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WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, Feb. 24

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe and the Detroit chapter of the American Institute of Architects will host a panel discussion by experts in land use, urban development, architecture, city management, transportation and the environment in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with coffee. The program will be from 7 to 9 p.m.

Advance reservations are available with a donation of $5. For advance reservations, all AIA members should call (313) 965-4100. All others should call (313) 881-8844 or (313) 822-8251.

Without a reservation, a $10 donation will be requested at the door.

Friday , Feb. 25

The A. B. Metro Detroit Missions Conference will be held at the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church.

Events include a fellowship of pastoral staff and missionaries at 5 p.m. followed by dinner and an informal service at 6:15 p.m.

A 6 p.m. fellows hip will also be held on Saturday, Feb. 26.

Call (313) 881-3343 for more information.

Saturday, Feb. 26

Grosse Pointe Audubon and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial present "An Introduction to Michigan Birds of Prey," a free educational program for children by Joe Rogers, a wildlife rehabilitation specialist. The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Those who attend are encouraged to bring a camera if they wish to photograph the live birds, including hawks and owls.

For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

Monday, Feb. 28

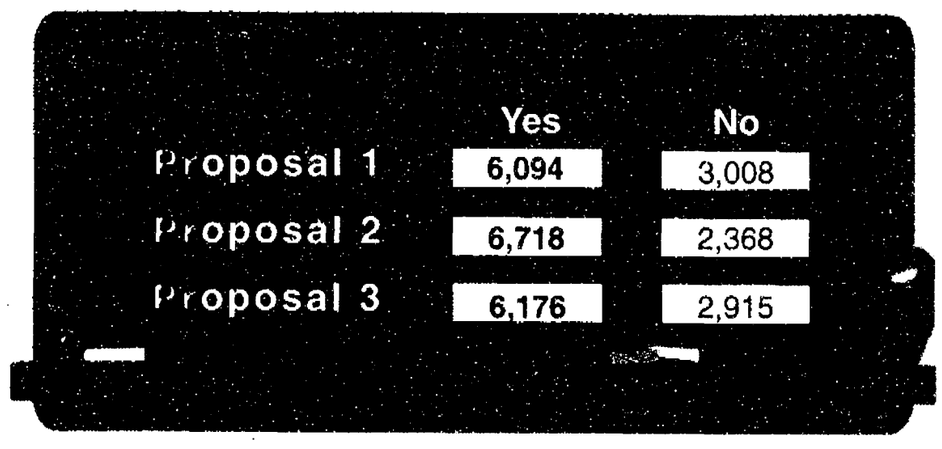
The Board of Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library meets at the Ewald Branch Library at 7 p.m.

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

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Anticipation lingers for Woods liquor licenses

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

It has been six months since voters in Grosse Pointe Woods voted to free four Class C licenses for local restaurateurs. It will likely be several more months if and when liquor will be served in up to four additional dining establishments.

Applications became available last week for restaurateurs asking for consideration of the licenses in accordance with an ordinance passed by the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council on Jan. 17.

The ordinance spells out the application guidelines procedures the council will take in determining who, if anyone, will be given consideration for the licenses.

In Michigan, local municipalities determine who is considered "above all others" for licenses, which are ultimately granted by the state's Liquor Control Commission (LCC).

According to Mayor Robert Novitke, a legal notice will be posted in this week's Grosse Pointe News that announces the acceptance of applications.

The applications and a nonrefundable $2,500 fee are to be turned into the city clerk's office by 5 p.m. on April 1.

Novitke then said administrators and the public safety department will have 45 to 60 days to take on the task of conducting background checks of the restaurant owners, building inspections and fire inspections. Administration will also review a number of other factors such as proximity to churches and schools, site plans and parking availability.

"There are a number of factors our administration will have to assess," Novitke said.

After that, the council will conduct public hearings for each of the applicants.

So far, the city clerk's office has handed out five Class C applications. The owners of Big Boy, Bucci, Ferlito's Family Dining, Mack Avenue Diner and Pizzeria Venti have expressed interest in obtaining the licenses.



Photo courtesy Mother's Club Grosse Pointe South High School

First look

Grosse Pointe South High Mother's Club celebrated the opening of the newly renovated auditorium with its "Take a First Look with the Second City" Feb. 5 fundraising event. The auditorium was restored to its original state through a 10-year project that included a chandelier, decorative painting and theater seats.

The seats are a result of the buy-a-seat campaign in which more than 400 seats have been spoken for. The evening of hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and raffle was topped off by a comedy performance by Megan Grano, who is a 1995 South grad and a member of the Second City, and five colleagues.

Cutting the ribbon to open the auditorium included, from left Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Christian Fenton, 2005 Mother's Club President Cathy Leverenz, Superintendent Suzanne Klein, and South's principal Al Diver.

The 1928 auditorium included a Roman Doric theme after the Colonial period with the exaggerated height of its columns and pilasters. Four sets of curtains cover the deep stage, making the stage adaptable for many purposes.

During the 1970s, the area was updated with orange seats, black and white acoustical ceiling, and the balcony was removed. During the 2002 bond issue, the asbestos was removed; the balcony restored and the staging improved.

Voters approve school millages by 2-to-1 margin

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

By more than 2-to-1 margins, all three Grosse Pointe school millages were approved by voters on Tuesday.

"This is thrilling," said Lisa Vreede, Grosse Pointe Board of Education member. "There was strong support from across the community. A lot of people worked very hard."

Voters were asked to renew two millage levies and restore another. The three represented 23 percent of the school district's budget.

Proposal 1 was the renewal of the combined homestead "gap" and technology millages of 8.0784 mills. The second was a renewal and the third was a restoration of the non-homestead millages. All will expire on June 30.

Yes votes for Proposal 1 were 6,094, and No were 3,008. Proposal 2 non-homestead had 6,718 Yes and 2,368 No. Proposal 3, the second non-homestead, saw 6,176 voting Yes and 2,913 voting No. Non-homestead applies to commercial properties and nonprimary residences.

As numbers rolled in soon after polls closed at 8 p.m. from the first-ever municipality run school election, it was plain that voters were in favor of keeping Grosse Pointe's educational offerings stable.

However, the day was not without "curiosity," as Superintendent Suzanne Klein said. By 4 p.m. only 2,500 had cast votes in all six municipalities.

Yet, she remained optimistic saying, "When the bond passed a couple years ago voters came in the late afternoon and evening. I was thinking they would do that again."

Her prediction turned out to be correct as more than 9,000 votes were cast by the end of the day.

She and the board members thanked all the volunteers who had made the three issues a success.

One of those to receive congratulations for his work was Pat Burke. He was the head of Vote **YES** - **Your Education System**.

"We worked closely with each PTO," he said. "We did two mailers, one with a brochure which detailed and explained what was at stake. There was a reminder postcard to vote yes, yes, yes."

Burke has three children in the Grosse Pointe Public School System and one Grosse Pointe graduate.

"(We need to) do whatever it takes to keep education at the highest level. The Grosse Pointe education system drives property value. We live here because of the schools and community. Education is the key issue, not just for Grosse Pointe but statewide and nationally."

The approval of the three issues elated the school board and administration. However, board president Joan Richardson said they are still facing a shortfall in the 2005-06 budget by several million dollars.

"We have more certainty in funding. Now we are getting down to work to make the best plans we can. We have started discussions, talked about options to explore," she said about balancing next year's budget.

"We are exploring privatization of certain services, increasing class size by one at all levels, a middle school structure change in the day. We have another full month of nitty-gritty work," Richardson said. "The next deadline is the end of April for lay-off notices,"

POINTER OF INTEREST

Eileen DeClercq

Home: Grosse Pointe Park

Age: 80s

Family: Two sons, Alex and Bob Declercq; daughter, Susan Brown; five grandchildren.

Occupation: Watches children

Quote: "I have bad things that happen to me, but they always seem to work out."



Eileen DeClercq

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ A new, larger city hall is nixed in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Despite a $1,000 letter writing campaign by members of the city council, voters reject a $320,000 bond request to build a new municipal headquarters.

■ A collection of some of the world's rarest coins and stamps will be displayed during a free show this weekend at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

■ John Feikens, 37, of Grosse Pointe Park is reelected chairman of the Michigan Republican Party during a state convention at Cass Tech High School in Detroit.

Mrs. Charles Dean of the Farms is temporary chairman of the convention, the first time a woman holds such a position.

25 years ago this week

■ As mounting tension between the United States and Iran hint at the possibility of war and reinstatement of the draft, President Jimmy Carter can count on some young Grosse Pointers to sign up.

For the most part, young men polled at a Pointe high school say they would sign up, but most make it clear women soldiers don't belong in combat.

■ Members of a Nazi organization calling itself Security Services Action Group, whose six representatives won't give their full names but hand out literature with a westside post office box, march in the Village area of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The roughly 20-year-old men, dressed in boots and jackets with silver swastikas and SS emblems, march through the fashionable yet tasteful shopping district for half an hour, trailed by a string of young girls yelling taunts and ripping up literature being distributed.

■ The Grosse Pointe War Memorial's 1980 Annual Family Participation Campaign for financial support nearly reaches halfway toward a goal of $160,000.

10 years ago this week

■ Four semi-truck loads of tag-alongs, thin mints, peanut butter patties, shortbreads and other perennial favorites are dropped off in front of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in anticipation of the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council's annual cookie sale.

■ Raw sewage seeps into the street and lawns near the Grosse Pointe Farms pumping station at Chalfonte and Kerby.

The problem is caused by a closed sluice gate at the station, which blocks sewage from flowing into the Fox Creek system and causing it to flow up through a manhole.

■ St. Clare of Montefalco student Mike VanHeyde, a seventh-grader from Grosse Pointe Park, wins the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee.

He advances to the next round of competition and a chance to win a $25,000 college scholarship.

5 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe Shores voters turn down the idea of building a recreation center at Osius Park. The vote is 773 to 501.

On the other hand, voters support an amendment to the village charter regarding elections.

As originally written, the charter required voters to cast a specific number of votes in village elections. So, if there were three seats available on the village council, a voter must cast three votes, or the ballot is discarded.

■ Dan Healy, Grosse Pointe Shores director of public safety, retires after more than 34 years with the village. Healy served as chief since 1987.

"What was accomplished during my tenure was accomplished through teamwork," Healy says.

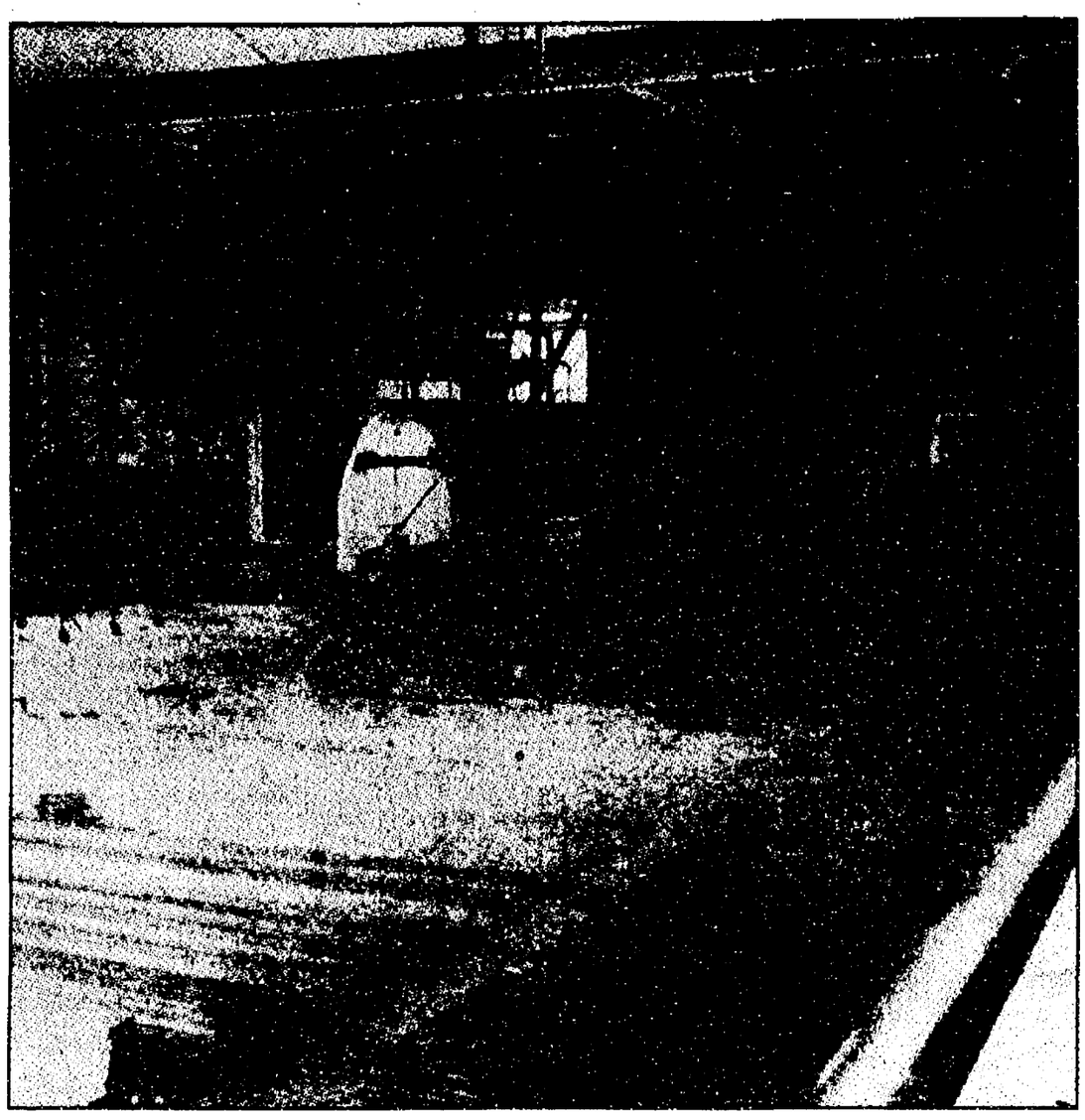
■ Call it Mrs. Smith goes to Washington — with 999,999 friends.

A group of Grosse Pointe women will participate in the Million Mom March in the nation's capitol this spring to support gun control and "no nonsense enforcement" of existing firearm laws.

Local response to the march has been "outstanding," says Miriam Engstrom of Grosse Pointe Park, one of an increasing number of local women who support the nationwide grassroots effort.

— Brad Lindberg

50 years ago this week



New auditorium-gymnasium nears completion

Finishing touches are being put on the million-dollar auditorium-gymnasium being built on the Grosse Pointe High School campus. It is hoped the structure will be ready for use before the end of next month.

The main room shown above has a stage but can also be divided into two gymnasiums and will seat about 3,500 on bleacher seats when used for big athletic events.

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Park business owners eye 'lifestyle center' concept for Kercheval

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

After 23 years as owner of Gallerie 454 in Grosse Pointe Park, Mark Doren has seen the walk-in traffic at his business in the West Park district dwindle.

"Fifteen years ago, I'd get about 15 to 20 people walk into my gallery every day," Doren said. "These days, I get about two people a week."

His suggestion to bolstering traffic to the businesses in the far west end of Kercheval is one that developers are reinventing: lifestyle centers — shopping center developments that mimic trendy downtown "Main Street" shopping districts.

Doren's suggestion has the support of many of his fellow members of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Owners Association.

"There's a trend that's happening across the nation," said Scott Kilpatrick, president of the association. "Last year, 22 of these lifestyle centers were built; that's 3-to-1 the number of malls that were built. They're trying to build what we already have."

Locally, the Village of Rochester Hills is one example of a planned lifestyle center. The 375,000-square-foot center boasts 50 shops and restaurants with an ample supply of on- and off-street parking.

However, in order to make an already-built lifestyle center take flight, Doren and Kilpatrick asked the city council to consider building more off-street parking, specifically behind the buildings on Kercheval between Lakepointe and Maryland, the center of the West Park business district. While they said they appreciated the efforts the Park is putting into building a new municipal parking lot south of Kercheval between Lakepointe and Beaconsfield this spring, Doren said more centralized lots would be crucial to the success of existing and potential businesses.

"We need the parking centralized, like on the Hill and in the Village," said Doren, whose business is across the street from three vacant storefronts. "A lot of businesses won't come in because the parking won't support them. A lot of operations have come in, they look at the numbers, and see there's no way to get the people in. That's why you have restaurants and mom-and-pop stores that come in for a year, die and move out. There's a constant changeover."

Doren also called on the city council to consider a master plan for the district, one that would specify the types of businesses that would be allowed in the West Park district.

Kilpatrick's and Doren's suggestions appeared not to have fallen on deaf ears by members of the city council and administration. However, none of them took a specific interest in creating a lifestyle center or a master plan for the district.

"Philosophically, we're on the same page," said Councilman Robert Denner. "We're always aware that parking is an issue."

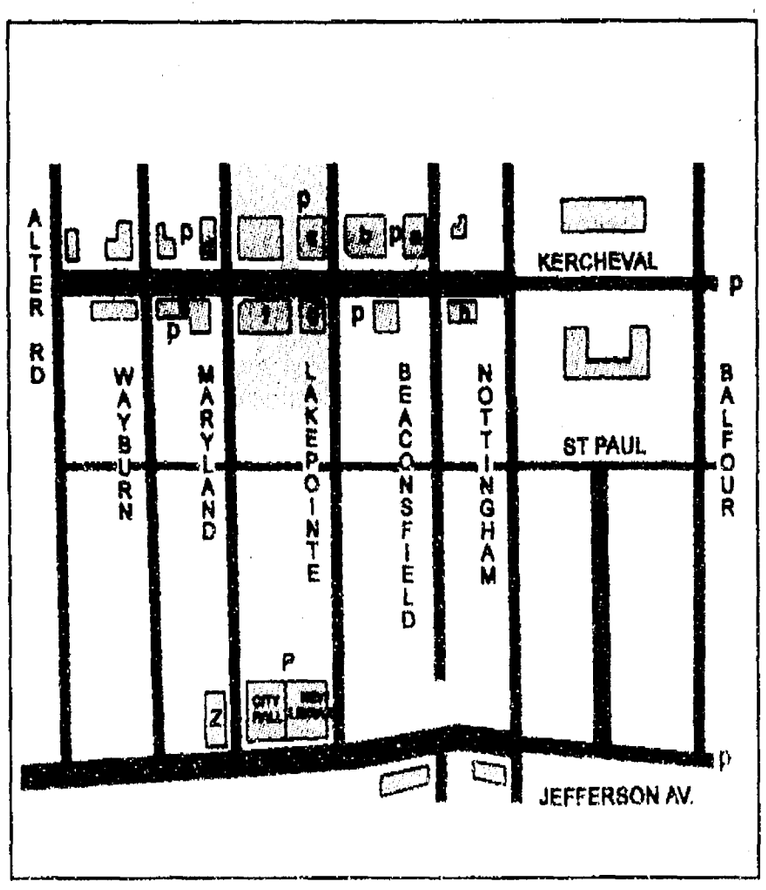
City Manager Dale Krajniak said while the city is aware of the need for more parking, it took advantage of the opportunity to purchase the two lots south of Kercheval between Lakepointe and Beaconsfield for parking last year because of their availability at that time.

Councilman Sam Nouhan added: "There are residents who enjoy the festival-like atmosphere (at the West Park Farmers Market), but we're (also) aware of what needs to be done to improve the business climate.

"We can't always share our speculation on such things until we have something concrete. Trust that there's energy being spent on this."

"Throughout the past 20 years, we've been aware and vigilant that we need to be proactive," Councilman Daniel Clark said.

"This council is as diligent, as vigilant and interested as ever. We don't like to use the term 'scared' because these are not forces beyond our control. We're there; we're with you."



Business owners in Grosse Pointe Park's West Park business district have asked the city council and administration to consider efforts to turn the four-block commercial area into a "lifestyle center." In order to do so, they also stressed the need to develop more off-street parking, particularly between Maryland and Lakepointe.

Shores moves forward on two water studies

Officials are sick of Detroit rate hikes

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Suburban communities hoping to break away from the Detroit water department might try to siphon off some of Detroit's infrastructure instead of starting from scratch.

Proponents reason that if 13 communities in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties produce their own drinking water rather than buying it from Detroit at ever-increasing rates, facilities Detroit needed to do the job would go unused.

"It may be feasible to acquire some of Detroit's infrastructure should we start to overtake the service area they currently have, especially for water brought in from Lake Huron," said Mike Kenyon, manager of Grosse Pointe Shores.

The Shores is the sole Wayne County community participating in a feasibility study to create a suburban water authority.

The multi-phase study evolved from a discussion in 2003 between Shores Trustee Dr. Brian Hunt and former St. Clair Shores Mayor Curt Dumas.

Other participating communities from Macomb County include Center Line, Eastpointe, Fraser and Warren. Communities from Oakland County include Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills, Madison Heights, Oak Park, Pontiac, Troy and a number of cities belonging to the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority.

Each community is funding the $180,000 study on a 25 cents per capita basis. The Shores paid $1,179.

"We're getting our money's worth," Kenyon said.

Phase one was completed in December and cost approximately $80,000. It resulted in $1.425 billion preliminary cost projection for establishing a separate system to supply, treat and transmit drinking water.

Phase two, costing roughly $30,000, will evaluate alternatives such as building upon existing Detroit facilities and broadening the proposed service area to Flint and other communities in Genesee County.

Results of phase two will determine if the study should continue to the next step, in which more detailed engineering analysis will give a clearer picture of technical requirements and costs.

In a separate but related action, Shores officials in January initiated a partnership with Grosse Pointe Woods to commission a less ambitious, $24,000 study ($5,000 from the Shores, $19,000 from the Woods) to determine the cost of dropping Detroit and hooking up to the filtration plant in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"For Grosse Pointe Shores, the study commissioned last month with Grosse Pointe Farms and the Woods might be something more to our liking," Kenyon said.

Engineers are developing a computer model to determine water flows and pressures required of an expanded Farms system.

"They might have some preliminary results by March or the first of April," Kenyon said.

More liquor could change restaurants, Mack in Woods

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Many people have said that issuing additional liquor licenses would change the character of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

They're right.

Sheryl Mehr, owner of Mack Avenue Diner, said she would likely make substantial renovations to the decor and menu of her restaurant. She is one of five Woods restaurateurs vying for one of four newly available Class C liquor licenses that recently became available in the Woods.

"We'll definitely remodel if we get the license," Mehr said. "We'll still serve standard American diner food, but we'll step it up a bit."

Mehr said she believed a Class C license would help her business, particularly at dinner, when she believes many area residents go to dining establishments out of the Woods where they can enjoy a beer, wine or cocktail with their dinner.

Another restaurant known for its family fare is also looking to appeal to more adult palates: Big Boy.

The restaurant chain is already testing a beer and wine concept at its Howell location and is eying its Woods franchise as one of two or three additional test locations.

"We've had some requests for this," said Big Boy CEO Tony Michaels. "We're taking a look at this and we're testing it."

However, both Michaels and Woods franchise owner Dan Curis said they would be considering the feedback very carefully.

"It's a fickle subject," Curis said. "Big Boy is fashioned after a young character. We have to be careful with the image."

"It's our job to analyze the data very carefully," Michaels said. "If our customers don't want it, then we won't go ahead with it. If they do, it'll be something we'll pursue."

Ben Ferlito, co-owner of Ferlito's Family Dining, has been feeling the pinch in the past several years of running an alcohol-free establishment. Not only has he faced competition from family-style restaurants which have started pouring spirits, but also the proliferation of casual Italian restaurant chains.

"People expect beer and wine at an Italian-style restaurant," Ferlito said. "It would help us greatly. All our customers want it. We've had people walk out of here when they've found out they can't order a beer or wine with their meal."

Walk-outs are also a problem for Sphresa Mamuslari, owner of Bucci, which specializes in gourmet Italian cuisine.

"It's something you expect in a place like this," Mamuslari said.

James Maniscalco, the owner of Pizzeria Venti, which opened its doors a few weeks ago, is another restaurant owner seeking a license. His restaurant is the fifth franchise outlet of a Chicago-based company. The Woods location is the only one that does not serve beer and wine.

"We'll only do beer and wine," Maniscalco said. "We're casual Italian."

All five restaurateurs have or are considering submitting Class C license applications. The application deadline is April 1. After the applications have been received, city administrators will take about 45 days to review the applications, conduct background checks on the owners, and conduct building, parking and fire safety inspections. If the applicants pass review at the administrative level, the city council will schedule public hearings before it renders its decisions.

Regardless of who may or may not receive licenses, Mehr believes additional Class C licenses would benefit the Mack business district.

"I think it could make the whole street more interesting," Mehr said. "Why should you go elsewhere? Keep it in the neighborhood."

Guest lecturer at Academy

Roland S. Barth, the Grosse Pointe Academy's 2005 McMillan Lecturer, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, on "Building a Community of Learners and Leaders: Adult Relationships Within the Schoolhouse."

The lecture will take place in the Academy's auditorium at 171 Lakeshore. Admission is free.

West Bank, Gaza Strip visitors to give lecture

Three Michigan residents who recently have returned from visits to the West Bank and Gaza Strip will be guest speakers at the Pointes for Peace public forum Thursday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Clare of Montefalco Church in Grosse Pointe Park, 1401 Whittier. The program is free and refreshments will be served.

Speaking will be the Rev. Peter Dougherty, co-founder of the Michigan Peace Team; Kim Redigan, a teacher and mother of four; and Sister Liz Walters, IHM, a longtime peace and social justice advocate. All three have traveled and worked extensively in Israel and Palestine. Dougherty also has served on peace teams in Haiti, Bosnia and Chiapas, Mexico. Their topic will be "Palestine and Israel: Is the Window of Opportunity Open?"

The Lansing-based Michigan Peace Team was started in 1993 in response to the growing need for civilian peacemakers in the United States and overseas. The organization offers nonviolence training workshops and provides opportunities to join peace teams at home and abroad.

Pointes for Peace is a community-based group of eastsiders and others who are committed to educating for conflict resolution and other strategies to work for peace on local, national and international levels. Membership is free. All are welcome at Pointes for Peace gatherings Sundays at 7 p.m. at Starbucks in the Village. For more information, or to be added to the Pointes for Peace mailing, call Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732 or Mary Read at (313) 822-2702; e-mail at pointesforpeace@yahoo.com.

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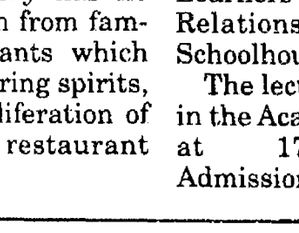
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'Grandma Eileen' embraces children throughout years

Stefan Cross
Special Writer

POINTER OF INTEREST

Babies and toddlers are fun to be around in small doses. However, when dealing with them for a continuous period of time they can become somewhat abrasive. Not for Eileen Declercq, who watches young children for a living.

Nicknamed "Grandma Eileen" by the kids she babysits, Declercq provides a service to many parents who would be lost without her help. She is running a modern day care and doing it through her own home.

"I love being around kids," said Declercq. "They're the best thing that ever happened to me."

She has been watching kids for 18 years now. It all started when her son, Bob Declercq, asked if she could watch his daughter on weekdays, and it grew from there. She babysits them anywhere from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

As of now, she watches four children everyday and claims that this is her last bunch.

"I'll be sorry when I'm not doing it anymore," she said. "I'm not taking in anymore children."

Declercq feels as if she is in the ideal situation right now. She loves the variety that children bring to her life.

"With kids, my days are never the same," she said. "Kids are always coming up with different things; therefore my days are different."

About 10 years ago she was diagnosed with colon cancer. She describes it as the most miserable 13 months of her life. However, somehow she was still able to find a way to babysit her group of children.

"I would either take them to the hospital with me, or arrange for someone else to help me out, but I don't think I missed a day of work," she said.

A couple of years ago, she fell down and broke her neck. Her spinal cord was severely damaged.

"The doctors told me I would never walk again without a walker," she said.

Yet, as of today she is still up on her feet, chasing kids around her house.

Last year she had a battle with breast cancer, and again she came out on top.

"I have bad things that happen to me, but they always seem to workout," she said.

She has lived in Grosse Pointe for about 50 years.

"I like the friendliness of Grosse Pointe," she said. "Except for a few times in the winter, I don't want to live anywhere else."

Declercq has three children of her own: twin sons, Alex and Bob Declercq, who are 51 years old, and a daughter Susan Brown, who is 48.

Brown is a Colonel in the U.S. Airforce. She and her husband used to be stationed in Germany but now are positioned in Virginia.

She also has five grandchildren. Two of her grandchildren, Amy and Robert Declercq, come in and help her out a bit dealing with the kids.



"Grandma Eileen," who was given the nickname by the kids she babysits, sits on the couch with her group of children. From left is Sam, Marie, Ellen and Elizabeth.



Eileen Declereq poses with her impressive doll collection. She has many more positioned throughout her home. Her collection totals 469 dolls and 160 Santas.

"Amy comes in every Tuesday and does crafts with the kids," she said. "Robert comes in almost everyday after school. He helps me entertain the kids and clean up."

Besides kids, Declercq also finds interest in collecting dolls. She has quite an extensive doll collection totaling 469 dolls and 160 Santas.

"I may have to get a bigger house just for my dolls," she joked. "My kids say they're the only people they know who has a mother who still plays with dolls."

She has dolls and Santas from almost every country in the world positioned all throughout her house.

"Some I've bought; some were gifts. They were originally supposed to be for my daughter, Susan, but as she lost interest I realized I was only buying them for *myself*," she said.

Not only does she have dolls from all throughout the world, but she has traveled across the globe.

"I've been to Ireland a couple of times, Germany, Austria, Czech Rep., Slovakia, Hungary, Poland and all across the U.S.," said Declercq.

Prior to working with children, Declercq was a member of the Grosse Pointe Motion Picture and Television counsel.

This organization made films for children in the neighborhood, worked with high school classes and bought them equipment, sent home film bulletins, rented out theaters and put on shows.

"We used to rent out the old Esquire Theater and put on matinees," said Declercq. "Most of the work we did was focused around elementary school kids."

The organization was a branch of the National Motion Picture and Television counsel. The group died out in the '70s.

"We used to travel around the U.S. for national book and film conventions," said Declercq.

Another passion of Declercq's is politics. She used to do work for political campaigns.

"Other than children politics is what I'm most interested in," she said.

She worked on the campaign of Mary Griffin, who was running for Congress, and many campaigns of judges in Grosse Pointe Park.

"I started working on political campaigns with my dad and grew interested from there," she said.

Declercq also has two cats, Sassy and Callie, and a dog, Casey, to keep her company when she isn't watching kids. She obtained Casey through an animal rescue program.

"Casey was an abused dog," said Declercq. "He's great around kids, just a little scared of adults."

Park to close Kercheval, expand market

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

A growing appetite for fresh produce and other items has led the Grosse Pointe Park Parks and Recreation Department to expand its West Park Market.

When the market reopens on May 7, the Park will close off Kercheval between Beaconsfield and Lakepointe on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a four-week trial period.

The street closure will allow the open-air market to expand from 16 to up to 40 vendors.

Scott Kilpatrick, president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Owners Association, said his group is backing the street closure.

"Of 30 of our members, 88 percent of them are in favor of closing Kercheval for the market," Kilpatrick said. "We're willing to try this and see how it goes."

It is hoped that the reduction in street parking will be compensated by the opening of a new municipal parking lot that will run behind a medical clinic on the south side of Kercheval between Beaconsfield and Lakepointe.

The new market hours will change to 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Market master Jennifer Meldrum is already looking forward to opening day.

"On May 7, we'll try to do the spring kick-off," Meldrum said. "We're trying to have some kind of festival. We'd like to have a wine tasting and some things for the kids to do. It's before Mother's Day, so we'll have all kinds of plants and flowers available. A lot of our old vendors will be there, and so will a lot of new ones."

Meldrum said she has already received inquiries from a number of farmers and vendors who were interested in participating in the market based on last year's success.

Farms Easter egg hunt March 19

All Grosse Pointe Farms children ages 2 to 12 are invited to attend the 18th annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19.

The hunt will start promptly at 10 a.m. at Messner Field, located on Ridge between Richard Elementary School and behind shops on the Hill. Children should arrive by 9:45 a.m.

"The hunt goes rain, sine or snow," said Dick Huhn, Farms director of parks and recreation.

The event is free.

Children are advised to dress for weather conditions and bring their own Easter basket or treat bag.

"The first 325 children will receive a special Easter treat from the Easter Bunny immediately after the hunt in the Richard Elementary School gym," Huhn said.

He reminded every child to check his or her eggs following the hunt.

"If they find a special ticket, they may turn it in at the gym for an extra surprise," Huhn said. "For a great photo opportunity, please bring a camera to take pictures with the Easter Bunny."

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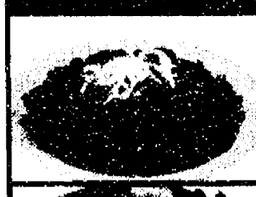


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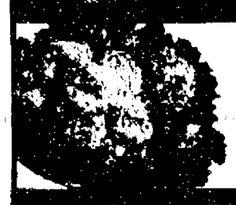
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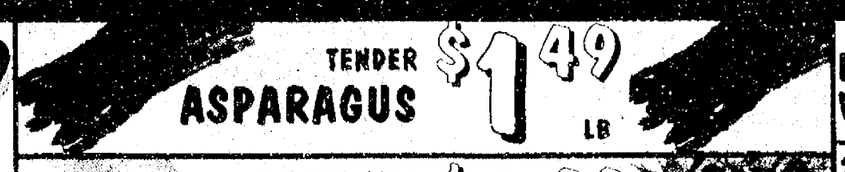
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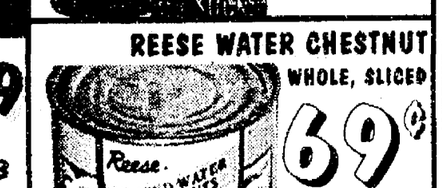
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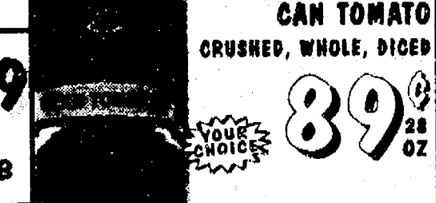
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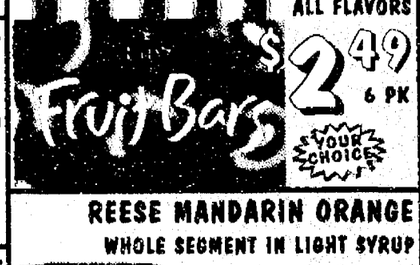
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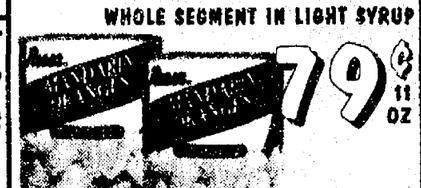
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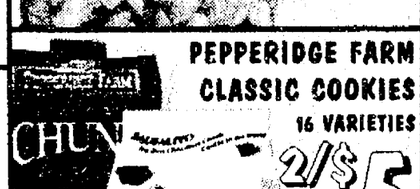
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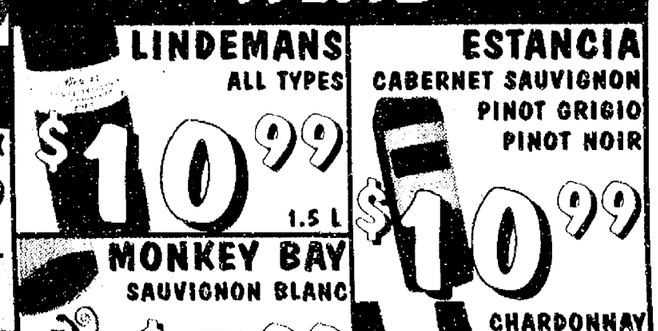


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Crime goes down in the Farms

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Chronicling crime trends in Grosse Pointe Farms during 2004 provided an exercise in finding synonyms of "reduced."

Major property crimes, which accounted for more than 99.9 percent of all major crime reported last year in the Farms, fell 23 percent from the year before.

Burglary dropped 63 percent to 20 incidents. All were solved.

Car theft nose-dived more than 51 percent to 15 cases, 12 of which were solved.

Larceny dwindled nearly 8 percent for a total of 120 incidents.

Last year's lone case of unarmed robbery compared to three the year before and brought the total number of such crimes to six since 2000.

There were no murders, rapes or arson.

Figures come from the 2004 annual report submitted by Robert Ferber, director of public safety.

"Crime is cyclical," Ferber said. "Any professional criminal will keep working until he's caught."

A lot of habitual criminals were caught early last year by a multijursdictional task force involving police from numerous eastside communities and Detroit.

"Arrests played a major role in reduced auto thefts for all of us," Ferber said, referring to the agencies involved. "It was hard work by all area departments working together."

All told, major crime during 2004 in the Farms went down 23.3 percent, ending with 148 incidents which computed to 45 fewer reported incidents than during 2003.

The downward trend extended to what FBI statisticians catalog as lesser crimes.

Malicious destruction of property, or vandalism, hit a five-year low of 42 cases compared to 68 in 2003.

On the other hand, certain offenses rose during the same period.

Aggravated assault increased 100 percent — to one case versus none the year before.

There were two armed robberies, both of which were solved, compared to none in 2003, six in 2002 and four in 2001.

Last year was the highest period for bicycle thefts in four years. Thefts reached 25 for the first time since 2001.

A break down of burglary statistics shows that criminals targeted dwellings over businesses by at least a 2:1 ratio.

Of last year's six home invasions, three occurred during January, two in November and one in April.

Three businesses were burgled in 2004. Cases were spread evenly among June, August and November.

The Fire Division logged 120 runs during 2004.

Action ranged from answering three false alarms at the same office building on the Hill to extinguishing a house fire in June on Lothrop sparked by lightning.

The Traffic Bureau recorded 368 roadway and off-roadway accidents during 2004, including a combined 65 instances where a driver hit and ran.

The most accident-prone intersection was the Farms' side of Mack and Kerby, with a total of six wrecks, three resulting in personal injuries.

There was a five-way tie for the second most dangerous intersection with four wrecks each at Mack and Moross, Moross and Chalfonte, Mack and Moran, Chalfonte and Hillcrest and Mack and Calvin.

Among community education programs, PSO Stephen Pucket, the department's traffic and school safety officer, made approximately 40 presentations to children.

Sessions included speaking about public safety to 20 kids at a home birthday party, to giving members of Amy Taylor's Tiger Cubs from Richard School a tour of police headquarters.

In March, Pucket addressed a group of Kerby School Cub Scouts about how police investigate crimes. In May Pucket participated in a Brownell School assembly about summer safety. In October he gave 50 students from St. Paul a tour of a police car.

Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety 2004 Uniform Crime Reporting Part I Offenses Crimes Cleared

Index Crimes 2004	Number of occurrences during 2004	Number of cases cleared 2004	Clearance rate GPF PSD 2004	Clearance rate USA 2003
Criminal Homicide	0	0	N/A	62.40%
Rape	0	0	N/A	44.40%
Robbery	3	2	67%	25.70%
Aggravated Assault	1	1	100%	55.90%
Burglary	9	9	100%	13.10%
Larceny	120	36	30%	18.00%
Motor Vehicle Theft	15	12	80%	13.10%
Arson	0	0	N/A	17%
Totals	148	60	41%	20.00%

Clearance rates reflect law enforcement's response to crime. Clearances can occur by means of arrest or by exceptional means, whereby some element beyond law enforcement's control precludes the placing of formal charges against the offender. The arrest of one person may clear multiple offenses. Sometimes months and years pass by before offenders are apprehended which, in turn, can affect the numerical clearance rate for any given year.

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Shores' vandalism down, drug arrests up in 2004

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A first-grader could have totaled 2004 crime statistics for Grosse Pointe Shores.

Robbery: zero. Auto theft: zero. Disorderly conduct: zero. Sex offenses: zero.

Assault, aggravated : one. Assault, non-aggravated: one.

Burglary, larceny and liquor violations: two each.

Then come crimes reaching double digit status, yet most countable on fingers and toes.

Vandalism: 11. Identity theft: 13.

The most frequent crime, drunken driving, reached 69. The figure totaled one more than last year but only three-quarters of the five-year average of 91.

"Drunken driving laws have become so severe that people are starting to have designated drivers and are starting to think before they get behind the wheel," said Stephen Poloni, Shores chief of public safety.

Some people never learn.

"We're seeing a lot of repeat offenders," Poloni said.

Narcotics arrests increased from six in 2003 to 13 in 2004.

"We saw a drop in vandalism (11 cases compared to 17 in 2003), although it's still consistent with our five-year average, from the year before," Poloni said. "Those are primarily the result of traffic stops."

Last year a routine traffic stop on Lakeshore resulted in the arrest of an alleged drug courier. The driver, a California resident, is in jail awaiting trial next month.

"We stopped a car with several pounds of marijuana in it," Poloni said. "We seized cash in the vehicle and drugs."

Shores officers coordinated their investigation with police from California, Indiana and the FBI.

Overall last year, Part One crimes, consisting of eight types of offenses listed most serious by the FBI, reached only five reported incidents in the Shores, down from nine the year before.

"That was due to a decrease in larcenies," Poloni said.

Part Two crimes, which include non-aggravated assault, identity theft, drunken driving and more, increased 9 percent from the year before, reaching 339 reported incidents. The figure is less than the five-year average of 335,

"The one big increase was in fraud and identity theft (from four in 2003 to 13 in 2004)," Poloni said.

Identity theft is an international problem as thieves use the World Wide Web to steal personal information.

"We emphasize to our residents to take care of their personal identification," Poloni said. "Don't give numbers to people who should not have them. We advise that people have a shredder to shred personal information. Also that they do credit checks at least twice per year to make sure nobody has hacked into a computer."

Offenses in the family/children category doubled last year to 20 cases. Poloni attributed the change to family disputes, sometimes involving divorced parents.

Fires increased from one in 2003 to five in 2004, but overall fire runs decreased by 18 percent to 61. The five-year average is 65.

False alarms dropped from 58 to 34.

"False alarms sometimes have to do with malfunctioning alarm systems or power outages," Poloni said.

He said the department's emergency medical service division experienced a "dramatic drop" in runs last year.

Of the Shores' 20 officers, including Poloni, 12 are paramedics. Eight officers are trained emergency medical technicians. They responded to 140 emergencies last year compared with 190 the year before.

During Top Gun combat firearms training, PSO Michael Kortas achieved status as a distinguished expert. PSO Ron Coste was rated an expert. Lt. David Younk reached sharpshooter and Sgt. Scott Rohr was rated a marksman.

Two officers were singled out for exceptional performance in 2004.

• PSO Steven Murphy received a Department Commendation for disabling a man with a gun threatening suicide. Murphy used a Taser stun gun to shock the man so fellow officers could take him into custody without injuring the subject or themselves.

• Lt. David Younk received an Individual Commendation for coordinating the department training program. In 2004, officers compiled a combined 1,628 hours of formal training.

"There were actually many more hours of training because EMS and paramedic training is ongoing; things they don't put down as formal training but do on a daily basis," Poloni said.

Grosse Pointe Shores Part I Crimes 2004

Part One crimes	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	5 year avg.
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault (Aggravated)	1	0	1	1	0	0.6
Burglary (Includes Attempts)	2	3	1	3	2	2.2
Larceny	2	6	2	3	5	3.6
Auto Theft	0	0	0	1	0	0.2
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part One Totals	5	9	4	8	7	6.6

Source: Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety

Grosse Pointe Shores Part I I Crimes 2004

Part Two crimes	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	5 year avg.
Assault (Non-Aggravated)	1	1	0	0	0	0.4
Fraud/Identity Theft	13	4	0	0	0	3.4
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	0	0	0	1	1	0.4
Vandalism	11	17	17	10	7	12.4
Weapons	1	1	1	2	4	1.8
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Narcotics	13	6	10	5	6	8
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0
Family/Children	20	10	14	8	9	12.2
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Shores boat well fees rise 2.3 percent

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Boat well rates are rising with the economic tide at Osius Park marina.

Grosse Pointe Shores officials approved increasing rental fees this season to $2.40 per square foot.

The new rate translates into a 2.3 percent change, which matches the cost of living increase.

"Our present (rental fees) are $2.35 per square foot," said Trustee Karl Kratz, chairman of the parks and harbor committee. "It is our intention to increase boat fees by 2.3 percent. Based on the quality of wells we have right now, we probably could at least justify that. Obviously a lot of work needs to be done."

Kratz was referring to proposed harbor renovations that could range from replacing docks in the outer harbor to redoing the whole facility within its existing parameters.

Three companies have submitted bids to work on the harbor, a portion of which the Shores shares with the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

"The next step is to review the proposals and select one of these firms to help us develop a master plan," Kratz said. "Two people on the harbor committee are on vacation. So, it's going to be another couple weeks before we get together. I've also given the same information to the Yacht Club to see if they want to work with us, or if we're going to go on our own. At this point, we're sort of in a holding pattern."

Everything depends upon creating a master plan.

"From there we can decide what we're going to do, how we're going to move forward and what it's going to cost," Kratz said.

Boaters pay for harbor work through rental fees. General tax dollars aren't used.

The Shores harbor fund has a $479,000 balance.

Although comparing well rates is a somewhat clumsy proposition because some cities charge by linear foot while the Shores charges by square foot of docking area, Kratz tested the waters before settling on the new rate.

"Based on the Farms, Park, Woods and Grosse Pointe City, we have the lowest rates," he said.

Osius marina contains about 70,000 square feet of rental area.

"(The increase) would generate about another $6,000," said Mike Kenyon, village manager.

As for renovations, Kratz said members of the harbor committee recognize that the village has a limited revenue stream.

"We realize that the renovation of our full harbor may not be economically feasible," he said. "In this case it might be just the outer harbor. It is in need of the most immediate attention."

GPW books in good shape

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods ended its 2003-04 fiscal year on an exceptional note as its auditors, PriceWaterhouse, once again gave an unqualified opinion on the Woods' books.

Among the highlights, according to Finance Director Clifford Maison, was a fund balance of $4.9 million.

"We have enough in reserve to meet our needs for six months," Maison said. "Our fund equity represents about 50 percent of our budget. Most cities are at 15 percent."

Maison said his department has built up its fund equity by putting aside $500,000 a year. Concerns about the state's financial situation, particularly the decreases in shared revenue funding and the effects of Proposal A, have forced the Woods' finance department to pad its reserves.

Furthermore, Maison said: "We budget conservatively and stay within our budget. We replace things as needed. We don't budget for monies we hope will materialize."

Maison also said there was no discussion of anything unusual, and the auditors did not make any recommendations for improvements of the Woods' bookkeeping.

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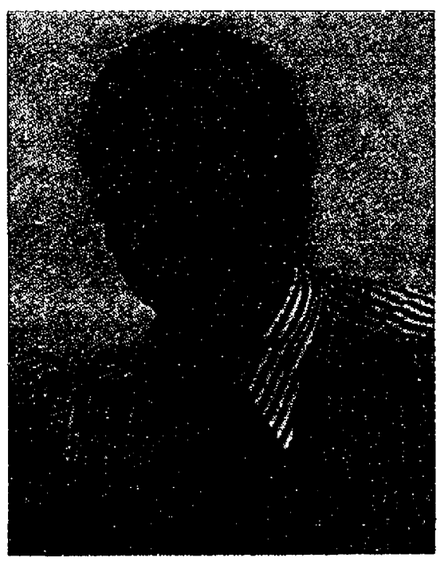


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Reagan No.1 U.S. president?

Ronald Reagan is the greatest U.S. president, according to a CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll taken the week before Presidents' Day, Feb. 21.

Surprised? We were. The honored No. 1 spot among presidents has traditionally gone to historic figures such as George Washington or Abraham Lincoln.

But the Gallup poll of 1,008 adults, with a sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points, ranked the presidents:

1. Reagan
2. Bill Clinton
3. Lincoln
4. Franklin Roosevelt
5. John Kennedy

Not to take anything away from contemporary presidents, but putting Reagan, Clinton and Kennedy among the nation's five best chief executives shows a lack of historical perspective. None of these modern presidents faced anything near the history-shaping events that marked FDR or the early presidents.

Another 2005 Presidents' Day poll, this one of 800 adults and commissioned by Washington College in Maryland, came up with more traditional results, although Reagan still came in second:

1. Lincoln
2. Reagan
3. FDR
4. Kennedy
5. Clinton
6. George W. Bush
7. Washington

No doubt Reagan was "the great communicator" and enjoyed widespread support. He is credited with winning the Cold War without firing a single shot. He saved Social Security by raising the retirement age and increasing payroll taxes, and many say his tax cuts and "trickle down economics" in the 1980s led to the economic boom of the 1990s.

The dean of American presidential historians was Arthur Schlesinger Sr. In 1948 and again in 1962, he asked scores of fellow historians to rate the presidents, not just numerically, but also as Great, Near Great, Average, Below Average and Failures. (Only Grant and Harding made the "F" ranking in both polls.)

Schlesinger's 1948 "Greats":

1. Lincoln
2. Washington
3. FDR
4. Wilson
5. Jefferson
6. Jackson

Schlesinger's 1962 "Greats":

1. Lincoln
2. Washington
3. FDR
4. Wilson
5. Jefferson

A noted historian in his own right, Arthur Schlesinger Jr. followed up on his father's work and conducted a similar presidents' poll of historians and leading political observers in 1996.

Schlesinger Jr.'s "Greats":

1. Lincoln
2. Washington
3. FDR.

Kennedy is rated "High Average" and ranked 12th in the 1996 poll; in the "Average" category, Clinton is ranked 20th, and Reagan is ranked 25th, just under the first George Bush (24th).

Clearly, historians and political pundits see the presidents differently than the average citizen. Of course, the average American is far less read than the experts, and "Joe Citizen" tends to look at the world from his own lifetime experiences.

Unfortunately, many older Americans' knowledge of U.S. presidents was learned in elementary school, and many still believe Washington actually chopped down a cherry tree, threw a dollar coin across the Potomac and could not tell a lie.

But Washington was not a great president because of children's stories. Rather, he is great because he set the pattern for the presidency of a new nation. He refused to be a monarch and rejected lifetime office. Gen. Washington held the Revolutionary Army together against impossible deprivations, and through great personal will, he weaned the early commonwealth from the weak Articles of Confederation and created a self-governing, constitutional nation.

Where Washington was great because he formed a nation, Lincoln was great because he preserved a nation. FDR was great because he lifted a nation out of despair and guided it during a second world war.

What makes a president great? War helps. But our nation's best historian, Henry Adams, said it best: The American president "resembles the commander of a ship at sea. He must have a helm to grasp, a course to steer, [and] a port to seek." In other words, a great president must have a vision and a goal and the will to make it happen.

According to Schlesinger Jr. in a PBS "Frontline" report, middle-of-the-road politics may be good for campaigning, but it does make for an outstanding president.

Of course, our checks and balances and democratic principals safeguard our nation and public from would-be dictators.

One disappointing, though not surprising, finding of the Gallup Poll was that six in 10 (57 percent) of adults polled said they would not wish their son or daughter to become president.

There was a time when parents' best aspirations for their child would be to become president. That is no longer true. Today a parent's best hope for a child is to become an "American Idol."

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Sugar or spice?

I received an e-mail from my niece last week that made me feel sad. Her daughter is a delightfully refreshing and gifted child of 13. She is caught in that pubescent snare most girls experience between 11 and 14. With two daughters, I was familiar with the territory. However, I suspect life is even more difficult now for these young ladies.

Their hearts and bodies are not quite grown up, and the environs surrounding them appear to be propelling them toward a big world for which they are ill-prepared.

The stimulants aren't even subtle to the trained eye. They come through their music, the television programs they watch, choices of movies, video games and idols. The corridors of their schools are hotbeds of pressure. It blindsides them from many angles, and though they may not wish to succumb to the temptations offered, peer pressure makes it extremely difficult.

It scares me that an 11-year-old is already paying attention to labels. Not only are these gals dating at an early age, they think they have to have the "right" clothes and accessories.

They know what a Kate Spade bag is. They want the trendy sneaker or boot and to look exactly like every one else.

Part of it is that they aren't old enough to seek their own style or identity and lack the self-confidence, but if their parents don't pay attention, they will have some very expensive and insecure kids on their hands. Education isn't the only cost involved in raising children. These props cost plenty.

Look around you. Girls not even in their teens are piercing their ears and wearing clothes our parents wouldn't allow out of the house. We used to call it dress-up. Now mere children flaunt every curve. Case in point.

I know a young lady who still believed in Santa Claus and wanted her first bra for Christmas! And, no, she didn't need one, but her mother bought her a camisole thing so she would look cool while in the locker room.

I thought it was a brilliant choice as she wasn't quite ready for Victoria's Secret.

Sea creatures fascinate another young lady I know. She collects bugs and studies frogs and is constantly learning. It is a true passion for her. She is reluctant to let her peers know about her interests because they would think her "weird." It wouldn't surprise me to see her excel in research one day and maybe do an internship at Woods Hole.

The list goes on. If you are a guy and short or aren't into sports, you are a geek. If you are a young gal, who doesn't wear the bracelets that indicate your level of sexual experience, or the popular garments, and your choice of music is too square, you are not acceptable.

Car brands are important, too, as are the types of sporting equipment you own. Kids are teased if they don't go along. They are ostracized from the "in" group if they don't follow the crowd.

I don't have the answer, but I'm unwilling to pass it off as a fad because of the depth of these concerns. They permeate too many layers to slough off.

True, many of the kids have jobs and pay for their expenses, but shouldn't we attempt to guide them in their choices? They are still children.

These kids are conflicted, and my niece is blessed to have a daughter who not only confides in her, but also seeks her counsel.

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Jonah update: This week Jonah ate the bank statement and several pages of tax information. He stole them from the top of the kitchen counter. His owner is learning. She makes copies of everything.

— Offering from the loft



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Letters

Thanks for support

To the Editor:

The Mothers' Club recently celebrated an Opening Night for the newly renovated auditorium of Grosse Pointe South High School. Years of teamwork among district administration, Quinn Evans, architects, F.H. Martin Contractors, parent and alumni volunteers created a "gem" of an auditorium for our Grosse Pointe community.

The Feb. 5 gala event was made possible by the generous donations of many corporate sponsors and businesses in the community. Our final applause to an evening that received rave reviews is this public thank you to those who so generously supported the Mothers' Club. Proceeds from the evening support programs of enrichment for students, scholarships for seniors and future projects of the South Preservation Committee.

Mothers' Club is sincerely grateful to the following corporate sponsors: Crest Volvo; Allstate, Mark C. Brooks Agency; Bodman LLP; Comerica, Wealth & Institutional Management and the Fisher/St. Paul Office; Gandelot, Everingham and Associates; F.H. Martin Constructors; and Ann and Jim Nicholson.

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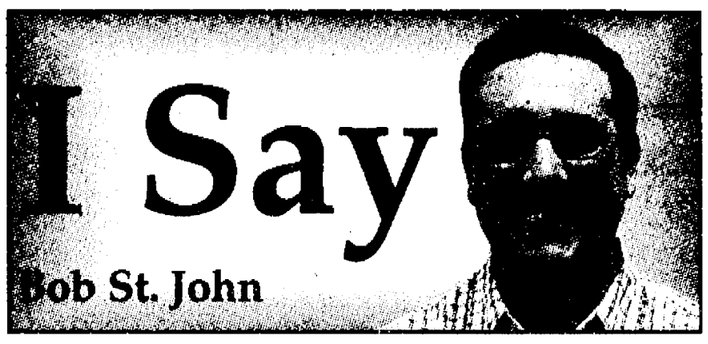
Thank you also to the many patrons, artists, (in particular Gene Pluhar, Peter Haarz and Tom Szmrecsanyi), committee members, and those who purchased chairs or made donations to the auditorium.

The support of an entire community created a night to remember and a beautifully renovated auditorium in Grosse Pointe South High School.

Cynthia Hempstead
Mary W. Wolking
Co-Chairs of Take a First Look... With Second City

More letters are on page 10A

Who cares?



The National Hockey League (NHL) pulled the plug on its 2004-05 season last week after commissioner Gary Bettman made the official announcement at a press conference on Feb. 16.

NHL Players Association executive director Bob Goodenow went toe-to-toe with Bettman during the work stoppage, which was initiated by team owners before training camp started in early September, 2004.

The biggest stumbling block was a hard salary cap that the owners want to implement, and the players are opposed to.

Whom do the fans blame?

The cancellation of the season is a rotten deal for the fans, who really don't care who said what to whom. They just want their NHL hockey.

Fans in Tampa Bay will not get the chance to see if their Lightning can defend the Stanley Cup title the franchise won in 2004.

We will not get the opportunity to watch our Red Wings take to the ice until next fall, if at all. The two sides still have to come to a labor agreement for that to happen.

Hockeytown has been reduced to Ghost-town, and it's also the local bar and souvenir shop owners who are taking a huge hit in their sales.

The lack of 20,000 Red Wings fans at every home game means a huge loss in revenue for the watering holes we call home before and after Detroit beats the rival Avalanche or longtime rival Toronto Maple Leafs.

The NHL's nation-wide image isn't that great to begin with. It is No. 5 in television viewer ratings behind the National Football League (NFL), Major League Baseball (MLB), National Basketball Association (NBA) and even the left-hand turn dominated NASCAR.

The NHL became the first North American major sports league to cancel an entire season because of a labor dispute, and the Stanley Cup will not be awarded for the first time since 1919.

NHL Players' Association senior director Ted Saskin said the work stoppage is about, "significant philosophical differences."

He is right. Owners and players are arguing over who should get the bigger piece of the pie.

Who is to blame for this mess? Whom should fans be angry at?

The fans have to point the finger at someone, right?

The owners are millionaires to begin with as they are successful businessmen, and the players are also wealthy because the owners pay them big bucks for playing professional hockey.

The players want more and more money to play, essentially, a game. Right?

Is it too much to ask any player to compete for just $5 million per season? The ordinary Tom, Dick and Harry will not make $5 million on his job in his lifetime, or all three lifetimes if you add their salaries together.

It's sad to see owners and players not being able to agree how to divide $2 billion in revenue. The sport would not thrive if it wasn't for the fans.

Detroit fans are spoiled because the Red Wings have been winners for more than a decade, winning three Stanley Cups during that time span.

Fans get the luxury of watching other sports in place of the NHL, including some very good minor league hockey in Fraser, Port Huron, and even Plymouth. Local high schools offer some exceptional boys and girls hockey to view, and guarantee the ticket prices will not cost $100.

Back to the first question. Will the NHL survive?

It will in hockey-rich areas such as Detroit, Montreal, Toronto, Chicago, and New York.

Fans will eventually forgive and forget because after all, they just want to watch their favorite players on the ice.

However, the letters NHL might be forever forgotten down South and out West. Fans in Dallas don't care about the NHL's Stars because they're in love with the NFL's Cowboys.

Everyone is in a state of shock at this sports mockery. Why should fans care if the NHL ever gets back on the ice?

Kids growing up playing, breathing, and living hockey need the NHL because it is their ultimate dream. Hockey is also becoming a big sport for girls to play, and the number of high school girls' squads is on the rise.

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The Op-Ed Page



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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

This week we observed Presidents' Day. Who do you think was the greatest U.S. President?



Anthony Russano

"I would have to say Franklin D. Roosevelt because he led the country out of a dire economic situation."

Anthony Russano
Grosse Pointe Park



Donna Treusch

"Ronald Reagan. I think he was good for the economy."

Donna Treusch
St. Clair Shores



Diane Clairborn

"I would have to say F.D.R. because he helped the people in the middle class, unlike today's president. He also created jobs at home and didn't send them overseas."

Diane Clairborn
Grosse Pointe



Pat VanAcker

"John F. Kennedy because he was the only Catholic president and I'm Catholic. I liked his values. He was a great leader and speaker. I think it was tragic what happened to him."

Pat VanAcker
Mt. Clemens



Julie Froggett

"I think it would be George W. Bush because he's a religious man and very sincere. I think he runs the country well."

Julie Froggett
Grosse Pointe Farms



Tim Dodson

"My choice would be Abraham Linclon. He got the U.S. out of the last medieval era where you bought and sold people."

Tim Dodson
City of Grosse Pointe

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

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by Ben Burns

Safety mission

"If an airplane went down each and every day with 120 people on board, it would equal the number of people we kill on our roads," AutoWeek associate publisher and editor **Dutch Mandel** wrote recently in an e-mail to friends.

The Grosse Pointer, who has spent his life around cars, was urging them to sign up their sons and daughters (16 through 20) for a free four hour defensive driving clinic at the Pontiac Silverdome on Saturday, June 4. Each of the morning and afternoon clinics will accommodate 150 students.

"You know how passionate I am about raising the level of driver's training in this country," he said. "Frankly, what we have now is appalling. Shame on us that we should put our most precious items — our children — out on the road with virtually no skills as they power the singularly most lethal weapon available to the greatest number of people."

You can sign up your teenager if there is still room in the program, by going to the Web site driversedge.org. The program is headed by professional race car driver Jeff Payne and supported by a grant from the state of Nevada and Bridgestone Tire Company.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) statistics support Mandel's concern. Nearly two million young drivers were involved in police-reported motor vehicle crashes in 2003. There were 7,884 young drivers aged 15 to 20 involved in fatal motor vehicle collisions that year.

"That's an average of almost 22 young drivers involved in fatal collisions each and every day, or nearly a classroom full of young drivers," according to the Driver's Edge Web site. Yet drivers in that group represent only 6.4 percent of all motorists.

"Is this a catch-all, end-all, silver bullet answer for your son or daughter?" Mandel asks. "No, but Jeff (Payne) has metrics to show that students who've spent the four hours learning about car control — including panic braking and accident avoidance from behind the wheel — are 50 percent less likely to find themselves in an accident than those who do not attend. Imagine what that could mean to their long-term well being, to your peace of mind and, of course, to rising insurance and societal costs."

That's pretty compelling counsel from one of the nation's top auto writers. If I had a teenage children in that category, I would have signed them up already. Perhaps we should be looking for ways to expand such programs to make all our sons and daughters — and ourselves as well — safer on the roads.

Spiritual mission

If you didn't read the engagements in last week's Grosse Pointe News carefully, you might have missed it. It was the last paragraph of a story announcing the engagement of **Laura Jane VanderMale** to Anthony **Victor Grosso**.

It said simply: "He is area director for Young Life in Grosse Pointe."

Young Life is a non-denominational Christian program that operates on the philosophy: "God meets you where you're at," Grosso said. Tall, dark-haired and handsome, Grosso, a former professional water polo player, is under orders to go and hang out with area teens.

The high school version of the program has been meeting Wednesday nights in the basement of 475 Fisher Road across from South

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Points about the Pointes



Foreign language in our elementary schools... what can we learn from Mongolia and Chile?

Thanks to all who have taken the time to call and share your support of my comments at the last School Board meeting on refocusing our priorities as needed to move elementary school foreign language instruction from the School Board's "when we can afford it" wish list to our school system's "this must happen now" list.

Ironically, a few days ago, The New York Times had a front page article describing how countries like Mongolia and Chile are making the learning of English as a second language mandatory in their elementary schools. Are they forcing us to refocus?

Yes. When under-developed nations like Mongolia and Chile are saying, *"No matter what, we must prepare our children to communicate globally if they are to have ANY chance of success in the future"*, we must ask ourselves in no uncertain terms, **"Don't our children deserve the same?"**

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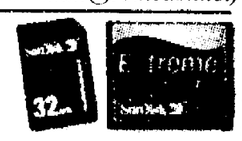
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Condition of roads

To the Editor:

The following letter was sent to Mayor Dale N. Sence and City of Grosse Pointe Council:

To the Mayor and City Council:

I'm writing to express my concern about the deteriorating condition of many of our roads and streets. While driving throughout the City of Grosse Pointe, I find myself dodging potholes, cracks and puddles much more frequently than in the past.

Poor roads are not only detrimental to our cars, but present safety hazards to our children, pedestrians and bicyclers. When a city's infrastructure begins to fail due to neglect, the cost of repair increases, property values decline, tax revenues decrease and its reputation suffers.

While voting this morning on our school millages, I wouldn't have minded seeing a ballot measure presented to support road repair. I believe this is something the City should seriously consider.

My recommendation is for the City to expedite the exploration, research and funding of a public works project to repair our roads. Please consider bonding or some other form of financing to fund this much needed repair.

Let's fix this problem for the next 20 years. Don't be hesitant to ask our voters for support.

Furthermore, I respectfully request this letter be placed on the agenda and read aloud during the next City of Grosse Pointe Council meeting.

David W. Fleig
City of Grosse Pointe

Historical 60 Lakeshore

To the Editor:

Many older, well-to-do communities around the United States have had to face the question of balance between residential development and historic preservation.

For instance, the Chicago communities of Hillsdale and Lake Forrest have both carefully implemented historic preservation programs that effectively balance competing interests. Maintaining the historic ambience is one of the reasons that the property values in these communities continues to rise.

Here in Grosse Pointe Farms, we have not been so lucky. Most of the large historic Lakeshore estates were demolished before we were able to consider the long-term implications. While we have beautiful subdivisions, we have also lost some outstanding architectural jewels. As our community becomes less distinctive, our property value vs. other distinctive communities is increasingly at risk.

We are facing a very important decision that will clearly communicate to present and prospective residents the degree of stewardship Grosse Pointe is willing to employ.

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the serious implications of the demolition request presently under consideration for the house at 60 Lakeshore.

The home at 60 Lakeshore was built in approximately 1902 by Joseph Berry as a wedding gift to his daughter Alice Berry and her husband Dr. Edwin Lodge. Mr. Berry was a prominent businessman. He also created the estate "Edgemere," which has since been demolished. The 60 Lakeshore home was designed by the prominent architectural firm of Smith Hinchman and Fields. It is an eclectic Tudor Revivial-style house with elements of Gothic and Shingle styles. The interior of the home contains irreplaceable detailing in excellent condition, including significant amounts of quarter-sawn oak and mahogany, and handcrafted moldings representative of its stature.

To evaluate the significance of the house, the city of Grosse Pointe Farms Historical Commission commissioned an independent study. The study confirmed the home's historic significance and established that it is one of the last remaining homes of its style and age in good condition in the city. Additionally, the Michigan State Office of Historic Preservation has also confirmed the home's historical significance and eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The residents of the home have also been historically important. Dr. Lodge's niece married Charles Lindbergh, the father of Charles Lindbergh, Jr. who became the world-famous aviator. The relationship to Charles Lindbergh further adds to the home's significance.

During the Grosse Pointe Farms Historical Commission's evaluation, 60 Lakeshore was found to be structurally sound. The size of the home (approximately 4,500 square feet) and the floor plan were also determined to be appropriate for modernization and continued use as a private home. Based on the overwhelming documentation, the Grosse Pointe Farms Historical Commission unanimously recommended that the permit for demolition not be approved.

Since May 2004, the commission has requested that the War Memorial recognize the significance of the home, and develop a proposal for adaptive reuse.

Wanting to be flexible and creative, the commission suggested the War Memorial develop proposals within one of the following three frameworks:

- Incorporate the home into the proposed development project for the property.
- Move the home three lots over, and incorporate it into the expansion project planned for the property adjacent to the War Memorial.
- Move the home to another location where it can be modernized and used as a single-family home. The cost of moving the house within the city was estimated by an industry expert to be $100,000 to $200,000, or approximately 3 percent to 4 percent of the estimated original purchase price.

A number of additional alternatives for preservation could also be considered, including splitting the lots at 50 and 60 Lakeshore to allow construction of one new home in between, and moving the existing home at 60 Lakeshore to this location.

As a community, we have entrusted the War Memorial to steward one of our most significant historic homes, the Russell Alger family home. It was built in 1910, and donated to the community in 1949. The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association has served as an honorable steward for this historic building and the building has received designation as both a State and National Historic Site.

By acquiring 60 Lakeshore, the War Memorial has become the owner and steward of another historically significant building. Many people believe that the age, architecture, lineage and history of 60 Lakeshore make it even more historically significant than the nearby Alger house.

To the surprise of many residents, the War Memorial has requested permission to demolish the historically significant home at 60 Lakeshore, so it can develop the property and reimburse itself for the funds expended to break a deed restriction on a nearby Lakeshore property.

The demolition of this residence would be exceptionally shortsighted and detrimental to the city of Grosse Pointe Farms.

I urge you to listen to your own Grosse Pointe Farms Historical Commission, to the Michigan State Office of Historic Preservation, and to your concerned residents. Please employ the same leadership exhibited by other distinctive communities, and ensure that this historical home be preserved.

Chuck Sullivan
Grosse Pointe Farms

G.P. Symphony concert

To the Editor:

The weather was still winter, but spring was definitely in the air when the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra performed to an enthusiastic audience on Sunday, Feb. 6, at Parcells auditorium.

Kevin Miller, professor at Eastern Michigan University School of Music, was the guest conductor. His "other" claim to fame: being the son of John and Leila Miller who are active in Grosse Pointe musical circles; his dad, a raconteur, is a member of Tuesday Musicale and violist in the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra and others.

The symphony was prepared: its string sections were full, fluid and flowing — a nod to the coaching and expertise of former Detroit Symphony Orchestra violinist Derek Francis.

Peter Sabino, clarinet soloist, Nester Scholarship winner, and a sophomore at Grosse Pointe South, played Debussy's Rhapsody. As he walked on the stage, handsome in his tuxedo, he had already set the tone for what was to come. His clarinet sang with warmth, the rhythms subtly articulated, and the mature interpretation of the piece belied his youthfulness.

Dr. Jack Dubois, conducting a preconcert lecture, told his attentive audience that after the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1, all should look under the piano to see if there were any stray fingers — the piece being so demanding. Pianist Julia I managed to keep them all on her hand.

Her grasp of the piece was exciting; her interpretation, revealing; and her command of the instrument, exceptional. With our hi-tech age, one wonders how many megabytes Dr. I used in performing this demanding piece from memory.

Kevin Miller's ability to juggle all the entrances of the orchestra, keep his eye on the soloists, watch the tempos of all, and yet maintain a relaxed, joyful air gave the entire afternoon a very satisfying experience.

It was an afternoon to remember.

Johanna Gilbert
Grosse Pointe Shores

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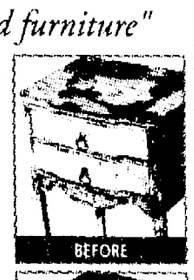
Everyone from the youngest of players to those on the brink of making the NHL need to be able to see the professional level as the pinnacle of a playing career.

It's the loyal hockey fan who lives and dies by the sport that is hurt by this work stoppage. They deserve better than a bunch of grown men bickering over who gets the most money. That is pathetic.

It's a two-way street, and the owners and players better get busy fulfilling their promise to have a deal so the 2005-06 season can start on time. If that happens, Joe Louis Arena will be packed for every Red Wings home game next year, and for years beyond.

The players need to agree to a salary cap of $45 million per team and get back to business. The players should wake up and smell the coffee because Americans are getting comfortable with no NHL.

However, there is talk of next season being cancelled, too. If that happens, the NHL can say goodbye because fans will not care one way or another if it ever comes back.

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High School and pulling as many as 100 youths, according to Grosso. Both he and his fiance are working with the program.

There are also programs for middle school students at Brownell and Pierce, he said.

The program for sixth- to eighth-graders is called "Wyldlife."

"Our young people today are waiting for somebody to care about them enough to take the time and trouble to pour out compassion on them, to prove their friendship, to bridge this tragic and terrible gap that exists between teenagers and adults," says Young Life founder Jim Rayburn on the organization's Web site, www.younglife.org.

The program is active in 800 communities across the United States and 42 countries and began in 1941.

"Young life leaders leave the comfort of their adult worlds and enter the arena of high school and middle school life.

You will find Young Life leaders sitting in the stands at football games, walking the streets of inner-city neighborhoods, driving carloads of kids to the shopping malls or tutoring students in study centers after school," the Web site claims.

Young Life sometimes refers to its programs as "an experience in controlled chaos." But they are apparently working.

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Girls Just Want To Have Fun!

The Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center invites you to come celebrate our third annual Girls Just Want To Have Fun! Night on Friday, March 4th from 6-10 P.M. at the Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores. The event benefits mental health and community programs on Detroit's eastside.
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Event tickets are $25 in advance and $30 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores or The League Shop in Grosse Pointe Farms or by calling Lynne Maxwell at 313-822-1127. For corporate sponsorship opportunities call Mary Ann Bauman at 313-585-6371 or visit www.alnegc.org.


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The psychology of investing; don't be overconfident

By Gary Cortner

Studies show that 15 percent of the time when we feel that we are absolutely, positively right about something, we're actually wrong. That's overconfidence, one of many behavioral flaws that can be financially dangerous for investors.

The emerging field of behavioral finance studies our irrational investment decisions. Ultimately, it may give us insight into "irrational" market swings.

One example of financial decision-making swayed by emotion is the "disposition effect": When investors sell stocks from their portfolio, they tend to sell winners and hang on to losers.

"It's very natural why people do that," says Daniel Kahneman, who received the Nobel/DO Laureate in Economics for his pioneering work in behavioral finance. "If you sell a stock that is currently worth more than you paid for it, then you pat yourself on the back for a successful investment. When you cut your losses on the stock, in contrast, you have to accept punishment right now for having made a choice that didn't turn out well. It is not surprising that people prefer rewarding themselves than punishing themselves."



Gary Cortner

According to Kahneman, one of investors' biggest mistakes is "narrow framing," or looking at investment problems in isolation from the whole portfolio. "People should be educated to ask for advice about the big picture and always consider a particular decision in the context of their overall situation and objectives," Kahneman says.

John Nofsinger, author of "Investment Madness: How Psychology Affects Your Investing and What to Do About It" and "Investment Blunders of the Rich and Famous," says investors' missteps fall into three categories.

Overconfidence. Nofsinger agrees with Kahneman that many people exaggerate their ability to pick winners and their control over the market. They hang onto losing stocks or funds because they can't admit mistakes. "The overconfidence biases cause you to trade too much and take too much risk," Nofsinger says. "As a consequence, you pay too much in commissions and taxes, and you're susceptible to big losses."

Terrance Odean, associate professor at the University of California, found that men are particularly prone to overconfidence, which hurts their returns. Men trade 45 percent more often than women but earn returns that are 1.4 percent less. Among single people, men trade 67 percent more often but earn returns that are 2.3 percent less than women.

Emotion. Fear and greed, rather than rational facts, rule many investment decisions. Worse, says Nofsinger, is an "attachment bias" that can make investors emotional about their holdings. "You are emotionally attached to your family and friends, and so you focus on their good traits and deeds and discount their bad ones," he explains. "When you become emotionally attached to a stock, you may fail to recognize bad news about a company."

Oversimplification. Many investors tend to see patterns in random events, such as stock price movements, and make investment decisions based on these false patterns. Also harmful,Nofsinger says, are the shortcuts people make to reduce complexity. "For example, we assume things sharing similar qualities are quite alike," he says. "You may put too much faith in familiar stocks."

To avoid these tendencies, you need to recognize them and understand the impact they can have on your decisions. Nofsinger proposes several strategies.

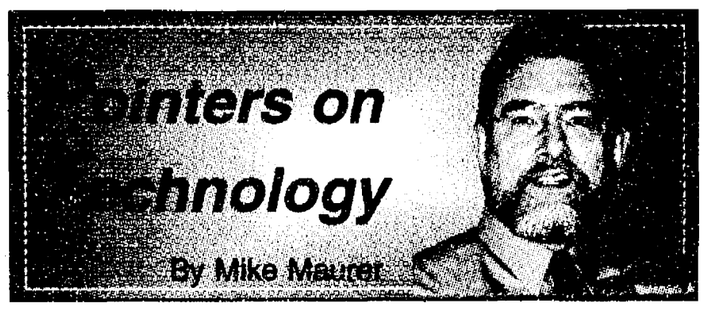
Know why you're investing. Many people have only vague notions of their investment goals, such as, "I want a lot of money so I can travel abroad when I retire" or "I don't want to be poor when I retire." Says Nofsinger: "These do little to give you direction. Nor do they help you avoid psychological biases that inhibit good decision-making. So be specific." Examine your progress toward your specific goals during annual portfolio reviews.

Establish quantitative investment criteria. These can help you avoid basing decisions on emotion, rumor or other psychological biases. Instead, your investments should measure up in terms of price-to-earnings ratios, sales growth and other quantifiable benchmarks.

Control your investing environment. "Limit activities that magnify your biases," Nofsinger suggests. That may mean avoiding Internet chat rooms and message boards, checking your investments just once a quarter rather than minute to minute, and relying on a professional financial adviser to help make objective decisions.

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

Pointers on technology — Heloise style



Every once in a while, I like to go low-tech or near-tech, exploring things under the kitchen or bathroom sink or maybe in the closet somewhere.

With three computers and at least two toasters in the house, we have a bazillion different electric, computer and you-name-it cords around the house. I liked this next one.

Use empty toilet paper rolls to store appliance cords. It keeps them neat, and you can write on the roll what appliance it belongs to. Notice it says "empty" roll. We're going to stop there.

Here are two for the kids, or mom's sanity.

Crayon marks on walls? Take a damp rag, dipped in baking soda. The crayon comes off with a little effort, elbow grease.

If you have permanent marker on appliances/counter tops, like blue from a store receipt, try rubbing it with alcohol on paper towel. Note: Don't use Absolut.

I wish I had known about this next item about 40 years ago when I first cleaned a window.

Use vertical strokes when washing windows outside and horizontal for inside windows. This way you can tell which side has the streaks. By the way, straight vinegar will get outside windows really clean. Notice I said "straight" vinegar.

Spray a bit of perfume on the light bulb in any room to create a lovely light scent in each room when the light is turned on. I hope that is the first and last time I use the words "lovely light scent" in a column.

I positively abhor air fresheners. To me, they smell like chemicals, not the scents they supposedly imitate. Here is a scent idea I could live with.

Place fabric softener sheets in dresser drawers and closets, and your clothes will smell freshly washed for weeks to come. You can also do this with towels and linen.

Here is a quickie. Candles will last a lot longer if placed in the freezer for at least three hours prior to burning. Do I need to say the candle should not be lit when in the fridge?

I work with wood, sometimes successfully. Here is another idea I wish I had known about 40 years ago.

When you get a splinter, reach for the Scotch tape before resorting to tweezers or a needle. Simply put the scotch tape over the splinter and then pull it off. Scotch tape removes most splinters painlessly and easily. If it fails, reach for the scotch, not the tape. I wonder if it works for removing bee stingers?

As the chief bottle washer for Sunday's dinner at my house, I hate skillets and other pots and pans with burnt food on the bottom. I found an item to try this weekend. To easily remove burnt-on food from your skillet, simply add a drop or two of dish soap and enough water to cover the bottom of the pan, and bring to a boil on the stove top. Now all I have to find is a burnt food pan.

I also found this little item for those who wind up with tomato stains on their Tupperware. Spray your Tupperware with nonstick cooking spray before pouring in tomato-based sauces, and there won't be any stains. Hey! Let's make spaghetti this weekend and see if we can burn the sauce!

I love this supposed cure for headaches. Take a lime; cut it in half, and rub it on your forehead. The throbbing will go away, but you will smell like a margarita.

While we're talking about alcoholic beverages, what do you do with leftover wine? Try freezing it into ice cubes for future use in casseroles and sauces. (I have only one question. What is leftover wine?)

I remember hearing one time that ants will not cross coffee grounds sprinkled on a countertop. Here is a new one. They are said to never cross a chalk line. So get your chalk out and draw a line on the floor or wherever ants tend to march to see for yourself. If it doesn't work, you can always play hopscotch.

I remember writing about Alka Seltzer as a toilet cleaner. Here are some other uses.

Clean a vase: To remove a stain from the bottom of a glass vase or cruet, fill it with water, and drop in two Alka Seltzer tablets.

Want to polish jewelry? Drop two Alka Seltzer tablets into a glass of water, and immerse the jewelry for two minutes.

Does anybody carry Thermos bottles any more? I remember in my grade school days, after a couple of weeks carrying milk, mine would begin to smell like sour milk. If you carry one and want to clean it, fill the bottle with water; drop in four Alka Seltzer tablets, and let soak for an hour or longer. My mother's solution was to fill the Thermos with juice for a couple weeks.

I have two sinks I have been fighting with because of slow drainage. I'm going to try this solution before I get out the sledgehammer.

To clear a sink drain, drop in three Alka Seltzer tablets down the drain, followed by a cup of white vinegar. Wait a few minutes and then run the hot water.

Of course, it kind of makes you wonder about ingesting Alka Seltzer, doesn't it?

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.

AARP offers helpful tax assistance information

Beginning Feb. 1, AARP Tax-Aide will offer free tax counseling and tax preparation assistance throughout Michigan for people of middle and low incomes, with special attention given to those age 60 and over.

The community service program will run through April 15, the deadline for filing 2004 tax returns.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers are trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service and offer help with personal income tax returns at locations throughout Michigan.

"Many Michigan residents are unaware of the possible credits that are extended even to those residents who do not owe taxes," said Tax-Aide State Coordinator Betty Shaw. "The Michigan Homestead Credit and the Michigan Home Heating Credit forms can be completed even if no state income tax is owed. Additionally, millions of dollars in credits go unclaimed in Michigan when qualified residents fail to claim the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers encourage residents to make appointments at the nearest AARP Tax-Aide center and have their individual circumstances assessed. Volunteers will be glad to address individual tax situations."

All AARP tax-aide volunteers are IRS certified, and many tax centers have e-filing capability. Where available, e-filing is free, as are the services of the AARP Tax-Aide volunteers.

Last year, more than 800 Tax-Aide volunteers filed more than 56,000 federal and state tax returns at 200 sites in Michigan, including senior centers, libraries, and other convenient locations.

The Tax-Aide service is also available for homebound individuals when possible.

For more information about Tax-Aide and locations of Tax-Aide sites, call toll-free at: 1-888-AARP-NOW (1-888-227-7669) or visit the Web site at www.aarp.org/taxaide.

A list of sites by county is also available through the Michigan AARP office (1-866-227-7448; miaarp@aarp.org); the Michigan Department of Treasury and the Web site of the Michigan State University Extension Service.

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IRS encourages families to dig more deeply on tax return relief

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is announcing a new Web-based tool to help working families determine if they are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit.

The EITC Assistant will help take the guess work out of the EITC eligibility rules.

"Last year, more than $1 billion in earned income tax credit was unclaimed on 609,376 Michigan tax returns," IRS Michigan spokesperson Sarah Wreford said. "But we estimate that as many as 152,000 Michiganians to claim more than $264 million in EITC to which they are entitled."

"The EITC Assistant is one in a series of steps we are taking to encourage all eligible taxpayers, but only those who are eligible, to claim the valuable EITC refund," Wreford added. "For the 2004 tax year, the maximum credit is $4,300, which helps lift millions of families out of poverty."

The new EITC Assistant also reflects all the tax law changes, including new income limits for eligibility as well as the optional use of nontaxable combat pay for use in refund calculations.

EITC Assistant is available in English and Spanish on IRS.gov.

"The EITC Assistant is a convenient way to help you find out if you qualify for this important benefit," Wreford said. "This tool will help take the guess work out of EITC."

The EITC Assistant can be used by individuals, tax practitioners, employers, community and public service organizations and IRS partners.



Checking for tax information is as easy as using the Internet on your home computer.

By answering a few simple questions and providing some basic income information, the program will assist taxpayers in determining their correct filing status, determining whether their children meet the tests for a qualifying child and estimating the amount of credit that taxpayers may receive.

The Earned Income Tax Credit is a refundable federal income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families.

Congress originally approved the tax credit legislation in 1975 in part to offset the burden of social security taxes and to provide an incentive to work.

Initial estimates for 2004 show approximately 22 million low-income families received about $38 billion nationwide.

To qualify, taxpayers must meet certain requirements and file a tax return, even if they did not earn enough money to be obligated to file a tax return.

The amount of the credit is determined by earned income and the number of children in the household.

IRS Publication 596, available in English and Spanish, outlines eligibility requirements for EITC and highlights tax law changes. Taxpayers also can find the eligibility rules through 1040 Central on IRS.gov.

For example, in the 2004 tax year, individuals with no children must earn less than $11,490 ($12,490 if married filing jointly); individuals with one child must earn less than $30,338 ($31,38 if married filing jointly); and individuals with more than one child must earn less than $34,458 ($35,458 if married filing jointly).

"Congress also enacted a special provision for military families with combat pay," Wreford said. "Combat pay is not taxable. However, families have the option of using combat pay to calculate their EITC refund (and the child tax credit) if it helps maximize the refund. Be aware that either all or none of the combat pay must be used in the calculation. Taxpayers cannot use part of their combat pay to enhance their refund."

Again, the EITC Assistant will help taxpayers determine if use of their combat pay will help them qualify for a larger tax credit.

"EITC rules can be complex, but help is available if you need it," David R. Williams, IRS EITC director, said. "The IRS works with 265 community coalitions, helps train thousands of volunteer tax preparers and works with tax preparation software companies to provide free software and electronic filing to millions of EITC recipients."

Wreford added that EITC claimants should also review Free File on IRS.gov for access to free software and e-filing for federal tax returns.

"Taxpayers are under no obligation to purchase other services from the companies," Wreford said. "Working families who often need a fast refund should consider using electronic filing and direct deposit of their refund. They can receive their refund in half the time of a paper return."

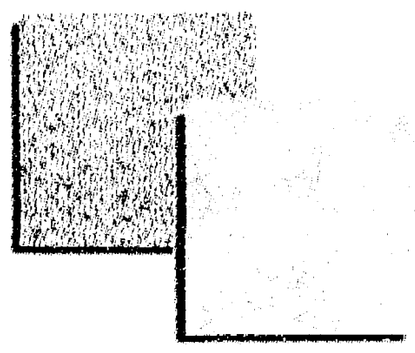


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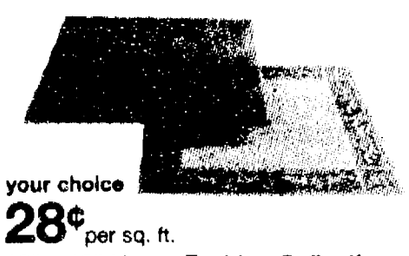
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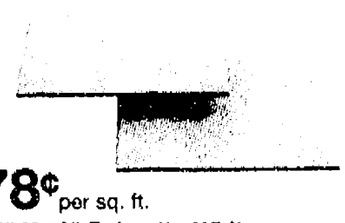


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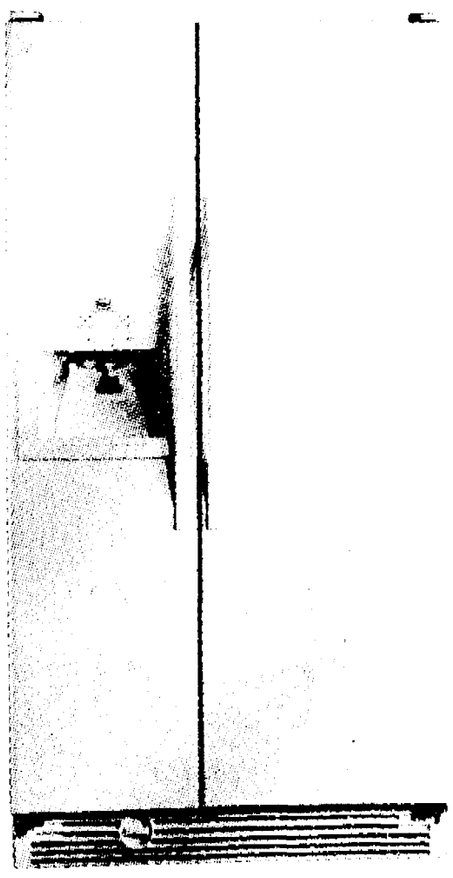


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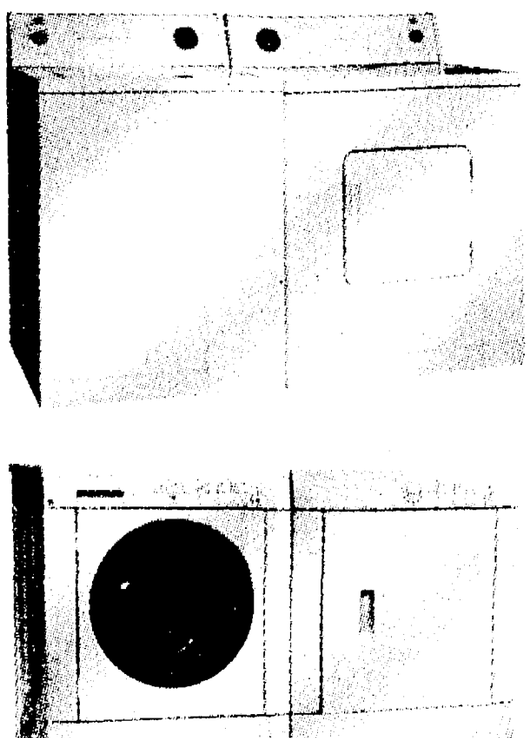
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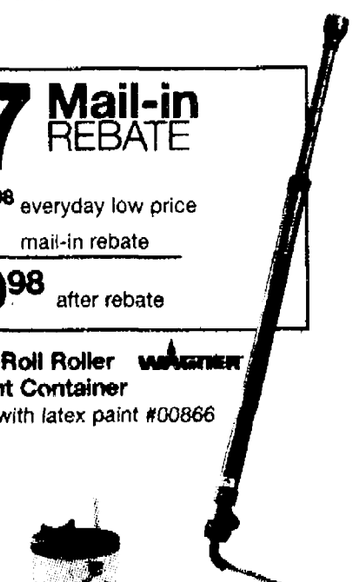
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Academy chess team checks opponents



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Pictured with their trophies from the Michigan Chess Federation reserve tournament are members of the GPA chess team. In the front row from left, Jared Dempsey, Derek Demkowicz and Jared Demkowicz. In the back row from left, Somers Brush, Dylan Demkowicz, Conor Tily, Jalen Battle, Jeffrey Woolstrum, Liam McIlroy and Steven Ragland.

Newly formed this year, The Grosse Pointe Academy (GPA) chess team made its competitive debut on Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Michigan Chess Association state championship held at Michigan State University.

The Academy was among 19 schools in the state to participate in the 2005 Michigan Elementary Team Reserve (K-5) Division of the tournament. After arriving bright and early that morning, the team emerged from the tournament site 12 hours, five rounds and 20 matches later with two trophies — seventh place for the GPA "B" team, and third place for the GPA "A" team.

Each team was made up of five players, and each player competed in four out of the five rounds. A win earned one point for the team, a draw or stalemate earned a half a point, and a loss earned no points.

"It was a novel experience for all of us," says chess director Wendy Demartini, who teaches fourth grade at the Academy and is also the school's curriculum coordinator. "None of us knew what to expect."

Certainly none of the parents or students present, or even Demartini or the team's coach, Ed Mandell of All the King's Men in Warren, expected the team to do so well that it brought home not one but two trophies. several players also earned individual medals for their performances. First grader Jared Demkowicz earned a bronze medal for a 2.5-1 record, and fourth graders Conor Tily and Dylan Demkowicz each earned silver medals for 4-0 records. Gold medals were awarded only to those players who played in all five rounds and were undefeated.

The Academy formed an after school chess club for kindergarten through fifth grade students four years ago. The club has grown in popularity over the years, in particular with younger students. During the past two years, the school has invited local elementary schools to participate in a kindergarten through sixth-grade chess invitational, in which individual trophies are awarded. Two invitationals were held last year, and the second invitational for this year is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 23. Due to the success of the chess club and the burgeoning interest in chess in general, Demartini decided this fall to form a chess team, which meets on Friday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30 under Mandell's direction.

"All members of our chess team have participated in a GPA invitational or local tournament, but this is the first time any of them have participated as a team," Demartini said. "It was a phenomenal experience for them. They wanted to win and earn that point not just for themselves but for their team. Each and every player earned at least two points for the team and is equally a part of its overall success."

Demartini and Mandell are already looking ahead to next year and discussing the possibility of taking advan-

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GO M.A.D. inspires South's juniors

Stefan Cross
Special Writer

Go MAD! That is what Grosse Pointe South junio Dana Schweitzer and Carey Papalekas, are stressing kids around the community. GO M.A.D. stands for Make A Difference and is also the name of a new co munity service project the two girls recently organize

At the beginning of the school year Schweitzer a Papalekas thought of an idea for a new community s vice project. Now, with the help of the South admin tration and the Mother's Club, the girls have been al to successfully bring this program to life and ev branch out to students at Pierce and Brownell Mid School and St. Clare of Montefalco.

The basis of GO M.A.D. is kids helping kids. T members make hands-on crafts and then pass them to local charities. Each quarter of the school year t group makes a craft that is very beneficial to childr who do not have as much as others.

"The students complete the project during their fi time," said Schweitzer. "We provide times after sch for them to pick up the project directions, which th take and get their own materials. After they compl the project, they return it by the designated time. Ca and I distribute the projects to the chosen charities."

The project for the first quarter was a hand-ma 'back to school' carrying bag which the members sew decorated and filled with school necessities. About bags were constructed and then sent to the teen pare ing program at The Children's Center of Detroit.

"When we dropped off the first project to t Children's Center of Detroit, the response we got w amazing," Schweitzer said.

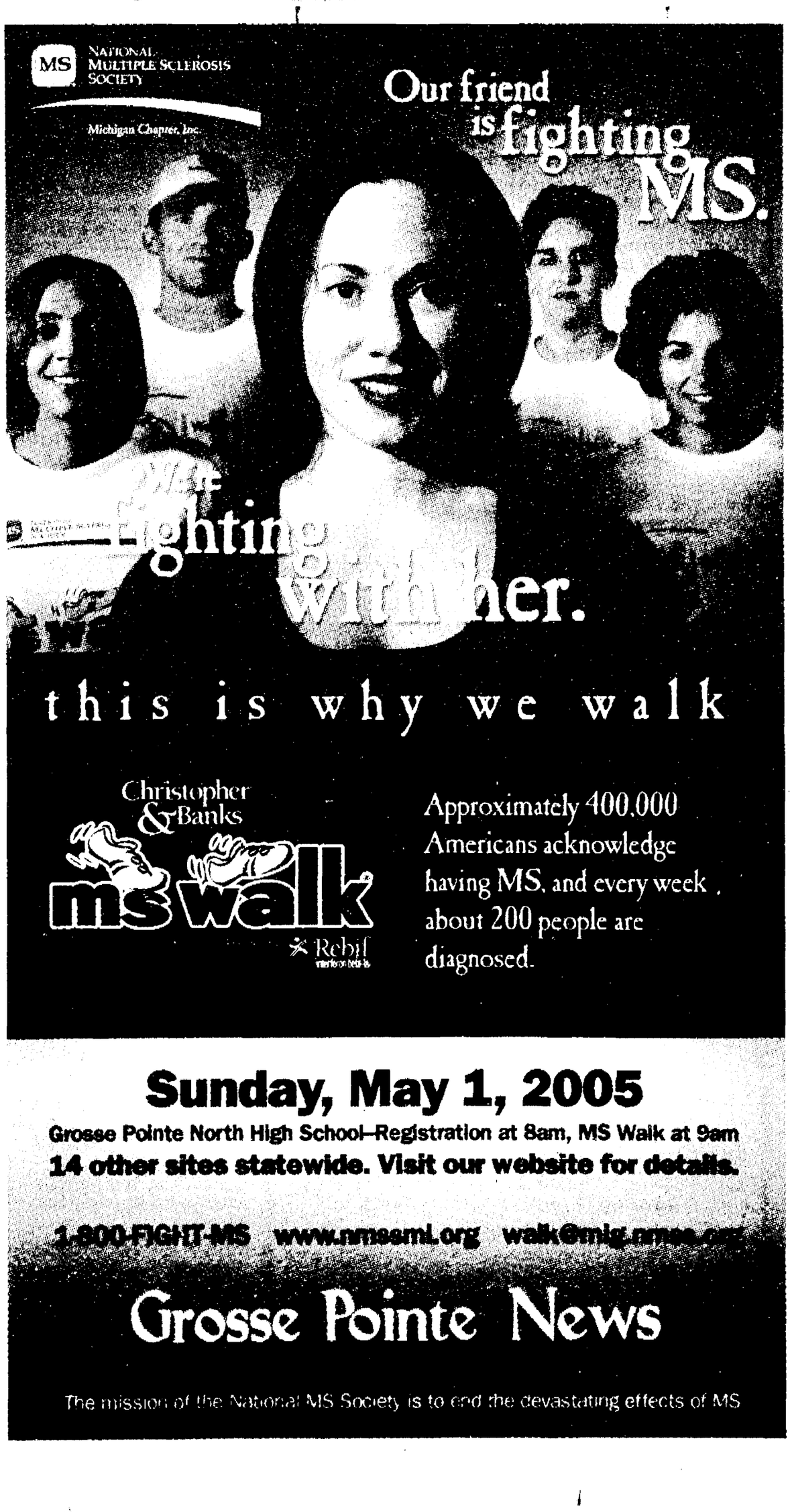
The next project was the 'snuggle up with a book' bla ket. This was a hand-made fleece tie blanket with pouch sewed in and included a children's book. Abo 150 of these blankets were made and delivered to t Children's Hospital, the pediatric unit of St. Joh Hospital and another local hospital.

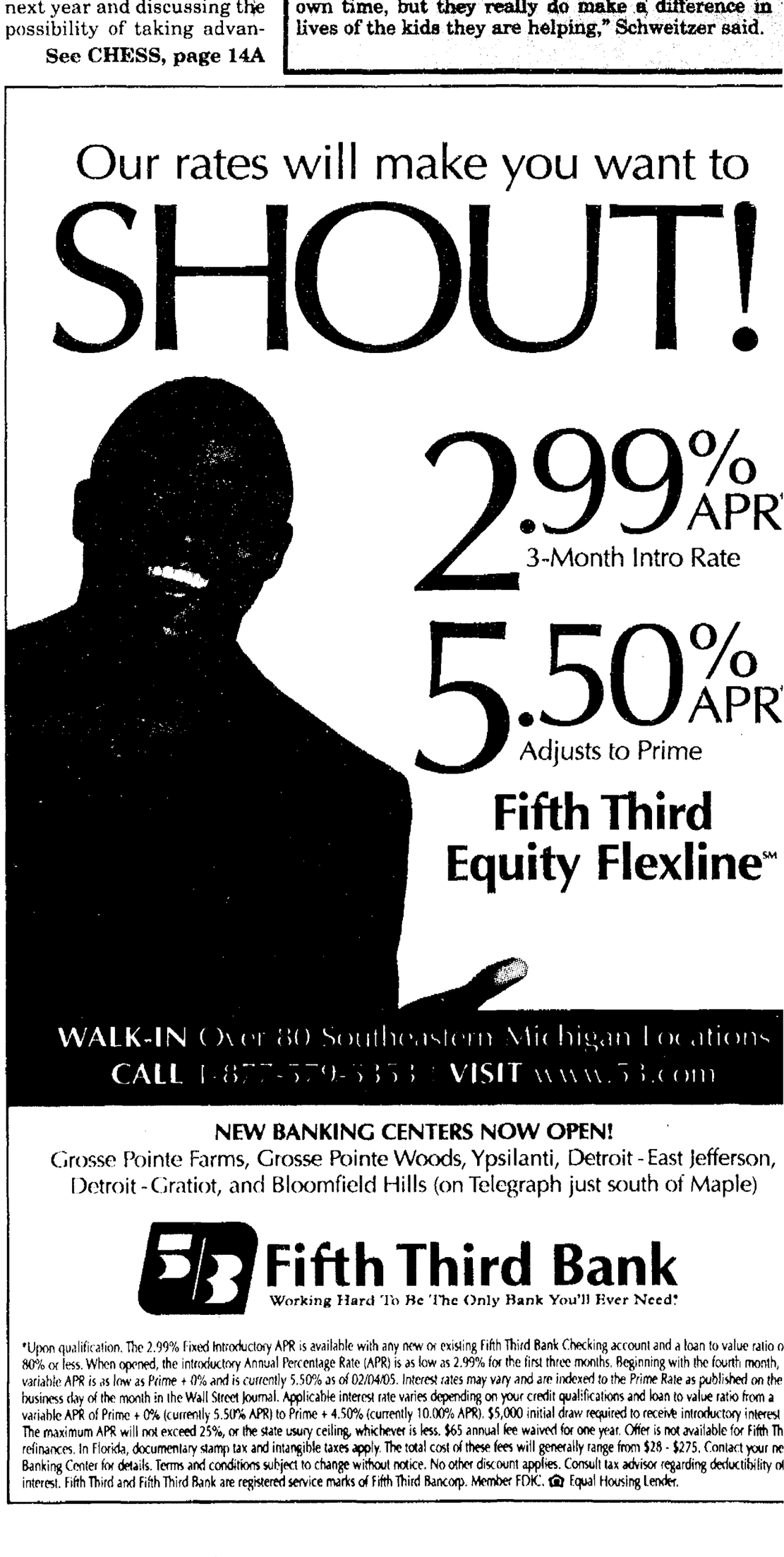
"We were thrilled when over 150 blankets were ma for this past winter project, and we were able to dona them to three different children's hospitals around t area," said Schweitzer.

This quarter's project will be a hand-made Eas bunny in a basket and is targeted for the pediatric u of St. John's Hospital again.

The final project will be a hand-made baby bathi towel set to include parent-baby cosmetics. This craf again targeted for the teen parenting program at T Children's Center.

"The students don't have to commit too much o own time, but they really do make a difference in lives of the kids they are helping," Schweitzer said.





Student's 'never give up attitude' from Yzerman

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Out of all the creative writings submissions in English teacher Mary Jo Magee's classes at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School, Frank Sorise's piece on Red Wing Steve Yzerman was chosen to be sent to the Michigan Reading Association. She was hoping it would be included in the magazine, Kaleidoscope 2005. Out of all the submissions from across the state, Sorise's 500 word story will be included in this year's publication which includes the best written stories by Michigan's students.

According to Magee, she only submits the best. And that's what Sorise submits — only the best. It just goes to show that when a student gives 100 percent and keeps at assignments, it pays off.

Sorise's piece is about perseverance. It's about never giving up. It's about giving 100 percent.

"When I'm given an assignment, I put my all into it. I make it the best I can." Sorise explained. He bases his philosophy on both what his parents have taught him and the subject of his story, his hero, Steve Yzerman. "If you're going to do, do it good," Sorise said.

Sorise, for the past seven years, has realized that because of his point of view, he can get things done. He's on the travel team 90 Bulldogs Grosse Pointe and plays on St. Clare's basketball team. His first love, like his hero, is hockey.



Photo by Ann L. Fouty

Eighth-grader Frank Sorise's never-give-up attitude has been reinforced by his hero Steve Yzerman. With that kind of thinking Sorise plays hard enough to help his hockey team win and writes well enough to have a piece included in the Michigan Reading Association's Kaleidoscope 2005.

"A man came to the house and talked to my dad about being in a league," Sorise said of his hockey beginnings. Once he mastered staying on his feet, he kept improving.

"I kept playing," he said.

Now he is right wing for the Bulldogs and has three options when he moves on to DeLaSalle Collegiate High School next year.

Sorise could continue with the same travel team, change travel teams or try out for J.V. at the high school. He hasn't made up his mind yet.

Playing professional hockey is in the back of his mind. But he admits it's a long shot.

For now he'll follow in his athletic parents' and uncles' footsteps and continue to be a member of a basketball team, baseball team and hockey team. And Sorise will continue to give 100 percent to school work and athletics just as his hero Steve Yzerman does.

My American Hero

By Frank Sorise

Unstoppable, warrior, leader, fearless: these are just some of the words you can use to describe my hero, Steve Yzerman. He is my hero because he never gives up. This man had reconstructive surgery on his knee multiple times, but yet, somehow still managed to lead his NHL squad to its third Stanley Cup title in six years.

Believe me when I say this: I do not only think of Stevie when I'm on the ice myself, and I am going into a corner with my 100-pound body with a 150-pound defenseman. No, he is also my hero when I'm on the basketball court and have to guard a kid with 20 points already or on the baseball field when the count is 0-2, and the bases are loaded, and I need a hit to tie the game.

This year my baseball team was a perfect example of me trying my best to be like Yzerman.

We had to win the last couple of games to make it to the playoffs, and we were down by two runs in the last inning. I was up to bat and no one on base. The count was 3-1 and the pitcher fires a pitch at my arm. It hurt so much that they asked me if I needed a pinch runner. I thought of saying "yes" because of the pain, but then I remembered Stevie Y. Would he have needed a "pinch captain" to lead his team to the cup? I got on base, stole second, stole third, and the next thing you know I'm sliding into home for the tying run.

We later went on to win that game and made it to the play-offs.

Yzerman is not just a hero in the athletic department of my life but also in life skills and academics. For example, when it's 12:30 at night, I'm just back from hockey, and I have to study for three tests, and I just want to go to bed, I find it in me to keep going and not settle for the B or the A- but strive to get that A+.

When I'm struggling in class and the teacher offers extra credit, I'll do my best to do it, instead of just saying "oh, forget it."

How about his real life situation, for inspiration from Stevie?

"Dude, I just found a pack of smokes in the back of my mom's car. Try one. Come on. You're not cool if you don't."

What would Yzerman do?

That's what I think. He didn't become the captain of the Red Wings huffing and puffing his way there.

Someday I hope to be like Yzerman. Maybe it won't be in sports. Maybe it will be in the courtroom, in the E.R. or in the classroom; you never know. He is a champion, a warrior, a leader, but most of all, Steve Yzerman is, and always will be, my hero.



Photo courtesy Sunshine Street Co-op

To market

Sunshine Street Co-op Preschool recently visited the Farms Market to learn about different food areas and meet the people who work in the market. Children tasted a variety of food and made their own fresh-squeezed orange juice. Those who went to market are Larry Najjar, Sarab Dasheer, Grace Labadie, Madeline McIntyre, Noah Stahl, Helen Michaelson, Clarissa Kam, Noah Manion, Austin Wright and Noelle Sardy.

Chess

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tage of the strong participation of younger children in the academy's after-school chess club and participating in the K-3 division of the 2006 state tournament.

Tournament participants included first-graders Jared Demkowicz and Jared Dempsey, third-grader Derek Demkowicz, fourth-graders Jalen Battle, Dylan Demkowicz, Liam McIlroy, Steven Ragland, Conor Tily and Jeffrey Woolstrum and fifth-grader Somers Brush.

St. Paul math night adds up to fun

St. Paul School will celebrate the many joys of math when it hosts its second Metric Day on Thursday, March 3.

With events planned for children as young as three, as well as adults, the evening will include multiple math games from Ann Arbor's Hands-On Museum, original metric day play by Patty McNeill and reasons to enjoy the metric system. Visitors will also see student class exhibits, have their faces painted and enter contests.

A local ice cream store will furnish 100 grams of ice cream. Ten toppings will be available to enchance the dish of ice cream.

When visitors enter the doors between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m., they will be asked to contribute a penny per centimeter for the height of each family member attending. A cap of $5 has been set.

One of the goals of metric math day is to bring the family to work and play together while learning the metric system.

A similar program was held last year, and more than 100 students and families attended.

Advanced math teacher Betsy Burg said, "We continually work toward showing students and their families that math is nothing to be frightened or scared of, but a challenge that can be done successfully, and enjoyed. Many will find how practical math is."

For reservations for the metric festival, contact the school at (313) 885-3430.

ULS presents musical classic

University Liggett School performers present the classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Once Upon a Mattress" this weekend.

Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24, 25 and 26, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27.

Carol Perry portrays Queen Aggravain and is joined by seniors Annie Doltesky, Elorie Eggleston, Dustin Meldrom and John Herbst.

"Mattress" is the classic retelling of the Hans Christian Anderson tale of the princess and the pea and is suited for all ages. Originally written around star Carol Burnett, it has had a recent success on Broadway with an updated score and Sarah Jessica Parker in the lead role.

Doltesky plays the demanding role of Princess Winifred that requires vocal strength and comic timing as the princess from the swamps.

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Family Center parenting symposium

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Child development experts will speak on a variety of topics at a Family Center symposium on Saturday, March 5, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods. This will be a morning jam-packed with information for all parents with children from infancy through middle school.

"Parenting is learned and this is a wonderful opportunity for learning," said Diane Strickler, executive director of the Family Center.

This is the Family Center's second annual symposium. Through these symposiums, the Family Center aims to help attendees with common parenting issues. Strickler lines-up speakers and topics for the symposiums based on the concerns parents in the community have expressed to her.

"Many parents have expressed frustration with their son's lack of motivation and under-achievement; thus we sought a speaker who would address this concern. Parents worry about the impact of television viewing on their young children; so we will bring in a speaker who will share her research on media and early childhood," Strickler said.

Bob Sornson, Ph.D., is the keynote speaker on "Raising the Richest Kids in the World." Sornson will also present "Building Boys." He is a nationally recognized author and speaker on the "Love and Logic" philosophy of child-raising.

The other speakers also are experts in their fields of study.

From child psychologists to pediatric urologist and university professors, all are anxious to share their expertise with parents.

The speakers and their topics are:

- John Bernardo, "Love Gone Awry: The Overindulgent Parent and The Unappreciative Child"
- Dr. Todd Campbell, "Bedwetting: How to Decrease Your Laundry Load and Get a Better Night's Sleep"
- Nancy Jennings, "Media and Early Childhood: What Parents Should Know"
- Dona Johnson-Beach and Helen Landuyt, "Surviving the Tween Years"
- John Sherry, "From Pong to Grand Theft Auto: What's With Kids and Video Games"
- Penny Stocks, Ed.S., "Stressed Spelled Backwards is Desserts: How to Stress Less Through Organization and Laughter"

All participants will hear Sornson's keynote address and attend the presentation of their choice for the two following sessions. Each segment is one hour long.

The Family Center is a nonprofit organization that supports the families of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods as they face the challenges of raising healthy children. Information about growth and development, family dynamics, parenting strategies and youth trends is shared through lectures and conferences, informal dialogues between parents and through newsletters, videos and resource guides. The Center offers a referral service for parents and professionals.

The fee is $20 per person, $30 per couple. Sign in begins at 8:30a.m; the program runs from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Preregistration is mandatory.

Symposium brochures with registration forms are available at libraries and schools as well as at The Family Center.

Call (313) 432-3832 for information.



Photo courtesy Grosse Pointe Academy

A demonstration at the bar included an introduction of ballet terms.

Dance Theatre of Harlem at GPA

After a successful season last year, the Dance Theatre of Harlem Residency Program "Dancing Through Barriers" returned to Detroit to visit 10 area schools during a five-day residency from Feb. 7-11.

The African American Dance Council of the Detroit Opera House, who provided this opportunity, selected The Grosse Pointe Academy to be a part of this exciting program.

The company visited the Academy on Tuesday, Feb. 8, and gave a performance/lecture demonstration to students in first through eighth-grade.

The program began with demonstrations at the bar, which included an introduction of ballet terms, and culminated in excerpts from the dancers' repertories, including a tribute to Detroit that was choreographed by Robert Garland, a former principal at the Dance Theatre of Harlem, in honor of the 10th anniversary of the company's first visit to Detroit.

This choreography, performed to the Motown classic "Heat Wave," had been performed only two times previously.

The dance theatre was founded in 1969 by Arthur Mitchell and Karel Shook to provide children the opportunity to learn about dance and the allied arts.

Now in its fourth decade, Dance Theatre of Harlem continues to receive international acclaim as a "classically American" dance company, leading arts education center and community outreach organization.

St. Clare honors vocabulary champion

Being an avid reader has paid off for Dev Zoltowski, the daughter of Bryan and Gloria Zoltowski of Grosse Pointe Park. She sorted through pages of words identifying them as antonyms or synonyms.

Having come out on top in the Reader's Digest National Word Challenge, she will now advance to the State Championship Round of the competition.

The St. Clare of Montefalco School eighth-grader scored high on a vocabulary test which tested her knowledge of synonyms, antonyms and word definitions.

"I just read," she said of how she scored. At present, she is reading "Lord of the Kill" and "Red Wall."

Zoltowski, who enjoys fantasy books, will be competing with 100 other grade level champions from across the state of Michigan in March. This is the second year St. Clare's fifth through eighth-graders have participated in the word challenge and the second time a St. Clare student has advanced to the state round.

The school staff puts a strong emphasis on increasing student vocabulary.



Photo by Ann L. Fouty

Dev Zoltowski

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Kent Bowman, Barnes 207, $15 FN001P Thursday, Feb. 24, 7-8:30 p.m.

For more information, call (313) 432-3880.

Pierce hosts Coney Island night, March 3

Fifth-graders who will be attending Pierce Middle School in the fall of 2005 and their families are invited to the school's annual Coney Island Night.

From 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, students and staff representing extra curricular and elective activities will be on hand to answer questions and display features of the activities.

The dinner is sponsored by the Pierce PTO and is supported by volunteers of Pierce Student Council.

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Gary L. Clements

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Grosse Pointe Woods resident Gary L. Clements, 58, died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005.

Mr. Clements was born on June 23, 1946, in Grosse Pointe Farms to the late Maxine and Charles Clements. He was a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He served in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Clements was a retired export broker. He was a past president of the World Trade Club and a board member of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce.

He was an avid history buff who was especially interested in the Civil War and World War II. He enjoyed traveling with his family.

Mr. Clements is survived by his wife, Carol; his sons, Todd (Nina) and Scott; and his grandson, Zachary.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Carrie and his brother, Charles.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Feb. 19, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.



Jeanne Elizabeth Desmet

Jeanne Elizabeth Desmet

Former Grosse Pointe resident Jeanne Elizabeth Desmet, 89, of Grand Rapids, died on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005.

She was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who will be sadly missed.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Henry Desmet; three daughters, Judith Harris, Susan (Doug) Kuziak, and Kathryn (Michael) VanHaren; six grandchildren, Chris, Debbie, Ryan, Amy, Andrew and Megan; and three great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, Karl and Marie VanDenBrulle; her sister, Clarice Turner; and her son, Henry Francis Desmet Jr.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Feb. 19, at St. Robert of Newminster Catholic Church, the Rev. R. Louis Stasker, celebrant.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland Home or Sentinel Pointe Staff Fund.

John L. Gornick

John L. Gornick, 95, of Grosse Pointe Woods died on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005 in St. John Hospital.

He was born on Dec. 5, 1909, in Buffalo, N.Y., to the late John and Katherine Gornick. He was a graduate of Cass Technical High School and attended the University of Detroit for two years.

Mr. Gornick was the owner of Eastown Floor Covering on Harper and Chalmers in Detroit. He was a member of the Outer Harper Business Association, The Grosse Pointe Woods Seniors, Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and Burning Tree Golf and County Club in Mount Clemens.

Mr. Gornick enjoyed spending time with his family in addition to golfing, playing cards, hunting and making investments.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Rose Maurine; his daughter, Roberta Hoover; his son, John C. Gornick; and his grandchildren, Maj. Jason Nahrgang, Andrea Gornick, Shelly Fischer and Steven Gornick; and his brother, Henry Gornick.

He was predeceased by his sisters Victoria and Nellie and his brothers, Ed, Emil, Stanley and Frank.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Feb. 18, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. Interment is in Indian Fields Cemetery in Card, Mich.

Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Maryknoll Missions or St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

Jan Mark Hetmanski

Jan Mark Hetmanski, 56, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, of cardiac arrest after a two week illness.

He was born on June 18, 1948, in Detroit, and was a 1966 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. He moved to San Francisco after attending Western Michigan University. Later, he moved to Oregon and then settled in Seattle, Wash.

Mr. Hetmanski wrote, directed and acted for the Seattle Fringe Theatre. He was a proficient long-distance bicyclist and wrote a column for the Seattle bicyclist newsletter "Differenct Spokes." He served as a volunteer cameraman for the local Seattle cable TV station.

He is survived by his mother, Virginia E. Hetmanski, of Grosse Pointe Woods; his two sisters, Dr. Ruth Sanders of Oxford, Ohio, and Suzanne Picken of Crofton, Md.; his niece, Elizabeth Picken; and his nephew, Clayton Picken.

He was predeceased by his father, John Hetmanski who died in 1982.

Emma Marie Kaltenbach

Emma Marie Kaltenbach, 87, died on Thrusday Dec. 9, 2004, in Bon Secours Nursing Home in St. Clair Shores.

Mrs. Kaltenbach was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, having moved there in 1948.

She was born on Jan. 11, 1917, in Germany to the late Jacob and Rosa Schmid. She graduated from Eastern High School in Detroit.

Mrs. Kaltenbach was a mother and a homemaker who was a member of Grosse Pointe Senior Citizens.

She is survived by her daughters, Ruth Rothenburg, Susan (Fred) Leitert, and Linda (Ron) Kirkpatrick; her grandchildren, Carol Phillips, Laura Jones, Andy and Paul Leitert, and Carol and Tom Kirkpatrick; her great-grandchildren, Declan and Bennett Jones, and Carl and Jacob Leitert; and her brother, Jack Schmid.

She was predeceased by her husband, George Kaltenbach who died in 2000 and her sister, Freda Schlierf.

A private memorial service was held on Jan. 9, at Christ The King Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Robert Miron

Grosse Pointe Park resident Robert Miron, 80, died Thurdsay, Feb. 3, 2005, after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Detroit on July 30, 1924. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force as a Link Trainer instructor, teaching American pilots the vital technique of relying on instruments when blind flying.

Mr. Miron's worklife encompassed many fields including ownership of an auto repair shop and of a restaurant. He retired from the travel industry in 1997 after having managed four different travel agencies in the metropolitan area including Bayview Travel in Grosse Pointe Woods. Throughout the years, he trained and exhibited Shetland sheepdogs in both the United States and Canada. He also enjoyed collecting coins and was a certified hypnotherapist.

He is survived by his sons, Douglas (Heidi) Miron of Tracy, Calif., and Craig (Donna) Miron of Toledo, Ohio; his grandchildren, Andre (Melinda) Miron of Livermore, Calif., and Kristy Miller of Toledo; two great-grandchildren, Partick and Emma; his sister, Wilma (Louis) Leopold of Houston, Texas; and his best friend, Beth Ryon.

He was predeceased by his former wife, Naomi (Bertovic) Miron.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, Grosse Pointe. Interment at a national military cemetery will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary, 18328 Gulf Blvd., Indian Shores, FL 33785, or to a charity of one's choice.



Jeanette "Jeannie" Marie Prather

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City of Grosse Pointe resident Jeanette "Jeannie" Marie Prather, 68, died on Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, in Bon Secours Hospital after a courageous two-year battle with thyroid cancer.

She was married to her husband, Kenneth E. Prather Sr., for 31 years, and she was the office manager for his law practice for 28 years. She worked diligently to help clients during their time of stress and distress.

Mrs. Prather managed the law office in an efficient and pleasant manner. She worked there with Sophia Curry, Susan Jarvis and Jack McHal. As a source of inspiration, she called the office staff "Team Prather."

She formed an organization known as Mothers of Michigan, (MOMS), which had the mission to collect delinquent child support obligations from delinquent parents.

Mrs. Prather became intimately involved in an international child custody abduction case, *Tyszka v. Tyszka,* the first Michigan reported case involving application of The Hague Convention Treaty and International Abduction Remedies Act. Acting on her innate and intuitive sense as a mother, she unilaterally arranged for the return of a French mother and her two young children to their habitual residence in Versailles, France.

She enjoyed reading two to three books a week. She played the piano. She loved popular and classical music. She had beautiful handwriting and mastered the art of calligraphy. She was an avid tennis player at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

Mrs. Prather enjoyed keeping business and personal records. She prepared game by game batting averages for all members of her son's, Kenny, Little League Baseball team during the baseball season.

She had a special affection for children afflicted with cystic fibrosis and special needs.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth E. Prather Sr.; her three children, Heather (Paul) Rowlison, Stuart (Marie) McCubbrey, and Kenneth E. (Susan) Prather Jr.; her stepdaughters, Kimberly Gristy and Laura Prather; her granddaughters, Christina Hinds and Lindsey Bornhoffer; her grandsons, Paul McCubbrey, Kenneth E. Prather III, Alexander Thomas Prather, Eric Rowlison, and Jeff Rowlison; her great-grandson, Calvin Robert Hinds; and her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Joyce and Don Egerer.

A memorial gathering will be held on Thursday, Feb. 24, from 1 to 9 p.m. with a remembrance service at 7:30 p.m. at the Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park.

On Friday, Feb. 25, at 10 a.m. a memorial service will be held at the funeral home; followed by a luncheon at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chalfonte Foundation, 4452 St. Antoine Boulevard, Suite 203, Detroit, MI 48201-1948.

Margaret 'Peggy' Shawe

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Margaret "Peggy" Shawe, 68, died on Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, in St. John Hospital, Detroit.

She was born in Grosse Pointe Farms and attended Grosse Pointe High School.

She is survived by her sisters, Florence Heitjan and Mary Eichberger; and her brothers, William (Sheila) Allard and James Allard.

She was predeceased by one sister and five brothers.

Interment is in White Chapel Cemetery, Southfield.



George Torakis

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George Torakis, 69, of Grosse Pointe Woods died on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at home.

He was born on July 8, 1935, in Detroit to the late Manos and Argero Torakis. He graduated from Eastern High School in Detroit in 1953.

He was a Boy Scout as a child, but the friendships with other scouts lasted a lifetime. They still meet for monthly lunches in Greektown. Surviving members of the troop served as honorary pallbearers.

Mr. Torakis was a partner of Michigan Wholesale Candy and Tobacco in Detroit; and owner of Michael's Sundry Shops, and Michael's Nature Nook in Detroit and Auburn Hills.

He was a charter member of the Omega Chapter of HAHEPA and a member of the Association for Retarded Citizens, Grosse Pointe Chapter. He enjoyed fishing at his cottage in Amherstburg, Ontario. He traveled to Europe and Aruba. His main enjoyment was his grandchildren.

Mr. Torakis touched the lives of many people. He will be remembered as someone who always lent a hand to help a neighbor or friend.

Mr. Torakis is survived by his wife, Marie; his daughter, Chrisanne (Kimon) Palmer; his sons, Michael (Linda) and John; his grandchildren, Alexandra, Marina and Alex; his sister, Mary (Lee) Lavdas; and his brother, Michael Travis.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Andrew and Alex.

A funeral service was held on Feb. 23, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Van Elsander Cancer Center or Assumption Greek Orthodox Church.

Hilda Warnke

Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident Hilda Warnke, 77, died on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005, in her home in St. Clair Shores.

Ms. Warnke was born on June 30, 1927, in Detroit to Hans G. and Marie Laridon Warnke.

She graduated from Grosse Pointe Country Day School in 1946, and attended Lake Forest Academy in Lake Forest, Ill. She graduated from Ogontz Junior College in Ogontz, Pa., and from Academy Nvart in Detroit.

She moved to New York City and graduated from the Fashion Academy of New York; and then attended the Sorbonne in Paris. After returning from France to reside in New York City, she was employed as a fashion director with Madame Daunou de Paris Salon before opening her own fashion salon in Portland, Maine.

Ms. Warnke is survived by her sisters, Louise S. Warnke and Katherine (Dr. Frank J.) Moran; and her aunts, Mrs. John E. Gerber and Mrs. Moritz Laridon.

A memorial service was held at the Arthur J. VanLerberghe Funeral Home on Feb. 5.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society.



Irene M. Weed

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Irene M. Weed, 95, of Grosse Pointe Park, died in her home on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005.

She and her late husband, Dr. Milton Weed, were residents of the Park for over 40 years. They were avid travelers having visited every continent except Antarctica. She loved entertaining and earned the reputation of a gracious hostess, noted for her dinner parties. She was an avid reader, accomplished cook, and competitve bridge player.

Born in Detroit she was a passionate believer in Detroit. Mrs. Weed traced her loyalty back to her childhood, when her grandfather founded an insurance agency there. She was involved with the agency for a number of years and the business continues today with a fifth-generation family member as a partner.

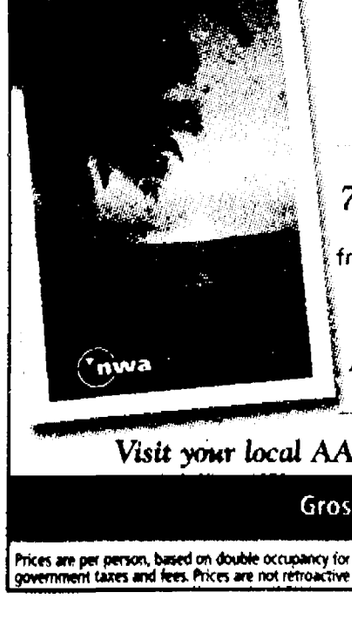
Mrs. Weed served as president of almost every organization she joined; among them were the Women's City Club; Women's Auxiliary, Wayne State Medical School, and Michigan State Medical Society Auxiliary. She served as Chairman of the Women's Committee of The Detroit Boat Club and the Service League of Detroit General Hospital.

She is survived by her nieces, Denise (Joe) Weber, Mary Jean Domzalski and Elaine (Jerry) Umlor; and her nephews, Paul (Kay) Coderre, Keith (Chris) Coderre, and Bruno (Katie) Domzalski.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Clare of Montefalco Church on Feb.10. Interment is in her family's plot in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

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'05 Hummer H2 SUT offers comfort and capability

By Greg Zyla

This week, we test the 2005 Hummer H2 SUT, a Sport Utility Truck melded into the Hummer design — base price: $51,995; price as tested: $60,210. The H2 SUT's practical cargo box expands into the second row of seating through a folding midgate. The process is similar to Chevy's Avalanche, yet simpler.

The notion of adding a cargo box to the H2 shows practicality even in this high-end consumer market. Is it possible that someone who can afford a Hummer wants to use it for hauling lumber?

Why not?

Also, is it possible the already easily recognized H2 can look even more unique? With a truck bed, it does.

Similar to its Hummer siblings, the four-door H2 "pickup" is loaded with a head-shaking combination of luxury (heated front and rear leather seats, for example) and off-road capability (a boulder-clearing 10.8-inch ground clearance with air suspension engaged, front winch receiver and built-in air compressor, for starters).

Thanks to the roof rack crossbars option, the H2 SUT is the tallest in the family at 81.7 inches — nearly 7 feet off the ground! (Note: That's too high for the average garage). With the cargo box, it's also the longest at 203.6 inches — just shy of 17 feet! The gaudy numbers continue, with a 6,400-pound curb weight, 6,700-pound towing capacity and 9,000-pound winch capacity.

Under the hood sits the 325-horsepower Vortec 6,000 V-8. Mated to a full-time four-wheel-drive system that includes "4-low-locked" position (which sends equal torque to both rear wheels), the engine will pull this huge vehicle with ease, even uphill. When it comes to stopping, the four-channel, anti-lock braking system with Dynamic Rear Proportioning is smart enough to handle it.

What's amazing about the SUT model is that nothing about it feels "big" when you're driving. It handles and corners like a vehicle half its size and weight. Its squared-off shape is a bonus when it comes to visibility, thanks also to large windows.

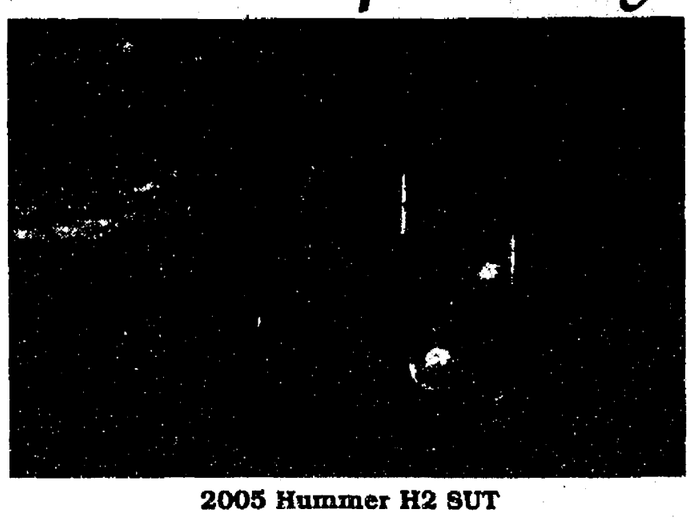
But what about the cargo box? Without the midgate folded, it measures just 34.7 inches long. Fold down the midgate and the cargo box length nearly doubles to 72.2 inches. Of course, expanding the bed into the back seat exposes the entire cabin area to the great outdoors.

Standard features are extensive, and include battery rundown protection, Onstar, rear-seat audio controls, power sliding sunroof, underbody protection, rocker panel protection, a Class III trailer hitch, 17-inch cast aluminum wheels and 315/70R17 all-terrain tires (yes, 315s!).

Our tester came with the $3,740 1SC Luxury Series package, which added a lot of chrome and the XM Satellite Radio system with three-month subscription. Our unit also had a $1,275 air suspension package; a $950 locking, hard tonneau cover (definitely recommended for that cargo box); an $850 chrome wrap-around brush guard; and a $550 "uplevel chrome" package.

We need to point out that the H2 SUT's fuel mileage is much like any other Hummer: poor. The 32-gallon tank is big, but you'll only go maybe 300 miles before you're pulling in for more gas. (EPA mileage numbers are "not applicable" for this vehicle; inquire with a dealer.)

The H2 SUT is big and brazen like its sister Hummers, but we found an appreciation for its ride, comfort and capabilities.



2005 Hummer H2 SUT

And while our test price was $60,000-plus, a "bare" H2 SUT is in the low $50,000 range — not that far above Chevy's Suburban or Ford's Expedition.

Likes: Stealth Gray color, capabilities, on-board air compressor, excellent ride, XM Satellite Radio.

Dislikes: Fuel mileage.

— King Features Syndicate

These vehicles promise to hold their value

(NAPSI) — The average vehicle retains about 35 percent of its original value after five years but, according to Kelley Blue Book, the top 2005 vehicles will still have closer to 50 percent of their original value in 2010.

According to the editors, it's not so much that the car depreciates the second it rolls off the dealer lot, it's that the transaction has changed. You are now selling a used car. The sale goes from being a dealer-to-consumer transaction to either a trade-in or private party sale. In this new transaction, you lose the tax, license, registration and destination charges — all things you pay for when a car is new but that you cannot charge when reselling it. All these things combined create instant depreciation.

"The depreciation rate of a particular vehicle is dependent upon market conditions, supply and demand," said Charlie Vogelheim, executive editor of the Kelley Blue Book. "A highly popular or desirable car with limited availability will depreciate slower than a car that is in excess supply or less desirable."

Car experts also say there are things buyers expect to find in a car today. If these things are not there, it could hurt the value and desirability of that car down the road. The items include: power windows and door locks, a tilt wheel, cruise control, and alloy or premium wheels. They don't necessarily add value to your car but value may be reduced if they are not there.

What else can hurt your car's ability to garner top dollar down the road? The color. It's easy to sell a white, black or silver car. Some variations of red and blue are OK. Pick a green, purple, yellow or orange vehicle and you will likely hurt your chances of getting the maximum value when selling or trading the car in later. Personalizing a car with custom paint work, aftermarket products or wild modifications may also make the car less desirable to others. Vehicles that don't hold their value well generally have high production rates or are in low demand in the marketplace. These vehicles are often in rental fleets, have a low perceived value, high maintenance costs and may have a design that does not age well.

TV in cars is now static free

(NUI) — Not too long ago, videotapes and DVDs were the only viable options for in-car entertainment. Since broadcast satellite television signals became distorted when received by a moving antenna, television in cars was a dubious experience, filled with static and rolling pictures.

Companies tried for years to develop technology that would solve the problem. Receiving static-free, live television in automobiles seemed like an impossible task — until KVH Industries introduced its TracVision A5 satellite television system.

KVH Industries, based in Rhode Island, has more than 10 years of experience designing and manufacturing parabolic dish-based satellite TV antennae for boats and recreational vehicles. Creating the DirecTV-compatible TracVision A5 was the next logical step for the company.

The TracVision A5 seeks, identifies, tracks and receives signals from the DirecTV satellite while the vehicle moves.

The TracVision A5 uses an array of 260 antenna elements across the surface of the antenna. A magnetic lens redirects and refocuses the signal onto the antenna elements, eliminating the need for the antenna to be perpendicular to the satellite signal.

At 5 inches high, the antenna mounts either to the vehicle's roof rack or directly to the roof. The DirecTV remote control, programming guide and interface operate the same way as the programming to which subscribers are accustomed at home.

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Road salt a hot item



John Prizgint of the Grosse Pointe Shores public works department piles salt more than 10 feet high in the municipal garage.

Fifty thousand pounds of road salt had barely been delivered recently when a snowstorm caused Shores crews to load up salt trucks and hit the streets.

"We salt the whole village at one time from north to south," said Harold Micheaux, supervisor. "That usually takes two trucks. Each truck holds five to six tons. Roughly, we're putting down 10 tons of salt before we start plowing."

Tom Collins, department employee, was called to work at 2 a.m. one day last week to clear the streets.

"Lakeshore was like a washboard because of the drifts," Collins said. "It was bumpy."

"The last four weeks our DPW crew has been quite busy," said Brett Smith, department director. "When not fighting snow, we've been spending this time of year going through our seasonal equipment, summer mowers and things, and getting them ready for spring."



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Academy adding to Tracy Field House

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Academy's fundraising slogan, "Traditions and Tomorrow," reminds potential donors that even a school with a main building dating back more than a century can't rest on its laurels.

Academy leaders are preparing for the future by planning expanded facilities, namely an addition to the north side of Tracy Field House on the lakeside campus in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"We anticipate starting this summer as soon as school lets out," said Ed Russell, Academy trustee, member of the steering committee and Farms resident.

"(The) addition and renovations are for performing arts and musical programs the school is offering and hoping to expand in the future," said Travis Sage of Fanning/Howey architects, retained for the project.

A one-story addition will include a new corridor connected to the main building, plus rehearsal rooms for students enrolled in the lower and middle schools.

Renovations to the field house will provide "performance space for the kids, which is currently lacking," Sage said.

He said the addition will maintain the architectural style and materials of the academy's main building, a brick and limestone structure built in 1885 as the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

The Grosse Pointe Academy school was founded in 1969.

Current Farms ordinances require city council members to approve the addition because construction would alter the appearance of a structure located in an area zoned for community service.

Brandon Rogers, Farms planning consultant, recommended council members support the project.

"The proposed architecture is attractive with brick and stone facade elements and a gable roof," Rogers said.

"It becomes a seamless addition," Sage said. "It feels like an integrated whole to the campus."

A site plan submitted to council this week includes relocating the driveway off of Lakeshore.

"Relocation of the driveway approach will provide safer access to Academy property, alleviate congestion of the combined drive access with St. Paul's Church and provide safer cross traffic at the ingress/egress to church property from Lakeshore," said Terry Brennan, director of public service.

A proposed curb cut located on Lakeshore was deemed compliant with public safety requirements, according to Robert Ferber, director of public safety.

Council members approved the project.

Wayne County officials will have to approve a future cut-through of the median of Lakeshore, a county road.

"The cut in the median is solely within the jurisdiction of Wayne County," said William Burgess, city attorney.

Gunmen rob City pizzeria on Mack

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Three men — two armed and wearing masks — robbed a pizzeria on Mack near University last Friday and fled into Detroit.

A clerk working at the store in 17600 block of Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe was cashing out Friday, Feb. 18, at 9:30 p.m. -- a half hour before closing — when two gunmen leapt the counter and ordered him to the floor.

One robber covered the clerk with a pistol.

The second gunman carried a sawed-off shotgun to the back of the shop where a second employee was about to call it a night.

"I was getting mop water ready when a man with a gun put it to my back and said, 'Put down the phone and don't move or I'll kill you,'" said the second employee, 23-year-old St. Clair Shores man. "I put my hands in the air."

Up front, the 29-year-old first employee was ordered to unlock a safe and strong box.

"At this time suspect No. 3 entered the store," police said.

The third robber grabbed money off the counter while his partners dealt with the two employees.

"They stuffed us both in the closet," said the St. Clair Shores man.

The robbers ran to a vehicle, possibly a Chrysler New Yorker, parked on University.

"The car appeared to be an older-model four-door, possibly maroon or brown, possibly with a dark roof," said a male witness driving on University with his wife.

Two of the men entered the car.

"The third man went to the back of the car and covered the license plate," said the husband.

"(He) stopped directly behind the license plate of the car as if to block it from our lights," said his wife.

"We saw (him) remove the plate," said the husband.

"The vehicle was last seen northbound (on) University," police said.

In addition to getting away with store cash, the robbers took the St. Clair Shores man's cellular telephone and wallet.

G.P. Farms annual Daddy-Daughter Dance March 12

The Grosse Pointe Farms annual Daddy-Daughter dance will take place Saturday, March 12, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza.

The dance won't take place at Farms Pier Park because construction of the community center isn't scheduled to be finished until Memorial Day weekend.

"The Farms would like to extend it's gratitude to the Woods for providing the facility for this year's Farms Daddy-Daughter Dance," said Dick Huhn, Farms park director.

Tickets are $25 per couple and $5 per additional daughter. A photograph, corsage for the girls and hot and cold hors d'oeurves are included.

Attendance is limited to the first 40 couples.

Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Farms Park front gate house, which is open every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call the Farms parks and recreation office at (313) 343-2405.

Stolen tools total $3,276

Nearly $3,300 worth of power tools were stolen between Tuesday, Feb. 9, and Sunday, Feb. 13, from a garage in the 800 block of Lincoln.

The garage was locked.

"Perpetrators possibly accessed (the victim's) unlocked vehicle in the driveway and used his (garage) door opener to gain entry," said City of Grosse Pointe police.

Items taken included such things as a DeWalt cordless drill, a Porter circular saw and Milwaukee reciprocating saw.

Garage B&E

On Sunday, Feb. 13, a resident of the 700 block of Rivard told City of Grosse Pointe police that a $400 Craftsman compressor had been stolen from his garage.

Snow blower taken in City

A $518 Toro snow blower was stolen from a garage in the 700 block of Rivard during the night of Saturday, Feb. 12.

"The overhead door was closed but not locked," said City of Grosse Pointe police.

Drunken driver nearly nails police officer

A 32-year-old City of Grosse Pointe woman was arrested for drunken driving shortly after turning her car from Mack onto University, running over the curb and almost hitting a parked City cruiser in which a patrolman was monitoring traffic.

Police stopped the woman's black 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer on Rivard near Goethe.

She registered a .228 percent blood alcohol level, nearly three times the legal limit.

Purse lifted

A $98 black DKNY purse was reported shoplifted from a store in the 17000 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 4 p.m.

A clerk suspects an unknown short woman with long dark hair accompanied by a child estimated to be 5 years old.

Fake tab

A 42-year-old Detroit woman who had never acquired a driver license was caught on Saturday, Feb. 19, at 12:25 p.m., in Grosse Pointe Farms operating a 1991 Ford Thunderbird.

An officer patrolling the area of Mack and Moross discovered the woman's T-bird had a license tab originally issued to another vehicle. Officers impounded her car and released her at the scene.

Hit head-on

A 41-year-old Detroit woman registered a .33 percent blood alcohol level shortly after crashing head-on into an approaching vehicle on Moross near Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Farms on Friday, Feb. 18, shortly after 10 p.m.

There were no serious injuries. Police found the victim, a 54-year-old Center Line woman, standing by her damaged car "crying and shaking."

"The other female (the Detroit woman) was unstable on her feet, glassy eyed and had the smell of intoxicants emanating from her breath," police said. "She could barely stand up. She was uncooperative."

The bad attitude continued at police headquarters.

"She would hang (her) hands and legs on (the) cell floor and yell obscenities," police said.

Officers reported finding a 1/4-empty bottle of brandy and four bottles of beer in the Detroit woman's blue 1995 Ford Taurus.

She posted $500 bond and was released from jail at about 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19.

Storm window smashed

Someone on Friday, Feb. 18, between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., broke the storm glass window of a back door in the 300 block of Ridge in Grosse Pointe Farms.

GPW woman has drugs

Grosse Pointe Farms police may impose vehicle forfeiture laws against a 24-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman caught running a red light on eastbound Mack at Moross on Friday, Feb. 18, at 1:22 a.m.

Officers said the woman admitted drinking, smelled of marijuana, had a bag of marijuana in the glove box and a pipe that "was semi-warm to the touch."

A patrolman who saw the woman run the red light stopped her red 1993 Jeep Grand Cherokee near Allard.

"The vehicle had more than enough time and distance to safely stop for the light," police said.

Teenager has stolen car

A 15-year-old Detroit male admitted last week to Grosse Pointe Farms police to driving a stolen 1989 Oldsmobile 98.

On Thursday, Feb. 17, at 12:35 a.m., an officer saw the vehicle being driven on southbound Moross from Mack without headlights.

The vehicle did not have an ignition key.

"The car is stolen," the teenager reportedly explained.

Officers recovered a screw driver on the front passenger seat. Officers said the driver possessed the owner's checkbook.

At the time of the arrest, Warren police were in the process of logging the vehicle as stolen.

Farms detectives were unable to contact the youth's mother.

Fake name

A 40-year-old Detroit woman, caught making an illegal U-turn from eastbound to westbound Mack at Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms, was driving despite her license being suspended twice in Grosse Pointe Park.

On Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 12:49 a.m., the woman gave a fake name to investigating officers. At headquarters, officers obtained the woman's urine specimen to test for drugs and alcohol.

Eastpointe police picked her up at Farms headquarters on an unspecified $4,000 warrant.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Power out

On Friday, Feb. 18, at about 12:30 p.m., several callers reported a power outage south of the 700 block of Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores.

A public safety dispatcher alerted utility company representatives.

Super service

Sgt. Dan Pullen of Grosse Pointe Shores pulled out the stops to help a homeowner whose basement was flooding on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at about 10:30 a.m.

Pullen stopped the flow of water from a broken PVC pipe and set up a sump pump in anticipation of a plumber making permanent repairs.

"It became obvious that more damage was going to occur if the water was not removed from the basement," Pullen said.

He obtained a pump from home, returned to the Lakeshore address and pumped water from the basement until the plumber arrived.

Has drugs

A woman admitted smoking marijuana upon being pulled over for speeding on Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores on Monday, Feb. 14, at 12:26 p.m.

Officers found a bag containing .64 ounces of marijuana in the woman's green 1995 Ford Escort.

— Brad Lindberg

Tools taken

A Bostich air compressor and a Bostich nail gun were taken from a garage in the 800 block of Barrington in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between Saturday, Feb. 12, and Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Also in the Park, a 28-foot extension ladder was taken from a rear yard in the 1200 block of Wayburn sometime during the night of Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Park cops nab fleeing suspect

Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers apprehended a robbery suspect shortly after he committed a robbery in the area of Mack and Buckingham in Detroit at 4:20 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

The officers searched for the suspect after hearing a "be on the lookout" call over the Detroit police radio frequency. They found him in the area of Mack and Lakepointe.

The suspect was handed over to Detroit police, who arrested him.

Burned

Someone riddled the interior of a green 1996 Ford parked on Morningside south of Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods with cigarette burns sometime between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 13.

The owner of the vehicle was unsure if the car was locked during that time.

One vehicle stolen, another vandalized

A taupe 2004 Honda Element was stolen in the 600 block of Hampton in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15, and 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

The owner of the vehicle reported hearing a loud banging noise at about midnight.

The owner believed the car was locked, but keys were in the vehicle.

Woods public safety officers believe the theft may be related to the driver's side window of a gold 1997 Chrysler minivan being broken at 12:58 a.m. in the 21300 block of Van K.

Officers were unable to locate a suspect after tracking footprints in the snow.

A black canvas bag taken from the minivan was found near the street on Van K north of Brys.

Snow blower stolen

A snow blower was taken from a garage in the 1700 block of Hawthorne in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17, and 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18.

The garage was closed, but unlocked, and there was no sign of forced entry.

Purse, gloves stolen

A quick-acting individual got away with a purse and a pair of black leather gloves taken from two vehicles parked in the driveway of a house in the 800 block of Hawthorne in Grosse Pointe Woods between 7 and 7:10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 18.

The unknown suspect broke a window of a green 1988 Chevrolet to steal the purse that was left on the passenger front seat. The purse contained a five-megapixel Canon Powershot digital camera with a memory card, $60 cash and identification.

The gloves were taken from a truck that was open and running in the driveway.

The unknown suspect left a footprint trail in the snow in the back yard, which was lost at Wedgewood.

Car damaged

A driver's side mirror of a silver 1998 Lexus parked on the street in the 20500 block of Mack was broken off sometime between 6:35 and 8:05 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18.

No suspected individuals or vehicles were seen near the vehicle during that time.

Tossed out

A 46-year-old Petoskey man and a 51-year-old Harrison Township man were asked not to return to a bar in the 19200 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The men were escorted out of the bar by Woods public safety officers at 10:46 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18, after they were throwing ice and fruit from their drinks at patrons in the bar.

Minivan stolen in G.P. Woods

A loud noise startled a resident in the 1800 block of Bournemouth in Grosse Pointe Woods at 11:50 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19, but it took him a few minutes to realize that his green 2000 Dodge Caravan was stolen from his driveway.

The suspect left behind mountain bike tracks in the snow near the minivan. Tire tracks in the street indicated the suspected thief headed westbound on Bournemouth.

The stolen vehicle has a broken right headlight and a broken right rear strut, which is visible from the rear.

Underage party

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers were called once again to a suspected underage drinking party at a house in the 800 block of Canterbury at 1:23 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 20.

Upon their arrival, the officers heard the occupants inside say: "Hide all of the alcohol." However, the occupants never answered the door for the officers, leaving them unable to follow through on investigating the complaint.

The detective bureau has been asked to follow up on the incident.

"We have been called to that house for the same thing numerous times and were never allowed entry into the house," a note in the incident report stated.

Intoxicated driver

A 23-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested for driving while intoxicated in Grosse Pointe Woods at 2:40 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 20.

A public safety officer stopped the man after seeing him drive his tan 2002 Pontiac Aztec erratically on southbound Mack between Van Antwerp and Kenmore. The officer's observations were backed by a blood alcohol content reading of 0.16 percent.

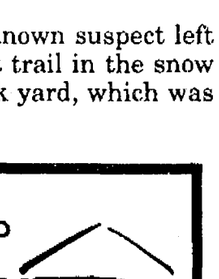
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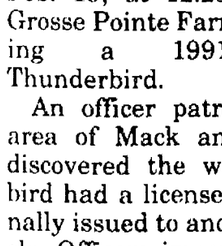
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WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
CODE NO. 11-06 -- PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE
ORDINANCE NO. 374

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE MAINTENANCE OF RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS.

The City of Grosse Pointe Farms Ordains:

Section 1. Adoption of Code by Reference. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3(k) of Act 279 of 1909, State of Michigan, as amended, The International Code Council, Incorporated, International Property Maintenance Code (hereinafter referred to as the "ICC International Property Maintenance Code 2003"), is hereby found and declared to be an acceptable code and is hereby adopted by reference (as modified and supplemented in this Ordinance) for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety and welfare in connection with the maintenance of structures located in the City of Grosse Pointe Farms. The ICC International Property Maintenance Code, as modified and supplemented in this Ordinance, provides for, among other things:

a. Minimum standards for basic equipment and facilities for light, ventilation, space heating and sanitation; for safety from fire hazards; for safe use and location of equipment and facilities; and for safe and sanitary maintenance;

b. Fixing the responsibilities of owners, operators and occupants of all structures; and

c. Administration, enforcement and penalties.

Section 2. Code on File. Complete printed copies of the ICC International Property Maintenance Code 2003, herein adopted, are available for public use and inspection at the Office of the City Clerk.

Section 3. References in Code. References in the ICC International Property Maintenance Code 2003 shall be read as referring to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms.

All references therein to the "municipality" and to any and all of the personnel, bureaus and/or subdivisions of the Building Department or Public Service Department shall be read as referring to the Chief Code Enforcement Officer of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms and such representative(s) as he or she may expressly designate. All references therein to the legal representative of the municipality shall be read as referring to the City Attorney of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Section 4. Changes in Code. The following sections and sub-sections of the ICC International Property Maintenance Code 2003 are hereby amended or deleted as set forth below and additional sections and sub-sections are added as indicated. (Subsequent section numbers used in this Ordinance shall refer to the like numbered sections of the ICC International Property Maintenance Code 2003.)

a. Section 101.1 is modified to read as follows:

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, hereinafter referred to as "this code."

b. Section 101.3 is modified to read as follows:

101.3 Intent. This code shall be construed to secure its express intent and purpose, which is to ensure public health, safety and welfare insofar as they are affected by the continued occupancy and maintenance of structures and premises. Existing structures and premises that do not comply with the provisions of this code shall be altered or repaired to provide the minimum level of health and safety as required herein.

c. Section 102.3 is modified to read as follows:

102.3 Application of Other Codes. This code establishes minimum requirements for the initial and continued occupancy and use of all structures and premises, but does not replace or modify applicable requirements otherwise established for the construction, repair, alteration, or use of buildings, equipment or facilities. Without limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, repairs, additions or alterations to a structure, as well as the status of a structure at the time of a change in occupancy, shall satisfy the requirements, procedures and provisions of the Michigan Building Code, Michigan Plumbing Code, Michigan Mechanical Code and Michigan Electrical Code. Further, nothing in this code shall be construed to cancel, modify or set aside any provision of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms or any other applicable code or ordinance promulgated or adopted by the City of Grosse Pointe Farms.

d. The title of Section 103 is modified to read "Department of Public Service".

e. Section 103.1 is modified to read as follows:

103.1 General. The Department of Public Service shall be responsible for the enforcement of this code and the Director in charge of such department shall be known as the Chief Code Enforcement Officer for purposes of enforcement of this code.

f. Section 103.2 is deleted in its entirety.

g. The following schedule of fees is inserted in connection with Section 103.5:

Residential Certificate of Occupancy Inspection: $100.00
Non-Residential Business Licensing Inspection: $150.00

h. Section 103.5 is modified to read as follows:

103.5 Liability. The code official, officer or employee charged with the enforcement of this code, while acting for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, shall not thereby be rendered liable personally, and is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage accruing to persons or property as a result of an act required or permitted to be undertaken in the discharge of official duties. Any action, suit or proceeding instituted against any code official, officer or employee because of an act or omission performed by that official, officer or employee in the lawful discharge of duties and under the provisions of this code shall be defended by the legal representative of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms until the final termination of the proceedings. The code official or any designee shall not be liable for costs in an action, suit or proceeding that is instituted in pursuance of the provisions of this code; and any officer of employee of the Department of Public Service, acting in good faith and without malice, shall be free from liability for acts performed under any of its provisions or by reason of any act or omission in the performance of official duties in connection therewith.

i. Section 106.4 is modified to read as follows:

106.4 Penalty for Violations: Any person violating or failing to comply with any provision of this code shall upon conviction be subject to a fine of not more than $500.00 or imprisonment for not more than ninety days, or both, in the discretion of the court. Every day that a violation continues after due notice has been served, in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof, shall be deemed a separate offense.

j. Section 111 is deleted in its entirety and Sections 111.1, 111.2 and 111.3 are inserted in its place as follows:

111.1 General. Any owner or person who is aggrieved with a ruling or decision of the enforcing officer in any matter relative to the interpretation or enforcement of any of the provisions of this code may appeal the decision or interpretation to the City Council.

111.2 Filing. The appeal must be filed with the Director of Public Service in writing, within fourteen (14) days of the date of issuance of the decision or interpretation. Also, at the time of filing, a fee shall be paid in an amount as set from time to time by the City Council.

111.3 Decision. The City Council shall act as an appeal board and shall have the duty, responsibility and authority to decide all matters referred to the City Council. The decision of the City Council shall be final and binding.

k. Section 201.3 is modified to read as follows:

201.3 Terms defined in other codes. Where terms are not specifically defined in this code but are defined in the Michigan Building Code, Michigan Plumbing Code, Michigan Mechanical Code, ASME A1 7.1 or the Michigan Electrical Code, such terms shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them in such codes.

l. Section 302.1(a) and (b) are inserted as follows:

302.1 Sanitation. (a) Every occupant of a building or premises, or any part thereof, shall keep that part of the building and/or premises that he or she occupies, controls or uses, in a clean and sanitary condition, free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage, as required by Code No. 9-03, Ordinance No. 182.

(b) Every occupant of a building or premises, or any part thereof, shall dispose of all rubbish in a clean and sanitary manner by placing it in approved rubbish containers as required by Code 8-03, Ordinance No. 69. Rubbish containers shall be screened from view from the street and adjacent properties, as required by Code No. 12-03, Ordinance No. 192.

m. Section 302.2(a) is inserted as follows:

302.2(a) Grading and Drainage. Grading shall be done in a manner that will not result in the flow of storm water to be concentrated or accelerated onto adjacent properties, and in a manner that will not result in flooding of storm water on adjacent properties, in accordance with Section 1515 of Code No. 12-03, Ordinance No. 192.

n. Section 302.3 is modified to read as follows:

302.3 Sidewalk and Driveways. Frontage sidewalks on public rights-of-way shall be maintained in accordance with Code No. 8-02, Ordinance No. 102. All other sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas shall be kept and maintained in a proper state of repair, free from hazardous conditions.

o. Section 302.5 is modified to read as follows:

302.5 Insect and Rodent Harborage. All structures and exterior property shall be kept free from insect and rodent harborage and infestation. Where insects and/or rodents are found, they shall promptly be exterminated by approved processes, which shall not be injurious to human health. As soon as practicable following extermination, proper precautions shall be taken to eliminate insect and rodent harborage and prevent re-infestation.

p. Section 302.6 is deleted in its entirety.

q. Section 302.10 is inserted as follows:

302.10 Nuisance. All exterior property areas shall be maintained in a manner consistent with the requirements of Code No. 7-02, Ordinance No. 104.

r. Section 302.2(a) is inserted as follows:

302.2(a) Swimming Pools. In addition to the requirements of this code, swimming pools and adjacent areas shall be maintained in accordance with Code No. 11-07, Ordinance Nos. 136 and 346.

s. Section 304.6.1 is inserted as follows:

304.6.1 Structural Safety. Every outside stair, cornice, parapet, overhang, porch, and every appurtenance attached to any of the foregoing, shall be so constructed as to be safe to use and capable of supporting the loads to which it is subjected as required by the Building Code, and shall be kept in sound condition and good repair.

t. Section 304.7(a) and (b) are inserted as follows:

304.7(a) Gutter Downspout Connection Prohibited. No person owning or occupying any property within the City of Grosse Pointe Farms shall be entitled to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy if such property has any gutter downspout connected with any portion of the combined or sanitary sewer system of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, unless an exemption has been granted in accordance with subparagraph (b) of this section.

304.7(b) Exemptions. If the disconnection of any gutter downspout would create a hazardous condition or would result in undue hardship or potential damage to the applicable property or nearby properties, the owner or occupant may apply to the Director of Public Service for an exemption entitling such person to receive a certificate of occupancy notwithstanding the requirements of subparagraph (a) of this section. If granted, the exemption shall be in writing and shall set forth the reason(s) for such exemption. An exemption shall be granted only under one or more of the following circumstances:

(1) disconnection would cause water to discharge onto a driveway, sidewalk, patio or similar area, thereby creating a hazardous condition;

(2) disconnection would cause water to flow next to a basement wall and tend to create basement flooding;

(3) disconnection would cause water to flow directly into an in-ground swimming pool;

(4) disconnection would cause flooding due to low grade;

(5) disconnection would cause water to discharge onto a neighbor's property; or

(6) disconnection otherwise would be impracticable or would impose unusual hardship or practical difficulties upon the owner or occupant of the property or nearby properties.

u. Section 304.8.1 is inserted as follows:

304.8.1 Shutters and Other Appurtenances: When shutters and similar ornamental and nonornamental appurtenances constitute a design element of the structure, they shall be structurally sound, maintained in good repair and in an architecturally consistent manner.

v. Section 307.3.1 is modified to read as follows:

307.3.1 Garbage Disposal Facilities. See City of Grosse Pointe Farms Code No. 7-14.

w. Section 401.3 is modified to read as follows:

401.3 Alternative Devices. In lieu of the means for natural light and ventilation herein prescribed, artificial light or mechanical ventilation complying with the Michigan Building Code shall be permitted.

x. Section 403.5.1 is inserted as follows:

403.5.1 Clothes Dryer Exhaust. An approved non-combustible dryer vent shall be used.

y. Section 505.1 is modified to read as follows:

505.1 General. Every sink, lavatory, bathtub or shower, drinking fountain, water closet or other plumbing fixture shall be properly connected to either a public water system or to an approved private water system. All kitchen sinks, lavatories, laundry facilities, bathtubs and showers shall be supplied with hot or tempered and cold running water in accordance with the Michigan Plumbing Code.

z. Sections 508 and 508.1 are inserted as follows:

508 Cross Connection Control

508.1 Cross Connection Control. Approved cross connection and backflow protection devices shall be installed and maintained in accordance with City of Grosse Pointe Farms Code No. 8-07, Ordinance No. 368, and the Michigan Plumbing Code.

aa. Section 602.2 is modified to read as follows:

602.2 Residential Occupancies. Dwellings shall be provided with heating facilities capable of maintaining a room temperature of 65°F (18°C) in all habitable rooms, bathrooms and toilet rooms based on the winter outdoor design temperature for the locality indicated in Appendix D of the Michigan Plumbing Code. Cooking appliances shall not be used to provide space heating to meet the requirements of this section.

bb. Section 604.2 is modified to read as follows:

604.2 Service. The size and usage of appliances and equipment shall serve as a basis for determining the need for additional facilities in accordance with the Michigan Electrical Code. Dwelling units shall be served by a three-wire, 120/240 volt, single-phase electrical service having a rating of not less than 100 amperes.

cc. Sections 702.1, 702.2 and 702.3 are modified to read as follows:

702.1 General. A safe, continuous and unobstructed path of travel shall be provided from any point in a building or structure to a point of exit or egress to the public way.

702.2 Aisles. The required width of aisles in accordance with the Michigan Building Code shall be unobstructed for the full length of each aisle.

702.3 Locked doors. All means of egress doors shall be readily operable from the side from which egress is to be made, without the need for keys, special knowledge or effort, except where the door hardware conforms to that permitted by the Michigan Building Code.

dd. Section 702.4.1 is inserted as follows:

702.4.1 Windows. A minimum of one (1) window in rooms used for sleeping shall be operable and maintained for emergency means of egress in accordance with Section 702.4.

ee. Section 704.1 is modified to read as follows:

704.1 General. All systems, devices and equipment to detect a fire or carbon monoxide, or to activate an alarm, or to suppress or control a fire, or any combination thereof, shall be maintained in an operable condition at all times.

ff. The last sentence of Section 704.2 is modified to read as follows:

Single or multiple station smoke and/or fire alarms shall be installed in all other use groups in accordance with the City of Grosse Pointe Farms Fire Prevention Code (Code No. 6-05), and the Michigan Building Code.

gg. Section 704.5 is inserted as follows:

704.5 Carbon Monoxide Detection. Every dwelling shall be equipped with an approved carbon monoxide detector installed and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended installation instructions.

hh. Section 704.6 is inserted as follows:

704.6 Fire Extinguisher. Every dwelling shall be equipped with an approved minimum 5-lb. ABC type fire extinguisher, and such extinguisher shall be located in or near the kitchen facilities in such dwelling.

ii. Sections [705, 705.1, 705.2, 705.3, 705.4 and 705.5] are inserted as follows:

705 CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY; CONFORMANCE WITH MINIMUM STANDARDS

705.1 Certificate of Occupancy: It shall be unlawful for any person or persons hereafter to commence occupancy or for any owner or agent thereof to permit such person or persons to commence occupancy of any dwelling or structure or part thereof, for any purpose, unless a new Certificate of Occupancy has been issued by the Public Service Department with respect to such dwelling or structure. The Certificate of Occupancy shall state that the Public Service Department has inspected the dwelling or structure and that said Department has determined that the dwelling or structure may be occupied. The Certificate of Occupancy shall also bear this legend in capital letters or bold-face type:

THE CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY, THE INSPECTION CHECK LIST, THE INSPECTION REPORT, OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS, DO NOT CONSTITUTE ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY AS TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE DWELLING OR OTHER STRUCTURES ON SAID PREMISES DESCRIBED THEREIN (OR ANY ASPECT OF SUCH CONDITION). INTERESTED PERSONS ARE ADVISED AND ENCOURAGED TO MAKE THEIR OWN INSPECTION OF THE PREMISES IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE CONDITION THEREOF

Such new Certificate shall terminate upon any further change of occupancy and if there is not a change of occupancy after issuance of such new Certificate of Occupancy, it shall terminate two years from the date of issuance.

705.2 Application and Fee: Application for a Certificate of Occupancy may be made by the owner, or his or her designated agent, of a dwelling upon a form provided by the Public Service Department and the payment of an inspection fee as established from time to time by resolution of the Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms.

705.3 Inspection; Conformance with Minimum Standards: Upon receipt of the application and fee, an Inspector shall inspect the owner's dwelling within five days and, if such dwelling is in conformance with the minimum standards set forth herein, a Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued immediately. If the dwelling is not in conformance with the minimum standards set forth herein, the Inspector shall issue an inspection check list giving notice of violations within three working days following his or her inspection, and a Certificate of Occupancy shall not be issued until the violations listed on such inspection report have been corrected to the reasonable satisfaction of the Inspector. Such inspection report shall be valid only for a one-year period and thereafter, a new application and fee must be filed with and paid to the City requesting another inspection.

705.4 Conditional Certificate of Occupancy: In the event, for any reason, an owner or purchaser requests that a Certificate of Occupancy be issued prior to complete conformance with the minimum standards of this code and if the absence of complete conformance does not, in the judgment of the Inspector, constitute material health or safety hazards, a Conditional Certificate of Occupancy may be issued upon the condition that complete conformance be achieved within a reasonable time specified by the Inspector, but in not less than seven (7) days, and the owner's or purchaser's assurance that complete conformance will be achieved by deposit with the City of Grosse Pointe Farms of cash or bond acceptable to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms in an amount as determined by the Director of Public Service, but not less than $250 and not more than 150% of the estimated cost of remedying such defects. In the event of issuance of a Conditional Certificate of Occupancy, the owner or purchaser shall notify the Inspector, by or before the end of the time period specified by the Inspector for achieving conformance, that said conformance has been achieved, and a Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued and the owner's or purchaser's bond returned if the Inspector is satisfied as to the owner's or purchaser's compliance. If the owner or purchaser fails to comply as agreed, the Public Service Department may use so much of the cash or bond as is necessary to instigate legal action to secure conformance or to undertake the specified work with return of any balance to the owner or purchaser. In the event that the amount of the cash or bond is not sufficient to cover the entire cost of conformance, then any additional cost hereunder shall be charged against the premises and the owner of said premises, and shall be collected as provided for special assessments in accordance with Ordinance No. 87 of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms.

705.5 Access for Repairs: Every occupant of a dwelling or structure shall give the owner or his authorized agent (which shall include the Public Service Department or its designees effecting repairs or alterations pursuant to cash or bond) access to the dwelling and any accessory building at any reasonable time for purposes of making such repairs or alterations as are necessary to insure compliance with this Ordinance and enable the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

jj. Chapter 8 is inserted as follows:

Chapter 8

This chapter lists the standards that are referenced in various sections of this code. The standards are listed by the standard identification and title, and the section or sections of this code that reference the standard. The application of the referenced standards shall be as specified in Section 102.7

Standard		Title	Section(s)
MEC 03		Michigan Electrical Code	201.3, 604.2
MBC 03		Michigan Building Code	201.3, 302.7.1, 401.3, 702.3, 702.4
MMC 03		Michigan Mechanical Code	201.3
MPC 03		Michigan Plumbing Code	201.3, 505.1, 602.2, 602.3
GPF Code 6-05,	Ord. 94	Fire Prevention	704.2
GPF Code 7-02,	Ord. 104	Nuisance	302.10
GPF Code 7-14,	Ord. 132	Garbage Disposal	307.3.1
GPF Code 8-02,	Ord. 102	Sidewalks	302.3
GPF Code 8-03,	Ord. 69	Municipal Waste	302.1(b)
GPF Code 8-07,	Ord. 368	Cross Connection	508.1
GPF Code 9-03,	Ord. 182	Public Health	302.1(b)
GPF Code 11-07,	Ord. 136	Swimming Pools	303.2(a)
GPF Code 11-07,	Ord. 346	Swimming Pools	303.2(a)
GPF Code 12-03,	Ord. 192	Zoning	302.1(b), 302.2(a)

Section 5. Each of Ordinance No. 207 (as previously amended by Ordinance Nos. 215, 224, 231, 329, 335 and 343) and Ordinance No. 297, is hereby repealed.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect ninety (90) days after its enactment or upon its publication, whichever is later.

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Shane L. Reeside,
City Manager/City Clerk

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Features

Section B

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Floating an idea



Photos by Brad Lindberg

Richard Ruzzin, Betty and John Stevens, left, are dwarfed by the Parade Company's Santa Claus float. In the 1970s, Beverly Leinweber, below, with Raggedy Ann.



By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Fans of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade hope to provide St. Nick a grand entrance to the community this year in recognition of the event's 30th anniversary.

A group of Pointers is consulting with staff of the Parade Company, the organization responsible for Detroit's Thanksgiving Parade on Woodward, to build a Santa Claus float for the Grosse Pointe version that has been running down Kercheval since 1975.

Santa has always visited the Pointes in style. During the 1970s he capped the parade by arriving in a helicopter to the Village shopping district, where a key to the community awaited.

In recent years Santa has paraded down Kercheval in a horse-drawn carriage.

A carriage is like a sleigh. A horse is like a reindeer. But neither is close enough to storybook reality for organizers who want to inject a new sense of tradition in an event that kicks off the Christmas season.

"Most people I've talked to want to be part of this," said John Stevens, a City of Grosse Pointe councilman acting as a private citizen. "We'd like to inspire our community and businesses that are willing to sponsor a small float."

Stevens and his wife, Betty, were among parade boosters earlier this month who toured the Parade Company headquarters and production facilities on Mount Elliott. The high-ceilinged, rectangular building is reportedly a renovated automobile factory.

The tour concluded with a brainstorming session on shoehorning imaginative ideas for floats into something affordable.

"I could have a float finished in six to eight weeks," said Ralph Skinner, senior art director of the Parade Company.

Tomorrow the Pointe contingent is scheduled to meet again with Parade Company staff to discuss options, costs, storage and maintenance.

"This is a really exciting collaboration," said Ellen Durand, president of the Village Association, a sponsor of the Pointe parade. "We don't necessarily want to make the parade longer. We want to make it better."

If things go as scheduled, a design will be ready by early May. Construction could begin two weeks later and be finished by mid-August.

Skinner's small studio occupies a corner of the Parade Company garage. Hand-drawn sketches of floats in his drafting table contrast with the real things parked a few feet away on the garage floor.

"We design floats from scratch," said Skinner, a sculptor by training with a Master of Fine Arts degree from Michigan State University.

Richard Ruzzin, a retired General Motors designer and Pointe resident, offered to help create and monitor construction of a float for the Grosse Pointe parade.

"You need an understanding between the artist and artisan," Ruzzin said. "There has to be trust that when they are starting to work on it, it's going to be that way."

"We're not looking for the grandeur of the Detroit parade," Stevens said. "We're looking at a smaller parade that represents the community. Furthermore, it will be another pacesetter for the community. We're talking about the City, Farms, Park, Shores and Woods."

The tour group included Beverly Leinweber, a City resident and member of the Grosse Pointe Village Association. The association and its counterpart on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms are major sponsors of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

"I and Gwen Samuel helped start the parade 30 years ago," Leinweber said. "Gwen was president of the association and I was executive secretary."

When the Pointe parade was in its infancy, Leinweber would borrow the Detroit group's Raggedy Ann character head to wear marching along Kercheval.

"A Santa parade needs a Santa float," she said.

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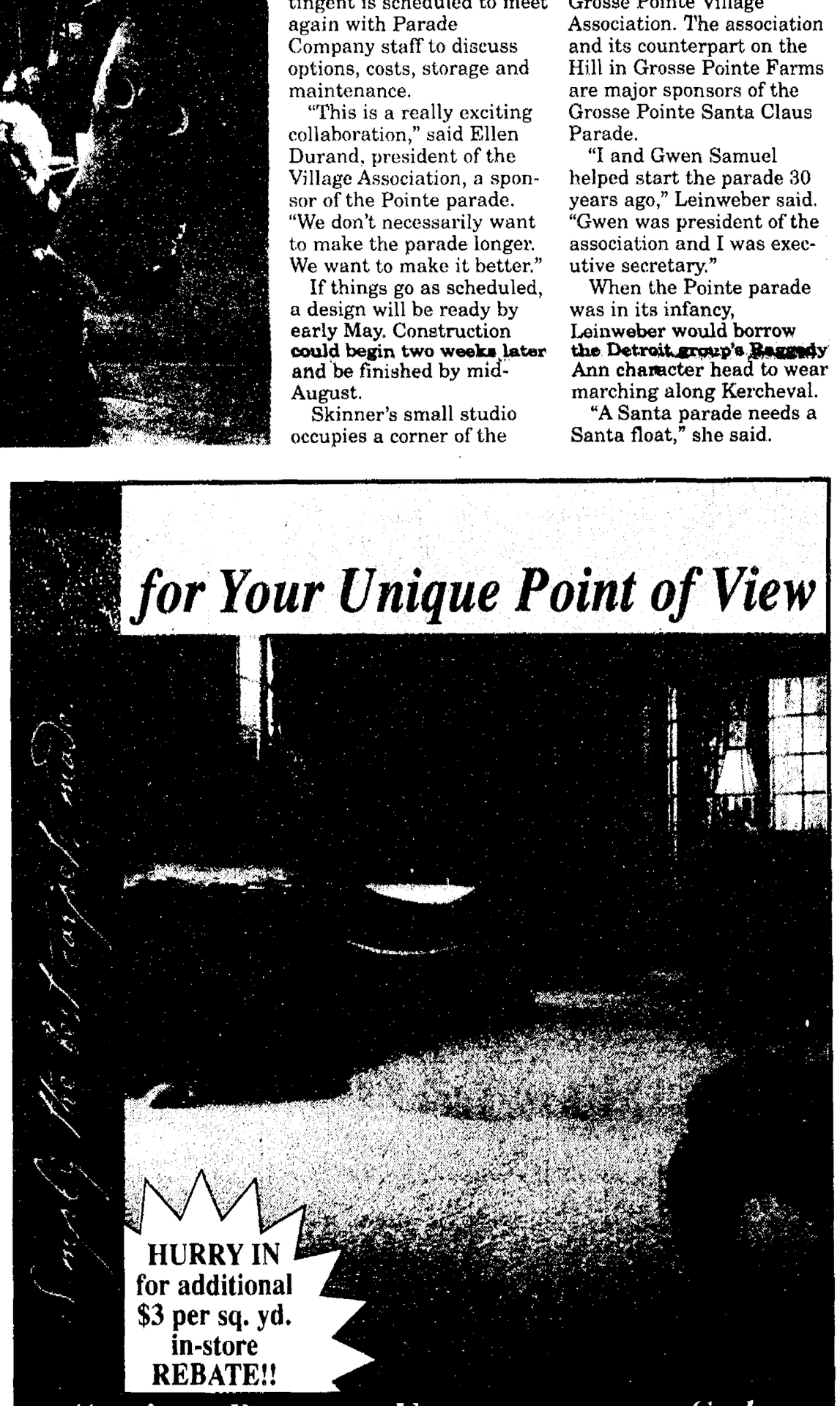
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Board ark for Christ Church's 'Noye's Fludde'

Although the ark won't be launched until March, 120 animals already are lined up and singing lustily at Christ Church in Grosse Pointe.

The church will present Benjamin Britten's opera "Noye's Fludde" March 4, 5 and 6, as kick-off to the parish's 75th anniversary celebration. Based on a medieval "mystery play," the 50-minute, family-friendly opera was written chiefly for child and teen performers.

The ark's critters, who began rehearsing in early January, range in age from 5 to older adults. There are bumblebees, anteaters, spiders, snakes, raccoons, crocodiles, flamingos, peacocks, swans, hippos, zebras, elephants and giraffes, two of each, 60 pair in all which board a movable ark as the rain starts to fall.

They squeak, growl and roar on pitch and in rhythm.

Under the guidance of music director Frederic DeHaven, even the 5-year-olds are singing an eight-part canon like pros.

"It's an opera, but don't think Wagner," DeHaven said. "It is for children of all ages, and it's one of the most exciting religious experiences you can have."

Christ Church member and participate in past presentations, Kathie Anslow said, "It's simple, there is no heavy music with sound effects. It's fun. It's moving. It's glorious. It's exciting."

She continued to say the players receive a sense of accomplishment from the acting, while the audience will be touched on an emotional base.

"For everyone it's a sense of community," Anslow said.

Professional singers began rehearsals with the animals in February. Their roles include Noah, played by James Gray III, Mrs. Noah portrayed by Alona Moon, a gaggle of gossips and Mike Evans provides the booming Voice of God, who will declaim from somewhere behind the organ pipes. Other cast members include Brad Menchle and Katie Griffin, who play Sem and Mrs. Sem, respectively. Ham is played by Justin Donoghue and Mrs. Ham is Alison Sturm. Christoper Brownell is Jaffett and Mrs. Jaffett is Margaret Ferrara.

A chamber-sized orchestra and various other instruments — some of them unique, like the "slung mugs" that represent raindrops — will join the gangplank gang during the final days of rehearsal. (Slung mugs are various sized ceramic cups and mugs that are suspended from cords and struck with wooden spoons to represent the raindrops.)

"Part of Britten's genius is to have a musical motif for each element," DeHaven said. "Herald trumpets always precede the animals. God is announced by a huge Chinese gong. Recorders twitter for the gossips. The organ is for the congregation, the audience, which participates in singing the anthems. Hand bells ring peace at the end of the storm."

This is Christ Church's third production of "Noye's Fludde." The previous ones were in 1985 and 1994. All have been directed by DeHaven, who has been organist and choirmaster since 1975.

DeHaven first staged the opera in 1970 at Trinity Parish in Southport, Conn., where he then was organist and choirmaster. Bringing things full circle, Trinity has loaned the costumes from its 2002 production.

"One of the great things about doing 'Noye's Fludde' is the way it builds community," said Barbara Nickles, Christ Church parishioner and producer of both this year's and the 1994 productions. "Everybody has a wonderful time working together — not just singing and acting, but building the set, helping with costumes, bringing some 'fodder' to rehearsals or being a zookeeper, keeping the critters on cue."

When the director strikes a chord on the piano, 120 pair of eyes gaze at him and 120 pair of ears are listen-

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Director Frederic DeHaven pulls the voices of the youngsters and adults together.



Two-by-two 120 animals come together on Noye's ark to be saved from the flood-covering rains.

Photos by Robert McKean

Purple Perspective

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Bishop Payne attended Rice University where he received a BA and a BS in Chemical Engineering. He earned his MDiv. from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, his D.D. from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in 1988 and a D.D. from the University of the South in 1995.

Bishop Payne led the Diocese of Texas through a period of substantial growth in both new members to the Diocese as well as attendance in worship. His book *Reclaiming the Great Commission* (co-authored with Hamilton Beazely) provides denominations and congregations concrete steps towards growth in spirit and in numbers. Bishop Payne is a true Evangelist in the Biblical sense that he recognizes the ministry of all the baptized to proclaim Christ to others.

Up coming Lectures

March 8: The Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls, Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington presents *"The Windsor Report as Contradiction's Sign"*

March 15: Bishop Robert Rimbo, Bishop of the ELCA, Southeast Michigan Synod presents *"The Risky Business of Being the Church"*

The Lenten Lecture Series is funded by the Sweeny Lecture Series Endowment, created by the family and friends of longtime parishioners Mary Margaret and Donald N. Sweeny, Jr. The endowment was created in 1986 to educationally enrich the congregation of Christ Church and the greater Grosse Pointe Community.

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New option available for rectal tumor patients

By Dr. Abdelkader Hawasli
Special Writer

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death after lung cancer and the third most diagnosed cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, nearly 147,000 new cases of colorectal cancer were diagnosed in the United States last year, and nearly 57,000 people died of the disease.

Several screening tests are available that can help detect colorectal polyps and tumors in their earliest and most treatable stage. Among them are the fecal occult blood test, which can detect the presence of small amounts of blood in the stool and signal the need for further testing; flexible sigmoidoscopy, which is used to view the lower portion of the colon or rectum; and colonoscopy, which is used to examine the entire colon.

Such early detection definitely can save lives, which is why the American Cancer Society and the National Institutes of Health recommend that people aged 50 and older be screened for colorectal cancer. People with risk factors such as a family history of colorectal cancer may be advised to undergo screening even earlier.

Other factors that may increase your risk include a personal history of chronic inflammatory bowel disease, diabetes, consumption of a high fat diet, heavy alcohol intake, smoking, obesity and physical inactivity.

Until recently, the primary treatment for both cancerous and noncancerous colorectal tumors was surgical removal of the colon, removal of the colon and rectum, or removal of the rectum and anus.

Such conventional procedures are routinely performed through the abdomen, which meant a large incision was necessary.

As a result, patients faced a long stay in the hospital as well as a lengthy recuperation period of six weeks or longer.

But now, for the first time in southeast Michigan, a minimally invasive technique for the removal of benign or early malignant rectal tumors is available.

With Transanal Endoscopic Micro-Surgery (TEMS), a surgeon can remove benign lesions and large polyps of the rectum, recurring lesions and early stages of rectal cancer through the anus rather than through an abdominal incision.

During a TEMS procedure, an instrument called a proctoscope can be inserted up to 20 centimeters into the rectum, which is an area that's usually difficult to reach with conventional surgical techniques. Using a small stereoscopic eyepiece to magnify the area, the surgeon excises the tumor or lesion, then sutures the bowel using a video monitor to guide him. The entire procedure takes only about 60-90 minutes to complete.

This procedure truly is a revolution in rectal surgery technology. It is an easy, outpatient procedure with no incision and virtually no pain. (If there is any discomfort, it's easily handled with Tylenol.)

Patients usually can resume normal activities the following day, and perhaps best of all, they will not need a colostomy.

In fact, bowel movement patterns are generally not disrupted at all following the procedure. TEMS also prevents complications commonly associated with traditional colorectal surgery, including intestinal perforation, blood clots in the legs, infection, scarring, and hernias through the incision.

St. John Hospital and Medical Center has one of just 50 TEMS units in the United States. We recently performed the first TEMS procedure in the tri-county area on Dr. Norbert Czajkowski, an ophthalmologist who lives in St. Clair. He was released less than 24 hours after the procedure and was able to return to work the following Monday to a full schedule of ophthalmologic surgeries.

"It's a small miracle," Czajkowski said about his recovery. "It's the difference between six to eight weeks of being down and miserable, compared to feeling great the next day."

While TEMS is a tremendous advance in rectal surgery, not all patients are suitable candidates for the procedure. For instance, patients who have advanced cancerous tumors and tumors located higher than 20 centimeters in the rectum generally require traditional surgery, and they also may need a course of radiation and chemotherapy afterward to help prevent the cancer from spreading or recurring.

Potential patients also must be able to tolerate general anesthesia. However, because the procedure is minimally invasive, both high risk and elderly patients who cannot undergo the abdominal procedure can have the TEMS procedure under spinal anesthesia.

The St. John Minimally Invasive Surgery Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center offers TEMS and dozens of other minimally invasive procedures in nine different specialties. For more information or to obtain a brochure about all minimally invasive procedures, call (888) 475-6472.

Dr. Abdelkader Hawasli of Grosse Pointe is Director of Laparoscopic Surgery and the St. John Minimally Invasive Surgery Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Understanding alcoholism can be key to solving drinking problems

Some people worry about their alcohol use but are not convinced that they need help. Friends or relatives might express their concern — "You have a drinking problem." But often that well-intentioned statement fails to define the issue or suggest a clear solution.

To cut through the confusion, it helps to understand the difference between alcohol abuse and alcohol dependence. Making this distinction can help you think clearly about a "drinking problem"— and allow you or a loved one to get the kind of help that makes a difference.

Alcohol dependence — often called "alcoholism" — is only one potential complication of drinking. Alcohol abuse can disrupt lives as well. In its diagnostic manual, the American Psychiatric Association defines alcohol abuse as drinking that leads to "clinically significant impairment or distress." For example:

- Neglecting major responsibilities at work, school or home.
- Drinking in hazardous situations, such as driving while intoxicated.
- Drinking that leads to recurrent legal problems, such as arrests for disorderly conduct.
- Continued drinking even when it leads to recurrent social problems — for example, violent arguments.

Those consequences are serious enough. But alcohol dependence can involve any of them and goes on to include:

- Tolerance — drinking in greater quantities in order to achieve a desired level of intoxication.
- Withdrawal — feeling symptoms of illness when alcohol is not available. Examples of those symptoms are anxiety, nausea, vomiting, trembling, confusion, seizures and hallucinations.
- Compulsive use — drinking that continues even after a person makes repeated promises to quit or experiences significant problems that relate directly to alcohol use.

In short, dependence has two dimensions. One is psychological — the belief that alcohol is essential to functioning in daily life. The other one is physiological — feeling extreme discomfort when access to alcohol is delayed or denied. Alcoholics Anonymous defines alcoholism simply: "a physical compulsion, coupled with a mental obsession to drink."

Chuck Rice, a licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor at Hazelden and an adjunct assistant professor in Hazelden's Graduate School of Addiction Studies in Center City, Minn., makes three points that can help you further understand the nature of alcohol abuse and dependence.

First, these diagnoses are points on a single continuum. In fact, a common scenario is for drinkers to move from casual alcohol use to abuse and then to dependence.

"In plain English, the difference is really a matter of degree," Rice said. "When drinkers start having tolerance and withdrawal, they are at a point where they move into dependence."

Second, however, drinkers do not always follow a fixed path from abuse to dependence. Some remain abusers all their lives. And others cross the line to dependence soon after their first drink.

Finally, it's not the amount of alcohol consumed that defines the difference between abuse and dependence. Instead, Rice said, "We measure the problem by the impact of drinking on somebody's life. The real question is: What's your level of impairment and distress?"

Alcohol abusers may be more episodic in their problems, but they pose the same grave danger to themselves as well as the general public. If they're involved in an alcohol-related accident, they may be ordered by the court to undergo a chemical dependency assessment or attend substance abuse education classes. If they seek chemical dependency treatment, Rice noted, they generally find their way into an outpatient program.

This may contrast with people who are dependent on alcohol, or those who cannot drink safely at all. The depth of their drinking problem may call for intensive inpatient treatment — a residential program that removes them from the people, places and things associated with their alcohol use.

The complexity of alcohol-related diagnoses makes a case for getting professional help when you have a concern about alcohol use. See your doctor and ask for a referral to someone trained in chemical dependency treatment. Or call the National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Referral Routing Service at (800) 662-HELP (4357). Getting an expert assessment up front can save time and perhaps save your life.

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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Breastfeeding Connection - The Breastfeeding Connection is a Bon Secours Cottage support group for mothers who breastfeed. Call (586) 779-7909 for meeting times and dates. In addition, the La Leche League meets from 7 to 9:30 p.m. every third Monday at Bon Secours Hospital. Call Mary (313) 343-1705 or (313) 343-1777.

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

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Hearing impairment affects approximately 10% of the population. Although people of all ages can be affected by a hearing loss, those over 60 years of age are specially at risk. 30% of those over 60 years of age have a significant hearing loss, making it one of the most chronic disorders. Hearing loss is invisible, it doesn't hurt and the onset is typically gradual. Yet it has a profound affect on the people around us.

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Dr. Lezotte

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Know Your Skin
by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



Whenever skin becomes thickened, it is described as becoming "keratotic". When the area becomes noticeably thickened, the site is referred to as being hyperkeratotic. There are numerous occurrences of hyperkeratotic lesions. Actinic keratosis describes flat, red, rough patches that are potentially pre-cancerous. Seborrheic keratosis describes small tan or brown lesions that may look like wax stuck onto the skin which are usually harmless. Mature warts also can become thickened in appearance and potentially painful as well.

Corns and calluses are the most common occurrence of hyperkeratosis. These areas of thickened skin usually occur because of a mechanical influence - rubbing or pressure that causes the skin to become hyperkeratotic. While not usually a medical condition, when thickened skin becomes painful or cracks and bleeds, medical attention may be required.

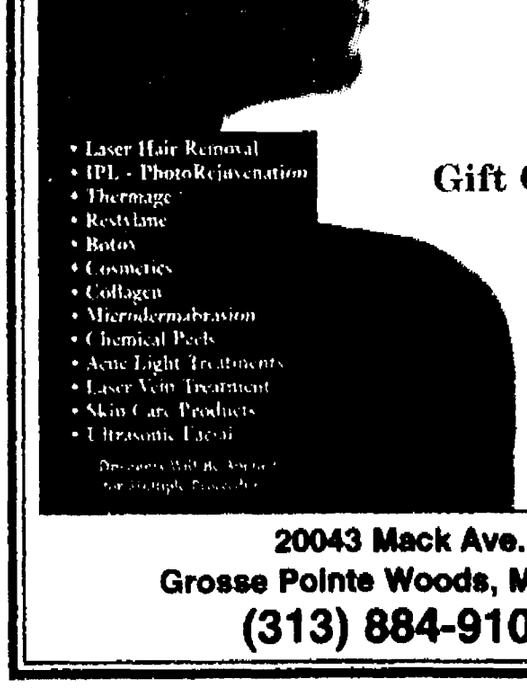
The appearance of calluses without mechanical cause may indicate the presence of an underlying genetic condition. These rare diseases, which most often first appear in childhood, are usually various forms of disorders called ichthyosis. Palmoplantar hyperkeratosis for example is a condition which can cause thick and extensive calluses to form on the palms and soles; epidermolytic hyperkeratosis describes a genetic condition which can involve skin thickening anywhere on the body.

To learn more about hyperkeratotic lesions and their treatment, contact your dermatologist, or call us at *Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates. Eastside Dermatology has offices in New Baltimore and Grosse Pointe. You can reach them at (313) 884-3380.*

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Pastor's Corner
Lent/Holy Week

By the Rev. Dr. Walter A. Schmidt
Senior Pastor
First English Lutheran

We are now well into the Season of Lent, a season of reflection, repentance, preparation and introspection, as we get ready to celebrate the events of Holy Week, the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Season of Lent is 40 days long, following the tradition of Jesus' 40 days of temptation in the wilderness after he was baptized by John in the River Jordon.

This number 40, as well as many of the events of Lent and Holy Week, is based primarily upon tradition. For example, there is nothing specific in the Bible that commands us to set aside 40 days prior to Holy Week.

In fact, many of the practices of Lent and Holy Week, plus the names we use, have their foundation, again in tradition rather than biblical demands. For example, you will not find the phrase "Ash Wednesday" in the Bible, nor the command to place ashes on our foreheads. Neither will you find the words "Holy Week," nor "Palm Sunday" nor "Maundy Thursday," nor "Good Friday."

In fact, you will not even find the word "Easter" in the Bible.

Now my point is not to put down these traditions and phrases; in fact, the longer I live the more I see the value of positive traditions.

Traditions give to us the opportunity to mark important events and happenings in our lives, our history, our family and culture.

Plus it certainly is much easier to simply say "Good Friday" rather than to say "the day that Jesus was crucified." Plus, to show the power of traditions, as soon as one says "Good Friday" just about everyone knows what you are talking about, right?

Yes, I could tell you where we get at least most of the traditions concerning the terms we use such as "Ash Wednesday" or "Holy Week," but you can look them up for yourself on the Web.

My concern and my emphasis as a parish pastor is that we celebrate and remember the traditions for they are based upon the reality of what Jesus has done for us.

When it comes right down to it, the significance lies not in what we might call an event, but rather what it means for our lives.

The events of Holy Week, the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, mean everything to the child of God; so let us celebrate and remember those special traditions.

Class offered at St. Paul's

The Lay Theological Academy will present "Going to Meet Phyllis," at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The presenter will be Denise Crenshaw and the cost is $5.

Crenshaw will spend the evening helping participants get to know the work of Phyllis Tickle, an internationally known writer on the spiritual life. For more information, call (313) 881-6670.



Photo by Robert McKean

The entire cast of the Christ Church's performance of "Noye's Fludde." There are 60 pair of animals which move into the ark during the March 4, 5, and 6 performances.

Fludde

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And the animals burst into a chorus of alleluias.

"Noye's Fludde" will be presented in the nave of Christ Church Grosse Pointe at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 4, and Saturday, March 5, and at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 6.

Tickets are available at the church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., by calling (313) 885-4841 and at the door, if space permits.

Advance purchase is recommended.

Prices are $10 for children, students and groups of 10 or more; $15 for adults; and $50 for patrons, which includes preferred seating and an opening night reception.

Play's background

British composer Benjamin Britten (1913-1976) wanted children to be interested and involved in music, so he wrote "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra."

He likened them of conflict between the simple man and a corrupt society. He also enjoyed writing choral music and liturgical settings, such as his much-loved "Ceremony of Carols" and "Festival Te Deum."

Britten's discovery of England's medieval mystery plays resulted in "Noye's Fludde," intended for school children to both sing and perform. Noah, Mrs. Noah and a five-piece orchestra were the only adults. Completed in 1958, it is a "chancel drama," to be performed in a church.

World Day of Prayer on March 4

Grosse Pointe women and men will join Christians in 170 countries on Friday, March 4, for the annual World Day of Prayer. Here the service will begin at 1 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe United Church.

Jerzy Rozalski, the Polish radio director, will be the speaker at the church located on Chalfonte at Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The origins of this worldwide event date back to the 19th century when Christian women of the United States and Canada initiated a variety of cooperative activities in support of women's involvement in mission at home and in other parts of the world. In 1912, the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions called for a united day of prayer for foreign missions. Following World War I, women organized the first national Day of Prayer in Canada on Jan. 9, 1920. In the United States, the first Friday in Lent was set as a joint day of prayer for missions on Feb. 20, 1920. During the next two decades it evolved.

In 1941, the coordination of World Day of Prayer in the United States was the responsibility of the interdenominational Church Women United.

The 2005 celebration service is of Polish authorship and entitled "Let Our Light Shine."

Throughout the day, from the first sunrise to the last sunset, prayers follow the sun's path around the globe, and this service will be recited as all Christians join together to reflect on Scripture and pray for Christ's light to shine in all participants.

All churches in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods have been invited to participate in the annual World Day of Prayer.

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'Girls Just Want to Have Fun' evening is March 4

The Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center has planned an evening of shopping, entertainment and food, a "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" event, from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, March 4, at the Assumption Greek Cultural Center, 21800 Marter in St. Clair Shores.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the Northeast Guidance Center's mental health and other community-based programs.

Guests will have a chance to indulge themselves by sipping free champagne, sampling hors d'oeuvres, desserts and coffee, shopping and participating in a raffle.

Shopping will include a selection of clothing, jewelry, housewares, decorative items, accessories and women's health and beauty services.

The raffle items include jewelry from Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers and Koueiter and Sons Jewelry, a night on the town featuring Metro Cars, dinner at Sweet Lorraine's Cafe, gift certificates and more.

The Assistance League is a nonprofit auxiliary that supports the behavioral and related health care services provided by the Northeast Guidance Center, a member of the CareLink Network and other area agencies. The services impact high-risk children and adults on Detroit's east side, in the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. NEGC serves more than 200,000 residents through programs designed to address problems including anxiety disorder, attention deficit disorder, chronic mental illness, depression, school absenteeism and substance abuse.

The Assistance League is a group of more than 100 women with a wide range of ages, professional backgrounds and interests. The organization plans many fundraising events such as Girls Just Want to Have Fun night, golf outings, progressive dinners, talent shows, tennis tournaments, Art on the Pointe and more.

Karen Cassetta of the City of Grosse Pointe is chairman of the event.

Tickets are $30; vendor tables are $100. Tickets may be purchased at the Assumption Center, The League Shop, 72 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms, by calling Lynne at (313) 882-1127 or at the door.

Cirque: The Founders Junior Council, a Detroit Institute of Arts' (DIA) auxiliary, and The Scarab Club will present "Cirque," the fourth annual masked ball, beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth in Detroit's downtown cultural center.

The black-tie or costumed event includes a champagne reception, strolling supper and a variety of entertainment that includes Detroit diva Thornetta Davis, DJ Shortround and a shocking fire- and sword-swallowing presentation.

Cirque will exhibit six local artists in a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit new acquisitions to the DIA's collection. Donating artists include **Patricia Hill Burnett, Scott Maggart, Robert Maniscalco, William Murcko, Joe Michael Neumann** and **Kevin "Slaw" Stanislawski.**

Tickets are $125 and may be purchased by calling (313) 833-3737 or going online to www.foundersjuniorcouncil.org. Prepaid reservations are required.

Located in the heart of Detroit's Cultural Center, the DIA is owned by the City of Detroit and is recognized as one of the country's premier art museums. From the first van Gogh to enter a United States museum (Self Portrait,1887), to Diego Rivera's world-renowned Detroit Industry murals, the DIA's collection reveals the scope and depth of human experience, imagination and emotion.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Admission is a donation, a recommended $4 for adults and $1 for children. DIA members are admitted free. For membership information call (313) 833-7971.

Celeb auction: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra Volunteer Council will hold its sixth annual celebrity auction beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, at the Bloomfield Hills home of **Alice** and **Jim Forrest.** The event will include cocktails and a silent auction, followed by dinner and a live auction conducted by DSO resident conductor **Thomas Wilkins**, and auctioneer **David Levy.**

Ticket prices are $175 for donors, $300 for patrons and $425 for benefactors. For reservations, call (313) 576-5059 or go to jallen@dso.org.

The DSO Volunteer Council raises funds to support concerts and educational programs of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, which invests $1.2 million in programs that reach more than 75,000 students in southeastern Michigan each year.

Empty Bowls: Pewabic Pottery, Michigan's only historic pottery, and Gleaners Food Bank will sponsor the 11th annual "Empty Bowls" fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Pewabic Pottery, 10125 East Jefferson in Detroit.

Guests will purchase a handcrafted pottery bowl, then enjoy soup until 2 p.m., and shopping until 6 p.m. Bowls are handcrafted by local artists and local children and range from $5 to $10 apiece.

There will also be a silent auction of special bowls. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to Gleaners Food Bank.

The menu includes soup donated by Detroit restaurants including Beverly Hills Grill, Lunchtime Deli, Rivertown Deli, Sindbads and Zoup! soup. Bread will be donated by Metropolitan Bakery of Detroit.

Gleaners has been securing surplus food from farmers, grocery retailers, food distributors and processors that would otherwise go to waste and making it available to hungry people in southeast Michigan.

For information, call Pewabic Pottery at (313) 822-0954.

— Margie Reins Smith

Fontbonne Auxiliary plans annual 'Lenten Day of Renewal'

The Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center will hold its 16th annual Lenten Day of Renewal, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, March 4, at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Rev. Pam Beedle-Gee will be the keynote speaker. Her program is titled, "Planting Seeds of Possibility."

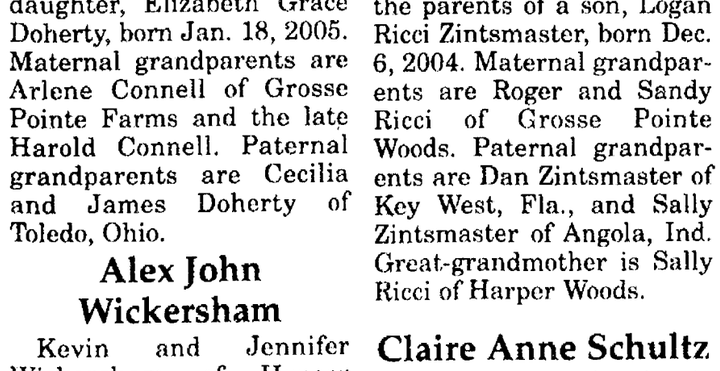
The program includes a coffee reception, two sessions of educational reflection and a worship service. Lunch is included.

Beedle-Gee is associate pastor of the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. The mother of six and grandmother of five has a bachelor's degree in social work and a master's degree in divinity and Christian education.

"Planting Seeds of Possibility" will focus on ways that opportunity is squelched in our busy lives and how, instead, we can plant seeds of possibility and enrich our spiritual gifts.

The cost for the whole Day of Renewal, including lunch, is $25 a person. To make a reservation, call the Fontbonne Auxiliary office at (313) 343-3674.

Co-chairmen of the event are Jan Utter, Carolyn Wagner and Patricia Young.



From left, are Jan Utter and Carolyn Wagner, chairmen of the Fontbonne Auxiliary's "Lenten Day of Renewal," and the Rev. Pam Beedle-Gee of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, the keynote speaker for the day. Not shown is co-chairman Patricia Young.

Volunteers deliver Valentine cards, flowers

"I want everyone to know how much the Valentine visit, card and flowers and treats have meant to me," said a grateful senior citizen who lives alone.

Heart to Heart, a project organized by Services for Older Citizens (SOC) helped brighten Valentine's Day for many local homebound seniors.

Volunteers worked together on Feb. 5, creating and delivering valentine cards to seniors in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.



Marty Potter of the City of Grosse Pointe helped bag donated baked goods for delivery to local senior citizens.

Hundreds of beautiful cards were made and delivered by students from Kerby Elementary School, Parcells Middle School, Ferry Elementary School, St. Joan of Arc School, Grosse Pointe Academy, St. Paul School, Grosse Pointe North High School's Willow group, Grosse Pointe South High School's Interact group, as well as local families, church groups and individuals.

"Thank you cards poured into the office to express how much this yearly event means to our local senior community," said Betsy Schulte, Volunteer Coordinator at SOC. "One senior called and explained that sometimes we wait to be remembered by someone and today we were remembered by local school students; This made me feel special."

Schulte emphasized a special thank you was due to the following companies for their food donations for the project: Einstein Brothers Bagels, Bruegger's Bagel Bakery, Farms Market, Kroger's in the Village, Atlanta Bread, Village Food Market and Josef's Bakery.

The following local florists were responsible for the flowers that spread smiles throughout the community, she said: A Floral Leaf, Moehring-Woods Flowers, The Arrangement, Charvat the Florist, Mancusco Florist, Grosse Pointe Florists and Sweeney's Flowers and The Secret Garden.

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) of Grosse Pointe is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping older citizens maintain their lives with independence and dignity. For upcoming volunteer opportunities, call (313) 882-9600.

Nominate a local 'senior friendly' business

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) will recognize 25 businesses that value seniors and are willing to go above and beyond to be "senior friendly." The businesses will be selected by a committee from a large field of candidates from Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

Each business will be evaluated based on its actions and its demonstrated commitment to serving the needs of seniors. The winners will be honored at SOC's 2005 All Star Celebration reception which will be held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

What is a "senior friendly" business?

"Sometimes it is the little things that it does — walking a customer to her car, talking slowly or just being there to listen. Sometimes it is the big things like creating aisles that are wide enough for wheelchairs or offering delivery service.

"Always, we are looking beyond the easy way to the point of what's right and fair for the seniors of our community," said Sharon Maier, SOC Executive Director.

Call Suzanne Mondalek at (313) 882-9600 by Tuesday, March 1, to nominate a Grosse Pointe or Harper Woods business for the "senior friendly" award.

Services for Older Citizens was founded in 1978 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping older citizens in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods maintain their lives in independence and dignity. SOC provides Meals on Wheels, minor home maintenance, tax assistance, durable medical goods and information to seniors and their families. For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

Babies

Elizabeth Grace Doherty

Anne and Jim Doherty of Chicago are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Grace Doherty, born Jan. 18, 2005. Maternal grandparents are Arlene Connell of Grosse Pointe Farms and the late Harold Connell. Paternal grandparents are Cecilia and James Doherty of Toledo, Ohio.

Alex John Wickersham

Kevin and Jennifer Wickersham of Harper Woods are the parents of a son, Alex John Wickersham, born Jan. 7, 2005.

Maternal grandparents are John and Susan Pierce of Grosse Pointe Farms and Chuck and Sandi Witzke of Port Charlotte, Fla. Paternal grandparents are Galen and Renee Wickersham of Birmingham. Great-grandmother is Helen Witzke of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Logan Ricci Zintsmaster

Dan and Tina Zintsmaster of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a son, Logan Ricci Zintsmaster, born Dec. 6, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Roger and Sandy Ricci of Grosse Pointe Woods. Paternal grandparents are Dan Zintsmaster of Key West, Fla., and Sally Zintsmaster of Angola, Ind. Great-grandmother is Sally Ricci of Harper Woods.

Claire Anne Schultz

Andrew and Stephanie Schultz of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Claire Anne Schultz, born Dec. 19, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Michael and Sandra Buda of Bay City. Paternal grandparents are Bill and Anne Schultz of Grosse Pointe Park. Great-grandparents are Bill and Clara Burgess of Bay City and William (Buster) Schultz of Warren.



Think about growing lettuce in containers

Down to Earth

By Kathleen Peabody

The time is drawing closer — at least for those of us itching to get our fingers in the soil. What do I want to plant this year? Something new.

With the addition of a new upstairs porch right off my office, I have virgin territory for some container-held plants. Those crossing my mind are edibles — particularly, greens. They have a confined growing habit and will do well in containers.

After looking through the various seed catalogs arriving daily, I realized one of my favorites, The Cook's Garden, was missing. I went to their Web site and sent a note which was answered by co-founder Ellen Ecker Ogden. She gave me suggestions about various "greens" to grow and whether or not I was on the right track.

We laughed about the fact that the snow was still on the ground but decided it was another good reason to grow greens, especially lettuces.

"If it's not a good growing season, you have something fairly quickly," Ogden said. "Salad greens are perfect for instant gratification."

Many lettuces take only 30 days to give you a finished product, and, depending upon the type grown, the plant may continue to feed you through the summer.

Ogden suggested some mesclun, which originated in Europe. The three favorites are Mistacanza, Nicoise and Provencal. Also mentioned as a quick grower was arugula. It was found in the organic section of the Web site.

We also chatted about kale, spinach and chard. Some recommendations included a chard called Perpetual Spinach and another known as the multicolored Bright Lights. What a delight this will be to look at.

As for kale, Ogden suggested Laciniato, which is a silver leafed, Italian heirloom; or Wild Kale Mix for growing in containers.

Last fall I searched for some kale which was ornamental as well as edible. Kale is known to grow well in part shade, something of which I have plenty. Later in the season, none of the local nurseries had a plant they would recommend eating. Growing my own this year to enjoy visually and culinarily will give me great satisfaction, not to mention nutrition.

Hannah Stevens, horticultural agent from Macomb County MSU Extension Service, is one of the state's vegetable experts. Her suggestion was turnip and mustard greens. Neither gets enormous and both are a cool-weather crop. "Plant a dozen seeds, and you can thin and eat the plants at the same time," Stevens said.

Rose Marie Nichols McGee, co-owner of Nichols Garden Nursery and author of "The Bountiful Container," shared a discussion. She suggested that greens were wonderful to grow in containers. "No deep pot is needed; 6 to 8 inches is sufficient," she said. Her premise is that edibles are dual-purpose foods, being wonderful to look at and enjoyable to munch.

One of the problems in my garden is the limited amount of sun. Nichols McGee said to maximize it. "When considering limited sun and space, think vertically," she said. "Use supports and train things up and over."

Check the Nichols Garden Nursery to order its free catalog. In it is Tuscan Kale, an organic seed growing well in containers. A nice selection of organic products is also found in this guide.

Yet another good source for organic European varieties, as well as Oriental greens and vegetables, is the Territorial Seed Company. If you're searching for heirloom seeds, which tend to have richer flavor and a natural resistance to diseases and pests and have been cultivated for the last 50 years, the Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds is a good source.

And last, the buzz in the world of vegetable gardening is a new Web site sponsored by Cornell University's Department of Horticulture. It profiles more than 2,000 varieties. Gardeners can search for details such as how long each selection takes to mature, and gardeners can also find links to seed companies that sell the variety.

Growing greens

Although they come in a wide variety of colors and varieties, greens enjoy similar growing conditions. Cool weather, fertile soil and consistent moisture are the three musts for growing greens, either in containers or in the ground.

When planting from seed, check the packet for depth and timing requirements. Plant most greens in our area as the soil thaws, about four weeks before the average last-frost date.

Choose the container with weight and drainage in mind. If you plan to move the pot to follow the sun, be sure the container itself is light enough without the added amenities. Sow baby salad greens 1/2 inch apart in rows.

When the greens reach 2 inches in height, gently cut the leaves with the scissors about 1/2 inch above the soil. Most plants will regrow in a couple of weeks for a second harvest.

Start the season early by planting seeds indoors, and transplant to avoid thinning. Once planted, a time-release fertilizer is in order. Remember to water and feed container plants more often than those planted in the ground.

Just good eating

Another catalog I look forward to reading is John Scheepers Kitchen Garden Seeds. One interesting item in this catalog is the "Chefs Collaborative Statement of Principles."

According to the catalog and Web site, "The Chefs Collaborative is a network of chefs, restaurateurs and other culinary professionals who promote sustainable cuisine by teaching their children, supporting local farmers, educating each other and inspiring their customers to choose clean, healthy foods."

Check out the eight statements and you'll know why I chose greens to begin my garden dreams.

With my research complete, I'm ready to place a few orders, and I'll let you know how the "green containers" do in the coming months.

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What's going on?

• "Renaissance Gardens of Italy," is the topic at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, at the Children's House of Detroit. Jean Patricia Cardellio, founding member of the Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe unit, as she shares her journey into villas and gardens of the past. No charge. Call (313) 886-2797 before March 7 for details.

• A lecture, "Starting Plants from Seeds," begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 5, at Telly's Greenhouse in Troy. Learn from owner George Papadelis what it takes to successfully grow your own seeds, indoors and out. $5. Call (248) 689-8735 for more information.

• "The Big, the Bold and the Beautiful," is the topic at 7 p.m., Friday, March 11, at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Ave. in Pontiac. Landscape designer and ornamental horticulturist Jim Sleznski will teach you to add drama and "live life large" in your garden. The $7.50 ticket price benefits The Bower School Farm's Bird and Butterfly Garden. Call (248) 332-6430 for details.

• The week of March 4 through 12 is Agriculture and Natural Resources Week at Michigan State University. Call (517) 353-3175, ext. 217 for complete information. A list of the groups and offerings include:

The Michigan Wildflower Conference, March 6 and 8;

Introductory and Advanced Garden Design Workshop offered by MSU Master Gardener program, March 8 and 9;

Michigan Herb Associates annual conference with wonderful programs and speakers, March 9 and 10;

Michigan MG Program returns with instruction on Seed Starting from Scratch, Backyard Composting and Vines and Climbers;

Horticultural Therapy: Connecting People and Plants, March 11.

Meetings

Ski Club

The Grosse Pointe Ski Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, at Fishbones, Nine Mile and Jefferson in St. Clair Shores. Discussion will include upcoming activities and elections. Seniors, singles and couples are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Call president Ron Malis at (313) 823-2288 (evenings) for details.

G.P. Audubon

Grosse Pointe Audubon and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial will present "An Introduction to Michigan Birds of Prey," a free educational program for children by Joe Rogers, a wildlife rehabilitation specialist. The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in the ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Those who attend are encouraged to bring a camera if they wish to photograph the live birds, including hawks and owls. For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

Classical Music League

The Grosse Pointe Classical Music League will meet to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Thursday, March 17, at the Lochmoor Club.



Gloff

After the luncheon, entertainment will be by Davis Gloff, lyric baritone and pianist. Gloff was an on-air personality at WQRS-FM for eight years and is currently an announcer on classicalmusicamerica.com.

The Classical Music League promotes good music and awards scholarships to talented students.

The cost of the luncheon is $22. There is no charge for the entertainment. For reservations, call Louise at (313) 881-9701.





Egg, Sausage Florentine is healthy substitute for Eggs Benedict

This week's recipe was inspired from two different (yet similar) breakfast treats. The ever-famous Eggs Benedict and the perhaps even more famous Egg McMuffin or, to be more exact, the sausage, egg and cheese on an English muffin.

The first you'll find on a cruise ship menu or at a brunch buffet. The latter you'll find in the back seats of mini vans racing around town to the Saturday morning sporting events and dance lessons.

Both versions are high in fat and calories. I've created a healthy warm breakfast that you can treat your family to the next time you feel like brunch.



Swiss Egg and Sausage Florentine

2 - 10-oz. boxes frozen spinach, cooked to microwave directions
1 medium onion, chopped
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 1/4 cups Half & Half
1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme (plus more for garnish)
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
3 whole grain English muffins, split
6 Morningstar Farms frozen breakfast (veggie) patties, thawed
6 slices lite Swiss cheese
6 eggs, poached

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Begin by making the Florentine. In a large nonstick skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Add the onion and saute for about 8 minutes, until the onion becomes soft and begins to brown. Add the Half & Half, thyme and nutmeg and cook at a brisk simmer for 3 minutes, until the liquid is reduced by one-third and thickens slightly. Stir in the spinach, salt and pepper and reduce heat to low. Cover and stir occasionally while preparing the rest of the dish.

Place the English muffin halves on a baking sheet and bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat a medium skillet over medium heat. Lightly coat the veggie patties with no-stick spray and place in the heated skillet. Cook for 3 or 4 minutes on each side. The patties should brown slightly but don't overcook them. Remove the muffins and lower oven to 300 degrees. Top each muffin half with a slice of Swiss followed by a veggie patty. Return the muffins to the oven for 8 minutes (at 300 degrees).

Bring a medium pot of water to a boil and crack the eggs into the water. Cook the eggs for 4 to 6 minutes. Place each muffin half on a plate and top with 1/2 cup of the spinach mixture. Top with a poached egg. Garnish the plate with fresh tomato and a sprig of fresh thyme on the poached egg.

Poaching eggs is really quite simple. Cook time will depend on how rapid your water is boiling. Use a slotted spoon to remove the eggs from the water. A fried egg will also sit nicely on the bed of green.

As a lunch option, substitute sliced hard-boiled eggs.

You can prepare this dish with plain English muffins, full-fat Swiss and "real" sausage patties if you wish. But don't you get enough of that at restaurants and drive-through windows? Take this opportunity to try a healthy version of a breakfast treat, or serve it for dinner.

I found the Florentine recipe in Gourmet magazine.

It in itself is a delicious side dish. The leftovers won't go to waste.

'Art in the Stations' author will speak on March 9 at new Ewald branch library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library will present "Art in the Stations — The Detroit People Mover," with local author and art authority, Irene Walt, at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 9, at the Carolyn and Ted Ewald Memorial Branch.

Walt, who served as the chairman for Downtown People Mover Art Commission, will discuss her new book, "Art in the Stations — The Detroit People Mover," which documents Detroit's rich culture and shows the determination and hard work that made the People Mover art possible.

When the People Mover, Detroit's elevated transit system, was being planned, the stations were designed simply to serve as basic points of entry and departure. In 1984, Walt and the Downtown People Mover Art Commission, a volunteer committee also known as Art in the Stations, undertook the task of incorporating major works by contemporary American artists into the 13 People Mover stations.

Detroit now has one of the most impressive collections of public art in the country.

Admission is free, but seating is limited. Call (313) 343-2074, ext. 220 to register.

Bon Secours Cottage offers support of Families Anonymous

Families Anonymous, a 12-step, self-help support program for parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who are concerned about and affected by a loved one's substance abuse or behavioral problem, meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays at Cottage Hospital, Lower Level, Board Room B.

Families Anonymous meetings are open to the public. The forum is not intended for the individual with the problem, but for concerned friends and family members of a person who is abusing drugs or alcohol and displaying behavior that is destructive to the abuser and to those around him or her. Teens age 15 and older may attend. The group is not recommended for those younger than 15.

No dues or fees are required. First names only are used at meetings to preserve individual anonymity. Advance notice or registration is not necessary to attend a meeting. Visitors and support persons are welcome. For additional information, call (313) 882-1921.

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Heeeere's Johnny

Before the late Johnny Carson began his 30-year reign on the "Tonight Show," he hosted game shows, including "Who Do You Trust?" In April 1959, Grosse Pointe Woods residents Anthony and Charlotte Bist appeared on the program while vacationing in New York City to celebrate their 12th wedding anniversary. Anthony won a motorcycle. Charlotte came away with a beauty kit and an outfit of stylish Manhattan fashions. Charlotte enjoys the photo as a keepsake of her late husband. "Who Do You Trust?" aired from 1956 to 1963, with Carson hosting the daytime edition from 1957 to 1962 on ABC. The show, a variation on Groucho Marx's "You Bet Your Life," was largely unscripted, which suited Carson's friendly, casual humor. "Who Do You Trust?" paired Carson with future "Tonight Show" sidekick Ed McMahon as announcer. Carson, who had been doing stand-up comedy, replaced original host Edgar Bergen, the ventriloquist and creator of characters Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd.

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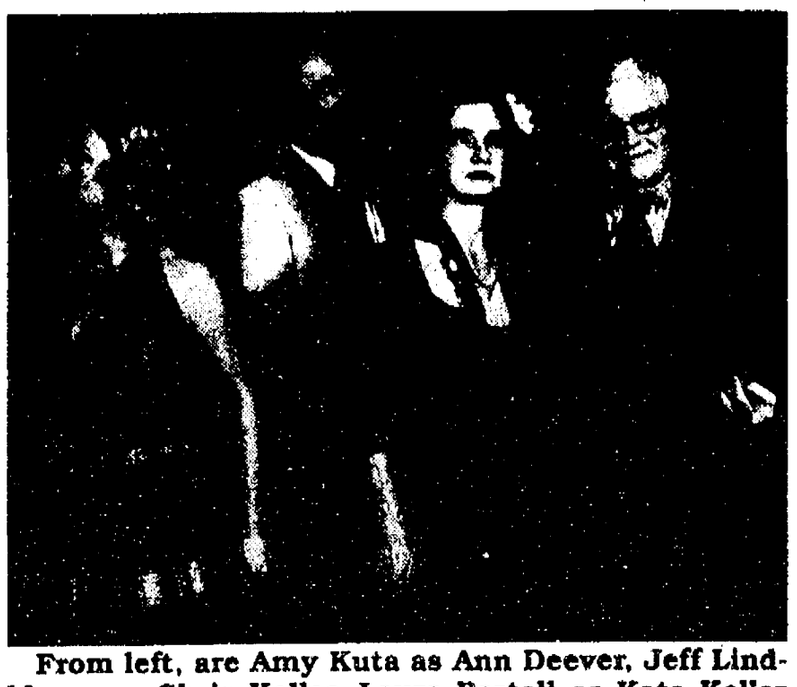
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G.P. Theatre presents Miller's 'All My Sons'



From left, are Amy Kuta as Ann Deever, Jeff Lindbloom as Chris Keller, Laura Bartell as Kate Keller and Dennis Wickline as Joe Keller, in "All My Sons." by Arthur Miller.

The post-World War II drama opens for two weeks at the Fries Auditorium in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 27. For tickets, call (313) 881-4004.

Grosse Pointe Theatre will present "All My Sons," the drama that launched the career of the late playwright Arthur Miller.

The play opens at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, and runs from Wednesday, March 2, through Sunday, March 6; and Thursday, March 10, through Saturday, March 12. Matinees on Feb. 27 and March 6 begin at 2 p.m.; all other performances begin at 8 p.m.

"All My Sons" is the story of a family living in Ohio shortly after World War II. The family's factory made parts for planes used during the war.

It knowingly sold faulty parts that caused the loss of American planes and pilots, including one of the Kellers' sons.

Joe Keller will be played by Dennis Wickline of St. Clair Shores; Grosse Pointer Laura Bartell takes the role of Kate Keller. Other characters will be played by Jeff Lindbloom, Amy Kuta, Randy Skotarczyk, Harry Burkey, D.J. Haska, Chip Davis, Laurie Jamieson and Danielle Naidow.

The director is Susan Davis; producer is Jane Burkey; assistant producer, Jan Pareyt; technical director is Bob Battaglia; stage manager, Rick Hawley; assistant stage manager, Diana Whitman; stage manager mentor is Jesse Villegas.

The set design was created by Sue Davis; costumes by Bonnie Baglaj and mentor Mary Lou Olszewski; makeup is by Donna DiSante; lighting by Terry Davis and Bill Tuthill; sound by Dave Hertzberg; props by Suzanne Petz; and set dressing by Kathy Conlon and Pamela Montgomery.

All Grosse Pointe Theatre productions are staged in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Parking is free.

A dinner buffet is available before most evening performances. The buffet charge is separate and must be reserved in advance. Call (313) 881-7511.

Tickets are $15. Groups of 20 or more receive a $3 discount per ticket.

Special student tickets are also available for $10 at the door. Call (313) 881-4004.



G.P. A.A. exhibit

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association Art Center will hold an exhibit of 10 local artists, "A to Z: Recent Works," from Wednesday, March 2 through Saturday, April 2, at the Center, 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park.

Artists showing their work are Linda Allen, Dan Berdenski, Catherine Guinn, Robert Tyrrell, Nobuko Yamasaki and Lori Zurvalec, all Grosse Pointe residents. Other artists are Richie Campbell and Barbara Reich of Detroit, Gloria Goeddeke of Harrison Township and Juliet Sabit of Harper Woods.

A reception, which is open to the public, will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 4.

Artists and their work are shown, from left in the back row are Zurvalec, Sabit, Guinn, Tyrrell and Allen. In the front, from left, are Goeddeke, Reich, Berdenski and Yamasaki.

Exhibition hours are 1 to 5 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturdays. For more information about the exhibition, call Allen at (313) 884-3485 or Zurvalec at (313) 881-7084.



Lakeshore Optimists raise money for kids



Last year's Boxing Committee members and promoters are shown at the Lakeshore Optimists' fundraiser.

Standing, from left, are Jeff Graham, Dave Hohlfeldt, Nancy Grose, Kent Commer, Announcer and Emcee Wendy Stroup, Jeff Gross, Patricia Bartulio, Don Beardsley, Boxing Promoter Mike Grable and Lakeshore Optimist Club President Bill Murray.

Kneeling, from left, are Doug Cordier and Dave Fries.

Grosse Pointe Optimists will again put on their tuxedos and raise money for kids. The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe will hold its 11th annual Wild Game Dinner and Boxing Classic fundraiser on Friday, March 11, at Barrister Gardens in St. Clair Shores.

Live, sanctioned, amateur boxing together with the wild game menu and loads of raffle prizes combine for a great evening and help the Optimists toward their goal of raising $20,000 to help various local youth organizations, including the Foundation for Exceptional Children, the Family Center of Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe, Old Newsboys' Goodfellows Fund, the Neighborhood Club, Lakeshore YMCA, Grosse Pointe Farms Fishing Rodeo and many others.

Tickets, which include the wild game buffet and premium open bar, start at $85.

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February 24, 2005

Norsemen defeat another top-ranked hockey foe

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's hockey team will need a minor miracle to win a share of the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League championship, but the Norsemen certainly had a lot to say about who will finish first.

"Last week I told Andy (Cranbrook Kingswood coach Andy Wiedenbach) that we'd try to help him out (with a victory over Catholic Central). This week, I told Todd (CC coach Todd Johnston) that we'd see what we could do to help him," North coach Scott Lock said after the Norsemen's 4-3 victory over Cranbrook.

North, which moved up to No. 1 in Division II after its 1-0 victory over Catholic Central, the top-ranked team in Division I, will likely stay there after the win against Cranbrook, which held the top spot in the Division III rankings.

"Those are two big wins," Lock said. "We're playing well right now."

It couldn't come at a better time for the Norsemen, who begin state tournament play next Tuesday against Berkley in the regional at City Sports Center.

The wins over CC and Cranbrook marked the first time that North has beaten every team in the league at least once.

Cranbrook and North finished 7-3 in the league, while CC is 7-2 with one game remaining against Brother Rice.

"We could finish in a three-way tie if Rice can beat CC, but I'm not counting on it," Lock said. "I'm just happy to be one game out because this league is so tough."

An early-season loss to Port Huron Northern has come back to haunt the Norsemen. It was PHN's only league victory.

North's Colin Brown snapped a 3-3 tie against Cranbrook with a power-play goal with 1:41 remaining in the third period.

Brown's slap shot beat Cranes goalie Ryan McClure just under the crossbar on the far side of the net.

"It was a cannon shot," Lock said.

Jon Tibaudo and Drew Davis had the assists as North converted its only power-play opportunity of the game.

Cranbrook's Andrew Miller opened the scoring at 4:43 of the first period, but Davis, who played an excellent all-around game for North, tied the game with 5.6 seconds left in the period.

A puck squirted out from a scramble in front of the net and Davis one-timed it past McClure.

Cranbrook outshot North 11-4 in the first period, using its speed to create several scoring opportunities.

"They can fly, and they keep coming at you," Lock said. "(Goalie Evan) Chase was awesome in the first period."

Cranbrook had a two-man advantage for 58 seconds in the first period, but Chase and the North penalty killers did a good job of killing off the penalties.

"Cranbrook's lethal on the power play," Lock said. "That was huge."

North did a better job of slowing down the Cranes,

See NORTH, page 4C



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

Grosse Pointe South's Scott Maxwell (25) and Bryan Mansfield (10) tie up Ann Arbor Pioneer's Robbie Thornbladh in front of the Blue Devils' net.

South moves closer to title

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's hockey team moved a couple steps closer to a league championship last week.

The Blue Devils beat Southgate Anderson 4-2, then skated to an impressive 4-1 victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer in a pair of Michigan Metro High School Hockey League games.

Coach Bob Bopp was especially happy with South's third period against a strong Pioneer squad.

"We turned the whole game around in the third period," Bopp said. "I don't think (Pioneer) knew what hit them. We went from a game that was even for two periods, to totally taking over the game."

The game was tied 1-1 after each team scored early in the second period.

The Pioneers opened the scoring at 1:52 and South answered 31 seconds later on a goal by Frankie DeLaura from D.J. Rentz and Anthony Swancoat.

The Blue Devils started the third period with a successful penalty kill.

"Our focus between peri-

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Five wrestlers qualify for regional

The Division I individual district wrestling tournament turned out well for three Grosse Pointe North wrestlers and a pair of wrestlers from Grosse Pointe South.

The five Grosse Pointers advanced to Saturday's regional championships at Monroe High School. The top four finishers will qualify for the state championships at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

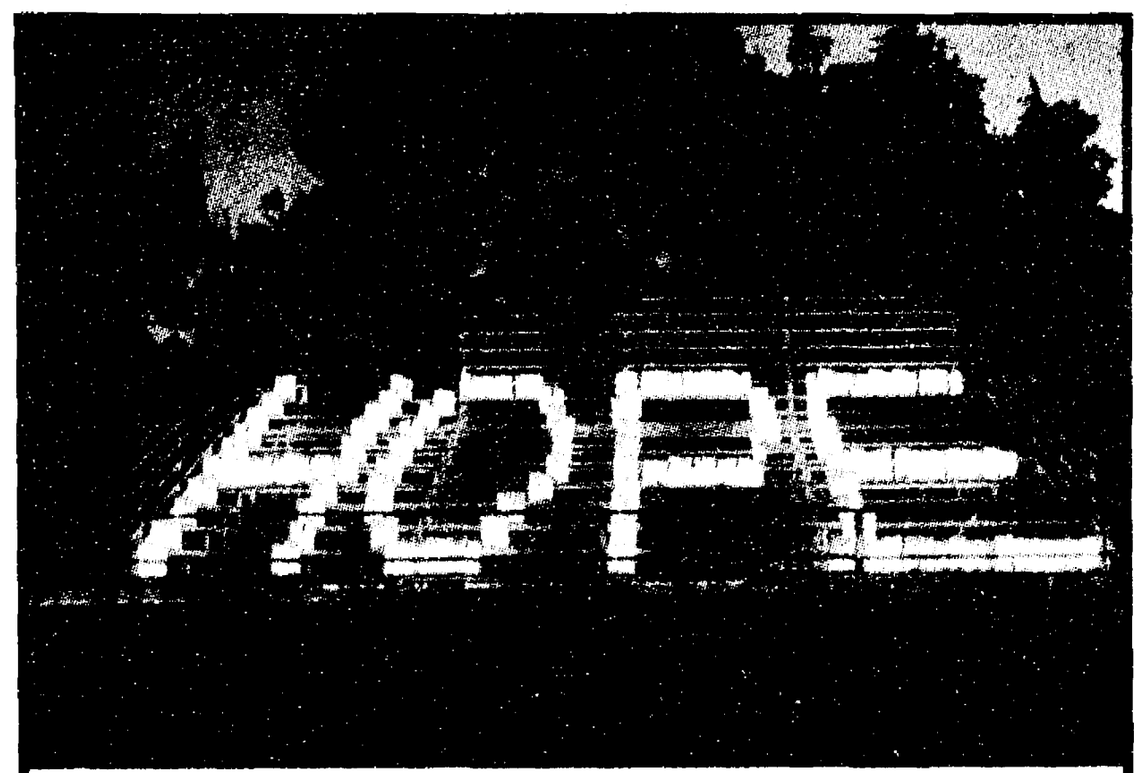
Heavyweight Spencer Channel and Ryan Stephens at 160 pounds each finished second in their weight classes for North.

South's A.J. Dixon was second at 189 pounds and the Blue Devils' Blake Walker was second at 130.

North's Mike Kurdziel won his consolation final at 119 pounds to earn a third-place medal.

"A.J. and Blake both wrestled great this weekend," said South coach Jose Ramirez. "Blake won an exciting double-overtime match to advance to the finals, which guaranteed advancement to the regional.

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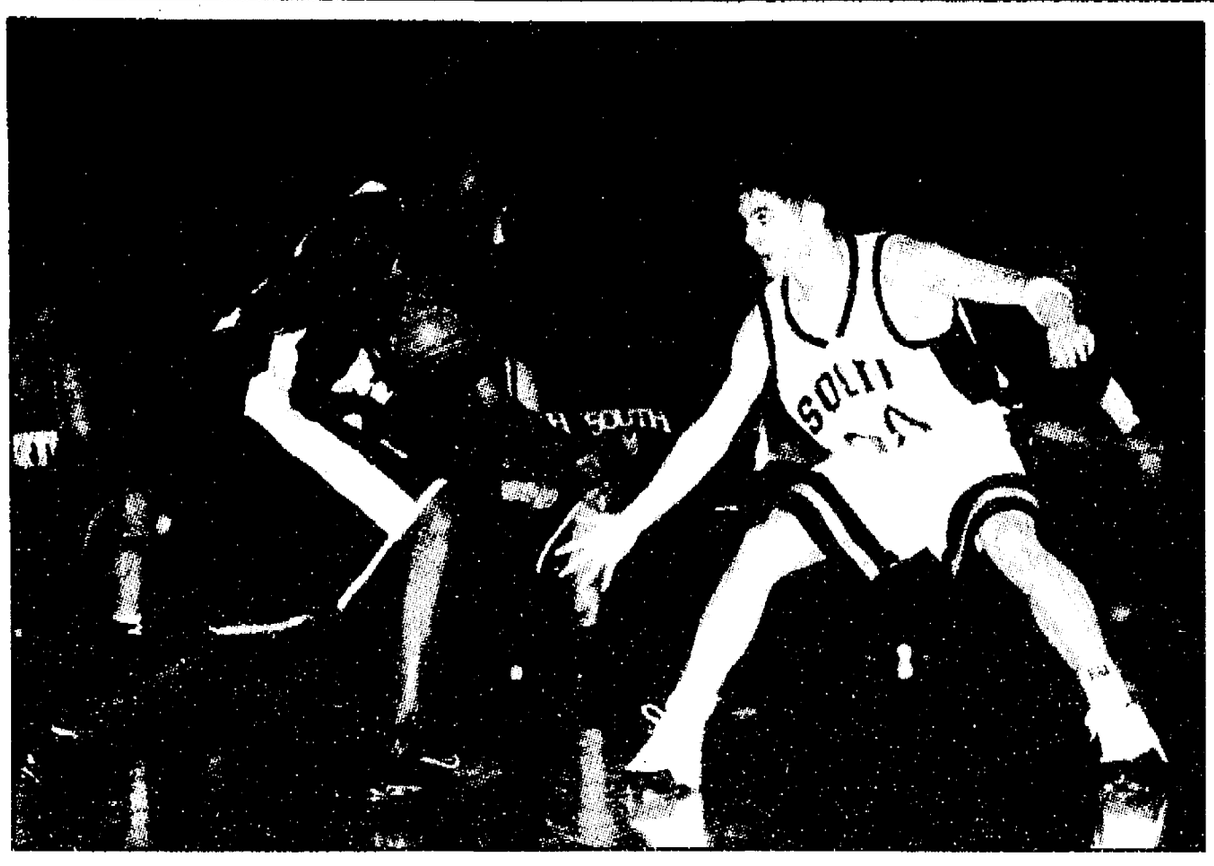


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

Grosse Pointe South's Eddie Barclay defends against a L'Anse Creuse North player during last week's Macomb Area Conference White Division game.

South's games a mirror image

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

It wasn't just the final score that was identical in both of Grosse Pointe South's Macomb Area Conference White Division defeats last week.

There were a lot more similarities as the Blue Devils lost 52-50 to L'Anse Creuse North and Port Huron.

Both teams had a strong inside presence that South had trouble defending.

LCN's Jaymes Rogan had 19 points and nine rebounds, while Port Huron's 1-2 inside punch of Rashad Baker and Robert Banks combined for 33 points and 22 rebounds.

"It's hard to win without a post presence," Blue Devils coach Jay Ritchie said after the LCN game.

It isn't that South's inside players aren't working hard. They just don't have the physical strength to battle players like the 6-foot-2, 220 pound Rogan or the 6-2, 210-pound Baker.

Brendan Howe, who has been doing a good job with the difficult task of guarding the opposition's best inside player, carries only 185 pounds on his 6-5 frame, while Dave Baldwin is 6-6 and 185.

They're both juniors, as is 6-3, 210-pound David DeBoer so South could have more of an inside game next year as they mature physically.

South's lack of size hurt the Blue Devils on the boards in both of their games last week.

"It's hard to sustain defensive pressure when you're not getting rebounds," Ritchie said after the LCN game.

It was much the same after the loss to Port Huron. In that game, South was unable to capitalize on the Big Reds' missed free throws down the stretch.

"I almost wish they had made their free throws," Ritchie said. "They outrebounded us on every miss. Baker had a great game. He was the most active inside player we've faced all year. He had a (Charles) Barkley-type game tonight."

In both games the Blue Devils faced a 10-point deficit in the second half and in each contest they whittled the lead down to two points before time ran out.

Against the Crusaders, Derrick Hacias hit a three-point basket with 1.3 seconds left in the game to bring South within two. In the Port Huron game, it was Eric Berschback, who hit the triple with six-tenths of a second left.

"We played well in both games," Ritchie said. "The disappointing thing is we're not getting rewarded for a great effort, especially on defense."

Although he sat out much of the second quarter with foul trouble, Port Huron's Baker had done quite a bit of damage by the time the first quarter ended.

In the first 2 1/2 minutes of the game he hit four straight free throws and had a putback for the Big Reds' first six points.

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Norsemen stay unbeaten in MAC Red basketball race

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Eisenhower's basketball team concentrated its efforts on stopping Grosse Pointe North's Michael Bramos last week, but that barely slowed down the Norsemen.

"They did a pretty good job of defending Michael, but we had other people step up," coach Matt Trombley said after the Norsemen's 59-36 victory over the Eagles to remain unbeaten in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

"Everyone played well."

North didn't have anyone score in double figures, but the Norsemen had six players score at least seven points and 10 players scored at least one point.

Marcell Maxwell led North with nine points. Bramos, David Klein and Henry McCain scored eight apiece and Alex Sultan and Andy Bennett added seven apiece.

Sultan hit two three-point baskets in the second quarter and Bennett had one as North built a 10-point halftime lead.

"Eisenhower played a lot of zone and they did a lot of trapping," Trombley said. "They played very methodical on offense, very much like (Grosse Pointe) South. They were very patient. Many of their offensive possessions were 20 or 30 seconds."

Although that didn't bother North a whole lot — the Norsemen led 11-6 after the first quarter and 29-19 at halftime — it changed its defensive plan in the second half.

"We trapped more in the second half," Trombley said. "We wanted to speed up the tempo. We didn't want to be playing defense for 30 seconds."

North's defensive changes led to a few more turnovers by Eisenhower.

"Offensively, we did a good job of looking up the floor for the open man," Trombley said.

"Our big guys did a good job of attacking the basket. We decided to pressure their pressure with our pressure."

North closes out the regular season on Friday at Port Huron Northern.

The Norsemen begin state district tournament play at home on Monday against Detroit Denby.

Bramos is finalist for Mr. Basketball

Grosse Pointe North's Michael Bramos is one of the eight finalists for the state's Mr. Basketball Award, which is presented to the outstanding senior player in Michigan.

The award is voted on by members of the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

All members of BCAM, including middle school, freshman, junior varsity and assistant coaches are eligible to vote for Mr. Basketball.



The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Pee Wee AA Bulldogs '92 won the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District 3 championship at the Hazel Park Viking Arena.

GPHA Bulldogs repeat as MAHA district champions

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Pee Wee AA Bulldogs won their second straight Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District 3 championship with a 4-0 victory over the Great Lakes Panthers.

The defending state champion Bulldogs won five straight games, including two shutout victories.

The Bulldogs never allowed more than one goal in a game and outscored their opponents 17-3.

Grosse Pointe opened the tournament with a 3-0 victory over the Michigan Jaguars. It was a bit tougher in the next game, but the Bulldogs beat Crank's 2-1 in double overtime.

A 5-1 victory over Belle Tire set the stage for a showdown with the Panthers, who won the Little Caesars league championship. The Bulldogs sent the Panthers to the losers bracket with a 3-1 victory.

The Panthers returned to play in the finals, but once again the Bulldogs won.

"Our players really get up for the big games," said Bulldogs head coach Matt Lucchese. "We had a well-balanced attack with each goal scored by a different player, and four other players contributing to the scoring."

The Bulldogs will play in the state tournament, which will be held at the Great Lakes Sports Complex from March 11 through 13.

The Bulldogs' forwards are Sam Corden, Jacob Goldberg, John Herbert, Matt Lucchese, Mike Mackinnon, Matthew Moore, Brandon Rentz, Jonathon Troyer and Dan Zukas. The defense corps consists of Nick Monforton, Evan Moore, Alexander Tomovski, Dylan Welke, Andrew Wilson and Trevor Wiitanen. Jon Freismuth and Adam Polack are the goaltenders.

Lucchese's assistant coaches are Nick Corden and Tim Moore. Joe Zukas is the team manager.

Aerobics class starts Feb. 28

The Fitness Firm will begin an eight-week series of low-impact aerobics classes on Monday, Feb. 28 in Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods.

Classes will be Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 at First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 7:45 at Trinity Catholic School in Harper Woods.

The cost is $61, and participants can attend any or all of the classes.

Call (313) 886-7534 for more information.

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

The City Clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe Park Michigan will accept bids from qualified Contractors until 10:00 am Friday March 4, 2005 at 15115 E. Jefferson Ave. for the Construction of approx. 7000 square foot parking area. Scope of work will include grading, curb, base and asphalt. Plans can be obtained from the Public Service Department lower level of City Hall. City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Any Questions contact (313) 822-4281.

Chris Reimel,
Director of Public Service

G.P.N.: 02/24/2005

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

INVITATION TO BID

The City Clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe Park Michigan will accept bids from qualified Contractors until 10:00 am Friday March 4, 2005 at 15115 E. Jefferson Ave. for the Demolition of 1170 Lakepointe and 1169 Beaconsfield. Compacted clean fill dirt backfilled with Option of sand fill per ton. City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bid.

Any questions, contact (313) 822-4281

Chris Reimel,
Director of Public Service

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Grosse Pointe Township and Lake Township

2005 BOARD OF REVIEW SESSIONS

The Assessment Roll for the Township of Grosse Pointe, Wayne County and the Township of Lake, Macomb County, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan, for the year 2005 has been compiled. The tentative equalization rates for residential and commercial property is 1.00 and the estimated residential multiplier for 2005 is 1.00, and estimated commercial multiplier is 1.00. No increase will be reflected on assessments unless construction has been done to a home which would affect its value (assessment). The taxable increase for 2005 is 1.023 and will be applied to the 2004 taxable amount. The exception to this, is if there was a transfer of ownership, then the taxable and assessed amounts are the same. The Board of Review will hear official petitions on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
and
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2005
1:00 to 4:30 p.m.
and
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Board will meet in the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building (first floor), 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. All property owners wishing to appeal their assessments and wishing to file official petitions will be seen **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.** Appointments may be made by calling 884-0234. **Petitions by mail must be received by the Board PRIOR to the last session (3/14/05) so they may be reviewed in a timely manner.** Additionally, the Assessor, Mr. Timothy O'Donnell, is available to meet with you every Monday afternoon — You may call 884-0234 for an appointment.

GPN: 2/24/05 & 3/03/05

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2005, 7:00P.M.
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CVS
SPECIAL USE REQUEST

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Grosse Pointe Planning Commission will hold a public hearing as noticed above to consider the Special Use Application for the CVS project at 17120 Kercheval. The applicant is ARCADIS, on behalf of CVS.

The project is being proposed for development under Section 90-298. Permitted uses after special approval, of the City of Grosse Pointe Zoning Ordinance which allows a use to exceed 5,000 square feet in the central business district subject to special use approval.

The following specifications are proposed for the project:

1. Project Type: Additional retail space
2. Current Zoning: C-2, Central Business District
3. Total Parcel Size: Less than one acres
4. The applicant is requesting special use approval for a store located at 17120 Kercheval.

The proposed plans for this project are available for inspection by the public at the City offices during regular business hours Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 02/24/2005

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

Notice of Review of the 2005 Assessment Roll: Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session in the Community Center of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 and Tuesday, March 22, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, 1:30 p.m to 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST, for reviewing the 2005 Assessment Roll. All persons considering themselves aggrieved by their assessment or who Have any questions or comments, may make an appointment to appeal before the Board of Review by contacting the Tax Department (phone: 313 343 2440 ext. 215) between February 25 and March 14, 2005. Resident taxpayers must appear in person or send an agent to appeal their assessment. Tentative State Equalized Factors: Commercial property 1.000; Industrial property 1,000; Residential property 1,000; Personal Property 1,000.

G.P.N.: 02/24/2005
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Kathleen L. Paul,
City Assessor

Wrestle —

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"A.J. scrambled his way into the finals by coming back and beating two very tough opponents."

Dixon and Walker are the first South wrestlers in two years to qualify for the regional.

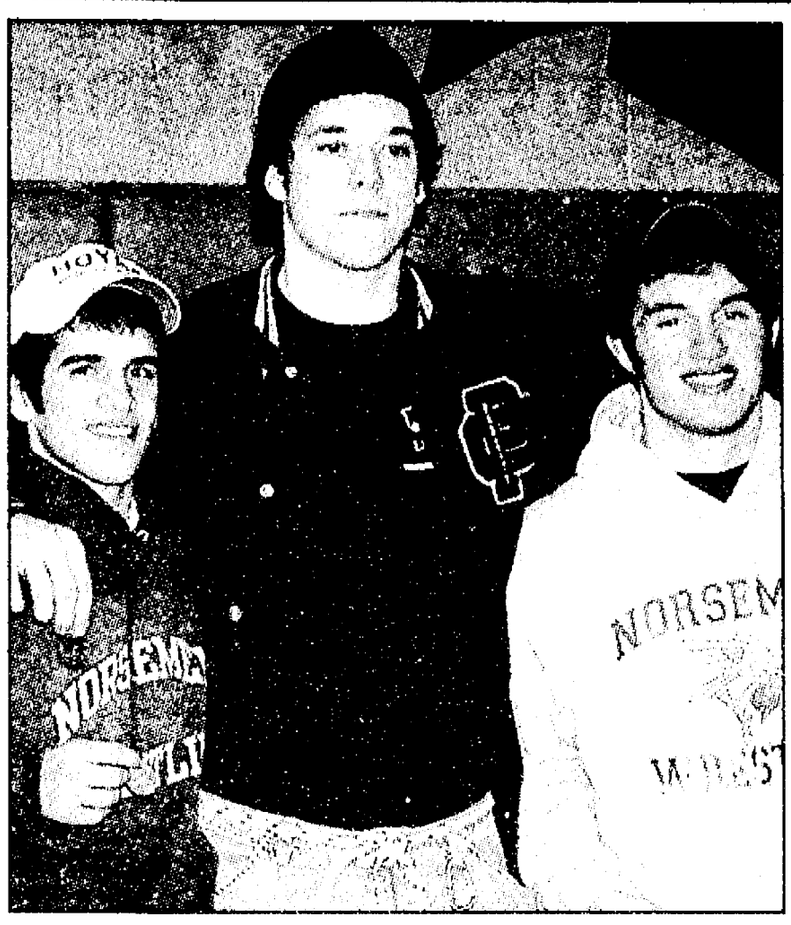
Earlier, North and South each competed in the team district tournament hosted by the Blue Devils.

In the semifinals, East Detroit beat South, while Roseville defeated North 45-24.

Roseville then beat East Detroit for the district title.

North's winners against Roseville were Mike Murphy (189), Jack Todd (145), Stephens (160) and Channel (heavyweight).

Channel broke the North school record for pins in a season by a senior wrestler. He has 37, breaking the record of 36 set by Gary Bordato in 1997-98. Bordato won the state championship at 152 pounds that season.



Grosse Pointe North had three regional qualifiers from last week's Division I individual district tournament at Southgate Anderson. From left, are Mike Kurdziel (119 pounds), heavyweight Spencer Channel and Ryan Stephens (160).

South gives Tars all they can handle in final league match

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe South's girls volleyball team is as ready as it can get for the upcoming state district tournament this weekend.

On Monday, the host Lady Blue Devils played a tight league match against Anchor Bay, losing 25-27, 25-17, 23-25, 21-25.

"We were a few points away from winning this match, but we couldn't get the big points when we really needed them," head coach Kevin Nugent said. "The girls played well, and this is the second time this season we have lost to Anchor Bay, but played well enough to win."

Every game, except the second, went to the wire with the Blue Devils coming a few points shy each time.

They held an 18-16 lead in game one before losing, and in game three they trailed 19-17 before rallying to tie it at 23.

Game four was tied a dozen times, including 18-18, before the Lady Tars ended the match with a 7-3 run.

"We have only lost a few times during our last 18 or 19 matches; so we are playing pretty well right now," Nugent said. "I think we're ready for the district tournament, but I have to say (Grosse Pointe) North is the favorite. They have won the past couple of district titles, but we will be ready to play."

South, which finished 6-6 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and fell to 24-9-9 overall, was led by senior Allison Fennel, senior Ashley Read and junior Lauren Russell (hitting); senior Rachel Sullivan, senior Brooke Ziehr and junior Dana Schweitzer (serving); and senior Kelly Springborn (digging).

The Lady Blue Devils host the district tournament on Saturday, Feb. 26, and their first match is set for 11:30 a.m. against Public School League champ Detroit Denby.

In the first match, Detroit Southeastern faces Detroit Finney, and the winner battles Grosse Pointe North in the second semifinal.

The championship match is scheduled for 2:30 p.m., and it most likely will be Grosse Pointe South against Grosse Pointe North.

"We can't look past Denby since it won the PSL title," Nugent said. "We would like to get another shot at North, but we have to beat Denby first."

Talkin' Baseball will feature top coaches, orthopedic surgeon

The second annual Talkin' Baseball program will be held on Wednesday, March 9 at University Liggett School from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Dr. Tom Perkins, an orthopedic surgeon at the Michigan Knee and Shoulder Institute, will be the guest speaker.

Perkins is a former Macomb Community College and Oakland University player.

"I think it will be an informative session for young baseball players in the community," said University Liggett School coach Dan Cimini, who is the organizer of Talkin' Baseball.

"Dr. Perkins will talk about common shoulder and elbow injuries and how players can prevent them. He'll also talk about exercises that players can use to strengthen their arms."

Cimini said that he hopes area Little League and Babe Ruth players will attend the program.

"We're going to give free admission to all Grosse Pointe Little League and Babe Ruth players who have registered for this season," Cimini said.

The cost for the evening is $10 for everyone else.

Checks should be made payable to University Liggett School, and "Talkin' Baseball" should be indicated on the memo line.

Babe Ruth and Little League players who plan to attend should call Cimini at (313) 884-4444, extension 242, or e-mail him at dcimini@uls.org.

The final hour of the program will be a "hot stove" question-and-answer session with veteran high school coaches Dan Griesbaum, Frank Sumbera, Cimini and Mario Borrocci. Former Tigers player Dave Bergman, the founder of the Grosse Pointe Redbirds, will also be on the panel.

Griesbaum and Sumbera have coached state championship high school teams, Borrocci coached the 1980 Junior Olympic baseball team to a gold medal, and Bergman played on the Tigers 1984 World Championship squad.

The evening is sponsored by ULS baseball and the Grosse Pointe Redbirds Baseball Organization.



The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Bulldogs '94 took first place in the Squirt AA division at the Big Bear Avalanche Tournament in Canton. In front, from left, are Alex Jaeckel, Sam Hartman, Jake Corden, Deion Kathawa and Chip Wujek. In the second row, from left, are Joe Aluia, Mark Auk, Zach Greiner, Mike Abiragi, Wesley Cimmarrusti, Max Corden, Jeff Mott and Will Hyde. In back, from left, are coaches Mark Auk, Nick Corden and Sam Aluia.

Squirt AA Bulldogs take first place in Canton tournament

A 1-0 victory over the Windsor (Ontario) Riverside Rangers gave the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Squirt AA Bulldogs the championship in the Big Bear Avalanche tournament in Canton.

The Bulldogs kept the puck in the Riverside end for most of the first two periods, but had only one goal to show for their efforts. Late in the first period, Joe Aluia scored on a quick shot after Mark Auk fought to keep Max Corden's feed from the point away from the Rangers.

Riverside applied heavy pressure in the third period but goalie Chip Wujek held off the barrage to record his second shutout of the tournament.

In the final minute, the Bulldogs' Zach Greiner won several faceoffs and used his strength and hockey sense to help preserve the slim lead.

Wujek also opened the tournament with a shutout as the Bulldogs edged the Lansing Capitals 1-0.

Tournament MVP Deion Kathawa got the only goal, assisted by Will Hyde and Jeff Mott.

In their first meeting of the tournament with Riverside, the Bulldogs overcame a 4-2 deficit in the third period and tied the Canadian team 4-4.

Aluia tied the game at 1-1, shortly after the Rangers had opened the scoring. Sam Hartman assisted. Riverside capitalized on some defensive breakdowns by Grosse Pointe to take a 3-1 lead after one period. Hartman scored a second-period goal, assisted by Wesley Cimmarrusti, but Riverside answered to make it 4-2.

Cimmarrusti cut the lead to one on a goal that was set up by Hartman. Hartman then fed Max Corden for the tying goal.

After that, the Bulldogs defense corps of Mikey Abiragi, Auk, Jake Corden, Alex Jaeckel and Mott clamped down and prevented any further scoring by the Rangers.

The Bulldogs reached the championship game with a 2-1 victory over the Marine City Blue Water Stars.

Kathawa opened the scoring during the first shift of the game when a shot from behind the net, found its way over the goal line.

Hartman made it 2-0 with a goal from the edge of the crease that was set up by Max Corden.

Blue Water cut the lead to one, but Wujek kept the Stars from scoring the equalizer.

Nick Corden in the Bulldogs' head coach. His assistants are Mark Auk and Sam Aluia.

The team finished third in the Little Caesars Ranked Division during the regular season. Among the highlights for the Grosse Pointe squad were victories over two perennial powers — the Troy Sting and the Grosse Pointe Spartans.

North Stars win shootout in district playoff championship

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Squirt North Stars won the district playoff championship with a shootout victory over the GPHA Chiefs.

After regulation play ended in a scoreless tie, each team selected five players to participate in a shootout.

Patrick Lane, Michael Murray and Nick Murray scored for the North Stars, while North Stars goalie Scott Johnston stopped three of the Chiefs' five overtime shooters.

During the game, both goalies made game-saving stops. Jared Yinger and Nick Dane played well for the Chiefs, but couldn't get the puck past Johnston.

Chiefs goalie Matt Przybysbz turned away several chances by the North Stars.

North Stars coaches Steve Walsh, Mark Murray and Bryan Lane credited the aggressive forechecking of the team's wingers and the tenacious backchecking of centers Dan Watt and Peter Eckrich for the team's success.

The North Stars also won their division at the Grosse Pointe Snowball tournament earlier in the season.

South Blue Dolphins will perform annual show

The Grosse Pointe South Blue Dolphins synchronized swim team will give four performances of its annual show from March 2 through 4 in the South pool.

The theme of this year's show is Blue Dolphins 2005 Go on a Road Trip.

The performance on Wednesday, March 2 at 4:30 p.m. is for Brownie and Girl Scout troops in the community.

Performances for the public will be at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, and at 4:30 and 8 p.m. on Friday, March 4.

Admission is $3 for adults and $2 for students.



The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Squirt North Stars won the district playoff championship with a shootout victory over the GPHA Chiefs. Kneeling in front, from left, are Robby Coon, Robbie Maxey and John Maxey. Standing, from left, are Chris Walsh, Michael Murray, Scott Johnston, Dan Watt, Peter Eckrich, Max Gawley, Nick Murray, Tommy Coon, Max Harring and Patrick Lane. In back, from left, are coaches Mark Murray, Steve Walsh and Bryan Lane.

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10th annual Parent/Player Information & Registration Meeting

Grosse Pointe South HS Cafeteria
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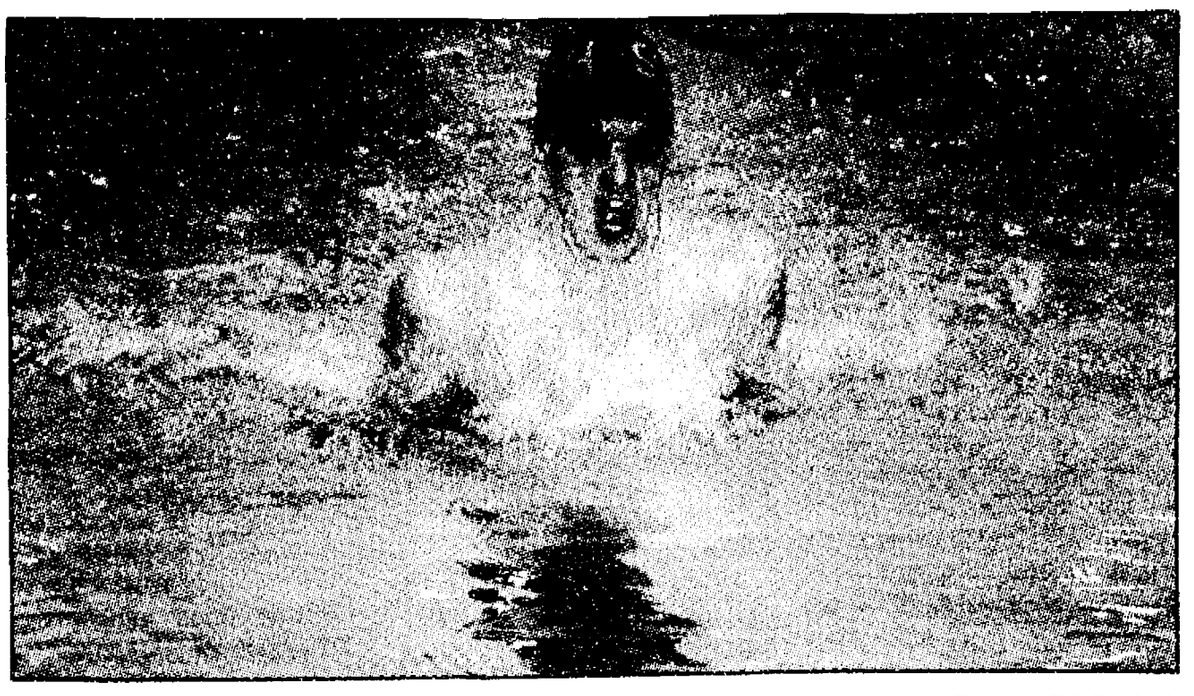
South swimmers close out a perfect dual meet season

Grosse Pointe South's boys swimming team wrapped up an undefeated dual-meet season with a 134-49 victory over Eisenhower in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet.

Coach Bill Thompson honored the squad's 10 graduating seniors in a ceremony during the meet.

"Senior night is always bittersweet," Thompson said. "It's hard to say goodbye to such an amazing group of young men, but we are all excited to see what the future has in store for them.

"The coaches and parents are so proud of them, not only for the success they have had in the pool, but for the character and sportsmanship they have demonstrated out of the pool as well. They will all be missed."



Photos by Bob Rossbach

Grosse Pointe South's David Richardson-Rossbach won the 100-yard breaststroke in his first attempt at swimming it in competition this season.

The Blue Devils won all three relays and all but one of the individual events.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Robby Browning, David Richardson-Rossbach, Pete Stevens and Ryan Gunderson opened the meet with a first-place finish, 11 seconds ahead of Eisenhower's team. South's B relay took third.

The 200 freestyle was swept by the Blue Devils, led by Casey Browning in a state-qualifying time of 1:47.31. Andrew Graham was second and Joe Ryan third.

Eisenhower's Lukasz Slominski won the 200 individual medley, just touching out South's Danny Basile. South's Michael Manos was third and Jack Hessburg fourth.

Alex Bordyukov was first in the 50 freestyle in 23.77 seconds. The Eagles took the next two spots.

South's divers were unopposed. Justin Linne took first place with a score of 254.50 points.

Graham led a South sweep of the 100 butterfly with a winning time of 53.15, just ahead of teammate Robby Browning, who was second in 53.53. Ryan was third.

Luke Richard won the 100 freestyle with a season-best, state-qualifying time of 48.69. Gunderson was second and missed a state cut by less than a tenth of a second.

Jon Sax, Wilson Holm and Robby Mullinger took first, second and fourth, respectively, in the 500 freestyle.

The Blue Devils' 200 freestyle relay team of Hessburg, Jamie Handley, J.P. Lang and Basile touched first in 1:45.91.

Casey Browning picked up his second victory of the meet with a state-qualifying time of 54.72 in the 100 backstroke. Stevens was fourth behind two Eisenhower swimmers.

South took the first four spots in the 100 breaststroke, led by Richardson-Rossbach in his first attempt in the event this season. Brothers Alex and Mikhail Bordyukov took second and third, respectively, and Jeff Tompkins was fourth.

South showed its depth in the 400 freestyle relay by taking the first two spots. The A team of Holm, Gunderson, Chris Vella and Richard beat the B team of Alex Garbarino, Stevens, Richardson-Rossbach and Tompkins by less than a second.

South's next action is in the MAC Red Division championships at Grosse Pointe North.

The finals will begin at noon Saturday.



Grosse Pointe South's senior swimmers and their parents were honored during the Blue Devils' final dual meet.

Scholarship offered for former Little League players in Farms, City, Park

Former players from the Grosse Pointe Farms-City and Grosse Pointe Park Little League baseball programs, who are completing their senior year in high school, are eligible to apply for the Bob Wagner Memorial College Scholarship.

The Robert N. Wagner Foundation annually funds the $2,500 merit-based college tuition scholarship. The scholarship is awarded based upon official proof of acceptance and enrollment in an accredited four-year college or university.

The scholarship is open to all graduating seniors, male and female, who are residents of the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores or Grosse Pointe Woods, and attend Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South, University Liggett, Notre Dame or University of Detroit Jesuit high schools.

Applicants must have a minimum of three years participation in either the Grosse Pointe Farms-City or Grosse Pointe Park Little League.

Former scholarship winners include Matt Vanderpool, Charlie Mackinnon, Brian Gatliff and Michael Dunaway.

To obtain information or to request an application form, students should contact their high school guidance department or write to the Bob Wagner College Scholarship Committee, c/o George C. Mackenzie, 231 Kenwood Court, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich. 48236, and enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

The application deadline is April 15.

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who had played Catholic Central the night before, in the second and third periods.

"We think we've got pretty good team speed, too," Lock said. "We just tried to play our system and clog up the neutral zone. We did a better job of that after the first period."

Cranbrook regained the lead at 7:36 of the second period on a goal by Chase Langlais, but once again North tied the game late in the period.

Julien Horrie got the goal with 1:29 left in the period. Eddie Tropp passed the puck out of the corner to Horrie, who was at the edge of the crease. Jimmy Solomon also assisted.

North took its first lead of the game at 3:26 of the third period when Mike Rourke scored, assisted by Davis and Horrie. Rourke had done a good job of forechecking before the goal to keep the puck in the Cranbrook zone.

"Rourke played exceptionally well," Lock said. "He had two good games this week."

North had trouble clearing the puck out of its end and Cranbrook's Langlais scored his second goal of the game to make it 3-3 at 10:44.

One of the keys to North's victory was the Norsemen's ability to win faceoffs. Rourke won several, while Tibaudo won an important one in Cranbrook's offensive zone with 14 seconds left in the game.

"Cranbrook won almost every faceoff against CC, and that's something that CC is very good at," Lock said. "We probably won 70 or 80 percent of the faceoffs tonight, and we did it without Tropp, who's probably our best faceoff man, because he got hurt the other night."

Lock praised his four senior defensemen — Davis, Solomon, Jimmy Moran and Andrew Tignanelli.

"The four of them really stood up, especially in the last five minutes," Lock said. "They were physical and strong, and they didn't get rattled. They played a lot of minutes tonight."

Forwards Horrie, Jeff Rohrkemper and Doug Rahaim — all underclassmen — also played well for the Norsemen.

Earlier, North built a 4-1 lead and held on for the victory against Birmingham Unified.

"It wasn't a bad game, but we can play better," Lock said. "I thought we'd have a little bit of a letdown after the CC game."

Birmingham's Paul Dolinshek scored 33 seconds into the game, but North scored the next four goals.

Tibaudo tied the game at 6:19, assisted by Davis and Brown, and he put the Norsemen ahead with his second goal of the game at the eight-minute mark of the first period. Jonathan Ross and Michael Yakamovich assisted.

North had some good scoring chances in the second period, but didn't score until Robbie Ireland's goal with 4.2 seconds left in the period. The goal, which was assisted by Davis, came moments after North goalie Jordan Zielke robbed Birmingham's Khortnal Delvecchio.

Rourke scored a power-play goal for the Norsemen at 1:51 of the third period as he knocked in Davis's rebound. Rohrkemper also assisted.

Birmingham made a late comeback to make things close. Delvecchio, who is the grandson of Red Wings Hall of Famer Alex Delvecchio, scored on a breakway after a North turnover at 10:50, and Austin Brown scored a power-play goal at 14:06 to cut North's lead to one.

"The last five minutes of each period we seemed to let (Birmingham) get back into it," Lock said.

North closes out the regular season on Saturday against Livonia Churchill at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena.

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A three-point play by DeBoer gave South a 9-8 lead after one quarter. A basket by Baldwin early in the second quarter made it 11-8, but Port Huron answered with a 10-0 run, triggered by Nasio Williams's three-point basket, to go ahead to stay.

An 8-2 run by the Blue Devils, capped by a basket by J.C. Cruse cut the Big Reds' lead to 20-19 with just under a minute remaining in the first half, but Banks made two free throws and Williams scored with 10 seconds left to send Port Huron to the locker room with a 24-19 lead.

Port Huron led 31-21 early in the second half, but South closed to 37-31 after three quarters and the Blue Devils stayed within striking distance throughout the fourth quarter on the shooting of Berschback, who had three three-pointers in the quarter, and Conroy, who was 6-for-6 from the free throw line.

Free-throw shooting hurt South. Take away Conroy's 6-for-6 and the Blue Devils were only 3-for-10 from the line in the second half.

Conroy led South with 15 points and Berschback had 14. Cruse finished with eight points and he and DeBoer each collected a team-high five rebounds.

Banks led Port Huron with 12 points and Baker and Williams added 11 apiece. Baker and Banks each collected 11 rebounds.

In the L'Anse Creuse North game, the Crusaders built a 27-20 halftime lead on the inside play of Rogan and the outside shooting of Jeff Hebel.

"You can't afford to pack everything inside and let them shoot from outside because 44 (Hebel) and 10 (Zach Martin) can hit the threes if they're open," said assistant coach Jim Twigg.

Hebel hit three triples in the first half, while Rogan had 11 of his 19 points before the intermission. Hebel finished with 17 points.

South played some excellent defense at the start of the second half, but the Blue Devils couldn't capitalize on their stops at the other end.

LCN scored the last seven points of the third quarter and took a 36-26 lead into the final quarter.

South cut the Crusaders' lead to 47-45 on a jump shot by Conroy with 1:03 left, but Hebel got behind the defense for a layup with 56 seconds left, and after a miss by the Blue Devils, Martin hit a free throw to make it 50-45.

Cruse hit a pair of free throws to bring South within three points, but the Blue Devils were forced to foul and Hebel and Erik Thompson each hit free throws to give LCN a 52-47 lead with 4.6 seconds remaining.

"We played as hard as we could," Ritchie said. "The 24 points in the fourth quarter is our high for the year."

Cruse led South with 13 points and nine rebounds. Derrick Hacias played his best all-around game of the year and finished with 12 points. Conroy had 10 points.

Baldwin turned in a solid effort with six points and four rebounds, while Howe, who had five rebounds, and DeBoer also played well.

The two setbacks left South 10-8 overall and 4-6 in the MAC White. The Blue Devils close out the regular season at home Friday against Utica Ford II.

South

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ods was to kill off the penalty, which we did," Bopp said.

Then South went on the power play and capitalized at 2:29 when Swancoat scored, assisted by Joey Parke and Taylor Ryan.

"That was just a great period," Bopp said. "We've been working on conditioning, and it wasn't a penalty-filled game so we didn't have a lot of guys having to play extra minutes to kill off penalties."

Parke scored at 5:01, assisted by Ryan, to make it 3-1, and Tom Porter closed out the scoring at 9:03 with Jimmy Marshall assisting.

Bopp said that he expected a difficult game. The Blue Devils and Pioneers are both strong skating teams, who play a similar style of hockey.

Pioneer had a slight edge in the scoreless first period.

"They had a few more scoring chances than we did but Brad Allemon looked very sharp in goal and came up with the saves," Bopp said.

The second period was also even, but this time South had a slight advantage.

"The whole game our players were intense like it was a playoff game," Bopp said. "Everyone played well. It was truly a team effort. This is the time of year you have to play well every time you hit the ice."

While everyone played well for the Blue Devils the defense was especially sharp.

"Our defense came to play, and the pair of Taylor Ryan and Sean Daudlin had its best game of the season," Bopp said. "They've played well all season but (against Pioneer) I think they were at their best."

Allemon made 22 saves in recording the victory.

Second-period goals by Bryan Mansfield, Ryan and Marshall carried South to its victory over Southgate.

The Blue Devils opened the scoring on a power-play goal by Swancoat at 7:59 of the first period. Ryan started the play and Parke made an excellent pass to Swancoat.

"Parke is really a smart player," Bopp said. "That was a great pass.

The Titans tied the game at the nine-minute mark of the opening period. South failed to clear the puck from in front of the net and a Southgate player slapped it past goalie David Hollidge.

South regained the lead at 5:23 of the second period. Tim Shield won a faceoff, and got the puck to Mansfield, who fired a shot from the top of the faceoff circle that went in under the crossbar.

The Titans came back to tie the game less than a minute later, but once again the Blue Devils broke the deadlock on Ryan's power-play goal on a shot from the point at 7:49. Parke had the only assist.

Marshall scored the insurance goal with 53 seconds left in the period, assisted by DeLaura and Swancoat.

"It was a great shot," Bopp said. "Jimmy used his speed to get the puck, skated into the slot and beat the goalie just under the crossbar.

"Jimmy has been playing great for us this year. He has gotten better with every game and has turned into a solid player."

There was no scoring in a penalty-filled third period. Hollidge, who finished with 18 saves, had some key stops to preserve the lead.

"David looked very confident and is playing well again," Bopp said.

Hollidge had missed several games with an injury, and returned to action two weeks ago.

South closes out the regular season on Saturday with a non-league home game at City Sports Center against Grosse Ile.

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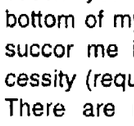
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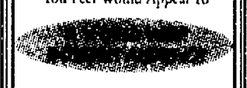
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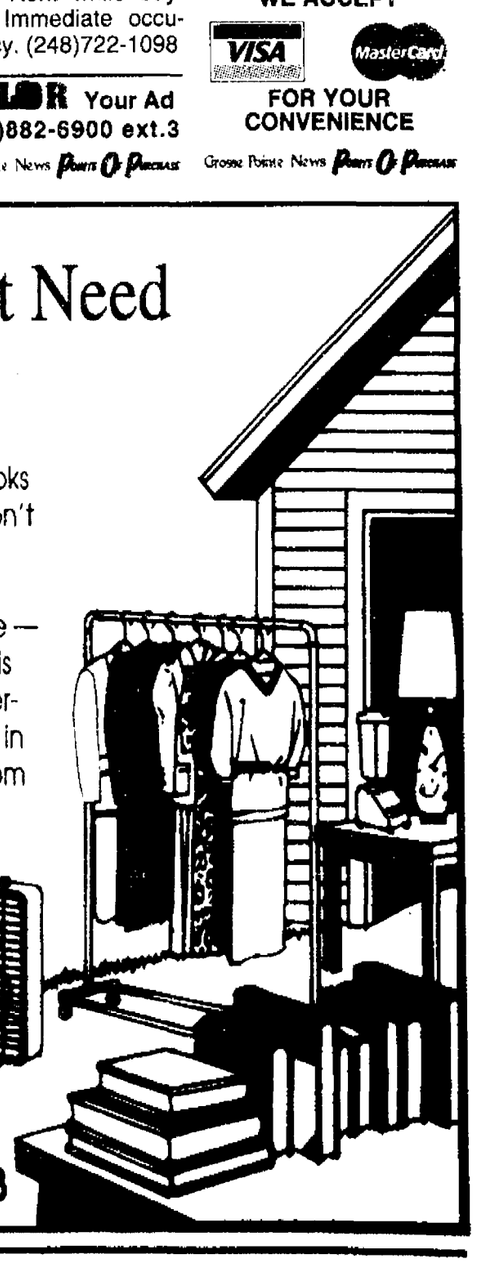
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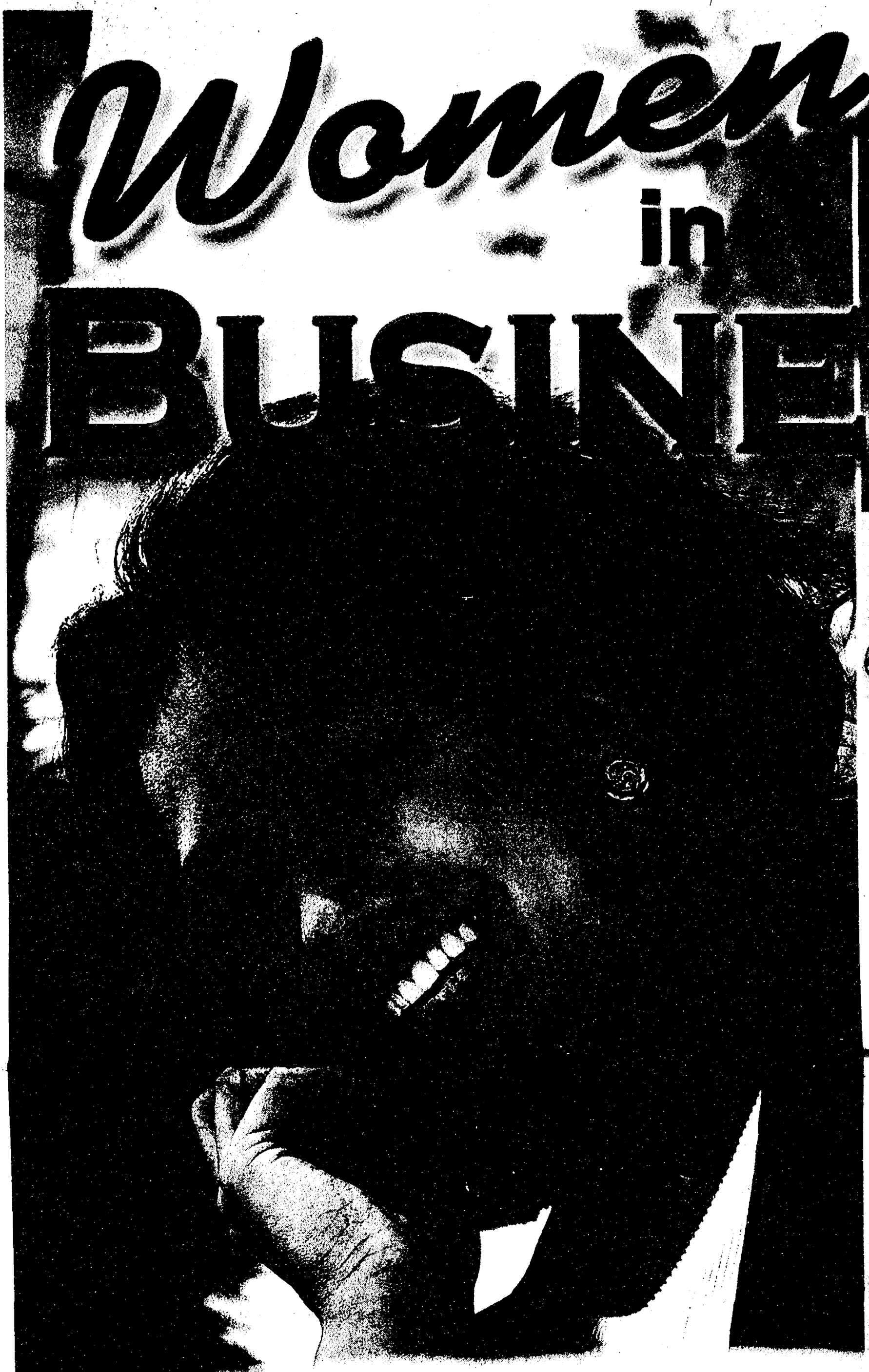
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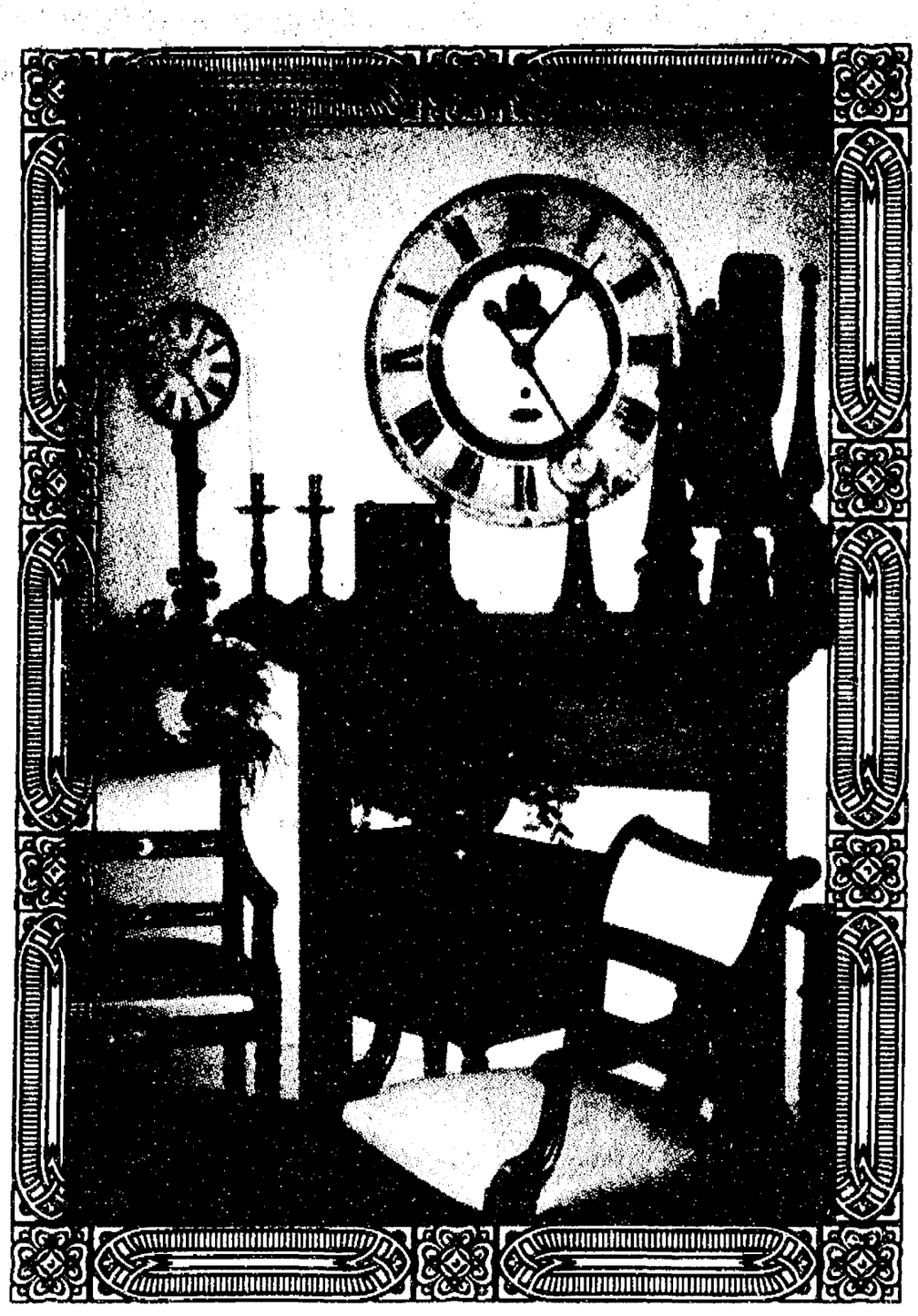






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At Last has charm and appeal that lasts

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And what a wonderful dream it is; the entire home furnishing store exudes a warmth and charm which is a direct reflection of Dorothy.

"When I leave my house and come here, I don't feel any different," she said.

AT LAST has all sorts of unique and exquisite items to make any home feel special. There are items with which to make a major statement such as unique furniture, oversized wall clocks, decorative lamps and mirrors that adds just a touch of whimsy to a room.

"I like to have a touch of the whimsical in the shop at all times," she said.

AT LAST offers its customer a chance to take merchandise home with them for a 24-hour trial period. Dorothy encourages customers to "live with it overnight," to make sure they are happy with their purchase.

"I love it when my customer's try something at home; then they come back and say they love it," she said.

It is also a great place to find a gift to make someone feel special. One can choose from hand-crafted purses to unique votive candle holders. There is something to fit every budget and something that every woman would love to have.

"I've been a woman for a lot of years, so I know what women like," Dorothy said.

She travels to Chicago's Gift Mart and other national shows in addition an upcoming trip to Europe in order to stay current with the latest trends in home furnishings. She has a keenly focused eye which enables her to find an eclectic mixed of merchandise for her shop.

"I never buy something that I don't love personally," she said.

Dorothy also offers in-home consultations where she helps clients with their decorating dilemmas. She tries to utilize what already belongs to her clients.

"Many times they just need help with how to arrange them in groupings, to reposition their furniture and perhaps encouragement to add little color," she explains.

"I believe that there is no one set design," she adds, "because if you love something enough, it's going to work in your home."

At LAST also offer a floral design service which customer benefit from her years of experience as a florist. Customers can have floral arrangements and wreaths made to fit any decor and any occasion.

Dorothy attributes part of AT LAST's success to the support she has received from her "right-hand woman" and sister, Maxine Baier, and from part-time employee, Diane Smith who has been at AT LAST "from day one."

All three women take pride in being service oriented and making customers feel welcomed.

"I wanted this shop to have a comfortable atmosphere," Dorothy said. "where my customers feel at home."

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Giving, sharing are basic to woman's success in business

By Ann Fouty
Staff Writer

If there is one primary lesson Roxann Scotella has learned in her years of being in business management, it is that anytime she holds out her hand it has something in it. Whether she is dealing with customers who cross the threshold of Pat Scott Jewelers or is devoting hours to her favorite charities — Children's Home of Detroit and Soiree on the River, a kidney foundation, Scotella is a giving person.

"We are not in society alone," she said, summing up her philosophy.

As buyer for Pat Scott Jewelers, Scotella learned early that to be a success, anyone, woman or man, must give and be willing to share knowledge and time with other people, not just with other business people, but with the community and, for Scotella, with her highly-regarded customers.

"I owe the customers everything for walking in the door," she said, leaning forward to make her point. "I want to know what I can do for from them."

Before designing or suggesting a piece of jewelry for her client, she said, "I will talk to her, get to know her on a personal level. Are there children? Is she a soccer mom? I don't take the credit because the design ideas come from her."

Designs could be for a special bracelet, earrings, a broach or ring that incorporates an heirloom or commemorates a special event.

Let's face it, Scotella emphasized. A man may buy the jewelry, but it's the woman who wears it to enhance her persona.

Knowing that she will be creating a special piece for a distinctive woman, Scotella, takes her job of choosing diamonds seriously when she and her husband travel to Israel. [illegible]

Scotella acknowledges that the world of diamonds, the buying and selling, is still a male dominated world, but she makes the decisions.

"If they (the male sellers) refuse to negotiate dollars with me, he (her husband) will step in," she said. Yet, Scotella, who holds a Macomb Community College marketing degree, wants to make it clear that women can and do make decisions. In fact, she noted, "Men are who they are because they have women behind them."



Roxann Scotella will spend time with a customer, getting to know her before designing or suggesting a piece of jewelry.
Photo by Robert McKean

She is a 50/50 partner with her husband, Pat, having bought into the business in 1995.

Her whole life has been in management. In a short span of three months, Scotella moved from an employee to managing an Elaine Powers Health Spa. Some 13 years ago, Scotella took over as a nail salon manager and had a drive to become a gemologist.

"I was a nail technician, and I wanted to be a gemologist. I asked a gemologist, and he said there was no school around here. I met Pat and it's very easy to get an education in gemology. It's not closed to the public. You can do it on-line at www.gia.edu. It tells how to go to school. You can't design or sell without that education," she said.

The jewelry business is still a man's world, she admitted; so women who want to break in must be get a trade degree in gemology and diamondology and become a member of the American Gem Society or the Gemology Society of America.

"In a man's world it's best to break ground on the sales floor. Gain their respect while going to school. It will help you learn and men will respect you more. It's a good business to get into."

Her resolution to succeed was determined at an early age when she saw her mother die too young from cancer; a woman who had been dependent on a man. "I grew up knowing I would never be dependent on a man."

Scotella's spirit has seen her move from the ranks of the floor into the front office and to being named the Michigan Retailer of the Year.

"I am known for my charity work," she said. "Last year I was the Michigan Retailer of the Year."

Charity work could involve attending four to five charity meetings a week because, "my involvement is so intense. I spend more time on my charity work and customer service.

"I go out of my way to service customers outside the store. I have been known to take jewelry to their offices."

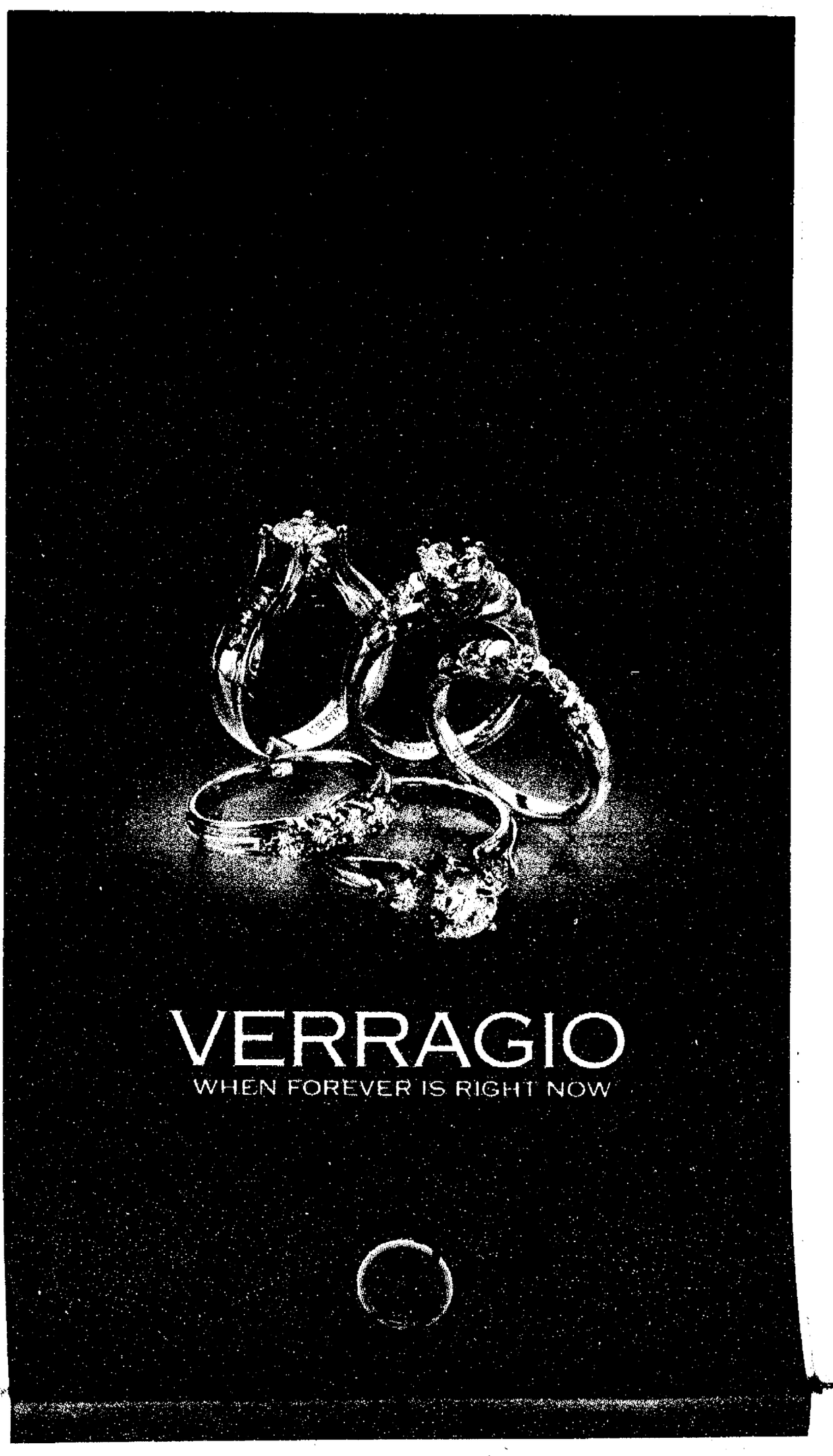
She credits 50 percent of her business success to her profession and personal service. "It pays off in the long term.

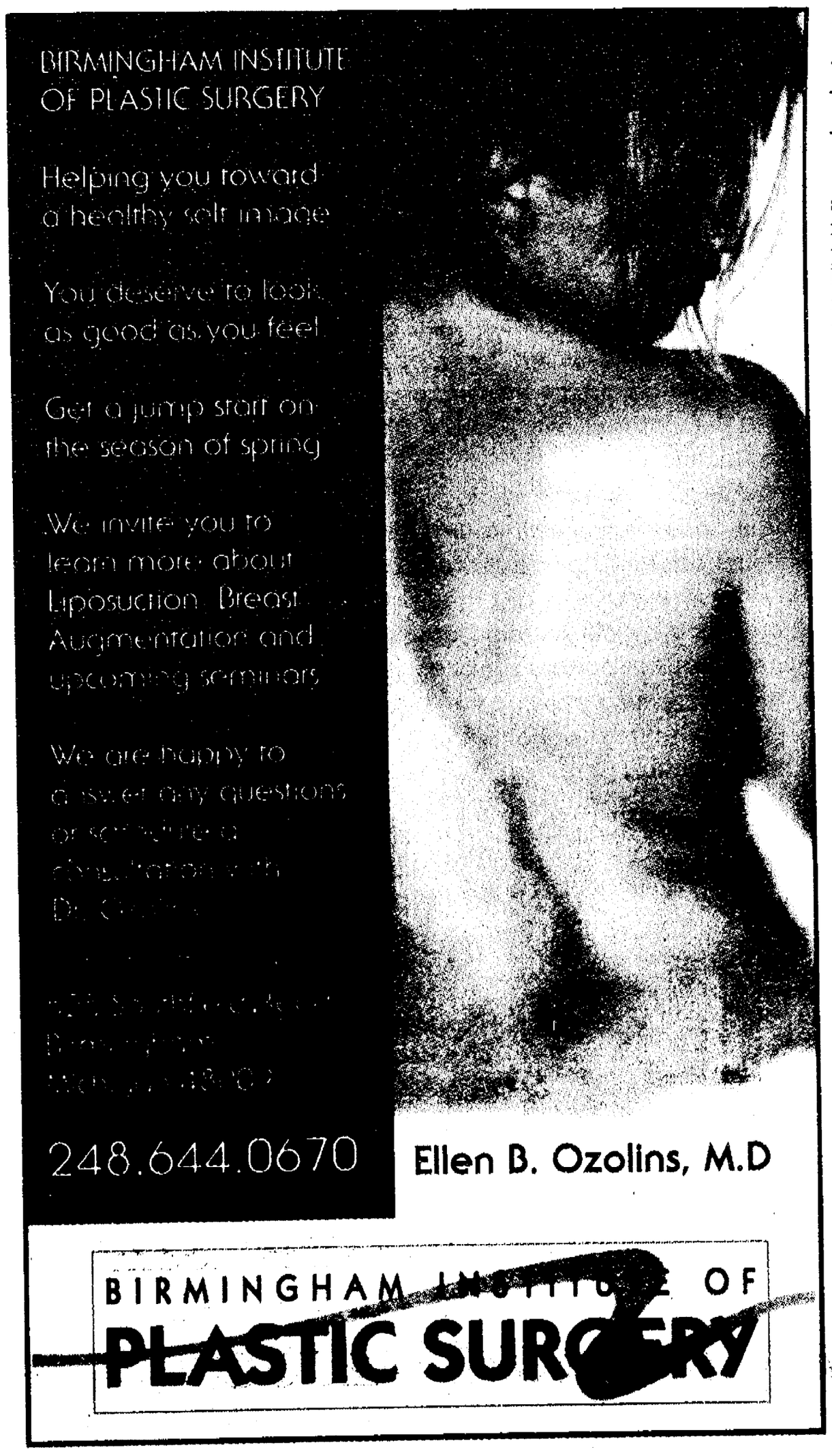
"We are all on a time schedule and we have to share equally. I want your business. I'm willing to give you something for that loyalty. It's a give-give situation."

When a charity needs assistance, it's not unusual for Scotella to deliver the donation.

"It's hard for them (the charity volunteers) to go from business to business to do the extra legwork and I help them. So they have less work to do."

Yet, it's more work for Scotella, who would like to see her three daughters, Rachel, Raquel and Riana, and her son, P.J., go into the business. And it's not more work for her because it follows her life philosophy: "Hold out your hand to share; good things will be returned.





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Ozolins, a graduate of the Wayne State University School of Medicine, completed her general surgery residency at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She completed her Plastic Surgery Residency at Wayne State University and her fellowship in Aasthetic and reconstructive breast surgery under the direction of Dennis Hammond, M.D., who pioneered the SPAIR (short reduced scar) technique. The SPAIR technique has become her special interest in performing breast reductions and lifts.

"There is less scarring involved and it gives a better shape." Ozolins said.

Ozolins also sees quite a few male patients for breast surgery. Male breast reduction called gynecomastia are female-like breast in men.

"As more and more men have undergone significant weight loss, it's becoming a bigger field." Ozolins said.

In addition to specializing in cosmetic and reconstructive breast surgery, Ozolins also performs cosmetic and reconstructive procedures such as body contouring, facial procedures and skin cancer treatments.

Surgical procedures are performed at the Beaumont Hospitals in Royal Oak and Troy, as well as Providence Hospital in Southfield and Novi.

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These procedures are performed in the office, which is located in a historic home that has served as a physician's office for many years. Like many houses in the downtown Birmingham area, the Birmingham Institute of Plastic Surgery sets patients at ease with a welcoming ambiance.

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Regardless if procedures are done for cosmetic or reconstructive reasons, Ozolins feels there are times being a female plastic surgeon offers benefits to her patients.

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Similides-Nelson and crew have Eastland Center cruising

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Rita Similides-Nelson is the captain of a very large ship sailing enterprise waters - Eastland Center in Harper Woods.

"I really love my job," Similides-Nelson said. "I have a staff of 55 people that assist me with the everyday operations of the Center. Each staff member has the commitment and dedication in seeing the property develop to its full potential day in and day out. We take pride in making sure that our customers and tenants see a Center that is well-lit, clean and comfortable to shop and work."



Eastland has come a long way under Similides-Nelson's leadership.

The big-name stores that now call Eastland home are Marshall Fields, Sears, Target, and Steve and Barry's University Sportswear.

Similides-Nelson meets with tenants and assists them with their concerns and meeting their sales goals.

"This isn't a one person show," she said. "I might be the general manager, but it takes all of us to make Eastland go, and we're running in a positive direction, and we will continue to get stronger with each passing year."

Everyone has a story about Eastland, especially senior citizens who used to shop at the establishment when it was an open-air mall in the 1950s and 60s.

"I want the people in the community and surrounding communities to shop at Eastland and at the local stores in our area," Similides-Nelson said. "That is why we offer stores that fit everyone's needs. We have a very diverse base of shoppers at Eastland, and our shoppers like to shop for certain items. We need to make sure everyone has stores they enjoy shopping in."

One of the biggest achievements Similides-Nelson has partaken since she became GM in 1999 was the Parental Escort Program that kicked off on June 15, 2004.

The Mall of America in Minneapolis-St. Paul came up with this idea in 1996, and after two years of research and one year of meeting with shop owners, mall security, business leaders and other mall personnel, Eastland Center adopted this practice.

The Parental Escort Program encourages parents to shop Eastland Center with their children because one of the problems the mall encountered was up to 1,500 unsupervised teenagers on the weekends.

"Since the implementation of the policy, the Center has received positive comments from the tenants and community about the program," Similides-Nelson said. "Eastland has realized double digit decreases in overall incidences comparing 2003 to 2004 numbers."

"Communicating to the customer that Eastland Center is a comfortable place to shop is one of the biggest challenges," Similides-Nelson said. "The high profile of security has increased during the last few years, with sophisticated closed circuit television monitors strategically placed throughout the interior and exterior of the Center. Eastland Center security officers are certified under Public Act 330, giving them 120 hours of schooling and additionaly yearly training of 20 hours."

Similides-Nelson also played a role in decreasing Eastland's receivable balance, signed 20 new temporary leasing deals in 2004, resulting in a double-digit increase in revenue for the department from the 2003.

"As I said, I am not solely responsible for Eastland's accomplishments," Similides-Nelson said. "I directly work with 55 other men and women, and each of us want to see the center heading in the right direction."

She was Eastland's Marketing Manager from 1993 through 1999, when she was promoted to the GM.

She earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Stockton State College (Pomono, New Jersey) in 1994, and before that she earned an associate of science degree in fashion merchandising from the Fashion Institute of America (Fort Lauderdale, Florida) in 1978.

Similides-Nelson defines what a woman in business should be. She has earned several honors, including the Ethics for the Real Estate Manager certification award from the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM) in 2004 and the International Council of Shopping Centers-Senior Certified Marketing Director (SCMD) in 2003.

"Eastland Center is one of the biggest employee-created businesses in Harper Woods," Similides-Nelson said. "It's the dedication of all of us here at the shopping center that makes Eastland Center a great place to shop."

Dr. Lezotte has Grosse Pointe Audiology on top of its game

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Ginny Lezotte, owner of Grosse Pointe Audiology, has established her business as one of the areas finest in hearing healthcare and fitting people of all ages for hearing aids.

Grosse Pointe Audiology, entering its third year at its current location in Grosse Pointe Woods on Mack Avenue, has a professional staff that provides all clinical services by a Certified Clinical Audiologist who is licensed as an Audiologist by the State of Michigan and holds a Doctorate or Masters Degree in Audiology.

"I take a lot of pride in my business," Dr. Lezotte said. "My staff and I provide the best possible care for all of our patients."

Dr. Lezotte, the mother of infant Aidan and soon to be second child, and wife of three years to Dan, received her Doctor of Audiology degree from Central Michigan University.

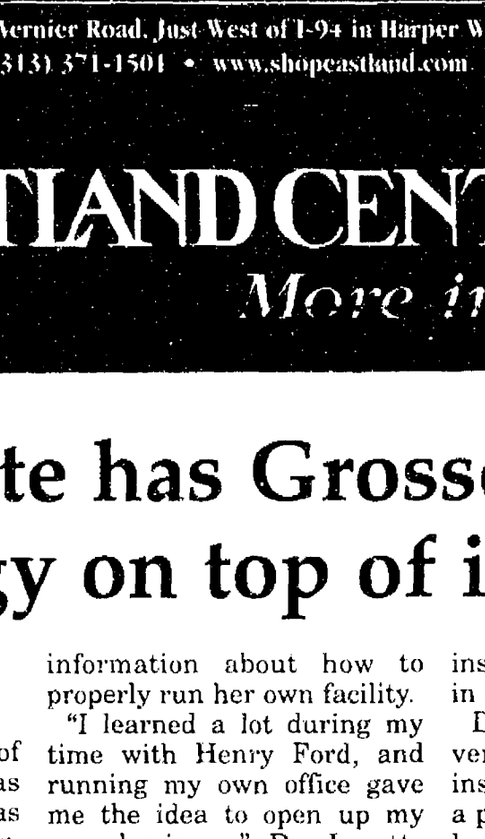
She is certified by the American Speech Language Hearing Association and her professionalism goes a long way toward helping the many senior citizens who come through her doors to receive hearing aids and fix other hearing-related problems.

"I take a lot of time with each patient because he or she deserves all of the time they need to help them with their hearing," Lezotte said. "It's very important for each of my patients to get the best care possible, and if an appointment runs a little longer than scheduled, then that is OK because my patients' care is my top priority."

Lezotte began her professional career working at Henry Ford Hospital, running its hearing aid and Cochlear Implant department.

She was given full reigns at Henry Ford's Westland office, where she learned valuable information about how to properly run her own facility.

"I learned a lot during my time with Henry Ford, and running my own office gave me the idea to open up my own business," Dr. Lezotte said. "Several members of my family, and my husband, each run their own office; so I knew I would have a lot of advice on how to open my own business."



Grosse Pointe Audiology is Dr. Lezotte's journey's apex that began in Indiana, where she spent her childhood.

She moved with her family to the Grand Rapids area and graduated from Grand Rapids Northview High School, and then went to CMU to get her bachelor's and doctorate degrees.

She completed a one-year medical rotation at the Michigan Ear Institute before accepting a position with Henry Ford Hospital.

Grosse Pointe Audiology wouldn't be as successful if it wasn't for the support of Chris Voss, office manager and receptionist; Jocelyne Benedict, receptionist; and Shannon Andrews, Master's Degree Audiologist. They are professionals who add a lot of integrity to Dr. Lezotte's business.

"I have a very solid staff," Dr. Lezotte said. "They make my job easier, and they really help our patients feel at home instead of feeling as if they're in a clinic."

Dr. Lezotte's office has a very "home" atmosphere, instead of the usual steril feel a patient gets at a clinic. She has replaced the typical white walls with comforting colors and pictures for her patients.

"I want my patients to feel comfortable about coming to see me," Dr. Lezotte said. "Too many patients aren't comfortable when they go to a doctor's appointment, but all of my patients feel good about coming to my place."

Dr. Lezotte's business deals with comprehensive hearing tests, middle ear testing, digital hearing aids, hearing aid repair lab, custon earmolds, noise protection devices, musician's earplugs, swim plugs, assistive listening devices, and couseling and education.

"I offer a wide variety of services to handle patients because each person is unique with his or her diagnosis," Dr. Lezotte said.

Her professionalism never wavers, even though she has to handle being a wife and mother, in addition to a business owner.

"I have a handle on everything in my life, and everything is going very well with my family and my business," she said. "I get a lot of support from my husband, parents, family and friends, which makes my life wonderful."

Grosse Pointe Audiology has also been awarded the 2003 Senior Friendly Business Award and the 2004 Senior Friendly Employee Award.

"Both of those honors are great for our office," Dr. Lezotte said. "It means my patients think very highly of the professionalism we offer at Grosse Pointe Audiology."

Grosse Pointe Audiology is located at 19794 Mack Avenue, and its telephone number is (313) 343-5555.

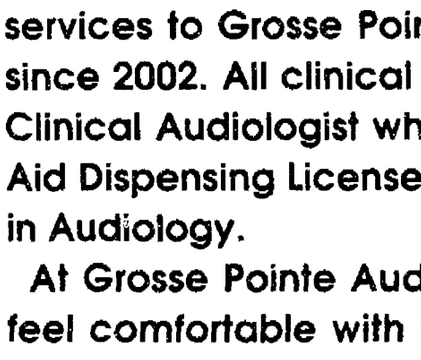
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Terme Day Spa provides a private, serene setting that has enriched the community for over two years. Jane Miller opened the day spa in September 2002. She is an experienced massage therapist, esthetician, businesswoman and long time member of the community. Jane, along with her daughter Paula, had been operating within the Alternative Health Center under the name of Natural Body Therapy for several years.



After obtaining an estheticians' license, Jane decided to expand the business into a full service day spa, and so was born Terme Day Spa. "My goal is to combine holistic ideals with luxurious treatments." She contributes the success of her business to the loyalty of her clientele and to the great service Terme provides. "Many of our clients have been coming to us for so long that we consider them friends," states Jane.

Relaxation and rejuvenation are what Terme Day Spa offers. Their services include several types of facials, massage, waxing, body treatments, and spa manicures & pedicures. Terme specializes in therapeutic massage and their six certified therapists are experienced in various modalities including; Swedish, pregnancy, sports, reflexology, myofascial release, Shiatsu, cranial sacral therapy, lymphatic drainage massage and hot rocks thermotherapy. In addition to their services, Terme offers a deluxe skin care line including products designed for every skin type.

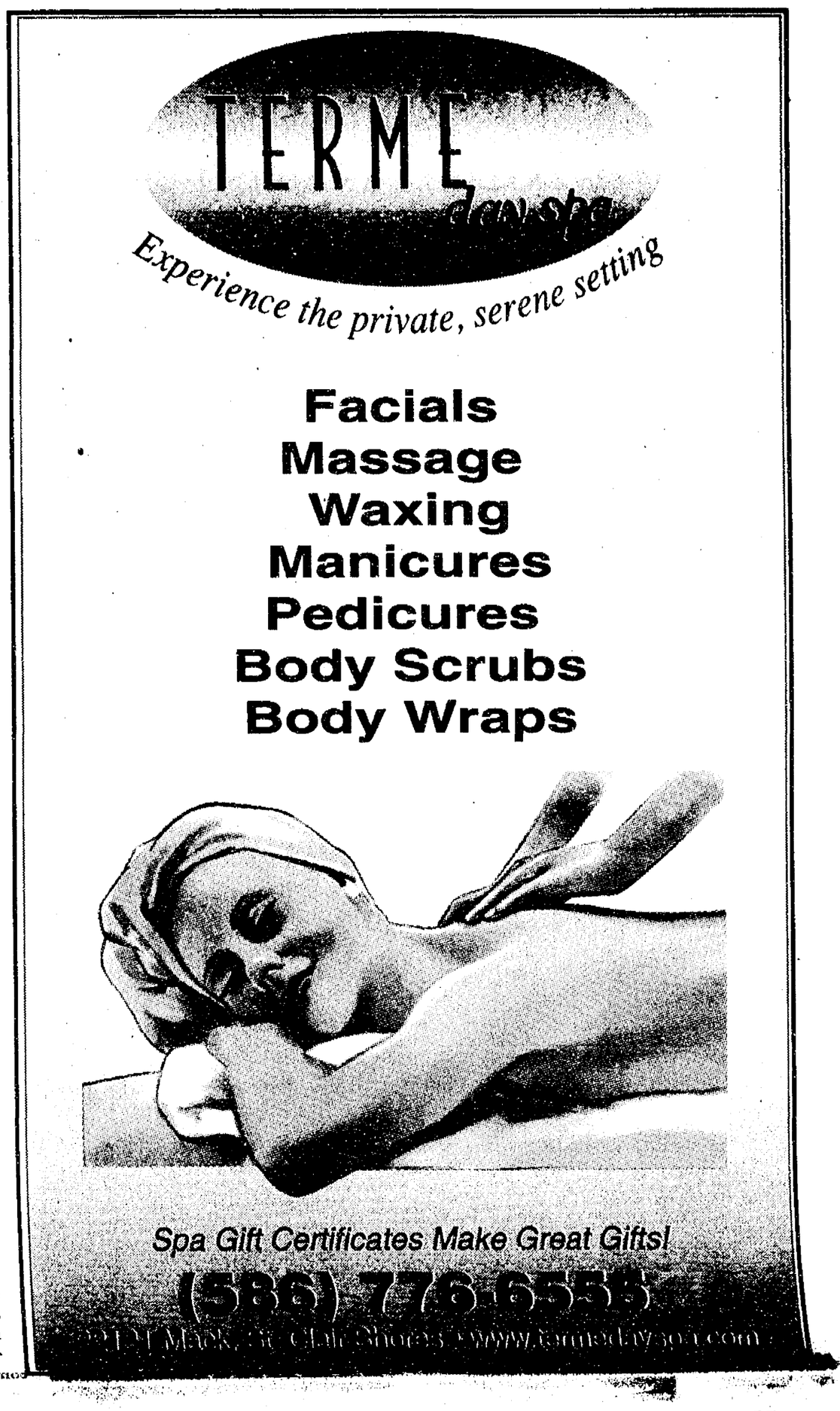
This wonderful skin care line is custom blended to individual needs during all body treatments. They also carry body oils, lotions and many other relaxation products for home use.

The day spa offers many unique services, for example, the couples massage and the Belavi-Facelift massage. The couple's massage consists of two people in the same room with two therapists providing a full body massage at the same time to both clients. This is a wonderful treatment for a bride and groom, sisters, or girlfriends. The Belavi-Facelift massage (as seen on Channel 7 News) is a distinctive service that is concentrated on the face, scalp, and neck. Indulging in the Belavi-Facelift massage will relieve tension, soften lines, and aid in the toning and tightening of sagging skin. Essentially, it is a pain free facelift. Jane specializes in providing the Luxury Facial that most resembles a European style facial. As a certified massage therapist and skin care specialist, her facials not only provide deep pore cleansing but overall relaxation. "With my use of essential oils and acupressure massage, many of my clients fall asleep during the facial. Men are the most impressed with how great they feel after a facial."

In October 2004, the day spa doubled in size providing additional treatment rooms, showers, and plenty of space for spa parties. A nail room offering spa manicures and pedicures was also added. Would you like gorgeous nails? Terme Day Spa offers Healing Hand Manicures and Gentlemen's manicures and pedicures as well. All of these services are customized to the individual using the healing products of the Jessica Nail Line.

As you walk through the door of Terme Day Spa, you will immediately be put at ease. The décor is of earth tones, the music is soft and soothing and the fragrance is a sweet lavendar and citrus blend. Above all, the staff is friendly, helpful and professional as they welcome you. "My staff is trained to explain the treatments and their benefits to clients who have questions," Miller states.

The serene atmosphere, the lovely scents, and the patient staff will all make you feel welcomed. But above all, their services will leave you relaxed and rejuvenated.



Comfortably Yours makes women feel comfortable physically and emotionally

Comfortably Yours owner Artie Gutzman wants women to feel good about how they look and feel about themselves.

Her calm demeanor immediately puts one at ease while talking about intimate female topics, such as breast prostheses, bras sizes and hot flashes, so it's no wonder that women feel comfortable in her shop.

Almost 15 years ago, Artie Gutzman and her late partner, Gail Klein were working together at Bon Secours Hospital – Artie was an X-ray technician and Gail was a nurse – when they realized that there was no place on the eastside where breast cancer patients could get fitted for a prosthesis and a bra; so they decided to open Comfortably Yours to fulfill that need.

"We wanted the shop to be a place where a cancer patient wouldn't feel stressed in a very stressful time in her life," Gutzman said.

Gutzman and seven of her employees are certified in fitting women with breast prosthesis, and they are up-to-date with the latest advances in the field.

"I am really excited about two new products coming in April," Gutzman said. "One has a backing which can be refrigerated and then placed next to a woman's skin to keep her cool, and the other is a computer scanning device that can create a prostheses that is a mirror image of the woman's remaining breast."

Unlike a doctor's office or other fitting services, a woman doesn't need to make an appointment at Comfortably Yours because there is a fitter in the shop at all times.

"I wanted to make this experience to be more like a shopping experience rather than a medical experience," Gutzman said.

Comfortably Yours also helps cancer patients who are facing hair loss due to chemotherapy. It carries a large selection of stylish hats, turbans and scarves.

It has a private room where a woman can try on all kinds of wigs at her leisure. The choices of styles, length and colors are virtually unlimited. If she doesn't see one in the shop, she can browse through one of the numerous catalogues available. Wigs can also be custom ordered to a woman's exact preferences.

Best of all, Comfortably Yours can give a woman battling cancer with moral support.

"Some of my fitters have had breast cancer, so our customers are helped by people who are well informed and sympathetic," Gutzman said. "Customers can discuss their concerns with someone who has been there."

Comfortably Yours also has two seamstresses who can alter virtually any garment to make a woman feel attractive and comfortable while wearing it.

"Many times we are able to sew a pocket for prosthesis into a bra or swimsuit that a woman already owns," Gutzman said. "Don't throw it out; bring it in and see what we can do."

One of the seamstresses can even custom makes swimsuits.

"If a customer has a swimsuit which she loves yet can no longer find, our seamstress can make a duplicate for her," Gutzman states.

While the shop was originally started to help breast cancer patients, Comfortably Yours has intimate apparel for every woman.

The shop has hundreds of bras in every size, ranging for 32AA to 56H, so any woman can find the perfectly fitting bra. It also carries maternity and nursing bras.

Comfortably Yours fitters will even take a woman's measurement to find the perfectly fitting bra.

"Like with clothing, the actual measurements of a particular bra size vary from manufacturer to manufacturer," Gutzman said.

For large-busted women, Comfortably Yours has bras in hard-to-find styles and colors.

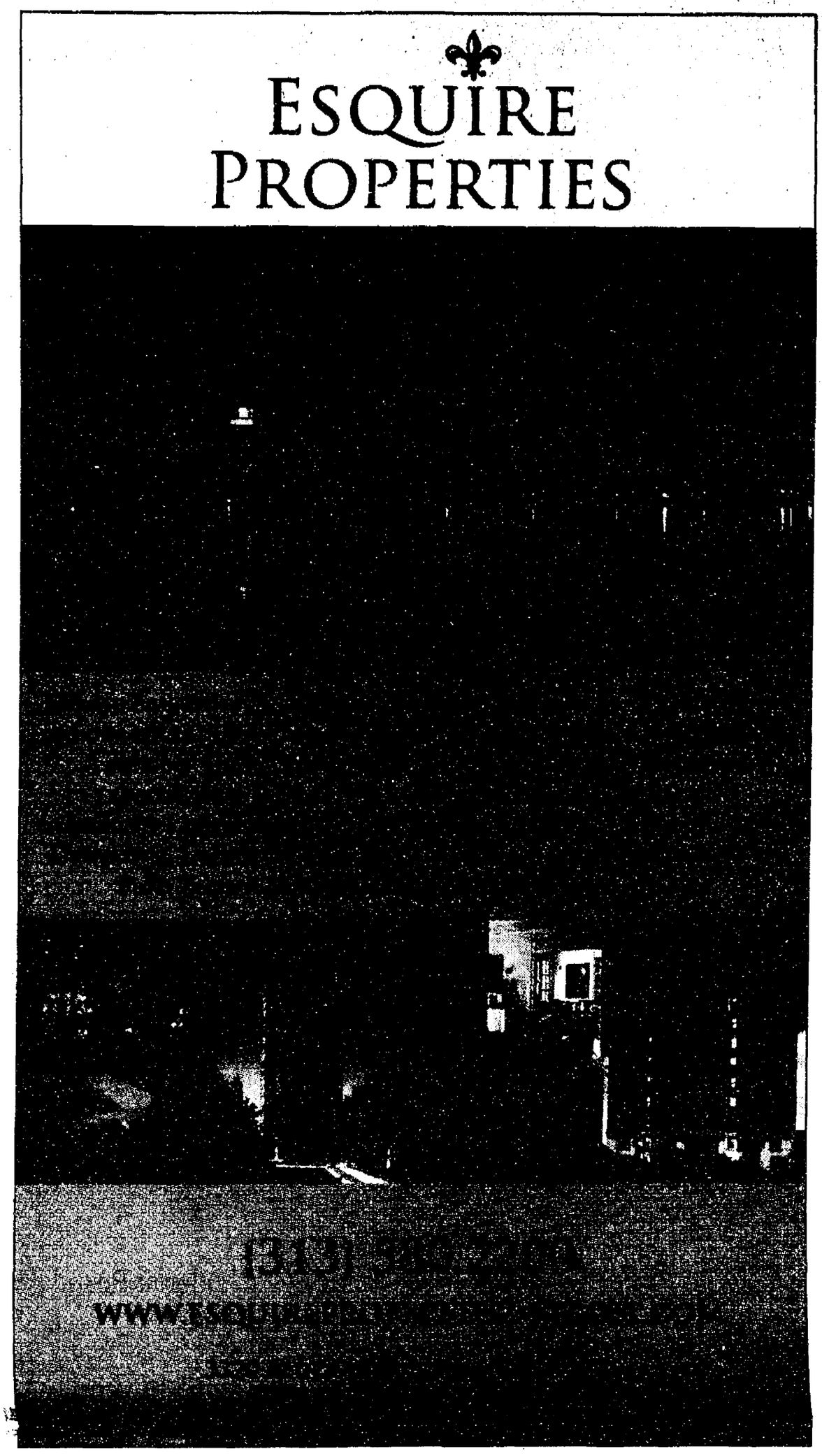
"Women that wear full cup bras can't find pretty bras because many manufacturers only produce larger bras in white," Gutzman explained.

While Comfortably Yours was named the "Best Bra Fitter for 2003" by the *Detroit Free Press*, it offers more than just bras to woman. It has swimsuits, beaded jewelry, handbags and pajamas, just to name a few items in the shop.

Women who are experiencing hot flashes and night sweats will be able to find in the shop pajamas which make them more comfortable sleeping at night. These pajamas wick away perspiration to keep a woman cool, yet quickly dries to keep her warm.

As a community service, Gutzman keeps a bank of donated prosthesis and wigs which she gives to people who do not have insurance. She also donates bras, which she has removed from her inventory, to women shelters.

In more ways than one, Comfortably Yours helps many women in our community.



Esquire Properties: Luxury living on the Riverfront

For Paige Dotson Peabody, founder of Esquire Properties, the development and growth of Detroit is part of her destiny. Peabody's great-grandfather, Hazen S. Pingree, was one of Detroit's most prominent mayors and also served two terms as Michigan's governor. And as a licensed broker and real estate attorney, she has combined her professional training with a commitment to contribute to the development of Detroit.

"Detroit is what I'm focused on, and real estate, especially condominiums, are a vital part of its comeback." Peabody said.

One example is 200 River Place, formerly the Parke Davis Pharmaceutical Co. Esquire Properties has sold 42 of the 48 units available. The reason: River Place, which won last year's Detroit Real Estate Excellence Award, is the premier loft project in Detroit. The renovation meets and exceeds the expectations of Detroit's most discerning buyers who want to live in an urban setting near the heart of Detroit.

Condominium conversions and luxury lofts are Peabody's and Esquire Properties' expertise. The key to Detroit's development are creating places where people want to live, work and play.

Another project at Peabody's forefront is Harbortown. Phase One is sold out and half of Phase Two, which is scheduled to open in 2005, is reserved.



Jamie Murray, president of Slavik Murray Investment Co., the developer of Harbortown, speaks of his confidence in Peabody and Esquire Properties as exclusive agents of the development.

"We opened Phase One in May 2004," Murray said. "She sold 101 condominiums in one weekend. It was unheard of. For 2004, she sold 202 out of 272 units. She and her sales team are spectacular."

Harbortown's gated community amenities include hardwood floors, fireplaces and sweeping river views. If these are features you are looking for, Peabody and her team are well versed in finding you the perfect residence.

Luxury lofts and condominiums are also located in Eastern Market, Brush Park, the New Center Area, Midtown, Lafayette Park and Corktown. Peabody and Esquire Properties are the place to start your search.

Peabody's commitment to the residential market in Detroit is second to none.

"I'm a resource that's not easy to find," Peabody said. "I know every property, every detail, in every price range."

She has done her diligence. After spending 15 years in the Detroit real estate industry, she knows the territory.

Peabody is a founding member of the Detroit Leadership Council, a networking group for those who share her vision and commitment to the rebirth of Detroit.

"There's a tremendous opportunity here," Peabody said. "With the development of the River Walk, Tri-Centennial State Park and Harbortown, the riverfront is a terrific value and a great place to live."

Peabody's dream is to see a vibrant riverfront with great places to live at a great value and she and Esquire Properties are well on their way to seeing that happen.

Peabody's great-grandfather would be proud.

Kmetz Heating & Cooling is the pride of a mother and her sons

"If people have an indoor comfort problem, we're determined to solve it for them," said Dee Kmetz, owner of Kmetz Heating and Cooling Co.

Whether you simply need to replace a part, such as a furnace filter or need installation of a new heating and cooling system for a new home or addition, Kmetz is the go-to company.

"In addition to our in-home services, we have many people who come into the store to purchase replacement parts." Kmetz said. "We even solve problems for customers over the phone."

In continuing with a family owned tradition, she leads the company that she and her late husband, Ed, purchased from the DuCastle family 31 years ago on Valentine's Day. The business has been thriving since 1929, which is the reason for their memorable phone number: (586) 777-1929.

Kmetz oversees a business in which three of her five children are involved - Bob is in charge of sales and service; Michael is head of installation; and Steven oversees computer technology.

"My sons are the experts; they handle the nitty gritty," Dee Kmetz proudly stated.

She attributes that her success as a business owner is partly due to her adaptability as a boss, and attributes being a good boss to being a mother.

"I think by raising a family, a woman learns how to prioritize, and what's important in life," she said. "I know that my employees have another life, so I try to be flexible."

Dee Kmetz and her sons believe in delivering high-quality service so they strive to remain current with the latest industry innovations.

"More and more people are concerned about the quality of air in their homes, especially if they have a family member who has allergies," she said. "High quality media and electronic air filters plus ultra violet lights will improve the quality of a home's air."

Dee Kmetz has some home maintenance advice for local homeowners. When they first move into a home, they should contact a profession to familiarize them with their heating and cooling system.

Every year, they should have their furnace and air conditioners undergo a seasonal maintenance check.

She also recommends that homeowners change their filter twice-a-year, four-times-a-year if they have air conditioning.

"When a filter is dirty, the dirt blocks off the air circulation and stops the furnace or air conditioner from working efficiently," Dee Kmetz said.

She also suggests that homeowners have their home's air ducts cleaned if they have never been cleaned before or even in a new home or a home with a new addition.

"Even though we don't clean air ducts, we strongly encourage homeowners to do it," she said.

It is this type of honesty and integrity which is the hallmark of Kmetz Heating and Cooling.

Dee Kmetz has been recognized by her peers for her years of service and involvement in the community. Last summer, the Metro East Chamber of Commerce recognized her for her 20 years of generous service with the "Award of Munificence."

In 2004, she received the Kiwanis Harper Charity Service Award for her contributions to Kiwanis children's charities.



Let's Talk Kids, Inc. & Pediatric Potentials, LLC

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Let's Talk Kids, Inc., and Pediatric Potentials, LLC, are two local businesses dedicated to helping children.

Lesley Boykin and Keeley Stempin, both speech-language pathologists, opened Let's Talk Kids, Inc., in the spring of 2002. Donna Tavalieri, physical therapist, and Gina Schmakel, occupational therapist, joined them nine months later when they opened Pediatric Potentials, LLC.



The four clinicians had been colleagues, working closely as a team at St. John Hospital. Their goal was to offer the same team-based approach at an affordable cost for children who may not have insurance coverage for speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, sensory integration disorders and feeding and swallowing therapy.

Together, the clinical team has more than 60 years of experience working with children. All of them are committed to excellence in the services they provide, and to continue developing new skills. To further that, they participate in extensive cross-training.

Let's Talk Kids, Inc. evaluates and treats the complete range of speech, language and swallowing problems in children.

"We do a comprehensive evaulation," Stempin says. "Listening to the parents' observations, using the most recently standardized tests and carefully observing the child's behavior."

She also states, "One thing that is unique about our clinic is that we create an individual treatment plan for each child. We are trained and experienced in a number of treatment methods, and carefully choose techniques that will best help each individual child."

Pediatric Potentials, LLC, offers services that help children with physical challenges, resulting from gross motor and fine motor difficulties, sensory integration disorders, and sensory-based feeding aversion.

Schmakel is certified in administration of the Sensory Integration and Praxis test, and Tavalieri is in the process of receiving certification. Both are skilled in sensory integration therapy. Boykin is also receiving formal training in sensory integration therapy.

"We're trying to reach more families and more children by offering other services," Tavalieri says.

Pediatric Potentials, LLC, offers a hand-writing program for pre-school and elementary school children called Leaps and Loops, and sensory-motor playgroups for toddlers. As well, both Tavalieri and Schmakel are certified infant massage instructors.

Let's Talk Kids, Inc. is one of the few facilities in the Tri-County area that assesses and treats pediatric swallowing disorders. One of Boykin's most rewarding cases was that of a si-week-old girl, hospitalized in the Pediatric Intensive Care unit with Failure to Thrive. The infant left the hospital being fed by a nasal feeding tube, with appointments to see Boykin.

After 10 weeks of therapy, the feeding tube was no longer needed, and within six months the child had reached normal weight.

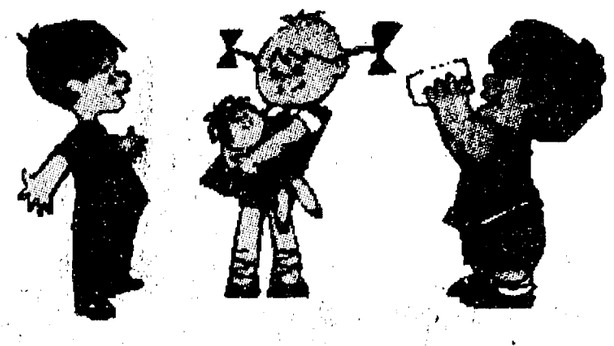
"She is now a sturdy, 4-year-old, and one of the highlights of my year is attending her birthday party," Boykin said. "We (the four business owners) have a wonderful working relationship," Tavalieri says. "We are always learning from each other, and often co-treat children for maximum impact."

All four owners are mothers, who are raising or have raised children. Perhaps because of that they recognize the need for parents to be a part of the treatment team.

"For all of us, parent education is an important component of the treatment program," Stempin says.

While many of the children treated in the clinic are local, others come from as far away as Farmington Hills, Rochester and Port Huron, drawn by the exceptional service they receive.

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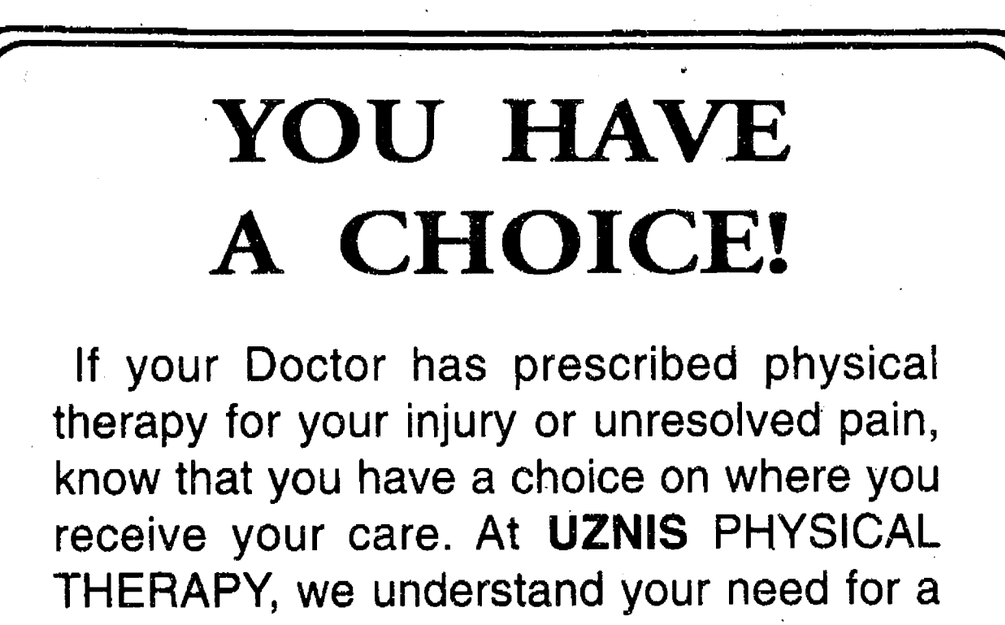
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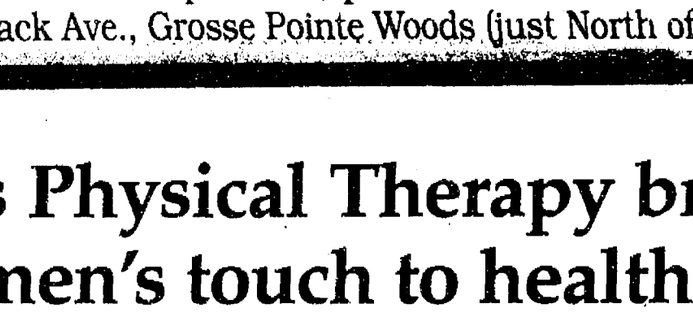


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Uznis Physical Therapy brings a women's touch to health care

Twenty-five years ago, Mary Ann Uznis had a choice to make: to spend $15,000 on furniture for her new home in Grosse Pointe or to start-up a small physical therapy practice in a one-room suite. Lucky for all of us with various physical ailments, she chose the latter.

"I was the first female physical therapist in Michigan to have a private practice," Uznis said.



Now that practice has expanded into six suites and 3500 square feet of space. A staff of 13 women is devoted to helping people – from six months to 100 years old – find relief from physical ailments.

Though the staff currently consists of all women, they treat both men and women for all sorts of problems from stroke rehabilitation to sports-related injuries.

Besides their degrees in physical therapy, all therapists at the Uznis clinic are required to stay up-to-date on the latest treatments of orthopedic and neurological disorders. Some therapists have special interests in sports medicine, geriatrics, pediatrics and balance disorders. They have a combined 250 years of experience in the field.

Not only are all the staff members women at Uznis Physical Therapy, but there are two pairs of mothers and daughters, including Uznis and her daughter, Gretchen Uznis Carron, D.P.T., working at the facility. Patients benefit from this family atmosphere because there is a sense of community at the outpatient facility.

"Sometimes new patients are a bit grumpy because they are in a lot of pain," explains Uznis, "but then they meet other patients who are encouraging them. There is a real camaraderie here."

Uznis and her staff pride themselves on the individual attention they give each patient. Each patient works one-on-one with a therapist who gets to know their individual needs.

"Every patient is different," Uznis said. "For instance, everyone's back problem is different. One set of back exercises might help one patient but not another. You must evaluate each patient's situation and develop a plan that works for them."

Since patients usually see the same therapist throughout the duration of their therapy, the therapist gets to know what works for their patients.

"If you're in pain, you may not feel like exercising. So it is our job to figure out how to motivate you," Uznis explains. "Our goal is to make it fun and to be encouraging."

Uznis points out that there is not much equipment in the bright and cheerful facility. She notes that most therapy machines are designed to accommodate a 6'0" man, thus unsuitable for most women and children. Instead, Uznis therapists have their patients work with free weights and resistance bands. The emphasis is on functional exercise.

"By devising a therapy program of exercises using free weights and bands, patients are able to follow through with the therapy at home," Uznis said.

In addition to encouraging their patients to follow a therapy program at home, Uznis therapists spend the time to educate their patients about their particular condition.

"By educating our patients, we promote independence and encourage them to take responsibility for their health care," Uznis said.

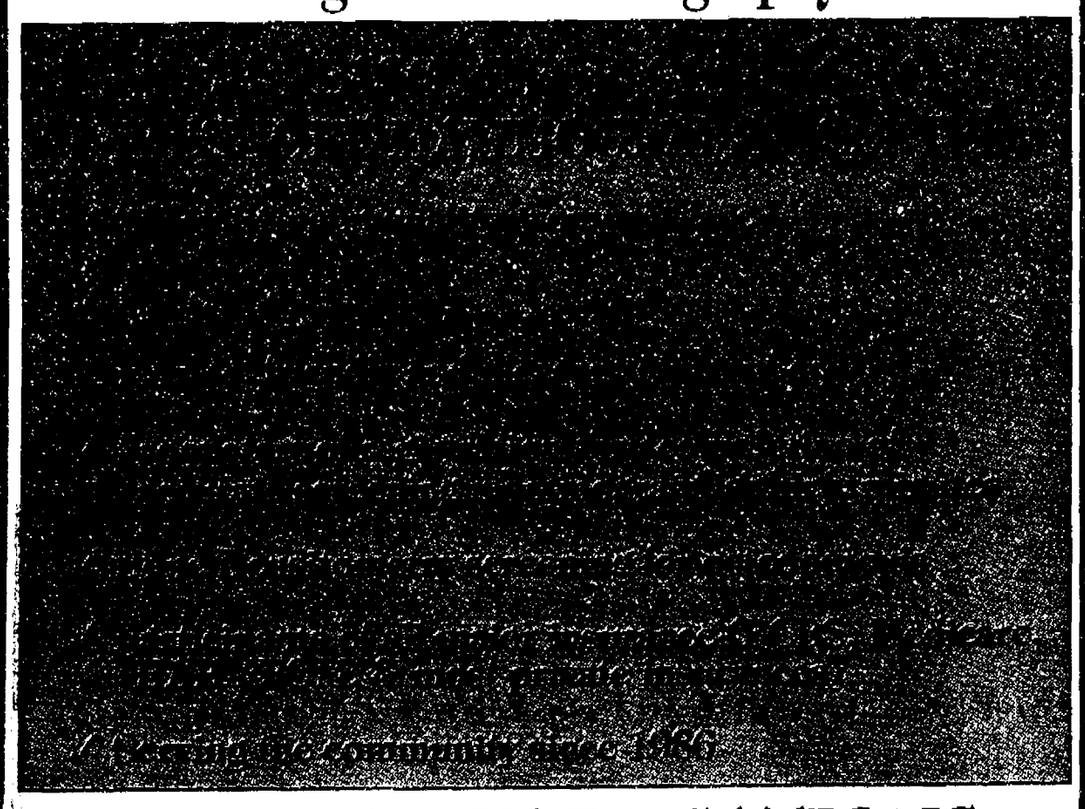
The State of Michigan requires a doctor's referral for physical therapy, but patients are free to go to any facility for treatment, not just the one recommended by their doctor. This is a fact unknown to most people; thus many people may end up in a program that doesn't work for them personally. It is important for people to know that they have a choice," Uznis stressed. "If you find a therapist that you like, your recovery will be enhanced."

Uznis Physical Therapy is a federal and state approved rehabilitation agency participating in Blue Cross, Medicare, and most private insurance.

Uznis Physical Therapy is located near 7 Mile and Mack Avenues on the east side of Detroit. There is convenient and ample parking next to the facility.

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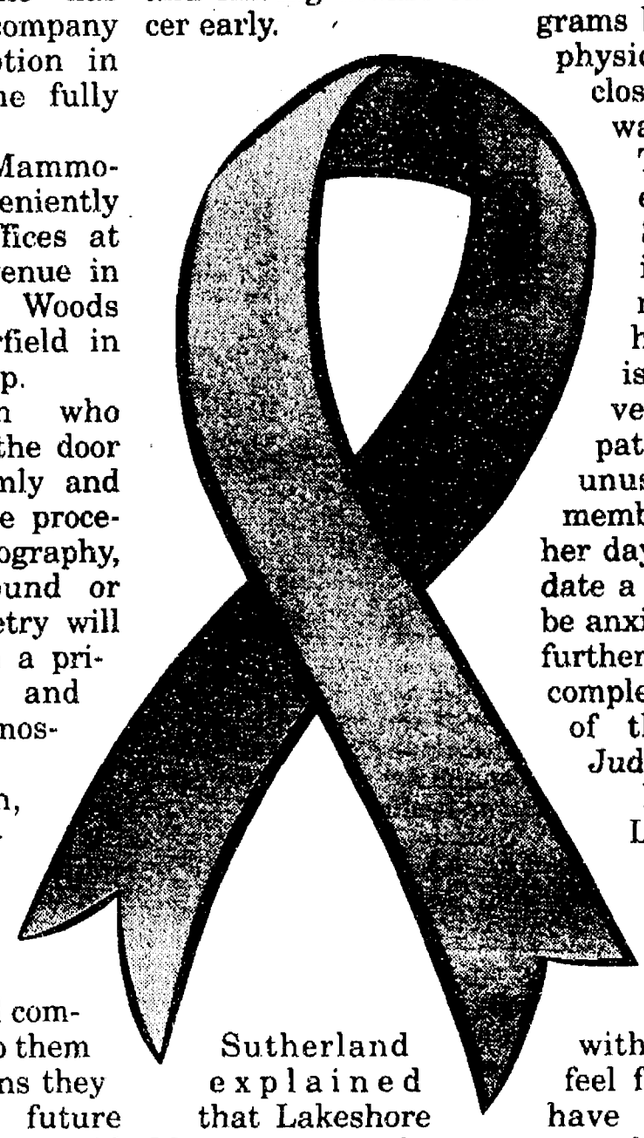
The patient's needs are number one at Lakeshore Mammography Center. That is the first priority of Judy Sutherland, president of Lakeshore Mammography Center. Grosse Pointe native, Sutherland, who has been with the company since its inception in 1986, heads the fully accredited staff.

Lakeshore Mammography is conveniently located with offices at 20931 Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods and 39200 Garfield in Clinton Township.

Each woman who comes through the door is greeted warmly and assured that the procedure of Mammography, Breast Ultrasound or Bone Densitometry will be conducted in a private, friendly, and professional atmosphere.

"Quite often, first time mammography patients have a lot of anxiety. Our goal is to make them feel comfortable and help them with any concerns they may have for future mammograms", said Marilyn Schroeder, VP of Marketing at Lakeshore Mammography. "We are a compassionate staff here at Lakeshore Mammography Center and feel it truly makes a big difference when you look at the person and greet them with a smile."

"We take women's health issues very seriously," Sutherland said. At Lakeshore Mammography Center we are a team devoted to women and finding breast cancer early.



Sutherland explained that Lakeshore Mammo-graphy Center offers quality care and respects their patients' time. A screening mammography patient is in and out in about one half-hour including registration time because the schedule is never over-booked.

The offices have state-of-the-art equipment including CAD (computer aided detection). The CAD's purpose is to act as a second set of eyes reading the mammograms. It does not replace the radiologist who reads mammograms but can alert the physician to take a closer look at subtle warning signs.

There are evening and Saturday hours, in addition to the normal business hours. The office is open for the convenience of the patient. "It is not unusual for a staff member to come in on her day off to accommodate a patient who may be anxious about having further testing done to complete the evaluation of the study," said Judy Sutherland.

Because Lakeshore is a cost effective organization, most insurance companies choose to participate with them. Please feel free to call if you have any questions regarding your personal health insurance.

Lakeshore Mammography Center's staff creates a homey atmosphere and they are committed to their patients needs. They encourage women to join their family.

Restore inner peace and radiance at Ohana Rejuvenation Center

Under the caring eyes and direction of Dr. Colene Calo, D.O. at Blue Skies Dermatology and Ohana Rejuvenation Center in St. Clair Shores, women are experiencing a renewed sense of self and taking years off their appearance. Rediscover something that has been missing from your life for far too long - YOU. Restore inner peace and radiance.

As a Dermatologist and emerging Anti-Aging Medical Specialist, Dr. Colene Calo, D.O. said, "Ohana's sole aim is to help women experience a personal reawakening of themselves by embracing wellness, fostering an inner calm, and (along the way), rejuvenating their appearance. Our goal is to restore natural beauty, not just on the outside, but on the inside. As the female baby boomers' life 'titles' increase, such as 'partner', 'mother', or 'professional', there seems to be an equal and opposite decline in our sense of self. We tend to neglect to nurture ourselves, our Goddess energy."



Dr. Colene Calo, D.O.

"My patients and clients are an extended family to me, and are treated as such." No matter how small your concern may seem to some, it deserves attention and will never be dismissed. "If someone comes to me seeking help or guidance, my door is open."

As you open the grand mahogany door to Ohana, you enter an oasis. You'll sense the serenity of the islands that inspired such a retreat. The elegant and tranquil setting reflects the essence of Ohana - the Hawaiian spirit of family. From the cascading waterfall, to the exotic bromeliads and orchids, you'll savor the comfort of your escape from everyday demands. This welcoming spirit transcends beyond Ohana's ambiance, and is a natural attribute of the staff. "I have found the perfect team of people who share the desire to provide the highest quality of care in a compassionate and caring manner." Too often this paramount value of compassion is missing when it comes to women's health concerns, and Ohana is here to change that.

Environmental insults insidiously cause chronic inflammation, depleting our body's support structure, collagen. Laser Genesis, fillers and Epionce skin care products, help restore lost collagen. While many dermatologic skin creams promise fantastic results, Dr. Calo hasn't found but one who can back their claims with scientific evidence of efficacy. "It does not matter if you spend $250.00 on a pretty jar with a doctor's name on it. If it cannot get through the skin's barrier in it's active form, it cannot work."

Their wide variety of services range from Botox, Laser Hair Removal, Peels, Spider Vein Sclerotherapy, and injectable fillers to massage and facials. Cosmetic fillers such as restylane plump out smile lines and enhance lip fullness. In addition, Bio-Identical and Growth Hormone replacement are available to Dr. Calo's private clients. "Our Laser Genesis is a relaxing noninvasive facial treatment, lasting 45 minutes and feels like warm raindrops." This is in sharp contrast to the discomfort Dr. Calo has experienced during some other brand laser facials. "I will only offer services that I have experienced myself and am satisfied with their comfort and efficacy." Ohana goes the extra mile to provide client comfort. A topical numbing ointment may be used before certain treatments, as well as ice and anesthetics, if necessary. "We want the client's experience to be positive from reception to farewell." It's this philosophy that has brought success to her dermatology practice, adjacent to Ohana. "There are not many physicians today whose success is primarily due to personal recommendations from satisfied patients." But that's the old-fashioned way that Dr. Calo prides herself on practicing - "Good begets good".

Dr. Calo began her medical career as a Physical Therapist, received her Masters Degree in Exercise Physiology, then finished the circle of health when she became a Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) in 1995. She recognized the need for more compassionate physicians, and in keeping with her passion for health and wellness, fills a void in healthcare for women.

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Bolton - a real estate leader focused on integrity

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Women in Business: Nanci M. Bolton of Bolton-Johnston Associates, of Grosse Pointe Realtors leads by example.

"I take great pride in the fact that everyone involved in our company shares a common set of professional goals," Bolton said. "Our focus is on our clients and how we serve their real estate needs.

"Representing our clients with honesty and integrity enables them to feel confident and comfortable throughout the entire process of buying or selling properties."

Bolton's leadership style and passion for the real estate industry has evolved during the last 27 years since becoming a licensed Realtor. With her business partner and co-owner, Forman S. Johnston, she has helped establish one of Grosse Pointe's most-respected real estate companies.

In fact, Bolton is among a select group of women Realtors across the nation who are brokers and own their companies.

Although women have long dominated the ranks of residential real estate sales agents, it's a much different story for brokers. When Bolton first entered the real estate business in 1978, just 21 percent of real estate brokers were women, according to the trade organization National Association of Realtors. In 2003, slightly more than half the number of brokers was female.

Bolton didn't step into the real estate business immediately as a broker-owner. Armed with a bachelor's degree in business from Michigan State University, she worked her way up the career ladder, spending more than seven years as a sales associate and, subsequently, as an office manager for two different Grosse Pointe real estate firms while developing her professional skills and abilities.

"Early in my career, I learned the importance of personal attention to individual needs, whether to clients, colleagues or staff," said Bolton. "And, most importantly, I learned to blend personal values with business goals and understand that each serves the other."



In 1985, Bolton joined Borland-Johnston Associates, which had offices on Mack Avenue near Vernier Road in the Woods and on Fisher Road in the City. She managed the Woods office and worked with personal clients buying and selling properties.

Three years later, Bolton's career took an unexpected turn to the next level when she became a 50-percent owner of the company, which then became known as Bolton-Johnston Associates of Grosse Pointe Realtors.

Then in 1990, Bolton and Forman Johnston consolidated their firm's two offices into a single location on Mack Avenue in the Farms, adjacent to Village Food Market, in a building they purchased.

"Obviously, we strongly believe in owning real estate," said Bolton, "because it's a wise investment. Plus, we pursued ownership of our own building in order to have more discretion over the direction of our company," she said. "At the time, the real estate industry was undergoing rapid change, and we knew we had to adapt to provide our clients and associates with improved services."

Bolton-Johnston adapted, indeed.

Fueled by an explosion in business technology, Bolton-Johnston streamlined its operations, provided additional education and training opportunities and established new marketing and communications resources for its office staff and sales associates.

But, 14 years later, amid new challenges presented by the ever-changing real estate industry and local market, the company gutted and then renovated its sales office again last year, transforming itself into a high-tech wonder.

Growing the company, Bolton said, is a top priority and comes from taking calculated risks.

"Without risk, there is no growth," she said. "I have confidence in my ability to succeed and I enjoy people around me who feel the same way."

The latest renovation enabled Bolton-Johnston to create a more-efficient office space, providing each of the firm's four staff members and 35 sales associates with a private work area and access to the company's computer network and the Internet.

It also reworked its website, www.boltonjohnston.com, and formed affiliations with JPMorgan Chase Home Finance, Pointe Title, Christie's Great Estates, Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate and RELO Reliance Relocation Services.

"Our office staff and sales associates really appreciate the professional business environment that we have provided," said Bolton. "And all of our people understand how much we value their contributions and experience . . . because we let them know it."

Bolton-Johnston's emphasis on marketing and technology encourages clients to utilize the information superhighway by using the firm's website to browse listings of available properties – no matter if the property is located in the Pointes, across the country or even on the other side of the world.

"Clients can quickly learn what is available in any marketplace in the comfort of their own home or office," Bolton said. "They are able to sort through the listings and screen properties customized to their individual criteria through our website. For many listings, they can even take a virtual tour of a specific house or condominium. That's very beneficial because clients can get a real feel for properties that most interest them."

Bolton believes that her company's leadership, marketing and technology capabilities have given Bolton-Johnston and its sales associates an edge in the Grosse Pointe and metro-Detroit real estate markets, especially dealing with premier properties.

Another competitive advantage, according to Bolton, is the company's policy on hiring only full-time real estate professionals and providing them with formal real estate education and development. Bolton is such a profound supporter of real estate education that she has four professional real estate designations, including the prestigious Certified Real Estate Brokerage Manager awarded by the Realtors National Marketing Institute.

"Grosse Pointe is a relatively small community and news travels fast," said Bolton. "We do our best to constantly enhance our firm's reputation with clients as well as with other real estate companies.

Our firm and sales associates compete for clients on a daily basis. That's why we stress how critical it is to genuinely cooperate with other real estate companies and sales people in the market. In our business, we treat everyone with respect and professionalism. Word-of-mouth can make or break a company."

This is why Bolton is regarded as one of the most successful businesswoman in the Grosse Pointe community . . . and why Bolton-Johnston Associates is regarded as a solid real estate company.

"If there is one word that could characterize our company it would be integrity," Bolton said. "Integrity is crucial to how we conduct ourselves in the community and how we serve our clients. Our reputation for personal service, customer satisfaction, quality and integrity is our foundation. We work at it every day."

Bolton's leadership style is evident when she reveals her business-management philosophy on advising clients.

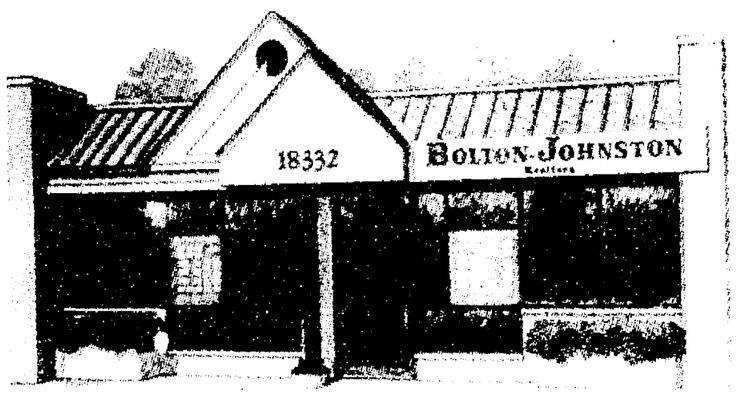
"One of our most important functions is to educate and counsel our clients," she said. "We try to provide all of the critical information a buyer or seller needs to make an informed decision about their investment. And it's not just about the finances involved."

So, how's business?

"It's very time consuming," Bolton said. "But it's very rewarding."

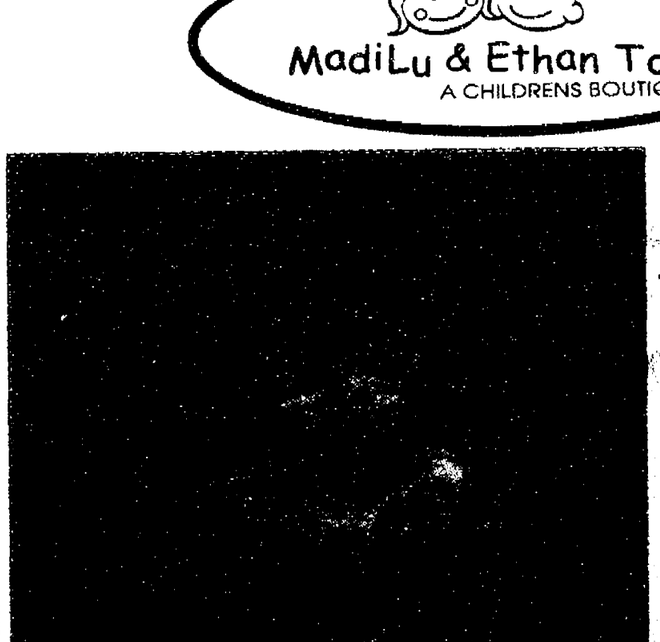
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Knowing how to fill retail niches means knowing a community and what it needs and knowing how to best deliver those products. Alison Haus has proven her niche-building skills twice over.

For the past 3 1/2 years, Haus has owned Madilu and Ethan Too, a childrens' boutique specializing in clothing for infants through boys size 10 and girls sizes 14, shoes to size 3 and unique bedding lines. In November, she opened Urban Daisy, a contemporary lifestyle store for women, located next door to Madilu and Ethan Too in the Village.

Haus, the stepdaughter of Pointe Electronics owner Sloane Barbour, grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods and now lives in the Grosse Pointe Park. Having retail in her blood, she studied fashion merchandising in college and took on an internship at Neiman Marcus.

"Being assigned to the children's department, I thought I was being picked on," Haus said. "I really wanted the cashmere or cosmetics departments, where they always got fabulous samples and new colors. I found out that being in the children's department during the fourth quarter in the retail industry was a big compliment."

Haus then went on to work as a store manager for Levi Strauss at the Somerset Collection, as an assistant buyer for children's wear for Crowley's and in merchandise and logistics for Kmart. And like her mother , Cheryl Barbour, a real estate agent with Bolton Johnston, Haus spent some time selling real estate in the Grosse Pointes.

"That's how I really got to know the cities and the residents," Haus said.

It was also the springboard she needed to start Madilu and Ethan Too, which was in two different locations on Mack in the Woods before moving into its current location in the Village at 17116 Kercheval about a year ago.

"We carry traditional and trendy and everyday and specialty clothing," Haus said. "We carry lines you'll hardly find in department stores."



But carrying distinctive items in a boutique setting doesn't necessarily make Madilu and Ethan Too a store that's stylistically or financially out of reach for most shoppers.

"There's always something for everyone," Haus said. "We're very value contuse in so many things we do."

Haus has also taken advantage of the shrinking availability in the area of quality children's shoes in the area by expanding the selection at Madilu and Ethan Too.

But knowing the customer base to offer the best selection of clothing, shoes and bedding is only part of the shopping experience at Madilu and Ethan Too.

"We have a relationship with our customers," Haus said. "When you see them about once a month or so, you get to know their preferences and they become your friends."

Haus followed many of the instincts and lessons she learned in running Madilu and Ethan Too in opening Urban Daisy.

Urban Daisy carries fun and kicky clothing from well-tailored career pants to comfortable yoga pants to lingerie with various lines of bath and body products, jewelry, shoes, handbags and other accessories to round out a contemporary look.

"The store appeals to a wide range of women — from high school kids who are desperate for something fashionable to women in their 50s who want something sexy to wear. The whole women's community has been looking for an option like this."

As a woman who has proven her niche- and business building skills, Haus also credits her managers, Laura Heenan and Lisa Manicaci, who have been with her since Madilu and Ethan Too opened its doors.

"Sometimes people mistake them for the owners," Haus said. "They pay attention to details such as having our signature paper and sticker on every gift and they're very knowledgeable about the merchandise. And Kelee Teodecki, who started with me part-time at Madilu and Ethan Too is now building a clientele with women at Urban Daisy."

Haus' husband, Harry, also plays a big role in the success of both businesses.

"As a male, the part-time operations manager and full-time stay-at-home dad, he's really learned the business," Haus said. "For example, it was his idea to use wooden hangers for all the clothes in Urban Daisy."

Like Madilu and Ethan Too, Urban Daisy has become a favorite destination for many Village shoppers.

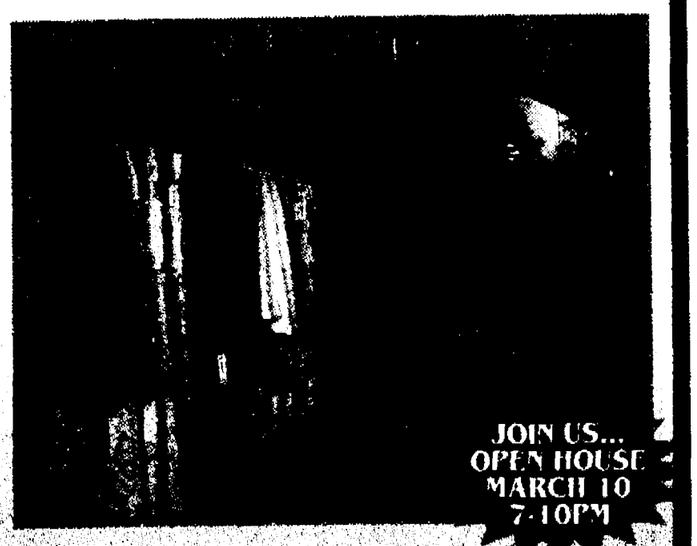
"We've gotten to know a lot of loyal Pointe customers who really try to make this a tight-knit community," Haus said.

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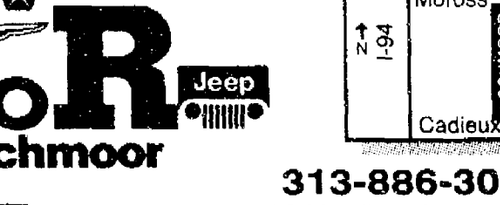
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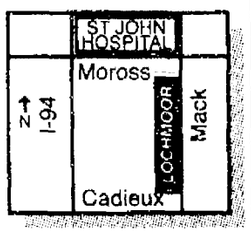


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DiSanti views her career from the driver's seat

Doors opened when Deborah DiSanti knocked and pushed on them. The door she first knocked on didn't.

"I found my niche very early in life"

After graduating from Western Michigan University in 1982, with a bachelor's degree, she was ready to venture out into the business world. She tried for several months to find a job within her field of expertise, but couldn't find the right door to open.

DiSanti found a job selling cars. She had opened the biggest door of her life, and didn't even know it. After six months into the business she found she really liked interacting with the customers; more to her credit she is good at it. What began as a way to start paying off her student loans and moving out of her mother's house was the road to a very successful career in a male-dominated world. And she hasn't glanced in the rearview mirror since.

"I found my niche very early in life," she said. "I really enjoy dealing with the public. Earning someone's trust and respect isn't an easy thing to do. Especially when I was just starting out. But my confidence level continues to build, even today."

DiSanti began on Lochmoor's sales floor in 1984.



"It wasn't easy breaking into a male-dominated business. For a long time, I was the only sales woman selling cars. I was a rare breed."

DiSanti had managed various departments in the dealership, and now is general manager.

She drove herself right to the top. She credits her success in the business to nothing more than persistence and hard work.

"Gender shouldn't matter, a good employee is a good employee — no matter what the position. Surround yourself with good people. And you will become very successful. After all, you're writing an article about me. I'm lucky to have the best of the best around me.

"To be successful you have to put in a lot of hours; you have to stay focused on your customers' needs and wants. Gus Russo, the owner of Lochmoor Chrysler Jeep, once said to me that God gave us two ears and one mouth. You should listen twice as hard a you speak. Words to live by," she said.

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Bubbling with enthusiasm over baubles and bags

For several years Bonnie Caprara has become known in the Grosse Pointes as a staff writer at the Grosse Pointe News. Lately, she is also making a name for herself as a purse and jewelry maven.

Caprara launched Bonnie's Baubles and Bags last July selling designer inspired purses and jewelry through home trunk shows, weekend markets and her Web site.

"I started the business at a time when I was looking for jewelry for myself and I was looking to pick up some extra income," Caprara said. "I saw how much people enjoyed going to home parties, but I wanted to offer something different."

As with her personal buying habits, Caprara has always had an eye for buying quality items and excellent prices.

"There has to be an match between fashion, value and quality," Caprara said. "My standards are as high as my budget is strict."

Her several years working as a sales consultant Jacobson's and other women's stores on the east side has made Caprara aware of what women want.

"I pay attention to what women wear," Caprara said. "And what women wear in the Grosse Pointes is not what the models wear in Vogue or InStyle or what women wear in New York, Los Angeles or even across town."

Caprara focuses on designer inspired items because of their classic yet timeless appeal.

"They're styles that women covet," Caprara said. "They're also items that can be worn year-round and won't go out of style by the end of a season.

"Some of the biggest compliments I receive are when people tell me how classy my items are or when they return to shop and bring their friends with them. But most of all, I enjoy how excited they get when they can find these looks for less — a lot less than if they were sold at department of specialty stores. Sometimes it's hard to tell if someone gets excited about buying something really beautiful or buying something at a great price."

None of the items Caprara sells are designer items or bear any tags, patterns, logos or are exact copies of popular designer items.



"I buy from reputable sources and would never do anything to put myself, my home trunk show hosts or my customers in jeopardy," Caprara said.

Home trunk shows provide Bonnie's Baubles and Bags the best and most intimate opportunity to browse through and try on the latest jewelry styles.

"The term 'home party' has such a negative connotation, and I try to get past that by encouraging home trunk show hosts to focus on entertaining and being with their friends," Caprara said. "Instead of saying, 'Hey, come over and buy something,' I encourage hosts to think of a fun excuse to get together — a tea, a death-by-chocolate party, or a 'No Sex in the Suburbs' party.

"It doesn't take long until guests are comfortable with looking at and then picking up and trying things on. Before you know it, they're all modeling and showing off, kind of like we all did when we were 6-year-olds playing dress-up."

All items are available on a cash-and-carry basis.

"There's no order taking, collecting money or delivering for the host," Caprara said. "I bring the 'store' to your house, and everyone gets to take home and enjoy the items they bought that very same day."

In return, hosts are entitled to a generous discount program plus a lifetime 5 percent discount on future purchases.

The Web site has also been another new spin on Caprara's direct marketing efforts.

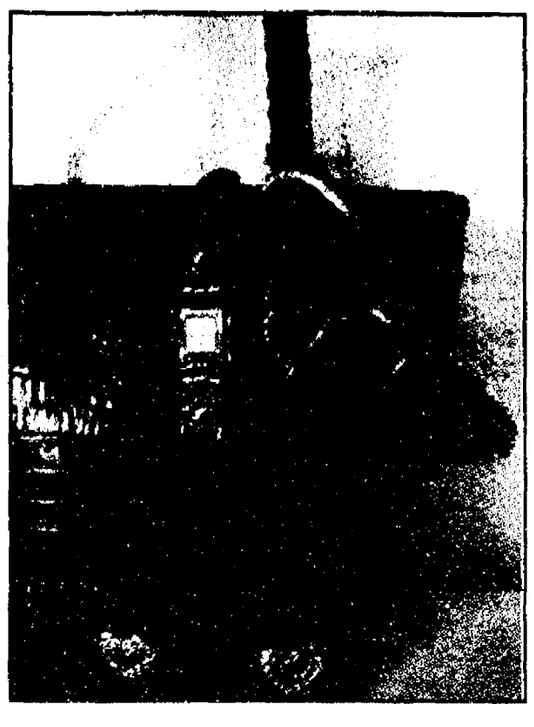
"It's difficult to print a catalog because so many new items become available on a daily basis," Caprara said. "It's much easier and faster to keep a Web site up-to-date. It's also much more convenient for customers. They can shop and place an order any time, and often they'll call or e-mail me to make sure I bring certain items to a show just for them."

How does a reporter fit a business like this into her life?

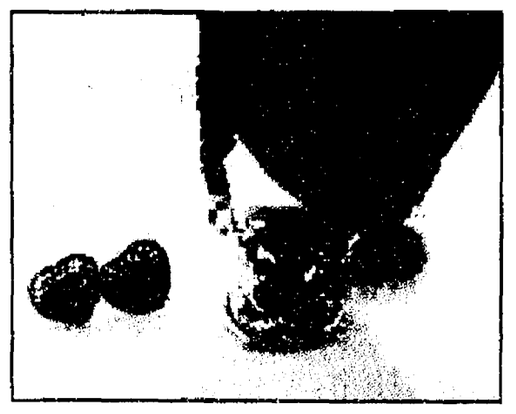
"It's trying sometimes, but it's fun," Caprara said. "I'm also blessed with having two sons who are very supportive of me taking on this business. For instance, whenever we go shopping, we'll stop into certain stores that carry designer purses and jewelry to see what they have. My youngest son is always shocked to see how much these things cost. He'll often say: 'Mom, those ladies who buy those things are stupid. Don't they know they can buy the same kinds of things from you for much less money?'"

Now that's something to write home about ... or perhaps in an upcoming column.

Most of the items Caprara sells are available on the Bonnie's Baubles and Bags Web site: www.bonniesbaublesandbags.com. Phone orders are also taken at (586) 792-3357.

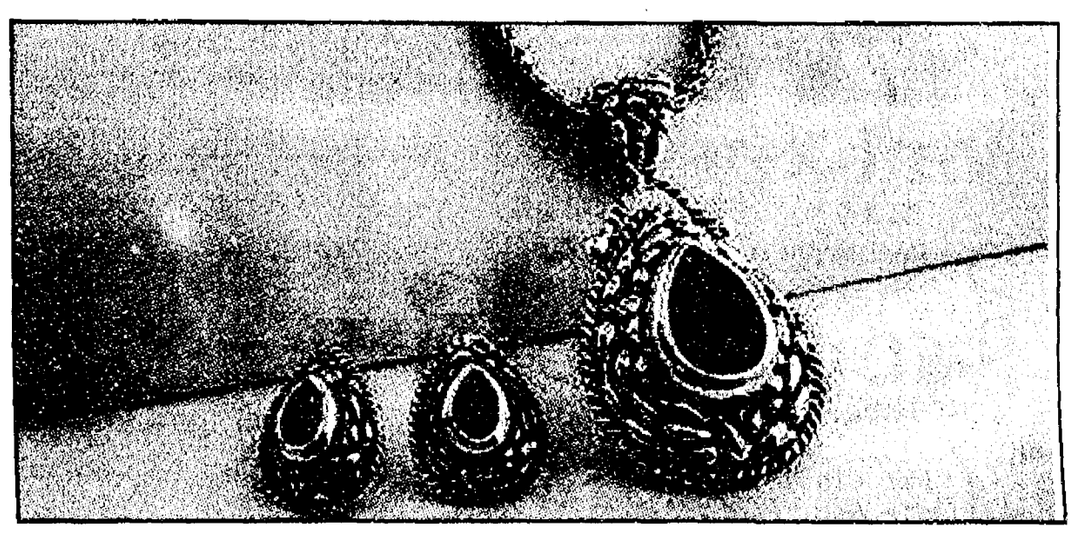


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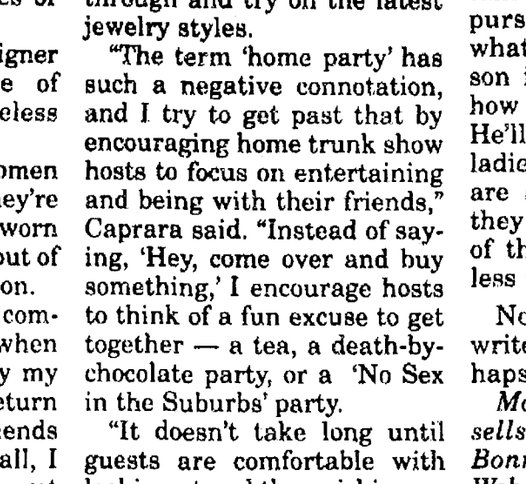
When your last name is Hagopian, "rugs" could be you middle name.

That is especially true for Suzanne and Angela Hagopian Snow who are running the family business that their grandfather started in 1939.

"We love rugs; we share our love of rugs with our customers," said Suzanne Hagopian, Co-owner and Buyer.

She credits her father, Edgar Hagopian, for being her mentor and for giving her a strong work ethic and sense of purpose.

"My father always told us that we must help our customers solve their design needs, and that we need to visualize the solution for them," said Suzanne Hagopian.



Top row: Edmond Hagopian, Angela Hagopian Snow, Edgar Hagopian. Bottom Row: Suzanne Hagopian, Kenneth Snow.

All three Hagopian stores, which are located in Birmingham, Novi and the Rug Outlet in Oak Park, are set up to be very customer friendly, especially for women. People are encouraged to come in and browse through the rug racks. The rug racks are easy to move so customers aren't dependent upon someone else in order to see a rug. The racks also allow them to see all the rugs in the store; and to see an entire rug, not just a corner of it.

"Women can come in and shop on their own and browse at a leisurely pace. Our sales consultants will give them their space," said Co-owner and Operations Manager Angela Hagopian Snow.

"When a customer is ready to work with a sales consultant, the staff will qualify our customers, to get a sense of our customer's needs and style. They introduce them to various rugs in the store to offer a variety of choices," said Angela Hagopian Snow.

Hagopian "World of Rugs" represents a commitment to offering unique and beautiful rugs from literally around the world.

The misconception is that Hagopian only offers expensive, traditional rugs. As a matter of fact they offer rugs in contemporary, transitional and tribal styles, and in a wide range of prices, both in hand knotted and machine made rugs.

Hagopian's sales consultants will spend time with the customer to educate them in the ABC's of rugs.

"In a period of an hour, we will show customers the characteristics of different rugs, the ways they are made and what to look for when buying rugs," said Suzanne Hagopian.

They recognize that purchasing a rug is a big decision for most people so they have a program called "Free In-Home Trial" or "FIT". They allow customers to take rugs home for a few days to try them out.

"We like our customers to try the rugs out in their own environment," said Suzanne Hagopian. "That way, they can see the rugs with their own fabrics, furnishings and lighting, both during daylight and in the evening."

Hagopian's pricing is customer friendly. Every rug has a price, showing both retail and "your" price so you know exactly what the price is. And when a rug is put on sale, the reduced price is taken off the "your" price, not the retail price.

"We are very upfront with our pricing. We are proud of our reputation for offering a good value to our customers," said Angela Hagopian Snow.

At the Hagopian Rug Outlet in Oak Park, they offer merchandise that has been marked down even further and brought in from the Birmingham and Novi showrooms to make room for new inventory. The Rug Outlet also offers special stock purchases and previously owned rugs that customers have brought in as a trade-in, whether or not it was a Hagopian rug to begin with.

Sisters Suzanne and Angela Hagopian Snow have worked hard to maintain the reputation of their grandfather in the business he started over 65 years ago. They carry on his legacy of quality, high standards and personal commitment in everything they do.

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It's all in the family for Little Tony's and Print Express

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Print Xpress was actually founded 24 years ago to serve a need of Little Tony's Lounge in the Woods.

"When we had a hard time finding a local printer to print our simple black and white menus, we realized that other people might be having the same problem," said Carol Alfonsi, owner of Little Tony's.

Being entrepenuers and problem-solvers, Carol and her late husband, Tony, gave two of their children, Terrie McLauchlan and Tony Alfonsi Jr., seed-money to invest in a printing franchise.

Not only did the Alfonsi's get menus printed to their satisfaction but within five years their children paid back their initial investment to them. "To see your kids in a business for 24 years is something," Carol said.

At first, Terrie and Tony learned the tools-of-the-trade through the franchise. When that contract ended, they founded their own company and changed the name to Print Xpress.

They followed the example of their parents by working hard and by being hands-on-owners.

"I believe the key to success is running your business; not turning it over to a manager," Carol said.

Terrie explains the secret of her success in working on a daily basis with her brother.

"We each have our definded areas of expertise," she said. "We allow each other our own space."

Terrie and Tony's wife, Ellen, are the ones providing top-notch customer service. Tony runs the production side of the business.

They provide a full spectrum of printing services. When it comes to printing brochures, booklets, postcards, invitations and stationery, they do it all.

Customers can also utiltize Print Xpress's on-site computer graphics by designer Rosalie Vitale.

"Customers benefit from the fact that we are hands-on owners and we have experienced workers, not just clerks," Terrie said. "We give personalized service; we walk our clients through their projects."

Extraordinary service can also be found down the block at Little Tony's where diners have been enjoying a family-like atmosphere for 35 years.

"Kids are comfortable at our place; they know our waitresses by name," said Carol. "That's because our waitresses are really good with kids."

The menu offers items that children like to eat. Among the dishes offered are chicken nuggets, grilled cheese sandwiches, and nachos in addition to their burgers which are the specialty of the house.

Little Tony's prides itself on serving high-quality food and fresh ground rounds.

Little Tony's patrons can be guaranteed that every detail of their dining experience is meticulously overseen by either Carol or a member of her family. During the evenings, another son, Michael, manages the restaurant.

"There is always family here," Carol said. "Through the years, I've had up to six relatives working here at the same time. My sister, Sue, has worked for me for 30 years."

Though Carol is a grandmother who enjoys an occassional round of golf in the summer, she isn't thinking of retiring anytime soon.

"I like what I'm doing so I enjoy working at the restaurant," she said. "There's no way I want to retire."

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As any hair colorist will tell you, the key to a great hair color is having the right formula.

Like a great hair colorist, Friends Hair and Nails knows the formula for a successful salon is making clients feel pampered by offering superior service in a relaxed, comfortable and warm atmosphere.

Friends Hair and Nails takes pride in having friendly and caring hair stylists who are experts in their field.

"Our stylists are not only current on new trends but they're also creators of new trends," said Chantelle Shepley, manager of the upscale salon.

For 23 years, the stylists at Friends Hair and Nails have offered clients a level of talent and skills that come from having fashion savvy and from being highly trained.

In order to stay up-to-date on the latest trends and techniques, Friends Hair and Nails conducts monthly in-salon education programs for their staff. Through the years, they have worked with top stylists in Toronto, England, and Italy. Recently, a group of their stylists attended the Toni & Guy Academy in New York City and the Alfaparf Academy in Miami.

"Our 13 stylists have many opportunities to see a lot of the cutting edge fashions on the runways so when a client comes in with a photo of a hair style that she wants, they're able to recreate it," Shepley said.

Friends Hair and Nails stylist Katy Ciarvino is also an expert in applying hair extensions to achieve a totally different look for their clients, such as giving thin hair more volume or making short hair look longer.

"Very few salons offer hair extensions because it takes a lot of training to master the technique, plus it is very labor intensive," Shepley explained.

Although keeping up a reputation for hairstyles is an important facet of the business at Friends Hair and Nails, the salon is most noted as a destination for nails. Most of the space on the salon's second floor is dedicated to manicures, pedicures and acrylic nails.



Friends Hair and Nails manicurist Billie Hatfield pampers Colleen Allor.

Friends Hair and Nails also employs three estheticians who specialize in youth treatments, acid peels, facials, waxing and makeup application.

Friends Hair and Nails' employees' dedication to their craft is matched only by their dedication to their clients. Many of their 43 employees, of which 41 are women, have been with the salon for 15 or more years. Over time, many of the staff and their clients have cultivated both professional and personal relationships with each other.

"It's not just about providing our clients with a service," Shepley said. "Our staff brings a lot of care and pride into their work."

Due to the popularity of the Mack Avenue salon, Friends Hair and Nails owner Andrew Bernard opened the Andrew Mark Salon in Macomb Township to accommodate his growing client base.

All of Friends Hair and Nails' services are not only provided by a friendly and talented staff, but the salon's comfortable and stylish atmosphere provides a very relaxed environment that makes Friends Hair and Nails a place to feel good as well as a place to go to look good.

Friends Hair and Nails is located at 19877 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Appointments may be made by calling (313) 886-2503.

Andrew Marke Salon is located at 21493 21 Mile in Macomb Township.

Appointments may be made by calling (586) 948-8200.



Rita Kilory puts the finishing touches on Rosa Toma's hair.



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Get air ducts cleaned



By Gary Marowske
Flame Furnace Company

If you think cleaning your air ducts might be a good idea to improve the quality of your home's indoor air, you may want to use this nine-step checklist Flame Furnace has developed to help you get the best service for your money:

1. Choose a qualified duct cleaning contractor. Not all contractors are equally knowledgeable and responsible. Ask your Chamber of Commerce, friends, and family for referral. Look for a contractor who has been in business for years with technicians trained and certified to meet established industry standards, and one who is a member of the National Air Duct Cleaning Association (NADCA).

2. Set up an appointment with the contractor. Make sure the contractor comes to your home at your convenience, and that you have the name of the person visiting. Check his certificates of insurance and state license. Ask for references.

3. Check references to be sure other customers were satisfied and did not experience any problems with their heating or cooling systems after air duct cleaning.

4. Contact your county or city Office of Consumer Affairs or local Better Business Bureau to determine if complaints have been lodged against any of the companies you are considering.

5. Find out what your ducts are made of — sheet metal, flex duct, or constructed of fiberglass duct board or lined with fiberglass. Your air duct system may include a combination of these different types, and it is important to know since the methods of cleaning vary by duct type. Make sure that there are no asbestos-containing materials, as these materials require specialized procedures and contractors trained in asbestos handling.

6. Get written estimates. Talk to the contractor about your home, any special needs, and why you want your ducts cleaned. Ask what experience he has with systems like yours and if he is using vacuums with HEPA filters. Ask him what procedures he will use to protect you, your pets, and your home from contamination during cleaning. Have the contractor list exactly what is covered by the estimate, what equipment will be used, and the time frame to complete the job.

7. Do not allow the contractor to apply chemical biocides, designed to kill microbiological contaminants, or other chemical sealants to control mold growth unless you fully understand the pros and cons. The use of these chemicals in air ducts has not yet been fully researched by the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, application of these sealants may also affect the noise and retarding characteristics of fiberglass lined or constructed ducts and may invalidate the manufacturer's warranty.

8. Avoid advertisements with sales gimmicks. Air duct cleaning service typically ranges in cost from $450 to $1,500 per house, depending on the services offered, the size of the system to be cleaned, system accessibility and level of contamination.

9. Make sure access holes in sheet metal ducts are sealed and re-insulated so they are airtight. This means more than duct tape; they need to be attached with screws, rivets or mastic.

10. After they are cleaned, make sure that you continue to clean and purify your air with ultraviolet lights and HEPA filters.

Flame has been offering air duct cleaning services for many years and would be happy to schedule some time to visit with you and answer any questions on your air duct system.

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Flame Furnace Co. is located at 2200 E. 11 Mile in Warren. Call toll free at (888) 234-2340, or visit its Web address @ www.flamefurnace.com. Flame Furnace Co. is also Kopke Heating of Riverview, Trimaster of Mt. Clemens and M.F. Downs of Birmingham.

Your Home ON THE COVER...

COLONIAL ROAD, GROSSE POINTE SHORES
Entertain in style in this four bedroom Colonial. Great floor plan and spacious rooms, including a family room, heated garden room and den. Master bedroom has a 16' x 12' sitting room. In addition to the beautiful interior, enjoy the professionally designed gardens this spring. $598,900.

KENWOOD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Dramatic English Manor offers Old World craftsmanship. Recently restored to the highest standards with state-of-the-art systems. The inviting library was constructed from inlaid wood from the Black Forest in Germany. Outstanding gourmet kitchen and splendid step-down living room with doors leading to enchanting gardens and patio. $2,150,000.

BERKSHIRE, GROSSE POINTE PARK
Sprawling center entrance ranch with lots of privacy. Set on one and one half lots just off Jefferson. Natural fireplace in living room, large formal dining room. Immense family room and kitchen with ceramic tile floor. Attached two car garage. $525,000.

LAKEVIEW COURT, GROSSE POINTE PARK
Spectacular four year old French Manor situated on Lake St. Clair. An abundance of amenities are evident throughout. Grand two-story entryway, custom millwork, electric security entrance gate, elaborate landscaping, slate terrace and state-of-the-art pool. Please phone for further details. $3,495,000.

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$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

1016 BISHOP
GROSSE POINTE PARK



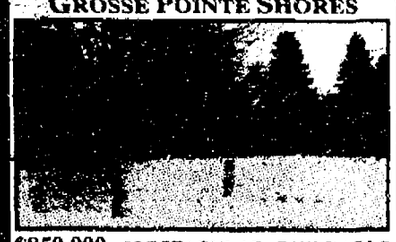
$1,645,000 FABULOUS brand new Nantucket style home built on double lot. Unparalleled privacy at end of cul-de-sac. Luxurious first floor master suite. Kitchen with granite countertops overlooks spacious great room. Panoramic view of backyard. Library with built-in bookshelves.

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.

50 OXFORD
GROSSE POINTE SHORES



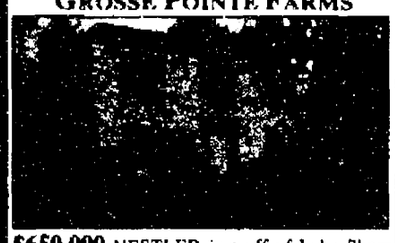
$850,000 SPECTACULAR BUILDABLE LOT on prestigious Oxford in the Shores. Build the home of your dreams on this exceptional lot. South lot line 101.3', East lot line 261.35', North line 100', West lot line 247.35'.

59 BELLE MEADE
GROSSE POINTE SHORES



$825,000 GEORGIAN COLONIAL built by Scott. Great family floor plan. Two story foyer with circular staircase. Large paneled library with bookshelves and bay window. Spacious kitchen and eating area opens to huge family room with fireplace. First floor laundry.

18 HARBOR COURT
GROSSE POINTE FARMS



$650,000 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.

488 COVENTRY
GROSSE POINTE WOODS



$649,000 IMPECCABLE CONDITION. Quality and elegance! Tastefully decorated and exceptionally well maintained. Newer kitchen opens to large family room. Oak paneled library. First floor laundry room. Huge luxurious master suite.

55 MUSKOKA
GROSSE POINTE FARMS



$615,000 AUTHENTIC architectural details in the New England style home. Five bedrooms, four and a half baths. Fabulous location! Unique beamed family room with barn siding and five foot fireplace. Sunny heated garden room (24x8). Library/den with built-in bookshelves.

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.

1319 BALFOUR
GROSSE POINTE PARK



$539,000 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.

891 LAKESHORE
GROSSE POINTE SHORES



$519,000 DOWNSIZING? Moderate size quality built ranch. Updated kitchen and baths. New Andersen windows. Huge sun room with separate heating and air conditioning system. Large custom walk-in closet in master bedroom suite. Recent decorating. Recreation room. Patio.

271 ROOSEVELT PLACE
GROSSE POINTE



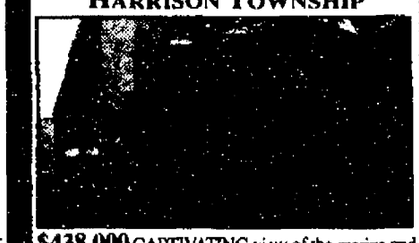
$449,000 ELEGANT BROWNSTONE in immaculate condition. Panelled library with built-in bookshelves. Custom cherry cabinets for the new kitchen with quality appliances. Master suite with private bath and dressing room with customized cabinets.

569 BALLANTYNE
GROSSE POINTE SHORES



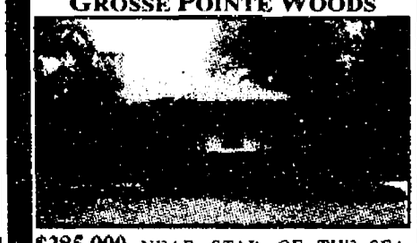
$445,000 SPACIOUS RANCH near Star of the Sea. Paneled library plus family room. Three bedrooms, two full and one half baths. Large lot. Hardwood floors. Quick occupancy.

26030 HARBOUR POINTE
HARRISON TOWNSHIP



$438,000 CAPTIVATING view of the marina and Lake St. Clair from this spectacular condo. Open floor plan. Modern kitchen. Master suite features dressing room and skylights. Three full updated baths. Boat well for 40' plus boat. Basement. Two car attached garage. Immediate occupancy.

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.

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.

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.

1331 HAMPTON
GROSSE POINTE WOODS



$229,000 HANDSOME center entrance Colonial with spacious family room. Living room with fireplace. Four bedrooms. Updated kitchen with new flooring and eating space. Formal dining room. Finished recreation room. Deck and sprinkler system. Two car garage.

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.

1372 VERNIER
GROSSE POINTE WOODS



$169,000 HANDSOME THREE BEDROOM, one and a half bath updated Colonial with family room. Newer: roof, windows, kitchen featuring Bosch dishwasher and Jenn Aire range, furnace and central air. Two car garage.

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Vintage greeting cards



Antique's Ambience

By Diane Morelli

Ann Fouty, staff writer of this paper, keeps her mother's, Elsa Adolph's, personal greeting card collection of 13 cards, circa 1949 to 1957, sealed in plastic and placed in the old toy chest in her basement. Ann says her mother had a rule that everyone had to sign his or her cards with their own hand. Besides gaining a personal touch, this was a way to mark the development of one's penmanship. Elsa was a grade-school teacher. Ann has passed down this tradition to her children.

Greeting cards were first used in the 18th century. Cards made before the 1890s, prior to mass production, are most valuable. Condition and rarity are important when determining a card's value. Twentieth-century greeting cards have been saved and collected so often that most of their value has diminished — yet can be deemed priceless at the same time.

"Kovels' Antiques & Collectibles price List 2000" indicates a Blondie & Dagwood, "To My Wife," circa 1943, Hallmark greeting card is valued at $40. Kovels' 1999 price list tells of a valentine, heart, hunter, ribboned folder, sender's calling card, circa 1908, priced at $100. And its 2001 price guide lists an Adam Scheidt Brewing, "Happy New Year," circa 1919, for $16.

Recently sold on the highly visited auction Web site e-bay was a lot of 40 vintage greeting cards of the 1930s through 1950s for $22.84 with a bid history of three; and a lot of 24 vintage greeting cards from the 1940s and 1950s, in very good condition, signed by the sender, with no envelopes for $43.88 with a bid history of 10.

The Library of Congress tells the following on how to preserve works on paper by providing a good environment, safe handling and good storage conditions:



- Relative humidity and temperature: Store paper materials in dark, cool, dry locations, set at 35 percent humidity and below 72 degrees Fahrenheit. Avoid light, heat and dampness. Maintaining steady temperature and humidity is preferable over conditions that change.
- Lighting: Most paper items are susceptible to damage from ultraviolet and visible light.
- Pollution, dust and pests: Alkaline storage materials can help protect paper from the airborne pollutants ozone, fumes, exhaust and heating system fumes. Paper materials should be protected from dust and dirt.
- Storage: It is best to store paper items flat, rather than folding and unfolding, which can lead to creases and tears. Paper materials may be stored in acid-free alkaline folders, polyester film folders or alkaline mats.

The Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation (1717 K Street, NW, Suite 301, Washington, D.C. 2006; phone, 202-452-9545; e-mail, infoaic@aol.com; Web site, aic.stanford.edu) provides a list of conservators in our area who can help you find an appropriate conservator or conservation treatment: Ronna Rivers-Featherstone of Royal Oak, Mich; phone (248) 542-5109; and Minoo Missaghi Larson of Dearborn, Mich.; phone (313) 982-6100, extension 2588.

Handling Ann's vintage greeting card collection made me feel "warm" inside. It's comforting to know of such keepsakes.

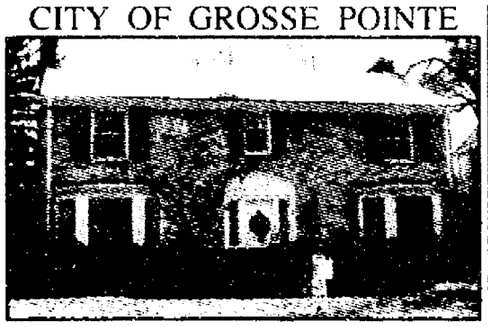
Send your questions to: Diane Morelli c/o Grosse Pointe News at 96 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms 48236; e-mail dmorelli@grossepointenews.com.



FIRST OFFERING
626 LINCOLN ROAD

Beautiful Albert Kahn designed five bedroom, two and one-half bath home awaits your viewing. If traditional is your desire, you will enjoy touring this home. Natural wood flooring, updated baths and kitchen, large family room as well as screened/glassed porch. Add generous brick patio and private yard. Shouldn't last long!

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE



Located near Kercheval and "Village", this wonderful four bedroom, three and one-half bath home touts major pride of ownership throughout. In addition to the hardwood flooring, newer furnace and air, large kitchen and breakfast room, updated baths, this home offers fresh decorating, fabulous lower level, paneled den, large patio with awning overlooking the rear private gardens and so much more.

OWNER MOTIVATED TO SELL



Sadly transferred, the owner of this adorable bungalow is looking for a reasonable offer. Don't judge this one from the curb! Newer maple kitchen with eating space, hardwood floors, natural fireplace, beautiful lower level with bath and walk in closet, newer furnace, air and state of the art water heater. Call for an appointment today!

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3744 RIVERVIEW TERRACE, E. CHINA
(M29 – South to Diamond Cove) Park your yacht outside your door in a 50'boat slip on the protected harbor next to your new home 3,046 s.f. 4 BR, 3.5 bath with add'l 2,400 square feet in finished lower level walk out.
$569,900 **GP-3062**



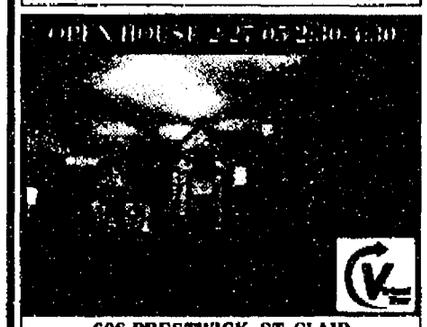
1295 S. RIVER PTE, ST. CLAIR TWP
(M29 – North to River Pointe Sub) 1,935 square feet, brick home with three bedrooms, two and one half baths, full basement and three car garage. Ceramic tile baths and foyer, vaulted ceiling, fireplace, central air.
$259,900 **GP-3154**



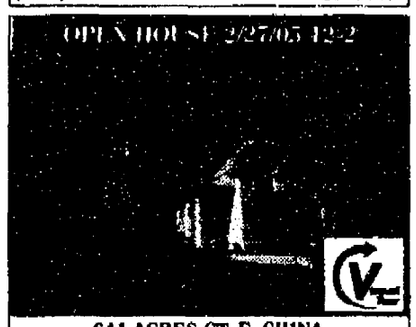
3423 ROUNDTREE,
5132 IVY LANE, CHINA TWP
(1/4 mile west of King, off St. Clair Hwy) Four bedrooms, country living, city conveniences, great room with fireplace, kitchen with pantry, full basement.
$264,900 **GP-3176 & GP-3175**



3426 WOODFIELD,
3413 ROUND TREE, CHINA TWP
(1/4 mile west of King, off St. Clair Hwy) Three bedroom, custom built ranch, great room w/fireplace, full basement. Beautiful country setting with city conveniences.
$254,900 **GP-3173 & GP-3174**



608 PRESTWICK, ST. CLAIR
(Brown to Highland Sub) Immediate occupancy! A superb location accompanies this 3,000 s.f., 4 bedroom, three and one half bath brick home in the Highlands. 1st floor master suite with whirlpool tub & fireplace.
$379,900 **GP-3184**



641 ACRES CT, E. CHINA
(West of Urban Dr. S. of Meisner) Park like setting on the Belle River with 2.7 acres. 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 **GP-3187**



10 OLD COURSE, ST. CLAIR TWP
(M-29 to Yankee to Pug to Old Course) Outstanding Golf Course property in prestigious Golfside Subdivision. Master on main floor with additional fireplace. Full finished lower level with kitchen area.
$414,900 **GP-3194**



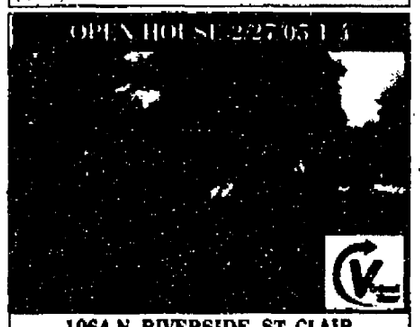
1239 RIVER ROAD, ST. CLAIR TWP
(M29 north of downtown St. Clair) A waterfront beauty in mint condition with incredible views of the St. Clair River & Stag Island. 3 BR's, 2.5 baths, 2475 s.f. renovated in 1998 with a fantastic master suite.
$549,900 **GP-3199**



3553 RIVER RD., E. CHINA
(M-29 south of downtown St. Clair) St. Clair River-2,564 sq. ft. home with great view! 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths, windows all around house takes advantage of the view. 700 sq. ft. detached "recreation building" for kids or entertaining.
$545,000 **GP-3207**



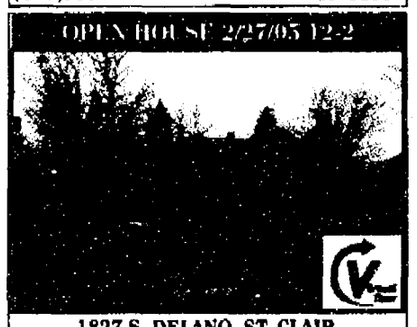
1427 OAKLAND, ST. CLAIR
(South of downtown St. Clair) Spectacular view of St. Clair River! "Riverfront" room contains FR, Kit & Din areas! 1718 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 ∏ bath, + LR. Steel seawall, roof, furnace, windows & C/A new 2001. St. Clair.
$425,000 **GP-3208**



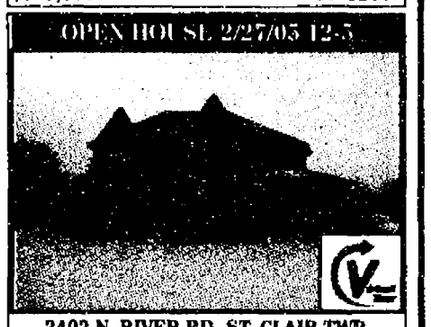
1064 N. RIVERSIDE, ST. CLAIR
(North of downtown St. Clair) Panoramic views of St. Clair river, Canada, and freighters. Steel seawall, dock, 3,000 square feet, 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 baths, two Fireplaces, 31 x 36 great room with oversized windows.
$565,000 **GP-3223**



629 N. RIVERSIDE, ST. CLAIR
(North of downtown St. Clair) Price, Condition, location on the hill in city of St. Clair. Completely remodeled & updated, hardwood floors, new kitchen, baths, walk-in closets throughout, PLUS a three car garage.
$219,900 **GP-3239**



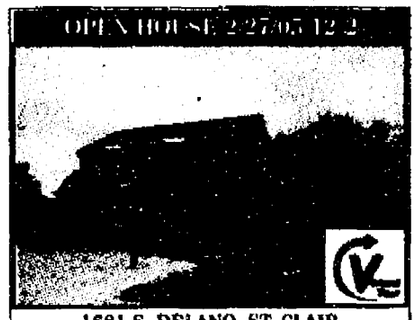
1827 S. DELANO, ST. CLAIR
(Carney to S. Delano) Immediate Possession! Spacious floor plan and nicely decorated ranch in Hunter's Forest. This home is in great condition featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, cathedral great room with fireplace.
$214,900 **GP-3247**



2402 N. RIVER RD, ST. CLAIR TWP
(North of downtown St. Clair) Spacious 3,350 square foot custom brick Victorian Colonial, four bedroom, two full and two half bath, formal wraparound front porch with St. Clair River view, rare 1 acre parcel.
$399,000 **GP-3266**



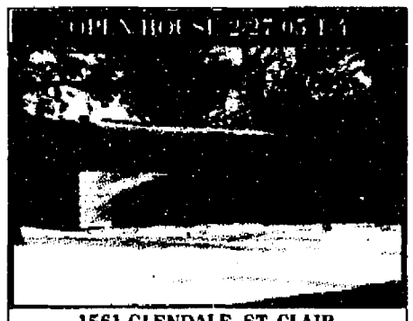
624 N. RIVERSIDE, ST. CLAIR
(North of downtown St. Clair) St. Clair River front w/panoramic view-Nautical home features three bedrooms, two baths with additional 600+ finished lower level with full bath-Covered boat hoist, deck, dock.
$559,000 **GP-3267**



1681 S. DELANO, ST. CLAIR
(Carney to S. Delano) Great location and move in condition Colonial. Three bedrooms, two and one half baths, full basement, two car attached garage, two car detached garage and more!
$249,900 **GP-3270**



553 N. RIVERSIDE, ST. CLAIR
(Enter off Vine to 3rd St. North to address) 2,500 square foot pre civil war construction in excellent condition. Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, oak cabinets in kitchen, natural woodwork, pine planked floors, two fireplaces.
$289,900 **GP-3273**



1561 GLENDALE, ST. CLAIR
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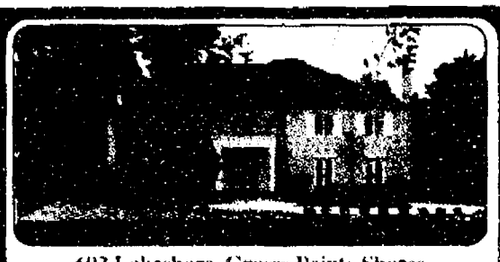
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799 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Park
BEST BUY IN GROSSE POINTE $825,000!!!!
This Spanish mini-mansion features three and one half car garage, large lot and sunken living room. Five bedrooms, three and one half baths, multiple fireplaces including master bedroom. Library, den and hardwood floors.



1030 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores
Gorgeous!!! Custom built in 2000!! Vaulted ceilings, great room, multiple natural fireplaces, lower level basement with high ceilings. Beautiful "black" pool overlooking the lake. First floor master suite, panoramic views of the water. $3,995,000.



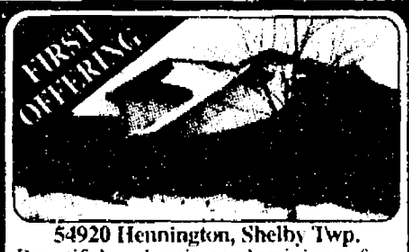
693 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores
Spectacular full views of the Lake. Built by Jim Scott. Four very large bedrooms each with their own private bath. Impressive foyer, paneled family room, two fireplaces, custom kitchen and first floor laundry room. Gorgeous landscaping. $1,795,000. Call Sandy Azar for a private showing



886 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.



77995 Glacier Club Drive, Washington Twp.
Golf course living in this impeccable four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial. Located on seventh fairway. Open concept first floor with two way fireplace. Gleaming hardwood floors, separate den, first floor laundry. Three car garage. $465,000



54920 Hennington, Shelby Twp.
Beautiful end unit condominiums features two bedrooms, possible third on the second floor loft. Two story living room with fireplace, white kitchen, ceramic foyer, custom paint and fireplace mantle. $329,000.



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



1550 Huntington, Grosse Pointe Woods
Attractive four bedroom, one full and one half bath home East of Mack Avenue. Completely updated with new white kitchen, newer roof, windows, cement, heating and cooling. Finished basement and large lot. $249,900



1452 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park
Outstanding two family. All the work is done! Second floor has gas forced air/ air conditioning and terrific loft/ attic with skylights and recessed lights. $174,900



312 McKinley, Grosse Pointe Farms
This home needs a little T.L.C. Newer roof (99). Updated kitchen $263,900.



874 Westchester, Grosse Pointe Park
Lots of old world charm, stone fireplace, hardwood floors, large open two story stairway, butler's pantry, adjoining kitchen, central air on the second and third floors only. Glass block windows in basement. Natural wood work throughout. $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



1214 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park
Charming starter home, within walking distance to the quaint restaurants and coffee shops on Kercheval. Living room and dining room have built-ins. Brick fireplace in living room, upstairs bedroom can be expanded. $124,900



1336 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park
Great buy for small family with all the Grosse Pointe park amenities, including world class resident only parks, library etc... nice cozy home with many original features, bright kitchen. Home warranty, close to shopping. $117,900



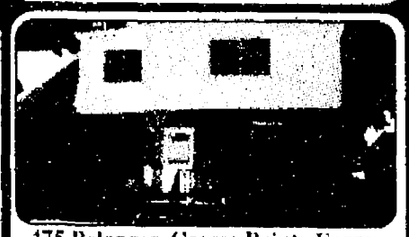
1976 Littlestone, Grosse Pointe Woods
Completely redecorated three bedroom one and one half bath Colonial features newer roof and windows, new carpet with hardwood floors beneath, fresh paint, new kitchen flooring. $245,000



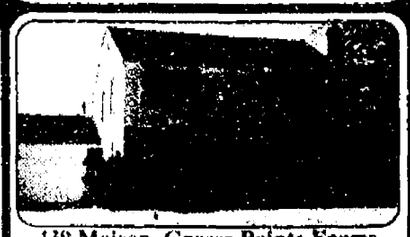
538 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe City
Fabulous location. Walk to the Village or the waterfront park. Huge lot, five bedrooms, two baths, fabulous oak family room, two natural fireplaces. Central air, updated kitchen. Attractively priced at $395,000.



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

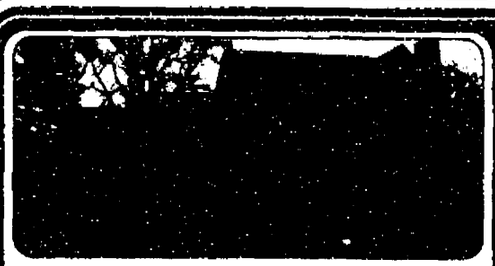


475 Belanger, Grosse Pointe Farms
Just bring your suitcases. The sitting room on the first floor could be used as a fourth bedroom, lots of nice updates. Newer roof, newer windows, the master bedroom and bathroom have their own under floor heating system. $223,000



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

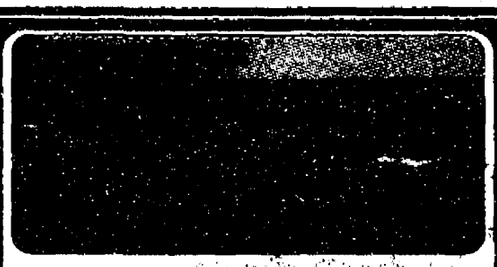
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644 Middlesex, Grosse Pointe Park
Exquisite executive Tudor Colonial in Windmill Pointe Sub. This four bedroom, two bath, two lavatory, home has a beautiful family room and stunning library. Excellent floor plan with large foyer. Master suite has gorgeous 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. $475,000



22666 Wildwood
Wake up to totally unobstructive views of Lake St. Clair. Three bedroom, three bath home with three natural fireplaces including master suite. Plus canal to dock your boat. Attractively priced. $595,000



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

Sunday Open Houses

693 Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe Shores (4-6) | 799 Beckshire, Grosse Pointe Park | 538 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe City
1033 N. Brys, Grosse Pointe Woods | 22666 Wildwood, St. Clair Shores | 1082 Hampton, Harper Woods
19701 Maxine, St. Clair Shores | 20064 Ghesquire Ct, Grosse Pointe Woods

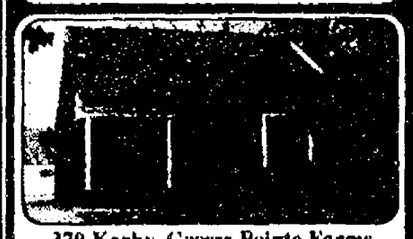


1378 Buckingham, Grosse Pointe Park
Four bedroom, two and one half bath English Tudor. Natural fireplace, hardwood floors, family room and den. Gourmet kitchen, master bedroom with new bath, recreation room. $449,000

799 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Park | 21936 Shorepointe, St. Clair Shores
20064 Ghesquire Ct, Grosse Pointe Woods | 1033 N. Brys, Grosse Pointe Woods
538 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe City | 412 Roland Ct, Grosse Pointe Farms



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



379 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms
OUTSTANDING FARMS LOCATION! Features neutral décor and hardwood floors. Spacious living room with a natural fireplace. Large family room. Updates include: furnace, central air, glass block windows and roof. AN ABSOLUTE MUST SEE!! $209,000.



1082 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Woods
Beautiful three bedroom Woods bungalow with fantastic location. Features large rooms, hardwood floors, living room with fireplace, mostly newer windows, fresh paint and two car garage. $259,900.



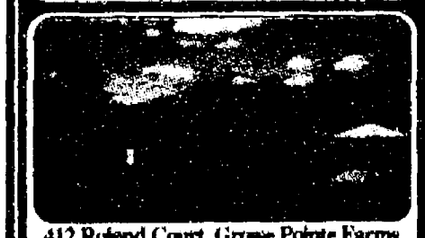
1365 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park
This property could be converted to a single family home if needed, nice rental, separate entrances. Separate heat, electric, the second floor has its own laundry room, appliances to stay. $159,900



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



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.



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



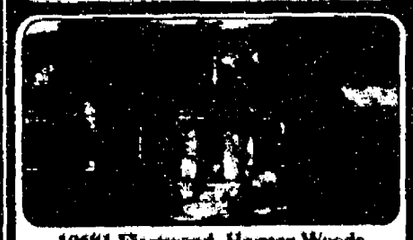
19701 Maxine, St. Clair Shores
Move in condition describes this three bedroom brick ranch, park size lot 80 x 250. New roof, new vinyl windows, new cement. Hardwood floors, two fireplaces, finished basement. $179,000



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 $200 a month 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



19681 Fleetwood, Harper Woods
Great condo living. Two bedroom, two and one half baths, ceramic tile flooring in entrance foyer and back door vestibule leading to private patio and covered two car carports. Full basement with recreation room. Both bedrooms with private baths. Immediate occupancy. $129,000



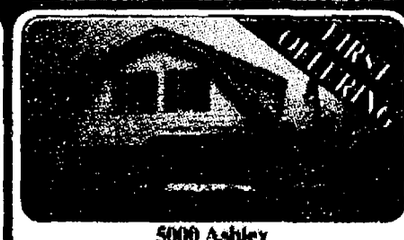
20401 Lochmoor, Harper Woods
Sharpest Bungalow in Harper Woods. Completely updated with refinished hardwood floors, newer high-end kitchen, two car garage, finished basement with additional half bath and plenty of storage. Grosse Pointe Schools. $167,900



4015 Three Mile Drive
Absolute beauty! Features master bedroom with bath, three full baths, formal dining room, and mud room (9.6 x 5.6), replacement windows. Updated kitchen, natural fireplace, privacy fence, partially finished basement. $149,000

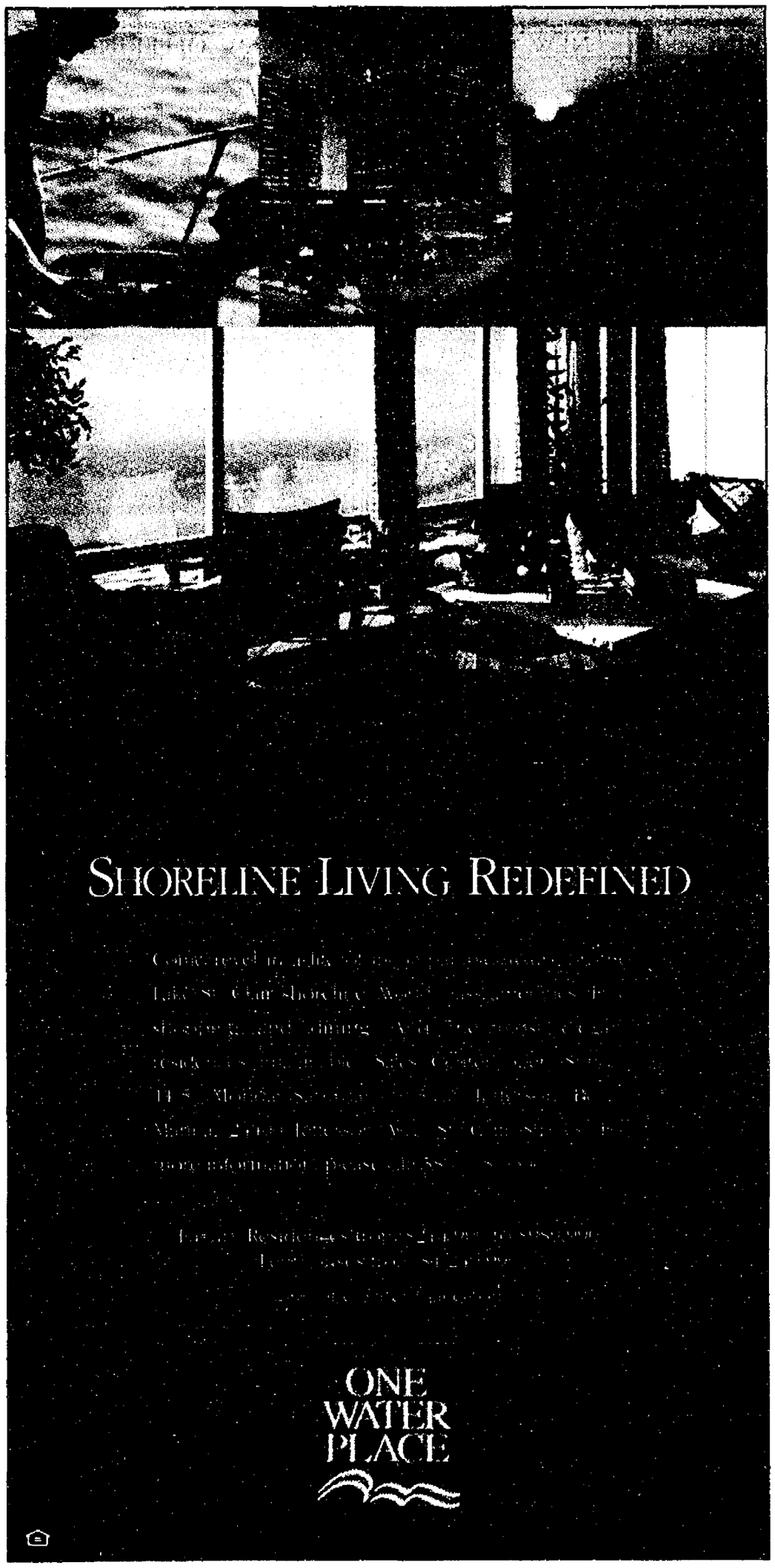


5572 Three Mile
Excellent two family with newer kitchen in lower, new carpeting, both units show beautifully! Live in lower and have upper make your payment, or excellent rental area. Enclosed rear porches in both units. $119,000

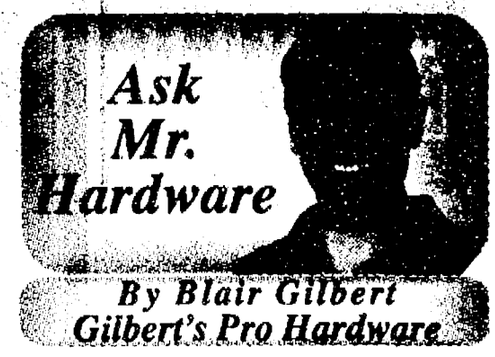


5000 Ashley
Four bedroom home close to Grosse Pointe and St. John hospital. First floor bedroom can be used for family room or office. Larger kitchen, nice floor plan, fenced yard, central air, some newer windows. Immediate occupancy. $119,900

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Bathroom ventilation



By Blair Gilbert
Gilbert's Pro Hardware

Q. Blair, I would like to have an exhaust fan installed. I live in a ranch house in St. Clair Shores and am not sure if the city requires an electrician to do the installation. I would also appreciate your advice as to the pros and cons of having the fan exhausted out the wall vs. vented through the ceiling into the attic. The bathroom has an outer wall which borders my neighbor's driveway.

— Mark of St. Clair Shores.

A. Mark, the city building department requires a permit for the electrical circuit for the fan. Only a licensed electrician can pull a permit for you unless you pull a homeowners permit. Whenever you are in doubt, call the city building department. They are eager to answer your questions and are there to help protect you and your home.

They may also want a permit for the roof vent (if you go that route), because a permit for roof construction may be required.

Now, where to vent the fan:

1. Through the roof is good because warm moist air rises. Bad if it discharges into the attic and not directly outside. Warm air in the attic promotes ice dams and moisture causes mold. Use a quality roof vent to prevent cold air from back flowing down into the bathroom. Another tip is to use insulated duct when venting up through an attic because moisture can condensate in single walled pipe and run back to the fan causing a drip.

2. Venting through the sidewall is good because a fan can move more air through a shorter distance. Mount the fan high on the wall to capture the most steam. Then direct the air down a foot or so and then out through the wall. Venting down and out the wall decreases the potential of cold air leaking back into the bathroom because cold air does not "flow up" very well.

3. Do you have an overhang (soffit) around your house? Is it large enough to install a four-inch vent? If you have enough overhang to install a vent and not have it directly over a window you could get the best of both worlds. The fan could be mounted in the ceiling and the exhaust hose could be insulated between the ceiling joists. A vent in the overhang discharging down will reduce the airflow back into the bathroom.

When you look at exhaust fans consider airflow, noise (sones) and possibly lights or heaters. You will find that fans with more airflow make more noise. Quieter fans cost more money, but considering the cost of labor it is worth the money spent. Once a fan is installed, you will live with this decision for a long time.

Send your questions to: Mr. Hardware c/o Gilbert's Pro Hardware at 21912 Harper in St. Clair Shores 48080; call (586) 776-9532, e-mail staff@mrhardware.com, or visit www.mrhardware.com to view past columns.

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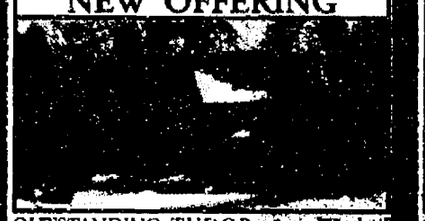
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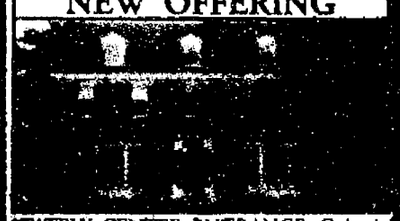
CHARM, CONDITION AND LOCATION are part of this fabulous historic farmhouse. If you want the feel of a large home but the convenience of a condo - little or no upkeep - this is a dream come true! Completely renovated by noted local builder. Gorgeous backyard with flagstone patio and so much more! #11

NEW OFFERING



OUTSTANDING TUDOR in Windmill Pointe Sub. Beautiful woodwork, leaded glass and inlaid walnut/oak flooring. Grand living room. Master suite with fireplace and sitting room. Large gourmet kitchen. Five bedrooms, four and one half baths. Outstanding condition. #12

NEW OFFERING



STATELY CENTER ENTRANCE Colonial on desirable Grosse Pointe Street. Large master bedroom with private bath and walk-in closet. Special features: professionally landscaping and decorated, copper bays, French doors, original woodwork, hardwood floors, updated kitchen and baths. New front porch and walkway. #13

NEW OFFERING



LOVELY English Colonial restored to its original glory. Features over 3,600 square feet of living space plus a fabulous finished basement. Beautiful ornate plaster, stained glass windows and doors. Five bedrooms, three full baths, three car garage. Refinished hardwood floors throughout. Family room with terrace overlooks spacious lot. #14

NEW OFFERING



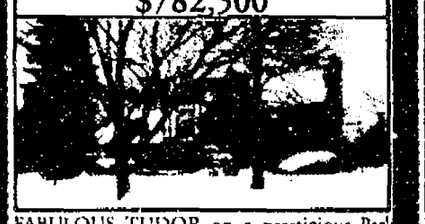
NEAR VILLAGE. Grosse Pointe City with three bedrooms and plenty of curb appeal and interior character. Features include finished hardwood floors. Family room, two car garage, central air and a great value opportunity at nearly 1,700 square feet. #15

NEW OFFERING



GRACIOUS TUDOR winderfully maintained by current owners for the last 35 years. Architecturally distinctive two story addition and huge third floor for bedroom. A short walk to the Village and Maire elementary. 3,000 square feet of living space. #16

$782,500



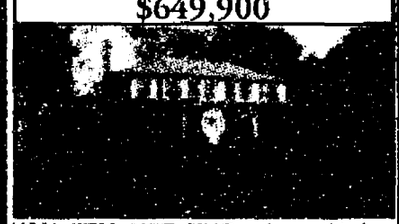
FABULOUS TUDOR on a prestigious Park street. Stunning two-story foyer, gleaming hardwood floors and intricate detail highlight this lovely family home. Spacious family room plus a cozy den. Four bedrooms, three full bath plus an attached garage. #17

$750,000



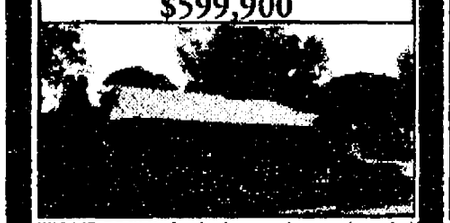
WARNER - Grosse Pointe Farms, a few doors from the lake. Four bedrooms, family room and den, large designer kitchen, hardwood throughout, everything is new. Choice of first or second floor master bedrooms. Outstanding in every way. #18

$649,900



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. #19

$599,900



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. #20

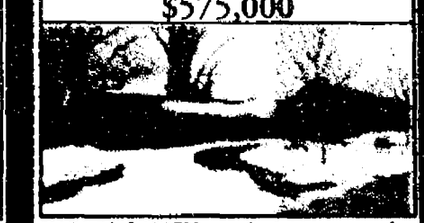
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NEW ENGLAND styling featuring authentic stone exterior with four bedrooms, three full bathrooms, sharp kitchen with eating space, classic library,great Farms location - walk to everything. Carriage house efficiency apartment over three car garage. #21

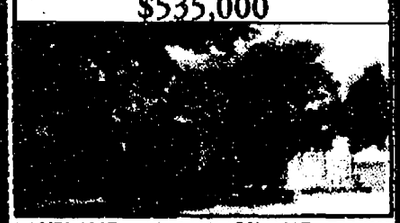
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$575,000



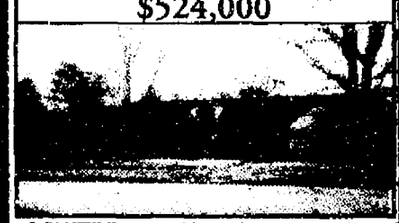
SHORES RANCH, nearly 3,000 square feet, first floor laundry, large Family Room off Mutschler Kitchen, circular drive, hardwood floors and three full baths. Best value in Grosse Pointe Shores. #22

$535,000



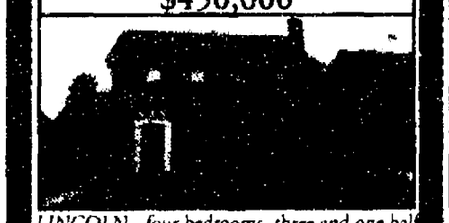
LAKELAND with LIBRARY AND FAMILY ROOM, four bedrooms, great curb appeal, center hall floor plan, charming character throughout. 185 foot deep lot. #23

$524,000



ARCHITECTURALLY AUTHENTIC and beautifully maintained Cape Cod in prime Farms location. Family room, library, modern cherry kitchen with top of the line appliances. First floor master bedroom with jacuzzi bathroom. Circular floor plan is perfect for entertaining. #24

$450,000



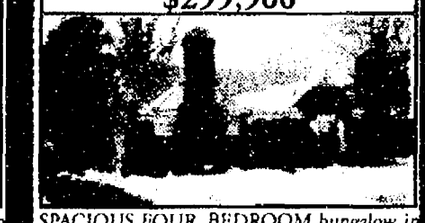
LINCOLN - four bedrooms, three and one half baths with plenty of character and FAMILY ROOM and DEN, hardwood floors, appealing floor plan and a fantastic location for young families. #25

$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

$299,900



SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM bungalow in great family neighborhood. All brick with aluminum trim, two full baths. Just move in. This home has been meticulously maintained over the years and is just waiting for a new family to enjoy. #27

$279,900



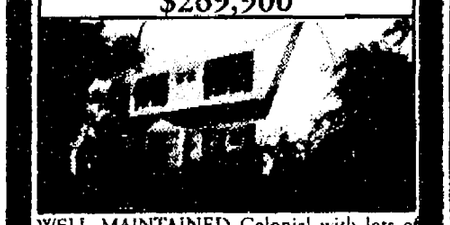
COLONIAL IN PRIME Farms location. Three bedroom, one and one half bath with family room and sitting room on second floor, new roof, hardwood floors, finished basement. Freshly painted interior. Two car garage. #28

$269,900



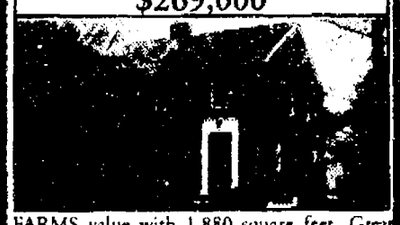
BEAUTIFUL ENGLISH COLONIAL in move-in condition. Very charming. Three bedrooms, one bath. New kitchen. New two and one half car garage. New gas forced air and central air. Beautifully decorated. Natural fireplace. Full walk-up attic storage. Must see. #29

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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

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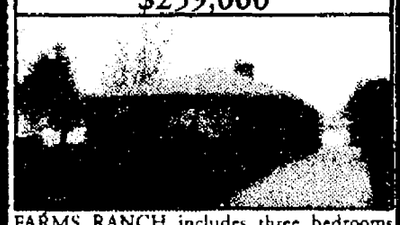
FARMS value with 1,880 square feet. Great floor plan, attractive design, new windows, newer kitchen with large breakfast room, den, all new landscape, finished recreation room and traditional quality features throughout. #31

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PRIVATE FARMS STREET. Beautiful Colonial located on a cul-de-sac featuring three large bedrooms, one and one half baths, updated kitchen with eating space, two car attached garage, hardwood floors, den and large deck. Great curb appeal! #32

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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. #33

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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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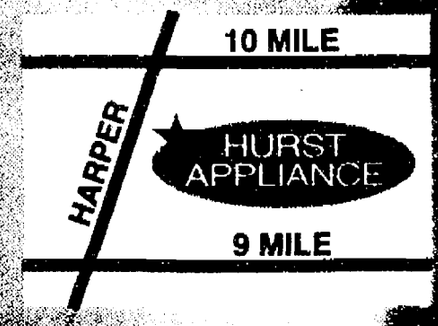
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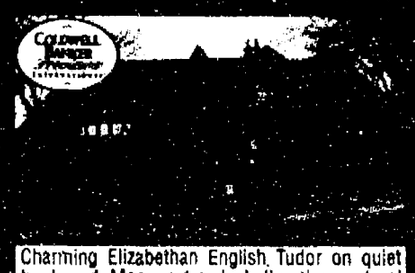
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Beautiful four bedroom French Colonial on private road with spectacular views of Lake St Clair. Completely remodeled by Uznis Builders. New kitchen with granite and state of the art appliances, new baths, furnaces.
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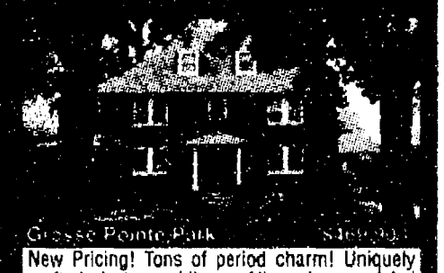
Charming Elizabethan English Tudor on quiet boulevard. Many extras including three natural fireplaces, wood moldings, kitchen with built-ins, hardwood floors, spiral staircase, turret bays, and leaded glass windows.
(GPN-GW-77SUN) **313-886-4200**



This is a must see! A classically designed home with great curb appeal. Tremendous detailing throughout, i.e. fantastic cove moldings. Large 100 x 250 park like lot. Updated kitchen with new appliances and much more!
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Beautiful spacious Colonial with spectacular amenities. Five bedroom, three and a half baths, three fireplaces, library, and office. Half block from the lake and park. Second floor laundry. Huge kitchen.
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Grosse Pointe Park $169,90

New Pricing! Tons of period charm! Uniquely crafted plaster moldings. All newly remodeled and detailed mother in law suite. Custom designed basement including built in cabinets and office area.
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Grosse Pointe Farms bungalow with newly finished master bedroom (second floor) with large sitting room, many possibilities.Natural fireplace. Finished basement with half bath.
(GPN-GW-63KER) **313-886-4200**



Gorgeous four bedroom brick Colonial. Library, huge family room with fireplace, hardwood floors, French doors, eat-in kitchen with Viking appliances, attached two car garage, fenced yard, newer roof, air condition and furnace.
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Just under 3,000 square feet! Classic center entrance Colonial with newer granite kitchen, refinished hardwood floors, replacement windows, updated baths, marble fireplace.
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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!
(GPN-H-15GRA) **313-885-2000**



Grosse Pointe Park $

Cozy brick ranch in Grosse Pointe Park. Freshly painted and updated kitchen and bath. Newer roof and third bedroom in basement. Wider lot with private backyard.
(GPN-GW-82WAY) **313-886-4200**



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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Remarkable contemporary quad completely updated. New kitchen, skylight, built-in appliances, and updated bathrooms. Jacuzzi tub, steam showers, new roof, driveway, new sprinkler system, natural fireplace.
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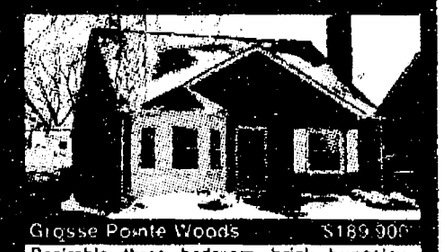


Stately five bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial. Updates galore! Kitchen with built-ins, family room with natural fireplace, and circular staircase with newer wood banister. Other amenities include: newer windows, furnace and central air.
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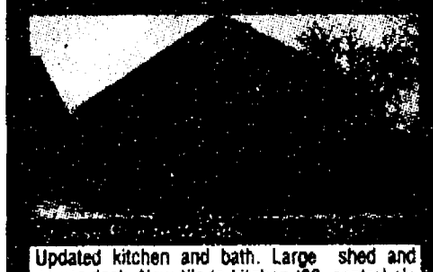
Grosse Pointe Woods $235,000

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.
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Grosse Pointe Woods $189,900

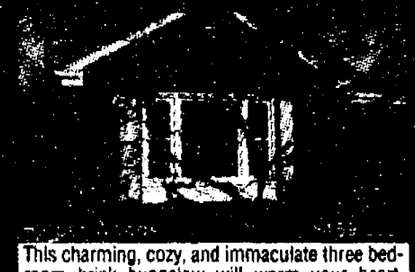
Desirable three bedroom brick bungalow. Natural fireplace. New kitchen with appliances. Newer furnace and windows. Large family room.
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Updated kitchen and bath. Large shed and newer deck. New tile in kitchen '02, central air, hardwood floors, and wet plaster. Built-in range and microwave, all appliances stay. For sale or lease.
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Office building in great location. Easy access to I-94 freeway. Building has been well kept. Newer roof, additional private parking in rear. Metro airport, downtown, west side all within minutes. Fully occupied.
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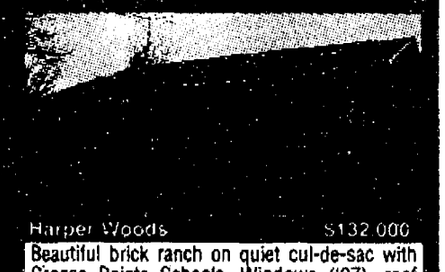


This charming, cozy, and immaculate three bedroom brick bungalow will warm your heart. Natural fireplace, hardwood floors, finished basement, great wood deck and two car garage are just some features.
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Harper Woods $155,000

New dementional roof, furnace and air conditioning, copper plumbing, paint, refinished floors- plus replacement windows, glass block windows and more. Recreation room with lavatory, and an updated kitchen and bath.
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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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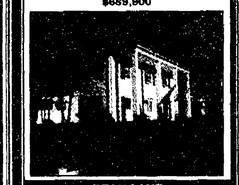


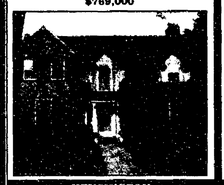
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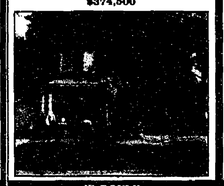
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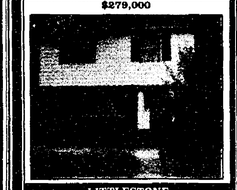
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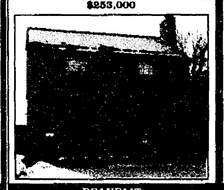
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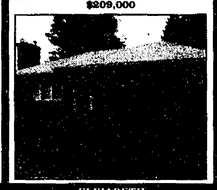
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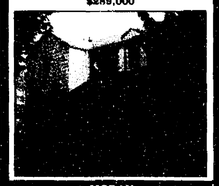
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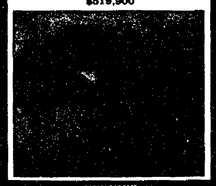
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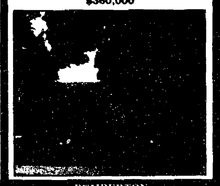
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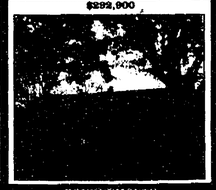
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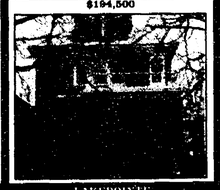
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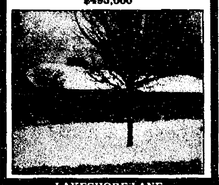
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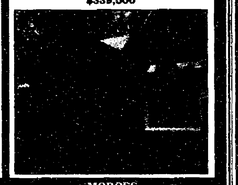
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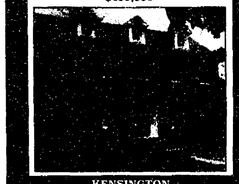
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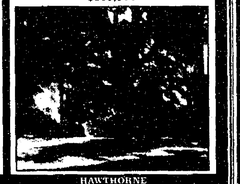
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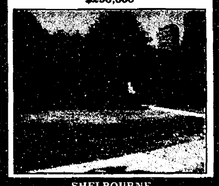
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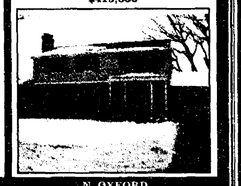
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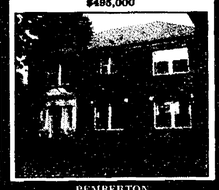
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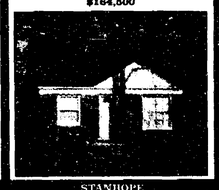
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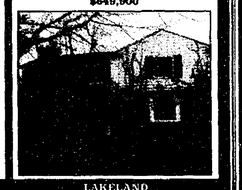
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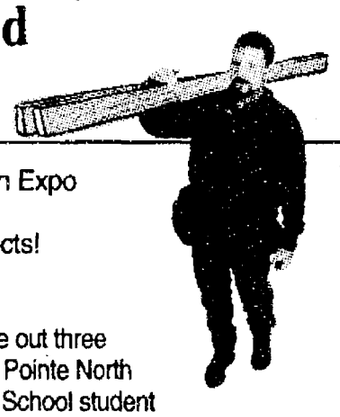
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Versatility: Concrete can be shaped into any pattern and be given almost any color and texture. With decorative concrete, you literally have an unlimited number of color choices to choose from, allowing you to coordinate a surface with other colors and materials in a room.

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Synthetic surfaces are sold in sheet form, stone in slabs and tiles, and both are limited to standard thicknesses. But because concrete is cast in molds, it can include subtle texturing, decorative objects (such as pieces of metal, fossils, glass, or even coins), changes of contour, and

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greater thickness; it can even form integrally cast sinks of almost unlimited shape.

Durability: Concrete is one of the oldest, strongest and most durable materials that humans have ever made. It can stand up to a variety of weather conditions and heavy usage, making it well suited for both exterior and interior uses.

Cost: For most applications, decorative concrete costs less than stone, marble or tile. Some contractors estimate that decorative concrete costs one-third less than the cost of other materials.

This combination of features is making decorative concrete increasingly popular among style-conscious homeowners looking for an alternative to more costly and less durable materials.

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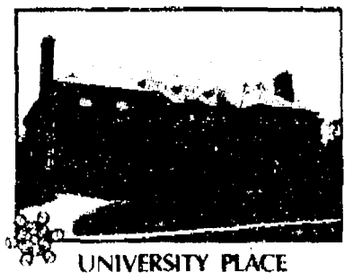
The Ford Field Home & Garden Show opens today through Sunday, Feb. 27. The Michigan Home & Garden Show will brighten up the Pontiac Silverdome Thursday, March 10 through Sunday, March 13, with everything under the sun including flowering gardens, landscapes and exhibits on the latest home and garden products and services.

Displays will fill both arenas with home and garden products and services for new homes, remodeling and maintenance. All the major home product categories are available from the basics of heating, cooling, vacuums and appliances to fixtures, furnishings, landscaping, decorative accessories, windows and doors. Spectacular gardens and landscapes with blooming annuals and perennials, waterfalls, reflecting ponds, fountains, brick walkways and patios will be created especially for each show.

Show hours are from 3 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday; noon to 9:30 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Admission for each show is $8; $4 for children 6 to 14 and children 5 and under admitted free. Internet Express Tickets, which include a free parking pass, are offered online. Weekday adult admission discount coupons are available at Big Boy.

Ford Field daily parking rate is $3, and over 2,000 parking spaces are adjacent to Ford Field. On-site Silverdome parking is available for a fee. For more information, call (800) 328-6550.



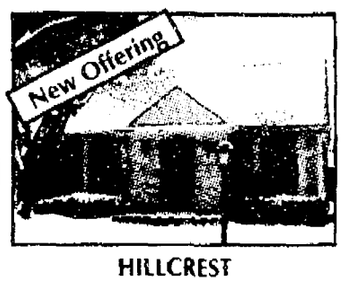
UNIVERSITY PLACE
Extraordinary Georgian Manor with every modern amenity! Carriage House.



BELANGER
Spacious Bungalow close to schools! Newer four season landscaping.



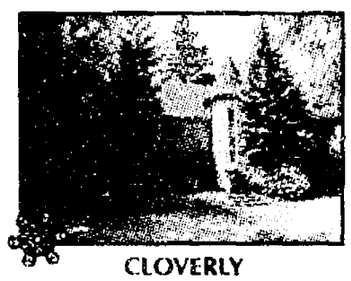
LAKEPOINTE
Walk to new Park Library! Recent updates windows, roof, more. $199,900.



HILLCREST
Updated, move-in condition ranch on cul-de-sac with four bedrooms and one bath.



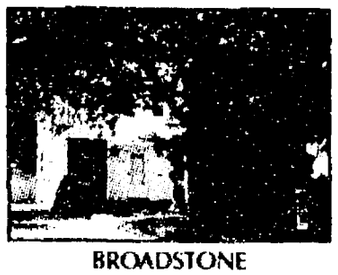
BEACONSFIELD
Architectural detail: oak trim, stained glass. Near West Park Market. $185,900.



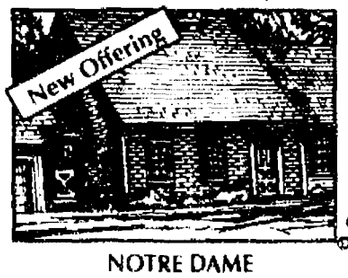
CLOVERLY
Elegant French Normandy with stunning detail! Gorgeous Kitchen. $1,599,900.



ROOSEVELT PLACE
Lovely home on charming quiet street near City Park. Large private yard.



BROADSTONE
Great curb appeal! Family Room. Newer Kitchen, baths, roof. $314,900.



NOTRE DAME
Short walk to the Village. Inviting front porch, new roof, paint, hardwood floors.

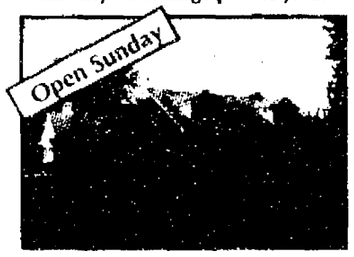


LAKE SHORE ROAD
Across from War Memorial and Lake St. Clair. Private courtyard. $574,900.

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BROADSTONE
Beautifully renovated Colonial! Only $259,000! Adjacent lot available.



951 LAKE SHORE ROAD
Spacious Cape Cod. First floor Master Suite. Family Room. 3000+ square feet. Motivated.



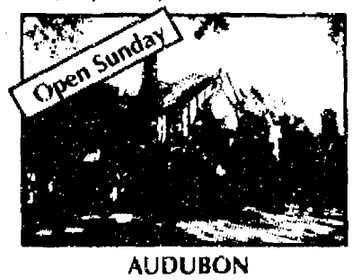
VENDOME ROAD
Premier Farms estate! Designed by Robert Derrick. Exquisite detail. 2.3 acres.



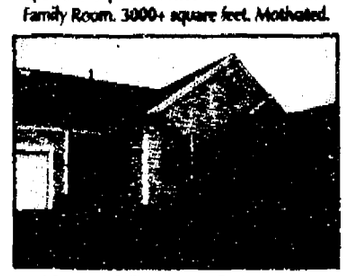
BALFOUR ROAD
Exceptional value in this traditional Colonial. Family Room, Office. $479,000



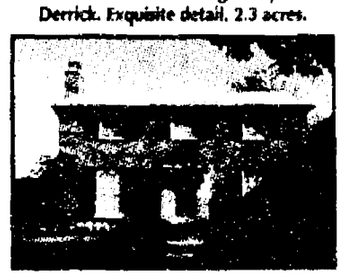
CHAMPINE
Sharp Ranch with Family Room. Great kitchen! Lakeshore Schools. $164,500.



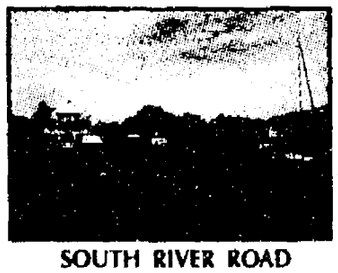
AUDUBON
English Tudor has Family Room with Spa. $499,900. Adjacent lot available.



HARBOR PLACE DRIVE
Large Cape Cod Condo on Nautical Mile. Family Room. Office. $435,000. Or Lease.



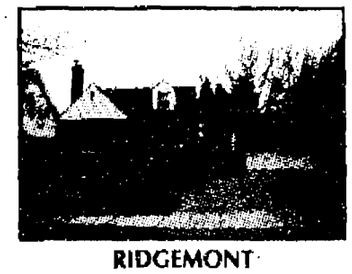
LAKELAND
Beautiful classic Colonial! Library, Florida Room. Many recent updates! $459,000



SOUTH RIVER ROAD
Package of two lots totaling 80' on the Clinton River. 250' deep. $349,900.



WEST DOYLE PLACE
Large updated Kitchen in this attractive Ranch with Family Room. $274,900.



RIDGEMONT
Cute Cape Cod! Room to grow on generous double lot. Kerby school. $257,400



WATERFRONT
Luxury Lake Shore Road living! Exceptional 1997 custom home! Lakeside deck.



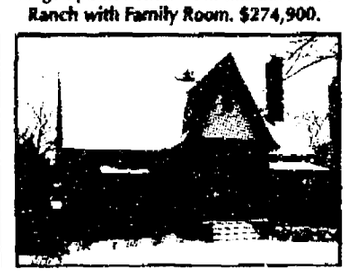
LOCHMOOR
Spacious Woods Bungalow in wonderful location! Real value at just $150,000.



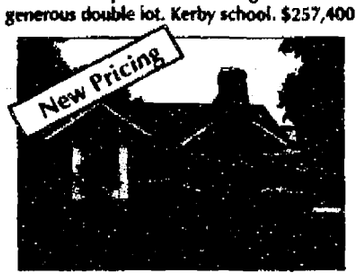
SOUTH OXFORD
Beautifully decorated Colonial with Country Kitchen and handsome Family Room.



TONNANCOUR
Park-like setting just steps from Lake St. Clair! First floor Master. $1,495,000.



FISHER ROAD
Handsome English. Cherry Kitchen. Family Room. Walnut paneled Den.



ROSLYN
Great open floorplan in this perfectly located home with Family Room. $369,900.



SOUTH OXFORD
Roomy Ranch with great flexibility! Family Room. Porch, Deck. $349,900.



LAKE SHORE ROAD
Stunning Contemporary! Cathedral ceiling in Great Room for amazing views!



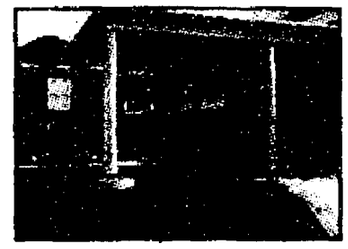
PHILIP
Move-in condition with fenced yard. Short walk to the waterfront. $76,500.



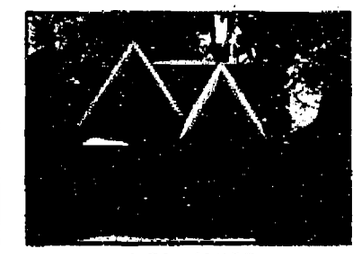
WILDWOOD CO-OP
Wonderful, peaceful complex. Appliances, washer, dryer included. $48,900.



KERCHEVAL AVENUE
Unique mid-century gem! First floor master. Family Room. Private yard.



JEFFERSON AVENUE
Exceptional single floor penthouse Condo. Library. Valet parking. $499,000.



YORKSHIRE
Lovely Colonial has coved ceilings, wood floors lovely detail. Family Room.

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STUNNING ENGLISH in favorite Park location offers an impressive attention to detail and maintenance. The cheerful, upbeat kitchen has cherry cabinets, island, butler's pantry and eating area. There is also a cozy den and intimate screened terrace. The master bedroom suite has a private bath and sitting room which could also be used as the fifth bedroom. Third floor getaway, finished lower level, new roof, central air and gorgeous rear yard add to the desirability. $535,000 **1150 BEDFORD** **#1**



THE ULTIMATE IN QUALITY AND DESIGN! Totally renovated in 2002 by well known local designer. This sophisticated and elegant condominium townhouse offers marble & granite baths with heated floors, gourmet kitchen with granite island, new windows and French doors off dining room that lead to paver patio. Call today for your private showing. $479,000 **#2**



SIMPLY WONDERFUL! This pretty 4 bedroom, 2 full and 2 half bath colonial has a great new kitchen with cherry cabinets, oak floor, Corian countertops and island which open to the expansive family room with fireplace. Newly carpeted and painted. $469,900

979 BRIARCLIFF **#3**

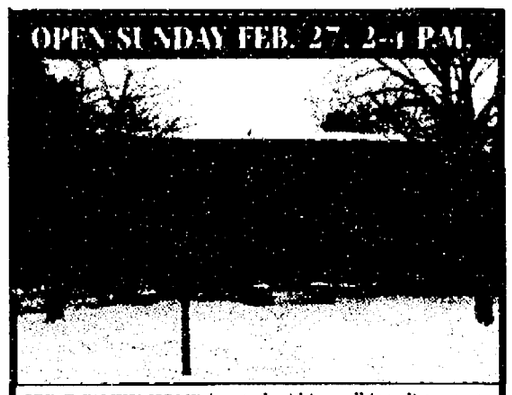


AS TIME GOES BY, the vestiges of our historic past in Grosse Pointe are gradually disappearing. The former residence of Bernard Stroh, Jr. is a fine example of that era. Available for sale for only the second time in its near century of existence, this wonderful five bedroom, three and one half bath residence offers over 5000 square feet of classic architecture. An opportunity to bring this home to a new standard could be yours. $675,000 **#4**



SITUATED ON A PRIVATE 100 FOOT LOT within walking distance to the Village shopping district, this home is a must see! Updated kitchen, large master suite with private bath, a family room, and beautiful landscaping all for only $415,000.

#5

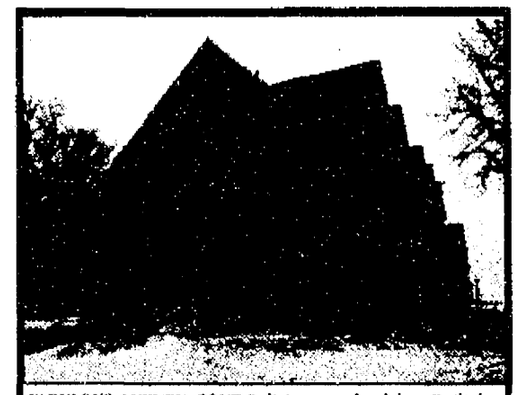


GREAT FAMILY HOME located within walking distance to schools and Village & Hill shopping. Four bedrooms, a spacious family room with fireplace located directly off the kitchen, an attached garage and first floor laundry. Beautiful private backyard with flagstone patio. This home is move-in ready. $489,900

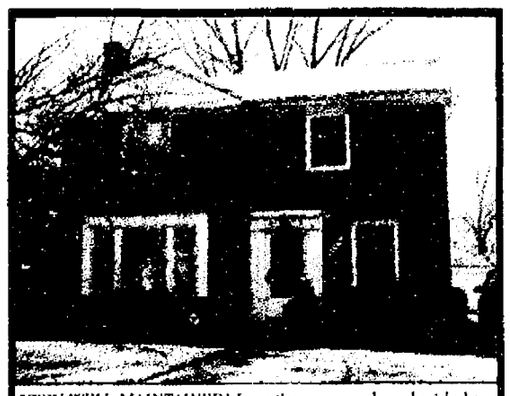
550 LAKELAND **#6**



PERFECT FAMILY HOME offering five bedrooms, three and a 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. **#7**



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. **#8**



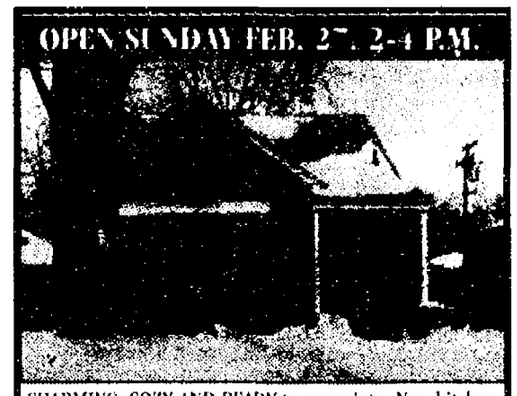
VERY WELL MAINTAINED! Longtime owner has decided to downsize. Most windows are newer. Newer driveway. Large kitchen with eating space. Three bedrooms, two full baths. Finished basement. Cozy knotty pine library. $319,900

#9



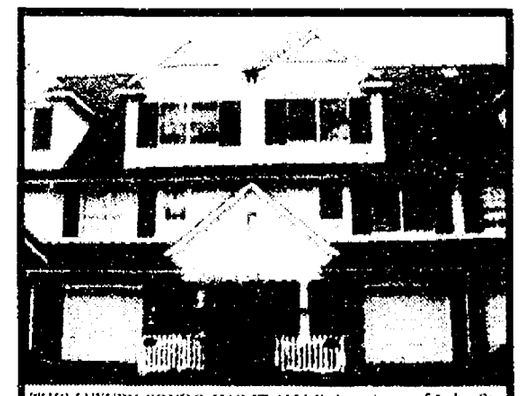
MT. VERNON COLONIAL has all your looking for . . . three bedrooms, two and a half baths, family room with fireplace, recreation room, two car garage, and priced at $299,900. Quick occupancy.

#10



CHARMING, COZY AND READY to move into. New kitchen in 2000 with maple cabinets and floor. Newer windows throughout. Second floor master with half bath. Bright, sunny Florida room. Hardwood on first floor. Basement with full bath and new glass block windows. $186,000

1818 BOURNEMOUTH **#11**



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, Anderson windows and deck with view of lake.

#12

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NEW $1,200,000



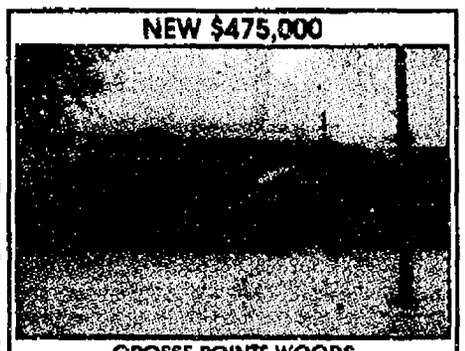
GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Classic center entrance Colonial meticulously renovated throughout by Albright Renovation and Design. Featuring design and floor plan for today's families lifestyle. New custom built gourmet kitchen with island, eating area with natural fireplace open to large family room.

NEW $495,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Perfect home for growing family on quiet cul-de-sac near lake. Immaculate and in move-in condition. Virtually worry-free, with new furnace and air conditioning in mid-2003, newer windows, finished lower level with complete bar, excellent for entertaining or use as media room.

NEW $475,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Extensively renovated with quality materials. Four bedrooms, three and a half baths. Refinished hardwood floors throughout, private master suite with large walk-in closet. Brand new master bathroom with his and hers cherry vanity, Jacuzzi bathtub, large shower.

NEW $419,900



GROSSE POINTE
Stylish home with spacious rooms, nice detail and situated between the village and the hill area. There have been many updates to this property including a new "tear-off" roof, newer gas forced air, fresh paint throughout and updated kitchen with cherry cabinets.

NEW $264,900



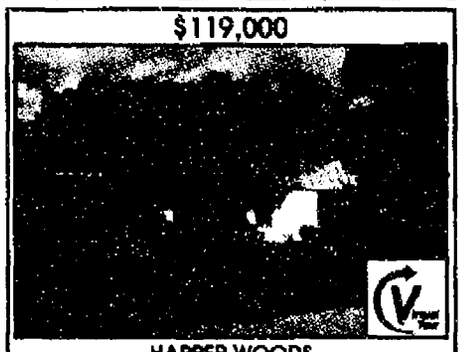
GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Contemporary kitchen with new ceramic floor, two doorwalls to large deck overlooking huge yard. Nicely finished basement with half bath, laundry and playroom. Wallside windows throughout with warranty. Lot size is irregular.

NEW $157,900



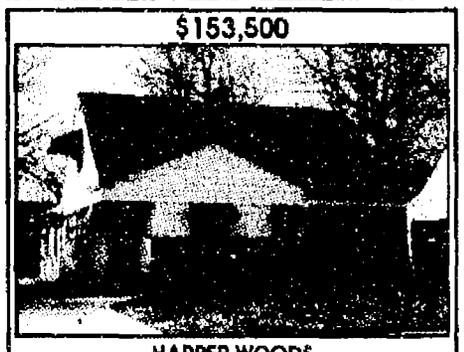
HARPER WOODS
Meticulously maintained ranch with newer windows, hot water heater, furnace and Jenn-Air cooktop. New carpet, entry doors, storm doors and an updated kitchen are just a few of the attributes that set this home apart from the others. Grosse Pointe Schools.

$119,000



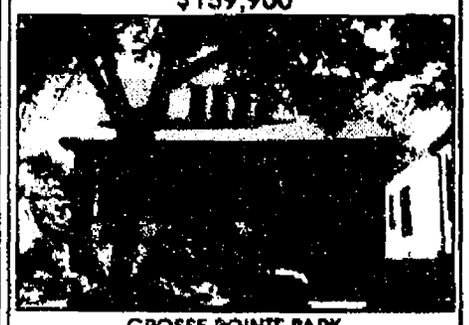
HARPER WOODS
Charm and character await you inside this nicely maintained ranch with a beautifully landscaped private yard. Spend evenings on your sun porch enjoying the peace and tranquility. Hardwood floors thru out, dining room, attached heated garage. Freshly painted, very clean.

$153,500



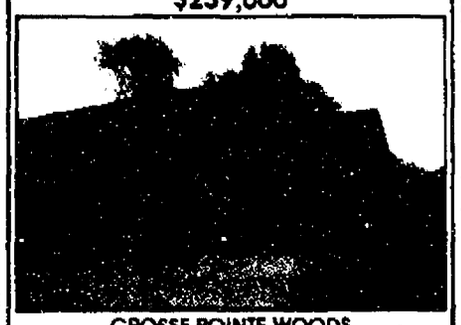
HARPER WOODS
Beautifully maintained four bedroom bungalow with open floor plan perfect for entertaining. Large family room with natural fireplace and door to backyard and patio. Newer white kitchen opens to formal dining room. Spacious bedrooms, new carpet and freshly painted.

$159,900



GROSSE POINTE PARK
Beautiful four bedroom bungalow boasts newly decorated rooms throughout with original woodworking. Walking distance to stores, cafes and coffee houses. Great location and affordable for home buyers looking to get into the Grosse Pointe Schools. Very nicely finished basement.

$239,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Many updates in this half duplex. Great view of Lochmoor's first green. Updated kitchen, windows, furnace and air conditioning. New deck, newer garage door. The attached duplex is also available.

$249,000



GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Spacious and charming with fabulous updates and amenities. Recent improvements include kitchen with all stainless appliances, granite counters, custom tile. Master bath with "Euro" shower and Jacuzzi. Family room/office just steps from kitchen.

$293,000



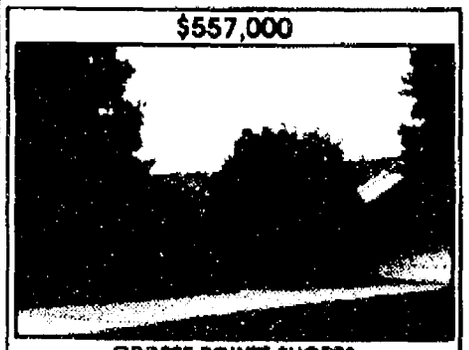
GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Beautifully renovated 3 bed, 2 and one half baths. New kitchen with appliances. Hardwood floors throughout. Two covered porches with wrap around wood railing, family room with large patio door and large picture window. This is a new home from top to bottom.

$459,000



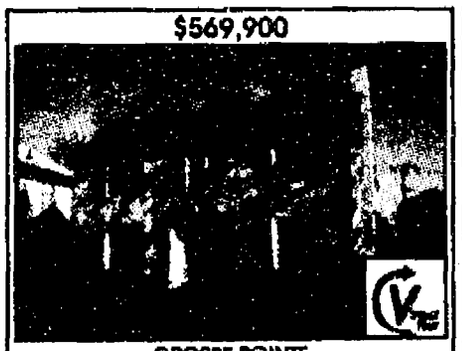
GROSSE POINTE WOODS
This house has it all...Location, great layout, and generous rooms sizes. It has 2,600 square feet of living space, four bedrooms and three and one half baths. There is an additional full bath in the finished basement. It blends old world charm with the conveniences of today.

$557,000



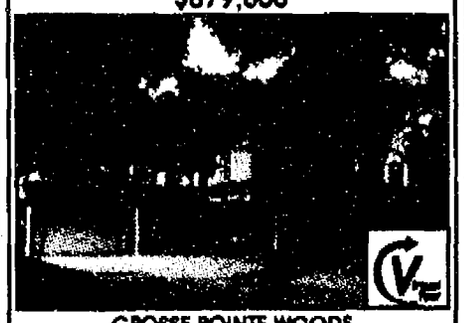
GROSSE POINTE SHORES
Wonderfully maintained spacious ranch in Yacht Club view subdivision. Great family room with pegged oak floors and natural fireplace. Living room also has a natural fireplace. Elegant marble entrance foyer. A short walk to Lake St. Clair.

$569,900



GROSSE POINTE
This beautiful Colonial will delight you from the moment you step through the front door. Entertaining is a snap with your own custom, grand, gourmet kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances, hardwood floors and all of the "extras". Master suite with a brand new "Euro-style" bathroom.

$879,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS
This magnificent home features a double lot, six bedrooms, five full baths, four fireplaces, hardwood floors throughout, two story great room with wet bar overlooking beautiful swimming pool. Three stairways to second floor, new windows, new roof, 3 car attached garage with tile flooring.

$1,395,000



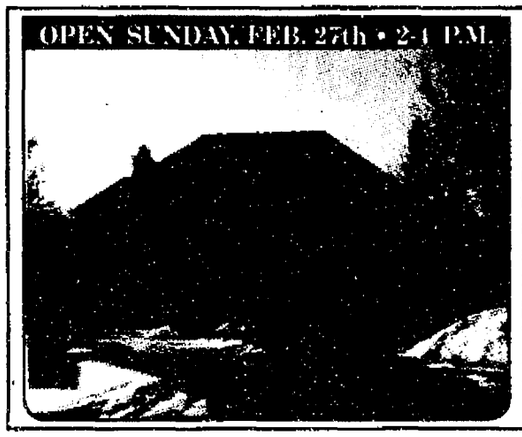
GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Outstanding views of Lake St. Clair sunrises! Beautiful kitchen with limestone counters and updates galore. Two new master bedrooms on first and second floors. Three new marble and ceramic baths with Jacuzzi's. Two story gorgeous marble foyer.

$1,840,000



GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Gracious Micou built Colonial boasting grand entrance foyer, elevator, large room sizes, stunning views of the lake, multiple fireplaces, immaculate grounds, spacious renovated kitchen with granite counters and a master suite with a large dressing room.

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45 WINDEMERE • $1,100,000
GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Fabulous home in the secure enclave of Windemere Place with an elegant master bedroom with a fireplace, spacious bathroom and two walk-in closets. Brand new kitchen with granite counters, totally redecorated with new carpeting, wallpaper and paint. Full basement with 9' ceiling, first floor laundry, spacious library with plantation shutter and landscaping maintenance included. Located in the most private area with a spacious lawn and covered patio.

4240 YORKSHIRE • $179,900
EAST ENGLISH VILLAGE
You have never seen anything like this home before! Absolutely pristine, elegantly decorated, everything new, including windows, electrical, finished basement, new two car garage, new kitchen, new roof, refinished hardwood floors. If you are looking for a home to move right in to and entertain - this is the one. Call for your private showing.





32040 JEFFERSON • $449,900
ST. CLAIR SHORES
This is a fabulous price for this home directly on Lake St. Clair. Located in an area of fine homes, the lot is 47' x 526'. Three bedrooms (one on the first floor) and views of the lake from most rooms. A three season glassed porch gives serene views of the lake and the covered dock. Two garages, one attached and one detached are great for storage or boat repairs. There is a laundry area and a nice family room, too!

815 BEACONSFIELD
$294,900
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Collectable mirrors

By Anita Gold

Q. We have an old hanging mirror I inherited from my mother that measures approximately 40 by 24-inches. It has a fancy wood frame that appears to be hand carved with very elaborate scalloped turnings, and fleur-de-lis patterns enhanced with gold leaf and a white overlay in places. It was purchased by my grandmother who lived in Hattiesburg, Miss., and who died in 1968. We know from family history that she purchased antiques in New Orleans. To the best of my memory, there are no markings on its reverse, although the paper covering the back cavity, had to be replaced when it disintegrated. The mirror surface itself has a faded dark streak where the reflective material appears to be oxidizing. I've enclosed a picture of it, and would like to know how I could find out more about it, and what it might be worth?

— Andrew K. Ramsay, Ashburn, VA

A. The picture of your exquisite mirror has been sent to author and antique appraiser Mark Moran whose book "Furniture Field Guide — Values and Identification" pictures, fully describes, and prices antique mirrors in various styles, along with their features, measurements, and details, plus a dating chart that tells you from when they date. The book also includes hundreds of furniture listings, with up-to-date prices, over 400 sharp photos and illustrations, quick find antique furniture categories and styles, furniture terms and construction details, and a great glossary that'll make you feel like an expert. It is available in a 512-page edition (that's easy to take along in your purse or pocket, to check out pieces found at flea markets, antique shops, shows, and sales) for $16.95 postpaid from Krause Publications, 700 East State Street, Iola, WI 54990-1000. Or phone (800) 258-0929 toll free to order. Or write Mark F. Moran Antiques, 5887 Meadow Drive, S.E., Rochester MN 55904 or phone him at (507) 288-8006 or (507) 202-0873. Mark is also a member of the popular Riverview Antique Market that welcomes antiquers, collectors, and curious treasure hunters of old and odd stuff from other times, at 175 S. Water St., in Milwaukee, WI. For additional information phone (414) 278-9999. Or visit its Web site at riverviewantiquemarket.com.

Q. Can you provide me with any information regarding what's called "courting mirrors" and how to recognize them?

— Rebecca Conway, Norfolk, VA.

A. Although there are many types of antique mirrors, or "looking glasses" as they were often called, only one type was connected with romance and adventure on the high seas. Such looking glasses were given to young women by their suitors as tokens of love. Courting mirrors were made in towns along the Atlantic seaboard, and many were brought back from Canton and other Chinese treaty ports by sailors after 1790.

To protect them during the long voyages from China, the mirrors were packed in small wooden boxes and held in place by wooden pegs. In their heyday, from 1790 to about 1830, many a starry-eyed maiden kept her mirror in its case and hung it on the wall, box and all.

Courting mirrors are rather small rectangular affairs with crested tops. Most measure from 6 to 12-inches. Those made along the Atlantic seaboard usually have varnished or oil-finished molded wood frames in high rounded relief, fashioned from maple, walnut, cherry or pine.

Because of their popularity, production of imitation courting mirrors began in America at the start of the 19th century. Fancier than earlier American examples, these were copies of the Chinese examples; some cabinet makers even produced them with wooden boxes for protection.

Courting mirrors have been found in the coastal towns of New England, in antique shops, and at many antique shows for at least three figure sums, or more depending on their originality, authenticity, artwork, condition, and especially if they have their original boxes and lids.

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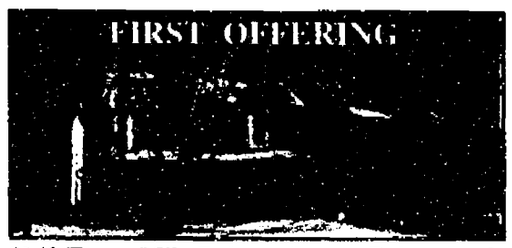
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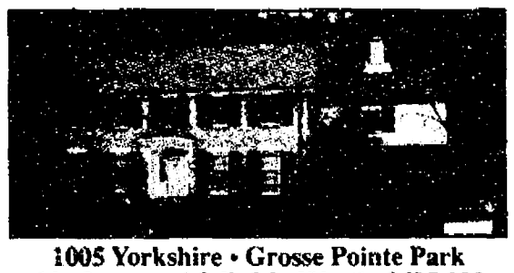
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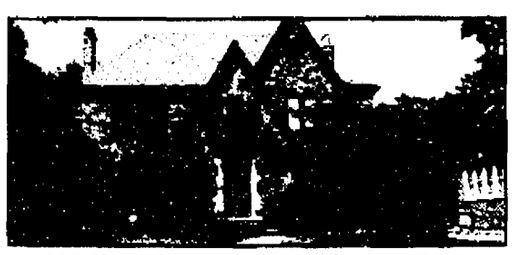
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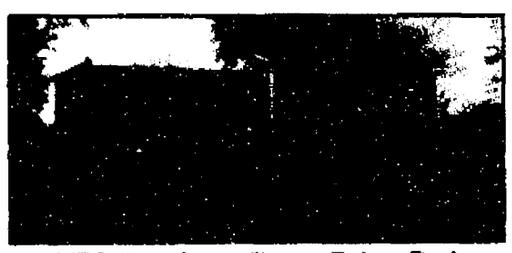
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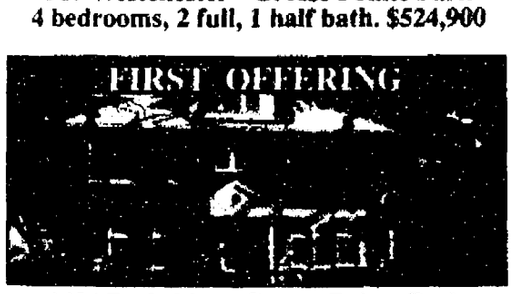
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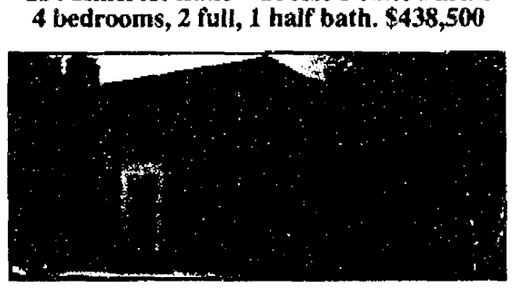
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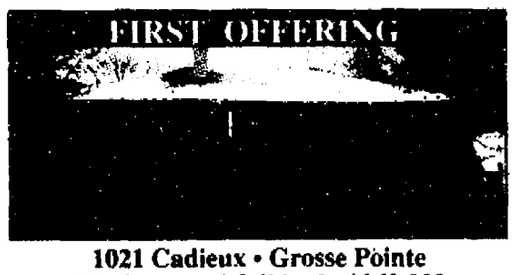
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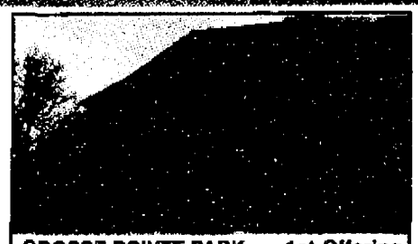
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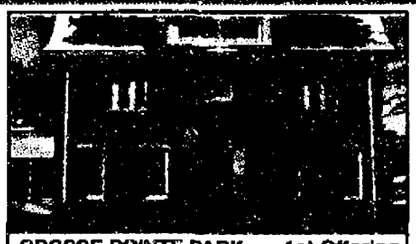
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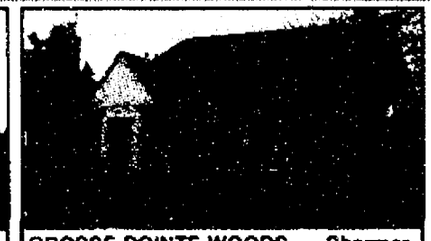
GROSSE POINTE PARK 1st Offering
Gorgeous four bedroom near schools. Newer full bath, Corian in kitchen, appliances, boiler, and central air. Unique second floor family room overlooks perennial yard. Walk-up attic expansion opportunity already plumbed.
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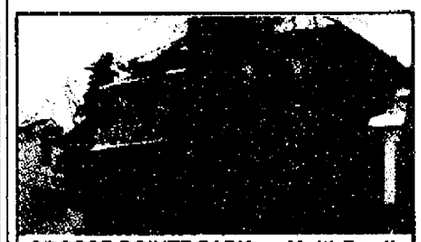
GROSSE POINTE PARK 1st Offering
Terrific attention to details! Five bedrooms, two and one half baths. Newer kitchen with Jenn-Air appliances, bar, sink, Corian counters and room for everyone! Tear off roof (2004), copper, newer boiler and newer baths complete the picture!
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS Lovely
Three bedroom, two bath home offers a location that's an easy walk to the Hill, Pier Park, schools, more! Pretty hardwood floors, leaded glass windows, breakfast nook, den. Partly finished basement, newer boiler.
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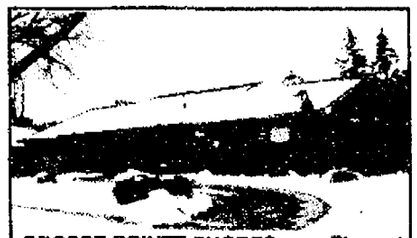
GROSSE POINTE WOODS Charmer
Many recent updates including most windows, roof, furnace, central air, refinished floors. Newer oak kitchen, full bath in finished basement, natural fireplace. Newer two car garage, driveway and deck. Appliances stay.
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GROSSE POINTE PARK Multi-Family
Nice two family with good space, room sizes and super tenants. All utilities (except water) are separate. Newer windows, two car garage. Hardwood floors, separate basements, formal dining rooms, garage parking.
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS Exceptional
Five bedrooms, three plus car garage, two and one-half baths, fireplace, spa in outdoors four seasons room, Pella windows, newer kitchen with Pewabic tile, all appliances stay, newer furnace and air, all the amenities.
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS Charming
Character and charm abound. Updated kitchen, natural fireplace in living room, Florida room, refinished hardwood floors, full basement, freshly painted throughout. Nicely landscaped yard. Great locale. Priced to sell!
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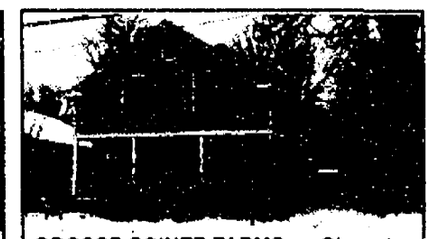
GROSSE POINTE Spectacular
Beautifully mastered Tuscan style kitchen/ gathering room. Silestone counters, fireplace, plenty of seating at the table or family room area. Beauty continues throughout with elegantly appointed and generously sized rooms!
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS Spacious
Two bedroom ranch in prime Woods location. Priced to sell! Updates include newer roof, furnace, windows, central air. Eating space in kitchen, lavatory in basement, nicely landscaped. Home warranty, immediate occupancy.
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS Great Home
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS At Last
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS Outstanding
Beautiful three bedroom, two full bath. Family room with gas fireplace done in 2003. Newer windows, brick paver patio, large kitchen with dining space, large master bedroom with full bath and sitting area. A must buy.
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GROSSE POINTE PARK Attractive
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS Roomy
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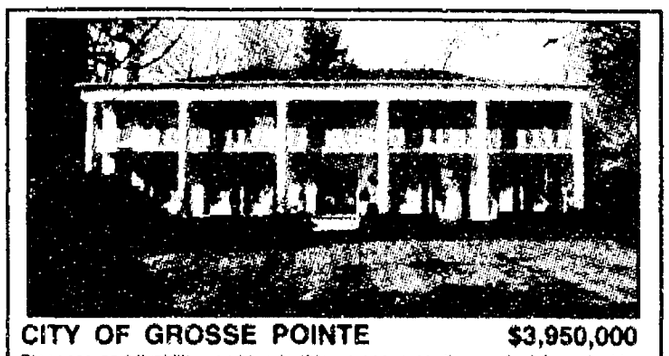
GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Sharp
Updated, clean contemporary three bedroom. Newer bright kitchen, all appliances, tile floor, tear-off roofs, vinyl windows, furnace, central air and more. Multi-skylight bedroom, walk-in closet. Nice open backyard.
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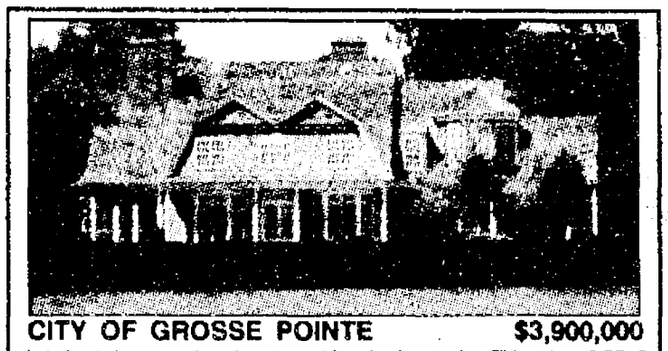
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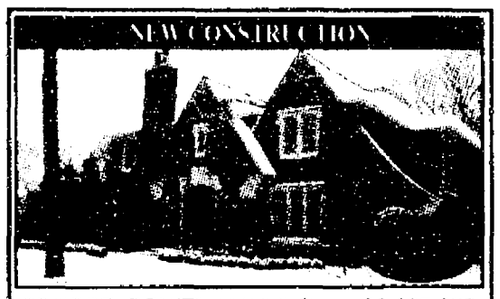
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EXCEPTIONAL three bedroom Colonial with two full baths and attached garage on an extra wide lot. 12 x 16 foot three-season room overlooks the rear yard with lovely gardens. Many updates in the '90's. Priced below market value. $349,900.

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INCOME POTENTIAL. Superbly maintained two-family is just a couple of minutes from St. John Hospital and I-94. Freshly painted, new carpet over hardwood floors, separate GFA/CAC and utilities. Appliances included. $169,000.

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CLASSIC BRICK BUNGALOW featuring large living room with coved ceilings & fireplace with carved wood mantle, spacious kitchen, breakfast nook and family room. Finished basement, bar, half bath & storage. Hurry – priced to sell at $88,000.

GROSSE POINTE PARK



TIMELESS APPEAL! Wonderful four bedroom Colonial with beautiful leaded glass windows and doors. Newer open kitchen with island and pantry. Newer garage, landscaping and patio. Fire and alarm systems. Home Warranty. Price adjusted to $318,900.

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS



MULTIPLE IMPROVEMENTS and fresh decorating! The ideal floor plan includes two all new full baths, updated kitchen adjacent to family room and sunroom. Master bedroom has an adjacent private room. Near the "Hill" and schools. $364,900.

GROSSE POINTE CITY



SELLER WAITING FOR YOUR OFFER! Hurry to see this New England Colonial that has been totally updated with a state-of-the-art interior. New kitchen. Bath, windows, furnace, central air, plumbing, vinyl siding. Price recently adjusted to $229,900.

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SPECTACULAR FAMILY ROOM with cathedral ceiling, skylights, recessed lighting; wet bar and built-in bookcases will be the "fun center" for you and your guests. Three bedrooms and two and one half baths, large rear yard deck. $468,000.

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