financial Corp.	(248) 203-7010	5.375	0	4.875	0	NR	NR	V/F
Quest Mortgage	(800) 638-6863	4.875	3	4.375	3	3.5	3	J/V/F
St. James Mortgage Corp.	(800) 837-7005	5.625	0	5.125	0	4	0	B
Standard Federal Bank	(800) HOME-800	5.25	2	4.75	2	3.625	2	JB/V/F
United Mortgage Group	(586) 286-9500	5.25	0	4.75	0	3.125	0	J/B/V/F
USA Mortgage	(248) 538-6830	5.25	0	4.75	0	4.125	0	JB/F
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Source: Residential Mortgage Consultants based in Brighton - rmcreport.com

Considering a mortgage

(NAPSI) — Navigating the mortgage process can be both confusing and overwhelming.

The following key points are important when shopping for a mortgage:

1. The better your credit, the more options you'll have. The three major consumer credit bureaus are Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. Be sure to correct any inaccuracies on your reports.

2. Lenders generally require anywhere from 5 to 20 percent of a home's value as down payment. You'll need cash to cover closing costs, which can add up to 2 to 6 percent of your loan amount. Ask for a "good faith estimate" in writing to avoid surprises.

3. In addition to the traditional 30-year fixed rate mortgage, there are dozens of mortgage loan products available, from adjustable rate mortgages to interest-only and negative amortization loans.

4. Once you've selected your lender, consider locking-in your interest rate to protect yourself against rate increases. Some lenders let you lock in the rate at the beginning of the process, while others require the loan to be approved.

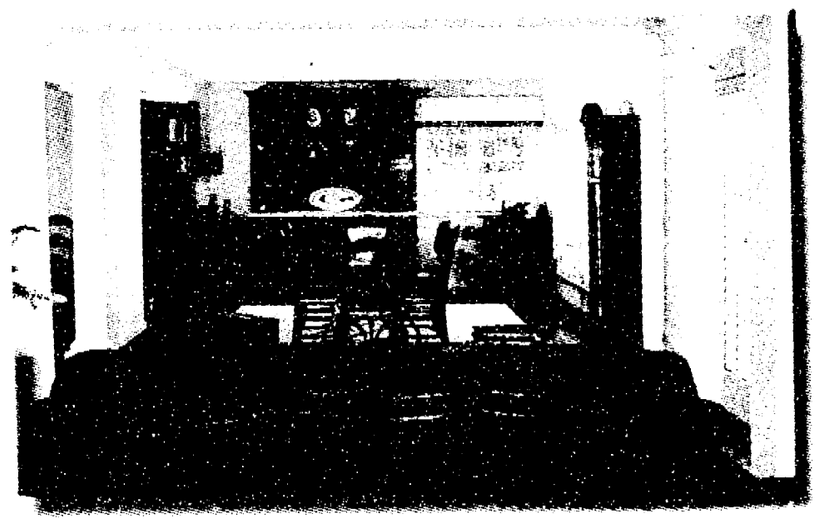
5. Points are additional, upfront fees that may be charged by the lender. One point equals one percent of your total loan amount. The more points you pay upfront, the lower your interest rate. The fewer points you pay, the higher the interest rate.

6. You may be able to reduce your monthly payment and lower your interest costs by paying more points upfront, but consider how long it will take to recover the cost of those points with your monthly payments.

7. The Annual Percentage Rate (APR) includes your interest rate, mortgage insurance, interim interest, points and other fees, and thus makes it easier to compare loan offers on an apples-to-apples basis.

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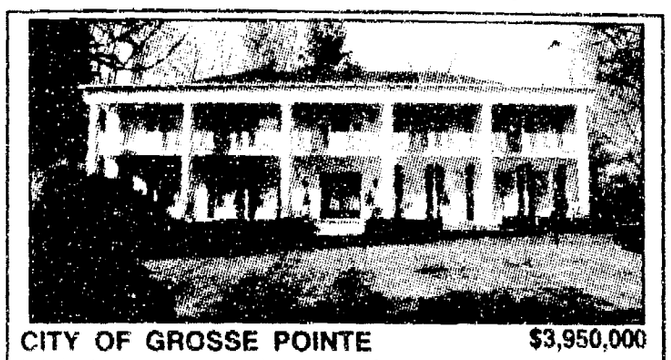
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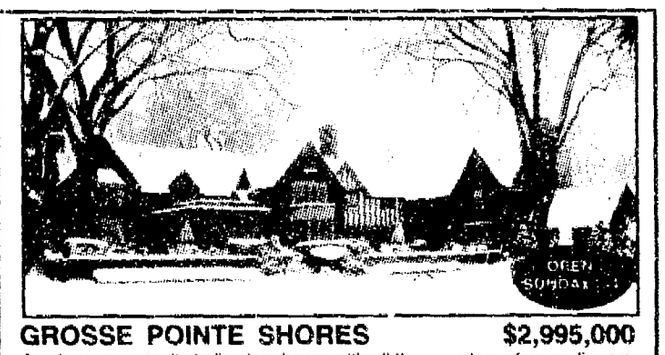
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS **$775,000**
Right in the heart of Grosse Pointe Farms, this center entrance Colonial offers wonderful curb appeal! Spacious, with five bedrooms, 3 full and 1 half bath, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, fresh decor, and more. Newer WeatherGuard windows on the first floor.



GROSSE POINTE FARMS **$684,900**
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The holiday season is the perfect time to discover this charming 3 Bedroom, 2 bath English cottage in coveted location. Updates include new furnace, CAC, hot water heater & dishwasher. Newer kitchen with granite counters.



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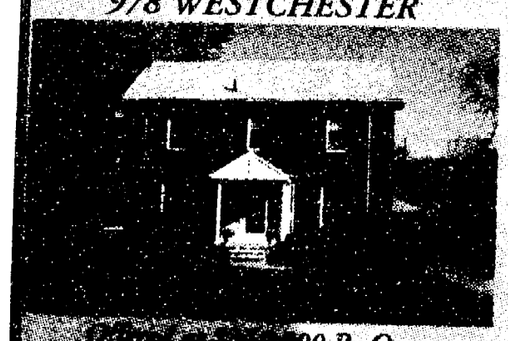
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LITTLESTONE, HARPER WOODS
WELL-MAINTAINED three bedroom brick ranch with formal dining room, updated kitchen, all appliances included, recreation room with lav. Newer furnace, central air and windows. Beautiful in-ground pool. $145,000.

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GRATTON, DETROIT
EAST ENGLISH VILLAGE location for this beautiful brick and stone one and one half story. Living room with natural fireplace, formal dining room, three bedrooms, finished basement. Impeccably maintained. $115,000.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS



CUSTOM BRICK RANCH with three bedrooms, updated bath, hardwood floors and a wonderful finished basement with new bath. Jacuzzi and shower. $289,000.

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LOCATION, CONDITION, VALUE! This quality built home is rich with architectural detailing and a lovely interior. Two full baths, Mutschler kitchen, custom fireplaces in living and dining rooms. $360,000.

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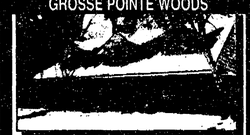
EXCEPTIONAL ENGLISH! Five bedrooms, family room and library. Leaded glass doors, Pewabic tile fireplace façade and hearth, Pella windows and an unbelievable lower level. $460,000.

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AN ABUNDANCE OF LIVING SPACE and an indoor 40 x 8 foot lap pool in a 60 x 20 foot poolroom. Exercise at home! Five bedrooms, family room, multiple fireplaces and the list goes on. Well-located and priced at $649,900.

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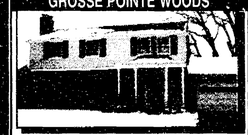
EXCELS FOR ENTERTAINING! This four bedroom Colonial features a great floor plan and spacious rooms, including a family room, heated garden room and den. Master bedroom has a 16' x 12' sitting room. $698,900.

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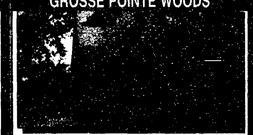
A COLONIAL WITH CHARACTER! Beautiful leaded windows and doors, newer open kitchen with island, four bedrooms and den. Recreation room, newer garage, landscaping and patio. $328,900.

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. $419,000.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS



TOO CUTE! Delightful remodeled kitchen with appliances and track lighting. Hardwood floors, custom blinds, updated bathroom. Three bedrooms, basement recreation room, furnace is two years old. $149,000.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS



ADORABLE & AFFORDABLE! Three bedroom Bungalow with new kitchen and family room with fireplace. Refinished hardwood floors, basement recreation room and full bath. $164,500.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS



COZY CAPE COD! Living room with fireplace and built-in bookcases, updated kitchen with large eating area and appliances. Hardwood floors, full bath in basement. $164,900.

Open Sunday 2-4 PM
Open Saturday 2-4 PM
1740 Hawthorne
Grosse Pointe Woods

872 Pemberton, Grosse Pointe Park
294 Touraine, Grosse Pointe Farms
12 Stratford, Grosse Pointe City
2230 Hawthorne, Grosse Pointe Woods
837 Lorraine, Grosse Pointe City
20456 Danbury, Harper Woods
581 Pemberton, Grosse Pointe Park
33 Greenbriar, Grosse Pointe Shores
1088 Torrey, Grosse Pointe Woods
285 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms
1114 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods

LAKEPOINTE TOWERS
3102 Country Club, St. Clair Shores
3215 Country Club, St. Clair Shores
3403 Country Club, St. Clair Shores
3408 Country Club, St. Clair Shores
3506 Country Club, St. Clair Shores

Kercheval on the Hill
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