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Thursday, March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Saturday, March 19

The Quilt Guild of Metro Detroit holds its 11th biennial quilt show at Trinity High School in Harper Woods from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday, March 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is \$5. For more information, call (586) 296-5155.

Sunday, March 20

The Grosse Pointe South High School choirs perform at the Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North High School at 3 p.m.

The show features students who will attend the 2005 National Showstopper Competition in New York City, which will be held from Wednesday, March 23, to Friday, March 25.

Tickets are \$15 to \$5 and are available at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village and at the door.

Monday, March 21

Sen. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, meets with constituents for a coffee hour at Caribou Coffee in Grosse Pointe Woods from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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

The City of Grosse Pointe City Council meets at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial at 7:30 p.m.

Proposed plans for the former Jacobson's building will be discussed.

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

Wednesday, March 23

The Grosse Pointe North High School bands and orchestra perform at the Performing Arts Center at North at 7 p.m.

Admission is free.

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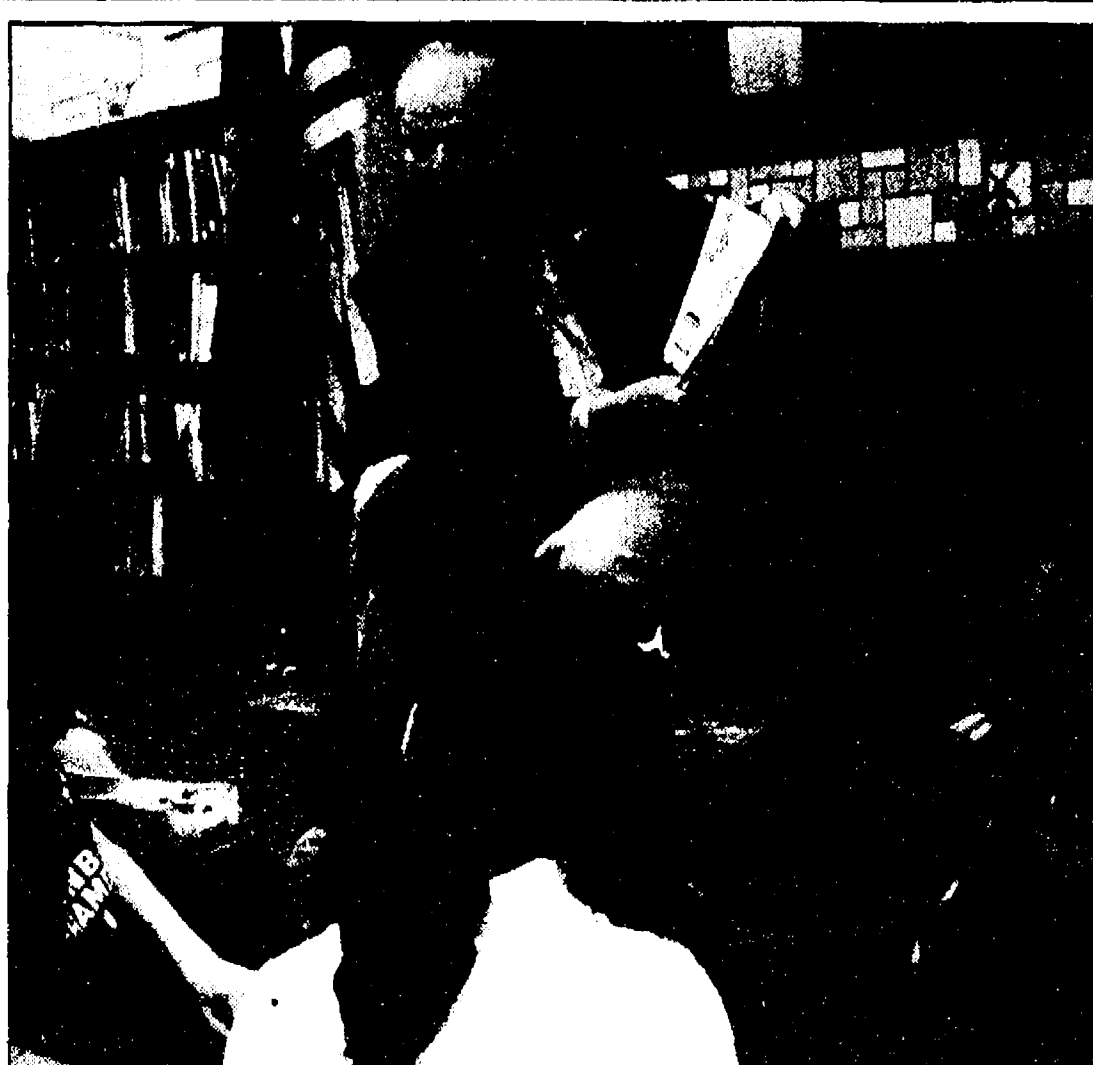


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Reading rep

State Rep. Ed Gaffney knows that reading is "super important" and spent 45 minutes with 33 Mason second graders reading "Duck for President" by Doreen Cronin and discussing his job as a representative. He told the students he meets with the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods superintendents once a month to keep them informed about school financing. Gaffney concluded by saying that education is a top priority at the state level because "you kids are the future." Gaffney also read books at Poupard and Beacon to observe March is Reading Month.

Special meeting to be held about Lakeshore condos

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A proposed lakeside condominium development will be the sole topic at a special meeting of the Grosse Pointe Farms city council next Monday at 7 p.m., at city hall.

Representatives of the Monahan Co. will present formal plans to replace two unoccupied houses at 50 and 60 Lakeshore with three structures containing a combined 12 luxury condominiums.

The houses are owned by the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. They were purchased as a tactic to remove zoning

restrictions that also applied to property the community organization owns and plans to develop next door.

Members of the city council agreed to supplant next Monday's regularly-scheduled work session with a public hearing on the matter.

"I move we schedule a public hearing on March 21 in lieu of a work session to approval — possible approval — of a preliminary site plan by Monahan for the Grosse Pointe War Memorial," motioned Therese Joseph, Farms council member.

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It's easy being green . . . today



Grosse Pointe Farms resident Caitlin Erin Clyne was crowned the 2005 Queen of the Court of St. Brigid at a recent competition sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The Queen and her Court rode in the 47th annual St. Patrick's Parade, Sunday, March 13, through Detroit's historic Corktown neighborhood.

Clyne, a senior at Wayne State University, is majoring in physical anthropology. In addition to participating in the annual parade, Clyne and her Court will attend various Irish charitable and cultural events in the Detroit area during the year. Clyne is the daughter of Michael and Catherine Clyne.

State Supreme Court hears arguments in 'pollution' case

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

A lawsuit filed by Grosse Pointe Park has left the Michigan Supreme Court with the dirty work of determining what is pollution.

The court heard oral arguments on Thursday, March 10, from the Park and the defendant in the suit, Michigan Municipal Liability and Property Pool, over whether the defendant must pay a \$1.9 million claim filed in 1996.

The Park expected to be covered by its insurance carrier after it settled a class-action lawsuit filed by 300 individuals for dumping sewage into the Fox Creek in 1995.

At the time, the Park, which had dumped sewage overflow into the Fox Creek for 55 years, was properly permitted to discharge sewage overflow into the creek. It stopped the practice in 1996 when it separated its sewer system.

Michigan Municipal refused to pay, stating that a pollution exclusion clause in the insurance contract precluded coverage.

A Third Circuit Court entered a ruling in favor of the Park, which was overturned by the Michigan Court of Appeals. The appellate court found a question of fact as to whether Michigan Municipal was rightly stopped from denying coverage and remanded the case back to the trial court for further proceedings. Michigan Municipal appealed to the Supreme Court, claiming the lower courts erred in their decisions.

In front of the justices, R. Craig Hupp, attorney for the Park, argued in addition to a history of dumping sewage overflow into the creek with the proper permitting, the Park chose to discharge the overflow instead of having sewage back up into resi-

dents' basements. He also pointed out the insurance carrier had covered a total of 2,306 claims for basement backups with 280 of those claims coming from the Park between 1992 and 1998.

"What is more predictable than covering 2,306 out of 2,307 sewage claims?" Hupp argued to the justices.

Thomas Daniels, attorney for Michigan Municipal, defended his client's record by stating: "Basement back-up claims have been seen as accidents, not as intentional acts."

Daniels also added that the Park's Fox Creek claim was Michigan Municipal's only claim based on sewage discharge and that "Payment of prior claims does not constitute as a waiver."

In addition to accusing the Park of using extrinsic evidence to create ambiguity in the definition of "pollution," Daniels also asked the Supreme Court to consider if the insurance company could indeed be stopped from using the pollution exclusion in its contracts by changing or altering the definition of pollution.

The justices are expected to come back with a ruling on or before July 31.

"What you're asking us to do is something no other state has done," Justice Marilyn Kelly said.

POINTER OF INTEREST

Rick Portwood

Home: Grosse Pointe

Age: 38

Family: Wife, Cindi; son, Max, 7; and daughter, Ally, 4.

Occupation: Owner of The Display Group

Quote: "I am a big picture person. I like to plan projects. I explain my expectations to other people, and then I just get out of their way."

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe Park police send a letter to Mayor Homer Frisch asking for pay raises.

Park officers currently make \$4,944 per year. They ask for compensation on par with Detroit officers, who receive \$5,162 annually.

■ The ever-growing Grosse Pointe Men's Garden Club, only two years old this May, adds more flowers to its bouquet this month by winning two awards at the National Convention of Men's Garden Clubs of America in Houston.

Club delegate Frank Elmore brings back a first-prize ribbon recognizing the club with the largest increase in attendance and best club attendance.

In addition, the club's monthly organ, "Garden Pointers," which last year won "best new club paper," moves from the novice category to earn third place

among established newsletters.

■ Grosse Pointe Farms officials approve spending \$2,484 to spray 1,800 elm trees as protection against Dutch elm disease.

25 years ago this week

■ Potholes persists on Lakeshore as a deadlock continues concerning who is responsible for paying to pave the street.

Grosse Pointe Farms officials say the Wayne County Road Commission should shoulder the burden because Lakeshore is a county-owned road.

County officials say their limited budget won't allow doing to the work without help from the Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores.

■ Legislation to create a Grosse Pointe district court is headed for the state House of Representatives, where the Pointes' Rep. William Bryant says he'll

try to amend the measure to delay its implementation and reduce the number of judges.

"When and if we have to have a district court, we should at least start with only one judge," Bryant says. "It's much easier to add another judge later than to get rid of one who's not needed."

■ The Grosse Pointe North High School symphony orchestra is awarded a Division I rating, the highest possible, at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 12 Festival.

The rating qualifies the orchestra, conducted by Nathan Judson, to participate in the state festival next month.

10 years ago this week

■ The Blue Devils basketball team of Grosse Pointe South High School comes from behind to beat East Detroit 65-53 in the Class A district tournament games hosted by the Shamrocks.

In the round of the tournament South is knocked out of the playoffs by Detroit Finney.

■ Following voters rejection of an 8.5 mill school millage in February, Grosse Pointe public school board of education members agree tentatively to place a second millage proposal on the June 12 school board ballot.

■ Following last week's tabling of a vote regarding a condominium project proposed for Vernier at Morningside, members of the Grosse Pointe Woods planning commission this week vote 4-4 on a proposal to rezone the property from single-family to multiple family dwellings.

A council member calls for a full public hearing on the matter.

5 years ago this week

■ Despite low water levels in Lake St. Clair, boaters with slips this spring at

50 years ago this week

This one didn't get away

Erv Steiner of Grosse Pointe Farms returned to the Pointes none the worse for wear from his bout with a 105-pound, 4-foot-8 Warsaw grouper he hooked while fishing aboard Jack Weygant's cruiser Amigo III out of Bahia Mar Yacht Basin in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Steiner, long known as a teller of tall tales aboard local wind wagons, will have a new line of chatter as he entertains his sailor friends during fresh water races this summer. (From the March 17, 1955 Grosse Pointe News.)



Windmill Pointe Park marina in Grosse Pointe Park can look forward to high times.

Within hours of receiving state approval to dredge the marina, Park officials hire a company to dig up shallow areas of the harbor that threaten to make stuck-in-the-muds of weekend mariners.

■ Metered parking spots along Fisher Road are usually full during the week, but area merchants say the current jam-up isn't from an overwhelming influx of customers.

Students from Grosse Pointe South High School are monopolizing the metered spots.

As a result, merchants ask City of Grosse Pointe officials to crack down on parking violators in the commercial district.

■ The Grosse Pointe War Memorial launches a new Web site, www.warmemorial.org, to let people make fast and secure online registration of classes and activities.

"We want to make it as easy as possible for our patrons to access the War Memorial," says Maria Esposito, War Memorial

director of lifelong learning. "This new feature provides a great way to browse through our offerings."

— Brad Lindberg

Barrier-free toilets big issue in Farms

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms has matched last year's funding level for Services for Older Citizens despite a reduction in money available to do so.

Farms officials last Monday allocated \$42,000 to the non-profit organization that serves residents of the five Pointes and Harper Woods.

"That's the same funding as last year," said Matthew Tepper, assistant city manager.

Money comes from federal Community Development Block Grants, which are administered through the county.

This year the city received \$68,000.

"That is an 11.6 percent decrease of last year's funds," Tepper said.

He said the reduction reflects population changes revealed by the 2000 Census.

Some \$19,200 of this year's grants might be combined with \$21,000 left over from last year to renovate second-floor bathrooms at city hall. Upgrades would change the facilities to barrier-free status as outlined in the American With Disabilities Act.

City hall already has men's and women's handicap bathrooms on the first floor. There is no legal requirement to duplicate access on the second story due to an elevator on which handicapped can travel from floor to floor.

"Do we have handicapped employees working on the second floor?" asked Councilman Terry Davis.

"No," Tepper said. "However, members of the public utilize the second floor. Court is on the second floor."

"We bring in 100 people for a court date," said Shane Reeside, city manager.

The courtroom doubles as city council chambers.

"The second floor (bathroom) is a matter of convenience and, in some cases, comfort for individuals who have to get to a restroom," Tepper said.

"So, we're going to put \$40,000 into a bathroom that's not required by code for the convenience of a few citizens?" Davis said. "And we don't know if we're going to tear this building down in four to five years?"

Improvements to the restrooms will be factored into the value of the building upon "disposition of the property," Tepper said.

"I think it's a waste of money," Davis said. "If we very well may not be here in five years, this is a luxury that has a very limited time period. It's going to cost \$40,000. That's a heck of a handicapped bathroom."

There has been speculation that Farms officials plan to relocate city headquarters and the public safety department to municipal property at Mack and Moross.

After the meeting Mayor James Farquhar said Davis' comments about demolishing city hall were his own.

Due to the expense of two sets of barrier-free bathrooms, members of the city council directed that block grants allocated to the project remain unspent until members of the administration determine the most cost-effective way of upgrading the restroom facilities.

"Would it make sense to have the lady's toilet unisex and add a barrier-free?" asked Councilman Doug Roby.

"No," said Terry Brennan, head of public service. "I wouldn't recommend, particularly with the influx of people we have on court day, to have a unisex bathroom."

Municipal officials are allowed to capture 10 percent of block grants — in this case \$6,800 — to cover costs of administering the program.

Memory tips for seniors

A free talk, "Memory Tips and Techniques" will be offered from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 7, at St. John Hospital. The presenter will be Linda Schwartzberg, outpatient manager, St. John Neurological Recovery Systems. (888) 751-5465.

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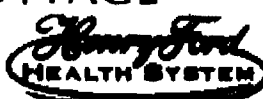
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67 arrests, 20 recoveries credited to Wayne, Macomb theft task force

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

A repeat of a multi-jurisdictional task force operation netted 67 arrests and the recovery of 20 stolen vehicles during the first 10 days of March.

The crackdown was the third effort of JOIE (Joint Operation Investigative Effort), a task force created to combat auto thefts in eastern Wayne County and southern Macomb County, since early 2004.

Of the arrests, 22 adults and five juveniles were charged for possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Three of those adults were arrested for carjacking.

"These were three incidents that had potential for violence," said Lt. James Smith of the Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety. "These are individuals armed with weapons who forcibly took vehicles from individuals."

Smith added that the number of juveniles arrested had dropped sharply than in previous JOIE operations. He credited the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, which pushed for youthful offenders to be automatically entered into the county's juvenile justice system for auto theft related charges.

"Before that, there was no motivation to keep these kids from going back on the street and doing the same thing over and over again," Smith said.

Smith also said Chrysler products continue to be the primary targets for stolen vehicles on the east side.

In addition to the auto theft-related arrests, the task force administered 27 felony warrant arrests, seven arrests for concealed weapons violations and one drunken driver arrest.

GPW will contribute to YAS funding

Grosse Pointe Woods City Council recently OK'd \$23,181 in funding to Youth Assistance Services (YAS) for 2005.

YAS allows each of its member cities (the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods) to refer youthful first-time offenders to its program which offers family counseling, parenting workshops, chemical assessment and referral services without charge.

The Woods will contribute 42 percent of this year's YAS funding. Funding is based on a percentage of city residents who went through the program in 2004 plus a base fee of \$3,000 that is assessed to each city.

Last year, the Woods referred 57 of the 134 youths who participated in the program. Since 1991, YAS has served 1,851 area youths.

The Woods' funding is contingent upon participation of the other Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. The City of Grosse Pointe has already committed \$8,766.

Aside from the total \$66,050 in funding requested of the cities, the YAS also receives funds through fundraising efforts, voluntary contributions and parental reimbursement.

— Bonnie Caprara

Estate planning talk offered by SOC

Services for Older Citizens will offer a presentation on estate planning at 11:30 a.m. Monday, March 21, at the Neighborhood Club. Terri Banaras of the Estate Planning Institute will discuss issues that all senior citizens should consider. For more information, call Susan Kopf at (313) 882-9600.

Members of the task force also recovered five illegal handguns during the operation.

"We're very proud of these statistics," Smith said.

JOIE was originally comprised of the Park, the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms public safety departments; the Harper Woods, Roseville and St. Clair Shores police departments; the Fifth and Ninth precincts of the Detroit Police Department and the Macomb County Sheriff's Department. The Warren Police Department, the 11th Precinct of the Detroit Police Department, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police joined JOIE in its third operation.

"They're with us because word got out it's working," Smith said.

The Park's public safety department with the assistance of the City of Grosse Pointe provided communication services for the operation.

New parking planned near West Park Market area

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Spring is in the air as Grosse Pointe Park gets underway to construct a new municipal parking lot.

Demolition will begin on two multi-family residential units on Lakepointe and Beaconsfield adjacent to the south Kercheval alley within the next one to two weeks. Construction of a new 60-spot municipal parking lot is expected to take place on those parcels shortly thereafter and is expected to be completed for the opening of the West Park Market in early May.

"This lot will assist our market and provide long-term availability for off-street parking," City Manager Dale Krajniak said.

Krajniak added some of the spots in the new municipal parking lot would be available for long-term leases for area business owners and their employees.

"We're going to encourage the merchants to park in the lot to free spots for customers in front of their stores," Krajniak said.

The Park purchased the two-family building on Beaconsfield for \$205,000 and the four-family building on Lakepointe for \$310,000 last August. The Grosse Pointe Park City Council approved the demolition contract to Homrich Co. for \$25,650 and a construction contract to AG Excavation for \$73,200 at its Monday, March 14, meeting.



One that didn't get away

Ernie Miedema of Grosse Pointe Farms caught a King Salmon in the boat docks at Pier Park while ice fishing on Jan. 29. The King Salmon was caught on 6 pound test line weighing in at 7 pounds and at 23 inches in length.

Condos

From Page 1

The issue has been before the council in one form or another for almost a year.

Monday's discussion marks the first of what is expected to be a series of formal public hearings which, unlike work sessions, provide a forum for the public to interact with elected officials and developers.

"We've been dinking for a long, long time," said Councilman Joseph Leonard. "We've been utilizing our work sessions time in unproductive fashion. We have a list of things to get done that we haven't been able to discuss."

Councilman Louis Theros said a public hearing will bring plans "to a head."

Last week the city received a site plan for the multi-million dollar units from the Monahan Co., according to Shane Reeside, city manager.

"A preliminary review has been conducted by the public service department," he said.

The house at 60 Lakeshore dates back a century. It belonged to the daughter of the Farms' first mayor.

A few months ago the Farms Historic District Commission, charged with protecting the community's heritage, deemed 60 Lakeshore a historic structure.

"The War memorial has formally appealed the recommendation of the Historic District Commission," said William Burgess, city attorney.

The appeal is pending before the city council.

"I don't think that's an urgent matter right now," Burgess said.

"There's been cooperation between the War Memorial and Historic District Commission about holding that in abeyance to determine whether the structure might be moved to another location notwithstanding what the council does on the site plan request that has been submitted."

FOP funds kids' interview program

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

A police officers group and its supporters came to the rescue to solely support a state mandated police and community function.

Members of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge No. 102 and its associate lodge contributed \$700 to the Kids-TALK satellite office at the Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety.

Through the Guidance Center, a human service agency, Kids-TALK (Talking and Listening to Kids) is a service which provides specially trained personnel to interview children 12 years and younger who are believed to be victims of sexual abuse.

"Previously, you'd have four to five people interviewing a child — the police, a social worker, someone from child protective services, maybe someone from a school," said Lt. James Smith of the Park public safety department. "Now, you have one forensic inter-

viewer who conducts one interview for all the agencies involved."

In addition to cutting back on the number of times a child must recant difficult details, Smith said the interviews are conducted in a child-friendly environment.

Grosse Pointe Park has been a satellite location since 2000.

"In Grosse Pointe Park, we have eight youth specialists and all of our detectives who have been trained in forensic interviewing techniques," Smith said.



In the past, Wayne County has reimbursed the Park for Kids-TALK services. Last year it did not fund any of the 14 interviews conducted at the Park. The FOP's donation came through its Community Oriented Projects (COP) fund.

"In conjunction with our associate lodge, with our COP fund, we try to focus on kids," said Park Sgt. Steven Johnson, chairman of the COP fund committee.



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Innovative Grosse Pointer is one to watch

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

What does Grosse Pointe native Rick Portwood have in common with President Franklin D. Roosevelt and late night TV talk show host David Letterman?

They all are ENTJ's.

What does that mean?

According to Jungian-based Myers-Briggs personality indicators, they are (E) extroverted, (N) intuitive, (T) thinking and (J) judging kinds of people.

What does that mean?

It means that Portwood, like Roosevelt and Letterman, is a strong leader who is very goal-oriented and very decisive. He is a planner and a doer.

A few weeks ago Portwood and his 20 employees at The Display Group spent a day in a team-building seminar during which he took the personality test. It appears that the test accurately describes him.

"I am a big picture person," said Portwood. "I like to plan projects. I explain my expectations to other people, and then I just get out of their way."

He started his company 15 years ago as a 23-year old when he saw great potential renting out theme decora-

tions to clubs and companies for promotional events. The company's clients are generally big event coordinators, but it has branched into trade shows and social engagements.

"We found a great niche because there was a great need for this in

Detroit," Portwood said. "We are the go-to company when someone wants to create a special atmosphere for their event."

The company has the capacity to create any sort of themed environment that a client needs. The only limitation is the client's imagi-



Photo by Beth Quinn
Rick Portwood enjoys vacationing in Florida with his wife, Cindi and their children, Ally and Max.

Above, Portwood stands between two hand-painted scenes created by his company, The Display Group.

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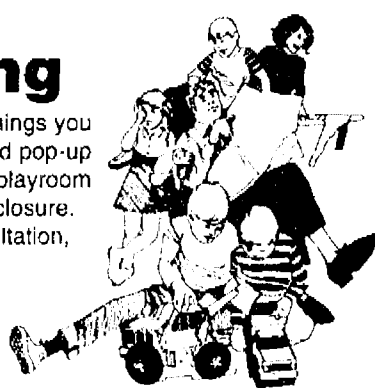
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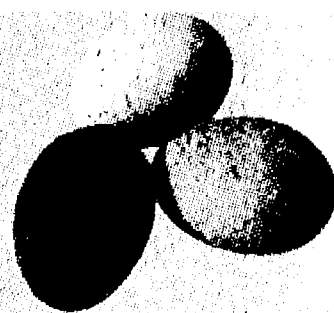


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"The key to this business is sourcing," said Portwood. "If we don't already own it, we know where to get it."

During a tour of the massive Corktown warehouse, which also houses his business offices, Portwood indicates that he is going to expand the direction of his company.

He plans to use the Super Bowl next January as the kick-off of a new business venture called Level 4. As an astute businessman, he knows that major corporations will need large spaces in which to wine and dine their clients during the week leading up to the game on Super Sunday.

To take advantage of that need, he is converting the entire 4th floor of his warehouse into a hip Soho-loft event venue in time for the

Super Bowl.

While the prospect of doing extensive renovations, which includes repairing exterior walls and replacing the towering windows and adding six bathrooms, might be overwhelming to most people, Portwood is energized by the endless possibilities of the raw space.

He is betting that these renovations and the spectacular views of the Detroit River will lure Super Bowl event planners, including the Super Bowl's host committee, into having their pregame parties in his building.

"The Super Bowl is a once in a lifetime event for us," Portwood said.

Level 4 will continue to operate post Super Bowl as a place to have parties such as weddings and corporate events.

"There aren't enough places to have large social events in Detroit," he said.

On the third floor of the 90-year-old building, Portwood is starting-up a small advertising agency called, appropriately and simply, Level 3. Since The Display Group already has the creative manpower and the graphic facilities, he sees the agency as a natural spin-off of his company.

Portwood simply states his reason for these ambitious plans, "We need to diversify."

Crain's Detroit Business recognized the 38-year old's entrepreneurial success by placing him on their "Forty under forty" list of high achievers under the age of 40. During the past few years, the Michigan Business and Professional Association has voted The Display Group, "one of the best and the brightest companies to work for."

Owning a fast-paced and growing business does not leave much spare time for Portwood, but he does manage to volunteer his time and high-energy to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute as co-chair of its Partners Ball.

He starts his day at 5 a.m. by driving downtown to the Detroit Athletic Club to work out and read the paper before starting work at 7:30 a.m.

He tries to leave work early enough to spend time at home with his wife, Cindi, and their two young children, Max, 7, and Ally, 4.

"I don't have much time to relax," he said, "so I like to be with my family."

He seems to relish being able to tuck his children into bed at night and admits to falling prey to a common bedtime phenomenon.

"Some nights when I'm putting my children to bed, I fall asleep before they do," he confides.



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City cops catch jailbird in the 'act'

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

An ex-con who led police on a foot chase before being caught shuffled into City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court last week bent over an aluminum walker, gasping for breath.

Police suspect Kevin Watkins, 48, of feigning a physical handicap so prosecutors will go easy on him.

Watkins had been in Wayne County Jail on \$250,000 cash bond awaiting a March 10 preliminary hearing in City court.

"A sheriff's deputy told us (Watkins) was walking normally in his cell with no problems, but when he heard it was his time to go (to City court), he started limping and playing his act," said Ron Wieczorek, City detective.

Watkins — a convicted automobile chop shop operator, thief and prison escapee with several aliases and a record of at least five felony prison terms since 1987 — was arrested March 1 in the City driving a car stolen from an elderly woman in Hamtramck.

Felony charges stemming from the incident consist of:

- receiving and concealing a stolen car,
- commission of a felony with a motor vehicle,
- fleeing and eluding

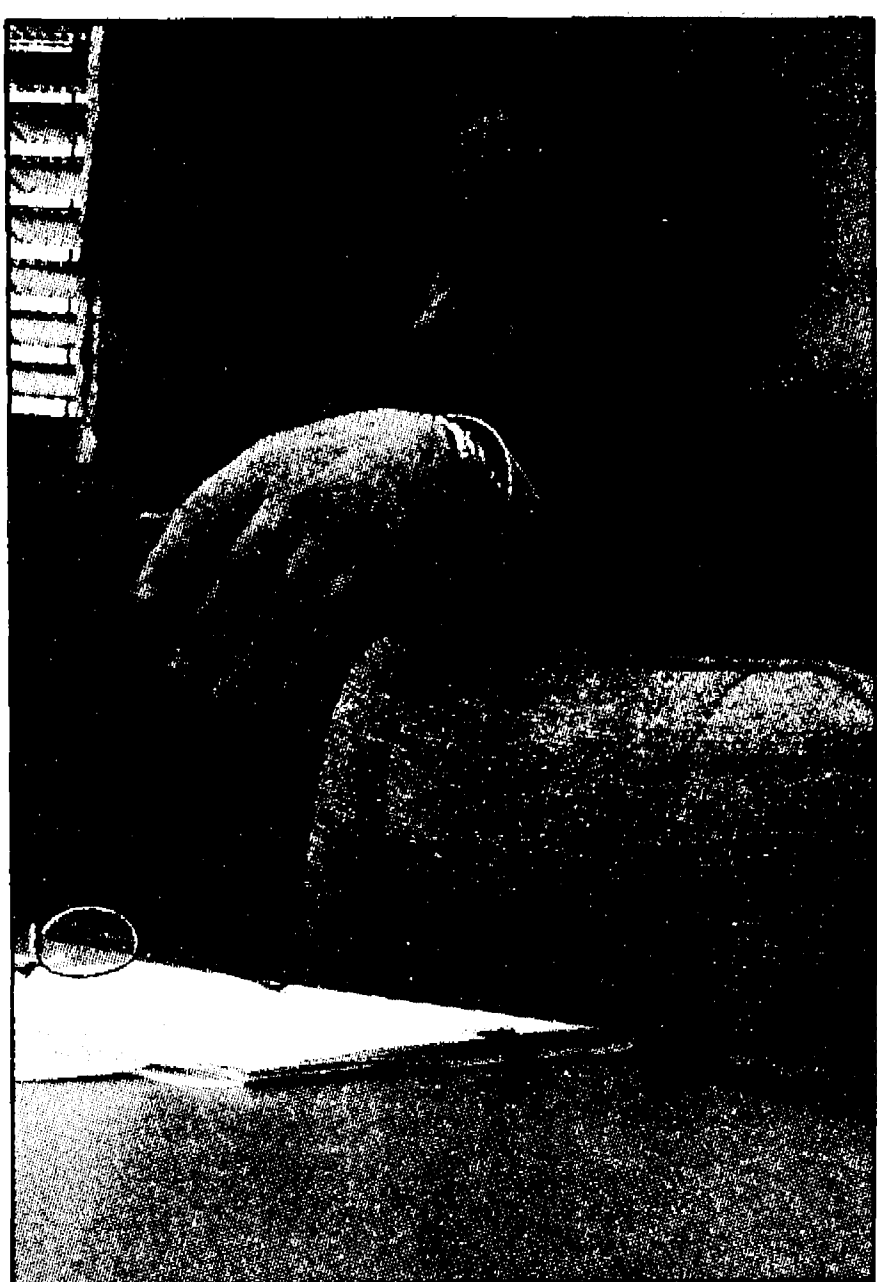


Photo by Brad Lindberg
It seems Russell Ethridge, municipal judge in the City of Grosse Pointe, has heard that song before.

police, and
• being a habitual criminal, 4th degree.

"Because of your prior record, these (charges) are punishable by up to life in prison," said Municipal Judge Russell Ethridge.

Watkins waived his right to the preliminary hearing, during which members of the prosecution and defense would have laid out why or why not Watkins' case should go forward.

With the waiver, the matter proceeds March 24 in 3rd Circuit Court at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Watkins attorney, Allen Schwartz, wanted Ethridge to reduce the bond. Ethridge refused.

"He has a criminal record," Ethridge said. "Plus, it's punishable by life."

State records show Watkins having seven aliases, including Bobby Earl Payne, Chester Smiley and Larry Harris.

"He has numerous Social Security numbers," Wieczorek said. "He knows he's going back to jail and hopes it isn't going to be for too long."

City judge sends parole violator downtown

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Police say the only good thing to come of Kevin Darryl Davis' presence in the Pointes earlier this month was that he didn't run anyone down with the stolen car he was driving.

"He's lucky he didn't kill somebody," said Ron Wieczorek, detective in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Davis, 43, of Detroit, is being prosecuted for a high-speed chase at the wheel of a car stolen in Warren.

During a preliminary hearing March 10 before Municipal Judge Russell Ethridge in City court, public safety officers testified that Davis fled and resisted arrest during an attempted traffic stop shortly after midnight March 4.

"He was doing 50 to 60 mph down University, blowing stop signs and the flashing red light at Goethe," said Lt. Jim Fox, City detective supervising the case.

Police said Davis crashed the car into a stop sign at Bishop and Maumee, bailed out and hid in a vehicle parked in the driveway of a house in the 1000 block of

Yorkshire.

Davis' attorney, Allen Schwartz, tried to break the case by saying the City patrolman never observed Davis at the wheel of the fleeing car.

"That's true," Fox said. "The officer never got a good look at the driver because the driver took off right away when the officer turned on the overhead lights (of his police cruiser)."

Davis reportedly left the crash scene before police from numerous jurisdictions converged on the scene.

"But officers followed his footprints and found him inside a vehicle on Yorkshire," Fox said.

"There was one set of footprints leaving the driver's side," Wieczorek said. "That's what the officers followed."

"He didn't get far," Fox said.

At the time of the chase officers from Pointes and other departments were sweeping Detroit's eastside for car thieves and stolen vehicles.

"When our officers broadcast over the radio that they were chasing this vehicle,

the task force converged on the area and assisted in the arrest," Fox said.

Officers from Grosse Pointe Park testified that Davis resisted arrest.

"He threw an elbow at one of them," Wieczorek said. "They used a Taser gun on him."

Fox said Davis possessed a wallet belonging to a woman from Grosse Pointe Woods.

Davis, a habitual offender on parole from one of eight felony convictions within the past two decades, has been bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court for a March 24 hearing on charges of:

- receiving and concealing stolen motor vehicle,
- fleeing and eluding, second degree,
- assaulting, resisting and obstructing a police officer,
- commission of a felony with a motor vehicle,
- habitual offender, fourth degree and
- operating with a license that is revoked or suspended.

Davis remains in the Wayne County Jail on bond.

Park pets could be limited by proposed ordinance

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

If a council member gets his way, there may be limited opportunities to rain cats and dogs in Grosse Pointe Park.

Councilman James Robson has asked the council's ordinance committee to reconvene to consider an ordinance that would limit the number of pets residents can keep in their homes.

Robson said the request came after hearing two residents who have complained of two families who have multiple dogs and or cats in their homes.

"There's one house where there's nine dogs," Robson said. "It's absurd. I want to move forward and do something about this."

Fellow council member and ordinance committee chairman Daniel Clark

agreed.

"With nine dogs, there have to be health and safety elements involved," Clark said.

In the meantime, Mayor Palmer Heenan has asked city attorney Herold Deason to research how to construct a pet ordinance.

"Most ordinances that limit the number of pets run the gamut from three to five pets in one house," Deason said. "However, while five dogs or cats in a house on Wayburn may be too many, it may be fine for a house on Windmill Pointe Drive, where they have several acres to run around."

Clark, too, said he would be considerate about proposing an ordinance that wouldn't be "overreaching."

"Most people are conscientious about taking care of their pets," Clark said. "Currently, the Park could

enforce pet complaints through its nuisance ordinance.

Deason added Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Woods have ordinances that limit the number of pets per household on their books.

The ordinance committee will also likely consider revising a zoning ordinance dealing with setbacks for unattached garages. The current ordinance allows homeowners to have or construct unattached garages up to the property line. However, requests to expand houses or to construct breezeways to connect houses to unattached garages have proved problematic for the council, which also acts as the Park's Zoning Board of Appeals.

"It's come up more than once," Clark said.

Woods allocates CDBG funds

Councilman fears drastic cuts in coming years

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Like many communities in Wayne County, Grosse Pointe Woods is expected to receive a 12 percent decrease in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds this spring.

The announcement was made during a public hearing on proposed block grant spending at the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting on Monday, Feb. 28.

The Woods is expected to receive \$94,000 in CDBG funds compared to \$107,000 it received last year.

Much of the decrease was a result of the Woods' population statistics from the 2000 Census.

Of the \$94,000 the Woods

expects to receive, \$32,000 will go to Services for Older Citizens (SOC).

In 2004, SOC provided 9,583 hours of service to and served 1,455 clients in the Woods. Of those hours and clients, it performed 592 minor home repair jobs and served 840 home-delivered meals.

The Woods also proposed to commit \$28,000 toward the coordinator of its own senior citizen program, and \$12,000 to Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services.

The Woods plans to spend \$4,000 toward handicap accessibility improvements to city hall, specifically for ramp refurbishment and access to the basement. Those funds will be combined with about \$4,000 of CDBG carryover funds from last year.

The remainder of the funds will go toward planning (\$5,000) and adminis-

tration (\$9,000) of the projects to which the Woods has committed itself.

However, with budget time approaching, Councilman Allen Dickinson warned his fellow council members that the Woods could face more drastic CDBG cuts in coming years.

"President Bush has recommended that the CDBG funds be handed over to the commerce department," Dickinson said. "There's a fear among members of the Michigan Municipal League that those funds could disappear into that department, which handles business issues. It's fair warning that we may have to provide for these programs out of our own funds."

Currently, CDBG funds originate from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and are dispersed at the local level by Wayne County.

Egg hunt in G.P. Woods March 19

The Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue hosts its annual Easter egg hunt at Ghesquiere Park in Grosse Pointe Woods from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 19.

The hunt is free for children ages 2 to 8 accompa-

nied by an adult.

Registration is required and are accepted at the following locations:

- Grosse Pointe Woods city hall, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods;
- AAA-Grosse, Pointe, 19299 Mack, Grosse Pointe

Woods;

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G.P. Power Squadron holds boating safety course

The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron (GPPS) is offering a 10-week Boating Safety Course to make the 2005 boating season a fun and safe experience for sailboat operators and power boaters alike. In addition to providing the increased boating knowledge for participants, most insurance companies offer substantial discounts for boat operators who complete safe boating courses taught by USPS and the USCGA.

The classes will be held on Monday evenings, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. beginning March 21 at the Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, between Mack and Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Registration begins at 7 p.m. outside Room No. 312. For more information, contact the GPPS Information Line at (313) 418-5911 or visit the GPPS Web site at

usps.org/localusps/grosse-pointe.

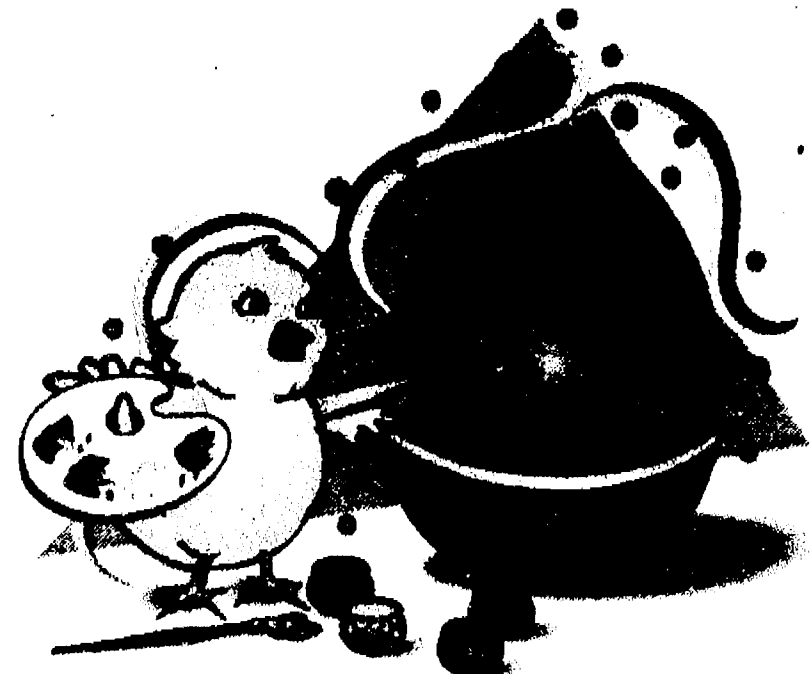
Topics covered in the course include:

- Rules of the Road
- Navigation
- VHF Radio
- Trailing
- Marine Law Enforcement (USCG and Wayne County Sheriff)
- Chartering on Lake St. Clair with current lake chart

- Anchoring
- Lake St. Clair weather
- Personal Watercraft Operation

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be issued a USPS certificate, a laminated wallet card, and a Michigan DNR card for personal watercraft use and required for boaters ages 12 to 16.

Cost for the course is \$55, which includes a USPS student manual, folder, Lake St. Clair chart No. 14850 and the exam fee.

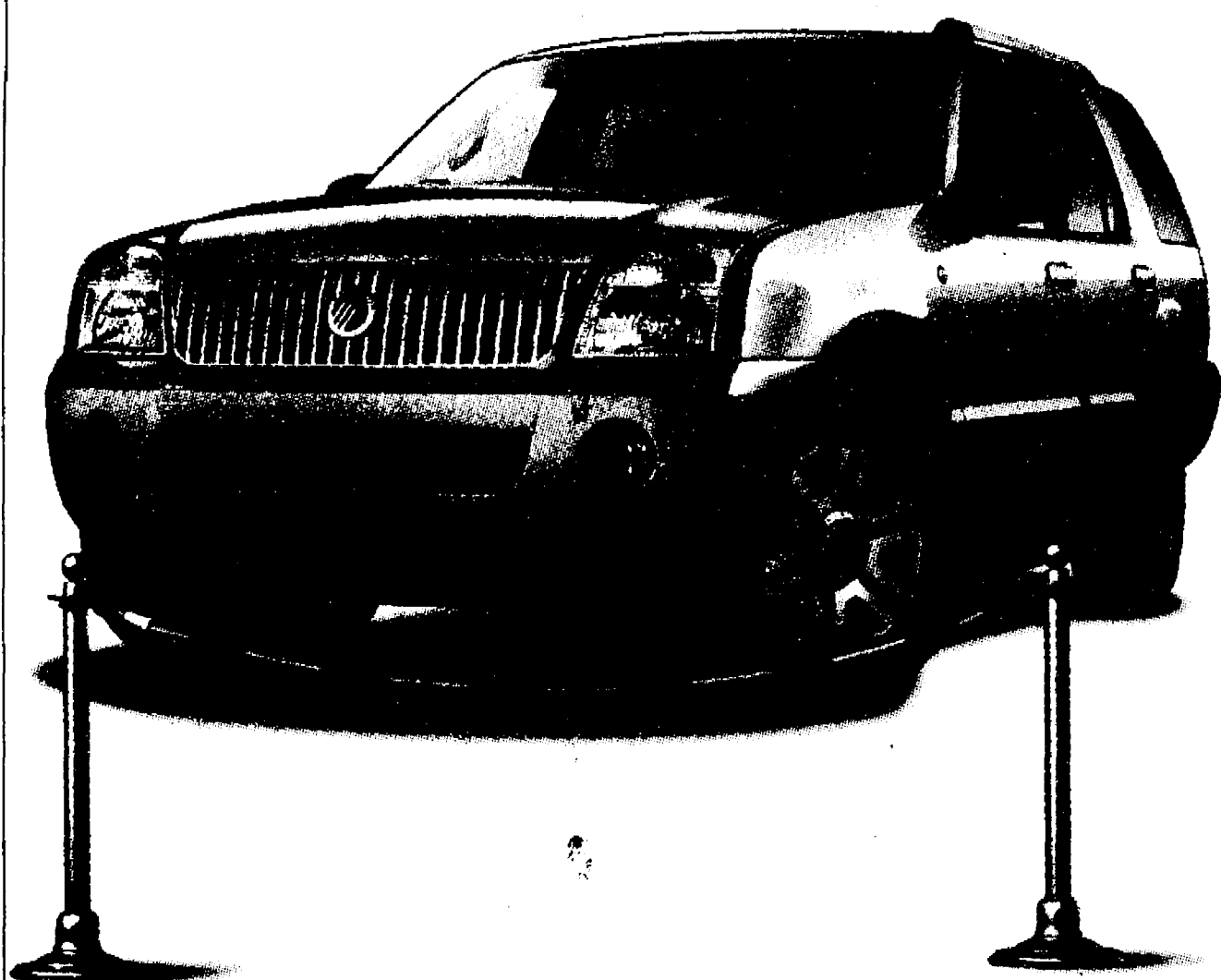


Farms egg hunt

Grosse Pointe Farms children ages 2 to 12 are invited to attend the city's 18th annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, March 19, at 10 a.m. The hunt will be held at Messner Field located behind Rite Aid on the Hill. There is no charge. Children should arrive by 9:45 a.m., dress for weather conditions and bring their own Easter basket or treat bag. The hunt proceeds rain, shine or snow. The first 325 children will receive a special Easter treat from the Easter Bunny immediately after the hunt in the Richard Elementary school gym. All children should check their eggs following the hunt. If they find a special ticket, they can turn it in at the gym for an extra surprise. For photos with the Easter Bunny, bring a camera. The hunt is provided by the Farms parks and recreation department. For questions call the department at (313) 343-2405.

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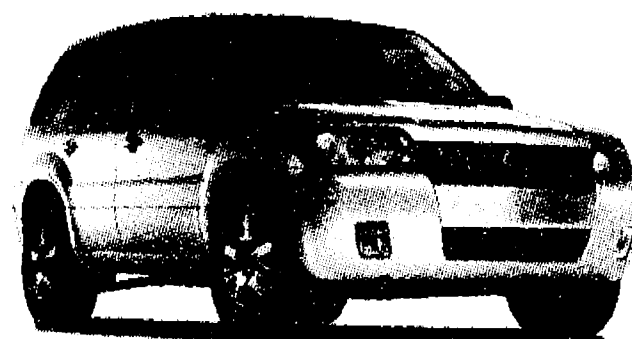
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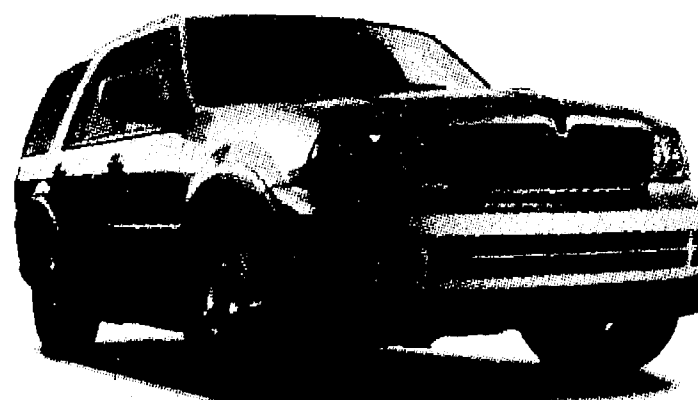


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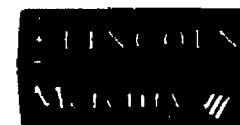
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Shift changes in the Pointes

Kudos to the City of Grosse Pointe for taking a big step in improving police presence.

Last week, Public Safety Chief Al Fincham announced his department will be shifting to 12-hour shifts. The last time the department made a change of this magnitude was in 1978, when it combined its police and fire departments into a single public safety department.

Under the public safety system, officers are cross-trained in both police and fire skills and serve as both police officers and, when the need arises, as firefighters.

The move to 12-hour shifts makes the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department inline with the other Pointes except the Woods, which is also considering changing from three eight-hour shifts per day to two 12-hour shifts.

Since 1978, the City Public Safety Department has been operating on 24-hour shifts, which have worked well. Crime in the City as well as the other Pointes has been declining over the past two decades or so.

But times change, and no matter

what line of work we are in, we have to be open to change.

The City's move to 12-hour shifts will allow it to have a minimum of three officers cruising streets at any given time, 24 hours a day. Under the 24-hour system, only two cruisers could patrol streets during the late night and early morning hours.

Under the 12-hour shifts, officers will be away from home 700 fewer hours a year. Further, they will be sleeping at home instead of in cramped quarters above the police department.

Clearly, more officers on the street and more time at home with their families are a win-win for the city and the officers.

Congratulations to the officers, city administration and city council for coming to an agreement on this major change.

No one likes it when someone moves his or her cheese, but we have

to give credit to those who accommodate change for the good of everyone.

In another matter in last week's news, we would like to applaud Grosse Pointe Woods Councilwoman Patti Kukula Chylinski and her ad hoc committee on cable television for looking into what can be done to combat rising cable rates.

This year, Comcast cable raised rates 6.2 percent in the Grosse Pointes.

Woods City Manager Mark Wollenweber, who came to the Pointes from St. Clair Shores, said that cable users in cities where Comcast faces competition, such as Eastpointe and Roseville that have Wide Open West as an alternative to Comcast, get better deals.

However, a WOW spokesperson told Grosse Pointe News reporter Bonnie Caprara earlier this year that it has no intention of expanding its service

area in southeast Michigan.

It appears the only way to provide cable competition in the Pointes is through satellite TV.

Toward that goal, Chylinski and her committee are talking to SBC Communications, which owns Dish Network, to see if the city can negotiate competitive pricing for its and the other Pointes' residents.

We wish Chylinski good luck in her endeavor. We have no qualms with the service and products Comcast provides. We just think a little healthy competition is good for consumers and providers alike.

Another idea we like coming out of Chylinski's committee is that of city-wide wireless Internet connectivity, or WiFi for short.

The Internet has grown beyond anyone's wildest imagination. In fact, even older residents and seniors are getting with it and getting online.

It seems the Internet has become more than a curiosity or a thrill for "geeks." It is a part of our lives, both young and old.

We do not consider ourselves electronic whizzes, but it seems to us that if WiFi can be implemented Pointe-wide at minimal cost, then it is worth considering. Other cities have done it.

The brave new world is here.

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All veterans are 'core constituents'

By Thomas P. Cadmus
Special Writer

Budget hawks in Washington circle lower and lower in deficit-spending years like this. They peer longingly at veterans.

They dream up ways to cut the delayed cost of war and ease the burden of keeping America's promises to honor the sacrifices of those who served in the armed forces.

A common refrain is to ask veterans to pay more out of their own pockets for the VA health care services they earned.

This budget year, for instance, a \$250 annual enrollment fee for VA health care is back on the table, as is a proposal to more than double the co-payment for VA prescriptions.

To further cut costs, leaders in Washington again are redefining what it means to be a veteran.

They conjure up buzz terms like "core constituency." Veterans in that group, apparently, are more likely than others to expect future access to VA clinics and hospitals.

The "core constituency" is a smaller, less costly population of veterans. And it's convenient for future budget makers. Because "core constituency" is not really defined in law, it can keep getting smaller and smaller until gone.

The official definition of a veteran can be found in Title 38, Section 101, of U.S. Code: "The term 'veteran' means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable."

U.S. Code mentions no "core constituency" because a veteran may be a former infantryman who marched through the swamps of the Mekong Delta or a Parris Island drill instructor who taught him the skills to survive there.

U.S. Code bonds the Black Hawk pilot who outmaneuvered daily rocket attacks and the base crew that prepped his helicopter for every mission.

A veteran may be a combat cook, an Air Force fighter pilot, a Coast Guard sea marshal, corpsman, paratrooper or chaplain — private or a general. All their roles are interwoven and all potentially fatal in times of war.

When discharged, they are veterans. It's that simple.

Such was the thinking behind the Veterans Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996. That was the law Congress passed to allow all veterans access to VA healthcare services.

In early 2003, a woefully under-funded VA suspended new enrollment of veterans in Priority Group 8, the largest and fastest-growing group, and the law's intent went into budgetary free-fall. In late 2004, outgoing VA Secretary Anthony Principi indicated that Group 7s could meet a similar fate.

Now, the 2006 budget proposal would restrict VA nursing-home care only to veterans in Priority Groups 1 through 4. Fives through 8s would be drummed out of the "core."

The core constituency, if these propos-

als are adopted, will get smaller and smaller. Veterans outside it will be blamed for over-using their VA healthcare benefits in the past, causing the problem. Blame is more correctly placed on a discretionary funding process that has never adequately synched money with needs.

If any of this concerns you — a \$250 enrollment fee, double prescription costs, continuous redefinition of veterans, new limits on who can get care and who cannot — contact your congressional representatives. Tell them a veteran is a veteran.

The definition can be found in U.S. Code. Remind them that they themselves passed the law in 1996.

If their intention now is to repeal that law, then let's see some legislation. The American Legion will be more than happy to enter that debate.

Thomas P. Cadmus is national commander of 2.7 million-member American Legion, the nation's largest wartime veterans organization.



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

Letters

Financial participation

To the Editor:

The article "Village merchants to have more say in district operations" (March 3 Grosse Pointe News) reads like the only "free rider" who won't have to "ante up" after the City of Grosse Pointe council's resolution to designate the Village a principal shopping district, is the city council itself.

I find it a bit confusing to say that the assessments to the business community by the board of the principal shopping district (PSD), amount to a self-imposed tax but require council approval. Council will control, but will it participate?

Is the City leadership negating its shared responsibility with the business community to provide a bright, healthy and prosperous shopping district for its citizens?

Market research, public relations, improving streets, and funding free parking in addition to planting trees and bushes, erecting ornamental streetlights, purchasing buildings and demolishing and reconstructing them all sound like the

work of government. These "permitted activities" of the PSD should include City financial participation.

If the PSD is a good idea, then the City of Grosse Pointe council should resist being a free rider and ante up, partner with the PSD and assess itself the maximum annually. This seems to be a fair way to spread the cost and make it more equitable.

Tom Pavlock
Grosse Pointe

Neff Park activities

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my gratitude to City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrase, City Manager Mike Overton, the city council, and especially to Christopher Hardenbrook, director of the City of Grosse Pointe Parks and Recreation Department. Thank you for your efforts to add so many fantastic family activities at the City of Grosse Pointe's Neff Park.

We are so fortunate to have this park with all of its amenities. Now you have made the decision to try and get community members out together

during the dark days of winter.

First, we attended the Family Fun Fest over the summer, and then we found out that the ice rink, which has been located across from the Neighborhood Club ever since I was a boy, was moved down to the park. Great move! We have gone skating numerous times.

At night, it is beautiful. A friendly lifeguard lights a fire in the pit as we drink hot chocolate and look out over the lake. If that wasn't enough, we recently attended the first Winter Fest. It was fantastic. We hadn't seen some of our neighbors in months. The dog mushing and curling, as well as a roasted pig, were hits.

Again, it was nice to see our young lifeguards trying so hard to help the kids have a great time.

I was born and raised in the City of Grosse Pointe and sometimes take some slack from friends who have since moved away, for bringing my own family back here to live.

Thank you again, for making it easier for me to argue my case. This is still a nice town to raise a family.

Pete Dettlinger
Grosse Pointe

Remembering

To the Editor:

Last June, Marilyn Morris, owner of Mack Avenue Gallery, left this Earth and left an empty spot on Mack Avenue and in some of our lives.

She started her lovely framing shop and gallery in an unlikely place next to a gas station and quickly befriended a stray black and white cat named Arthur, whose huge portrait can still be enjoyed while driving down Mack.

Her little spot on the street became an oasis of art where we could see drawings being created at an easel in the window, and distinctive painting, sculpture and craft exhibitions. Always, there was Marilyn with her gruff voice and metal yardstick ready to measure for a frame.

She knew proper archival framing techniques before most framers were educated about such things. She had a sensitive eye for art, promoted local artists, did quality framing and loved art.

Marilyn died without any mention of her life or death in local papers and without any local memorial services, since she had no family here.

A group is in the

process of gathering funds and ideas for a small remembrance of Marilyn that would be given in her name to a local art group or activity. If anyone is interested in contributing, please contact me at saship95@comcast.net.

Susan A. Shipman
Grosse Pointe

Aquarium

To the Editor:

An open letter to Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick:

Please do not close the Belle Isle Aquarium!

Belle Isle has so many possibilities and can be the jewel in Detroit's crown: Renovation of the Boat Club, horse riding stables, canoe rental, the elephants, maybe a mini Greenfield Village, car racing, (we are the Motor City and we lost Formula 1 and CART Grand Prix racing), motorcycle racing, go-karts, boat racing (hydroplanes, offshore performance boats, sailing and rowing), diners, coffee house, casino, hotel, marina, nature walkways, etc. The possibilities are only limited by our imagination!

Help put Detroit's best foot forward. We sure could use it.

John E. Chancey
G.P. Farms

I swear, Part II

Kudos to my colleague Beth Quinn for writing "To swear or not to swear" in the I Say section of last week's Grosse Pointe News. As a parent of teenagers, like herself, I was pretty appalled at parents' use of "adult language" in front of children.

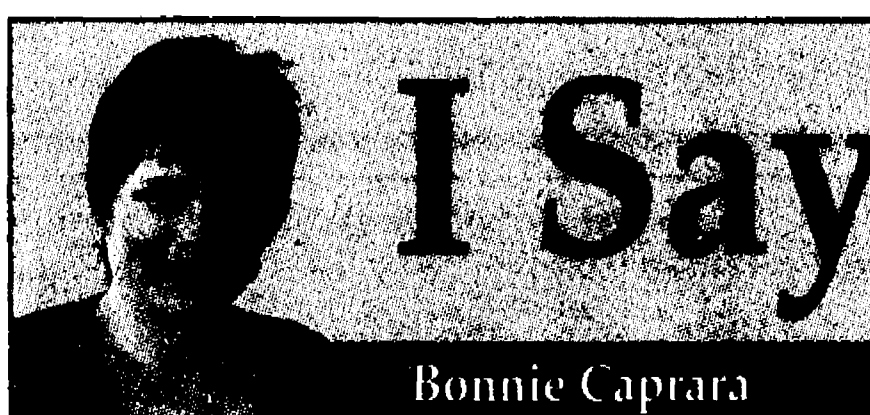
Kudos also to Time magazine for its article "Parents behaving badly" that appeared in its Feb. 21 issue.

It came as no surprise to me that staff writer Nancy Gibbs came across so many teachers who complained of parents giving them a harder time than some of their students.

As the education reporter for my first 2 1/2 years at the Grosse Pointe News it was not uncommon for me to attend at least half of the school board meetings and hear at least one parent claim or complain that their child's needs weren't being met. And if they felt their claims and complaints weren't adequately answered by the school board and administration, they'd come to me — at my office, on my home e-mail and phone, or at the grocery store — and ask: "What are you going to do about ...?"

About what? Your bad behavior?

I had that opportunity in October 2000 when Dr. Cynthia Callahan, a University of Virginia professor and consultant, presented a report of an evaluation she conducted on the district's gifted and talented



Bonnie Caprara

program.

At that time, Callahan felt that harassment and interference by parents had beleaguered the gifted programs.

"There are teachers in this district who are quitting their jobs in the magnet schools because they feel it's a thankless task," Callahan told the Grosse Pointe Board of Education at her presentation. "They feel parents harass them ... Some teachers have reported to me that they left the job because

they just couldn't stand being nagged by the parents."

I also noted in my article that three of the five magnet teachers had left their jobs that year and that teachers of gifted and talented students at other schools and districts were aware of the morale problem at the Grosse Pointe public schools.

The school board and administration listened with polite interest. However, after that quote and other

statements spoken and written by Callahan that pointed to concerns about parents were published in this paper, then-school board President Jack Ryan personally ripped me 17 different ways and sideways in front of the board, the audience and the TV cameras for all of the Grosse Pointes to see.

I don't quite remember what was said, aside from words such as "inappropriate" and "unfortunate" were part of his fiery monologue.

It wasn't the first time I had written a story that put a school issue in a less than glowing light.

I certainly wasn't inaccurate in reporting the facts and what was said. I was publicly admonished for making the social faux pas of publicly revealing someone's bad behavior in the press.

Other admonishments

about my "bad behavior" have been administered more privately. They're usually made in an anonymous phone call, voice mail (usually left during non-office hours) or e-mail. They won't come out and say they're the parent of a child who got in trouble with the law for things like picking fights or holding beer bashes, but they know enough about the incident to tell me: "You have it all wrong!"

My standard response: "Don't take it up with me; take it up with Judge Pierce/Rumora/Ethridge/Jar boe. She/he is the one who ultimately tests the veracity of the public safety report from where I got my information."

The callers usually hang up before I finish talking.

Rude, isn't it?

At least none of them ever swore at me.

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The Op-Ed Page



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

Streetwise

Question of the Week:

An all-expenses-paid vacation has been given to you. Where would you go, and what would you do?



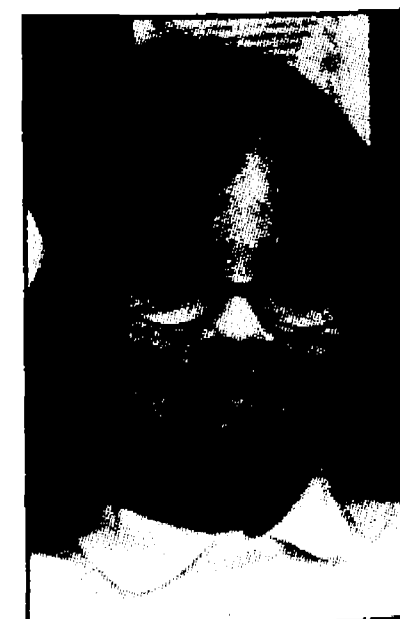
Mickey Bellia

"Hawaii. I'd go sight seeing, lie in the sun and drink pina colodas."
Mickey Bellia Fraser



Mary Marji

"Rome. I'd visit the Vatican, other religious and historical places. It would be a dream come true."
Mary Marji Detroit



Fran Florence

"Hawaii. I'd like to learn how to surf."
Fran Florence, 7 Detroit

"Tuscany. I'd take my daughter, Christina, and learn to cook. We'd take cooking lessons."
Donna Ventimiglia Grosse Pointe Woods



Linda VanDeusen



Phil Dillon



Donna Ventimiglia

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

fyi

by Ben Burns



Mystery

A faded, green suede "Baby Book" stuffed with mementoes, letters and pictures reveals intimate details that are part of the life story of a former Grosse Pointe resident.

At the same time the inch and a half thick book with flying storks on its cracked fly leaves is the object of a modern day romance and the ongoing mystery of what ever happened to Benjamin Franklin Robertson Jr., born March 20, 1919, to a Detroit family of privilege that moved to 1010 Harvard in the Park a year or two later.

Young Ben was pictured Dec. 25, 1921, in a Sunday Detroit News Christmas feature that described "the future belles and beaux of Detroit society." Others in the photo spread of babies were Marjorie Lambert Webber, Bethune Duffield II, Virginia Muir Duffield, Francis Macauley Baker, Barbara Hawks, Frederick Clifford Ford Jr., Barbara Ford Ballantyne and Bernhard Stroh IV.

Robertson Jr. was baptized at Christ Church Episcopal Detroit and later confirmed at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. His baby footprints, early drawings and letters to his mother as well as Sunday School records and notes from his teachers were included in the book assembled by his

father.

For example, his Liggett School report card for 1925 notes he would be part of the class of '38, and his teacher commented: "Benjamin is very active — a strong leader with a preference for his own ideas. He works very rapidly and becomes very impatient with any delay. He has a straightforward 'boyish spirit.'"

A picture of Robertson with his mother, May Clendenin Robertson, is inscribed on the back: "When you and I were young and gay — and the world was our footstool." And his life continued to be chronicled in the pages of The Detroit News, the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit Times.

In April 1937, he was the stage manager for the Detroit University School's Dramatic Club evening of one-act plays. Names of the players included Cleve Thurber, William Ford, Ted Ewald, Steve Stackpole and William Finkenstadt. But Joe Lackey, a sixth-grade cast member then, doesn't remember Robertson.

In May 1937, Robertson sang a baritone solo in the club production of "The Taming of the Shrew." Others in that cast were Henry Butzel and Frank Sladen, of the Farms. Sladen doesn't remember Robertson either.

But both men served in

the Army in World War II, which was looming ahead for those 1938 high school graduates.

Robertson's name, like Sladen's, is on the large plaque honoring those who served. It is in the lobby of the War Memorial.

That's where the clues to Robertson's fate end in the "Baby's Own Book." But Grosse Pointe Historical Society records reveal he continued in the service into the early '50s, made captain, served at one time at Fort Sill, Okla., and at another in South Korea during that conflict.

That's where the trail ends. Presumably the baby book traveled with Robertson the rest of his life and wound up in an estate sale. An antique dealer took it to the big sale at Shipshewana in the heart of Amish country, and it was purchased by a Canton antique dealer named Robert Betley. Betley had been going to the Wednesday sales for years to buy for his business and had gotten to know an attractive blond woman named Sally Segerson from Fort Wayne, Ind.

Betley was attracted to Segerson, who had told him over dinner one night about a neighbor, Betty Hall, who was interested in history, old postcards, old documents and the like.

See FYI, Page 10A

Points about the Pointes

Renting our school system's real estate.... where should the rental income go?



One of the opportunities our school system has for new income is to aggressively market the rental of our buildings and fields at fair market rates to both community and "for profit" groups, offering a discount to our community non profit organizations. Many school systems count on their real estate as a substantial revenue center.

One of the questions sure to come up is "who gets the money?" If we rent the new GP South Auditorium, does the money stay at South or

does it go to our General Fund?

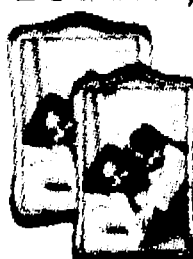
In my mind, we are a school system, not an individual school. The assets being rented are school system assets and the income has to be spent to benefit the entire school system. The location of the asset cannot dictate which specific students benefit from the facility rental.

The challenge we will face is to stay focused on using the income to benefit ALL of our students.

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

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Photo courtesy Grosse Pointe Academy

Way to go, go

Grosse Pointe Academy fourth and fifth graders performed "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" under the director of music teacher Marion Chrisner in early March. Each student had his or her moment at the microphone and in the spotlight as a narrator or character, and all of the dances were choreographed by students. Live music was performed by Marion Chrisner on the keyboard, Lawrence DeLuca on guitar and John Chrisner was the percussionist. Here fifth grade go-go dancers are with Joseph, Alex Parker, during a rendition of "Go, Go, Go Joseph." The dancers are, standing from left, Anne Flick, Samantha Sternad, Somers Brush and Rebecca Broderick. From left, seated or kneeling, Yasmeen Grandison, Susie Stefani, Anna Ochylski and Grace Rentschler.



Photo courtesy Pierce Middle School

Student council

Pierce Middle School elected its spring Student Council officers who are, in front from left, seventh-grader and vice president Max Bobinski, sixth-grader Senators Shelby Stone and Hannah Sparrow, and seventh-grade Senator E.A. Kennedy. In the back row, from left, eighth-grade Senator Emily Trexler, seventh-grade Senator Katie Hamm, eighth-grader and president Daniel Dickson and eighth grade Senator Erin Shook.

FYI

From page 9A

Betty, who is my mother-in-law, was mostly housebound because she was nursing her husband, Flave, who had suffered several strokes.

So when Betty saw the faded book crammed with pictures, birth certificates and documents, he bought it to give to Sally to share with her neighbor. He

almost didn't give it to her because he realized that she didn't share his emotions.

Let Betty tell the story from there:

"Now the story that Sally would never tell you because I'm sure she doesn't believe all of it, but I do, is that I believe this book got to your hands . . . through love and affection. I met Sally . . . and almost instantly fell in love with her. Unfortunately for me, she doesn't feel the same about me, but through a lot of effort on my part we have become fairly good friends.

" . . . It may sound corny to you. I know it would to Sally, but I believe that love and affection keeps this book going — the mother's love for her son to keep the journal, a man's love for the woman of his dreams and a neighbor's love for her fellow man.

"You can write what you want, but I know in my heart that this is a book of love."

Volunteer receives service award

Pierce student Jackie Fontaine, 13, of Grosse Pointe Park, has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award.

The award, which recognized Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was presented by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of the President's Council on Service and Civic participation.

Fontaine participated in the Spirit of Community program this year as a representative of Pierce Middle School. She earned her award through her involvement in raising community awareness of juvenile diabetes.

Sponsored by prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program recognizes young people across America for outstanding community service.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN REVIEW 50/60 LAKE SHORE DRIVE

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will conduct a Preliminary Site Plan Review for a proposed condominium development on Grosse Pointe War Memorial property know as 50 and 60 Lake Shore Road. The Council meeting will be held at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, on Monday, March 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Plans are available at City Hall for public review. Furthermore, if you wish to comment, you may either write the City Clerk or appear at the hearing.

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City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Wayne County, Michigan will be in session in the Municipal Building, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, for the purpose of reviewing the 2005 Assessment Roll:

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2005
9 am to 9 pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2005
9 am to 5 pm

Hearings are by appointment only, contact (313) 822-4361 to schedule.

Resident taxpayers or their representative must appear in person. Written appeals accepted postmarked no later than March 23, 2005.

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City Of Grosse Pointe Park

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Assessor

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City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan
Wayne County

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

The Property Assessment Roll of the City of Grosse Pointe, Wayne County, Michigan, for the year 2005 has been compiled. The estimated State Equalization Factor for 2005 is 1.0000 Residential and 1.0000 Commercial. The taxable value increase is limited to 2.3% unless ownership of the property was transferred in 2004. Therefore, in accordance with the General Property Tax Laws of the State of Michigan and Section 35, of the City Charter, as amended:

The Board of Review
will meet
Monday, March 21, 2005
and
Tuesday, March 22, 2005

March 21, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and
March 22, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Such meeting will be held at the Municipal Offices,
17147 Maumee.

Karen A. Johnson,
Assessor

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Robots, rockets and the Moon

By Michael Maurer

The terrific FIRST Robotics Challenge regional competitions are coming to Michigan, with the Detroit Regional March 18-19 at Wayne State University.

Inventor Dean Kamen's nonprofit group FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), will sponsor the events.

It's a big deal — Michigan has 98 teams, made up of about 3,500 high school students and mentors.

The teams had six weeks to design, build and test their robots.

Every robot was completed and shipped by Feb. 22 to be eligible to participate in any of the 31 regionals across the United States and Canada.

The robots compete on a "playing field" 48 by 24 feet, where they must complete assigned tasks. The program comes complete with referees, cheerleaders and time clocks.

"This program is key to developing Michigan's future great innovators, inventors and entrepreneurs," said David C. Hollister, director of the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth, the leading sponsor of Michigan's three regionals.

If you want to know more and give your kids a head start for next year, visit the Web site usfirst.org.

While we're talking kids and science, The Detroit Science Center announced Tuesday its summer camp offerings for 2005 and said it would begin accepting online donations. (It's all about the Benjamins!)

The camps are intended for young scientists entering grades first through sixth.

For grades first through third, the themes are Mission to Space, offered from Monday, June 20, through Friday, June 24; or Monday, July 25, through Friday, July 29.

Creepy Critters will be offered Monday, June 27, through Friday, July 1; or Monday, Aug. 1, through Friday, Aug. 5.



Wonders on Technology
By Mike Maurer

Marvelous Music will be offered Monday, July 11, through Friday, July 15; or Monday, Aug. 8, through Friday, Aug. 12; and a Science Sampler will be offered Monday, July 18, through Friday, July 22.

For grades four through six, there will be a Rocket Blast-Off on Monday through Friday, June 20 to June 24, or July 25 through July 29; Robots & Inventions from June 27 through July 1, or Aug. 1 through Aug. 5; Slimy Science from July 11 through July 15, or Aug. 8 through Aug. 12; and a Science Sampler from July 18 through July 22.

Personally, my favorites are Creepy Critters and Slimy Science, but then I looked forward to dissecting frogs in high school. I love the smell of formaldehyde in the morning.

Camp hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is \$170 a week for Science Center members and \$180 for nonmembers. The science center also announced it has made it possible to sign-up at its Web site, detroitsciencecenter.org.

Contributors can choose from an annual gift fund, "Sponsors of Science" that supports group visits, "Star Gazers" that supports space science education and a capital campaign fund, and an "Infinity Circle" that offers planned and endowment giving.

Joining a swelling group of countries shooting for the moon, Japan is considering a plan to establish a manned lunar base by 2025, officials said Tuesday.

Officials at Japan's space agency, JAXA, confirmed the mission was under consideration, but said the plan is still being fleshed out and has yet to be formally accepted.

A report outlining the plan is expected to be submitted to the government later this month or in early April.

If approved, the mission would mark a major change of direction for Japan's space program, which has for decades focused on

unmanned, scientific probes. It would also up the ante in an increasingly heated space race in Asia.

Both China and India have announced moon missions, and President Bush has proclaimed that the United States will return to the moon in the next decade or so and will try to send astronauts to Mars as well.

Several weeks ago I wrote about a test to transmit Internet information over electrical wires just beginning in Grand Blanc.

The wires would act the same as dial-up, DSL or cable and have significant speed.

Now imagine my surprise when I found out the Japanese also were ahead of us in that game.

Three Japanese consumer electronics giants have created a new technology to transport Internet and media signals around the home via the electricity network.

Sony, Mitsubishi and Matsushita-owned Panasonic have set up the SECA power line alliance.

They have developed a system to transfer 170 megabits per second of data through the power lines of a home, Panasonic researcher Ingo Chmielewski told journalists at the electronics trade fair CeBIT.

He said the technology is already available and introduction depended on government authorization.

The speed is three times faster than wireless technology Wi-Fi, and is fast enough for high definition television signals.

Unlike wireless alternatives, the power-line technology performance is stable throughout the home. SECA will compete with existing technology from the HomePlug alliance of 50 companies, including Japanese group Sharp. The two systems are not compatible.

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.

Save with home office deductions

(MS) — Working from home is full of perks. One of the best perks is that you can deduct the expenses of running a home office from your taxes.

What's so great about a home office tax deduction is that any kind of business deduction — whether it's for your home office or basic business expenses — reduces your net business income. In turn, you have less self-employment tax to pay on your net business income.

The law applies to anyone working at home for the convenience of the employer or someone who is self-employed full- or part-time. "For the convenience of the employer" means that your employer doesn't have work space and expects you to work primarily from home.

If you use part of your home for business, and you meet the requirements of the law, deductions are based on what percentage of your home is used for the home office. You can deduct a percentage of the cost of home-related expenses such as utilities, rent, depreciation, mortgage interest and real estate taxes.

Proving yourself

"Home" is loosely defined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a house, condo or apartment. It can be a mobile home or boat, as long as you can cook and sleep there. Whether you rent or own — it doesn't matter.

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Document your

deductions

You may be required to document your office deductions. Here's how to establish your right:

- Keep an appointment book of clients or customers and the date and time of all meetings. That way, you can document your work even if you are audited by the IRS.

- Have your business mail sent to your home.

- Use your home address on business cards, stationery and ads.

- Get a phone line for your business that is separate from your home one.

- Keep track of the time you spend working at home.

- Photograph the office. Draw a diagram showing the location in your home.

Remember: The aforementioned rules apply to home-related expenses, such as utilities and rent. Anyone operating a business can deduct expenses like postage, advertising, travel, equipment, and a separate telephone line.

Don't overlook home-business tax-saving deductions. For more information, visit the Web site irs.gov, or consult your accountant or tax adviser.

Small businesses seek break on insurance

Small business owner Noelle Clark, vice president of Hasselbring-Clark Company of Lansing and a member of the small-business NFIB/Michigan's Leadership Council, reacted to a proposal by House Republican leaders to end the current policy of taxing health insurance benefits provided to workers by Michigan employers.

Clark voiced her support for legislation that would completely remove health-care costs from Single Business Tax (SBT) liability in 2006.

"The SBT has not been what many small businesses would consider a fair tax. In fact, having to pay it whether or not I make a profit is an example of its unfairness," Clark said. "In

the fiscal year 2002, during a down economy, I paid no dollars in Federal Income Tax but had a \$49,000 bill to the state of Michigan for the SBT. This makes absolutely no sense. To make matters worse, adding benefits to the taxable base, such as health-care premiums, is a disincentive to those businesses that offer those benefits."

Charles Owens, NFIB/Michigan state director, also voiced support of the proposal, saying that changes such as this to the SBT would improve Michigan's business climate.

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Business People

Farms residents influential in merger of CCB, River Place

Community Central Bank Corporation announced that it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire River Place Financial Corp.

Following the acquisition, River Place Financial Corp. will be merged into Community Central Bank, CCB's wholly owned subsidiary.

Stockholders of River Place may elect to receive cash or stock of CCB, with the requirement that at least 80 percent of the total consideration be paid in CCB common stock.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident David A. Widlak, President and CEO of CCB, explained that this merger is an ideal strategic fit for CCB.

"This merger puts Community Central Bank immediately into the trust business without incurring many of the start-up costs and traditional ramp-up time associated with starting a trust division from scratch," Widlak said. "We certainly hope that having our bank associated with the highly respected Stroh name will encourage others to seek us out for their banking, mortgage and trust

needs."

John W. Stroh, III, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident and Chairman and CEO of The Stroh Companies, Inc., and Vice President, Secretary, and a Director of River Place Financial Corp., said, "We spent over a year in our evaluation process, retaining investment and financial advisors to help us review and interview potential banking and trust partners. In the end, Community Central Bank stood out. We needed a bank that was large enough to accommodate our family's varied interests, but small enough to be able to respond quickly. Community Central Bank is uniquely positioned to meet our needs."

William A. Penner, CEO of River Place Financial, will become the President of Community Central Bank's newly created trust division.

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Books written, illustrated by children for children

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Who wouldn't want to read these original pieces by fourth-graders at Kerby Elementary School about candy, or a space alien teacher?

Certainly the two St. John Hospital teachers and child life specialists Lisa Beauvais and Sandra DiMaso said they would. When handed the 15 books from the Library of Love project, the two said they would be sure and read them before disbursing them to St. John's young patients.

The Library for Love is the result of Michelle Potter's participation in the final course Landmark Education's curriculum of self expression and leadership.

"It (the Landmark classes) gives me the tools to have power and get over struggles," said the mother of fourth-grader and one of the authors, Ana.

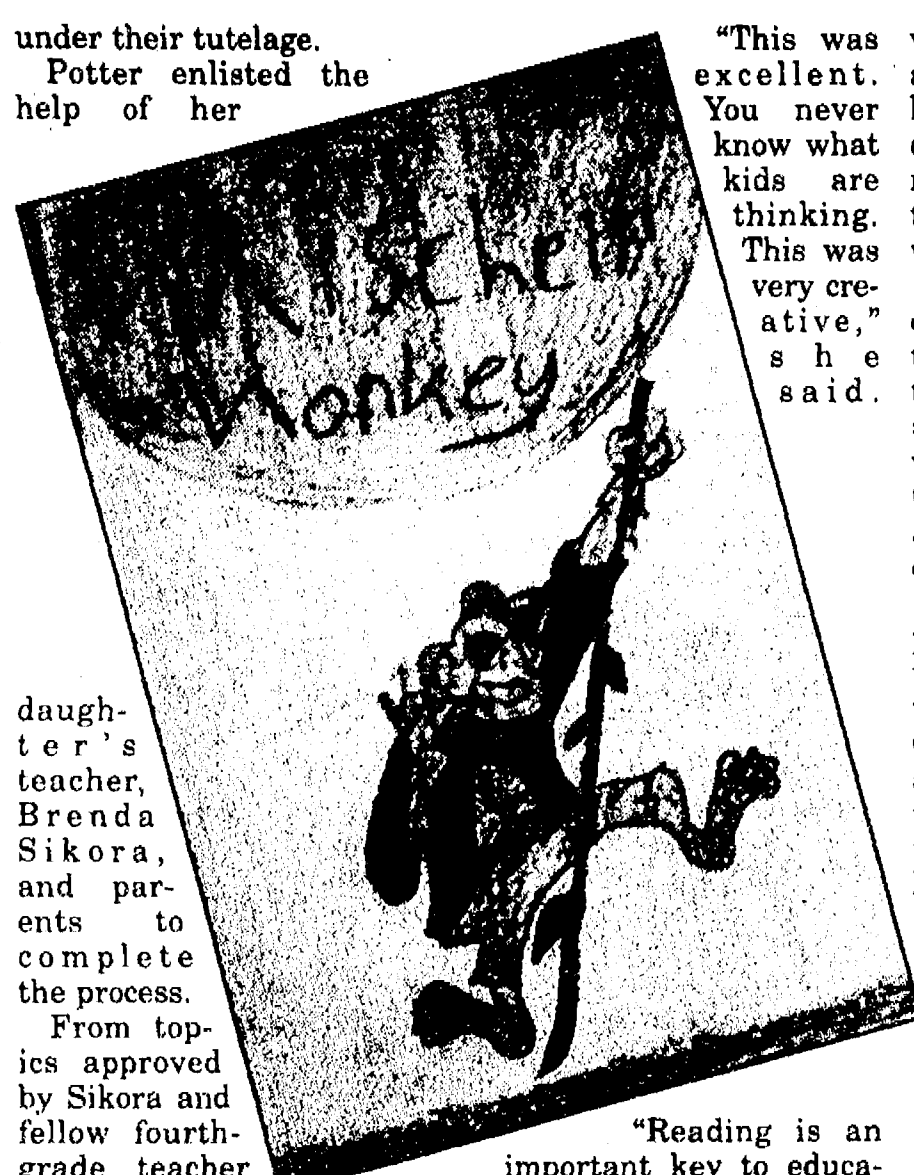
Recovering from the deaths of her parents due to cancer, Potter felt she needed to do something for the children who were confined to a hospital.

"I wanted something to go to children going through that. I wanted to involve children. They are so amazing at this age. They are inspirational and have a lot of love. Love is courageous and is self expression," she said.

Combining all those pieces, children could write books for children.

With the idea, she approached DiMaso and Beauvais who agreed new reading material would certainly help many children

under their tutelage. Potter enlisted the help of her



"This was excellent. You never know what kids are thinking. This was very creative," she said.

daughter's teacher, Brenda Sikora, and parents to complete the process.

From topics approved by Sikora and fellow fourth-grade teacher Michelle Orhan, the students were set up in groups of three (one had four) and presented their stories in rough draft. The four-week project culminated in creating a video of students reading their books along with a bag filled with props, such as a rubber chickens, candy, stick puppets and pictures, to accompany each book.

"This is amazing," DiMaso said, after she listened to the 15 groups of students present a synopsis of the books.

"The illustrations are colorful," Beauvais added. State Senator Martha G. Scott, Dem., was impressed with the books' topics.

"Reading is an important key to education."

Potter, too, was proud of the results of the Library of Love and gave credit to the generous nature of the students, saying, "They loved it."

Originally, Potter wanted the fourth-graders to hand deliver the books to the children in the hospital. However, Beauvais and DiMaso said it was an impossibility due to the size of the group and health reasons. As they explained about keeping the hospital as germ-free as possible, thus limiting visitors, they also explained about what children should expect when in the hospital. The two teachers explained their ser-

vices, which are to keep hospitalized children current with their homework.

DiMaso explained that many of their students are "repeaters with life threatening and terminal conditions."

After completing homework there is time for play. Children are allowed to watch movies, play Nintendo, do crafts, read books, and play with toys and games. Since there are a number of children who have gone through all the toys, games and books on site, these new books from Kerby fourth graders will be much appreciated, she said.

It was a Library of Love.

The books were: "The Mystery of Why the Teacher Went Psycho" is about a teacher who was really an alien.

"Our Town Champions," and its bag contained a boy and a bear. "Funky Friends" by Ali Gabrion, Angela Dusina and Elizabeth Thomas is about the lesson three friends

learn when they get caught skipping school. Imagination was used in the story "Six Ways to Sneak Out of School."

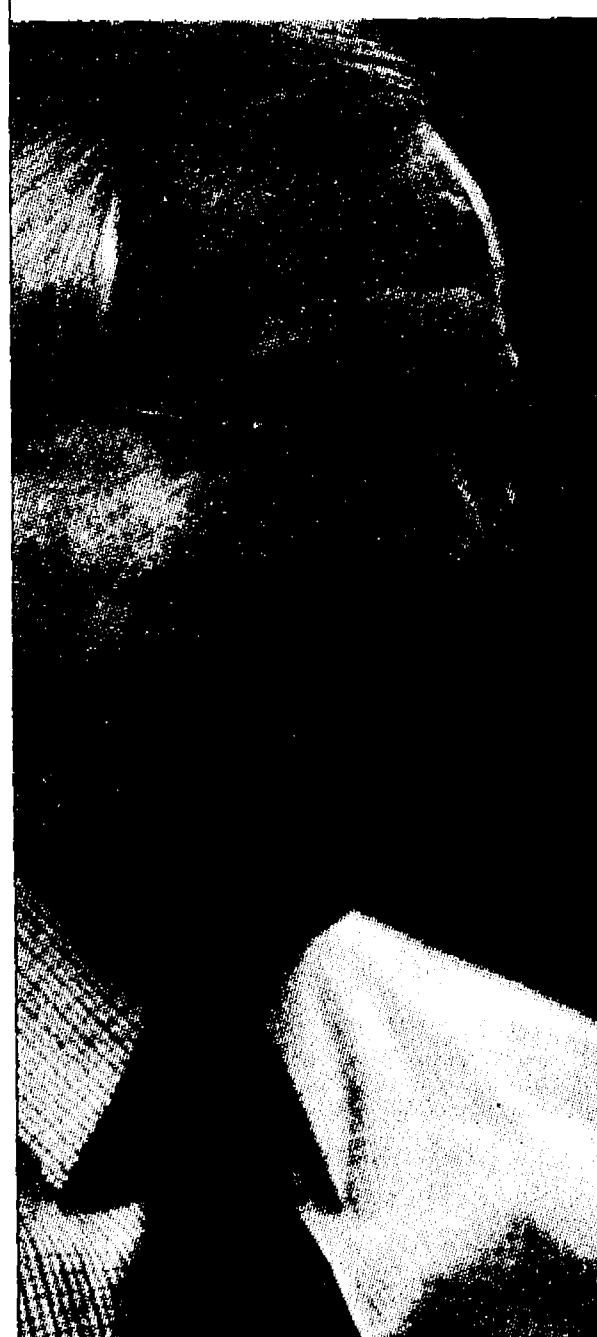
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Michelle Potter stands with three Kerby authors, from left, Maggle Sullivan, Ana Potter and Brenna Loren.

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Metrics were fashioned into fun

Who would think math could be fun?

Between St. Paul School's advanced math teacher Betsy Berg, her students, "The Smarties," and other teachers more than 500 people were shown where metrics came from and how integrated the system is in the world during the recent Metric Math Festival at St. Paul School.

The hosts of this winter evening event included stations of metric math games for all ages. The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum brought multiple math games, and there were face painting and student class exhibits. A local ice cream store supplied 100 grams of ice cream with a choice of 10 toppings. Even the voluntary contribution of one centimeter of height for family members turned math into

fun.

Visitors participated learning about simple machines, air pressure, balance and the cent of gravity. Games of Simon Says for children kindergarten through eighth grade had them repeating metric information. Kindergartners through fifth graders did metric measuring called Metricating Me, learning how to measure everyday things including their height.

When asked what the goal of the event was, Berg said, "The whole world is metric. These students are going to enter into the economy, and they must be familiar with the measuring system the world uses. These children are bright; they need things to expand their minds. Another goal was to build community school spirit. It

also really helped parents and the whole family become familiar with the metric system.

"Almost every child at this school, after going through the programs we introduced on this, K through eight, can tell what 4 mm versus 8 mm is. All the metric knowledge they have acquired is even helpful for travel in Canada and Europe, and medical reference."

A program in which the entire school was involved made the preparation as much fun as the event, Berg said.

Also, teachers John Addis, Patti McNeil wrote a play about math with sixth-through eighth-graders filling the roles of actors and handling the lighting.

"The goal of the play was

to show how math and science can be fun," Berg said. "We wanted to teach the history of the metric system to the whole school. Students dressing up like characters helped make the lesson come alive. There was an inchworm, a centipede, a Roman gladiator, French person, English king, Noah and his sons, flag bearers and British person."

"The play was written to include great humor. At one point in the play Noah and his sons, dressed in shepherd costumes, picked up one of the sons and carried him sideways across the table to show how at that time they measured items in body length. The crowd burst into laughter and the point was well made."

"The earlier students are



Photos courtesy St. Paul School

Tori McShane tested the gravity theory during Metric Math Festival, and she had her face painted.

exposed to the metric method the more natural it will seem to use the system,"

she said.

"When they came to the event they could show their parents how smart they are by helping their own parents with some of the math. Knowledge is power."

Students collect wipes for troops

Students in Lisa Leszczynski's second grade class are collecting new packages of baby wipes for the U.S. Army soldiers in Iraq.

These students at Our Lady Star of the Sea know that showers are allowed only every three days at the base where Capt. Tom Miller is stationed. He is a friend of their teacher's husband.

Due to overcrowding, explains Andrew AbiRagi, "The soldiers don't have much water to shower. They get sweaty, and they can use these to wipe their face off."

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"The Snowboarding

Bunny and Kitty"

"Candy Island" finds two teddy bears washed up on a candy island. It is their job to find out how to escape from the island and an inhabitant who eats Swedish fish.

"When Rubber Chickens Attack" is about how chickens want revenge for being killed. A rubber chicken accompanies the book.

"Mischeif (sic) Monkey" ate too much candy on the way to camp. But that is

only the beginning. He also has problems at camp.

"The Cage" explains about the chipmunk Stefan who saves his captured mother.

"The Snowball Fight" centers around a snowball fight between the fourth and fifth graders. Once the fight concludes, the story explains how the two grades cooperate on a project.

Two children meet a man in the book "Candy Island." They must help him find a chest to procure their rescue and freedom.

"Teddy Bear Looks for

Santa. Adventures at the North Pole" is an adventure book penned by Samantha Danieleian, Paulina Cywinski, Meghan Polack and Jennifer Colosi.

"World War III" is about a 10-year war over candy.

"Flying Chickens? At KFC" is about Jack, the chicken, and Bob, the international pilot, who set about conquering the power of hunger.

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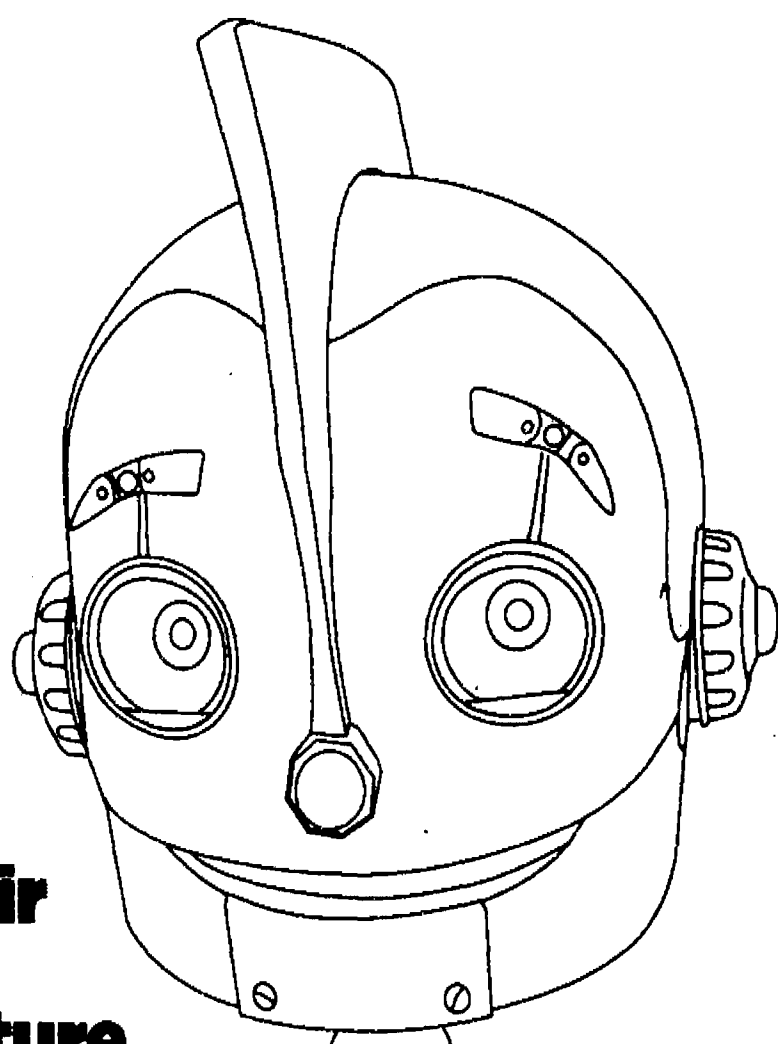
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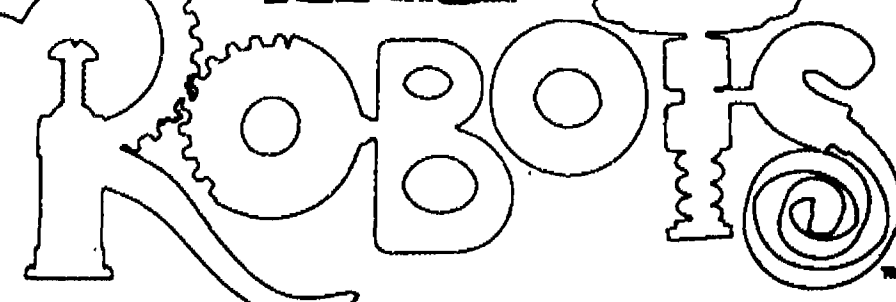
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Hearts a jumpin'

Photo by Robert McKean

During the past five years, students at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School have raised a total of \$15,000 for the American Heart Association by jumping rope like Charlie Peck or shooting basketball hoops. The top collector to date for the 2005 fund raising campaign is Andrew Lockhart with \$150. Money is still coming in, thus no total has been reached. Excelling in the Jump Rope for Heart was Isaac Piepszowski, a fifth-grader, with 300 consecutive jumping jacks and he jumped rope 104 times without missing. He was awarded a "Jumps for Heart" T-shirt. The students acquired points for shooting baskets from various positions in the gym. Each student had two chances to make the most points. The winners were sixth-graders Marion Berger and Miles Hubbell; seventh-graders were Renee Noseda and Jamil Pickens; eighth-grade winners were Elizabeth LaRiviere and Daryl Jackson. These six competed against each other with LaRiviere and Jackson declared the winners. They were given "Hoops for Heart" T-shirts. Brandon Burnett, at right, waits his turn to jump rope.

Sixth-grade rotations modified for 2005-06

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Seeking ways to reduce middle school expenditures, yet minimizing the impact on classroom instruction, the Grosse Pointe Board of Education approved the modification of the traditional sixth-grade rotation during its Monday, March 14, meeting.

Brownell, Pierce and Parcels sixth-graders will be on a nine-week rotation, rather than a six-week rotation as previous sixth-graders.

All sixth-graders will be required to take a quarter long computer class. They will have the option of registering for three quarter-long courses in the areas of art, life skills, technology education and foreign language (Spanish or French). The sixth-grade physical education, music, and drama would remain the same throughout the year.

Said assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction Susan Allan in response to reinstating a six-week rotation, "It's far easier

to expand the curriculum than reduce."

The curriculum modification will be instituted for the 2005-06 school year and is to be reviewed along with proposals concerning the other elective middle school components in preparation for the 2006-07 budget.

During the March 7 board meeting, 26-year veteran of the teaching profession, Karleen Viviani, said she was concerned that the exploratories were being cut short and wanted the board to table the matter. She suggested the change be made by introducing every-other day schedule.

"Life is about choices," said board president Joan Richardson in response to those objecting to the change. "I perceive this as a relatively painless process."

The change is to save the district \$105,000, or a minimum of 1.2 elimination of teachers.

"We need to get a staffing number to Mr. (Larry) Lobert (human resources director). This is the point the middle school principals have been struggling with is staffing," Allan said.

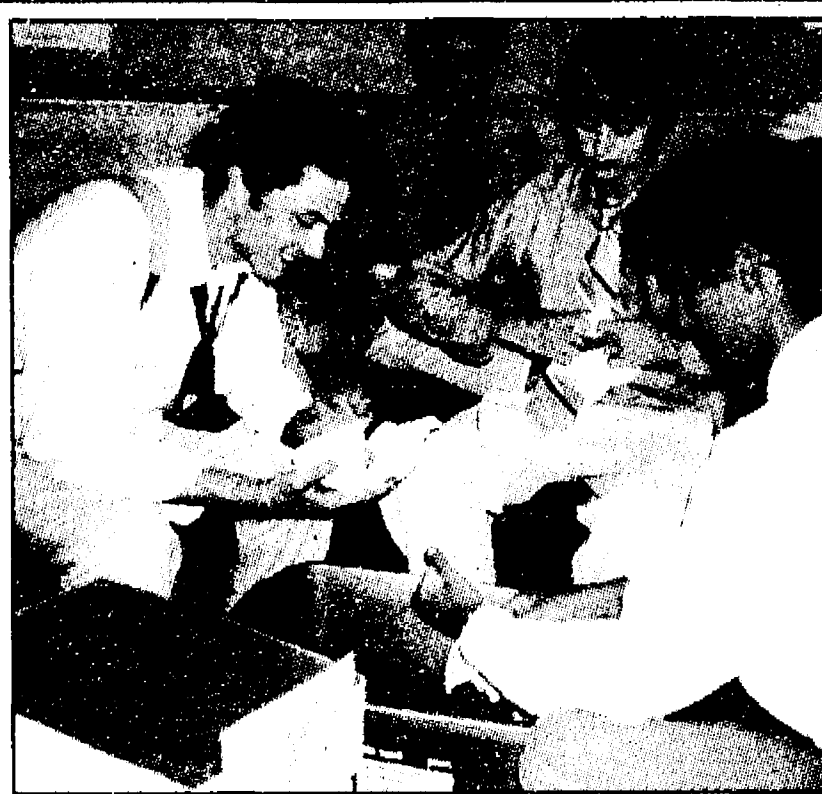


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Relief efforts

Harper Woods Notre Dame High School students Anthony Bommarito of Shelby Township, Joe Kotwick of Grosse Pointe Woods, Brian Kies of St. Clair Shores and Jason Maltese of Shelby Township prepare boxes filled with toiletries and over-the-counter medical supplies for shipping to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Effort for the victims of Florida's hurricanes. Students and staff have responded to national and international disasters as part of their education. Notre Dame not only educates its student body in academics, athletics and social skills, but they are also learning to respond to and show compassion to those who are suffering. This is a response to what is happening around the students.

Geographic bee semi-finalist attends Pierce Middle School

Pierce Middle School student, Mark Rozny of the City of Grosse Pointe, has been named a Michigan Geographic Bee semi-finalist by the National Geographic Society.



Mark Rozny

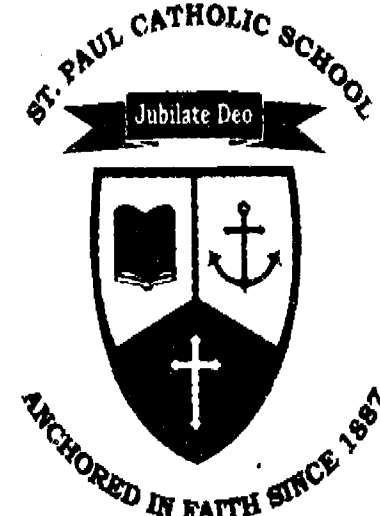
Bees were held in schools with fourth through eighth-graders throughout the state to determine each

school's geographic bee winner. School level winners than took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. In each of the 50 states and U.S. territories, the society invited students with the top 100 scores to compete at the state level.

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The New York cast of the Grosse Pointe South High School choirs will host and be the honor choir for the 2005 National Showstopper Competition in New York City next week.

Opening competition ceremonies by the choir will include a 45-minute presentation on Wednesday, March 23. It will close the competition with a 15-minute presentation on Friday, March 25.

Their performances include choreography including tap dancing, singing, costume changes and prop suitcases to tap on and use in ways to enhance the performance.

The choir assumed the role of host and honor choir at the 2002 competition and was chosen because it represents what a premier show choir is all about. Performances demonstrate this to the nine competing teams during the opening and closing ceremonies which stem from 300 hours of rehearsal.

The public can see the New York Cast of Showstoppers' National Competition 2005 Grand Finale Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 20, at Grosse Pointe South High. It will include three soloists, Austin Chrzanowski, Andrea Deck and Ann Marie Nouhan, who will sing "Three Little Maids are We" from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado." The performance will conclude with a 150-voice choir singing "God Bless America."

Tickets are available at Posterity Gallery in the Village and at the door. Adult tickets for the main floor are \$15 and \$10 for balcony seats. Student and senior balcony tickets cost \$8, and groups of 10 or more are \$5. Gold Cards are accepted.



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Americans show strong support for Red Cross

The American public, along with several corporate and philanthropic supporters, has generously pledged more than \$150 million to the American Red Cross to support the tsunami relief efforts in southern Asia, as of Jan. 6. Locally, the Southeastern Michigan Chapter has received more than \$400,000 in contributions for the same period.

This support will help the American Red Cross, in partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, focus on two phases of assistance: the emergency phase to meet immediate needs and the longer-term phase meeting needs over several years.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, which is leading the Red Cross effort, has stated that this disaster may be its largest emergency relief operation ever.

The humanitarian needs

from this catastrophic tsunami are immense and will continue to emerge over the next weeks, months and even years. The American Red Cross is prepared to act as a partner with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in providing emergency and long-term assistance based on emerging needs.

Red Cross disaster response workers on the ground in the affected areas are assessing and addressing current needs and will work to identify needs in an ever-changing, chaotic environment.

Thirteen American Red Cross workers are currently in or en route to affected areas (Sri Lanka, Maldives and Indonesia) with expertise to support relief efforts in three primary areas: water and sanitation services, relief supply distribution, and family linking and reunification.

• Water and sanitation:

American Red Cross water and sanitation specialists are skilled at setting up systems to provide mass numbers of disaster victims with safe drinking water, water for hygiene and safe disposal of waste.

• Emergency response: These teams specialize in delivering the most crucial supplies and relief in a safe and streamlined way. This includes distribution of food, hygiene supplies, shelter materials like tents or sheeting and more.

• Family tracing: Tracing specialists help reunite family members separated by the disaster. On the ground, they are a critical part of the overall effort, using mobile communications and other systems of information to locate missing family members.

American Red Cross mental health services have been made available to assist people in southern

Asia and the United States who are dealing with the tremendous emotional trauma the tsunami left in its wake. The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the Red Cross will be providing disaster related mental health services for those affected by the tsunami locally (i.e., family members, tourists, etc.).

For questions or to receive mental health services in southeast Michigan, call (313) 576-4144.

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter has been working with its community partners to collect financial contributions for these Red Cross relief efforts. There is a tremendous outpouring of support from the public for victims of this disaster.

The best way to help those affected is to make a contribution to a disaster relief organization like the American Red Cross. Your donation will allow the Red

Cross to purchase relief items directly in the region, eliminating the costs of shipping and transport from the United States.

One hundred percent of the contributions will be forwarded to the American Red Cross International Response Fund for southern Asia disaster relief, as designated by the donor. Financial support of this tragic disaster does not fund the local vital services of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter, which touches the lives of 250,000 tri-county residents annually.

The American Red Cross does provide blood and blood products abroad, primarily to American territories and in response to requests from the United Nations and the State Department.

At this time, the American Red Cross has not been asked to provide blood for the tsunami disaster. Blood donations are urgently

needed here in southeast Michigan to help rebuild a dangerously low local supply.

You can help those affected by this crisis by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross International Response Fund, which will provide immediate relief and long-term support through supplies, technical assistance and other support to help those in need.

Call (313) 833-2664 or donate securely online at the Web site semredcross.org. Checks or money orders may be sent to the American Red Cross — Southeastern Michigan Chapter, Development Office, P.O. Box 44110, Detroit, MI 48244-0110.

Make checks payable to the American Red Cross — SEM and write "Southern Asia Disaster Relief" in the memo portion.

Ask the Learning Advisor

Ideas for raising successful children

Q. Sometimes we are quite embarrassed by our children's bad manners and behavior. They are disrespectful to their grandparents. They interrupt when people are talking. Do you have any tips on how to teach and encourage good manners?

A. Children's success in school — and later in life — depends largely on how well they interact with others. The key to getting along with others is good manners. The common courtesies you teach at home are the manners your children will take to school. For example: Saying please and thank you; waiting their turns; raising their hands to speak

in class; not cutting into line; not teasing others; and picking up after themselves — in the school cafeteria, on the playground and on the bus.

Here are some things you can do at home:

- Be specific. Show and tell your children the behavior you want — "Hold the door so it won't slam in the next person's face."
- Explain why. Your children are more likely to comply if they understand the reason for the desired behavior. "You need to write a thank you note to grandma so she will know you liked the birthday present she sent you."
- Discourage "bad manners" gently — without scolding or shaming them when you're in public. ("Next time, I want you to...")
- Ask your children questions to prompt the behavior you want. "Is there some-

thing you want to tell Aunt Betty?" Whispering a prompt sometimes helps.

• Role-play scenarios. "Dress-rehearse" table manners and introductions. "Let's pretend you're meeting someone new for the first time..."

• Teach telephone etiquette. Start with "hello" and "goodbye." Then simple phrases, like "Just a moment, please."

• Talk about the behavior of characters on TV. Discuss what's polite and appropriate and what's not.

• Be consistent and patient. It takes time and lots of reminders to teach children manners. Politely ask your daughter to remove her baseball cap each time she comes to the dinner table wearing it.

• Focus on one manner a week. Try this with the whole family:

1. Write a polite expres-

sion on an index card — "May I," "Pardon me" or "I'm sorry."

2. Post the card on your refrigerator.

3. Hold a family contest. See how many times you hear each other use the expression of the week.

4. Log each occurrence on a sheet of paper with each family member's name on it.

The best way for parents to teach good manners is by example.

Don't forget to recognize courteous behavior when you see it and praise your children when they remember their manners.

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

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GPS DPW is multitasking

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Mother Nature has been a fickle hostess.

"We've hit all spectrums on the weather scale," said Brett Smith, head of public works in Grosse Pointe Shores, in his February report. "We've had extremely cold weather. We hit 48 degrees. We had 12 inches of snow (three) weeks ago and it all melted."

The storm came on a weekend and proved to be a challenge.

"We had 10 to 12 inches come down in a 12-hour period," Smith said. "Fortunately we were able to keep our roads clean compared to other cities and counties. We're quite proud of that."

The storm claimed a casu-

alty, however.

"Just as we purchased a brand new pickup truck, we broke the frame on one of our old pickups," Smith said. "We try to get as many miles out of these trucks as we can. However, fatigue decided to take over and put that truck out of service."

A replacement has been ordered.

"Hopefully, we'll have at least one (truck) in service within the next week or so," Smith said.

Other projects include repairing the Cook Road pump station.

"We're getting a lot of work done," Smith said.

Repairs are taking place without taking pumps out of service, which came in handy during a recent warm spell when snow melted and

caused increased runoff to the sewer system.

"Our pump station is running at about 75 percent capacity as they're working on it," Smith said. "It's a neat challenge, but so far we have not had to shut down the station at any time."

When not clearing snow this winter, crews tended projects that are hard to schedule during busy summer months.

"The DPW has had the opportunity to do some painting around city hall and the DPW garage," Smith said.

In March an industrial cleaning contractor will arrive in the community to clean rear yard sewer pipes.

"This is the beginning of our rear yard pipe lining program," Smith said. "They're going to spend about a month or six weeks cleaning sewers that are going to be repaired."

Affected residents will be notified by mail and knocks on the door by village employees.

"We'll make sure everybody is aware of what's going on," Smith said.

Residents also will be reminded of an opportunity to practically double the life of sewer leads by having them relined.

A contractor has agreed to line residential pipes while in the community tending the municipal infrastructure.

"We can pass quite a bit of savings to our residents," Smith said.

During late winter the freeze-thaw cycle kicks into higher gear, causing road damage.

"Pot holes are going to be coming up really soon," Smith said.



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Powerful '05 Silverado 4WD Hybrid pickup drives

By Greg Zyla

This week, we're behind the wheel of Chevy's 2005 Hybrid Silverado LS 1500 4WD pickup — base price: \$30,655; price as tested: \$37,040. We want to emphasize up front that Chevy's Hybrid is not in the same category as compact hybrids from Honda, Toyota and Ford. With the Silverado pickup, you've still got to move 5,000 pounds of vehicle designed for serious work, and that takes continuous engine power.

Instead of batteries and a very small engine working in tandem, the Vortec 5.3-liter V-8 in Chevy's Hybrid Silverado completely shuts down when the driver comes to a stop. The system offers substantial gas savings over the life of the truck and some nice electrical perks to boot.

Three extra 14-volt batteries under the rear seat of the five-passenger cabin store all the power the Silverado needs to automatically refire the engine after it comes to a stop. The restart feature is seamless and requires no extra input from the driver. Just press the accelerator after a stop, and the truck moves forward immediately. This refire feature is definitely advantageous, especially when you sit in traffic for minutes on end.

As for the accessories — like stereo, climate control and power steering — an electric hydraulic pump keeps everything working when the engine shuts down. The batteries utilize a fan for extra cooling and are



in charge mode during normal driving.

As for perks, the Silverado can be used as an "electronic generator" thanks to four three-prong outlets — two under the back seat and two near the tailgate. A button on the dashboard gives access to a power system that can run anything that takes 120 volts. (That's just about everything, sans 2,400-watt peak power machines, like a table saw.) So, if you are out working on a construction job, you can simply plug in your power tools or notebook computer. The engine must be running to use the 120-volt system, but more than 30 hours of usage are available on a tank of fuel.

General Motors indicates its Hybrid system pushes the EPA numbers from the non-Hybrid Silverado's 12-miles per gallon city, 15-mpg highway to a respectable 17-mpg city, 19-mpg highway average.

The Hybrid option costs \$2,500, but you'll receive a \$3,000 "Power Pack" savings from GM. So you're actually being paid \$500 to add the Hybrid option to your Silverado. (Note: This hybrid currently does not qualify for the \$3,000 IRS tax break given to the compact hybrids.)

option packages like a Safe and Sound package (\$2,485), Light Duty Power Package (\$1,580), leather seats (\$800), Automatic Active Transfer Case (\$375) and a few smaller items that pushed the final price to \$40,040, including \$850 delivery. Deduct the \$3,000 package savings, and you arrive at the \$37,040 bottom line.

In summary, Chevy's Hybrid Silverado is no different than other full-size Chevy pickups, except for the stop mode. Currently, the truck is only available in six states (Alaska, California, Florida, Nevada, Oregon and Washington), with all of the states set for the 2006 model year. Also, the Hybrid is not designed to tow big items, like a fifth wheel or gooseneck trailer, but anything up to 7,400 pounds is OK.

We really like the Hybrid Silverado and give Chevy a solid 9 on a scale of 10 for its ingenuity. Calling it a "hybrid" may be stretching things a bit, but the extra mileage is welcome regardless of nomenclature.

Likes: Hybrid system works flawlessly; comfort, power.

Dislikes: Color, limited availability.

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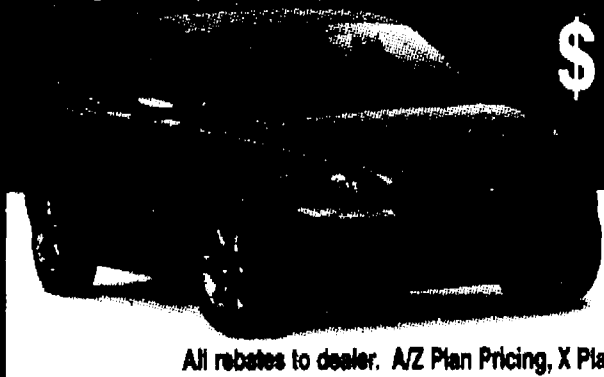
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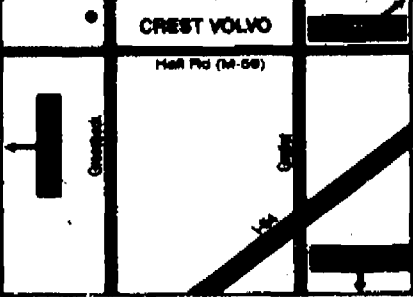
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Volvo's entry-level car

By Bill Sluru

In midyear 2004, Volvo introduced its 2005 Volvo S40 entry-level car. However, with prices starting around the \$24,000 mark, "entry" hardly fits this completely new Volvo. While the previous S40 was based on a Mitsubishi platform, the new model shares some of its architecture with the Mazda 3 and the second-generation Ford Focus that is now on sale in Europe.

However, most of the S40 is unique including the styling, interior, engine, and drivetrain. This is a real Volvo, just a bit smaller and less expensive than the rest of the lineup. That was not really the case with the previous version of the S40, and thus sales suffered. The new S40 also bears a closer resemblance to the larger Volvos though obvious borrowing of styling cues. The S40 is built in Belgium, not Sweden.

The Volvo S40 comes in two flavors, the base 2.4i and higher-performing T5. Both models are powered by a five-cylinder, dual overhead camshaft (DOHC), 20-valve, inline engines. The 2.4i stands for the 2.4-liter normally aspirated engine that produces 168-horsepower at 6000 rpm and 166 pound-feet of torque at 4400 rpm. The T5 is motivated by a 2.5-liter, turbocharged engine that makes 218 horsepower at 5000 rpm and 236 pound-feet at 1500 rpm.

The 2.4i can be mated with either a five-speed manual or five-speed Geartronic automatic trans-

mission. The T5 can be ordered with a six-speed manual or five-speed Geartronic. While both versions feature front-wheel-drive, the T5 also comes with all-wheel-drive. The fuel tank holds 15.9 gallons. Properly equipped, the S40s can tow 2,000 pounds.

Sliding behind the wheel you are greeted by what at first glance seems to be a very stark interior, especially the instrument panel with its unique, slim center stack that houses the climate control, radio, CD player, etc. However, not only is it very neat-looking with a definite Swedish look, this is one of the most functional and user-friendly units I have found in any vehicle recently.

Instruments are easy to read under all lighting conditions. About the only complaint is the tiny storage compartment shared with two cup holders between the seats. A leather wrapped, tilting and telescoping steering wheel is standard. Control buttons on the steering wheel are standard only on the T5. A navigation system is a \$2,120 option.

While the new S40 is about 2-inches shorter than the old S40, it is about 2-inches wider and taller. This adds up to more interior space for four full-size adults, five in a pinch, though rear seat legroom is on the skimpy side. The trunk is enormous for a car of this size, but access is through a rather small opening. The rear 60/40 seatbacks can be folded

down for more carrying capacity. If you need even more capacity, consider the Volvo V50, the station wagon version of the S40. The V50 is available with the same engine and transmission choices including AWD.

As expected in any Volvo, safety takes center stage.

Anti-lock disc brakes, front side air bags, head-protecting curtain side air bags and Volvo's Whiplash Injury Prevention System (WHIPS) are standard. As one example of the car's outstanding crashworthiness, the engine compartment was laid out so the east west mounted engine fits into the space remaining after a simulated crash test. Thus, the engine should not wind up in the front seat in a severe crash. While STC (Stability and Traction Control) is standard, Volvo's DSTC (Dynamic Stability and Traction Control) anti-skid system is an option on both models.

Standard on the T5 are items like automatic climate control, power driver's seat, mini trip computer, front fog lights and Caligo alloy wheels for the P205/155R16 tires. These are available as options on the 2.4i also. Being a "near-luxury" car, features like air conditioning, cruise control, keyless remote entry and power everything are standard fare on both. However, leather upholstery, heated seats, and a moonroof are optional on both.

While the S40 provides more than adequate everyday performance even with



Photo courtesy of Volvo Internet Media

The 2005 Volvo S40

cise, but a bit stiff and brakes are very good. Both are easy to drive, but the T5 is more fun.

Prices for the 2.4i start at \$24,255, go to \$27,255 for the T5 and to \$28,865 for a T5 AWD model. Add a few options desired by most near-luxury car buyers and you are in the same price

territory of some other high-rated sports sedans from Audi, Infiniti and Lexus plus others. However, Volvo's penchant for safety that earns it very high marks in government safety testing is a real plus for the S40.

—AutoWire

Road to safety may run through Earth's core

(NAPSI) — For the breakthrough technology built into its latest tires, one company nearly went to the center of the Earth. At least, it used sand sent up from there.

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Volcanic sand is used in the tire's ice zone, which has

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"The volcanic sand is added to the tire as a ground pumice material," said Michael Crawford, a Goodyear engineer. "The pumice creates a constantly rough and textured surface that proves very effective in delivering the kind of grip that drivers demand."

The volcanic sand in the tire's "winter formulated compound" is complemented by the use of glass fibers. These tiny fibers are designed to create a pitted surface in the tread that "resembles a textured lunar surface," according to Crawford.

The unique rubber compounding of the Goodyear Assurance featuring TripleTred Technology is complemented by tread design in the three zones that also promotes superior traction.

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Celso "Bud" DiGiusto

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Celso "Bud" DiGiusto, 88, died on Thursday, March 10, 2005, in St. John Hospital.

He was born on March 18, 1916, in Toluca, Ill., to the late Celso and Mary DiGiusto. He was a graduate of Cass Technical High School.

Mr. DiGiusto was retired from Chrysler Tool and Die. His interests included playing golf and volunteering for Meals on Wheels.

He is survived by his daughter, Nancy; his grandchildren, Sarah and Katie; and his sister, Elena.

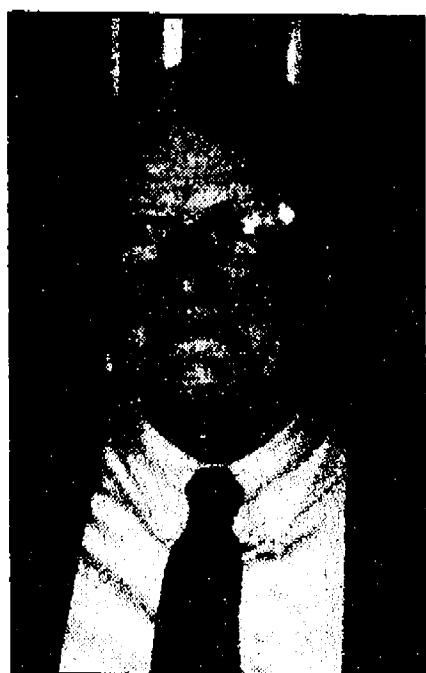
He was predeceased by his sister, Irma.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on March 14, at St. Joan of Arc Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Interment is in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute or to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

a celebration of his life took place at the Jonathan Beach Club in Santa Monica, Calif., on March 15.



Robert Garbarino

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Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident Robert "Bob" Garbarino, 79, of St. Clair Shores died Wednesday, March 2, 2005.

He was born on July 9, 1925, in Detroit to the late Alice and Louis Garbarino.

Mr. Garbarino began his grocery career in early 1940 as a bagger for the Borman Co., making 20 cents an hour. He progressed through multiple positions during his retail training and became a Tom's Supermarket store manager upon his graduation from Denby High School in 1943 at age 17. He managed several stores including Lucky Supermarkets and was involved in the merger with Food Fair during the 1950s as director of grocery merchandising.

As consumers' needs changed, stores were converted to Farmer Jack. He led many facets of the business including pricing, advertising, warehouse, transportation and grocery procurement. During his 50-plus year involvement in the grocery business, Mr. Garbarino was instrumental in the development of modern-day supermarket operations.

One project in particular that Mr. Garbarino enjoyed was the joint venture between Israel and Farmer Jack that began in October 1978. The revolutionary concept of doing business directly with numerous companies in Israel resulted in a working partnership focused on a high standard of quality despite the challenges of geographic, cultural and language differences.

By the end of his career, Mr. Garbarino had obtained the position of executive vice president of sales and procurement. In August of 1990, subsequent to A & P's 1989 purchase of Farmer Jack, Mr. Garbarino retired.

Mr. Garbarino went on to be a founding partner in Scrubs, a cleaning supply store located in Southfield, where he enjoyed providing low-cost weekly specials to customers in an appealing store.

His hard-work ethic, patience, strong negotiating skills and masterful problem solving capability combined with his strong customer focus and careful planning led to his success.

He was a member of the Masonic Shriners in Southfield and supported the Detroit Zoo. He had a passion for animals and their care, watching the stock market and reading daily the newspapers of numerous U.S. cities.

He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Margaret "Margie" Reeves Garbarino;

his daughters, Jan and Bobbie Garbarino; his stepdaughter, Karen Lafer (Stephen) Haithcock; his stepson, James A. (Carlene) Lafer III; his grandchildren, Spencer, Brendon and Ava Haithcock.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Lucille and his sister, Eileen King.

Funeral services were held on March 5, at Christ Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook Rd., Grosse Pointe Wood, MI 48236 or to Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Donald J. Hallmann

Donald J. Hallmann, 79, of Grosse Pointe Woods died on Sunday, March 13, 2005, in his home.

He was born on Dec. 7, 1925, in Detroit to the late Joseph and Barbara Hallmann. He was a graduate of the University of Chicago. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Marines Fire Fighting Division at Pearl Harbor.

Mr. Hallmann was the director of Grosse Pointe Woods Parks and Recreation for 40 years. As a Red Cross certified water safety instructor, he trained many lifeguards through the years.

He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed all sports, especially swimming, fishing and hunting. His other interests included antiquing.

He was a member of the National Association for Parks and Recreation for 35 years and of the National Rifle Association for which he taught hunter safety classes.

Mr. Hallman was president of the Inter-club Association in 1972 and aquatic chairman at the Lochmoor Club from 1969 to 1973.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Hallmann; his daughters, Debra, Pamela, Patricia, Heidi, and Holly; his son, Keith; and his eight grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his sister, Corrine and his brother, Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Donald J. Hallmann Fund, 533 Robert Johns, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.



Barbara L. McQueen

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Grosse Pointe Woods resident Barbara L. McQueen, 66, died on Wednesday, March 9, 2005, in Bon Secours Hospital.

She was born on Feb. 23, 1939, in Detroit to the late Robert and Mary Coe McQueen. She was a 1957 graduate of Denby High School and attended junior college.

She was employed as a retail advertising executive at J.L. Hudson Co. and B. Siegel Co. in Detroit. She later turned her attention to her hobbies, which included ceramics and to her family to whom she was devoted.

She was a kind and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

She is survived by her husband, Bob; her sons, Bob and Jay; her grandchildren, Robbie, Jake and Devin; and her sister, Pat.

A funeral service was held on March 12 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment is in White Chapel Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Lupus Foundation, 26507 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores, MI 48081 or to the American Heart/Stroke Association, AHA-JMA Memorial Lockbox, 3816 Paysthere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

Rolf C. Paul

Former Grosse Pointe resident Rolf C. Paul, 79, died on Friday, March 11, 2005, at his home in Washington Township.

He was born in Utica, N.Y. on Sept. 27, 1925, to the late John C. and Frieda (Schneider) Paul.

He worked as a paperboy and in a bakery growing up so he could finance his purchasing of golf clubs, one at a time.

He worked four years as a Detroit police officer. He then started the Paul Construction in Washington Township where he worked for the next 37 years until retirement, building many homes in the area. He also worked as the assistant Bruce Township building inspector and was on the planning commission of Washington Township and worked as a starter at Greystone Golf Course.

He married Carolyn Russell on March 19, 1955, at the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church.

His hobbies included sitting around with the guys at the Roundtable, golfing with his friends in the Romeo Cafe League and, previously, with the St. John Lutheran League. He was also a competitive swimmer, ice skater, football player, and baseball player. He enjoyed hunting and being at the Mid-Forest Lodge in Prudenville.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; his children, Bruce (Kathy) of Washington Township, Karen (Gary) Krauss of Grosse Pointe, John (Annie) of Hawaii and Jim of Atlantic Mine; his grandchildren, Eric, James, Rachel, John, Brandy, Kristen, Graham and Caleb. He was predeceased by his sister, Linda Zampich.

Funeral services were held on March 15, with the Rev. Alex Silva of the Fishermans Net Church of Utica, officiating.

Interment is in the Romeo Cemetery.



Mitchel James Souligney

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Mitchel James Souligney, 74, of Grosse Pointe Woods died on Thursday, March 10, 2005, in St. John Hospital.

He was born on Oct. 27, 1930, in Detroit to the late Meta and Mitchel Souligney.

He graduated from Texas Christian University with a degree in engineering. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a master sergeant and in the U.S. Marines Reserves. He was a member of Mensa International.

Mr. Souligney was employed in communications for the Jam Handy Corp., for 30 years and as a technical writer for the automotive industry for 20 years.

Following his retirement, he devoted much of his free time to teaching other adults to read. He volunteered at Gleaners teaching reading to men and at the Dominican High School's literacy program helping special needs teenagers learn to read.

Mr. Souligney was a devoted family man who enjoyed spending most of his time with his wife, children and grandchildren. As an avid reader, he read five books a week. His other interests were cooking and gardening.

He is survived by his wife, Leota Roberta Souligney; his daughters, Michelle Gladfelter and Denise Watzl; his grandchildren, Heather Gardener, Eryn Smith and Ian Watzl; and his great-grandchildren, Jack and Anna Gardener.

A private memorial service was held.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society, 13569 Joseph Campau St., Detroit, MI 48212.

March lake level report

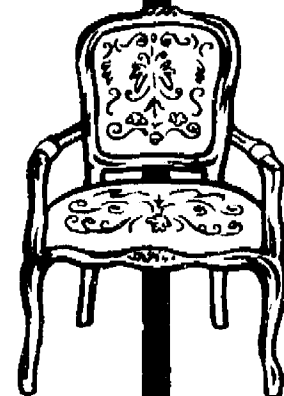
The following lake levels as of March 11 are offered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

All of the Great Lakes are 7 to 15 inches above last year's levels. Lake Superior is at its long-term average, while Lake Michigan-Huron is 9 inches below its long-term average. Lake St. Clair is 4 inches above its long-term average, while Lakes Erie and Ontario are 9 and 7 inches above their long-term averages, respectively.

The Lake Superior outflow through the St. Marys River into Lake Huron is projected to be near average during the month of March. Flows in the St. Clair and Detroit rivers are anticipated to be below average. Flows in the Niagara and St. Lawrence rivers are expected to be above average in March.

Lakes Michigan-Huron, St. Clair, Erie and Ontario are beginning their seasonal rises and should increase 3 to 4 inches this month.

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Pipes, knives and pellet gun

On Friday, March 11, at 6:59 p.m., a City of Grosse Pointe public safety officer was patrolling eastbound Mack when he saw the driver of a white 1993 Ford Crown Victoria turn at high speed onto Radnor in Detroit without signaling.

During a traffic stop on Canyon in Detroit, police learned the 19-year-old male driver from Grosse Pointe Farms had two knives in the car. Officers also discovered a realistic-looking pellet gun and a pouch containing two glass pipes and an empty baggie of the type often used to carry drugs.

The man admitted drinking and tested positive for a .11 percent blood alcohol level.

Sketchy crime

An unknown man on Tuesday, March 8, at about 4:15 p.m., stole four sketch books from a book store in the 17100 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

An employee saw the man leave the store and cross Kercheval. Losses totaled \$20.

Loaded gun

While assigned to a multi-jurisdictional stolen car task force working last week on Detroit's eastside, a City of Grosse Pointe public safety officer was cruising eastbound Harper when he pulled alongside a 1984 Buick and saw a pistol in the driver's lap.

The officer and a partner stopped the Buick at Grayton and arrested the 21-year-old driver, a Detroit man, without incident.

The weapon was a Colt .38 pistol loaded with six full-metal jacket rounds.

Internet fraud

On Tuesday, March 8, a City of Grosse Pointe woman reported being a victim of computer fraud.

She said someone using an Internet banking service

fraudulently withdrew \$44.83 from her bank account. A suspect lives in Northville.

Van recovered

Two City of Grosse Pointe policemen recovered a stolen 1994 Plymouth Voyager while serving on a Detroit-area auto theft task force the night of Friday, March 5.

At 1:11 a.m., officers saw the van being driven on northbound Chalfonte from Harper in Detroit.

Members of the task force, including officers from the Pointes, Detroit and Wayne County, stopped the van on Gratiot near Houston. The vehicle had been reported stolen in Detroit last November. It had a broken ignition and was running without a key.

Officers arrested the driver, a 58-year-old Detroit woman.

7 suspensions

On Thursday, March 10, at 5:50 p.m., City of Grosse Pointe police arrested a 23-year-old Detroit man for operating a 2000 Chevrolet Malibu on Cadieux near Mack despite having a suspended driver license.

Bugs principal

A Grosse Pointe Woods woman is suspected of sending a threatening E-mail message to the principal of a private school in the 100 block of Grosse Pointe Boulevard in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Farms police said the principal plans to seek a personal protection order against the suspect.

The message referred to a "mouse that roared but it hearers did not head," followed by "the next time you hear that someone is facing a problem and think it does not concern you, remember that when the least of us is threatened, we are all at risk."

Police said the suspect's daughter attended the school until March 2003, when she left due to un-

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ified problems.

"The (principal) stated she has been harassed by (the) suspect for the time (the) suspect's daughter started having problems at school," police said.

20 revocations

A Grosse Pointe Farms patrolman monitoring eastbound Mack shortly after 9 a.m. Sunday, March 13, spotted a 1997 GMC Safari outfitted with a license plate registered to a 1996 Ford Taurus.

The driver, a 49-year-old Detroit woman, couldn't produce an operator license or vehicle paperwork. Records showed her driver license had been revoked 20 times and expired since 1983.

Police cited her for having an improper plate and driving while revoked.

Tires flattened

An unknown person punctured both driver-side tires of a 2005 Ford Focus parked in the Richard Elementary school lot in the 199 block of McKinley on Thursday, March 10, between 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Lost drunk

On Sunday, March 13, at 2:11 a.m., police caught a drunken 32-year-old Royal Oak man driving a four-door VW Jetta with a flat tire on westbound Lakeshore near Kerby in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The man registered a .2 percent blood alcohol level.

Asked where he was going, he reportedly said, "Nine Mile and Mack."

Asked where he was coming from, he reportedly said, "Nine Mile and Jefferson."

Police said the man admitted drinking four beers.

"(He) stated the (beers) were bigger than normal," police said.

The man almost fell down during a balance test.

Party's over

On Friday, March 11, at 11:42 p.m., police responding to a disturbance at a house in the 200 block of Fisher in Grosse Pointe Farms were met at the front door by an 18-year-old female resident.

Meanwhile, a group of male guests who the girl said had been fighting were bolting out the back.

The girl smelled of alcohol, denied drinking and claimed no one was in the house other than her 11-year-old sister.

Officers searching the house found a 17-year-old City male hiding in a basement utility room.

"He was in possession of one partially full 40-ounce bottle of beer," police said. "He was obviously intoxicated."

Officers said both teens registered .17 percent blood alcohol levels and were cited for being minors in possession of alcohol.

Drugged out

On Friday, March 10, at 3:41 a.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police cited a 19-year-old Roseville man for operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs.

"(He) is on probation from 16th Circuit Court in Mount Clemens for cocaine possession," police said.

An officer saw the man weaving a silver 2002 Jeep Cherokee on northbound Moross near Williams. The Jeep crossed the center line before hitting the right curb near Mack.

Police said the driver's speech was "extremely slow and slurred." He denied drinking and tested clear of blood alcohol.

A search of the car turned up a bottle of Carisoprodol, a prescription muscle relaxer, made out to someone other than the driver. The prescription was dated that day, but 14 of 90 tablets were

missing. Police also found a Valium tablet.

Further search of the center console revealed a Michigan driver license in the name of the prescription bearer.

The teenager was taken to a Farms hospital to have his blood tested for drugs.

Hits curb

A 33-year-old St. Clair Shores woman confirmed police suspicions she'd been drinking when pulled over on Thursday, March 10, at 2:53 a.m., in Grosse Pointe Farms.

An officer witnessed the woman driving erratically on westbound Lakeshore from Moross in a green 2004 Chrysler PT Cruiser.

"She repeatedly weaved within the lane and drifted to the left, nearly striking the curb," police said.

She hit the left curb near Moran.

Police said the woman registered a .17 percent blood alcohol level and had a glass of intoxicants on the center console.

"I wouldn't drive myself nowhere," she reportedly told police.

She spent the night in jail and was released on \$300 bond.

Angry drunk

Grosse Pointe Farms police said a 33-year-old Harper Woods man became belligerent while being booked for drunken driving on Wednesday, March 9, at about 9:30 p.m.

Officers said they found the man in a black 1989 Cadillac stranded on a lawn in the 300 block of Moross near Chalfonte. The man is suspected of losing control of his car and hitting a light pole.

"(He was) seated in the driver seat confused and disoriented," police said. "(He) said his chest was sore from the impact while wearing his seat belt."

The man admitted drinking, adding that his drink had spilled on the floor dur-

ing impact, police said. He registered a .23 percent blood alcohol level.

Wrong way

A Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officer was cruising Lakeshore on Saturday, March 12, shortly after 1 a.m., when she saw a blue 2004 Ford Explorer being driven northbound in the southbound lanes.

"While closing on the vehicle, (I) observed it move into the northbound lanes," said the officer.

During a traffic stop near the village limits, the driver registered a .144 percent blood alcohol level and was arrested for drunken driving.

"(Her) eyes were bloodshot and her speech slightly slurred," police said.

Bike found

On the morning of Sunday, March 6, Grosse Pointe Shores police found a Roadmaster mountain bike abandoned on South Deeplands. An officer took the bike to a storage area at headquarters.

— Brad Lindberg

Phone stolen

A Motorola cell phone was taken from a console of a truck during a delivery that was being made in the 1400 block of Buckingham in Grosse Pointe Park at about 2:13 p.m. on Monday, March 7.

A cell phone left on a table in the workout room of a school in the 700 block of Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods was discovered missing at 4:36 p.m. on Thursday, March 10.

Failed car theft

Someone attempted to steal a 2005 Chrysler Town and Country in the 900 block of Nottingham in Grosse Pointe Park by

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FINAL DETERMINATION PUBLIC NOTICE

On February 28, 2005, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, following a duly noticed public hearing, determined to submit the following projects for funding pursuant to the 2005/06 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

PROJECTS

Location	Activity	Amount
City-wide	Senior Services:	
City-wide	Services for Older Citizens (SOC)	\$ 32,000
	Senior Citizens Coordinators	28,000
City-wide	Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services (PAATS)	12,000
City Hall	Improved City Hall Handicapped Accessibility	8,000
City-wide	Planning	5,000
	Administration	9,000
	Total	\$ 94,000

Further information is available by contacting Mark Wollenweber, City Administrator, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or by calling (313) 343-2440.

Mark Wollenweber

G.P.N.: 03/17/2005

City Administrator

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

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Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2005 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005

From 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

and

From 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

and

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2005

From 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

and

From 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236. Hearings will be scheduled by appointment by calling (313) 885-6600 extension 1252. You may also petition the Board in writing, letters must be in the office by Friday, March 25, 2005.

Timothy E. O'Donnell,
City Assessor

GPN: 03/03/2005, 03/10/2005, 03/24/2005

Alleged purse thief passes on preliminary exam

Accused Maire School thief stays in jail on \$50,000 cash bond; is wanted all over metro Detroit

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Lawyers are the only people allowed to speak in court without swearing to tell the truth.

"She has never been in trouble before," said Allen Schwartz, attorney for accused felon Brandi Nichole Lockett, 26.

Schwartz spoke last week during a preliminary hearing before Municipal Judge Russell Ethridge in City of Grosse Pointe Court.

His client, Lockett, had been transferred to the City from Macomb County Jail, where she was being held for theft on \$60,000 bond.

Lockett, of Detroit, came to the attention of City authorities on Jan. 27.

Police say she trespassed into Maire Elementary School while classes were in session, stole a teacher's purse and went on a spending spree. Evidence includes a video tape of her using a stolen credit card to buy \$200 worth of ice cream and candy at a department store.

Ethridge set her bond at \$50,000 cash.

"She's got cases pending all over the tri-county area," said Gary Bresnahan,

Wayne County prosecuting attorney, following Schwartz's statement about Lockett not causing trouble. "She is wanted in several cities for potentially the same type of crime."

Ron Wiczorek, lead City detective on the case, listed some of the cities Bresnahan referred to.

"Troy has her for \$5,000 cash (bond); Southfield, Livonia (and) a bunch of downriver communities," Wiczorek said.

Bresnahan said he had "five witnesses ready to go" at Lockett's preliminary hearing in the City, scheduled for March 10.

But Lockett waived the hearing, during which prosecutors would have had to prove a crime was committed and the defendant was most likely to blame.

"When you waive your right to a preliminary examination, however, there's not going to be a hearing in this court at any time," Ethridge told Lockett. "The matter will be sent to the 3rd Circuit Court at Frank Murphy Hall of Justice."

She is scheduled to appear downtown March 24 on charges of:

- larceny in a building,
- uttering and publishing
- illegal use of a financial transaction device (a stolen credit card),
- forgery and
- obtaining personal identification without authorization.

In the meantime Lockett will be returned to the Macomb jail.

Schwartz wanted Lockett's bond reduced.

"This is a non-assaultive case," Schwartz said. "She has children. She's married."

"At the very minimum bond should remain the same," Bresnahan said. "This was a bold act. She walks into one of our schools, takes a purse from a teacher, goes to a bank, tries to cash a check and goes to Marshall Field's."

Ethridge kept bond as is.

Lockett signed court papers and was led out of the courtroom. She had no expression.

"She was smiling while shopping with the stolen credit card," said Lt. James Fox, a City detective.

Fox was surprised someone would risk jail time to buy candy with a stolen credit card.

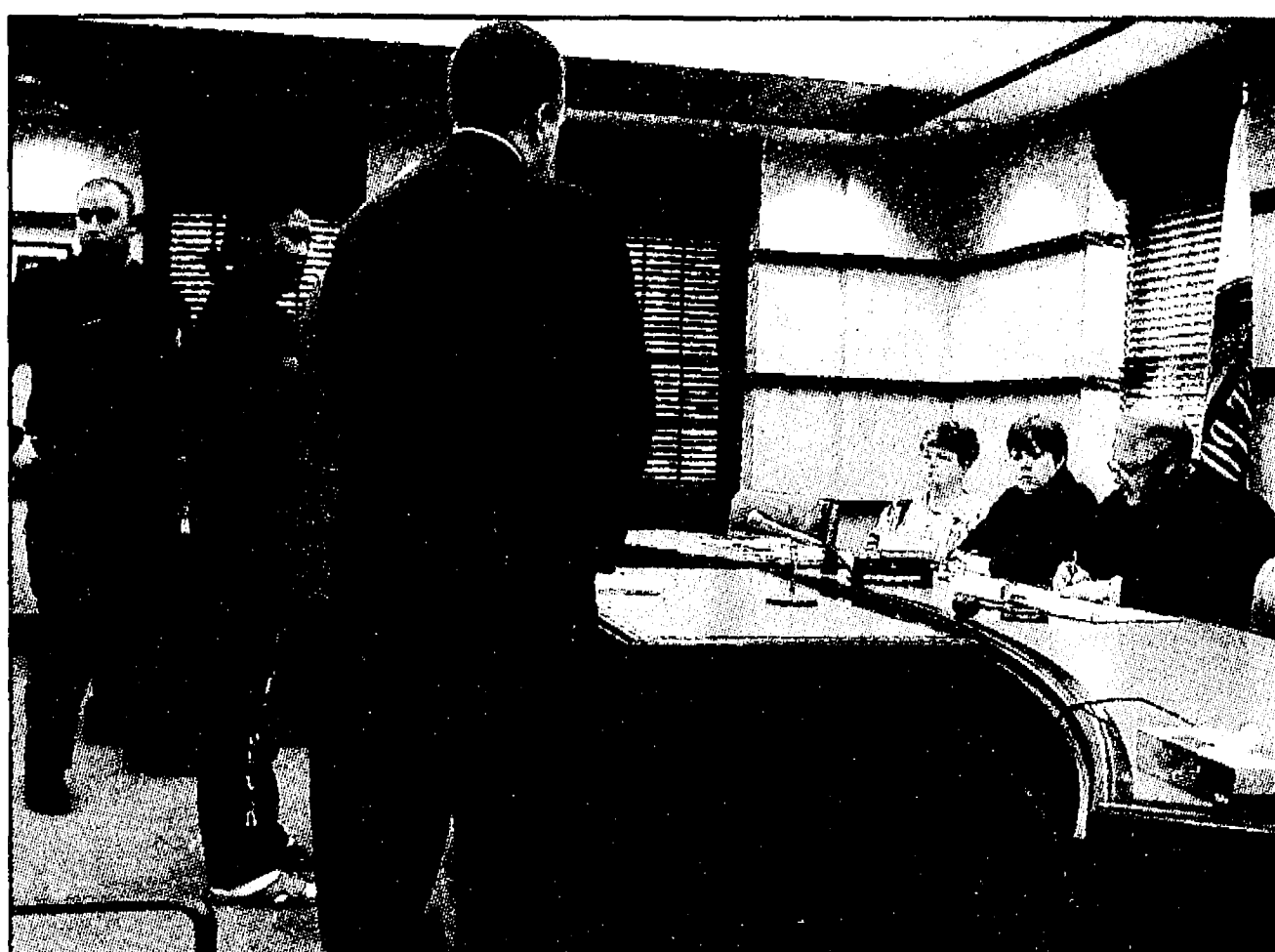


Photo by Brad Lindberg

Police and court officials stand by as Brandi Nichole Lockett, wearing socks and slippers issued by the Macomb County Jail, waives her right to pretrial examination on multiple charges in City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court presided by Judge Russell Ethridge.

"At the store, they didn't check for identification because they didn't think anybody buying candy would use a stolen credit card," Wiczorek said.

He said Lockett is suspected in 30 to 40 purse thefts.

"She's been involved with entering numerous schools and taking purses," he said.

If Lockett is convicted, Fox wants her to spend a long time in jail.

"Hopefully until I retire," he said.

Safety

punching the ignition sometime between 8:50 and 9:15 p.m. on Monday, March 7.

Tools taken

A gas frame nailer, a gas finish nailer, a battery, a drill and assorted bits were taken from a van parked in the street in the 1900 block of Manchester in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The equipment was believed to be taken from the van sometime between 1 and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8.

Coyote sighting

A resident in the 1100 block of Hawthorne in Grosse Pointe Woods called the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety after seeing a coyote roaming around his house at 7:56 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9.

The coyote had left the area by the time public safety officers arrived.

Vandal sought

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers are looking for a man who smashed a piece of glass at a restaurant in the 21000 block of Mack on Wednesday, March 9.

The customer broke the glass while showing an employee how he reportedly fixed a broken headlight by pounding on a glass sneeze guard.

The man left with his pur-

chase after breaking the glass, which shattered over food in a preparation area.

Went out with a bang

What sounded like an explosion turned out to be a faulty heating system on the roof of an indoor ice rink in the 1000 block of Cook in the early morning hours of Thursday, March 10.

Woods public safety officers investigated the problem after receiving a call from a resident in the 1000 block of Torrey.

Maintenance workers were called in to turn off the unit.

Car fire

Grosse Pointe Park firefighters extinguished a fire in the engine compartment of a car in the 15200 block of Kercheval at 8:05 a.m. on Friday, March 11.

The fire was put out with water.

Drug bust

An anonymous phone call led Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers to find two small plastic bags containing suspected marijuana in a student's locker at a school in the 700 block of Vernier on Friday, March 11.

Officers also found two fake California driver's licenses on the student, a 16-year-old Woods boy.

The boy was released to his father after processing.

Smoked out

Grosse Pointe Park firefighters responded to a call of smoke in a house in the 1000 block of Berkshire at 4:25 p.m. on Friday, March 11.

The source of the smoke was determined to have come from unknown trouble with the furnace.

Jewels taken

A resident in the 700 block of South Oxford in Grosse Pointe Woods reported several pieces of jewelry taken from her house possibly between Feb. 10 and Feb. 20. The items were reported missing on Saturday, March 12.

Drunken driver called in

A motorist on a cell phone called in a report of a suspected drunken driver in Grosse Pointe Woods at 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 12. The driver stayed on the

tail of the vehicle until officers stopped the car at Mack and Kenmore. Upon investigation, it was found the driver, a 45-year-old Woods woman, was driving with a blood alcohol level of 0.26 percent.

Alley altercation

A Grosse Pointe Woods woman reported being stopped in her car by two males wearing gray hooded sweatshirts in the Mack alley at Lancaster in the Woods at 8:27 p.m. on Saturday, March 12.

The woman said the men said something to her, but did not mention what was said. Officers were unable to locate any individuals matching the descriptions.

Traffic stop nets arrest

A 26-year-old Detroit resident was arrested during a traffic stop at Mack and Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe

Park at 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 12.

The driver was in possession of narcotics and was wanted on four outstanding warrants out of Detroit.

Minor in possession

A 15-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods boy was arrested for possession of alcohol after a Woods public safety officer spotted him drinking and carrying a case of beer while walking in the 1800 block of Stanhope at 12:07 a.m. on Sunday, March 13.

Officers made the arrest after the boy led them on a foot chase through back yards in the area.

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— Bonnie Caprara

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At a Public Hearing held on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2005 the following projects were selected to meet federal guidelines and service objectives and were approved for inclusion in the 2005/2006 Community Development Block Grant application:

1. Special Needs (Removal of Architectural Barriers)	61,200 (90%)
2. Administration	6,800 (10%)
Total Grant	\$ 68,000

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Investment clubs share risks, rewards, losses

All-women groups share intuition, too

By Margie Reins Smith
Assistant Editor

Back in the mid-1990s, assembling a portfolio brimming with winning stocks was a cinch. You paid attention to the news, selected some up-and-coming tech companies, made your purchases, then sat back and watched the prices rise and the dividends pile up.

Selecting stocks that are likely to do well in the long run is more complicated. A portfolio crammed with high-performance stocks probably got that way because someone studied company histories, compared stock prices and looked at information about long-term debts, price-earnings ratios, management styles, splits, dividends, informed predictions and more.

Hunches, gut feelings and intuition often play a part in stock selection.

Women's intuition, perhaps, is worth something as well.

A group of local women who call themselves the Blue Chip Women formed an investment club in 1987. They began studying individual stocks according to guidelines promoted by the National

Association of Investors Corporation (NAIC). Each member paid dues of \$40 a month. The pooled money buys stocks that they've studied, discussed and approved. A majority of club members must agree to buy or to sell a stock.

The Blue Chip Women admit they've made a few mistakes, but they've also made some good decisions and learned a great deal about investing. Even though they've taken several cash distributions, their portfolio is currently hovering around \$150,000.

At a recent meeting of the Blue Chip Women, each member brought the rest of the group up to date on one of the 12 stocks in the club's portfolio.

"AIG has expectations of better earnings for the fourth quarter," said Bonnie Woods of Grosse Pointe Woods. The Blue Chip Women owns 309 shares of American International Group Inc., a company that sells insurance products in the United States and some 130 other countries.

"Dell's earnings per share estimate is up from 35 to 36 cents this quarter," said Pat Duncan, president of the Blue Chip Women.

Member

Kathy Lenz reported on Doral. The group owns 100 shares of the Doral Financial Corporation, a Puerto Rico-based financial institution. "The PE has fallen," she said. "We bought it at \$48.52. It's down 10 percent, now at 43. I think we should hold it for a while

longer, but let's watch it carefully."

The Blue Chip Women own stock in 12 companies, including AIG, Bed Bath and Beyond, Dell, GE, Harley-Davidson, Paychex,

See INVEST, Page 5B



Photos by Margie Reins Smith

Investment clubs learn to use tools to make decisions about buying and selling stocks. The National Association of Investors Corporation offers a Stock Selection Guide (SSG), shown at the left, to systematically assess a company's strengths and weaknesses.

Investment clubs also use daily newspapers' stock listings, above, to find information about prices and highs and lows of individual stocks.

At the right, Pat Duncan, president of The Blue Chip Women, and member Dar Alcott check facts about Starbucks, one of the club's best-performing stocks.

Below, The 1550 Club gathers at a member's house to discuss the state of their portfolio and research new stocks to purchase.



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Easter Sunday - March 27th

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9 a.m.* Holy Eucharist Rite I with Procession into Church
Choir of Men and Girls
11:15 a.m.* Holy Eucharist Rite I with Procession into Church
Choir of Men and Girls

Monday, March 21, 7 p.m.* Holy Eucharist Rite I

Tuesday, March 22, 6 p.m. Seder Meal

7 p.m.* Holy Eucharist Rite I with Healing Service

Wednesday, March 23, 7 p.m.* Tenebrae Service
Choir of Girls and Men

MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 24, 7 p.m.* Holy Eucharist Rite I
With Washing of Feet and Stripping of the Altar
Choir of Men and Boys

GOOD FRIDAY, March 25, 12 - 1 p.m. Liturgy with Girls Choir
2 p.m. Children's Service and Stations of the Cross
7 p.m.* Lenten Compline and Faure Requiem
Christ Church Choral and Orchestra

HOLY SATURDAY, March 26, 8 a.m. Liturgy

8 p.m.* The Great Vigil of Easter**

Choir of Men and Boys

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EASTER SUNDAY, March 27

7 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir

8 a.m. English Easter Breakfast

9 a.m.* Holy Eucharist Rite II, Children's Flowering of the Cross**
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10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

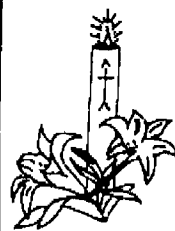
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Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am, & 11:30 am

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm
Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of
Repose

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25

Stations of the Cross 12 Noon
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 1:30 pm

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil 7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27

Masses: 8:00 am Organ and Cantor
9:30 am Contemporary Music Group
11:30 am Formal Choir

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Maundy Thursday March 24

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Good Friday March 25

1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Liturgy of Good Friday with

Passion according to John,

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Adoration of the Cross

Easter Eve March 26

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MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 24

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GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25

12 Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Palms, The Stations of the Cross, and the

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Maundy Thursday - March 24th

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Good Friday - March 25th

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Easter Sunday - March 27th

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MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 24, 2005

11:15 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

Holy Communion celebrated at both services

GOOD FRIDAY, March 25, 2005

1:00 P.M. Passion Service (No Communion)

7:30 P.M. Tenebrae (With Communion)

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March 27, 2005

8:00 A.M. Festival Service with Holy Communion

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10:10 a.m. - Church School for All Ages

8:45 a.m. - 12:15 a.m. Crib/Toddler Care

Maundy Thursday</

South Mother's Club's spring luncheon is April 14

The Grosse Pointe South Mother's Club's luncheon and fashion show theme this year is "The Goddess in You." The annual benefit sponsored by the Mother's Club will be from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in South's gymnasium.

Olga and Peter Tecos are chairmen of this year's event. The emcee will be **Rhonda Walker** of WDIV-TV news.

Lunch will be catered by Marchiori and fashions will be modeled by South students. South's band, choir and orchestra will provide entertainment.

Raffle prizes include jewelry, paintings, gift certificates to restaurants, gift baskets, car washes, ceramics and more — even a belly dancing party.

Proceeds from the luncheon will be used for scholarships, enrichment activities and preservation efforts.

Luncheon tickets are \$30 and reservations are required. Raffle tickets are available in advance or at the event. They're \$1 each or six for \$5. Call **Kathy Herzog** for reservations, (313) 884-1497.

Tosca's jewels:

Pearls, rubies, gold and the voice of soprano **Ines Salazar**, the star of *Tosca*, will highlight a black-tie dinner at Il Posto Banquet Hall on Friday, April 1, in Southfield. The dinner, which opens Michigan Opera Theatre's 2005 Spring Opera Season, will benefit educational programming for underprivileged children through the opera company's Department of Community Programs.

"This is a very special event for us," said **Dr. David DiChiera**, General Director of Michigan Opera Theatre. "It will be an evening of beautiful music, stunning jewels and amazing food — all of which will benefit our community outreach and education efforts for children."

A donation by Architectural Gold, designer **Dr. Daniela Allega Fuciarelli**, and the soprano voice of **Ines Salazar** will highlight both the gala and Michigan Opera Theatre's upcoming production of Puccini's "Tosca."

Salazar will wear the jewels of *Tosca* during the benefit and at each of her Michigan Opera Theatre performances, Saturday, April 9, Wednesday, April 13, and Saturday, April 16.

The jewels — a necklace, earrings and a tiara — will be sold in a live auction at the gala, and will be presented to the winners following Salazar's appearances with Michigan Opera Theatre.

"The Jewels of *Tosca*" were created and donated by Fuciarelli, Salazar's longtime friend, specifically for this unique benefit.

Fuciarelli is owner of Architectural Gold. She is a custom jewelry designer with studios in Rome and the Detroit area.

"The story of *Tosca* is about love, passion and tragedy," Fuciarelli said. "So I designed jewelry with pearls for purity, rubies for blood, and 18-karat gold to show *Tosca*'s entrapment and her sacrifice for love."

Inscribed on one diamond-shaped link of the necklace will be "MOT Tosca 2005" and on the opposite side "Ines Salazar." On another link will be "Daniela" with "Architectural Gold" inscribed on the reverse. Across the span of the nape of neck will be a line scripted in gold from one of *Tosca*'s arias, "Diedi il canto agli astri." Translated, it means, "I gave my song to the stars."

The gala will be centered around a five-course Italian meal at Il Posto Banquet Hall, served with Italian wines, and featuring some 15 live models displaying jewelry creations by Fuciarelli. Salazar will perform the well-known aria "Vissi d'Amor," from "Tosca."

"Tosca" will be at the Detroit Opera House from Saturday, April 9, through Sunday, April 17. Jewelry designed by Fuciarelli will be available for purchase while the opera is in

Detroit, with a portion of proceeds benefiting Michigan Opera Theatre's department of community programs and a portion benefiting the Comunidad Catolica Carismatica Los Samaritanos di Caracas, a Venezuelan charity which provides care for orphaned and abandoned children — an organization which both Salazar and Fuciarelli care deeply about.

Reservations for the April 1 "Jewels of *Tosca*" gala are offered on a two-tier basis. Reservations for the dinner, performance and auction are \$250 a person. Guests paying \$350 can arrive an hour early, at 5:30 p.m., for an intimate cocktail reception with Salazar, Fuciarelli and DiChiera.

Grosse Pointers on the Tosca event committee include **Fara Cavaliere, Stephanie Daskas, Maria DeLuca, Franziska Raspa** and **Gloria Clark**.

For information or reservations, call **Jessica Cheshire** at (313) 237-3407.

Michigan Opera Theatre, a nonprofit organization, is supported by private donations, foundation and corporate grants, the State of Michigan through the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, and by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.



The Mother's Club of Grosse Pointe will hold its spring benefit and fashion show, "The Goddess in You," from 12:30 to 3 p.m., Thursday, April 14, in South's gymnasium.

The committee chairmen are busy planning the event. In the back row, from left, are **Kathy Manos, Lyn Petit, Julia Stanton, Sue Lichtenstein, Kathy Herzog** and **Debbie Fisher**. In the front, from left, are **Ellen Doyle, Colleen Hollerbach, Patty Marantette, Olga Tecos, Melissa Levasseur, Connie Boris** and **Linda Lund**.

Opera premiere:

Michigan Opera Theatre will host a special evening of dinner and jazz beginning at 6 p.m., Sunday, March 20, to benefit the upcoming world premiere of the new American opera "Margaret Garner."

The event will be held on the grand stage of the Detroit Opera House, and will be attended by **Denyce Graves**, star of "Margaret Garner." It will also feature

live music by **Alexander Zonjic** and **Friends**. Food will be provided by **Opus One**. The evening will also include a live auction.

Reservations for an evening of dinner and jazz with **Denyce Graves** are \$225. To make a reservation, call **Heather Hamilton** at (313) 237-3425. Guests can also choose to attend a private reception with **Graves**, prior to the dinner, for \$325.

The world premiere of "Margaret Garner" will be on Saturday, May 7, at the

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— Margie Reins Smith



Tootsie Roll drive

The St. Paul Council No. 12121 Knights of Columbus is holding a drive from Thursday, March 17, through Sunday, March 20, to raise funds to assist the mentally challenged.

The men will collect donations and sell Tootsie Rolls in the Village and throughout the community. A portion of last year's donations helped enhance special education programs in the Grosse Pointe schools.

Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor **James C. Farquhar**, center, issued a proclamation supporting the praiseworthy endeavor. From left, are **Dan Mercier, Dick Grunow, Farquhar, Greg Leslie** and **Fred Curto**.

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Meetings

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 24, for dinner at a private club in Grosse Pointe. Candice Berry of the Hantz Group will present "A Taxing Experience," an informational talk about tax strategies and deductions. For more information or to make reservations, call **Nancy Neat** at (313) 882-1855 or **Marcia Pikelek** at (313) 884-4201.

Inventors' Association

The Inventors' Association will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at Grosse Pointe North High School. The speaker will be **Charles R. Rutherford**, an intellectual property attorney.

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By Dr. Michael Henein and Dr. Michael Taylor
Special Writers

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States. It involves cancer of the lower part of the digestive system (colon), which includes the large intestine and the rectum.

As many as 90 percent of colorectal cancers start out as noncancerous polyps. The general rule of thumb is, the larger the polyp, the greater the chance that it is cancerous. This underscores the importance of regular screening.

Screening procedures can identify small polyps and allow surgeons to remove them before they become cancerous. Or, if the polyps are cancerous, regular screening can catch them in an early, more treatable stage.

Signs and symptoms of colorectal cancer

Symptoms of colorectal cancer may vary depending on the location and size of the tumor. Typically there are no early signs of the disease, which makes screening so important. See your physician if any of the following symptoms persist for more than two weeks:

- Change in bowel habits such as diarrhea or constipation
- Narrow or thin stools
- Rectal bleeding or blood in the stool more than once
- Persistent abdominal discomfort such as cramps, gas or pain
- Unexplained weight loss

Lifestyle bigger risk than genetics

Most colorectal cancers occur after age 50, but age and family history aren't the only risk factors. Researchers believe this form of cancer is highly lifestyle-related. The following are some factors other than age and genetics that can place you at higher risk:

- Inflammatory intestinal conditions

- Obesity
- Sedentary lifestyle
- Diet low in fiber and high in fat and nitrates (a preservative in bacon and lunch meats)
- Smoking and moderate to heavy alcohol consumption

When screening should begin

Your physician will help you determine when you should begin screening for colorectal cancer and what test is best for you. For most people, screening should begin at age 50. However, screening should start earlier for individuals with a parent, sibling or child with colorectal cancer, and even earlier for persons who have had many family members with the disease. Also, earlier screening may be considered for persons with long-standing inflammatory bowel diseases like ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease.

The most common screening methods include digital rectal exam, fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy, barium enema and colonoscopy.

Today, colonoscopy remains the best way to both inspect the colon and remove polyps with the patient undergoing the bowel preparation just once. And most insurers cover a screening colonoscopy every 10 years after age 50.

If the colonoscopy is normal and free of polyps, statistically individuals should not require another one for a decade. However, if there are any symptoms in the interim, your physician may consider a screening method sooner.

Surgical options include

minimally invasive procedures

Surgical removal of a cancerous lesion is the primary treatment for colorectal cancer. Whether chemotherapy or radiation is used depends on the nature of the tumor and whether the cancer has spread to surrounding lymph nodes.

After years of success using the endoscopic technique in the abdomen, specially trained colon and rectal surgeons are now using minimally invasive surgery to treat a variety of colorectal problems.

With minimally invasive laparoscopic colorectal surgery, the surgeon makes three or four small abdominal incisions into which a thin magnifying video camera (laparoscope) and other surgical instruments are inserted. The surgeon is able to view the magnified surgical site on monitors in the operating room.

Surgeons trained to perform minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery can do virtually all types of colon and rectal surgery that once required traditional open surgery.

The benefits of minimally invasive colorectal surgery over traditional open surgery are: less pain, due to minimal tissue trauma; minimal scarring; reduced blood loss; shorter hospital stay; and faster return to normal activities.

New procedure removes polyps without incision

Transanal endoscopic microsurgery (TEM) allows the surgeon to remove polyps or precancerous tumors from the lower bowel and rectum using a scope placed into the anal canal, thus avoiding any abdominal incisions.

With this innovative endoscopic procedure the surgeon can access much more of the colon than is possible during a traditional transanal resection.

The suspicious lesion and a rim of normal tissue around it are removed, and the two healthy ends are attached. TEM is another option for patients who, because of medical conditions like heart disease, may not be able to tolerate more aggressive surgical treatments.

Learn more about colon cancer and screening options at Combat Colon Cancer, a free community program presented by Dr. Michael Taylor and Dr. Michael Henein. The program is held from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, in Connelly Auditorium, Bon Secours campus.

The program is free, but reservations are requested. Call Bon Secours Cottage Community Health Promotion at (586) 779-7900 weekdays, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Henein is a Bon Secours Cottage board-certified colon and rectal surgeon, trained and experienced in the field of colorectal laparoscopic surgery. Taylor is a Bon Secours Cottage board-certified general and laparoscopic surgeon.

For an appointment with Taylor or Henein, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at (800) 303-7315.

A label is not the whole story

By Mary Beth Langan and Theodore C. Coutilish
Special Writers

What's in a label?
Not enough!

The American Heritage Dictionary says labels function as a means of identification.

Identification of the whole or just a part of the whole?

Mary Beth is an Irish-Italian-American; Ted is a Greek-American. Does that identify much about them?

Mary Beth is a Dominican High School graduate; Ted is a Grosse Pointe North High School graduate. Those additional labels may add a bit more, but not that much.

Mary Beth is a stay-at-home mom. That label only identifies part of her current life. Among other details, it leaves out that she worked at University of Detroit Mercy for 13 years, that she has a Master of Arts degree in counseling, and that she is not home all that much.

Ted is the executive director of marketing and publications at Wayne State University. That's a long label, but it doesn't begin to identify his entire resume, which includes work at two other universities, a number of local newspapers and the now-defunct Sport Detroit magazine.

In fact, the label confuses many folks who mistakenly believe it means he is a marketing professor.

Where is this leading? Labels on a person may be good in some ways. Labels share one or more details that identify parts of the whole person.

But often, labels miss the majority of the whole. This is especially true when someone looks no further than the label or when the label scares someone away.

We all use labels. To help raise awareness of Fragile X Syndrome, we frequently tell people Andrew has Fragile X and give details about it.

To explain some of Andrew's behaviors, we often mention his dual diagnosis, the more commonly known diagnosis, Autism. To go a bit further, we may mention that Andrew has cognitive impairment, which is a possible feature of Fragile X.



The Langan-Coutilish family

Those labels may begin to help someone understand Andrew, but only part of him.

They miss a whole lot of these important details:

- He loves to kiss Mommy and hug Daddy, but not vice versa.
- He's one of the pickiest eaters and drinkers you'll ever meet.
- He hates baths, but loves playing in the bathroom sink.
- He can't get enough of the animal identification game we created.
- He loves his books to death — literally — until tape can no longer be of assistance.
- He believes "Here are My Hands" is the only song worth listening to in the mini van.
- He believes "Dr. Rabbit," a Colgate Educational video, should have received an Oscar (perhaps for short dental documentary?).
- He believes a toothbrush should never come near his mouth.
- He has a contagious laugh and smile.
- What's in a label?
- Only part of the story.
- We hope most people will continue looking beyond the medical and educational labels for the important details. Our favorite label for Andrew at home is still: "cutest ever."

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X syndrome (fragilex.org). Send your questions or comments to tcoutilish@dmac.wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.

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Hearing loss in the inner ear (sensorineural hearing loss) mainly affects high frequency sounds. These high-pitched sounds such as "s", "t", "sh" and "f" play a key role in our ability to understand speech clearly. This is why a person with sensorineural hearing loss will often say, "I can hear, but I don't understand what is being said". As people lose their ability to hear high-frequency sounds, they gradually compensate, often without awareness, by paying more attention to body language, lip movements and facial expressions. Using these strategies to help hear better is called "speech reading". People with high-frequency hearing loss can be helped with hearing instruments and continued use of speech reading.

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 effect on the people around us.

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Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



Acne is the most common teenage skin problem, affecting about 20 million teenagers each year.

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Treatment for teens with mild acne can start with over-the-counter products such as those containing benzoyl peroxide or salicylic acid. When acne is unresponsive, or if the

patient is experiencing more severe cystic acne, a visit to a physician may be required.

You can learn more about skin clearing treatments at the American Academy of Dermatology's website at www.aad.org.

For treatment of unresponsive or severe acne, 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.

BSC offers blood pressure screenings

As part of an ongoing community health program, Bon Secours Cottage Health Services offers free blood pressure screenings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its Cottage campus on the second Friday of the month.

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The Cottage campus is located at 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call Bon Secours Cottage Community Health Promotion at (586) 779-7900 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

Sharper than a serpent's tooth

Many of us were shocked by the insensitivity and racial overtones of columnist Ann Coulter's reference to well-respected longtime White House Correspondent Helen Thomas. Coulter referred to Thomas as "an old Arab." The phrase was revised by Coulter's editor to "dyspeptic old Helen Thomas."

However, I am even more upset by the disrespect shown to a woman who made Ann Coulter's prominence possible.

Coulter may believe her brilliance is responsible for her meteoric rise on the American journalism scene. But it's far more likely Coulter owes the position she now enjoys to the years of hard work, talent and pursuance of excellence in her craft as exemplified by journalists like Helen Thomas. They paved the way for many young female journalists who followed.

After graduating from Wayne State University, Thomas began her career doing the grunt services left to women, but she eventually convinced editors that she and other women with her intelligence, wit and perseverance were capable of becoming top female reporters.

I've been meaning for some time to write a column about Thomas. I consider her a Detroit treasure. That's now a commitment.

Ever have a thought that you knew was

beneath you, but was so intriguing that you couldn't let it go? In a recent business section of the Detroit Free Press, I read of the travails of a CEO at a major United States company who had been taken out of retirement by the company some 15 months earlier to help boost the company's tainted reputation.

The executive, 68 and married, has just been ousted from the position because of a new ethics scandal involving an affair he had this year with a female company executive. The affair was apparently detected in part through an e-mail on corporate computers.

My first reaction when I read the item was whether he could be on Viagra, having been surprised earlier to learn that Medicare had approved the drug for use by seniors. Might we someday see a warning label on Viagra recommending caution for use by older executives who might be going through a later-life crisis.

During my recent post-operative recovery, I've been doing a lot of reading, mostly in short takes since the eyes get quickly tired at this stage of recuperation. Here are some items that maddened or piqued my brain:

- A reprint of a column in the Kansas City Star by an opinion-page editor related the situation of Terri Schiavo, the woman who has been in a coma for 15 years and is kept alive only by a feeding

Senior Scene

By
Ruth
Cain

tube. The writer thought the reason behind the coma was just as important as whether the tube should be pulled. That's because the woman's parents believed it could have been caused by abuse by her husband, even though no evidence supports this.

This led the writer into a discussion about spousal abuse and the terrible problem this has become for our country.

This statement really stunned me: "Hardly a woman alive today has not feared that a man would hit or otherwise attack her."

What????? I may have lived a secluded life, but that is a statement I find beyond anyone's wildest imagination.

I'd bet there are many, many more women who have far more concerns about their children's well-being in today's society, because of drugs, violence, poor education, lack of jobs and lack of health care insurance, to name only a few of the dangers facing children.

- A final tidbit. While I am all in favor of a good

and varied vocabulary, I think understandable action words are often preferable to more "fancy" words.

Take the recent testimony of David Walker, who heads the nonpartisan government Office of Comptroller General. He testified before the House Ways and Means Committee over the proposed overhaul of Social Security.

He said that self-guided investment accounts for younger workers, without other reforms, would "exacerbate the insolvency problem" of Social Security because it would divert incoming revenue needed to pay the transitional benefits.

I know the members of the committee understand the meaning of the word "exacerbate," because I hear it used whenever there is a discussion on any of many problems facing our country. I would be willing to bet, however, that more than half of United States citizens have no idea of what it means.

On occasions when you and others are discussing a solution to a problem, I'd guess that anyone disagreeing will say, "That would make the problem even worse." Forget exacerbate.

The role of our elected officials is to inform us, not to impress us with their knowledge, or to obfuscate. (I threw that word in just for fun.)

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Things that drive you crazy

It has been said that there are three major classifications of inanimate objects: things that break down, things that get lost and things that no one ever expects to work.

I'd like to add a fourth category: things that drive you crazy.

Let me explain. My mom is a big fan of cuckoo clocks. For those lucky few who aren't familiar with them, they are an exceptionally expensive and annoying kind of clock, usually birdhouse-shaped with a mechanical bird that pops out of a tiny door and enthusiastically announces "coo-coo," at about 85 bazillion decibels every hour, causing you to either jump out of your chair, drop your drink or have a heart attack.

Although it may sound strange, they are very popular and just the sort of thing collectors love. And I'm sure they are lovely, but frankly, along with porcelain dolls and elephant salt shakers, I just don't see the big draw.

(Uh, not that there's anything wrong with any of these things.)

As far as gifts go, my mom isn't an easy person to shop for; so when she asked for a cuckoo clock it seemed simple enough.

That's when I discovered two important things about cuckoo clocks: 1) quality ones are about the same price as a new sports car, and 2) most of the cuckoo clock shops on this planet are in Germany.

However, I didn't let this bit of knowledge stop me. Instead I did what any savvy and sophisticated shopper would do: I searched the Internet for a cheap knock-off.

And, lo and behold, I found one, and wonder of wonders, it was on sale. The only drawback was that when it arrived, a week later, instead of getting a smallish, quaint clock, I got a hideous looking one about the size of a phone booth.

I'm exaggerating a bit. But still.

And before you start thinking, "Why didn't you check the size, dummy?" let me say, it didn't look like that online. Oh sure, it said something about feet and inches and all that, but who really pays attention to all that stuff?

So I shipped it back and exchanged it for the smaller size, which arrived triumphantly on Christmas morning.

Family Daze-

By Debbie Farmer



I'd like to say I delivered her gift, and everyone was happy, and that was the end of it. But it wasn't.

Little did I know that this only marked the beginning of a long line of cuckoo clocks whizzing back and forth through the United Parcel Service that were, according to my mother, either "too loud," "too soft," "slightly chipped," "unevenly stained," or they "didn't sound real enough."

The first few problems I understand, but tell me: how real is a plastic bird coming out of a wooden clock supposed to sound anyway?

The final straw came last week when the UPS delivered to me... wait

... the original giant cuckoo clock, which, I might add, I now hate with the passion of a thousand burning suns.

Now it seemed to me I had three choices, none of them particularly appealing except for the third one which, while emotionally gratifying, was rather violent and financially impractical.

So I chose number two, which was to take it to my mom's apartment when she wasn't home, hang it up, then run away and consider moving to another country, preferably one without cuckoo clocks. I admit this isn't a particularly brilliant or mature plan, but, hey, it was the best I could come up with.

Deep down, I never thought it would really work. So imagine my surprise when my mom called and said, "Thanks for the new clock. It's gorgeous! Say, why didn't you get that kind in the first place?"

There are a lot of things I could've said. But, being a good daughter and a decent sort of person, all that came out was, "You're welcome."

Sometimes, it's best that way.

Debbie Farmer is a humorist/ mother holding down the fort in California. She can be reached at www.family-daze.com.

Invest

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Qualcom and Starbucks.

"Our best performing stock is probably Starbucks," Duncan said. It's up 120 percent since they bought it in July 2003.

"We learned how to use the SSG (The NAIC's Stock Study Guide) on our own," she said. "Some members took the classes. Everybody has a computer now; so most members do the SSG by computer."

Another group of a dozen local women, The 1550 Club, takes a more laid back approach to assembling a portfolio. They get together every other month to talk about companies they like. Each member chips in \$100 every other month. Their broker, Susan Lahay of the McDonald Financial Group, attends most meetings.

Somebody might suggest a company worth investigating.

"Every time I go into Joann Fabrics, there's a long line," one of the members might say. "It's always crowded."

"I love Joann Fabrics," another member adds. Discussion follows. Lahay does research on the company, checks its current price, PE, debt, predictions and such and then recommends either that they pass it up or that they buy a certain number of shares.

The 1550 club currently owns 19 stocks, including Starbucks, TJ Max, Home Depot, Costco, GE and Pfizer.

Pam Smith, president, said The 1550 Club generally buys stock in companies they know well. "We noticed the parking lot at Starbucks was always jammed; so we bought some Starbucks stock," she said.

"People can do all the research in the world and have all the numbers, but I think consumers' intuition plays a big role. We're all moms. We're all shoppers."

Smith said their best purchase was Guidant. "It was also our first purchase. It has been phenomenal. We own 75 shares now. It has split a couple times and it pays dividends."

The 1550 Club has a port-

folio worth about \$80,000. They claim their purchases have increased in value by 85 percent since the club began.

Another group of 10 women, The Active Options, has been getting together to study stocks for the last 20 years. They've taken several distributions. Their portfolio is close to \$12,000.

"Our agenda is loose," said Jean Doelle, president. Our dues are \$30 a month, and we've had several payouts. Every month we study three similar stocks. Three different people report."

The Active Options also uses NAIC's Stock Study Guide. "We used to trust our hunches," Doelle said, "but lately we study the stocks we're considering. We might hear about a good stock at a cocktail party, but we also study it before making a purchase."

The group currently holds stock in 15 different companies.

Pepsi is their oldest, purchased in 1987.

They also own shares of Apollo, Bed Bath and Beyond, GE, Home Depot, Intel, Microsoft, Pfizer, Time-Warner and Hot Topic, a retail clothing store.

Hot Topic? "We studied it, but nobody had ever seen a store. Finally one opened at Macomb Mall and we were appalled," Doelle said. "It was full of sleazy clothes for kids."

Doelle said the most difficult decision for the club is when to sell a stock. "Every member watches two or three stocks that they fall in love with."

Their rule of thumb is to wait until a stock price doubles, then sell half of their shares.

A recent article in Better Investing, a monthly magazine published by the NAIC, discussed the different approaches to stock purchasing by all-men's and all-women's clubs.

"Men are more active, involved and willing to take risks," wrote Adam Ritt, the author of the article. According to an NAIC-sponsored poll to track investing

behavior, men rely more on the Internet for their information about companies than women do and women rely more on people for their information. Financial planners are the women's most important source.

NAIC registrar, Joyce Manby, said the NAIC promotes a conservative approach to acquiring stocks.

General principles for the NAIC are to purchase stock in quality growth companies and hold them for the long term, to invest regularly, and to reinvest dividends.

Diane Amendt, president of the southeastern Michigan chapter of NAIC and an instructor of classes for learning how to use the NAIC's Stock Study Guide, said all-women's investment clubs generally outperform men's clubs.

"It's probably true that men are impulsive and don't want to do their homework. They act more on

hunches.

"And it's probably true that women study their stocks to death."

"The best clubs are those with a balance: both men and women." Amendt belongs to a family club.

Manby belongs to an investment club called "The Plungers."

When the club was new, she said, the group of women kept discussing the pros and cons of buying a certain stock.

They discussed. They discussed again.

One of their members who had previous experience in an investment club stood up and said: "For heaven's sake, ladies, take the plunge."

They did. That was 23 years ago.

Anyone interested in forming a stock club or learning more about the NAIC, should call NAIC headquarters: (877) 275-6242; or go to www.betterinvesting.org.

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Andrea Ellich of Grosse Pointe Park and David Kraft of Grosse Pointe Woods have been named to the dean's honor roll for the fall semester at Lawrence Technological University.

Grosse Pointers Daniel Oppewall, Andrew Vlasak, Kirsten Winfield and Erin Kenney were

named to the dean's list for the first semester of the 2004-05 school year at Hope College.

Anthony Stefani, son of Patricia and Steven Stefani of Grosse Pointe Shores, was named to the dean's list at Michigan State University. The accounting major is also captain of Michigan State

University's Tennis Team. He was chosen by the sheriff of East Lansing to represent MSU student athletes in the DARE program. Stefani has played varsity tennis for four years at MSU.

The following Grosse Pointe students were named to the dean's list at Albion College: Christopher

Johnson, son of Dale and Robin Johnson; Janice M. Kronner, daughter of John and Jane Kronner; Erin E. MacLeod, daughter of Donald and Lynn MacLeod; Darren E. Mantyla, son of Karl Mantyla and Melanie Nowc; Megan S. McCaughey, daughter of Timothy and Mary McCaughey; Alexandra M.

Miller, daughter of Mary Ann Miller; Elizabeth Monaghan, daughter of Mark and Margaret Monaghan; Kelly M. Poletis, daughter of Bland and Teresa Poletis; John A. Salvador, son of John Salvador and Antoinette Urso-Salvador; and Stephen W. Zmyslowski, son of David and Kathleen Zmyslowski.

Grosse Pointe Park, and Jacqueline Allyce Whelan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Whelan of Grosse Pointe Farms, were named to the dean's list at Vanderbilt University.

Grosse Pointe resident Michael Dupuis was named to the dean's honor list for academic achievement for the fall semester at the University of Notre Dame.

Harrison Galac of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the dean's list at Syracuse University. He is a freshman majoring in arts and sciences.

Blerta Jakupi of Grosse Pointe Park and Ann Wenzel of the City of Grosse Pointe were named to the dean's list at The College of Wooster. Jakupi is a first year student. Wenzel is a junior.

Lauren M. Garvey, daughter of Robert and Kathleen Garvey of the City of Grosse Pointe, was named to the merit list at Kenyon College. She is a sophomore majoring in history.

Margaret C. Schott of the City of Grosse Pointe received faculty honors for the fall semester at Trinity College.

Grosse Pointers Vidya Sankari Thirumoorathi and Nicole Jeannette Gatteno earned places on the dean's list for the fall semester at Schoolcraft College.

Elizabeth T. Petit, daughter of Daniel and Allyn Petit of the City of Grosse Pointe, was named to the dean's list at Colby College. She is a first-year student.

Cadet Andrew N. Sweeny of the City of Grosse Pointe, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina.

He also earned a gold star for achieving a 3.7 grade point average or higher. Sweeny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald N. Sweeny III, is co-captain of the lacrosse team, is a Sgt. 1st Class and regulations and discipline officer with Kilo Company.

Other academic achievements include two commandant distinguished service awards and one president distinguished service award. He is a business administration major.

Kathryn Ann Hollerbach of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the dean's list at Wake Forest University.

Chelsea Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alto Reed of



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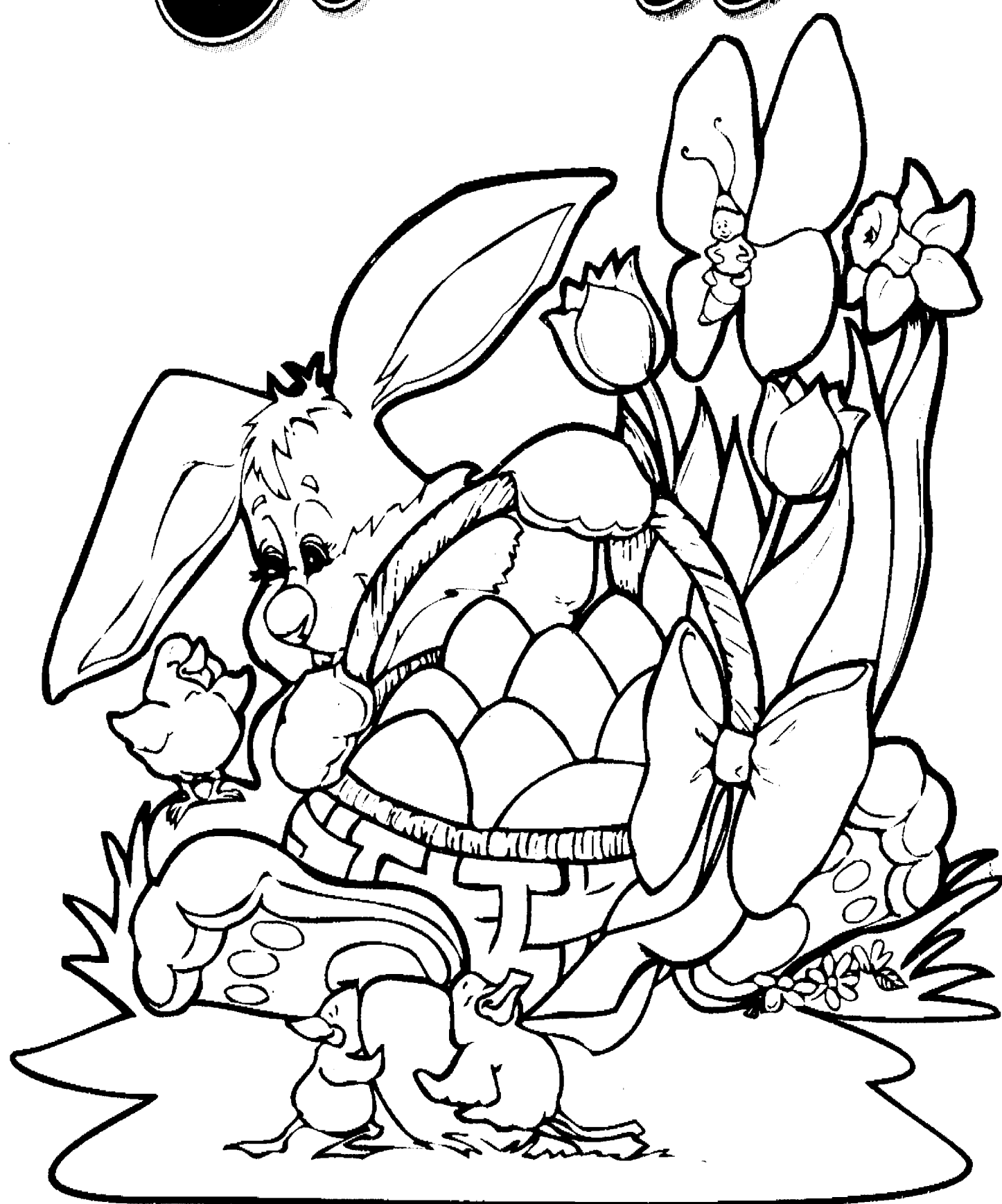
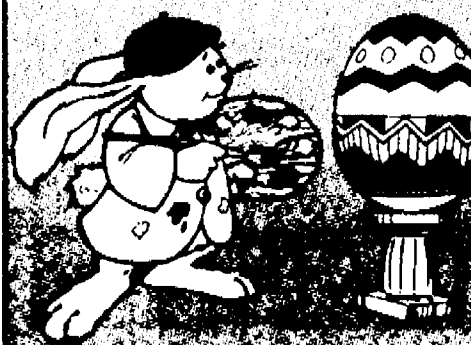
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History — it's in the curve of a road

From all perspectives, especially historical, I'm a fortunate fellow. You see, I live in one of the most historic neighborhoods in all Grosse Pointe.

For the last 25 years, our home has been in the Widow's Dower area of Grosse Pointe Farms. Ring a bell? How about in the original Village of Grosse Pointe?

Still stumped? I live on Mary Street. It connects Moross to Kercheval by way of a generous curve around Lakeview. With only three houses on it, many Grosse Pointers haven't heard of it.

Our house is 64 years old. If you're a bicyclist, you've probably ridden down Mary Street and had fun shooting around the curve where it joins up with Lakeview.

This curve actually played an interesting part in my childhood, and it's a continuing connection with my family's past.

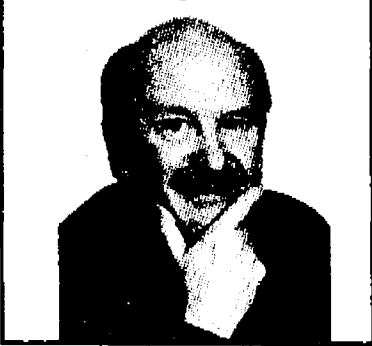
When I was just a wee lad, my folks used to take my little sister Mary and me for a ride down Mary Street (get it?). Mary and I would be bundled up in the back seat of the old DeSoto on our way home from Sunday dinner at Grandpa's and Grandma's (they lived at Lenox and Jefferson).

Mary and I would beg Dad: "Take us down Mary Street, take us down the 'weeeeeeeeee'."

So, the DeSoto would climb the Moross hill from Jefferson, turn right on Mary Street, and zoom around the curve.

During this "zooming," we would all shout "weeeeeeeeee." That's

POINTES OF HISTORY By Doug Cordier



how our family came up with the name.

I can still picture myself in the back of that DeSoto every time I go around the Mary Street curve. I cherish these memories that connect me to my past. Many of us have similar stories from our childhoods.

More about Mary Street. According to my abstract, Mary Street was originally part of a French "ribbon farm" that stretched from Lake St. Clair almost to Gratiot.

During the late 1800s the property came under local jurisdiction in a family dispute over its ownership. One of the plaintiffs claimed the land on the basis of his mother's "dower rights," so the parcel became known as Widow's Dower. I like that story.

I can imagine those proceedings in the environs of an old courthouse. That's why I identify with history so much. I love to imagine the way things must have been in those early days.

I'm sure I must have inherited the history gene. Why else would I love the dusty fragrance of an old attic?

Standing in front of our

house, I feel surrounded by our neighborhood's history. If I face east, I see Lake St. Clair, where both Henry Ford and Gar Wood set speed records in their racing machines.

To the south is the house where Ty Cobb lived for a while. Does anybody remember what Ty Cobb's uniform number was?

Directly north is the Whitcomb Estate, with its scaled-down copy of the Belle Isle Conservatory. The property owners still raise orchids in the special orchid house on that estate.

If I face west, I can just see the little hand-chinked frontier cabin built in 1840, now restored and moved to property owned by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. It's the headquarters for the Historical Society's activities, tours and lectures.

What a neighborhood. I'll save additional stories for future columns. Those who may not feel that you live in such a rich historical neighborhood should do a little research. I'll bet other neighborhoods are just as historic.

Try contacting your local library or the Grosse Pointe Historical Society to begin a family journey of discovery in your particular neighborhood.

You see, we all have memories of the past. We all live in neighborhoods with wonderful tales to tell. These stories are our connections. They tie us to our own local history, and they tie us to each other.

By the way, Ty Cobb didn't have a number. None of the players had numbers in those days.

Jazz up St. Patrick's Day staple

Happy St. Patrick's Day 2005. Corned beef, any way you slice it, is the No. 1 choice today across America. Whether topped with Swiss cheese and squeezed between rye (with or without the seeds) or plated with boiled cabbage, potatoes and carrots, corned beef has become a tradition. I found a quick and easy recipe for your dinner tonight.

The following basic recipe was probably created 100 years ago and if you're over age 30, at one time or another your mother probably served it for dinner — creamed beef, creamed tuna, creamed something on toast.

I prepared creamed corned beef on toasted baguette and brought the age-old supper choice into the next century. Preparation time is just about 25 minutes. It serves four to six people as an entree.

Creamed Corned Beef on Baguette

4 tablespoons butter
4 tablespoons flour
1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper

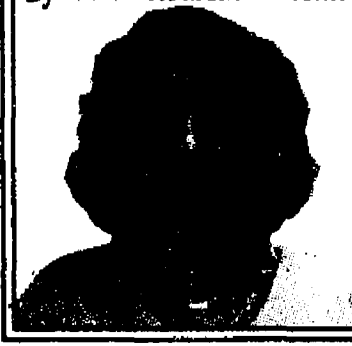
3 cups whole or 2 percent milk

1 lb. cooked corned beef, shredded

1 10-oz. box frozen peas, thawed

1 French or multi-grain baguette cut into one-inch slices, diagonally

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1 cup shredded Swiss cheese

2 tablespoons caraway seeds, lightly toasted (optional)

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Lightly toast the caraway seeds in a dry hot pan for just a minute or two. Transfer to a small plate to cool.

In a large saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter. Stir continuously while adding the flour, salt and pepper and the milk. Continue cooking and stirring until the mixture begins to thicken. Add the corned beef and the peas and cook for another 5 to 10 minutes or so over medium heat.

Meanwhile, place the sliced baguette on a baking sheet and bake at 425 degrees for 5 to 8 minutes, until golden brown or toasted to your likeness.

To serve, arrange two or three slices of the toasted baguette on a plate and top with a ladle or two of the hot creamed corned beef. Sprinkle a tablespoon or two of the shredded Swiss over the top and finish with a pinch or two of the toasted car-

away seeds. The addition of peas, Swiss and caraway seeds brings a flavor boost to the traditional chipped beef on toast. The baguette holds up to the creamed mixture much better than regular toasted bread and the presentation is better.

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Preservation Wayne seeks tour leaders

Preservation Wayne, Detroit's oldest architectural preservation organization, is looking for people who love Detroit and want to share their passion for the city. The 2005 Detroit Heritage Tour Season kicked off last weekend with the first of two volunteer recruitment meetings to engage prospective tour guides for the May through September walking tour season.

Preservation Wayne will host an informational session at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 19, to describe the tour program and its opportunities for involvement.

The meeting will be held at the Hannan House, 4750

Woodward, two blocks south of New Center. The five Tuesday After-Work tours have a rotating schedule, and each highlights a unique theme in the downtown area.

The all-volunteer program needs help in conducting, promoting, training, scheduling and researching the tours. Training will be provided by experienced tour guides and will begin in April.

Preservation Wayne's volunteers come from all over the metropolitan Detroit area and Windsor and are from all walks of life and age groups. The common thread is a love for Detroit and an enthusiasm for telling its rich story.

GPAA plans lectures, exhibits

"A to Z Recent Works," the current work of 10 members of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, features Japanese woodblock prints, watercolors, oils, acrylics, collages, drawings, pastels, and structural sculptures.

The show runs until Saturday, April 2 at the gallery in GPAA headquarters, 1005 Maryland, at the corner of Jefferson and Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays.

"Third Sundays Art Discussion Group," an ongoing art center program, will meet from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Sunday, March 20, at 1005 Maryland. The topic will be "What Makes a Masterpiece: Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper." A short video and discussion will be led by Ray Macdonald. The public is invited. Cost is \$5, and refreshments will be provided.

The Fourth Fridays Literary/Poetic Discussion Group will meet from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 25, at the art center. The discussion will be led by Mariela

Griffon, 2003 Detroit Urban Woman Writer in Residence at Wayne State University. The public is invited. Cost is \$5, and refreshments will be served.

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association's next general meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 4, at the center. The guest speaker will be Dr. Al-Tawil, chairman of the Art History Department, Henry Ford Community College. His topic will be Introduction to Islamic Art 632-1600 A.D. and contemporary Early Christian, Byzantine, Romanesque and Gothic art. The public is invited.

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Founded in 1975, Preservation Wayne is celebrating 30 years of promoting, preserving and protecting Detroit's unique buildings and neighborhoods. PW has been honored by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Preservation Wayne provides tours for the general public, workshops and technical assistance for the development community and for historic building owners, lectures and classes on architectural history for students from the fourth grade through college level and advocacy for the environment that distinguishes and defines Detroit

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Local pastor wonderings

By Rector Brad Whitaker

Christ Church Episcopal

I have often wondered why we have this "Pastor's Corner" in our local newspaper.

Is it an opportunity for clergy to gain some free advertising for their local houses of worship? Or perhaps there are some who

view this article as an opportunity to share insights into everyday life from a religious point of view?

I believe on the two previous times I have offered an article, I have done a little of both of the aforementioned.

Today, I am writing from my own perspective as a person of faith. In no way am I speaking for anyone in my parish, Christ Church (Episcopal). I have no doubt that some in my parish would agree with my thoughts and others would disagree. The beauty of our parish is that we are working diligently to make room for debate and the reality of disagreement. The one thing we know to be true and that binds us together is that God loves each of us as she does everyone else in creation.

Four months after National Election Day I have spent the time during


Lent pondering, "In what sort of world are my children growing toward adulthood." The vocation of every parent is to raise a child into a loving and mature adult. No doubt millions of parents have failed at this. And we shouldn't be surprised; because the world works diligently against us.

What sort of world could help me? What sort of world do I yearn for my children to experience? Certainly I yearn for one without war and violence. The world in which my children are being raised teaches them far too much about war and about how to harm others. Loving and mature people do not seek to do others harm.

Given the diversity of people involved in helping me raise my children, I seek a world (and certainly a state in the Union) which does not deny loving couples more than 1,000 federally protect-

ed rights simply because they happen to be people of the same sex. I wonder if the amendment to our state constitution would have passed if we had asked the citizens of Michigan: "Are you interested in denying the rights of others?" Loving and mature people do not seek to oppress persons who are also loving and mature.

A reality of living in a suburb of a major city is that ultimately and over time, the health of my suburb is directly related to the health of the inner city. I seek a world in which to raise my children where the political leaders of that hub city, which spins economic health (or not), are more interested in serving those who elected them than the self-important ego they have acquired post election. Loving and mature political leaders lead by example with honesty and integrity.



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Play

"Magdalene" will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday, March 18, and Saturday, March 19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 20, at **Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church**, 467 Fairford Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Tickets are available at the parish office for \$10. Advance tickets are suggested.

Magdalene, an angel, has come to tell Mary her life on earth is near its end and in her last hour, Mary takes the audience back in time to Galilee and Jerusalem. Together they relive her most profound memories of Jesus.

Lenten renewal

Join author Thomas J. Nash at **St. Paul on the**

Lake Catholic Church at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 20, for a seminar "On Earth as it is in Heaven: The Biblical Story of the Mass."

The church is located at 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Speaker

Patricia Cooney-Hathaway, assistant professor of Spirituality and Systematic Theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will present "Eucharist and the Journey of Conversion" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, at **Our Lady Star of the Sea**, 467 Fairford Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Abraham's children

A musical drama promoting interfaith dialogue and understanding, "The Children of Abraham Project," will be presented at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 10, at **Christ Episcopal Church**, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd.

For more than two months in the autumn of 2001, Muslim, Jewish and Christian teens from metro Detroit came together to discuss their lives, their fears, and the possibility of peace

between their three religions. Results of those conversations resulted in the project. This fictional retelling, inspired by the story of Abraham and his two sons Isaac and Ishmael, provides a framework for exploring the bonds that bring these religions together and the conflicts which keep them apart. The project sheds new light on these centuries-old issues.

The program is free but requires reservations. Call (313) 885-4891 to reserve a seat.

Holy Week

Holy Week begins on Palm/Passion Sunday, March 20, at **First English Evangelical Lutheran Church**, with services at 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and the Procession of Palms at 11 a.m.

On Maundy Thursday, March 24, "The Last Supper" will be the subject of a 7 p.m. study with Holy Communion offered.

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North works double overtime for regional championship

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Michael Bramos made it

sound like there was no other option than to make the free throws every time

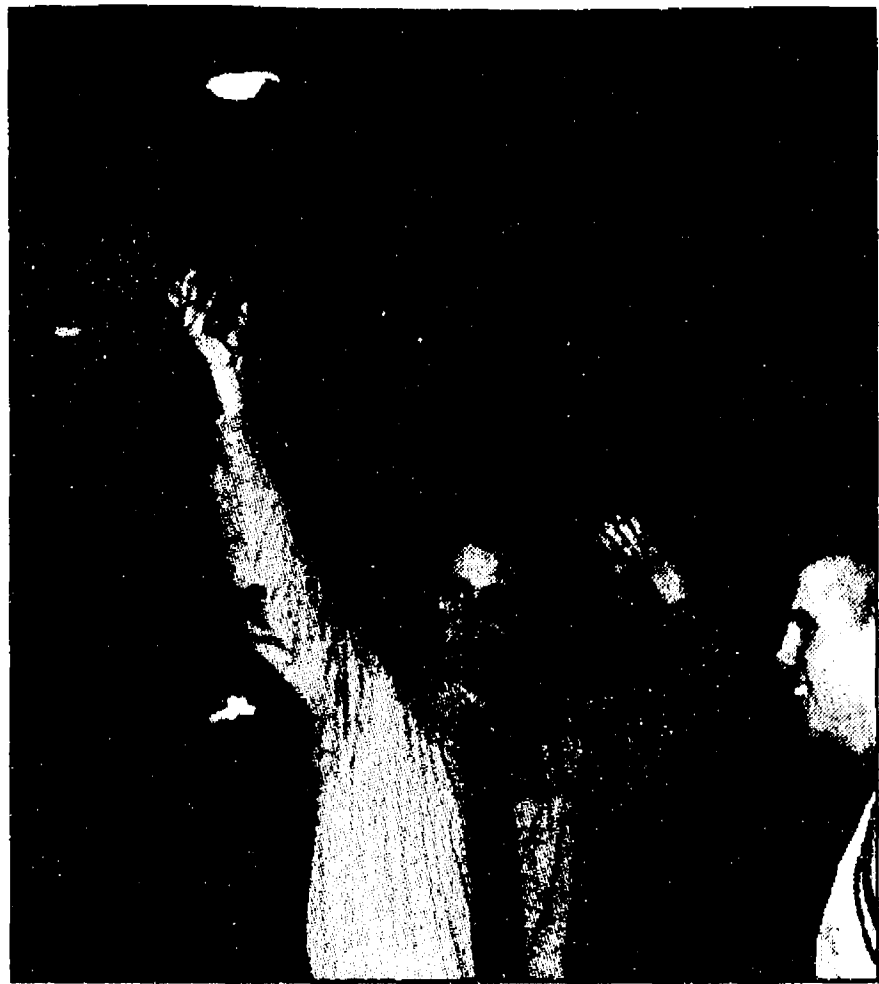


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Grosse Pointe North coach Matt Trombley shows off the regional championship trophy, while Jacob Bloomhuff looks on.

South denied chance for girls hockey 'three-peat'

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

NOVI — In a split second, Grosse Pointe South's bid for a third consecutive girls hockey state championship vanished when Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood's top player, Tarasai Karega, blasted a slapshot from center ice that beat Whitney Hughes in the Cranes' 3-2 double-overtime victory.

"We had plenty of opportunities to win, but didn't capitalize on those," South coach Bill Fox said. "It was a battle of the top two teams, and unfortunately we came up on the losing end. Our girls aren't used to losing, and losing in the finals will definitely make our girls hungry to get back to the finals and win it next year."

Cranbrook Kingswood beat South in the finals three years ago, but the Lady Blue Devils returned the favor, beating the Cranes in the title games in 2003 and '04.

"We have a nice rivalry with Cranbrook, and now we're 2-2 in championship games against them," Fox said. "I think our girls played a little tight the longer Cranbrook stayed in the game. It was a great game and it's too bad we had to lose."

The Lady Blue Devils outplayed the Cranes, outshooting them by a 2-1 margin, but they couldn't get the puck past goalkeeper Hilary Schreiber.

"Cranbrook loses Karega and Schreiber next season," Fox said. "I'm sure Lance (Wissmueller) will have his squad on top again next year, so we will have to be just as prepared."

South took a 1-0 lead when Sarah Parker scored at the 5:25 mark of the first period. Amanda Marsh and Katie Dosch drew assists.

Fox's squad made it 2-0 at the 5:34 mark of the second period when Ali Morawski scored an unassisted goal.

The Cranes tied the game, scoring twice in a matter of 59 seconds (5:17 and 4:18) as Ariel Magidson and Karega tallied off faceoffs.

"Those two quick goals really caught us offguard and gave Cranbrook a lot of momentum," Fox said. "The girls recovered, but they just couldn't get the puck past Schreiber."

Each team had a power-play in the first overtime. South finished its season

24-1, while Cranbrook Kingswood was 23-2.

In the semifinals, South had little trouble disposing of arch rival Grosse Pointe North 7-2 in one of the semifinal games.

"It's always tough to beat a team three times in a year, but we were able to do that against North," Fox said.

The Lady Blue Devils jumped out to a quick lead and never looked back, cruising to another spot in the finals.

Alex Rentz recorded a hat trick to lead the Lady Blue Devils, while Inger and Morawski each scored two goals.

North scored both of its goals on the power play as Christy Sandmair and Melissa Carron tallied.

North finished its season 15-8.

Grosse Pointe South shook off two weeks of rust in its quarterfinal game against city rival University Liggett School, winning 7-3.

"It was evident we didn't play too well because of the long layoff, but we were able to get the win, which is the most important thing," South coach Bill Fox said. "Liggett always plays us tough, and tonight was no exception. It was a hard fought victory, and now we get the opportunity to play another day."

The Lady Blue Devils, who brought a 22-0 record into the state playoffs, got off to a quick start when the league's leading scorer, Inger, and Amanda Marsh scored within the first three minutes of the first period.

"Those two quick goals got us going, but Liggett didn't give up," Fox said. "They made a game of it, and we had to play just as hard as they did to win."

ULS head coach Laura Owczarski watched her Knights fall behind 3-0 after the first period as Inger tallied her second goal of the game at the 2:48 mark.

Each time the Knights scored in the second period, the Lady Blue Devils answered as the game was 6-3 after two periods of play.

South thwarted every ULS attack in the final period, and it added an insurance goal as Shami Entenman tallied short-handed with 1:03 remaining.

The Lady Blue Devils' goal scorers in the second period were Inger (two) and Marsh, while the Knights got goals

he stepped to the line during the two overtimes in Grosse Pointe North's regional basketball final against Oak Park on Friday.

In reality, there wasn't. "We have 11 seniors on this team, and we didn't want to lose and have this be our last game," Bramos said after he went 10-for-10 from the line in the two overtimes to help lift the Norsemen to the 71-67 victory.

The win sent North to the quarterfinals against Pontiac Northern on Tuesday. A victory in that game would send the Norsemen to the semifinals for the first time.

"(Assistant coach) Gary (Bennett) said that he didn't think we've played our best game yet, and I agree," said head coach Matt Trombley.

There's no clear-cut favorite to win in Class A since Benton Harbor, which was ranked No. 1 in the state, lost to Holt in its regional final.

"I think our chances are as good as anyone's," Trombley said.

Especially with the refuse-to-lose attitude that the North seniors bring to every game.

"I'd missed some free throws earlier in the game, and I knew these were very important shots," Bramos said. "If I made them, it would get everybody's confidence up. They were count-

ing on me. Once I hit the first one, I felt good."

Bramos wasn't the only one who had trouble connecting from the foul line in the first four quarters. North made only 10 of 24 free throws during regulation, but when the game was on the line in the two extra periods, the Norsemen were 17-for-20.

"We wanted to get the ball in Michael's hands, just like we've done all year," said Trombley. "He made some big free throws."

While Bramos did his part with the clutch free throws and led the Norsemen with 19 points and 15 rebounds, he got help from several teammates.

Marcell Maxwell, who finished with 17 points, scored a pair of baskets in the last two minutes of regulation to put North ahead, however, Oak Park's Lorenzo McClelland made a free throw with 1:06 to go to pull the Bulldogs into a 48-all tie.

Both teams missed shots in the final minute of the fourth quarter.

Oak Park jumped ahead early in the first overtime and the lead changed hands six more times before Bramos hit a pair of free throws with 26 seconds left to tie the game at 59-59. Bramos hit six straight from the line in the first overtime, including his final two as an answer to a three-point bas-

ket by Oak Park's Justin Foster that gave the Bulldogs a 59-57 lead with 40 seconds left.

The second overtime was similar to the first until Henry McCain, who had 18 points, made a pair of baskets to give North the lead for good with just under a minute remaining.

His first basket, which came on a tip-in, put the Norsemen ahead 64-63. Oak Park then committed a turnover and McCain scored on a layup to give North a three-point lead.

"They made a defensive mistake and left Henry open when they doubled on Michael," Trombley said.

Bramos, who sees the floor so well, took advantage of the situation and fed a perfect pass to McCain, who drove uncontested to the basket.

Foster made a free throw to cut the margin to two points with 24 seconds remaining, but Oak Park committed a foul before the ball was inbounded and Bramos made two more free throws.

Bramos got the rebound on a Bulldogs' miss with 15 seconds left, and was fouled immediately. He hit both free throws to give North a 70-64 lead.

Derek Wimbley hit a three-point basket with nine seconds left, but McCain secured the win with a free throw with 5.6 seconds to go.

"It was a gutty performance by both teams," Trombley said.

Oak Park, like North a predominantly-senior team, trailed 43-36 early in the fourth quarter but the Bulldogs responded with a 9-0 run that gave them a 45-43 lead with 4:42 remaining.

"We should have pulled away in the fourth quarter," Trombley said, "but they did some things that prohibited us from doing what we wanted."

"It was a game that could have gone either way. It was nerve-wracking."

Trombley said that North's practices had the team prepared for the overtimes.

"We practice making them work when they're really tired and it pays off in a game like this," he said.

North got key contributions off the bench from Jacob Bloomhuff and Adam Miller.

"They both played very well defensively," Trombley said. "Adam usually comes in for Henry, but we needed them both on the floor because of Oak Park's quickness."

Miller also scored seven points, as did David Klein.

Klein had seven rebounds, McCain six and Maxwell five.

Foster led Oak Park, which finished 24-2, with 24 points and Markay Bush added 17.

Richard's butterfly victory leads Blue Devils to fourth in state swimming

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Luke Richard knew that he had a chance to improve on last year's fifth-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly at the state Division I championships.

What the Grosse Pointe South senior didn't know was how much he'd improve on it.

"I never thought I'd be a state champion," Richard said after winning the event at last weekend's state meet at Eastern Michigan University. "It's an awesome feeling."

"I knew some of the ones who finished ahead of me last year graduated, and I was thinking maybe I could get up to third place."

Richard's winning performance in the butterfly helped the Blue Devils finish fourth overall in the team standings for the school's first swimming trophy in more than a decade.

"I'm so proud of all the kids, and especially these 10 seniors," said coach Bill Thompson. "They're not only great swimmers but they're great people, too."

"They earned this (trophy) and they deserved it. They worked hard to get it."

Thompson gave special credit to seniors Richard and Ryan Gunderson.

"They gave up swimming an individual event to make our relays stronger," he said. "That was very unselfish on their part."

"And it paid off because we got all three of our relays into the championship heat of the finals."

South was sixth in the 200 medley relay with the team of Robby Browning, Peter Stevens, Richard and Gunderson posting a time of 1:38.74.

The Blue Devils' two freestyle relay teams finished eighth to earn 22 team points in each of those events.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Richard, Gunderson, Jon Sax and Casey Browning had a time of 1:28.97, while the 400

team of Richard, Gunderson, David Richardson-Rossbach and Casey Browning touched in 3:16.65.

South had an excellent day in the preliminaries on Friday, as nearly all of its state qualifiers advanced to the second day of competition.

"The preliminary day is really the most important day because it sets you up for a good final day," Thompson said.

Richard's first place in the butterfly was the individual highlight of the meet for the Blue Devils.

He had the best time in the preliminaries with a 50.05, and his finals time of 50.91 was almost as fast.

Richard went out in first place and held off a challenge from University of Detroit Jesuit's Tony Wahl, who was second in 51.15.

"(Friday) I took it out fast, and I wanted to do the same today," Richard said.

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Ryan Gunderson was eighth in the 50 freestyle in 22.89, while Justin Linne took eighth in the one-meter diving with a total of 355.10 points.

"Justin was 21st last year, so that was an amazing jump for him," said diving coach Chad Hepner. "We were hoping he would get a top 10 finish."

Each diver has three attempts on the final day of competition, and Linne had

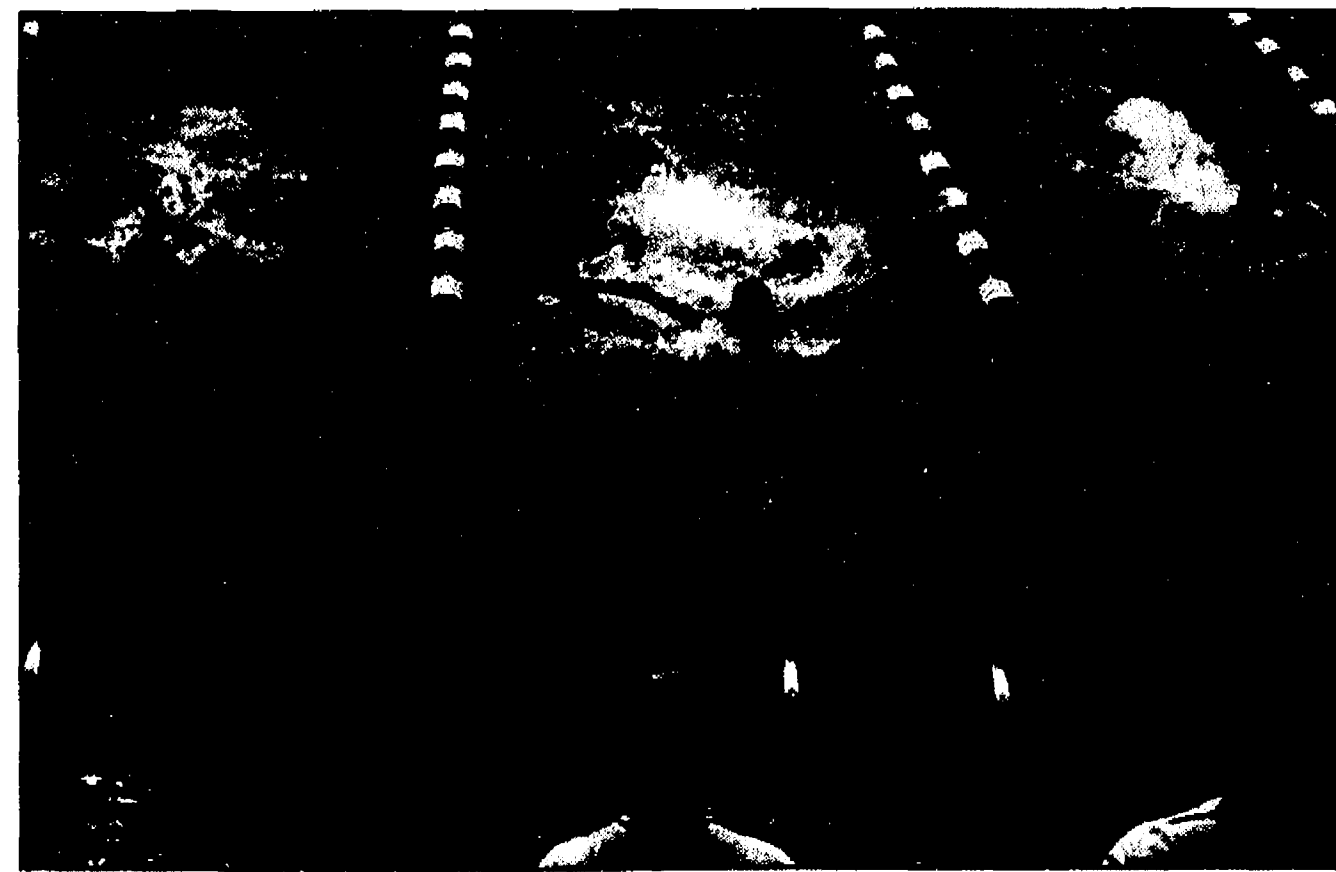


Photo by Bob Rossbach

Grosse Pointe South's Luke Richard (Lane 5) swims to victory in the 100-yard butterfly at the Division I state meet.

"We knew coming in that we had a chance to win a trophy if everyone swam his best. When we finished in the top eight in the 200 medley relay, it gave everybody confidence and it snowballed."

"Everybody swam well on Friday," added assistant coach Eric Gunderson. "Even the kids who didn't make it to the finals had their best times."

Ann Arbor Pioneer had 305 points for its third championship in four years. Zeeland was second with 200 points, following by Birmingham Brother Rice with 183 and South with 142.

"I knew that if I took it out fast I could take (Wahl) in the second 50 (yards)."

Richard said that it was no big deal to give up swimming in the 50 freestyle to swim a leg on the relays.

"I knew my best chance to place in the state was in the 100 fly, so I could concentrate on that," he said. "Besides, I haven't had good times all year in the 50."

Casey Browning was fifth in the 500 freestyle in 4:41.76 and he was 10th in the 200 freestyle in 1:44.66. Stevens also placed in two events. He was 14th in the 100 breaststroke in 1:02.44, and 16th in the 200 individual medley in

excellent scores on two of his three dives.

Hepner said that on Linne's second attempt they gambled on a difficult dive in hopes of moving up a notch or two.

"His final dive was real strong," Hepner said. "I was happy to see him finish like that."

Although most of South's medal winners were seniors, junior Casey Browning and sophomore Danny Basile provided hope for the future.

Basile finished 12th in the 500 freestyle in 4:49.14, posting personal best times in both the preliminaries and the finals.

A fine season ends with North's loss in hockey quarterfinals

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

A lot of high school hockey teams would have been delighted to have a season like Grosse Pointe North's.

The Norsemen won their fifth Division II regional championship in seven years, finished a game out of first place in what is arguably the toughest conference in the state, and defeated several top-ranked opponents on their way to a 19-7-2 record.

"It was a great season, but we just had a bad ending to it," North coach Scott Lock said after his team's 6-3 loss to Trenton in the Division II quarterfinals last week.

"I had people tell me that we might have been No. 1 in the state in all three classes. To hear that, and to fall short of our ultimate goal is disappointing. But the kids

have a lot to be proud of."

The loss to Trenton was hard to take because the Norsemen outplayed the Trojans for most of the game. It was a four-goal outburst during a three-minute, 18-second span late in the third period that was the difference in the contest.

Trenton went on to the Division II championship game where it lost 4-3 in overtime to Birmingham Brother Rice, a team that North defeated twice in league play this season.

North came out flying in the first period and scored three times in a 1:22 span late in the period.

Jeff Rohrkemper started the outburst with his fourth goal in as many playoff games at 10:20, when he put a nice move on goalie Dan Pason after taking a pass from Drew Davis.

Eddie Tropp made it 2-0 only 13 seconds later, with Davis again getting the assist. Colin Brown capped the spurt with a one-timer from the left circle that beat Pason at 11:42.

"I think if we could have made it 4-0, there's no telling what the score would have been," Lock said.

Pason, a sophomore who was in goal because Trenton's regular goalie was sick, settled down and made some excellent saves the rest of the way.

"He played well," Lock said. "He made some great saves in the semifinal game against Davison, too."

Jacob Schering started Trenton's comeback at 9:06 of the second period when he beat goalie Evan Chase from close range.

"That got their crowd back into the game," Lock said.

"It got so loud that we couldn't talk on the bench when we called a timeout."

Derek Mayoros cut North's lead to 3-2 at 9:54, and Schering tied the game at 10:28 when he put a move on Chase and slid the puck under him as he was going to the ice. Mayoros capped the comeback with a high shot over Chase's left shoulder at 12:24.

North dominated the third period, but Pason turned away every opportunity.

He stopped Jon Tibaudo on a breakaway during the first two minutes of the period. He made a nice kick save on Brown midway through the period, and also stopped Brown with 2:15 remaining.

Schering completed his hat trick with 1:42 left in the game, and Phil Bouchard

capped the scoring with an empty-net goal at 13:48 on a puck that bounced off the glass and caromed into the net.

"I was happy with the way all our kids played," Lock said.

"We had some breakdowns in the defensive zone coverage by our forwards when they scored those four quick goals but, other than that, we played well."

Lock said that he would like to see the Michigan High School Athletic Association make some changes in the playoff format for hockey. Lock sent a letter to MHSAA assistant director Randy Allen asking him to consider some changes.

"A team should never host a quarterfinal game," he said. "Trenton has those suites above the benches

and their fans were screaming some terrible things at our kids. We got rattled."

"You have to have an even playing field when it gets to the quarterfinals."

Hockey is the only one of the major sports where the MHSAA allows a team to host a quarterfinal game.

Lock said he would also like to see the state seed the teams after the regionals.

"We shouldn't have played Trenton until the championship game," he said. "We talked about those things at the state finals, and I got a lot of good feedback from other coaches."

South

From page 1C

from Elizabeth Palmer, Monique Squires and Jordan McIlroy.

ULS finished its season 12-10.

Grosse Pointe North, the No. 5 seed in the tournament, edged the No. 4-seeded Livonia Ladywood Blazers 6-5 in another quarterfinal game.

Marissa LaValley scored with 6:05 left in the final period to provide the game-winning goal, and goalkeeper Angela Lee made several solid saves down the stretch to lift the Lady Norsemen to the semifinals.

"I told the girls between the second and third periods (North led 4-3) to not get down on themselves if Ladywood ties the game because we knew they are a talented team," North coach Tim VanEckoute said. "The girls stayed focused, and they used that intensity to win the game and get another shot at South in the semifinals."

Sandmair scored early in the third period to give the Lady Norsemen a 5-3 advantage, but Ladywood stormed back to tie it 5-5, scoring two goals in a span of 57 seconds.

"The girls really played hard, and I'm proud of them for digging deep against Ladywood," VanEckoute said. "It would have been easy to give up after they scored those two quick goals, but the girls played harder and won the game."

LaValley put North ahead 1-0 with a goal at the 11:19 mark of the first period, and in the second stanza, Sandmair (3:10) and Emily Nelson (power play at 4:34) tallied.

Ladywood stayed in the game, thanks to Laura Szwed, who had four of the Blazers' five goals.

In the other quarterfinal games, No. 2 seed Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood edged Regina 5-4, and No. 3 seed Plymouth-Canton-Salem defeated Northville 4-3 in triple-overtime.

North's defense smothers Pilots in regional semifinal

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

For the first time in his brief coaching tenure, Grosse Pointe North's head basketball coach, Matt Trombley, faced his high school head coach, Greg Esler.

The stakes, a trip to a Class A regional championship game and a potential spot in the quarterfinals.

"I told the guys before the game that this isn't Trombley vs. Esler," Trombley said. "It is Grosse Pointe North vs. De La Salle."

Senior Mike Bramos made sure Trombley and the Norsemen came out a winner, scoring a game-high 32 points as North beat the Pilots 62-46 in front of a standing-room only crowd at Eastpointe East Detroit High School.

"We didn't come out and play our style of basketball in the first half, but we were able to stay in the game," Trombley said. "I told the guys at the half to pound the ball in for better looks at the basket because De La Salle couldn't matchup with our size."

North's second-half defense held the Catholic League Central Division

champion Pilots to six third-quarter and eight fourth-quarter points.

Offensively, Bramos, senior David Klein, senior Henry McCain, and senior Marcell Maxwell scored all of the Norsemen's second-half points as they outscored the Pilots 30-14 in the final two periods.

"Our defense was outstanding in the second half," Trombley said. "We had to hold (Keith) Mackenzie in check, and the guys did that, holding him to less than 10 points."

North opened a 45-36 lead midway through the third quarter, but De La Salle cut the deficit 45-44 early in the fourth period.

McCain stepped up and drilled a three-pointer and hit a baseline jumper to give North some breathing room. From that point, the Norsemen never looked back as their lead grew to double digits midway through the final stanza.

Bramos added 13 rebounds and two blocked shots to go with his 32 points, and McCain had 11 points and five rebounds. Klein had nine points and Maxwell added eight points.

The Pilots had their way with the Norsemen in the

first half, cutting through the lane to hit several layups in the paint.

North improved to 22-2, and set up a championship game with Oak Park, which beat Utica Eisenhower in the other regional semifinal.

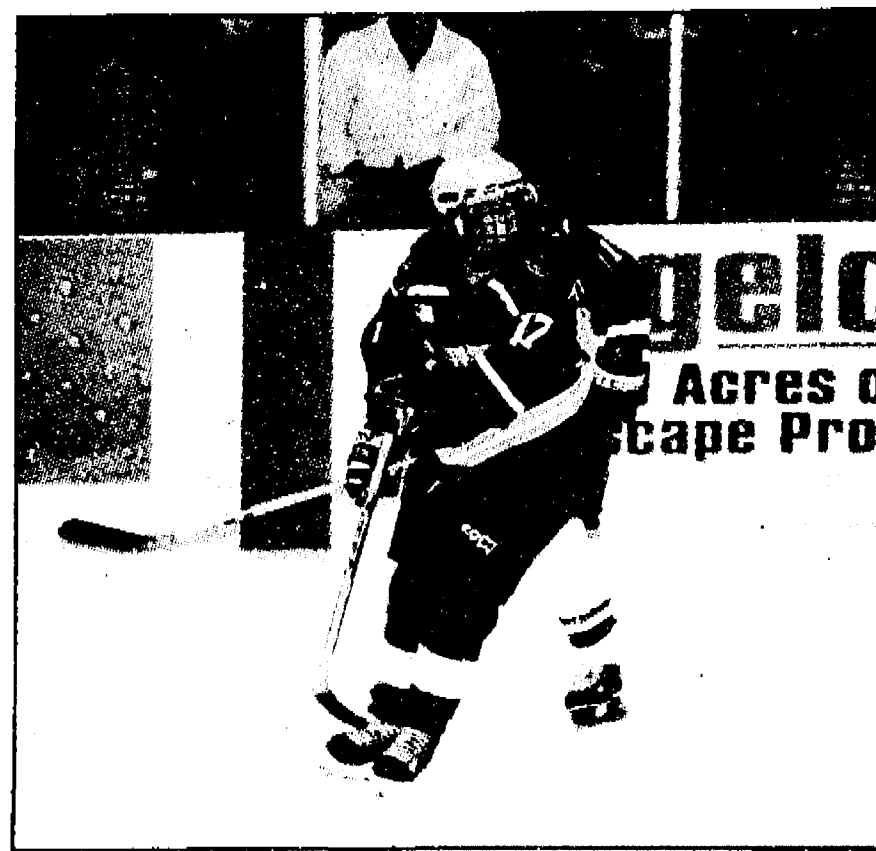
Last call for South baseball camp

There are still some openings for the 14th annual Grosse Pointe South Baseball Instructional Camp, which will be held in the school's gym on Saturday, March 19, but registration closes tonight, March 17.

The camp is open to boys and girls from the fourth through eighth grades. The cost is \$45 per player and all proceeds go to the South baseball program.

The camp will be held in two sessions. One is from 9 a.m. until noon, and the other is from 1 to 4 p.m.

Forms are available at the counter in the main office at South. Players can also register by calling camp director Dan Griesbaum at (313) 884-7834 or by e-mailing him at Dan.griesbaum@gpschools.org. There will be no registration at the door.



Photos by G. Neal

Grosse Pointe South's Ali Morawski, No. 17, recorded three goals and three assists and was voted the Lady Blue Devils' most outstanding performer in two of their three state playoff games.

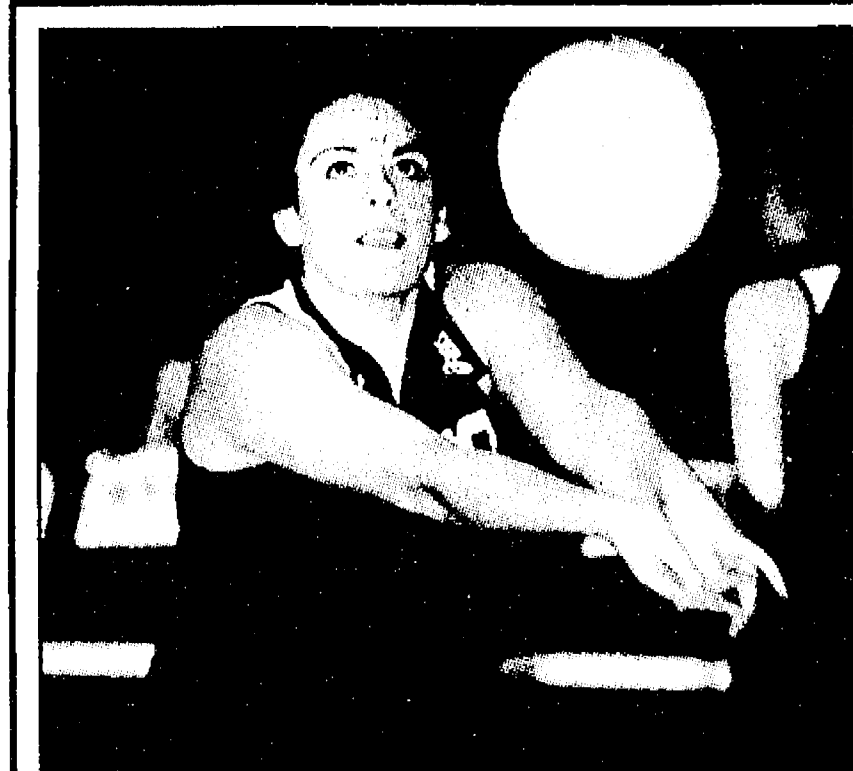


Photo by Bob Bruce

Quarterfinalist

Grosse Pointe North senior Elle D'Angelo, above, played her final high school volleyball match, which was a 23-25, 20-25, 25-22, 20-25 quarterfinal loss to Birmingham Marian. Head coach Kim Lockhart guided the Lady Norsemen to one of the best seasons in a decade, finishing 24-14-1.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES MARCH 7, 2005

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

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

Those Absent Were: None.

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

Mayor Farquhar presided at the Meeting.

The Council approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, which was held February 7, 2005, as submitted.

The Council approved the Minutes of the Closed Session, which was held February 7, 2005.

The Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals, approved the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on November 15, 2004; granted the appeal of John & Elizabeth McCormick, 141 Muir.

Following a Public Hearing, the Council approved the Community Development Block Grant Allocation, as follows:

Administration	\$ 4,200.00
SOC	\$42,000.00
Unprogrammed	(\$21,800.00) to be programmed upon identification of eligible activity)
	\$68,000.00

The Council approved payment of a Statement of Attorney fees from the law firm of Dickinson, Wright.

The Council accepted the Public Safety Department Report for January, 2005 and ordered it placed on file.

The Council adopted a Resolution to schedule a Council Meeting on Monday, March 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. to hold a Public Hearing regarding the Preliminary Site Plan Approval Request submitted by Michael Monahan for the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Project.

The Council adopted a resolution that immediately following adjournment of the Regular Meeting, a Closed Session shall be held for the purpose of discussing certain litigation.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236, ON MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2005 AT 7:00 P.M. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY-OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. RESIDENTS MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: WWW.CI.GROSSE-POINTE-FARMS.MI.US/

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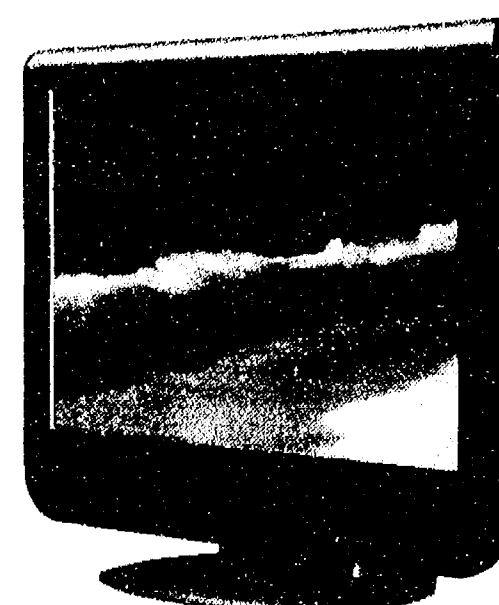


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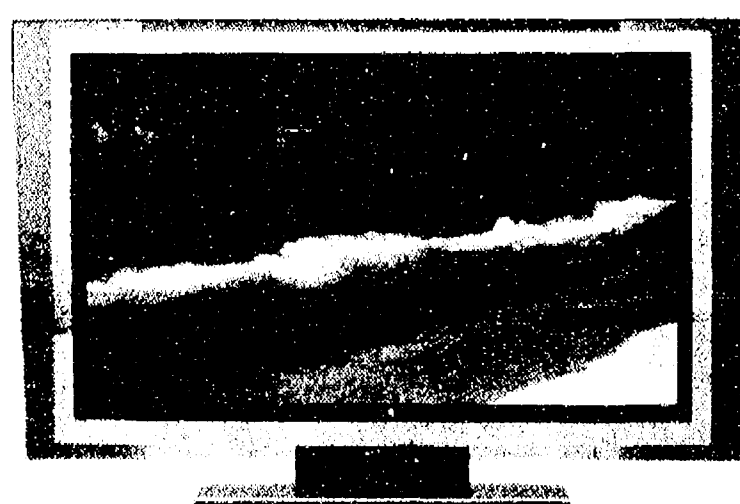
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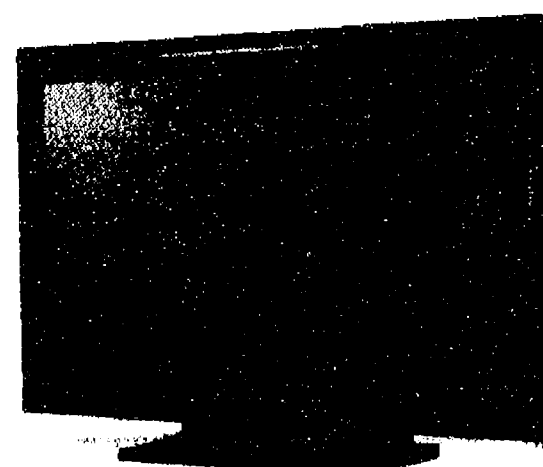


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Remarkable bird facts

Many of our customers feed birds when they travel to their northern Michigan cottages. Some of them are very fortunate to have the pileated woodpecker visit their suet feeders. This crow-sized bird with a huge red crest is usually shy around humans.

Being able to observe a pileated at close range is an awesome sight indeed. But did you know that they taste bad? Apparently, Audubon sampled most of the birds that he painted and proclaimed the bird "extremely unpalatable." This acrid taste can be traced to the pileated's fondness for bitter-tasting carpenter ants. These woodpeckers may sometimes eat so many of these on infested trees that the tree actually recovers.

With nesting season around the corner, the thoughts of birds and reproduction come to mind. Did you know that female songbirds have only one functional ovary? Another interesting breeding fact is that the reproductive organs of both sexes shrivel away to almost nothing during the non-breeding season. These organs would be excess baggage that would compromise flight weight.

On the topic of reproduction, did you know that there is such a thing as a bird that is half male and half female? These birds are called gyan-dromorphs. Observations have been made where the plumage of the bird is male on one side and female on the other side, with a line exactly down the middle of the bird demarking the plumage differences.

In raptors, the females are larger than their male counterparts. A female red-tailed hawk weighs about 30 percent more than a male. Female sharp-shinned hawks are almost twice as big as males. Why the difference? It has been theorized that a mated pair can hunt for more diverse prey successfully and that the larger size of the female prevents the male from injuring her during mating.

Our common feeder woodpecker, the downy, not only hammers away at trees for food, but also engages in drumming at this time of year. Drumming is this bird's way of singing, proclaiming a territory with the rapid beating of his bill against an opportunistic resonating



By Rosann Kovalcik
Wild Birds Unlimited

spot on a tree. How can this be accomplished without damage to his bird brain? The skull bones of this bird are ossified, almost as hard as concrete, a necessary adaptation.

The circulatory systems in birds and humans are very diverse. Birds have a much higher blood pressure with the systolic pressure for a starling at 180 and for a canary at 220. Heartbeat is another major difference between our feathered friends and us. A robin has been measured at 570 times per minute and a blue-winged teal at 1,000 times per minute. Because of these circulatory differences, blood travels through a bird's body at a very fast pace. Consider that in a turkey, it takes only 11 seconds for the blood to make a complete circuit.

I hope that you have enjoyed this glimpse of unusual facts about these fascinating creatures. Enjoy your birds.

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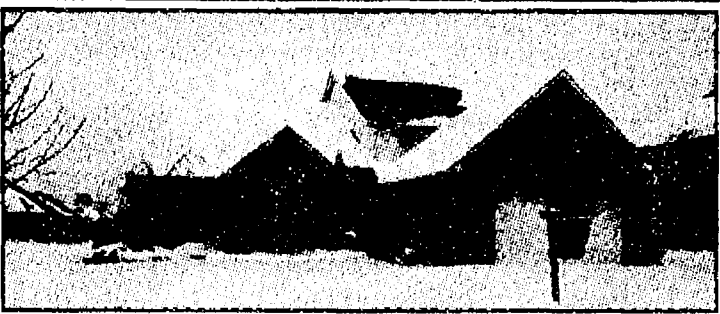
693 LAKE SHORE

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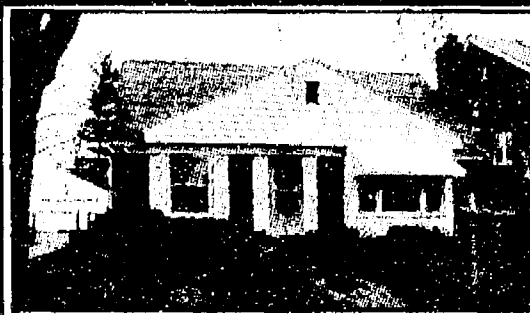
STERLING HEIGHTS/UTICA SCHOOLS. Lovely, 4 bedroom brick home has large master bedroom, new roof & central air '01, new furnace '02, new Wallside windows '04, sharp kitchen w/dishwasher, stove & fridge, doorwall & deck off dining area, 2 baths, fireplace in living room (window decor excluded), finished carpeted basement, wide park-like lot, attached 2 car garage & more! Seller is providing a one year home warranty policy. Asking \$244,900.

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**23773 PETERSBURG**

EASTPOINTE/SOUTH LAKE SCHOOLS. Lovely three bedroom brick ranch has natural fireplace, Wallside windows and doorwalls, remodeled kitchen with bay window, oak cabinets and appliances, central air, new roof (1993), professionally finished basement with fourth bedroom and half bath, fabulous three season room with hot tub and more! Asking \$179,500.

**15601 NORTH PARK**

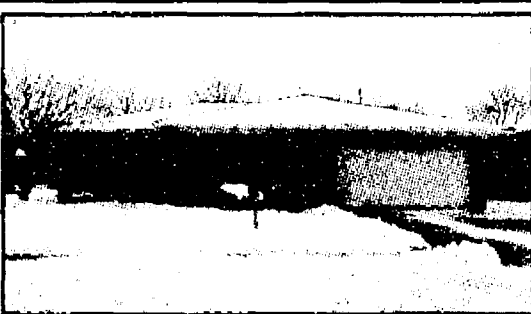
EASTPOINTE. Absolutely lovely, charming 3 bedroom brick home has large living room w/fireplace, formal dining room, new vinyl windows (2003), new roof (1999), updated furnace (2000), nice sunroom, finished basement w/rec room, kitchen & full bath, nice 2nd floor den, garage & more! All window treatment & some appliances stay. Asking \$158,900.

**47184 SUGARBUSH**

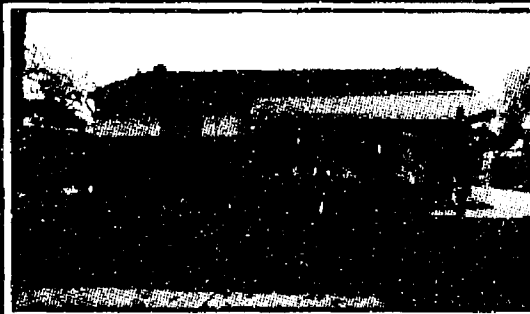
CHESTERFIELD TWP/LANSE CREUSE SCHOOLS. Absolutely lovely, unique 3 bedroom home has very large basement with third full bath and 8 ft. ceilings, spectacular park-like front & back yards, wonderful views from the entire house, brand new roof, beautiful kitchen with island and appliances, central air, newer furnace, family room, formal dining room, vaulted ceilings, 2.5 car attached garage, inground sprinklers and so much more! Asking \$264,500.

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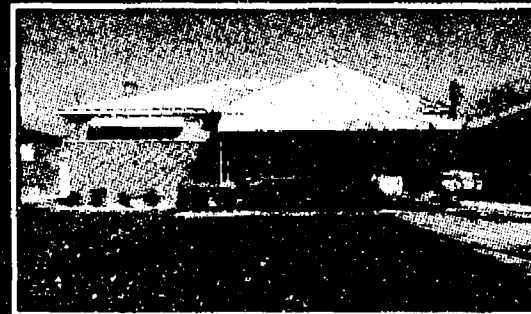
MACOMB TWP. Stunning 2 bedroom condo has finished carpeted basement w/full bath, formal dining area, master suite w/bath, brick paver tiered patio, fireplace in great room, attached 2 car garage, neutral decor throughout and more. Kitchen stove, basement fridge, and all window treatments stay. \$130/mo. includes outside maintenance, outside water and building insurance. Pets allowed. Asking \$189,900.

**23068 RAVEN**

EASTPOINTE/SOUTH LAKE SCHOOLS. Lovely, large 3 bedroom brick ranch has large family room w/fireplace & marble hearth, marble entry foyer, 1st fl laundry, newer vinyl Wallside windows, large kitchen w/built-in dishwasher, stove & refig, newer central air 4yrs, 2 car attached garage w/opener, hardwood floors under carpet, circuit breakers, full house emergency lighting system, front & back sprinklers & more. Basement is prepped for bath. Asking \$184,900.

**31900 COURTLAND**

ST. CLAIR SHRS/LAKESHORE SCHOOLS. Very nice, clean 3 bedroom brick ranch has newer roof, vinyl windows & central air (1-2 years), newer furnace (8 years), hardwood floors, sharp remodeled kitchen, finished basement has full bath and kitchen, 2 car garage w/opener & much more! 2 stoves, 2 fridges, freezer, washer, dryer and 5 ceiling fans all stay. Seller is providing a 1 year home protection plan. Asking \$149,900.

**23031 PLAYVIEW**

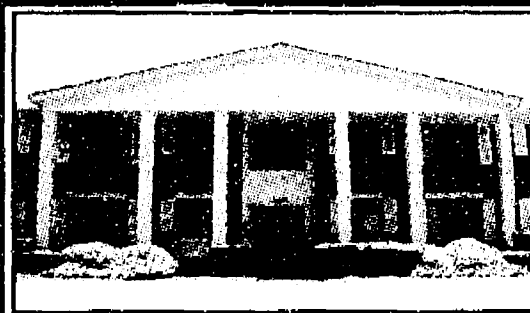
ST. CLAIR SHORES/LAKESHORE SCHOOLS. Very nice 3 bedroom brick ranch has many improvements. New roof (3 years), copper plumbing, light oak kitchen with dishwasher, new cement driveway, hardwood floors under carpet, 2.5 car garage, dining "L", paneled basement w/full bath, central air, updated vinyl windows & more! Stove, fridge, dishwasher, washer & dryer stay. Seller is providing 1 year home warranty policy. Asking \$152,500.

**18383 LISTER**

EASTPOINTE/SOUTH LAKE SCHOOLS. Lovely large 3 bedroom, brick ranch has nice family room, remodeled kitchen w/hardwood floors, large eating area, finished basement has half bath, new dimensional roof, gutters & trim (5 years), brick front garage w/new vinyl siding, copper plumbing, central air (6 years), entry foyer & more! Move in at closing. Asking \$144,900.

**21709 KRAMER**

ST. CLAIR SHORES/LAKEVIEW SCHOOLS. Sharp, very clean, very updated 3 bedroom brick ranch has all vinyl windows, copper plumbing, glass block windows, newer roof on house, lovely brand new kitchen with ceramic floor & built-in dishwasher, hardwood floors, dining "L", updated furnace & central air (1992), remodeled bath, spacious master bedroom, 2.5 car garage, half bath in basement and much more! Asking \$149,900.

**23041 LIBERTY**

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**20412 WOODSIDE**

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**20284 WASHTENAW**

HARPER WOODS. Extremely nice, clean 2 bedroom brick home has great decor, large unfinished 2nd floor, family room, newer white kitchen, newer vinyl windows, very nice finished basement w/bar, circuit breakers, new central air (2 years), nice deck in back, brick paver walkway, dogwood tree & lots of perennials, 2 car garage & more! All window treatments & stove stay. Asking \$109,900.



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Q. Mr. Hardware, I had a question about chimney "chalking." Chalking — white residue, like salt crystals — has built up for about 6 to 7 feet. I seem to notice some moisture in the wood fascia boards at edges to chimney — but very slight, no rotting. Is this attributable to moisture?

— Stan in Grosse Pointe Woods.

A. Stan, it sounds as if moisture is entering the masonry above the chalking area and pulling lime or "salts" out of the mortar leaving a residue. There are several common sources of water getting into a chimney.

- It could be from the masonry cap formed at the top of the chimney that tapers from the edge to the flue that drains water off the chimney. It is not uncommon to see a relatively new cap with cracks that allow rain into the core of a chimney.

- Sometimes soft mortar and/or hairline cracks will weep water into the chimney.

- Metal flashing where the roof touches the chimney could have been done poorly.

The moisture on the fascia is trouble. It will cause rot sooner or later. You must find the source of water and if it is in the flashing, or lack of, do not tar it. Flashing is designed to breath. If installed properly, water that gets under one area of flashing will be directed out by the next layer



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below. Tar will only trap water and cause leaks.

The chalking should come off with a 1/4 cup Trisodium Phosphate (TSP) per gallon warm water solution. Apply the mixture twice, about five-minutes apart, and see if the chalking softens. If not, apply a third application, no rinsing between these, and see what results. Instead of TSP, you could try cleaning the chalking with oxygen bleach. It is not stronger, just a different chemical and milder.

Some chalking from paint requires a solution of muriatic acid but I would save that for a following weekend.

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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(MS) — Brick paver use has increased 30 percent in recent years from 170 million units in 2000 to 240 million in 2002.

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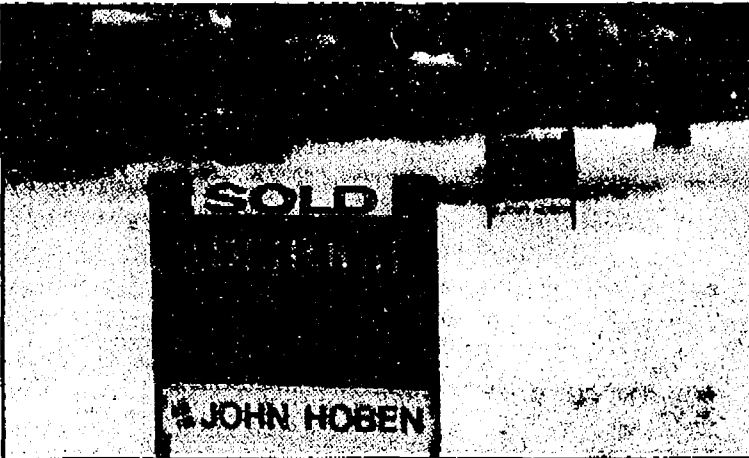
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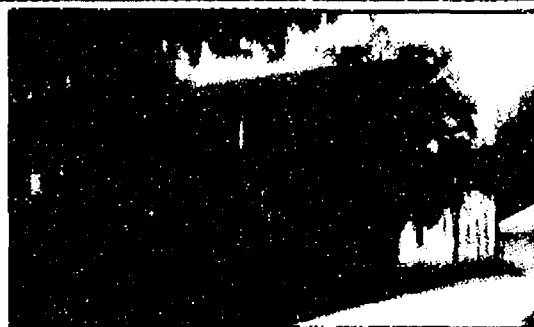


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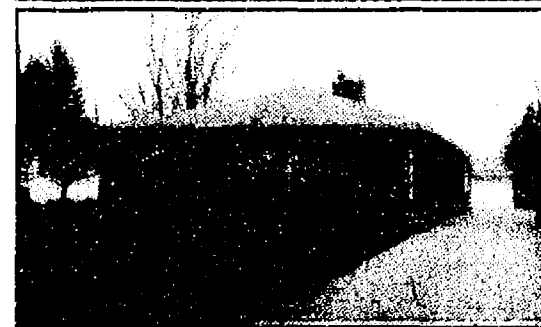


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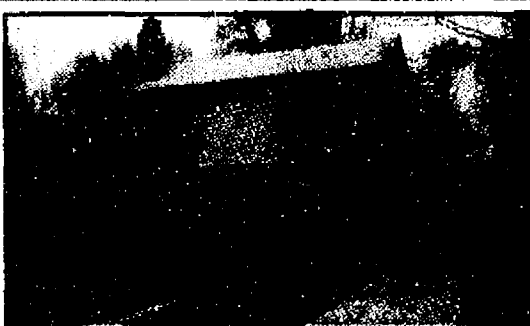
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In a seller's market, price your home to move

Q. We listed our home, had few showings, and it did not sell. I was told that our home was overpriced. How does price relate?

— Jan from Harper Woods.

A. Perhaps the greatest frustration for home sellers is putting their house on the market and watching it sit. Have you ever wondered why a truly nice home has seemed to be passed-over while other homes in the same neighborhood seem to sell more quickly. You may suspect that those other homes had gorgeous state-of-the-art kitchens and, therefore, that must be the answer. The truth, however, is much simpler. The No. 1 factor in determining how quickly a home will sell is its price.

Sure it's true that there are always several sub-issues at play that contribute to how quickly a house will sell, but, ultimately, the greatest single factor that determines the desirability of a home to the able pool of buyers is the asking price. Having worked with numerous buyers and other agents, I have found there is little doubt that



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homes which are perceived by buyers as overpriced usually sell more slowly and coincidentally for less money.

Why is this? First, overpriced homes may get looked at initially (if nothing more than out of curiosity), but once the "buzz" of this new listing fades, overpriced homes tend to receive fewer quality showings. Further, "why are they asking \$10,000 more than everybody else?" is a common question Realtors hear from their buyers when looking at overpriced homes. To be honest, if there is no apparent justification for the exaggerated price, the home almost inevitably gets ignored.

How do you avoid these pricing problems? It is hypercritical that sellers and their agents do a thorough overview of the markets trend — called a Comparative Market Analysis. This home value analysis offers sellers several key pricing components and options to consider.

Say you own a typical \$160,000 bungalow in Harper Woods. In order to sell your home in a reasonable time frame and for the best price, you need to know several things. First, how many other homes similar to yours are being offered at this time. Second, what is the price range of these other homes — bungalows may range from \$150,000 to \$170,000? And third, what are some of the asking prices of homes like yours that did not sell? This third component usually represents the overpriced homes and this is not generally where you want to price your house.

Think of it like this. It does little good to offer a bungalow at \$167,000 when most of the competition has sold for around \$150,000 to

\$155,000.

As a seasoned buyers agent, I can tell you that it is generally much easier to get a buyer to pay close to full asking price on a fairly priced home than it is to get him to even write an offer on a home that is significantly overpriced.

I've heard it said by sellers of overpriced homes, "Can't they just offer us something and we can negotiate?" The problem is, many buyers think it is a waste of their time to try to get the seller to come down large amounts when the house is overpriced. Buyers seldom write offers on overpriced homes; rather, they tend to flock to the homes that are priced fairly and offer the best value at the time.

Because higher-priced homes tend to sit, sellers get frustrated and start to lower their price in order to react to the other similar homes that have been selling. All the while, the buyer pool has in essence "stigmatized" this property

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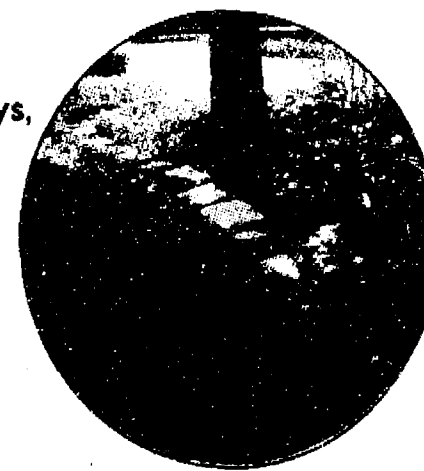
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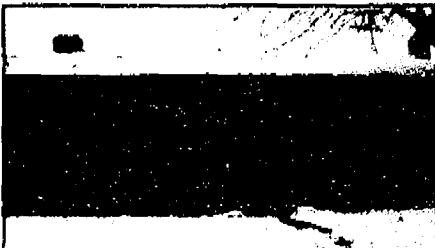
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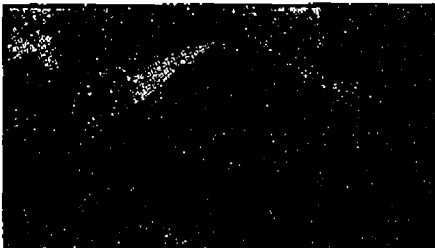
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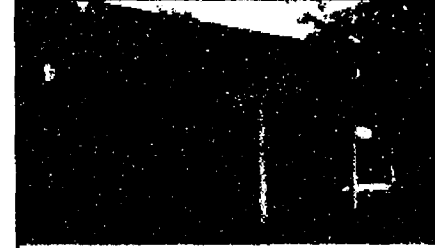
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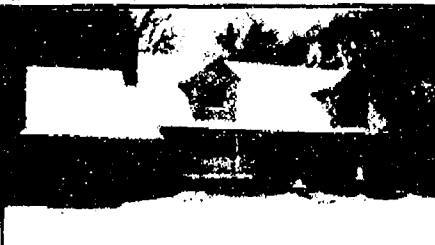
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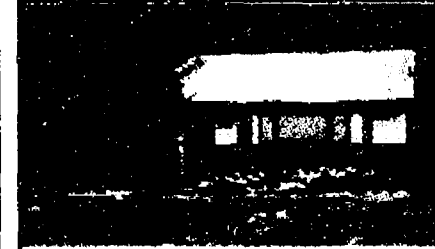
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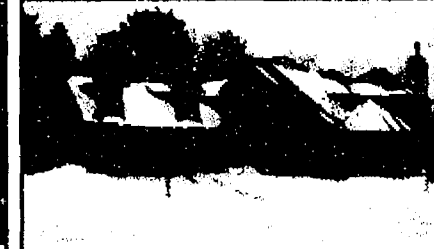
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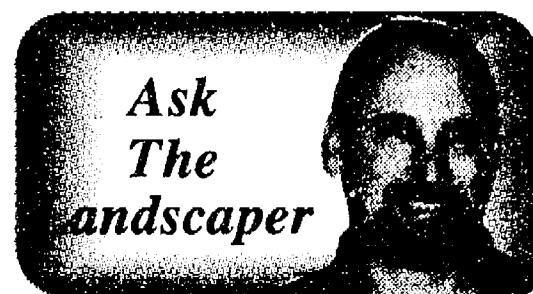
Shopping guide for best of patio furniture

Q. I have decided to purchase new patio furniture this year. What choices do I have, and what is the best type to get?

A. There are many choices in patio furniture. Patio furniture is made of wood, aluminum, wrought iron, steel and plastic. The question is not which is bad or good, but which type fits your lifestyle best. The color and styles of furniture available are enormous and every year new styles and colors come to market.

Before shopping, first look at how often and who will be using your furniture. Do you need furniture that is rugged enough for everyday use around the pool? Are you looking for furniture that can be part of the art of your backyard landscape? Is your furniture primarily for eating outside or relaxing on the patio? Do you prefer cushions, slings or neither? Questions like these will help you and the salesperson best fit the furniture to your lifestyle.

Wood furniture is not all the same. There are many types of wood used to make furniture including pine,



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oak, teak and other tropical hardwoods. Pine is used for general purpose picnic tables, Adirondack chairs, and rustic pine log furniture. Pine wood furniture is usually less expensive than other hardwoods and needs to be protected from the elements with a wood preservative. Hardwood furniture can be left to naturally gray or can be treated with stain or oils to keep the natural colors bright. Wood is higher maintenance than other furniture materials but the perfect fit for those looking for the back-to-nature look and feel of their furniture.

Aluminum is used to make the

majority of the furniture sold in the United States. Most is extruded and some is cast. Cast is poured into molds and extruded looks like hollow tubes in a variety of shapes. Cast aluminum is similar in looks to cast iron. Extruded aluminum can be bent to create the chair frame and welded together for strength. The benefit of aluminum is that it will not rust when scratched. Extruded aluminum furniture can be very inexpensive or moderately priced. The difference is in the thickness of the aluminum and the amount of the furniture that is welded together as opposed to fastened with nuts and bolts. Most of the furniture is painted with tough enamels for years of use.

Styles of aluminum furniture include slings or cushions. A sling is a single layer of fabric that is stretched to form the seat of the chair. A sling chair dries fast since there is no foam or padding. The old saying that "you get what you pay for" is true in aluminum furniture. A quality set will last a very long time and can take a lot of abuse.

Wrought iron is still very popular. The furniture is reasonably priced and durable. Yes, if scratched, wrought iron will rust. The improvements over the last 10 years in painting have been dramatic. Finishes today are similar to the paint finish on your car. There are state-of-the-art primers and electronically bonded enamel paints. If you touch-up any scratches as they occur, your furniture will last a long time.

Wrought iron furniture has a traditional elegance to it with all the scrolled metal and ornamental artwork. Iron is the perfect choice for those homeowners in windy locations because the furniture is heavier than most and is less likely to blow over. You can get cushions for wrought iron but most people prefer without.

Plastic and steel furniture can be found but are not as popular. Steel furniture will look like extruded aluminum. Plastic furniture, also known as resin furniture, was very popular 10 years ago but today is usually only found as inexpensive stack chairs. If you are looking for very inexpensive furniture, and you know up front this furniture usually lasts about five years outside, then plastic is for you.

There are many differences to look for even though furniture stores and mass merchant's furniture look similar. Whatever you decide on, look at a few stores and ask questions about warranties and how the furniture is constructed. A smart consumer is an informed consumer about what he or she is buying. Once you find the patio set that fits your lifestyle you can relax and enjoy your furniture for years to come.

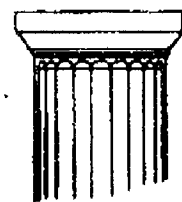
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by ignoring it. As the days on market (DOM) creeps up, buyers ask, "Is there something wrong with this house?" Some buyers choose to ignore homes that have been on the market "too long." By the time the overpriced home finally comes in line with the market, the seller is oftentimes so frustrated that the first, potentially "low ball," offer is often the one they take.

Ultimately, buyers seldom reward sellers by overpaying for homes. In fact, there are safety nets, of a kind, in place to ensure that buyers do

not overpay. In addition to savvy buyers agents who will know what the house should really sell for, any buyer who will need to obtain a mortgage will need to have the home "appraised." If the house does not receive the required value, then it raises issues regarding the price that is going to have to be negotiated and finally resolved before the sale can proceed.

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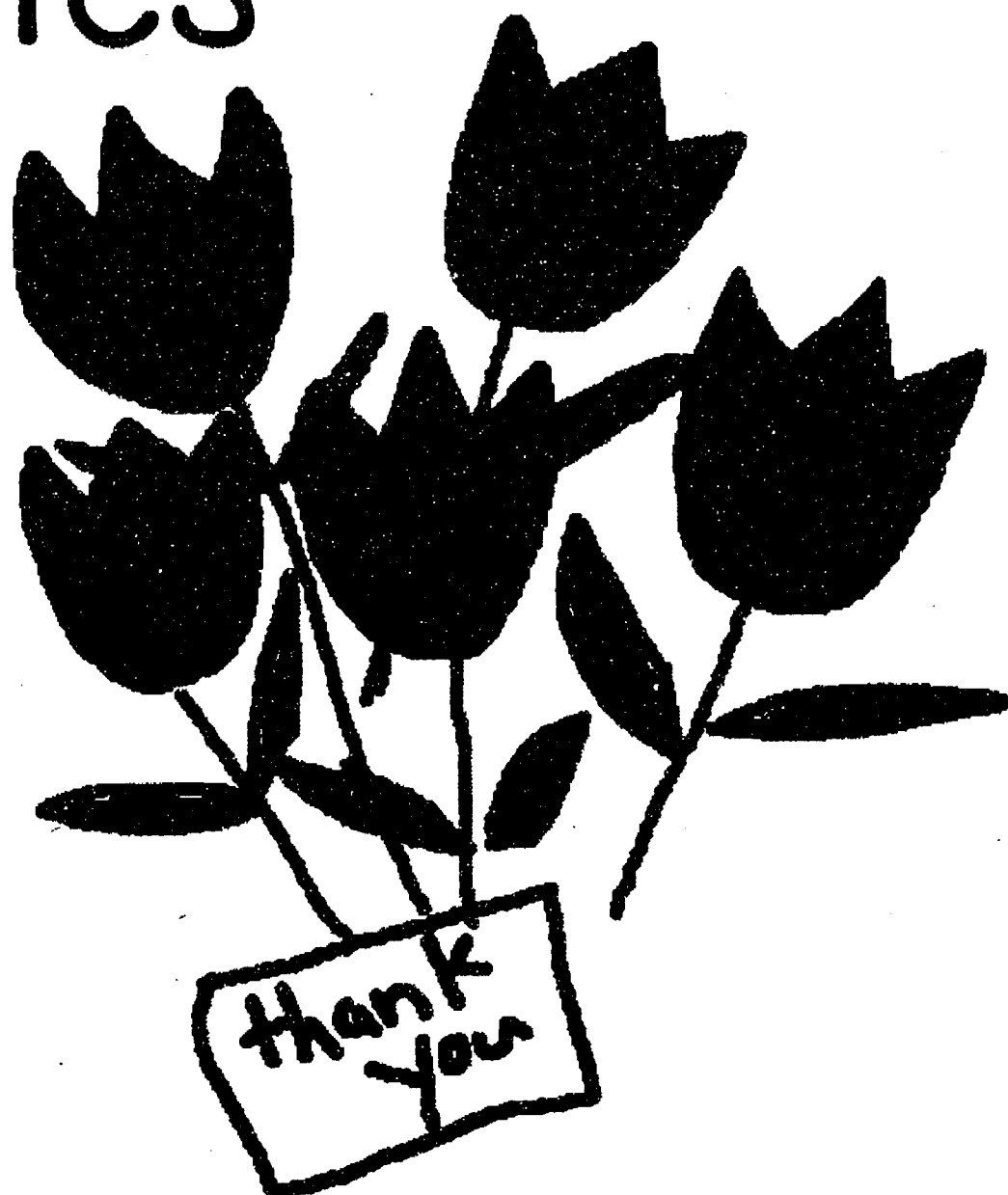
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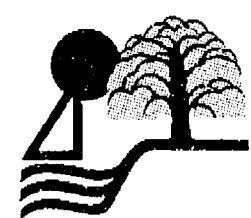
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FIRST OFFERING

This beautifully renovated Micou colonial in prestigious Farms neighborhood offers a newer custom kitchen with granite, renovated baths and neutral, tasteful decorating throughout. Very generous and beautifully landscaped grounds with two patios. \$789,000 #5

FIRST OFFERING

Dramatic contemporary colonial in a premiere location with panoramic and unobstructed views of the lake from spacious and well proportioned rooms. First floor master suite with fireplace, dressing rooms and loft. Family room with tray ceiling. A perfect home for formal or informal entertaining. #6

FIRST OFFERING

Magnificent Georgian Colonial on prestigious private road with an exceptional view of the golf course. Built by Micou. Professionally landscaped grounds with a large redwood deck and gazebo. Large finished basement. Four car heated garage. #7

FIRST OFFERING

Magnificent English Tudor with slate roof on quiet cul-de-sac, circular drive. Enter into grand foyer and immediately feel the elegance and graciousness of this beautifully restored six bedroom, three and a half bath home. Leaded glass windows, six natural fireplaces, antique wall scones. #8

FIRST OFFERING

This architecturally distinctive home offers the master craftsmanship of Albert Kahn. Soaring ceilings, a dramatic central courtyard with sky lit ceiling, gallery with rare, bleached limestone columns, magnificent dining room with carved plaster moldings, stained glass and extensive use of oak and walnut. \$1,895,000 #9

FIRST OFFERING

A quiet and secluded dead end location in the Farms offers a 4 bedroom, 3 full and 2 half bath home with newer gourmet kitchen and adjacent family room with fireplace. Fireplaces in the formal living room and elegant paneled library too. An elevator accesses all three floors. "Winter" lake views and a private lakfront park. \$1,145,000 #10

FIRST OFFERING

Magnificent lake front estate offers sublime woodlot drive which leads to the impressive motor court. Newly constructed, the distinctive architectural design offers an incomparable lifestyle. Brochure available. #11

FIRST OFFERING

Gracious lake front residence in the Farms, 140 feet of lake front and over an acre of property. Living room with new fireplace & bay and adjacent family room both have commanding lake views. First floor master with lake views. #12

FIRST OFFERING

Superb French Regency built by Micou. Features first and second floor master bedrooms. Lake views from most rooms. Mutschler kitchen with granite island. Paneled library has a gas fireplace and wet bar. Fabulous second floor master bath features dressing room, Jacuzzi tub, double sinks and three skylights. #13

FIRST OFFERING

Imagine a handsome dining room with crackling fireplace and bow window. This magnificent colonial epitomizes old world grace and style with spacious grounds and beautiful gardens. There are crown moldings, live fireplaces, numerous bay windows and garages for four cars. \$1,199,000 #14

FIRST OFFERING

Build the Home of Your Dreams on this prime residential lot in Grosse Pointe Shores. 110 feet of lakeshore frontage with spectacular uninhibited views of Lake St. Clair. Priced to sell, call us today for a site plan and further information. \$1,395,000 #15

FIRST OFFERING

GRACIOUS MICOU BUILT COLONIAL in the heart of the Farms. Built with exacting standards, this distinguished residence offers an inviting foyer with sweeping staircase, library, family room, master bedroom suite with fireplace, second floor laundry and spacious bedrooms. #16

FIRST OFFERING

This elegant Georgian colonial features inlaid herringbone floors, crisp crown and dentil moldings, and fireplaces for each member of your family. The gourmet kitchen with granite counters is perfect for baking and family evenings at home. Four car attached garage. Walled gardens and a pool. \$2,265,000 #17

FIRST OFFERING

Elegant custom built French Colonial located on quiet Shores street close to lake. This impeccably maintained three bedroom, three bath home features a first floor master bedroom suite, cozy family room overlooking private grounds, generously proportioned room sizes and a three car attached garage. #18

FIRST OFFERING

Location and condition collaborate at 716 Lochmoor Boulevard to create a tremendous home and a tremendous value. Four bedrooms, three and a half baths, generous room sizes, updated master bath, tear off roof, finished basement, 100x162 fenced lot. Priced attractively at \$749,900. #19

FIRST OFFERING

Three bedroom, two and a half bath home in Windermere Place. Large, sunken living room with fireplace, gourmet kitchen with granite counters and eating area, master bedroom with tray ceiling, fireplace, spacious bathroom and two walk-in closets. Library with 60" flat panel television and a first floor laundry. \$1,100,000 #20

FIRST OFFERING

Wonderful four bedroom, three and one half bath Nantuxet Cape Cod. Over 3,200 square feet nestled on a spacious lot. Within steps to Lake St. Clair. First floor master suite, spectacular family room with entertainment center and a professionally finished lower level recreation area with an exercise room & office. Priced at only \$729,000. #21

FIRST OFFERING

Provencal Road. Well designed colonial overlooking The Country Club Golf Course. Good floor plan for entertaining and family activities. All family bedrooms have private baths. Spacious kitchen overlooks 29 foot family room. Newer Pella windows throughout. Large lot. Six bedrooms, five baths and two lavs. Three car garage. #22

FIRST OFFERING

OPEN SUNDAY MAR. 20, 2-4 PM
Mutschler kitchen, Pella windows, six panel doors, tear-off roof, new siding, copper plumbing, glass block windows, deck with grill, motion sensitive lighting, invisible fence. Awesome master suite. Walk to Morimoto and Brownell. \$349,900. 422 ROLAND #23

FIRST OFFERING

2000 Built Rosehill Colonial in top high condition. Ready for you to move in! Located on 13 Mile Road! 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath home has a maple kitchen with all appliances, built-in 5.1 surround sound, central vacuum, & more. It is a beautiful state of the art home! All for \$164,900. #24

FIRST OFFERING

Exceptionally well maintained four bedroom, three full bath home on Saddle Lane. Recent updates: Andersen windows throughout, gourmet kitchen with granite, kitchen opens to family room, large bedroom on first floor currently used as an office. Attached garage with entry to mud room. \$459,900 #25

FIRST OFFERING

HARRISON TOWNSHIP CONDOMINIUM. Fresh throughout, this wonderful condominium is located near I-94 and Metro Parkway. Newer windows, fresh decorating throughout and maintained beautifully. Priced under market value to sell quickly. Make your appointment soon! Hidden Oaks. #26

FIRST OFFERING

This original owner home offers three bedrooms, one and one half baths in the Farms and is ready for a new family. Spacious rooms with marvelous plaster detail. Expansion area under the eaves. An open palette for a handy buyer. Priced at \$195,000. #27

FIRST OFFERING

Charming center entrance Cape Cod in excellent condition. Grand sized living room with fireplace and pine paneled library, full dining room, eating space in kitchen, covered porch, attractive tile roof. Large lot. \$269,000 #28

FIRST OFFERING

Affordable and cute lot! This three bedroom, one and one half bath home offers a terrific floor plan with bright and sunny rooms, a fireplace, spacious eat-in kitchen, new tear off roof and an attached garage. Unheated Florida room for quick, additional space. \$227,000! #29

FIRST OFFERING

Cut your commute and enjoy apartment living in Grosse Pointe Park. Perfect one bedroom apartment for a person on the go. Washer and dryer included. Common area rooms most attractive. Live in the Pointes for \$85,000. #30

FIRST OFFERING

Great location for this duplex. Three bedrooms, plus one and one half baths. Many recent updates. Units same size, rents for \$1,100/month. Separate meters for electric & gas. Includes 4 stoves and refrigerators. Hardwood floors. \$294,900 #31

FIRST OFFERING

Great 4 family South of Jefferson, across from Trombley School. Newer roof, windows, all kitchens replaced in last 5 years. One boiler new 2003, separate meters for electric & gas. Includes 4 stoves and refrigerators. Hardwood floors. \$294,900 #32

FIRST OFFERING

Three bedroom brick ranch on a lovely street in Harper Woods! Three car garage, natural fireplace in living room. Very clean. Lav in finished basement. \$142,900 #33

FIRST OFFERING

\$114,900!! Two bedroom ranch in Grosse Pointe Woods! This home is in tremendous condition! New windows, new bath, newer furnace, new garage door, new carpet in bedrooms. Tastefully decorated. #34

FIRST OFFERING

A NEW HOUSE IN THE NEW YEAR! This cute two bedroom home is in an area of much more expensive houses in G.P. Woods. Improvements include the refinished oak floors, updated kitchen and bath and new decor. Quick occupancy is available. Priced to sell at \$193,900. #35

FIRST OFFERING

East English Village! \$129,900 for this dual peak Tudor Bungalow. Three bedrooms, breakfast nook, natural fireplace, step-up dining room, all appliances. There is a HUGE extra space adjacent to the upper bedroom. Perfect for a spacious master bath. #36

FIRST OFFERING

Charming multi-family property in Grosse Pointe Park ideal for an investor or owner occupied. Or... could be converted to a single family home. Located on a great street close to the new library, shopping, schools and the parks. Two great porches. \$153,900. #37

FIRST OFFERING

OPEN SUNDAY MAR. 20, 2-4 PM
Adorable three bedroom brick bungalow with formal dining room. Neutral decor throughout and hardwood floors under carpeted areas. Fireplace in living room. Eating space in kitchen. Immediate occupancy. Located east of Mack just a short walk to all schools, shopping and transportation. \$169,000 1796 ANITA #38

FIRST OFFERING

Grosse Pointe Woods Bungalow awaits your immediate purchase and move in! Many newer features in this three bedroom home which includes, newer kitchen, baths, state of the art hot water heater, newer furnace and air. Living room with fireplace. Fabulous rec. room with newer bath. PRICE REDUCED! #39

FIRST OFFERING

Terrific commercial space FOR SALE on Mack. Zoned for offices but currently used as retail, this space would be super for a multitude of users. Approximately 1100 square feet with a kitchenette, computer niche, custom lighting, half bath and newer furnace and central air. Building next door for lease. Asking \$199,900. #40

NEW PRICE!

Center entrance colonial with 2,500 square feet, four bedrooms, two and a half baths, hardwood floors under carpeting, recreation room with natural fireplace, basement waterproofing with transferable guarantee. Yard work as easy as condo living. \$337,500 #41

NEW PRICE!

Four bedroom, two and a half bath Colonial near Hunt Club and Star of the Sea. Two car attached garage, new windows, new tear off roof '02, new hardwood floor in family room. Partially finished basement. Newer carpet throughout. Corner lot. Immediate occupancy. #42

FIRST OFFERING

Move in just when the gardens burst with color. Immaculate, updated Tudor in the City offers 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths in 2100 sq. feet. Covered stone terrace overlooks professionally landscaped gardens. Gleaming hardwood floors and kitchen with eating area. \$364,900 #43

FIRST OFFERING

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. 26014 FELICITY LANDING #44

FIRST OFFERING

Special Georgian Colonial on double lot. Three bedrooms (one with fireplace), upstairs family room with wet bar. Newer kitchen, two car attached garage, partially finished basement with bath. Floor to ceiling windows, French doors from living room lead to yard. Bay window in formal dining room. \$330,000 #45

FIRST OFFERING

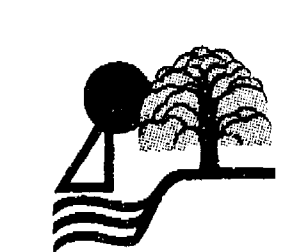
Completely renovated 2600 square foot colonial with four bedrooms and three full baths in Grosse Pointe. Custom kitchen, master suite, first floor bedroom and full bath, refinished hardwood floors. Immediate occupancy. Motivated seller! \$349,900 #46

FIRST OFFERING

Gorgeous view of Lake St. Clair from this third floor end unit of 400 on the Lake. Enclosed porch, updated kitchen with appliances, library with built-ins including a wine cooler, & tasteful decor throughout. The condominium complex includes a boat well, pool, club house, tennis court, garage and carport. \$398,900 #47

OPEN SUNDAY MAR. 20, 2-4 PM
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26014 FELICITY LANDING, HARRISON TWP.
422 ROLAND, GROSSE POINTE FARMS
621 WASHINGTON, GROSSE POINTE

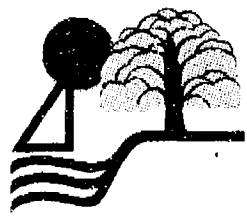
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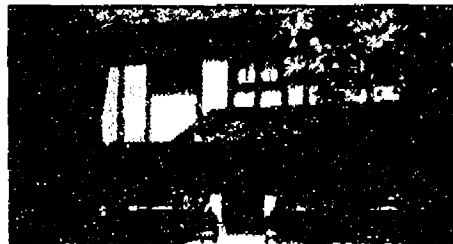
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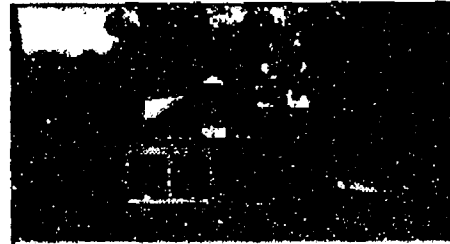
Beautifully renovated three bedroom, one and a half bath home. Gleaming hardwood floors, spacious kitchen with eating area and a professionally decorated neutral décor are only the beginning! Family room overlooks the deck and private rear yard. #48



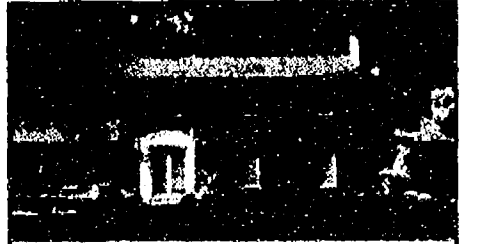
Classic Tudor Condo. Loads of character with modern day conveniences such as central air, kitchen with oak cabinets, granite countertops, island and Subzero fridge. Three floors of living space with a quiet courtyard and one car garage. \$375,500 #49



SPECIAL COLONIAL on Meadow Lane offers quiet cul-de-sac setting for this darling 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home with a great floor plan. Wonderful terrace with awning, master bedroom with fireplace and updated kitchen are just a few highlights. #50



This is a fabulous price for this home directly on Lake St. Clair. Three bedrooms (one on first floor) and views of the lake from every room. A three season glassed porch gives serene views of the lake and the dock. Two garages, one attached and one detached. There is a laundry area in the family room too! \$449,900 #51



Beautifully maintained colonial located on a very large lot in Grosse Pointe Park. Spacious entry, large open rooms, light filled kitchen with eating space, backyard patio. Newer roof and gutters, new gas forced air/central air, new landscaping, refinished hardwood floors. \$426,900 #52



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. #53



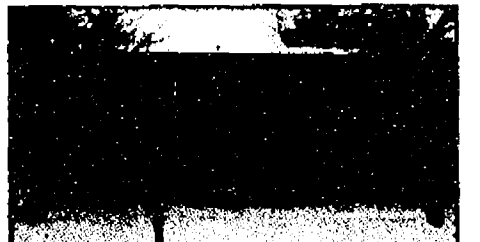
Surround yourself in elegance in this fabulously renovated Cape Cod. Exceptional new custom kitchen with eating area, stunning first floor master bedroom suite with a marble bath with Jacuzzi tub, shower, and custom walk-in closet. Family room, library, first floor laundry and attached garage. #54



626 Lincoln Road. Designed by ALBERT KAHN, you will enjoy viewing this five bedroom, two and one-half bath home! Wonderful closet space in master bedroom, huge family room overlooks magnificently landscaped grounds and brick patio. #55



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. #56



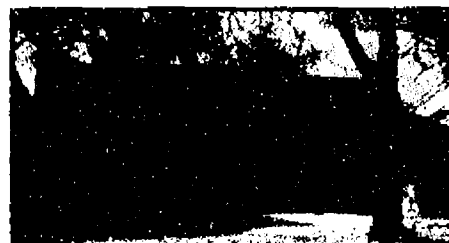
GREAT FAMILY HOME located within walking distance to schools and Village & Hill shopping. Four bedrooms, a spacious family room with fireplace located directly off the kitchen, an attached garage and first floor laundry. Beautiful private backyard with flagstone patio. This home is move-in ready. \$489,900 #57



Elegant four bedroom, two and a half bath Colonial in the Farms. The spacious master suite offers a newer bath and his/her closets. Magnificent hardwood floors, a library and heated garden room too. Situated amidst low maintenance gardens and grounds, it is a perfect haven for those who desire luxury without the upkeep. \$499,000 #58



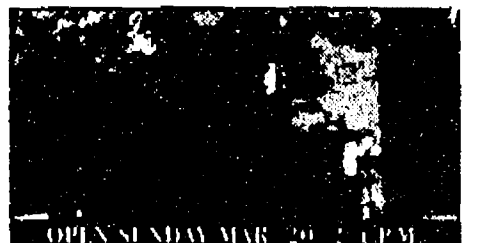
252 Fisher welcomes you with an abundance of space, 1930 architectural detail, & superb condition. Priced at \$314,900, this four bedroom, one and a half bath Tudor has a new bath, space pak central air, refinished wood floors, lead glass windows, family room and more. #59



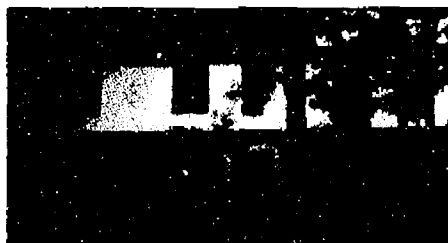
SIMPLY WONDERFUL! This pretty 4 bedroom, 2 full and 2 half bath colonial has a great new kitchen with cherry cabinets, oak floor, Corian countertops and island which open to the expansive family room with fireplace. Newly carpeted and painted. \$469,900 #60



Lovely center entrance colonial situated on a large lot in a great location. Three bedrooms, two and a half baths. Great floor plan includes large family room, den, dining room and more with over 2,900 square feet of living space. Special amenities include refinished hardwood floors, crown moldings, fireplace, and in-ground sprinklers. #61



Charm abounds in this five bedroom, three bath home located in popular location in the City of Grosse Pointe. Updated spacious kitchen, newer roof and windows, three car garage, and new deck! \$449,900 #62



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. \$479,000 #63



Choose from three delightful condominiums custom built in 1999. Three bedrooms, three full baths, granite kitchens & baths, two fireplaces and one of the units has an elevator to all three floors! #64



TRANQUIL LOCATION IN THE FARMS for the construction of your dream home. Two lots are available, each are approximately three quarters of an acre, in the fabulous wooded, hilltop setting. Choose your own builder and enjoy a brand new home in 2005! \$550,000 per lot. #65



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. \$569,000 #66



UNCONVENTIONAL AND SOPHISTICATED three bedroom, two bath contemporary ranch just steps from the Lake in Grosse Pointe Shores. Relax in the dramatic living room with vaulted ceiling or the spacious family room. Recreation room too! \$445,000 #67



Fabulous Tudor with loads of charm. Four bedrooms, three baths and a family room with a 29 foot Andersen door wall with light transoms, a wet bar, and a wine cooler. The kitchen features a tile floor, Viking stove and Subzero refrigerator. The master suite offers a dressing room & private bath. \$598,000 #68



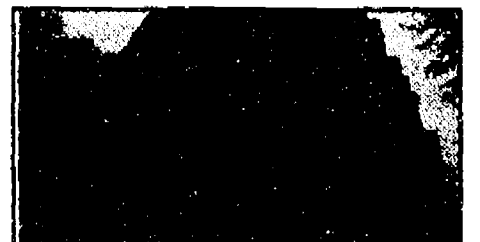
Pride of ownership abounds in this charming center hall five bedroom/three and one-half bath colonial. Fresh updates throughout, large bay windows, refinished hardwoods, updated baths, newer air and furnace. Paneled library, beautiful terrace with view of nicely landscaped private grounds. #69



STUNNING ENGLISH in favorite Park location. Kitchen has cherry cabinets, island, butler's pantry and eating area. There is also a cozy den and intimate screened terrace. Master bedroom suite has a private bath and sitting room. \$535,000 #70



The former residence of Bernard Stroh, Jr. 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. \$875,000 #71



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. #72

Statuary and furniture add personality to your garden

(ARA) --- It is safe to say that one can find garden pieces to fit virtually any budget. A quick visit to the local home center during the

than 85 years, is one of only two manufacturers of lead statues and ornaments in the United States.

"Our clients are looking for craftsmanship that will last several lifetimes; so our materials need to withstand the tests of time and weather," says Skip Brown, whose maternal grandfather founded the business. The Florentine Craftsmen catalog, which features more than 400 products, showcases everything from mythological creatures and classical figures to garden animals to fountains. In addition to lead, the company offers statues and accessories in bronze and stone, and its furniture lines include

was dominated by hardware: hinges, hardware, outdoor lanterns and that sort of thing."

Primavera's skill and business sense soon led him to design and produce high-end outdoor furniture and statuary, and the line continued to evolve from there. "Many of our designs, particularly the statues, have not changed very much over the years," says Brown. "Our clients are after a classic, timeless look, which is one of the reasons they feel comfortable paying up to several thousand dollars for a statue."

Like other high-end garden furniture manufacturers, Florentine Craftsmen's designs rival the finest indoor furniture. Offerings include custom-size dining, serving, coffee and end tables with glass or metal tops. The company sells arm chairs, double and triple settees, side chairs, bar stools, luxurious grand chairs with matching ottomans and chaise lounges, as well as double and triple grand sofas.

For those with an eye on the

budget, bolted construction furniture is available in several styles, and generally fetches slightly less than half the price of premier pieces.

In addition to leading landscape architects and interior designers, Skip Brown sells the company's wares to high-end garden boutiques. The Florentine Craftsmen catalog is made available to all retailers and often sparks ideas on the part of homeowners or the professional designers they employ. "We don't stock anything; so customers can specify a statue with a different finish," says Brown.

Brown likes to tell of the woman who asked him to produce a suite of terrace furniture incorporating a rosette motif from the interior railing of her home.

Delivery ranges from two weeks to two months, depending on the season and scope of the order. For more information, visit the Web site florentinecraftsmen.com or call (800) 577-1188.



warmer months yields a bumper crop of outdoor furniture, statues and accessories designed to appeal to the ephemeral tastes — and wallets — of a broad cross section of homeowners.

If you're looking for heirloom quality designs, you'll need to look further than your local big box retailer. You'll want to go where some of the country's leading landscape architects and interior designers shop for statuary, urns, chaise lounges, fountains and other handcrafted products.

Florentine Craftsmen, a New York City-based operation that has been in the same family for more

products made of premium welded cast aluminum, wrought iron and cast bronze. There are many finishes available, and since Florentine Craftsmen makes each piece to order, opportunities for customization abound. One example of their craft is the large statue of Ben Hur in his four-horse chariot made for Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas.

"My grandfather, Vincent Primavera, came to this country from central Italy when he was in his teens," says Brown. "When he started Florentine Craftsmen using old-world manufacturing techniques his initial product line

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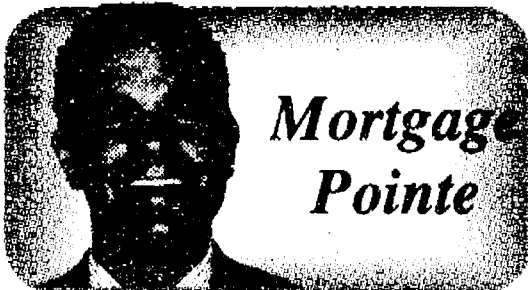
Diversifying real estate: Buy a second home

More Michigan residents are seeking refuge from the state's cold winters by buying second homes. And the good news is second homes are no longer just for the most affluent consumers.

Buying a second home isn't much different from buying a primary residence. If you don't rent out your second home on a regular basis, you may be able to get the same mortgage rate that you would on your primary residence, and depending on the circumstances, you may be able to deduct the mortgage interest from income taxes.

Let's say that after researching different real estate markets, you decide to buy that cabin in the Rocky Mountains or that condo on the white beaches of Florida. Since you don't have the cash to pay for your vacation home outright, you'll need a mortgage.

Fortunately, you'll find that the interest rates and loan standards for primary and secondary homes are virtually identical, especially



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for conventional loans (loan amounts under the jumbo limit of \$359,650). And just as with conventional loans, you can buy even if you don't have a lot of cash on hand.

When it's time to make a down payment on your second home, you can use the equity in your primary residence either by doing a cash-out refinance or by getting a home equity line of credit.

Many borrowers resist using their available equity because they want to build it up in the home where they live most of the year.

But sometimes borrowers can benefit by redeploying that equity into a second home located in a rapidly appreciating real estate market.

As an example, let's consider a homeowner who currently owes \$200,000 on a property valued at \$500,000 in Michigan. In 2003 the homeowner uses \$100,000 in available equity to purchase a condo in West Palm Beach, Fla., for \$250,000. In 2005, at the current market, the homeowner's primary home is still valued at \$500,000, yet the second home is conservatively valued at \$450,000 (\$200,000 greater than the purchase price).

After two years, the homeowner has used \$100,000 to gain \$200,000 in equity, thus doubling his or her investment.

The National Association of Realtors recently provided real-life examples of property appreciation in parts of Nevada, California and Florida where homes increased in value from 34 percent to more than 47 percent. Of course, while the expectation is that second homes will appreciate in value, there is no guarantee.

Another issue to consider in purchasing a second home is the affordability of the monthly payments. Because interest rates and products for first and second homes are virtually identical, there are many choices available.

In rapidly appreciating real estate markets such as Florida, interest-only mortgage products may be very beneficial. This type of

mortgage allows an individual to buy in a booming market and gain equity through the appreciation of the home while maintaining a very minimal payment.

In the previous example, a buyer put down \$100,000 on a \$250,000 purchase and thus had a mortgage of \$150,000. At an interest-only rate of 5.5 percent, the borrower makes a mortgage payment of \$687.50 per month and \$8,250 per year. The yearly mortgage cost of \$8,250 plus a down payment of \$100,000 still nets a return on investment of \$91,750 based on an appraised value of \$450,000.

Depending on their financial situation, homeowners may find it very beneficial to diversify their real estate investments via a second home. When considering such a purchase, it's important to consult both a real estate agent who is familiar with the surrounding area as well as a loan consultant. Often the loan officer who financed your primary residence has the ability to finance your second home in another state, thus enabling both of you to leverage the relationship you've already established.

Nathan M. Steiner is a loan officer of Flagstar Bank and a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe Farms. You may contact him at (888) 881-4457 or (313) 570-3121. The information in this column should not be construed as an extension of credit. Homeowners and home buyers should always consult a financial professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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Collecting

By Larry Cox

Q. I have two pieces of U.S. currency, and I would like to find out how much they might be worth. Can you help me?

— Jaydee, Russellville, Ala.

A. There are dozens of excellent reference books that will help you find the answers you need. I especially like the "Official Blackbook Price Guide to United States Paper Money" by Marc and Tom Hudgeons (House of Collectibles, \$6.99), now in its 33rd edition and available at most larger bookstores. This easy-

to-use guide lists more than 6,000 prices of currency and is comprehensive, extensive and illustrated.

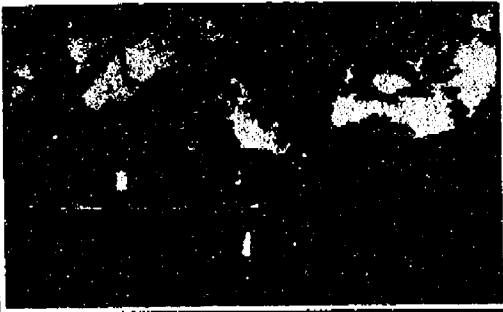
Q. I have a large collection of Emmett Kelly figurines and ornaments. I would like to sell them.

— Roxie, Bethalto, Ill.

A. Don't clown around — contact N.W. Neill, Jr., a serious Kelly collector. His address is P.O. Box 38, Ennice, NC 28623. The Emmett Kelly Historical Museum might also be helpful and is located at 202 East Main St., Sedan, KS 67361.

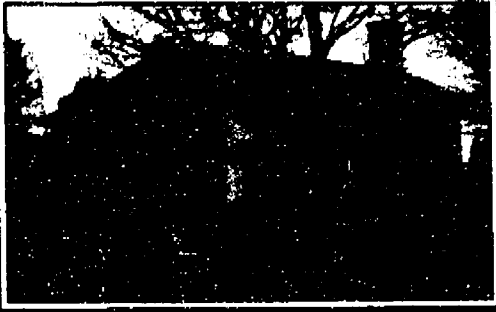
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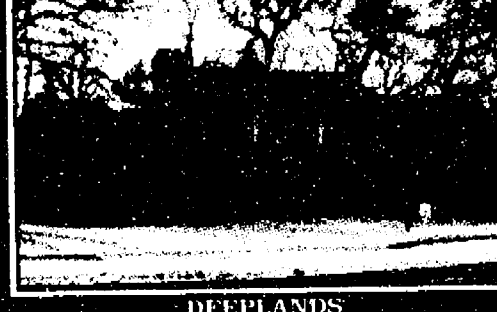
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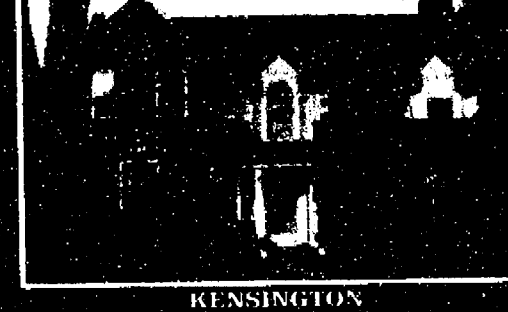
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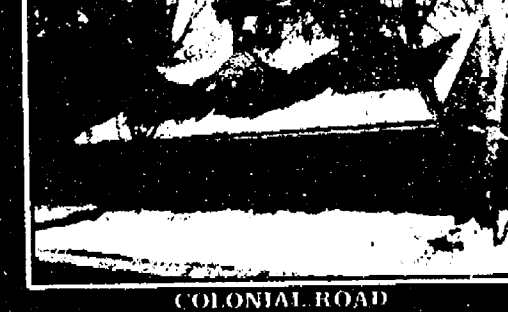
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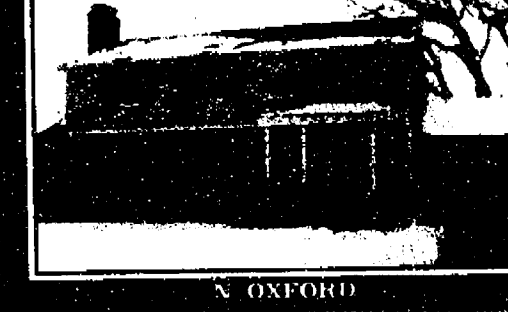
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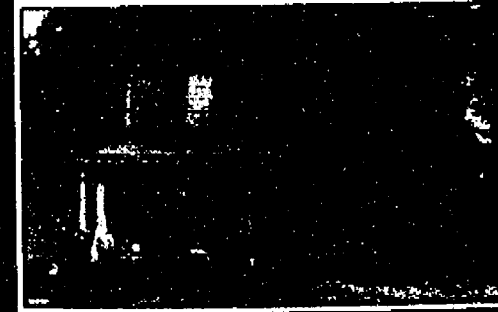
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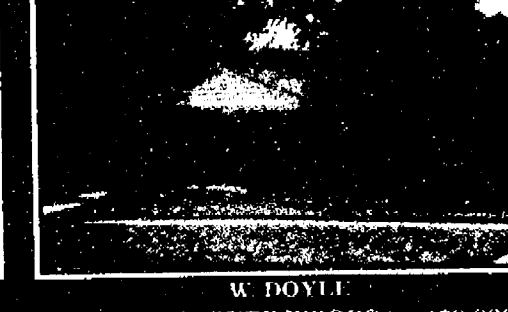
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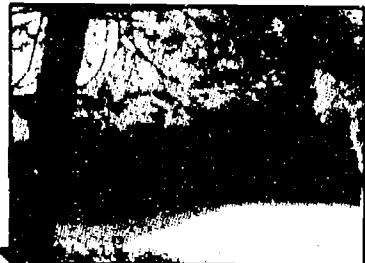
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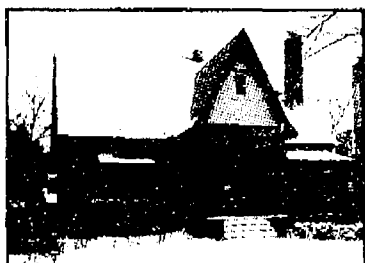
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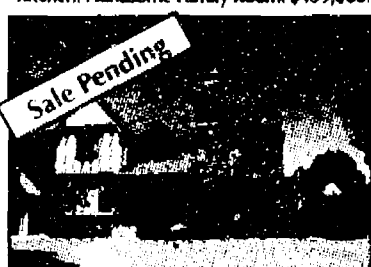
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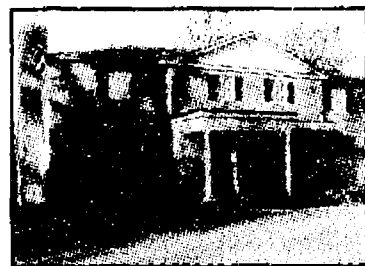
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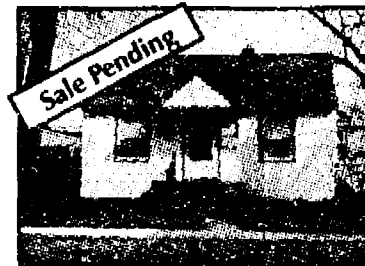
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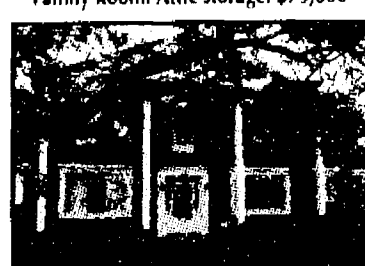
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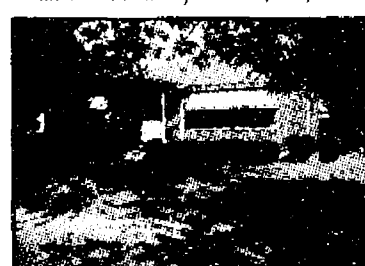
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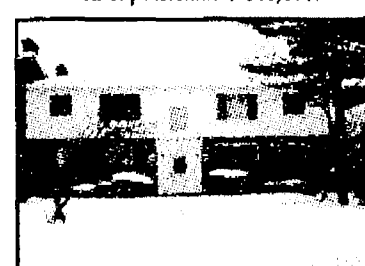
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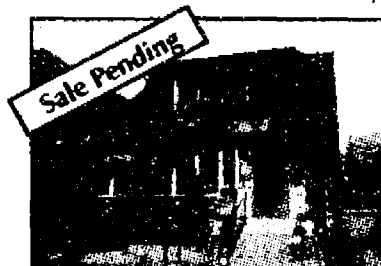
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