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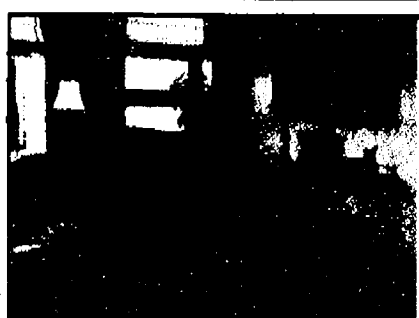
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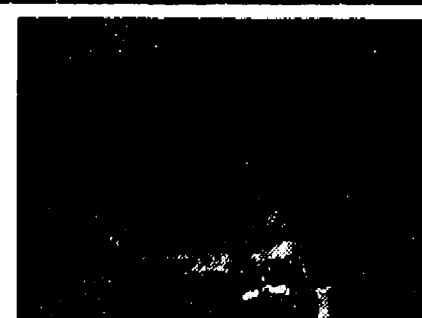
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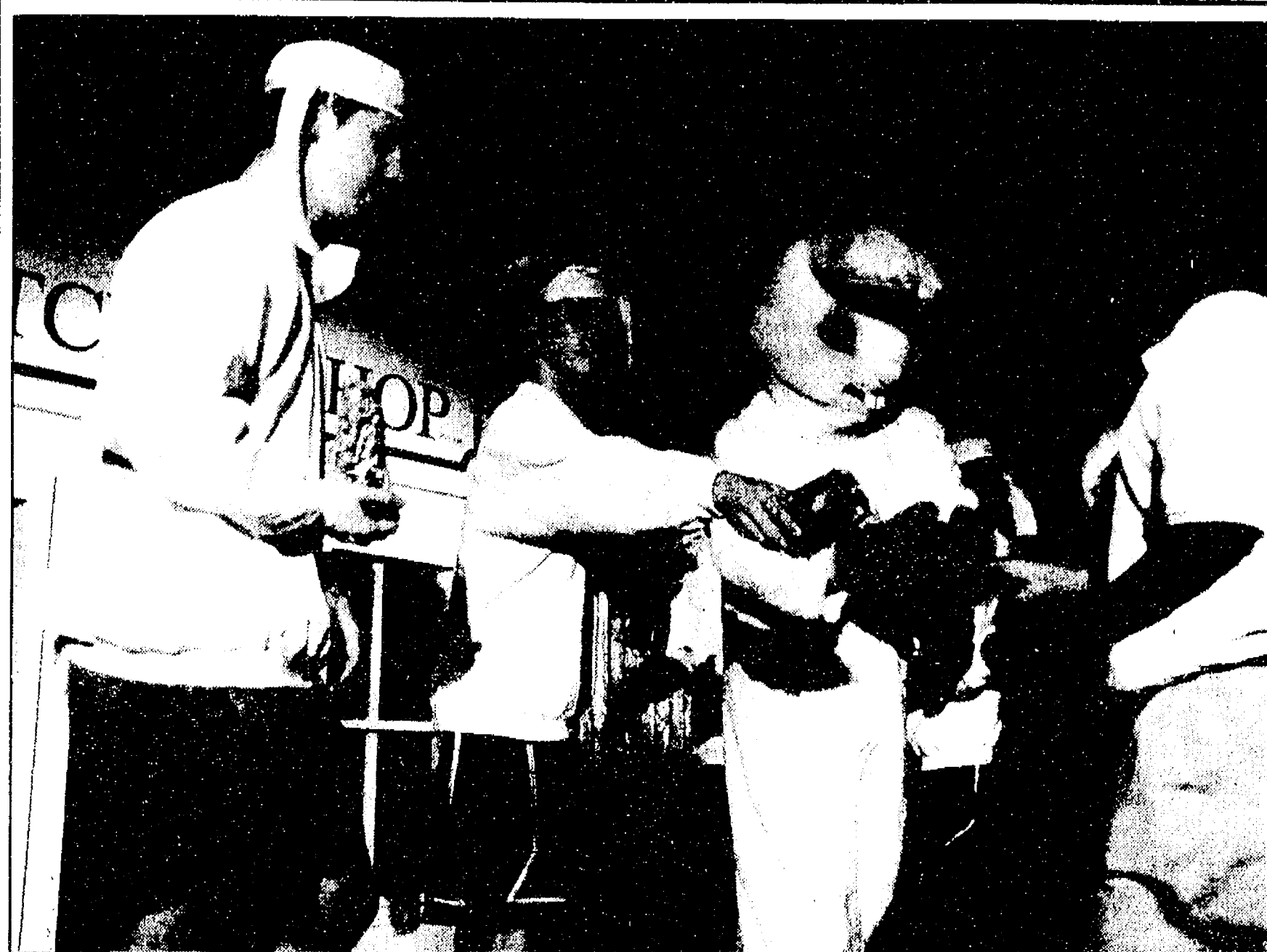


Photo by Robert McKean

Rabbit treats

Notre Dame High School students presented an "Irish Easter" play to 100 East Catholic elementary students on Monday, March 21. The high school students spent their winter break building a two-faced set, with the tomb on one side and a storefront on the reverse side. The student-driven production began with Jesus rising from the dead to the song "This Little Light of Mine" and ended with the Easter rabbit and his four assistants handing out candy to each young student. Rabbits included, from left, Dave Scheys, Nick Miner, Damon Harrington and Damon Kendrick.

Due diligence next on agenda for Jake's site

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

When bankruptcy forced Jacobson's department store to darken its Village location nearly three years ago, almost everyone figured an economic white knight would arrive to brighten the central business district's fortunes.

After all, quality-conscious Grosse Pointers had kept Jake's block-long store on Kercheval an island of profitability through years of the multi-state company's system-wide decline.

Surely Nordstrom, Saks Fifth Avenue or some other top retailer would contend for an orphaned upscale market that is small but has deep pockets.

"The reality is they are not going to come. We don't even get on the radar screen in terms of their demograph-

ic requirements," said Cameron Piggott, an attorney practicing real estate law with Dykema Gossett.

Piggott represents a group of investors headed by Farms resident Cullan Meathe.

Meathe and his partners formed Grosse Pointe St. Clair Association to transform the abandoned Jake's site in downtown City of Grosse Pointe into ground zero of Pointe-wide retail and residential renaissance.

City leaders acknowledge the proposal's area-wide relevance.

"This is an extremely significant project, not just for the Village, but for all of Grosse Pointe," said Mayor Dale Scrace. "This development team has brought a project I can support. The next step is for the develop-

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Council opposition forces withdrawal of condo site plan

By John Minnis
Editor

Size matters, at least when it comes to favoring condominiums along Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

War Memorial board chairman William Gilbride and developer Michael Monahan withdrew a site plan approval request Monday night after they realized they didn't have the votes needed to back their proposal.

Height and size were the top reasons cited by council members opposed to the condominium project.

After 2 1/2 hours of public comments and discussion with the developers, mem-

bers of the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council appeared to be opposed 4-3 to approving the condominium site plan for 50 and 60 Lakeshore.

The property was purchased by the War Memorial several years ago in order to remove deed restrictions that prevented the veteran's center from using another property at 40 Lakeshore for community service, including a marine biology research center. The War Memorial has been unable to sell the property as is.

"We would like to withdraw our request, and we will be back in touch,"

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WEEK AHEAD

Friday, March 25

Good Friday.

The Grosse Pointe News offices close at noon. Normal hours and deadlines resume on Monday, March 28.

Municipal offices in all five Grosse Pointes are closed, but rubbish pickups remain on schedule.

Sunday, March 27

Happy Easter!

Tuesday, March 29

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society sponsors "Paint the Town: Historic Grosse Pointe," an event for children ages 7 to 11 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms.

To make a reservation, call (313) 884-7010.

Bruce leaves library board

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

A chapter in the history of the Grosse Pointe Library will end when Library board of trustees president John Bruce hands in his letter of resignation at the board's April 25th meeting.

According to Library Director Vickey Bloom, Bruce is resigning in order to focus solely on

his responsibilities at the Neighborhood Club where he is executive director.

"John has some projects going on at the Neighborhood Club to which he wants to give all of his attention," Bloom said.

Bruce is the only remaining member of the original board which became autonomous from the Grosse Pointe Public School District in July 1994. He has been board president



Bruce

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Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

Cheers for Norsemen

Hundreds of Grosse Pointe North students and fans traveled to Michigan State's Breslin Center last Friday for the Class A semifinal basketball game between the Norsemen and Holt. It was a disappointing ride home, however, as Holt edged North 60-57. The Rams defeated Romulus the next day to win their first state basketball title. It was the first time North had advanced to the state semifinal round in basketball. See story, Page 1C.

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ City of Grosse Pointe council members are in full accord with a crackdown on Grosse Pointe High School students who speed on city streets in a hurry to leave campus after classes end.

Police Chief Thomas Trombly recommends revocation of operator's licenses for all youth caught breaking speed limits in the city. Trombly warns that any high school student who wishes to retain driving privileges must be careful and considerate of others as well as of themselves.

■ The Grosse Pointe Farms council approves an ordinance providing for a city-manager form of government.

A city manager will be named when the measure goes into effect in 20 days. Present City Clerk Harry Furton is expected to receive appointment to the manag-

er's post.

■ Grosse Pointe Woods officials authorize \$252,000 in bonds to pave all remaining dirt roads in the city.

25 years ago this week

■ Decision, indecisions.

Woods council reverses itself and returns boat well rates to \$220 at Lakefront Park.

Council members had voted at a previous meeting to raise rates to \$260. Two citizens complained, saying the higher rate wasn't in line with mooring fees at other Pointe parks.

The U-turn means there won't be enough money in the harbor fund to remove a bridge spanning the Milk River, which, due to low water levels, risks cutting off access to a number of boat slips.

■ The Grosse Pointes are combined with Hamtramck,

Highland Park and Harper Woods into a single Area Agency on Aging headed by Detroit.

The decision, made in Lansing by members of the State Commission on Aging, ends speculation that the Pointes will try to distance themselves from the Detroit operation and affiliate themselves with the Out-Wayne County Area Agency on Aging.

■ Special events are being fine-tuned to commemorate Pere Gabriel Richard School's 50th anniversary the weekend of April 26-28.

All past and present faculty members; past PTO presidents, board members and school board members are invited to take part in ceremonies.

Activities include dedication of Clarence J. Messner Field, formerly McMillan Field, on April 27.

10 years ago this week

■ In an effort to avoid a costly lawsuit, members of the City of Grosse Pointe council retroactively grant a site plan permit for a homeowner on Elmsleigh Lane for a satellite dish installed more than a year ago.

A compromise placement of the dish had been sought during the last two months, but a spot aesthetically agreeable to the neighbors where quality television reception could be received could not be found.

■ Elm trees in Grosse Pointe Farms will no longer be sprayed with methoxychlor to battle Dutch elm disease, according to a new ordinance.

This new set of rules also encourages residents with diseased elms to cut down the trees, or at least the diseased portion, within 15 days of being notified by the city.

50 years ago this week



Another Lakeshore mansion bowing to modern times

Wrecking crews have moved in to tear down another old Lakeshore mansion recently purchased by Mrs. Hugo Scherer. The property once was owned by William and Strathern Hendrie and more recently owned by W.W. Anderson, Sr. The home at left was built by William Hendrie at the turn of the century. The home at right, built by Strathern Hendrie, will remain intact and become part of the Scherer estate. Plans for the property to be cleared are indefinite. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the March 24, 1955, Grosse Pointe News.)

5 years ago this week

■ A grassroots effort isn't so grassroots anymore.

Following high-level powwows with federal and state officials, a march promoting gun safety receives backing of Michigan's senior senator and the state's top cop.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., and Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm announce support of the Million Mom March, organized locally by Susan Brown of Grosse Pointe Park.

■ The American Society of Landscape Architects pays homage to one of the Pointe's jewels by awarding the Edsel & Eleanor Ford

House a bronze medallion.

The award recognizes the Grosse Pointe Shores estate's landscape design by Jens Jensen.

■ City of Grosse Pointe officials approve spending up to \$76,000 for a new festival plaza area at both south side corners of Kercheval and St. Clair in the Village.

Forthcoming construction of the plaza follows installation last summer of streetscape enhancements to make the commercial district more attractive to pedestrians.

— Brad Lindberg

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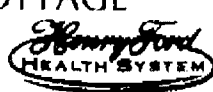
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Grosse Pointe library
speaker series to present
Jeffrey Eugenides

The Grosse Pointe Library presents a program with well-known authors Jeffrey Eugenides. The program will be held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial auditorium, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Jeffrey Eugenides will spend an evening talking to his audience beginning at 7:30 p.m.

on Tuesday, April 5. He is the author of "The Virgin Suicides" and "Middlesex" for which he won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2003.

This program is closed to reservations since it was filled up on Sunday, March 6, the day tickets were made available.

— Beth Quinn

Bruce

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during his entire tenure.

During his time at the helm, the Library has undergone massive developments, culminating with the construction of two new libraries — the Ted and Carolyn Ewald Memorial

Library in Grosse Pointe Park and the Grosse Pointe Woods Branch Library.

"He is a prime mover of the Library. He has dedicated all kinds of time and energy as he led the Library," said board vice-president James Haley.

Throughout his tenure, Bruce was highly regarded by his fellow board members even when their viewpoints differed on issues.

"Though we don't always agree on things, I am devastated that he will be leaving," said board member Laura Bartell. "There is no more fervent advocate for the Grosse Pointe Library."

As president, Bruce had to oversee one of the darker pages in the Library's history — the strike by Library staff members that ended last summer.

"He's had to take a lot of stuff especially during the strike. He was criticized and had cartoons drawn about him. I think he handled himself very well," Haley said.

As the board's current vice-president, Haley will serve as interim president until the board elects new officers in July.

The library has issued in this week's Grosse Pointe News a legal notice of availability for the at-large position which will be vacated upon Bruce's resignation.

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Three of four members of the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council said Monday night that they could not support the planned condominium project, Moorings Pointe, above, because they felt the buildings were too tall and massive. The property is located at 50 and 60 Lakeshore.

Rendering courtesy of Vincent R. Cataldo, Infuz Ltd., Architects

Woods officers to put in longer, 12-hour days

Officers give two shifts a 1-year trial

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Yet another Grosse Pointe area public safety department will be shifting to 12-hour watches as public safety officers in Grosse Pointe Woods will be making the move from eight-hour shifts beginning May 10.

The new staffing policy is under a one-year trial period. It was initiated at the request of the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Officers Association during its contract negotiations. It will not apply to public safety administrators and detectives, who will continue to work eight-hour shifts, and medics, who will continue to work 24-hour shifts.

Under the new staffing arrangement, officers will work two to three days in a row followed by as many days off on a rotating schedule. The officers will work every other weekend. This reportedly will eliminate the need and controversy of selecting days off; employees will know their schedules for the entire year. It also reduces the 20-day work schedule to a 14-day work schedule per cycle, thus eliminating travel time and costs for employees.

For the department, the new schedule will allow one supervisor to be on the road during briefing time and will save time supervisors and administrators spend producing work schedules.

However, the change is not without controversy. The schedule change was approved by only 13 of the 24 voting members. There are 27 members in the asso-

ciation. Critics cited inflexibility in selecting days off and longer work days and fatigue.

There will also be potential additional payroll costs. The new staffing system will add an additional 2,808 hours and \$71,132 in costs. However, it is anticipated that the additional costs may be reduced through employees taking advantage of compensatory time.

The 12-hour staffing arrangement will be reviewed at the end of one year and may be revoked at the request of either the association or the city.

Comments by union members, administration and members of the city council were limited due to fear of violating contract negotiations that were held in closed-door sessions in accordance with the state's Open Meetings Act.

In a brief statement made at the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting on Monday, March 21, Keith Waszak, president of the officers union, only stated that he was showing support on behalf of the members who supported the 12-hour shifts.

There was no comment from members who opposed the shift change.

Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos Howle attempted but failed to start an extended debate on the issue at the meeting. The council wound up unanimously approving a memo of understanding on the 12-hour shifts at its March 21 meeting.

The Woods now joins all the other Grosse Pointe public safety officers who work 12-hour shifts. Public safety officers in the City of Grosse Pointe recently switched from 24- to 12-hour shifts earlier this month.

Condos

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Gilbride told the council.

Afterward, War Memorial president Mark Weber said, "We didn't have the votes. Our board meets tomorrow night. We'll see." He did not indicate whether the board and developer Monahan would come back with a revised condominium plan or whether the War Memorial will subdivide the two lots into nine single-family properties, which they believe is permissible under the underlying RIAAA residential zoning.

Mayor James Farquhar said the city administration and council and the War Memorial developer have been discussing the project for 10 months. Monday night was the first official public hearing and potential vote on the plan.

Past concerns expressed by the council and nearby residents included the size and height of the buildings.

Developer Monahan said the revised plans for Moorings Pointe, as the condominium plan has been dubbed, have reduced the average height of the buildings from 47 feet to 40 feet. The overall mass of the buildings was reduced, along with the lot coverage. Originally, the plans called for 16 percent lot coverage. The revised condominiums would cover 9.5 percent of the two lots.

The new plan still includes three four-story buildings, 12 single-level condominiums, two underground parking, and two outbuildings for maintenance and Dumpsters.

The planned luxury condominiums were expected to sell for \$2 million each.

The 14 individuals speaking during the public hearing were evenly divided for and against the program. Of those in favor of the condominiums, four had ties to the War Memorial; they included Realtor Tom Youngblood, Gilbride, Weber and Monahan.

Those speaking against the program included Dr. William and Carol O'Neill, who live at 66 Lakeshore and whose property abuts the proposed development. Carol O'Neill questioned

how the developer could already have seven deposits for condominiums that have not even been approved yet.

Moross Road resident Mike Wayne objected to condominiums for "empty nesters," preferring single-family homes with children instead. He also called on the council to put the condominium matter on a ballot for voters to decide.

Tom McCleary, who regularly attends the council meetings, said he is still opposed to the condominiums because they violate the property rights of neighbors who bought in a zoned single-family residential area with the expectation that it would remain single-family residential.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Dr. Connie Boris of the Wayne County Conservation District said there were protected wetlands on the proposed condominium site. Monahan countered that he has been unable to find documentation for the wetlands claim, but that he would — and must — comply with state law should wetlands exist.

Boris also said that two large trees, including a 72-inch-diameter American beech, were to be destroyed under the plan.

Monahan said he could most likely save the trees if they were as described by Boris. Earlier Monahan had said the new plan would save 12 additional trees for a total of 32 of 65 trees on the site being saved. However, under city ordinance, only three trees can be removed without a variance.

Moross resident Chuck Sullivan spoke on behalf of the historic home at 60 Lakeshore.

Gilbride said the War Memorial has agreed to donate the historic home to an individual who plans to relocate it to the City of Grosse Pointe. He said City Mayor Dale Scerace is helping to facilitate the move of the home.

Sullivan wanted a guarantee that the historical nature of the home would not be altered.

Catherine Alvarez, who lives across Lakeshore from the proposed condominiums,

said she would not have purchased her home if the proposed condominiums existed. She further contrasted the height of her two-story home with that of the proposed condominium buildings.

While the buildings would be four stories, only three stories would be visible from Lakeshore, with the top story being partially buried within the roof line.

Speaking in favor of the condominiums included longtime local Realtor Hugo Higby.

"I would just like to add my complete support for this project," he said. "It's time Grosse Pointe started looking out of the box and started doing some progressive things. It is a much-needed development."

Also speaking in favor of the condominium project was former Councilman Martin West.

"I think it's good for the community," he said. "It addresses economic reality." He said that residents opposed the Northern Trust building as being too large, but today it is hailed as a great success. He said the same thing would be said of the condominium project if approved.

City Manager Shane Reeside said he received seven letters in favor of the condominiums.

City planning consultant Brandon Rogers referred to a Feb. 28 letter in which he opposed the project. He acknowledged that the developer had reduced the overall height and size of the buildings.

"What is the purpose of a PUD?" he asked, referring to the council's earlier designation of the property as a planned unit development which would give the developer and council broad discretion in site use. "I still find difficulty finding compatibility with surrounding uses."

He also objected to two outbuildings "in front" of the property, parking within 55 feet of Lakeshore instead of 75 feet per city code, tight turns to underground parking and loss of trees.

"Because of these factors," he said, "I am unable to rec-

ommend approval."

Councilmen Joe Leonard and Louis Theros said they could not vote for site plan approval because they thought the buildings were too tall and too massive.

"Condos are OK," Leonard said. "I just don't like this plan. I think they should go back to the drawing board."

Councilman Terry Davis said he had not made up his mind until "a couple of days ago," but he still could have been persuaded by Monday night's comments.

He said he did not hear any compelling reasons why he should oppose the plan. The public safety department has shown traffic would not be an issue, he said, and the size of the buildings hearkened back to the days of his youth when Lakeshore was lined with large mansions.

Davis indicated that condos on Lakeshore would not set a precedent for siting condominiums throughout the Farms.

"If we don't have this (luxury condominiums), what will we have?" Davis asked his fellow council members. "I'd love to keep the mansions here, but that time is past. At this point, I think I am prepared to support it."

As with Leonard, Theros did not oppose condominiums on the Lakeshore property; he just felt the project as proposed was too massive.

"This project is not a go for me," he said. "It's too big."

Councilman Peter Waldmeir noted that with Leonard and Theros opposed to the plan, then one more council member against it would end discussion. He asked Mayor Farquhar, who has been openly opposed to condominiums on Lakeshore, how he felt.

Farquhar said he would prefer to see seven single family homes on the property, even if they were attached. He further felt the proposed condos were too expensive to appeal to most people.

"I just don't feel comfortable going forward with this," he said.

Waldmeir then suggested that since the War Memorial developer did not have the votes he needed for approval, that he be given an opportunity to withdraw his proposal or ask that it be tabled. Or he could insist on a vote, Waldmeir said.

"We think we have the optimal plan," Monahan responded. "Our fallback is a nine-home subdivision."

Davis said that he felt the PUD designation allowed the council to decide on how many houses would be permissible on the site. Monahan disagreed, believing that the underlying RIAAA zoning remained and that he could build as many homes as the zoning permitted.

City attorney William Burgess declined to make a public ruling on the matter.

After a 10 minute recess to discuss the matter, War Memorial board chairman Gilbride withdrew the site plan.

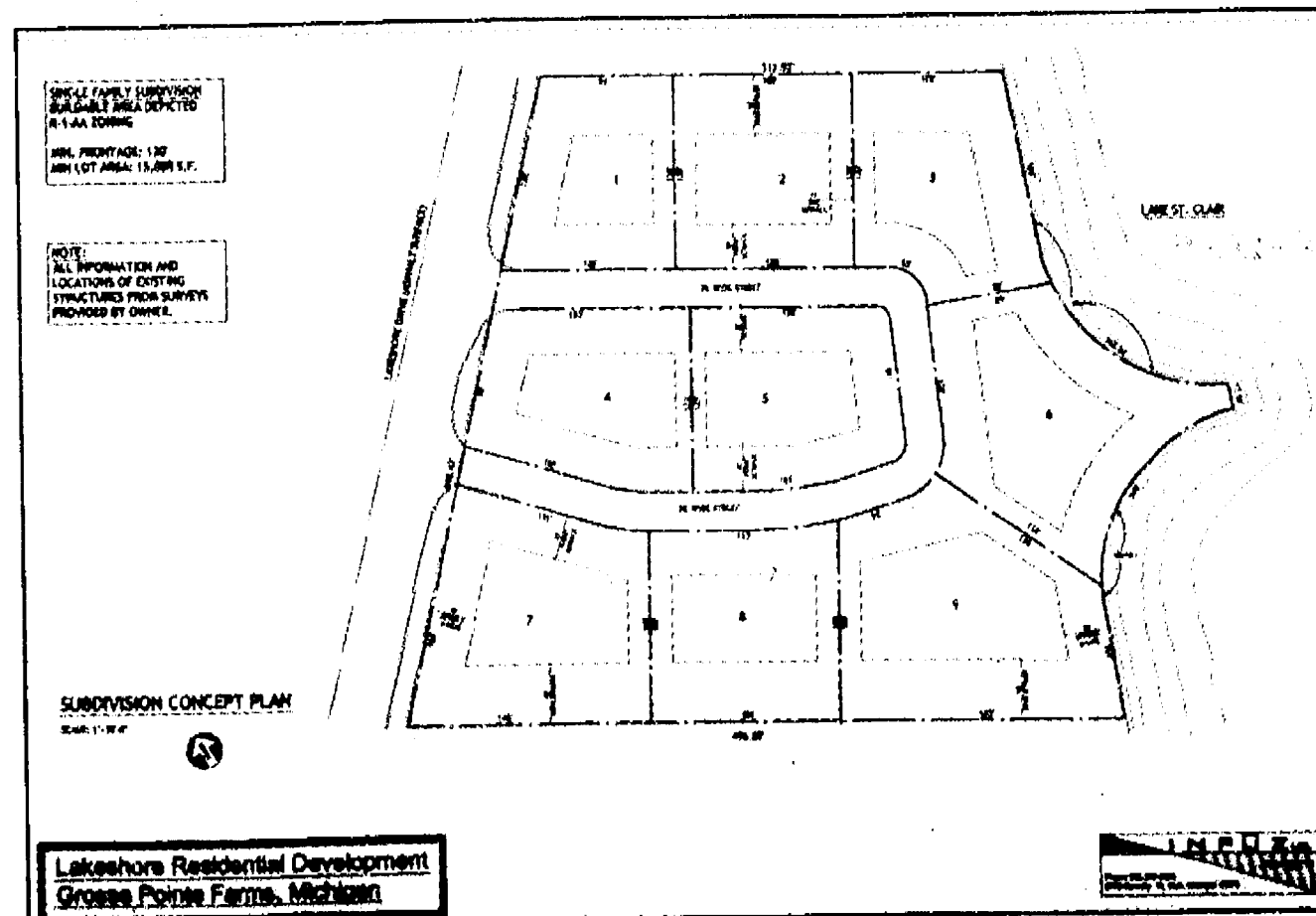
Correction

In "67 arrests, 20 recoveries credited to Wayne, Macomb theft task force" in the March 17 Grosse Pointe News, the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety should have been listed as a participating department in the Joint Operation Investigative Effort (JOIE) task force.

Follow-up

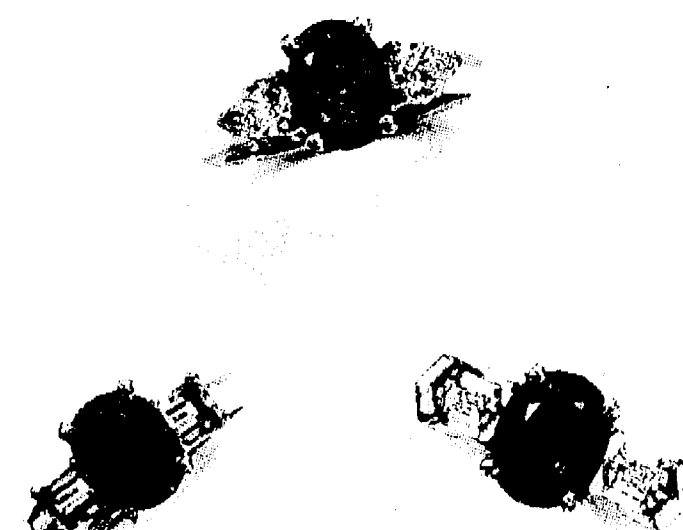
A Dec. 30 public safety brief, "Topsy Kayaker," reported that police thought alcohol may have been involved in the Dec. 19 incident in which a 61-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman was rescued from Lake St. Clair after her kayak overturned.

An emergency room report following the incident indicates that no intoxication was evident.



Developers of the property at 50 and 60 Lakeshore may decide to develop their property into nine single-family residential lots, shown above, as allowed under the properties' underlying zoning.

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'Old house' renovations show commitment to City

By Patti Theros
Special Writer

City of Grosse Pointe resident Greg Jakub and his wife are true east sider. They both grew up on the east side of Detroit and now live and work and are raising their son in the City. The Jakubs are also showing they are committed to the east side through their home renovations.

"My wife Kathleen and I gain a huge amount of pride and satisfaction from restoring and renovating our house," says Jakub about their Arts and Crafts-style City home they purchased in 2001. "It's home for us and our son, Andy, but it's a lot more. It's our statement about our roots and commitment to future of the east side. My wife and I decided years ago that we're 'old house' people. We could have moved out to the suburbs years ago, but we've chosen to stay, fix up this old house, and contribute to transforming the east side into a better place for everybody."

The Jakubs first renovated a multi-family building on the Wayne State University campus. After that, they looked eastward.

"Our second old house renovation was a 1922 bungalow on Notre Dame in Grosse Pointe. We were part of the unofficial renaissance of that street during the '80s and '90s. It was encouraging to see so many of our neighbors share our enthusiasm for rediscovering the lost charm in those homes."

After the Jakubs spent 15 years renovating the Notre Dame home, it earned a 1996 City of Grosse Pointe Beautification Award. The house was also featured in *Crafts and Detroit Business and Economic Bungalow Magazine* in 2001.

"We're now on our third old home project with our house on Cadieux that was built in 1913. The home is an Arts and Crafts Colonial with a Frank Lloyd Wright feel to it. It was one of the first homes built on the street by a prominent family that contributed to developing the public parks in Grosse Pointe City," says Jakub.

This month, the Jakubs were notified that their Cadieux house will be one of two homes that will receive a Grosse Pointe Historical Society historical 2005 plaque. The award ceremony will be at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on May 10.

The interior of the house includes oak floors and Arts and Crafts style details. The exterior of the house includes a wrap-around porch and a big yard. One of the many renovations that the Jakubs tackled was to update and expand the carriage-sized garage.

"It's one of my biggest hobbies," says Jakub when talking about home renovations. "It's an unending series of weekend fix-up projects. After spending nearly 20 years doing Grosse Pointe home renovations, we now feel as if we made a major investment in preserving Grosse Pointe's history and an investment in its future."

And planning for the future in Grosse Pointe was

POINTER OF INTEREST



Greg Jakub, right, and his wife Kathleen, left, and son, Andy, center, live in an Arts and Crafts-style home in the City of Grosse Pointe, below, which they have spent a considerable amount of effort into preserving. This month, the Jakubs were notified that their house will be one of two houses that will receive a Grosse Pointe Historical Society historical 2005 plaque.



a formalized issue for him when he and numerous other community leaders were part of a Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods future task force. Their research was done in the early 1990s. It was a community-based planning team that developed a long-term vision for developing housing, recreation, and support services for the Grosse Pointe area.

"It was a great learning experience, and the Grosse Pointes should continue to use the research from that study," says Jakub.

"Grosse Pointe has most of the elements that could make it 'hot' in today's real estate market: historic homes, inviting neighborhoods, outstanding schools and a classic small downtown. Families want to live where you can walk to schools, parks, shopping, restaurants and entertainment. Our city leaders would be wise to transform Grosse Pointe into the kind of quaint, upscale, family-friendly towns that developers are building out in suburban sprawl-land. We've got it right here on the east side, and it's the real deal, not a reasonable facsimile."

Jakub has a 10-minute commute to work. His office is in the Grosse Pointe Woods Mack Office Building that is adjacent to St. John

Hospital. He has spent most of his professional career in the health care industry and has worked for St. John Hospital and Medical Center for 17 years.

"Health care really is not an isolated issue. It's related to many aspects of our lives: the economy, where we live, our quality of life. Health care is beyond just health and medicine. I've chosen health care and public relations because they keep me on the cutting edge of what is happening in health care and in our community, in our state and nation."

In addition to his public relations work and renovation projects, Jakub and his wife are busy raising their son, Andy, whom they adopted from Korea in 1997.

"Our newest family obsession is ice hockey," Jakub said. "Our son, Andy, is a first-year Mite on Grosse Pointe Hockey Association's Huskies team, and he's loving it. All he talks about is playing goalie. He's got great coaches and a strong team. We really enjoy all the kids and parents on our team. Everyone's out to have fun, and no one gets too carried away with the competition and winning. My friends have told me I've become a 'rink rat.' It's a lot of fun, and it's great family time together."

Shores residents relining sewers

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Homeowners in Grosse Pointe Shores can double the life of their household sewer leads by piggybacking on a village contract to reinforce municipal infrastructure.

"The phone is already ringing," said Brett Smith, head of public works. "People are getting excited because prices are quite low."

A contractor retained to line sewer pipes located under backyard easements

has offered residents the same service at discount rates.

Sewer leads link individual structures to intermediate sewers that funnel into mains.

"The cost (to residents) is approximately \$50 per foot, plus a small fee for installing a clean-out right outside the house so they can access the pipe," Smith said.

Sewer lining involves coating the inside of pipes with a plastic-like material. The process shores-up pipes

by plugging cracks. Relined pipes can last twice as long as originally rated.

Contractors are scheduled to start work this week. Crews will clean and video pipes before another company follows up by injecting lining.

"When the job is complete, we're going to have good before and after pictures," Smith said. "In the next week or so letters will be mailed to residents giving them the opportunity to line their own sewer leads."

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ers and city to enter into negotiations for a development agreement."

Members of the city council this week created a special committee to study Meathe's proposal. Discussions are to resolve major issues such as the city's role, if any, in helping finance construction, if approved.

"This is the time to move forward cautiously," Scrace said. "We don't need to talk about the color of the bricks. That will work itself out."

The committee is comprised of City Manager Mike Overton, planning consultant John Jackson and city attorney Charles Kennedy III, all City residents.

Meathe said it would take only 18 months to open the nearly \$40.5 million mixed-use project.

The result would be Kercheval Place, combining 120,600 square feet of fresh store area and office space accompanied by 60 condominiums and townhouses with rooftop gardens sitting atop a 390-space modern parking deck.

"We can go like hell," Piggott said.

Public opinion

Piggott's enthusiasm generated applause, shouts of encouragement and even a standing ovation from residents and Village merchants attending an unveiling of the project during a meeting Monday night of the city council.

The session was scheduled at Fries Auditorium in the Farms rather than city hall in anticipation of a crowd that, in fact, numbered at least 200 people.

Based on all but one of two dozen citizens who addressed the council, most people in attendance seemed

ready to take shovel in hand:

- "Jake's being closed — that whole block being dead — has impacted our real estate," said Cindy Pangborn, a real estate agent and former school board member. "The council has to work with the developer. This is not a Grosse Pointe City issue alone. It's impacting our entire community."

- "If we do not see progress in the immediate future, I predict three or four vacant properties (in the Village) by this time next year," said John Renick, whose family owns Village Toy Co.

- "I urge the council to consider this proposal," said Mike Kramer, owner of Kramer's Bed, Bath and Window Fashions and former head of the Village Merchant's Association. "The future of the community is literally in your hands."

- "We're all in this together," said Draper Hill, a City resident and retired award winning Detroit News editorial cartoonist. "A decent rising tide will raise all boats."

- "This is the most excit-

Kercheval Place, a \$40 million proposal by Cullan Meathe of Grosse Pointe Farms to transform the vacant former Jacobson's building into a combined center of retail, office space and residential activity in downtown City of Grosse Pointe, is presented by Cameron Piggott, attorney for Meathe's development group, Grosse Pointe St. Clair Assoc.

ing proposal we have heard or will hear," said resident Carrie Howe, claiming to speak for younger Pointers looking for reasons to not jump ship for Birmingham.

- "The business district is on its last breath," said Mike Mayer, a former Village landlord. "We need decisive, bold action. We urge you (the council) to move this forward will all expedition."

- "We have the possibilities of having everything we want," said Beverly Leinwebber, City resident and ardent Village booster. "The residences, the condominiums — they do nothing but help the density of population. The density of retail is something we must have. I commend you, Cullan. I hope the council will partner with this development group to make this work."

More applause.

Kercheval Place

Meathe's partners at Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates want to renovate the existing Jake's building into expanded first-floor retail and restaurant space. Additional storefronts are proposed to extend a short way down Notre Dame.

Renovations continue on the second floor, where office space or perhaps a health

club would set up shop.

Piggott presented a list of 21 prospective tenants.

The roster included Williams-Sonoma, Restoration Hardware, J Crew, Joseph A. Bank, the Caucus Club, Cameron Steakhouse, Haagen-Dazs, California Pizza Kitchen, Girly Girl and Lifetime Fitness Boutique Spa & Club.

"Some are on the verge of signing letters of intent," Piggott said.

In place of the existing municipally-owned parking structure, Meathe wants the City to pay for a new four-story deck, the bottom two levels below grade. The deck will support four stories of terraced condominiums and townhouses averaging 1,730 square feet at a typical cost around \$330,000 each.

The resulting structure would stand six stories above ground and step back from the street, terrace fashion. At 54 feet tall, the proposed building meets city's height limits yet exceeds an ordinance allowing only five stories. A zoning variance would be needed.

Piggott called the vacant Jacobson's building a "monument to failure, like the Hudson's building in downtown Detroit."

Kercheval Place, flush with retail and residential drawing cards, would attract commercial development and, Piggott said, "create a greatly needed new housing product" for young professional and empty nesters alike.

He said, "If this project were allowed to go forward, in five years when the building is done, when the retail tenants are there, the Village's vitality is restored (and) we have 60 people living in residences, (citizens) are going to say this has been an outstanding success."

He added, "If the project does not go forward, after five years if the Jacobson's building is still empty or gets redeveloped for a purpose that's not compatible with the rest of the Village, people are going to be saying why in heaven's name did the council not take the concrete opportunity to enter into a partnership to save the Village."

He received a standing ovation.

\$9.6 million ante

"I am very optimistic," said Meathe, an entrepreneur who mushroomed a

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one-man chauffeur service into multi-million dollar Metro Cars. "Based upon support of the citizens, the clarity and tone of the public hearing this evening, this is what the citizens want."

Meathe's proposal depends on receiving a financial boost from the city.

Due to the cost of acquiring the old Jacobson's building, which CVS Pharmacy bought at auction above market price to scoop the property from prospective competitors, Meathe's group needs help completing the overall deal. His purchase agreement with CVS is contingent upon City officials supporting Kercheval Place.

"This is a difficult project to do financially," Piggott said.

Meathe wants the City to raze and replace the site's parking deck, built in 1974 for Jacobson's at City expense. In place of the old 290-spot facility, Meathe wants a larger, more inviting 390-space deck.

Meathe forecasts a municipal contribution of \$9.6 million.

"Cities do this all the time — making a financial contribution to get a project off the ground," Piggott said.

City taxpayers would take on the task through a 30-year bond issue. At 5.5 percent interest, payback would total \$680,000 annually. Approval of a bond requires a vote at the polls.

"The price tag of \$9.6 million is huge for a city of one square mile," said Councilman Dick Clarke.

"How much taxes do I expect to pay for this?" asked Sarah Hill, City resident.

"I'm very concerned that

Robert Wakely, above, an architect from the City, is among a crowd of people applauding Meathe's proposal to develop the Jake's site, which has sat vacant for nearly three years.

Lisa Rennell, right, a Village shopkeeper of 1 1/2 years, supports Meathe's plan, which requires a \$9.6 million contribution from the City. "This project needs to go forward," Rennell said. "We have been patient. This is the right time."

we don't create another tax burden on the community," said Councilman John Stevens.

"I have concerns," said Councilman Stephen Sholty, retired financial sales manager for Ford Credit. "We're being asked to donate (the parking) deck and land. The project would have to make economic sense. Only governments are expected to participate in projects that do not make economic sense."

Stevens, an architect and builder, called the \$680,000 annual payment "alarming."

He added, "There's no way we'd be able to generate \$680,000 worth of debt service revenue. The shortfall will automatically be slammed onto the taxpayers. We are ultimately the bigger risk-takers. If Meathe can't bring it off, we're stuck with a big structure."

"This is not going to increase taxes," Meathe said of Kercheval Place. "It's going to generate taxes."

Meathe said the development will benefit the City with an additional \$300,000 property taxes per year. He said the school system will receive \$175,000 per year with another \$30,000 going to the library. He said Wayne County will receive \$220,000 in new tax revenue.

"I don't have any problem with the parking garage as they propose," said Councilman Joseph Jennings.

"If there's not a new (parking) deck built, there will be no new development," Meathe said. "No deck, no deal."

"I'm endorsing the project," Stevens said looking at Meathe. "Pay for it yourself."

Parking payoff

Meathe's group calculated the deck would pay for itself in 30 years. He based the projection on leasing the bottom level to condo owners, raising transient parking rates to \$1 per hour and handling a total daily volume of 1,160 parkers.

Parking in the Village currently costs 35 cents per hour.

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"I'd like to see how residents feel about tripling parking rates," Sholty said.

"Retailers are asking for free parking," Stevens said after the meeting. "One dollar per hour is pointing in the wrong direction."

Stevens has first-hand knowledge of parking structures. He built the Detroit Athletic Club garage and owned a three-story, 250-spot facility in downtown West Palm Beach, Fla.

He says decks are expensive to maintain and a begrudging source of revenue.

"Parking structures are generally not profitable unless located where there are transient parking and high prices," Stevens said. "We don't have that. A parking structure in the Village won't have the type of transient traffic you expect in downtown Chicago. At Somerset Mall they charge nothing for parking. That's part of the sales pitch. Can you imagine Somerset Mall asking \$1 an hour for parking? Good luck."

Meathe's group says a new parking structure is essential for attracting quality tenants. The investors retained Rich & Associates, a nationally-known consulting firm in Southfield that specializes in parking garages, to evaluate the old structure. The firm has analyzed more than 500 parking structures and designed more than 1,500.

"From an economic, user and tenant standpoint the existing parking structure should be replaced," according to Rich's March 1 report.

The document characterized the facility as functionally obsolete.

As evidence, inspectors cited concrete deteriorating due to water and salt infiltration, cracked joints and weakened reinforcing steel.



Plus, the facility doesn't meet federal requirements for disability access. Moreover, vehicle entries and exits aren't big enough to accommodate large sport utility vehicles, handicapped vans or an ambulance.

Rich concluded that repairs totaling \$300,000 to \$400,000 would be necessary to extend the structure another five to 10 years beyond its 50-year life as projected when built more than three decades ago.

Stevens last week took his own tour of the deck.

"Yes, there is concrete that needs to be replaced," he

said. "But to put it in perspective, if a building has pneumonia, you don't order the casket. I believe the parking garage has a lot of life left."

City officials Monday commissioned their own \$10,900 analysis of the deck.

"It is incumbent upon the council to do our due diligence," said Councilmember Jean Weipert. "I hope we can roll up our sleeves and come up with a viable solution."

"I want a vibrant, exciting Village," said John Stempfle, councilman. "Let's move forward with this."

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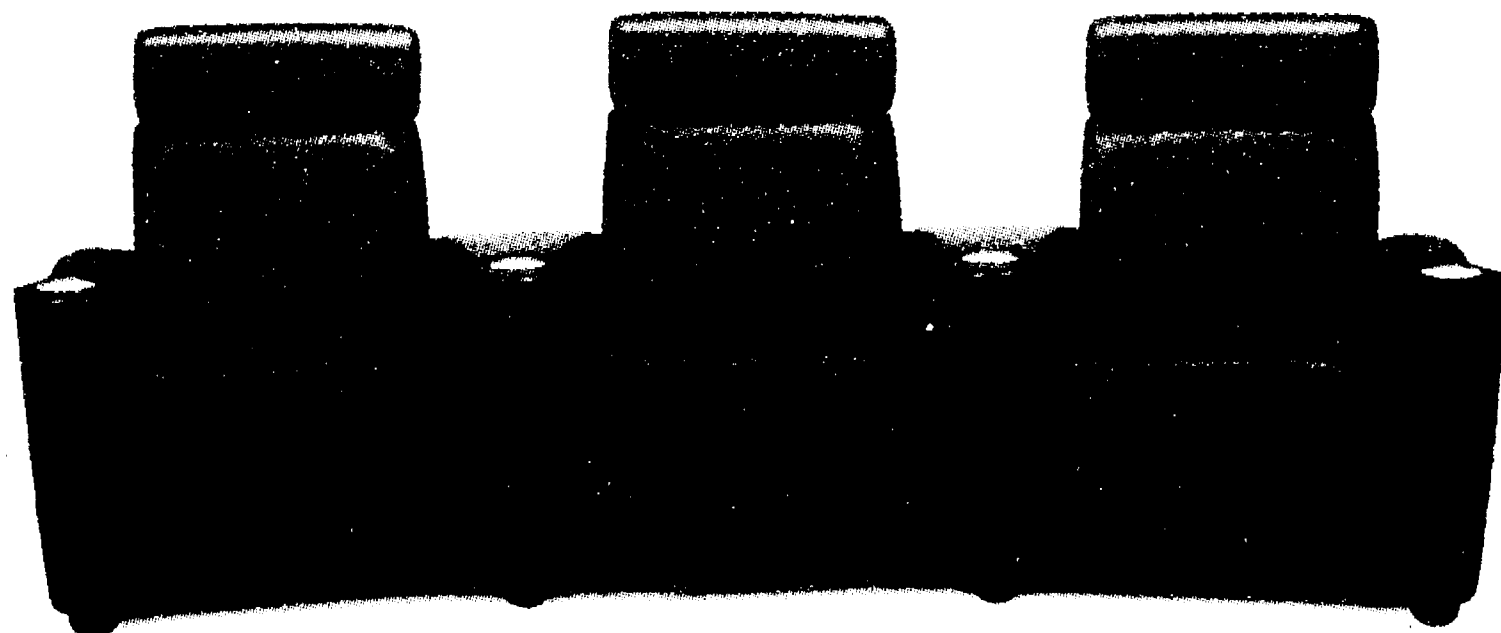
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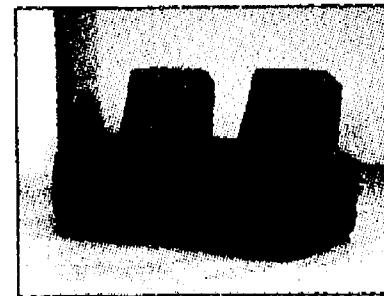
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City's cost too steep in Jake's plan

Cullan Meathe sure knows how to put on a show. He, through his attorney Cameron Piggott, had 200-plus spectators on their feet cheering during a public presentation Monday night of his \$40.5 million plan for the former Jacobson's property in the Village shopping district in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Many or most of those in the audience had seen a sneak preview in an invitation-only luncheon earlier in the day at the Country Club of Detroit. We are told 200 guests filled 10 tables at the luncheon. Those invited included elected city officials from the other Pointes, Village and Hill merchants and owners, Realtors and city administrators, including city manager Mike Overton and assistant city manager Brian Vick, both of the City.

City council members did not attend because it would not have been appropriate, according to Mayor Dale Scrace. However, Councilmen John Stevens and Steve Sholty thought otherwise and decided to attend the

luncheon.

With full stomachs and convinced minds, Mr. Meathe's supporters later showed up at the City's public presentation in the Fries Auditorium at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

We have to admit Mr. Meathe and his fellow investors in Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates have an impressive spiel.

Who would say no to 120,600 square feet of new retail space, 60 \$330,000 condos and a new 390-space parking deck?

No one. But wishing doesn't make it so.

The deal-breaker is Mr. Meathe's mandate that the City tear down its existing garage, deed the property over to him and then buy the parking structure back for \$9.6 million.

The nearly \$10 million investment would be paid by City taxpayers. Thank you very much!

Mr. Piggott and Mr. Meathe paint a dire picture of the Village if their plan is not accepted. They say the Village

will continue its "downward spiral" if we don't act now and back their plan.

We disagree.

Last we heard, the Village was nearly 100 percent occupied, and commercial property assessments continue to go up, not down.

We understand that Village merchants are "desperate" for good news, but to simply jump at the first proposal to come along is not prudent.

It seems to us the only "hard money" known going into the Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates plan is the City's. We did not hear anything Monday night indicating how much other money was going into the pot.

With the City deeding the parking garage — and other rights of way — over to the developer, along with a \$10 million promissory note, it may be conceivable that Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates could leverage the entire \$40.5 million venture without putting in a dime. After all, the City is contributing 25 percent downpayment (\$10 million) already.

By the developers' own admission, it will cost City taxpayers \$680,000 a year for 30 years to pay off the debt. That comes to \$20.4 million over the life of the municipal bonds, should voters approve them.

We hate to dampen all the excitement, but someone has to be the voice of reason. If this is such a good plan, let the developers finance it themselves. Let's not hold the taxpayers as cosigners. Remember the Pontiac Silver Dome?

After Mr. Meathe's purchase agreement has run its course, other developers will come along. But as long as Mr. Meathe has a legal purchase agreement with CVS, the property's owner, no other potential developers or buyers dare express interest for fear of being accused of obstructing a contract.

If the City is going to invest \$10 million, maybe it should buy the property if it becomes available.

Fortunately, the city council Monday night had the good sense to form a committee composed of the city manager, planner John Jackson and city attorney Charles Kennedy to investigate the developers' plan and financials. We encourage the city's due diligence in this matter. It is long overdue.

Meanwhile, let's all go into this endeavor with the same caution we would in any investment. After all, it is our own money.

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Letters

Thanks City citizens

To the Editor:

The presentation by the Meathe Group to the citizens of the City of Grosse Pointe on Monday, March 21, was received with great enthusiasm by those in attendance.

Although it is early in the planning stage, it appears as if the developer is requesting that the City of Grosse Pointe provide \$9.7 million toward the project in addition to giving away the air rights from the land on which the present parking structure sits.

This will be paid for with a 30-year bond (estimated annual payment of \$663,000 year) backed by all the citizens of the City of Grosse Pointe.

As a resident of the city of Grosse Pointe Park, I would like to thank all the residents of the City of Grosse Pointe who will be footing the bill for the next 30 years for this development. Thank you for your incredible generosity.

Mary McCaughey
 Grosse Pointe Park

Project plans

To the Editor:

I attended Cullan Meathe's show-and-tell on the upscale and very interesting Jacobson's retail and condo project earlier this week. But I have a question: The developers guesstimate that the City of Grosse Pointe will gain \$300,000, the Grosse Pointe Schools \$175,000 and Wayne County \$220,000 from new taxes it will generate.

They say that the City can use its \$300,000 for debt service on the \$9 million it's being asked to kick in for a new parking structure, which is the linchpin of the whole program.

If that's the case, why not ask Wayne County to earmark at least a portion of the \$220,000 in fresh cash that it is expected to gain to help pay for the project?

After all, the Wayne County commissioners recently voted to contribute \$400,000 toward an expansion program for Comerica Park, which benefits Tigers' owner Mike Ilitch, who lives in Bloomfield Hills and whose wife, Marian, just bid

almost \$400 million for the MGM Casino.

Perhaps the Pointes' county commissioner, Democrat Christopher Cavanagh, could help out.

Pete Waldmeir
 Grosse Pointe Woods

Property development

To the Editor:

I shop in the Village often, and I look forward to a new Jacobson's development. Currently there is only one to evaluate.

The City of Grosse Pointe taxpayers are being asked to consider assuming a large amount of risk and debt for the very first proposal to come along for the Jacobson's property.

Clearly the risk is substantial, and the proposed City-assumed debt at approximately \$680,000 per year for 30 years is certainly an issue serious enough to be voted on. I hope you get to do that, and I hope you are not all in Florida when it comes up.

To start the project, the currently neglected municipal garage, valued at \$5,000,000, must be given to the developer, and it would be torn down at the City's expense of \$300,000 so that a new one can be built to his specifications. There will be a \$9,700,000 bill for building a new one. The City, or you the taxpayers, are also asked to be generous enough to pay for its future maintenance and management. The City will lose a \$5,000,000 asset and get to pay \$10,000,000 to create a new one. Together the value is a \$15,000,000 loss to the City.

This turnabout of your taxpayer dollars must be done so that the City can pay for the additional structure and mechanical support that is required to build the four floors on top of the garage that will accommodate condominiums. Condominiums cannot be built on top of the current municipal garage.

The developer will gain the profit from the condominiums forever, and the air rights or property value will be an estimated \$5,000,000. The City will bear great financial risks and many of the construction costs for the project. This debt, paid

for by your hard earned tax dollars, will go on for 30 years. That is a long time, and I hope, for your sake, that your mayor and city council are studying this issue with the appropriate seriousness.

Aside from the Jacobson property, you do not have to be much of a visionary to imagine what a \$9,700,000 financial commitment would mean to the Village. It would be huge. Why not have a developer simply develop the Jacobson's property and pay his own freight? Proposing that the City bear part of the proposal's costs must be a last-resort effort to make this proposal viable, which in my opinion it is not.

Financial security for this proposal could become untenable as interest rates and construction costs rise even slightly in the future. I am sure the City could afford the cost of refurbishing the current municipal garage; the resultant savings would be \$14,700,000.

The proposed six-story building will make a substantial change to the Grosse Pointe skyline, and it will be in sharp contrast to the two-story housing right next door and the rest of the commercial buildings and shops in the Village.

More importantly, newly expanded building codes now allow four stories. Asking for six as this proposal does will open the door to dramatic changes in the architectural and economic base of Grosse Pointe. Six stories will result in a new design character that will be at odds with the community as it exists today.

Aesthetically a building of this proposed height and volume will be difficult to integrate into the mix of existing buildings. Reflecting the existing design character of the Village in a building of this height will prove to be a real creative challenge if this project goes forward.

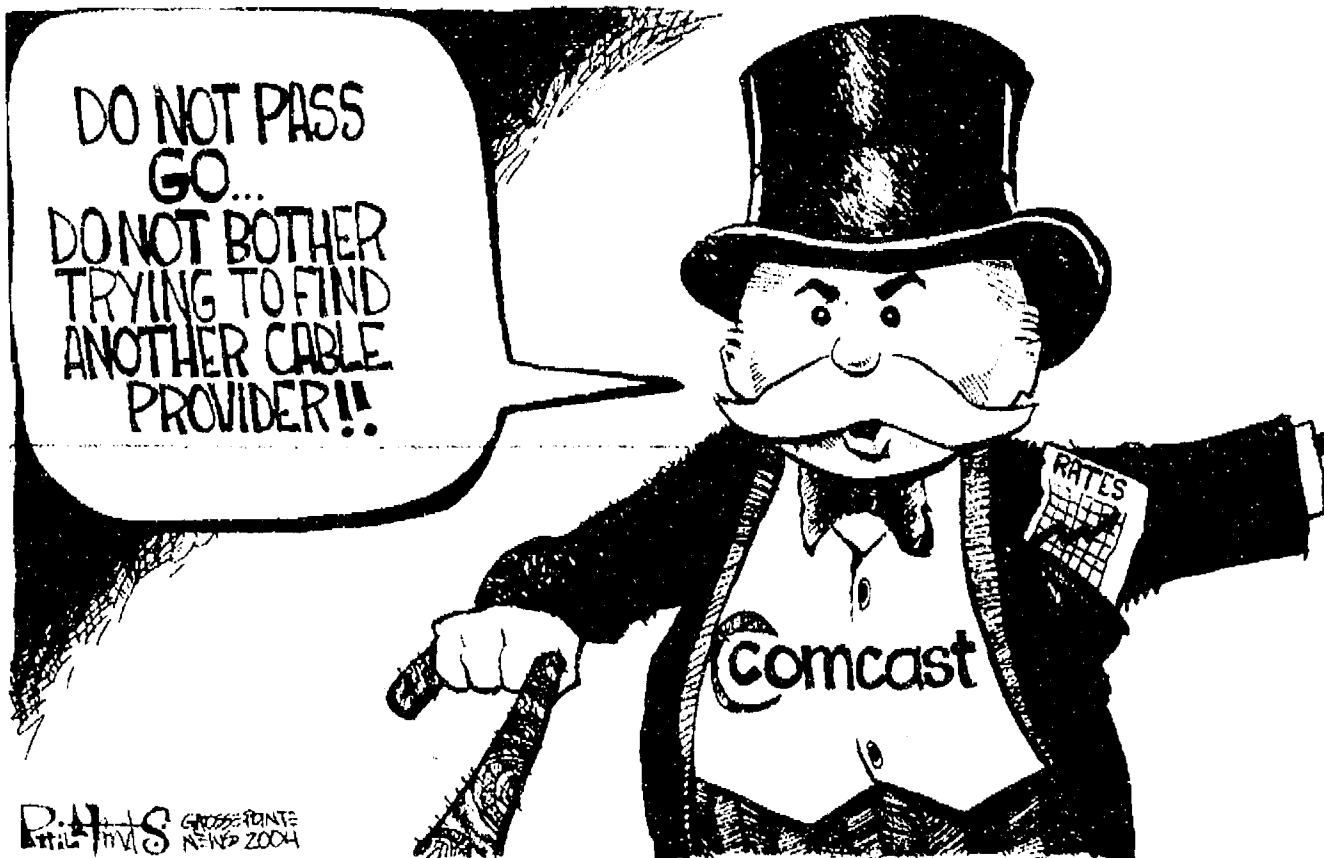
This is not a win, win, situation.

Dick Ruzzin
 Grosse Pointe Park

A special Village

To the Editor:

This letter is in regards to the proposal for Jacobson's



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

redemption. To Mayor Scrace and Grosse Pointe City Council Members:

As an architect and resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, I find the proposal for the redevelopment of the Jacobson's building somewhat disturbing.

It is my understanding Meathe Development is proposing, for our community, a structure well out of scale and character with the surrounding neighborhood.

The concept of condominiums in the heart of the Village could add new vibrancy to our community. The key to this would be to maintain a scale that is proportionate and complementary to the existing character. A six-story structure would be out of context with the streetscape of the Village and surrounding neighborhood.

Another issue of concern is the cost that would be incurred by the tax payers for a new garage. Studies of the existing garage have shown that repairs are needed due to lack of maintenance, but the building's structure remains sound. Refurbishing the existing structure would ultimately lower the cost and alleviate a burden to the taxpayers.

Unfortunately this appears to be a desperate attempt to bring closure to the "Jacobson's building." Patience always remains a difficult virtue, but is one needed on this issue. It is imperative to find a developer sensitive to protecting the integrity and character of the neighborhood as well as protecting the taxpayers

from unnecessary burdens. This community is ready and excited for a change. Let us make sure we do not lose what makes our Village special.

Joan M. Pfaendtner
 City of Grosse Pointe

Revalue plan

To the Editor:

This is in regard to the Jacobson's building redevelopment.

To Mayor Scrace and Grosse Pointe City Council Members:

As long-time residents of the City of Grosse Pointe, we are appalled at the proposal to develop the Jacobson's property at the expense of the residents of the City of Grosse Pointe.

We have always enjoyed the Village area and supported the commerce throughout the years. However, this new development scheme offers nothing to our advantage or an improvement to the streetscape.

The proposal, in our opinion, would be an over-scaled mass with no incentives or aesthetics for residents.

For this mistake, you will then ask seniors on a fixed income to pay.

We have always been happy to support development and growth in our community, but this is one time we see a no win situation. We implore you to please reevaluate this decision.

Patrick and Theresa Pfaendtner
 City of Grosse Pointe

Lakeshore condominiums

To the Editor:

This letter is in comment on the preliminary site plan review of 50/60 Lakeshore.

To the Members of the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council:

As another meeting is scheduled on March 21 to consider what to do with the properties at 50/60 Lakeshore ("the subject properties"), I will be out of town. I, nevertheless, felt compelled to express my views, as to what has clearly become a controversy, involving several stakeholders, as to what to do with the subject properties.

First, let me introduce myself. I am Dick Manetta, who, together with my wife, Mickie, have been the owners of the property located directly across the street from 60 Lakeshore since 1998. Our house was built in 1892, reportedly designed by Albert Kahn, then of Mason and Rice, and is considered the "sister" house to 60 Lakeshore.

Since we have owned our home, we have attempted, both inside and outside, to restore the home to its original character and charm. To a large extent we must have been successful. Not only was our home awarded in 2002 The Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Award and our landscaper honored in 2001 by The Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association, based on the work done to our property, but we have been particular-

Editor's midlife crisis

I did something I thought I would never do. I bought a foreign car.

My grandfather worked for Ford Motor Co. My dad worked for an auto-related OEM. My father-in-law was a UAW member, and my wife works for Rockwell Automotive.

We've owned Ford, GM and Chrysler products. My wife even worked at Saturn in Spring Hill, Tenn., during startup some years ago.

All this is to say that I have "buy American" in my blood.

I really didn't need a new car. My 1998 Neon only had 40,000 miles on it. But a

year ago I promised it to my niece, Lauren, when she turned 16. She turned 16 in December and is looking forward to her own car.

We all remember our first car. Mine was a 1964 Corvair hardtop. I only had it a short while.

It wasn't so much unsafe at any speed as it was prone to breaking down.

When the clutch cable broke, I gave it up.

My second car was a 1962 Impala, red with a white top. It had an automatic transmission, a small V8 and 130,000 miles. I loved it.

It purred along. It had a center glove box with a big door over the center hump. I bragged I could ride around town all night without spilling a single pop.

I used to burn incense in the wide ash tray. For years after I parked the car, you could still open the door



I Say

John Minnis

and smell sandalwood.

Yes, I did have some good dates in that car, but we had better not go there.

After high school graduation, I bought a 1972 Chevelle. It only had a six-cylinder engine, but it looked fast.

For my birthday one year when I was in my 20s, my wife bought me a 1976 Firebird Formula. It was blue with a racing stripe, hood scoop, wide tires and honey-comb wheels. It had a 400-cubic-inch engine. I couldn't round a corner or

leave a light without squealing the tires.

Once I was racing another guy down Utica Road. I reached 70 mph before I hit a curbside puddle and almost lost it. I cooled it after that. Then the 1981 depression (recession everywhere else) hit, and I was forced to sell the car at a big loss.

I went back to school, this time driving a 1970 Dodge Dart. The top of the front fenders were rusted through; so I used duct tape to keep rain water from

dripping on my legs and feet while I drove.

It was perfect for driving to Wayne State. I didn't even have to lock the car. No self-respecting crook would steal it!

I learned early on that I cannot drive cars with long front ends. My wife had a Mercury that went on forever, and I kept hitting things.

So knowing my limitations, I stayed with small cars — Omnis, Horizons, Neons, etc.

This time around, I planned to get a PT Cruiser. But my wife hates the looks of them, and after a while, I tired of them, too.

I remembered reading a column some time back by auto writer Dick Wright in the Grosse Pointe News. It was about a Mini Cooper. So I went online and looked it up.

It was love at first sight. That was more than a year

ago. I carried the secret affection without telling my wife. I was afraid she wouldn't like it.

As is said about illicit affairs, my wife was the last to know. When she mentioned it to her brother-in-law, Wally, he told her I had been talking about the Mini for more than a year.

A month ago, I stopped by Bavarian Motor Village on Gratiot on my way to work. They had a Mini Cooper in the showroom window. I didn't buy that one, but I found another in the lot I liked.

I took my wife back later to show her. She hated it, but I bought it anyway. It is black. I talked them into adding a white checkered top.

My wife, Terry, thinks I'm going through a midlife crisis. "At least," she says, "it's not a Corvette."

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The Op-Ed Page



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fyi

by Ben Burns

Long distance

It was youth Sunday at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church on Lakeshore. An upbeat jazz ensemble expertly played intro music seldom heard in the staid sanctuary. A teenage girl read the announcements. A young man got up to do the "Call to Worship."

As he approached the lectern, Mitch Smith apparently heard or felt something. He paused and reached in his pants pocket and got out a cell phone. He looked at it, fiddled with it and put it back. He halted again and muttered into the microphone, "This is embarrassing." Out came the cell phone. Buttons pressed more quickly and back in the pocket. A third time, the phone came out. While he looked at it again an air of disapproval hung over the Presbyterian congregation, some members of which only half-jokingly refer to themselves as "the frozen chosen." Smith held the phone up to his ear, then looked at the display and then turned the cell phone toward the worshipers. "It's God calling," he said. "Will you answer?" The son of Garry and Susan Smith of the City then sat down.

Good question, Mitch.

Winter flower

One of the first things to greet visitors to Wayne

State's classy new Welcome Center at the corner of Warren and Woodward is a 1987 sculpture titled "Winter Flower" by David Barr.

The structivist-style sculpture used to grace the back yard garden of a home on Radnor Circle in the Farms. It was donated by Nola H. Tutag and her late husband, Edward. Mrs. Tutag is a 1969 alum of WSU and an emerita associate professor of humanities. "Winter Flower" was installed in its current location between the new bookstore and the Welcome Center entrance last November.

Barr, the sculptor, is better known for designing the 59-foot-high labor monument arc "Transcending" in Hart Plaza with fellow WSU alum Sergio de Giusti.

The artist is less well known for "Arctic Art," two identical sculptures on opposite sides of the Bering Strait between Siberia and Alaska commemorating the place where prehistoric Asians crossed to North America.

And few folks have ever seen his "largest sculpture in the world" — an imaginary tetrahedron (a block with four faces) inside the earth — whose four corners in Greenland, South Africa, on Easter Island and in New Guinea are marked by

identical 4-inch-tall tetrahedrons projecting from the ground.

You have to use your imagination to see it.

Volunteer

The Detroit Historical Museum & Society is looking for adult volunteers to help greet the museum's 300,000 annual visitors. If you are interested in Detroit and its history, you can check out the Web site at www.detroithistorical.org, contact dhmvolunteers@hist.ci.detroit.mi.us or call volunteer services at (313) 833-0481. The next volunteer orientation is set for Monday, April 4, from 10 a.m. to noon at the museum, and officials promise they have assignments to fit every schedule and lifestyle.

No word

I thought I would be inundated with phone calls on whatever happened to Capt. Benjamin Franklin Robertson Jr., the Grosse Pointer whose "Baby Book" turned up in an antique auction in Shipshewana, Ind. Canton antique dealer Bob Betley bought the book hoping to impress Sally Segerson of Fort Wayne, Ind., and start a romantic relationship — sort of like some of the plots in the funny romantic comedy "Hitch" that was showing

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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

Students and teachers: What are you going to do over your Spring Break?



Ashley Rogers

"A couple of friends and I are going to the Mayan Riviera in Mexico. We're going to have a stellar time!"

Ashley Rogers
Grosse Pointe Woods



Elizabeth Soby

"I'm going to Grand Rapids, I'm going to spend some time with family and I'm going to read a couple books."

Elizabeth Soby
Grosse Pointe Farms



Mike Walton

"I'm going to Paris. I'm really excited to see Europe."

Mike Walton
Grosse Pointe Shores



Dayna Hohlfdt and Betsy Schrage

"We're going down to the Carolinas to look at schools and hopefully spend a few days at Myrtle Beach."

Dayna Hohlfdt and Betsy Schrage
Grosse Pointe Woods



Jan Mohr

"I won't be doing any Spring Break traveling until a week or two, after everybody gets back, when I'll go to Florida."

Jan Mohr
Grosse Pointe Shores



Nicole Westfall

"I'm going to Wilmington, North Carolina to visit my sister and her husband, with my family."

Nicole Westfall
Grosse Pointe Park

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

Points about the Pointes

It's time for a special bird to leave our nest. The problem is, I'll never be quite ready!



Over the past 35 years, we have had about 1,000 staff members come and go, working with us after school, during vacations and full time. For the most part, when they went on in their lives, we were both a little wiser as a result of our time together. I am very proud that dozens of former staff members, like Dave Bourbeau and Andy Costakis to name a few, have returned to the Pointes to raise their families and are now our customers as well as old friends.

Of all of staff members we have had since I started here in 1967, none has had a greater impact on our business and on my life than our manager, Jeanie Soulliere. For the past twenty years, Jeanie has been the smiling face of Speedi Photo, dealing with the most difficult of problems with incredible patience and compassion. I have never met anyone other than my mentor, Carl Joyner, who truly cared as much as Jeanie does about our customers. If I could get her to take an MRI, I could prove that with Jeanie it is actually genetic...probably something to do with an extra valve or two she has in her heart.

Jeanie has been part of the Ismail family in the purest sense of the word for over twenty years. I have known Jeanie longer than I have my wife, Mary Ann, who has worked with Jeanie since we were married. My sons have grown up with Aunt Jeanie's caramel corn being under our Christmas tree without fail since they were born. It is for these reasons (and probably a hundred more that I can't think of right now) that I find it so very difficult to let you all know that Jeanie will be leaving our Speedi nest on April 1st.

Jeanie has, after twenty years, decided to take the leap from the comfort zone of her Speedi

Photo nest to embark on a new career in the insurance business.

Considering the number of different careers I have had (and still have), I would be the ultimate hypocrite to advise her to do otherwise. As much as knowing that Jeanie won't be working with us hurt, I know in my heart it's the right thing for Jeanie to do at this stage in her life.

We all know Speedi Photo will exist after Jeanie is gone, and that no one is indispensable. Our commitment to serving our customers will be the same as it was when I started working for Carl Joyner after school while I attended Parcells. Just as with Carl's passing, Jeanie's absence is sure to affect Speedi's personality in some small way.

The feelings I have about Jeanie leaving are sure to be the same I'll experience in a few short years when my son, Jonathan, goes off to college. In my heart, I'll know his leaving is the natural progression of life, know it is right for him, but still wish it didn't have to happen just quite yet.

I know Jeanie isn't moving out of town, and that we can always meet for lunch. Just as with my son Jonathan when he leaves home for life's adventures, Jeanie won't be there every morning. She won't be there delicately (and with great tact) suggesting that I learn to use the word "no" when people ask for my help, or hinting that I have told too many people "yes", or reminding me that God isn't planning on switching the number of hours in the day from 24 to 48 hours anytime soon.

I hope those of you whose lives Jeanie has in some way touched in the way she has ours will take a moment to stop in and wish this very special person the best of luck in her new adventure.

Ahmed Ismail (ahmed.ismail@comcast.net)

Presidential elections not 'significant' to market

By Gary Cortner

The relationship between presidential elections and the financial markets seems something of a chicken-or-egg proposition.

For months prior to an election, media pundits, pollsters and academics sift historical statistics, current market data and candidate polls for a connection. Do a positive market and growing economy benefit the incumbent? If so, how much? If polls show the incumbent to be trailing, how will the markets react?

Of course, on Wednesday following the election those same observers look for signs of the market's approval or disapproval of the winner.

Ironically, much of the academic research of market trends during presidential elections shows relatively little significant effect. The key word here is



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"significant," CIC Group, in a white paper called

"Impact of the Election on the Stock Market" (August 2000), sums it up best: "In conclusion, there is no conclusion."

There is, however, no lack of theories. We outline a few below.

Republican presidents are pro-business: According to CIC Group, a generally held theory that Republicans promote policies more favorable to business leads to the popular conclusion that the stock market reacts better with a Republican in the White House. Statistically, Democratic presidents have had a slight edge since 1945, as measured by the S&P 500. Since that time, however, returns have been positive for all administrations.

Election cycle theory: This theory, put forth by Richard Hoskins in "War Cycles/Peace Cycles" and quoted liberally in the

financial industry and the popular media, holds that presidents make the tough decisions in their first two years in office, hoping those decisions will be forgotten by the next election. That leads to lower market returns in those years, followed by higher returns in the pre-election year. During the election year itself, returns fall somewhere in between. The market, however, likes to make liars of statisticians.

According to CIC Group, 1997, which should have been a down year, marked an S&P return of more than 30 percent.

Fama/French factors: In September of this year, David Booth, chief executive officer and chief investment officer of Dimensional Fund Advisors, used these factors to analyze pre- and post-election stock and bond returns. The factors — stock

market return above T-bills, small-cap minus large-cap stock returns, low-priced minus high-priced stock returns where price is scaled by book value, treasury bond minus T-bill return, and corporate bond minus treasury bond return — were applied to years 1927 to 2003. Booth concludes that the historical data "suggests that the presidential election year results do not produce any significant findings that would suggest a change in an asset allocation strategy." However, Booth wrote, "Even though election results don't seem to predict factor returns, factor returns in the months before an election may help predict the election winner."

What does all this mean for you as an investor?

"Although pondering the presidential effect on the stock market is fascinat-

ing," wrote Sue Stevens on Morningstar's Web site back in July, "ultimately it doesn't mean you should change the way you manage your portfolio. From a defensive perspective, you're always going to need a depth of diversification."

With so many other variables affecting the markets, the impact of presidential election results may be nothing more than an academic aside. While entertaining, your best strategy will always be a well-thought-out financial plan designed and executed with the help of a trusted financial adviser.

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Internal Revenue Service announces its 2005 Dirty Dozen

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recently unveiled its annual listing of notorious tax scams, the "Dirty Dozen," reminding taxpayers to be wary of schemes that promise to eliminate taxes or otherwise sound too good to be true.

"The 'Dirty Dozen' for 2005 includes several new scams that either manipulate laws governing charitable groups, abuse credit counseling services or rely on refuted arguments to claim tax exemptions," IRS Michigan spokesperson Sarah Wreford said. "We are also seeing the continuing spread of identity theft schemes preying on people through e-mail, the Internet or the phone, sometimes with ~~com-artists posing as~~ representatives of the IRS."

Persons who suspect tax fraud can call the IRS at 1-800-829-0433.

The Dirty Dozen are as follows:

1. Trust Misuse. Unscrupulous promoters for years have urged taxpayers to transfer assets into trusts. They promise reduction of income subject to tax, deductions for personal expenses and reduced estate or gift taxes. However, some trusts do not deliver the promised tax benefits, and the IRS is actively examining these arrangements. More than two dozen injunctions have been obtained against promoters since 2001, and numerous promoters and their clients have been prosecuted. As with other arrangements, taxpayers should seek the advice of a trusted professional before entering into a trust.

2. Frivolous Arguments. Promoters have been known to make the following outlandish claims: that the Sixteenth Amendment concerning congressional power to lay and collect income taxes was never ratified; that wages are not income; that filing a return and paying taxes are merely voluntary; and that being required to file Form 1040 violates the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination or the Fourth Amendment right to privacy. Don't believe these or other similar claims. Such arguments are false and have been thrown out of court. While taxpayers have the right to contest their tax

liabilities in court, no one has the right to disobey the law.

3. Return Preparer Fraud. Dishonest return preparers can cause many headaches for taxpayers who fall victim to their ploys. Such preparers derive financial gain by skimming a portion of their clients' refunds and charging inflated fees for return preparation services. They attract new clients by promising large refunds. Taxpayers should choose carefully when hiring a tax preparer. As the saying goes, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. No matter who prepares the return, the taxpayer is ultimately responsible for its accuracy. Since 2002, the courts have issued injunctions ordering dozens of individuals to cease preparing returns, and the Department of Justice has filed complaints against dozens of others, which are pending in court.

4. Credit Counseling Agencies. Taxpayers should be careful with credit counseling organizations that claim they can fix credit ratings, push debt payment agreements or charge high fees, monthly service charges or mandatory "contributions" that may add to debt. The IRS Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division has made auditing credit counseling organizations a priority because some of these tax-exempt organizations, which are intended to provide education to low-income customers with debt problems, are charging debtors large fees, while providing little or no counseling.

5. "Claim of Right" Doctrine. In this scheme, a taxpayer files a return and attempts to take a deduction equal to the entire amount of his or her wages. The promoter advises the taxpayer to label the deduction as "a necessary expense for the production of income" or "compensation for personal services actually rendered." This so-called deduction is based on a misinterpretation of the Internal Revenue Code and has no basis in law.

6. "No Gain" Deduction. Similar to "Claim of Right," filers attempt to eliminate their entire adjusted gross income (AGI) by deducting it

on Schedule A. The filer lists his or her AGI under the Schedule A section labeled "Other Miscellaneous Deductions" and attaches a statement to the return, referring to court documents and including the words "No Gain Realized."

7. Corporation Sole. Since September 2004, the Department of Justice has obtained six injunctions against promoters of this scheme and filed complaints against 11 others. Participants apply for incorporation under the pretext of being a "bishop" or "overseer" of a one-person, phony religious organization or society with the idea that this entitles the individual to exemption from federal income taxes as a nonprofit, religious organization. When used as intended, Corporation Sole statutes enable religious leaders to separate themselves legally from the control and ownership of church assets. But the rules have been twisted at seminars where taxpayers are charged fees of \$1,000 or more and incorrectly told that Corporation Sole laws provide a "legal" way to escape paying federal income taxes, child support and other personal debts.

8. Identity Theft. It pays to be choosy when it comes to disclosing personal information. Identity thieves have used stolen personal data to access financial accounts, run up charges on credit cards and apply for new loans. The IRS is aware of several identity theft scams involving taxes. In one case, fraudsters sent bank customers fictitious correspondence and IRS forms in an attempt to trick them into disclosing their personal financial data. In another, abusive tax preparers used clients' Social Security numbers and other information to file false tax returns without the clients' knowledge. Sometimes schemers pose as the IRS itself. Last year the IRS shut down a scheme in which perpetrators used e-mail to announce to unsuspecting taxpayers that they were "under audit" and could set matters right by divulging sensitive financial information on an official-looking Web site. Taxpayers should note the IRS does not

use e-mail to contact them about issues related to their accounts. If taxpayers have any doubt whether a contact from the IRS is authentic, they can call 1-800-829-1040 to confirm it.

9. Abuse of Charitable Organizations and Deductions. The IRS has observed an increase in the use of tax-exempt organizations to improperly shield income or assets from taxation. They can occur, for example, when a taxpayer moves assets or income to a tax-exempt supporting organization or donor-advised fund but maintains control over the assets or income, thereby obtaining a tax deduction without transferring a commensurate benefit to charity. "Abuse" of a historic facade easement to a tax-exempt conservation organization is another example. In many cases, local historic preservation laws already prohibit alteration of the home's facade. The deduction claimed for the easement contribution may far exceed the value of the property.

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of the tax law and has been refuted in court. Recent cases have resulted in criminal convictions, and the courts have issued injunctions against more than a dozen persons ordering them to stop promoting the scheme. Employer participants can also be held responsible for back payments of employees who have nothing withheld from their wages but are still responsible for payment of their personal taxes.

The IRS removed four scams from the Dirty Dozen this year: slavery reparations, improper home-based businesses, the Americans with Disabilities Act and EITC dependent sharing. The agency has noticed declines in activity in some of these schemes.

Moreover, the IRS reminds taxpayers to be vigilant about cons that may not be on the Dirty Dozen list.

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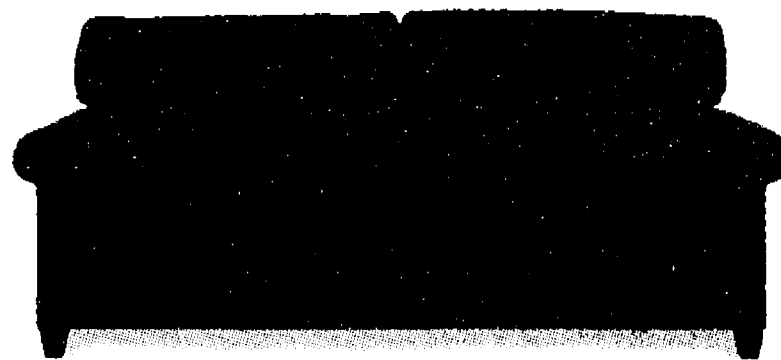
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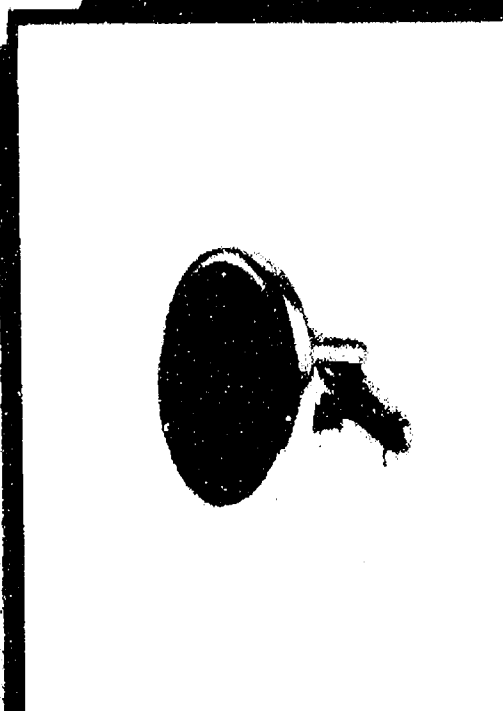
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Notre Dame, Trinity families make plans to stay

Archdiocese closes two local schools

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Notre Dame's Fighting Irish are staying true to their name. Students, parents and staff are not giving up an effort to keep the school open. They were informed last week by the Archdiocese of Detroit that 18 schools would close in June. Among those named were the Harper Woods based Notre Dame and Trinity high schools.

"I won't give up on Notre Dame. I won't give up on Trinity," said Jean Stanley, who has a daughter at Trinity and a son attending Notre Dame.

She, like so many, was shocked, devastated and saddened by the announcement.

"I was devastated. I felt like someone died," Irene Nosedá said. Her son, Joshua, is a freshman at Notre Dame.

"It hurts," Notre Dame junior Kurt Belen said. "I don't want to leave. I've built bonds."

Trinity senior, Erin Stanley added, "At first I was angry. I felt betrayed."

Mike Reece, who is in his first year as Notre Dame's principal said, "We can't give up. There are too many good things, traditions. There are 9,000 alum behind the school. In October, we celebrated our 50th anniversary. I'm not convinced our mission will end like this."

In hopes of keeping Notre



Students of Notre Dame High School walk under their rallying sign, "home of the fighting Irish" and wonder if they will be able to say those words next year. They haven't given up hope to remain in their Harper Woods school for another two years.

Dame viable for two more years until the building on 200 acres at North and Card roads is ready, Reece said, things are happening to help pay the bills. Finances was one of the reasons cited by the archdiocese to close the schools serving families in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Families continue to learn about options and line up strategies. Though the archdiocese has indicated there is no appeal, parents are not giving up as staff plans ways to stay open.

"The main priority," Reece said, "is to come up with a plan that will be listened to, not so much the money, just getting others to listen to

our plan."

Listening was one of the elements lacking in the decision, Stanley claims. "No one asked what they (the families affected) think."

Reece said as Christians they were all struggling but said there are options being pursued while maintaining a college-prep curriculum. One is to rent space from neighbors Regina or Lutheran East or Dominican. Another option is to move two existing schools, Notre Dame and an all-female school, together but continue separate traditions. The joint school would share common areas, the cafeteria, the auditorium, the chapel, the library, art,

music and advanced placement (AP) classes, he explained. The two would retain separate gym and core curriculum classes.

At Trinity, co-principal James Wasukanis said they are working two tracks. One is to see if there is an alternative to total closure and to keep the lines of communication open. The second track which he and his staff of 21 are assisting in is transition with the ultimate goal of keeping the 163 Trinity students in Catholic schools.

Reece said there are plans in place to address the financial issue including the



Celebrating 50 years of educating students in Wayne and Macomb counties, Notre Dame could close its doors in June. The Detroit Archdiocese announced last week 18 schools would be closing. On the list were Notre Dame and Trinity Catholic, also located in Harper Woods.

help Notre Dame is receiving from a pair of alumni.

Two University of Michigan freshmen are printing T-shirts out of their dorm room and selling them for \$10. Half of the proceeds will come back to their alma mater.

Trinity, too, was addressing its funding needs with an auction. Stanley, who was head of the Trinity auction said she hadn't even finished counting the proceeds from the recent event, when she heard the school was closing. She feels betrayed.

"This was a choice by men. God wouldn't turn his back on kids. They (the archdiocese) are giving up on the average kid. They are giving up on the religious education."

"This school services a need for the community and those kids. This is a life

choice and they are slapping my life choice. You need to take care of the kids. They are the future," she said.

Trinity, as well, can be defined as a neighborhood school with a majority of the students coming from within a 1.5 mile radius. Proximity to home is an additional feature parents enjoy when opting out of their public school.

Sending a child to Catholic school is a conscious choice for students and parents who foot a bill between \$6,000 and \$7,000 a year. They site reasons for their choices as small class sizes, the quality college-prep classes and the religious based life style to reinforce what is being taught in the home.

"Catholic school has been

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GPN artist on her way to creating great works

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North art teacher Robert Thies defines senior Kate Dervishi as a "once in a lifetime student." He predicts Dervishi will do great things, particularly when she is able to stretch her artistic wings in a more open environment that next year's college life will open to her.

Thies' predictions are on their way to becoming a reality as Dervishi's accomplishments and recognitions in the art world have begun.

Her freshman year, Dervishi received an award in the Michigan Regional Scholastic Art competition. That was the beginning, as evidenced by the 2005 regional art contest.

She was this year's Southeastern Michigan Regional Scholastic Art Award winner, capturing both the American Vision Award and Best of Show portfolio. Dervishi took home three gold keys (awards) and three silver



Grosse Pointe North senior Kate Dervishi works on a portrait of her art teacher, Robert Thies. Dervishi credits Thies as helping her the most with her talent. Her portrait of the Biblical character Judith is in the background.

keys. This qualified her work to be sent to New York for more judging at a

national level. While a work of hers was mentioned in the 2004 New

York show, Thies is confident she will be called to the stage this year for high-

er recognition.

"I'll go to that," he said.

To add to her accomplishments, Dervishi was the recent guest artist at the Players Theater on Jefferson where eight of her paintings were shown for a weekend.

The daughter of an artist, Dervishi is studying and emulating the old world masters, creating personalities in oil which jump off the canvas.

"I love art history," she said of having studied the artists of the 16th, 17th, 19th and 20th centuries.

Stashed about the art room are portraits of the Biblical Judith dressed in a scarlet skirt and a vanilla sleeveless blouse. She holds a sword and a helmet of the Assyrian army general whom she has slain. There are portraits of Lafayette and Thies.

"Portraits are more entertaining. The characters have personality," said the 17-year-old. "I can put anyone in any time and place with a portrait."

Dervishi said Judith's

character was interesting because she had to deceive the Assyrian army to get into its camp to behead its general, thus saving her city.

Though honored for her work in high school, Dervishi knows there is more for her to study to improve her talent. Last year she attended the School of the Art Institute of Chicago for two weeks to study figure painting.

"It was interesting. I learned how to apply paint in a less juvenile way. The professor was traditional (similar to her present style). I was fortunate to find a professor who stressed those techniques — the way to apply paint, capture an individual with economy."

Dervishi is enthusiastic about her work and her future. In five years, the 17-year-old sees herself holding a bachelor's degree in fine arts and supporting herself by painting.

"It's exciting to paint, to see how the work progresses," she said.

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pivotal for him," said Tim Ossman of his son Tim Jr., a freshman at Notre Dame. While proximity to his home is a plus, it's the education and connections his son has made at school that are key.

Erin Stanley agreed. "The teachers can tell the difference. The kids are more happy and involved. We have great things going on. There are 50 in my class.

We are really a close class. I have a good academic background." She would like to attend Loyola in Chicago next year and said, "I've been in AP English, calculus, history. In small classes you can ask questions. I feel prepared."

She gives credit to her teachers preparing her for college. Teachers have been positive in the classroom despite the knowledge their jobs are in limbo, she noted.

"I love our teachers. They are so committed."

Loss of job is an issue which bothers Reece. He has 45 on his staff.

"The staff took the news hard." Particularly Reece. He left a good job to take on the principalship of his alma mater, and he and his wife are expecting another child in July. "It's hard to feed nine children with no job."

"I left a nice position to come here. It's not often you come back to your high school. I've worked very hard to get Notre Dame back on track. It was on track. Now it's derailed. It worries me we won't have a chance to help young men."

Reece is not alone wondering what will happen to the religious education of the 295 students, but he doesn't plan to give up yet.

An Irish Easter

ND students set their stage for seasonal stories

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

"Irish Easter," a Notre Dame student-driven pre-

sentation, was more than a story. The young men brought to life the story of Jesus death and resurrec-

tion through pantomime, music and a rotating set.

The cast of a dozen students, with narrator Tony Valenti, explained how Jesus died on the cross for them, was buried and rose again. Tom Minaudo, who portrayed Jesus, said it was an honor to be chosen for the part.

Emerging from a tomb built of wood, wire, cloth by carpenters Jonathon Sitarski and Justin Wiley during their winter break and painted by John Wieske, Minaudo, as Jesus, told the children he loved them.

The set was turned and a butcher shop appeared. On the door was a sign indicating there was a giant rabbit sale going on. After the butchers left the shop and with the assistance of three East Catholic girls, the four man-sized rabbits were released from the store to freely hop about.

The four were so happy to be out of their cages, they hopped, tumbled and jumped for the 100 elementary guests.

As gymnasts, the four were encouraged to do more. When the flying rabbits completed their routine, the young students were presented with a small gift.

"This is follow up the December presentation of 'Irish Christmas' in which the students were treated to an 18-foot Christmas trees, explained Principal Michael Reece. Again the Notre Dame students put the presentation together and presented gifts to each guest.

His young students were so enthused following the successful Christmas presentation to the East Catholic students, Notre Dame musicians, actors, lighting, sound specialists and artists wanted to carry out a similar event during the spring.

"It's interdisciplinary," explained art teacher Ron Stephens. "All the talent we got from the students. The beauty of art involves all and art involves all of them. We can do so much more when tie together."

This carries out the mission of Notre Dame, he explained. The mission is Christian young men serving as Jesus Christ served in the community.

"This is why we exist. It makes me proud," Reece said.

Correction

One author in Library of Love was misidentified. Elizabeth Thams was one of the authors on "Funky Friends."



Rabbit Damon Kendrick was flying through the air in joy. He is a gymnast and was part of the presentation "Irish Easter."

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Academy students find scientific answers

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Science teachers at Grosse Pointe Academy were amazed at the projects their fourth and fifth graders came up with in its first science fair.

Would the young man find the proper combinations to make his lava lamp? Of a dog, cat or human, which mouth contains the most germs? Is plant growth affected by music? Do mealworms grow better in the light or dark?

And this from the summer musings of fourth- and fifth-grade science teacher Barbara Markus. She wanted to challenge her students and imprint the scientific method.

"The three science teachers wanted to mainly teach the scientific method of finding the question or problem, forming a hypothesis, listing the materials and procedures, recording observations and writing a conclusion," Markus said. "They started in January with a time line and a check list."

Each chose the topic and wrote up a proposal.

"Some were not accepted the first time," she said.

Once topics were approved, such as paper towel absorbency, or is one geometric shape of a snowflake more prominent than another, students were ready to begin the hands-on work.

One young man and his father built a wave pool to test tsunami affects.

Another father/son duo built a catapult about the size of an adult's hand. Together they catapulted three different size of marbles into a snowbank to learn what type of damage could be inflicted using various missile weights.

A girl had plants next to music to answer the question: Does music affect the growth of a plant?

Where on this planet can we get more food, one student asked and another student wanted to know if mealworms grew faster in the dark or light, much to the consternation of his mother. One of the highlights for Markus was watching the trial and error of Henry Fildes' levitating Lava lamp. After weeks of no success, Fildes came out with a ribbon and more questions.

Markus was again pleased because students were thinking beyond the completion of their experiments to how they could be modified and improved.

"One lesson they learned in the science fair project was that it doesn't have to work," she said. "Science in real world doesn't have success the first time. It could be years and years before an invention is complete. They learned by recording the observation."

Judges middle school teachers Karen Ream, Michael Fultz and Michelle Roberts and director of technology Robert Rochte, who has a passion for science, measured the projects by how well the students followed the scientific method.



Photo by Ann L. Fouty

These five were among the top winners at Grosse Pointe Academy's first science fair. The two-month long project culminated in a show on March 16. The students pictured from left to right, Jeffrey Woolstrum, Lauren Schaller, Conor Tily, Michael McCuish and Somers Brush.

Did the conclusion answer the question.

"It was a huge success," Markus said. The science was only a success from the standpoint of the students learning more about science but from the parents enthusiasm.

"The parents were just thrilled," she said. Both parents and teacher would like a science fair repeat. "We are talking about what worked best and what needs to be changed."

Just like a scientific experiment - what worked, what didn't and which variables need to be changed.

Top science fair winners

Fourth graders

John Bozzella - Star Snowflakes

Amanda Heidt - Thirsty Paper

Nicholas Morley - The Affect of Noise on Learning

Lauren Schaller - Why Things Float

Conor Tily - Catapult

Jeffrey Woolstrum - Tsunami Simulation

Fifth graders

Somers Brush - Soap Bubbles Life

Henry Fildes - Levitating Lava

Gregory Jolly - Green Bean Growth Artificial Light vs. Natural

Michael McCuish - Take a Deep Breath

Robert Stanley - Growing Crystals in Different Temperatures

Jeffrey Woolstrum, a fourth-grader, was prompted by the tsunami on Dec. 26 for his science project. He and his father built a wave tank of wood and

plexiglass to measure the affects of their simulated earthquake, landslide and meteorite. His conclusion was that the landslide had the highest run-up while the meteorite created the largest wave height.

Conor Tily made a catapult with his father. Three

marbles were used in weights of .26 grams, .55 grams and .119 grams. In three separate throws for each marble, Tily found that the heaviest one sometimes was driven so far into the snowbank that it couldn't be found. The lighter one bounced off the bank answering the question of does the weight of the missile throw from a catapult effect the amount of damage.

Fourth-grader Lauren Schaller answered a question that had been plaguing her sister. Why do big boats float? However, Schaller scaled her experiment down using a 2 inch Styrofoam ball, a 2 inch wooden ball and a 2 inch steel ball. She found that the Styrofoam and wooden balls displaced enough water to stay afloat while the steel ball dropped to the bottom of the bowl of water.

Athlete Michael McCuish wanted to know about lung capacity. His question was: Does an athletic student has larger lung capacity than a non-athlete? Asking three athletes and three non-ath-

letes to blow into a balloon and measuring the diameter of the balloon, he found a tie between to the two groups.

Does the temperature affect the lifetime of a soap bubble was the question posed by fifth-grader Somers Brush.

Placing a jar of bubbles in a closet with the temperature of 4 degrees Celsius and another in a 19 Celsius degree room, she found that her hypothesis was correct. The colder the temperature of the liquid, the longer the life of the bubble.

All five students said they found their projects interesting and fun and pass on advise to students who are facing a science fair project.

"Pick an easy but fun but challenging project," Tily said.

Brush had this to say, "Make it scientific but not too complicated."

One observation by Markus and students was unscientific.

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Grosse Pointe Academy fifth-grader Henry Fildes and his Levitating Lava lamp went through several trials and errors until he found the correct combinations to make the lava bubble. He was one of the school's science fair winners.

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Former Grosse Pointe resident Susan D. Campbell, 50, of Baltimore, Md., died on Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at her home of diabetes related heart failure.

She was born on November 7, 1954, and graduated from University Liggett School, Goucher College and The University of Maryland Law School. After being admitted to the Maryland Bar, she practiced law in Baltimore until her death.

She is survived by her mother, Marjorie S. Campbell; her father, Dr. Frederick W. (Margaret) Campbell Jr. of St. Albans, Vt.; her three brothers, Dr. Frederick W. (Kendra) Campbell III, of Traverse City, William Y. Campbell of Grosse Pointe, and Ian (Colleen) Campbell of Williston, Vt.; her three nephews; her four nieces; and her friend, Katherine Bryant.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 12, in Baltimore.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Susan D. Campbell Memorial Fund, 800 Wyman Park Drive, Suite 110, Baltimore, MD, or the charity of one's choice.



Anne Murphy Clark

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Grosse Pointe Farms resident Anne Murphy Clark, 41, died on Saturday, March 19, 2005, in Bon Secours Hospital.

She was born on Aug. 16, 1963, in Grosse Pointe to Barbara Rathka and the late Hon. John R. Murphy.

She graduated from the University Liggett School in 1981, the University of Michigan in 1985 and the University of Detroit Law School in 1990.

For five years, she owned and operated the store, Fogal, which was located in the Somerset Collection in Troy.

She was an active participant in Planned Parenthood of Southeast Michigan and Grosse Pointe Academy's Annual Action Auction. She enjoyed spending her leisure time at the family cottage in Crystal Lake and the family home on Marco Island, Fla.

She was a loving and devoted mother to her two sons. She was a caring and dedicated individual who will be greatly missed by her children, family and friends.

She is survived by her two sons, Chase and Clayton; her mother, Barbara (Raymond) Rathka; her brother, Brian (Christine) Murphy; her niece, Rory M. Murphy; and her former husband, John R. Clark.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 22, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe in Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment is in Crystal Lake Township Cemetery in North Frankfort.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Donald Gilmour Harrison

Donald Gilmour Harrison, 85, of St. Clair Shores, died on Saturday, March 12, 2005 in St. John Hospital in Detroit.

He was born on Feb. 28, 1920 in Geneva, N.Y.

After graduating from Syracuse University, he joined the U.S. Navy as a Naval flight instructor during World War II and became a lieutenant.

After the Navy, he attended and graduated from Harvard Law School.

In 1948, he moved to Detroit and joined the law firm of Cross, Wrock, Miller and Vieson where he worked for over 50 years and was a senior partner. He served on the board of Pressure Vessel Services for many years.

He was a member of the One Hundred Club, Essex Golf and Country Club, Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, and Seven Springs Golf Club in Florida.

He was an avid golfer, loved to travel, and collected and repaired antique clocks as a hobby.

He had a great sense of humor that helped him cope with his long illness.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Evelyn; his daughters, Julie (Dennis Kutzen) Harrison and Susan (Bill Keough) Harrison; his step-daughters, Deborah (William) Fleischmann and Faith Brower; and his grandsons, John, Adam and Grant.

A funeral service was held on Friday, March 18, at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in



Donald Gilmour Harrison

Detroit. Interment is in Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the One Hundred Club, 1717 S. Port Hwy., Flint, MI 48503, or the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit MI 48214.

Eleanora M. Howe

Eleanora M. Howe, 83, former resident of Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Woods, died Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at St. John Hospital of respiratory and cardiovascular complications.

She was born on June 8, 1921, in Detroit to the late John and Mary VanLoon.

Mrs. Howe was the wife of Leo J. Howe Jr., a Detroit area businessman and owner/president of the Howe-Martz Glass Co., which provided glass and glazing services in Detroit and for many major construction projects throughout the United States for 85 years before closing in 1996.

She was the mother of six children who reside in Grosse Pointe and the metro Detroit area.

Mrs. Howe was a Red Cross volunteer after World War II and served on the St. Mary Reparatrix Guild in Detroit for many years.

She and her husband were very involved in numerous social, charitable, and business activities. They were active participants in the Focus Life organization and the Neurological Muscular



Eleanora M. Howe

Institute (NMI). Both organizations are primarily focused on the needs of children in the Detroit area.

She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, a former member of the Detroit Athletic Club, and Beach Grove Golf and Country Club in St. Clair Beach, Ontario.

Mrs. Howe is survived by her five children, Jerry (Pearl), Mike (Ann), Jim (Robin), Judy (Art) Gilbert, and Carol (Mike) Burgess; her 26 grandchildren; and her two great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Leo, and her son, Bill, who died of cancer last February.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, March 18, at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores. Interment is in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores, MI 48082.

Alma Ruppenthal

Former Grosse Pointe resident Alma Ruppenthal, 103, died on Wednesday, March 16, 2005, in Georgian East Heartland in St. Clair Shores.

She was born on Feb. 11, 1902, in Ayton, Ontario, Canada, to the late Henry and Mary Schwab Ruppenthal. She was featured in the Grosse Pointe News on her 100th birthday in 2002.

She was employed for over

a half century at the Boomer Co., in Detroit. She attended night school at the University of Michigan to enhance her accounting skills. She was known at work as the "jack-of-all-trades" and the person her co-workers went to for help.

Miss Ruppenthal was an avid traveler and reader. She traveled extensively throughout Europe, Africa, China, Japan, Egypt and Israel.

She was predeceased by her parents; her sister, Rena Ruppenthal; and her brother, Norman Ruppenthal.

Memorial services were held on Sunday, March 20, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., in Grosse Pointe Park and on Tuesday, March 22, in Hanover, Ontario, Canada.

Interment is in Union Cemetery in Ayton.

Dredging permit pending

A 2002 petition, filed by five Grosse Pointe Shores residents who live on Lakeshore north of Osius Park, to dredge accretion along the Lake St. Clair shoreline north of Vernier is still pending with the state.

According to Mark McInerney, Shores village attorney, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality responded with a number of questions, such as where dredged material was to be dumped.

Although the application was submitted by private residents concerning their lakeside property, McInerney said the village might take a position on the matter.

"If we decided that dredging was going to have an effect on us, we would have the right and responsibility to stand up and say something," he said. "Secondly, if this request is by five people, my sense is they are not in the majority of people living along that stretch. If we got the idea that the best interests of the majority of the people along there were to oppose it, we might be interested in doing that."

—Brad Lindberg

HARPER WOODS SCHOOL DISTRICT 20225 BEACONSFIELD HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The School District of the City of Harper Woods will receive sealed bid proposals for construction trade work from qualified Subcontractors for the Additions and Renovations to Tyrone Elementary School, 19525 Tyrone Street, and the Additions and Renovations to Beacon Elementary School, 19474 Beaconsfield, Harper Woods, MI.

Proposals Due: Proposals may be mailed or delivered in person to Mr. Joel Killenberg, Secretary of the Board of Education for the School District of the City of Harper Woods, 20225 Beaconsfield, Harper Woods, MI 48225.

Proposals for Tyrone Elementary School must be received prior to **2:00 p.m.** (local time) on Thursday, April 07, 2005.

Proposals for Beacon Elementary School must be received prior to **2:00 p.m.** (local time) on Tuesday, April 12, 2005.

Proposals will be publicly opened at 2:15 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room. All bids will be evaluated after the bid opening. Bids received after 2:00 p.m. on the bid date will be disqualified.

The project will utilize separate prime contractors. All contracts for construction will be direct contracts with the Owner. Overall administration of the project will be the responsibility of the Construction Management Firm, E. Gilbert & Sons, Inc., 45887 Mound Road, Utica, Michigan 48317, Phone: 586-731-7450, Fax 586-731-9289. The Owner will award contracts on or about April 19, 2005 to separate contractors for separate bid divisions or combinations of bid divisions. A Bidder may submit a proposal on more than one Bid Division; however, a separate bid must be submitted for each Bid Division of a combined bid. All bids shall be submitted on the bid forms provided in the project specifications, completely filled in, and executed (copies of the bid forms are acceptable). Facsimile bids will not be accepted.

The Bidders shall read and review the Bidding Documents carefully, and familiarize themselves thoroughly with all requirements.

A Pre-bid meeting (non-mandatory) will be conducted by the Construction Manager, E. Gilbert & Sons, Inc., and the Architect, Wold Architects, at 9:00 a.m. March 30th, 2005 at Tyrone Elementary School and at 11:00 a.m. March 30th, 2005, at Beacon Elementary School. The Meetings will be held at the school sites.

Plans Available One (1) set of Bidding Documents will be provided to each contractor furnishing a plan deposit fee of **\$100.00** per set through E. Gilbert & Sons, Inc. All checks and/or money orders are to be made payable to the School District of the City of Harper Woods. Plans may be obtained from E. Gilbert & Sons, Inc., attention Nancy Schroeder (586-731-7450). Plan deposits are refundable, provided plans and specifications are returned in good condition to the Construction Manager following contract awards. All questions regarding the bidding procedures, design, and drawing/specification intent are to be directed to the Construction Manager on a Clarification Request Form (See Section 00310), attention Michael Beaupre or Bob Koepsell.

A Bid Security in the amount of five percent (5%) of Base Bid shall accompany each proposal or proposal combination. The Bid Security may be in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashier's Check, or Money Order. Personal checks are NOT acceptable. Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of **sixty (60) days** after the bid date. Successful Bidders may be required to furnish Surety Bonds as stated in the Project Specifications (Section 00600).

All Bids shall be accompanied by a sworn statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owners (s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the School District. The Board of Education will not accept a bid that does not include a sworn and notarized familial relationship disclosure statement.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, accept a bid other than the low bid, and to waive informalities, irregularities, and/or errors in the bid proposals, which they feel to be in their own best interest.

Separate proposals will be received for the following Bid Categories:

TYRONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

02000-Earthwork
02070-Selective Demolition
03000-Foundations
03100-Site Concrete & Flatwork
04200-Masonry
05000-Structural Steel
06100-General Trade/Carpentry
07500-Built-up Roofing
07900-Joint Sealants
08100-Hollow Metal & Hardware
08500-Glass & Glazing
09300-Hard Tile
09500-Acoustical Ceilings
09600-Flooring
09900-Painting
10150-Toilet Partitions & Accessories
12300-Casework
14000-Elevator
15000-Plumbing
15600-HVAC
16000-Electrical

BEACON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

02000-Earthwork
02070-Selective Demolition
02550-Asphalt Paving
02850-Fencing
03000-Foundations
03100-Site Concrete & Flatwork
04200-Masonry
05000-Structural Steel
06100-General Trade/Carpentry
07500-Built-up Roofing
07900-Joint Sealants
08100-Hollow Metal & Hardware
08500-Glass & Glazing
09300-Hard Tile
09500-Acoustical Ceilings
09600-Flooring
09900-Painting
10150-Toilet Partitions & Accessories
11400-Food Service Equipment
12300-Casework
14000-Elevator
15000-Plumbing
15600-HVAC
16000-Electrical

MR. JOEL KILLENBERG,
Secretary of the Board of Education

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Monday, April 4, 2005 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

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

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

IN PERSON:

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

BY MAIL:

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

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

JULIE E. ARTHURS
City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe
17147 Maumee
313-885-5800

ROBERT GRAZIANI
Township Clerk
Township of Grosse Pointe
313-884-0234

SHANE L. REESIDE
City Manager/City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Farms
90 Kerby Road
313-885-6600

LOUISE WARNKE
City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Woods
20025 Mack Plaza
313-343-2440

MICKEY TODD
City Clerk
City of Harper Woods
19617 Harper Avenue
313-343-2510

Ford Escape still among the best

By Derek Price

Thanks to its near-perfect mix of price, handling and style, the Ford Escape has been a hit since it was introduced in 2001. No matter. It's already time for a new one, Ford says. The 2005 Escape has a new look and feel to match its intense competition from both domestic and foreign companies.

With a slightly new look for 2005, the Ford Escape is more refined and comfortable than ever. It has a quieter cabin with better materials than last year's model, and its ride is still smooth and car-like.

Thanks to ferocious competition in the mini-SUV market — including some very strong offerings from America, Japan and Korea — Ford significantly updated the popular Escape for the 2005 model year. It follows the same basic formula as the first Escape, only with a little more style and refinement.

While Ford calls the new Escape redesigned, it's actually more like a mild facelift of the old model than full reconstructive surgery. And that's a good thing.

The 2005 Escape has new headlights, fog lamps, front and rear fascias, grille, wheels and bumpers, but the overall look is only subtly different from the popular older model. There are also four new paint colors to pick from.

But the best changes are beneath the skin. For starters, a new 2.3-liter Duratec four-cylinder engine replaces the wimpier base engine in the 2004

model to make 153 horsepower. It's also significantly smoother and more responsive than the four-cylinder powerplant it replaces, and you can get it with an automatic transmission. Before now, you could only get the base engine with a stick-shift tranny.

The same powerful, smooth 3.0-liter V6 engine is carried over from last year, which isn't disappointing. It makes 200 horsepower and 193 pound-feet of torque, or enough to tow up to 3,500 pounds with the right equipment. No complaints here.

Inside, the 2005 Escape features nicer materials than the old model, but you still won't mistake it for a luxury car. Ford took what was already a good interior and made it better, with a floor-mounted shifter, new gauges, more storage space and upgraded seat cushions and fabrics.

The Escape further benefits from what Ford calls "major engineering efforts" to silence the cabin. New sound-absorbing panels and tighter sealing measures reduce interior noise, making highway trips much more comfortable.

Of course, the new Escape has the same comfy, car-like ride that made it so popular initially. It doesn't feel bouncy or truck-like at all, instead seeming to float down the road like a good mid-size sedan.

One of the Escape's best new features — and the one you're least likely to notice on a test drive — is its new automatic transmission. It not only feels remarkably smooth and responsive, but

it also offers more efficiency and better traction in slippery conditions than the model it replaces. It's definitely one of the best on the market.

Not only does the Escape's new look give it a tad more style, but Ford says it's safer, as well. Revisions to the body structure have improved performance in some types of frontal collisions, Ford claims, and standard weight-sensing technology on the front passenger side helps make air bag deployment safer. Ford's Safety Canopy system is designed to protect occupants in rollover crashes, too.

On the downside, if you



Photo courtesy of Ford Internet Media

The 2005 Ford Escape Limited

want to take your SUV on serious off-road adventures, the Escape still isn't for you. Unlike the rugged Jeep Liberty and Nissan Xterra, the Escape is built more for on-road comfort than heavy-duty trips through the Rockies. It has all-wheel drive, but it lacks a truck-

like ladder frame and solid axles that true off-road machines need.

Realistically, though, few people need an SUV to leave the pavement. For those people, the Escape impresses with a car-like driving feel, rugged look and pleasant starting price. Just like it

always has.

Why buy it? It's comfortable, stylish and affordable. It feels like a good mid-size sedan from behind the wheel, but it offers the trendy look and versatile interior of an SUV.

— AutoWire

Award-winning '05 Toyota Prius Hybrid

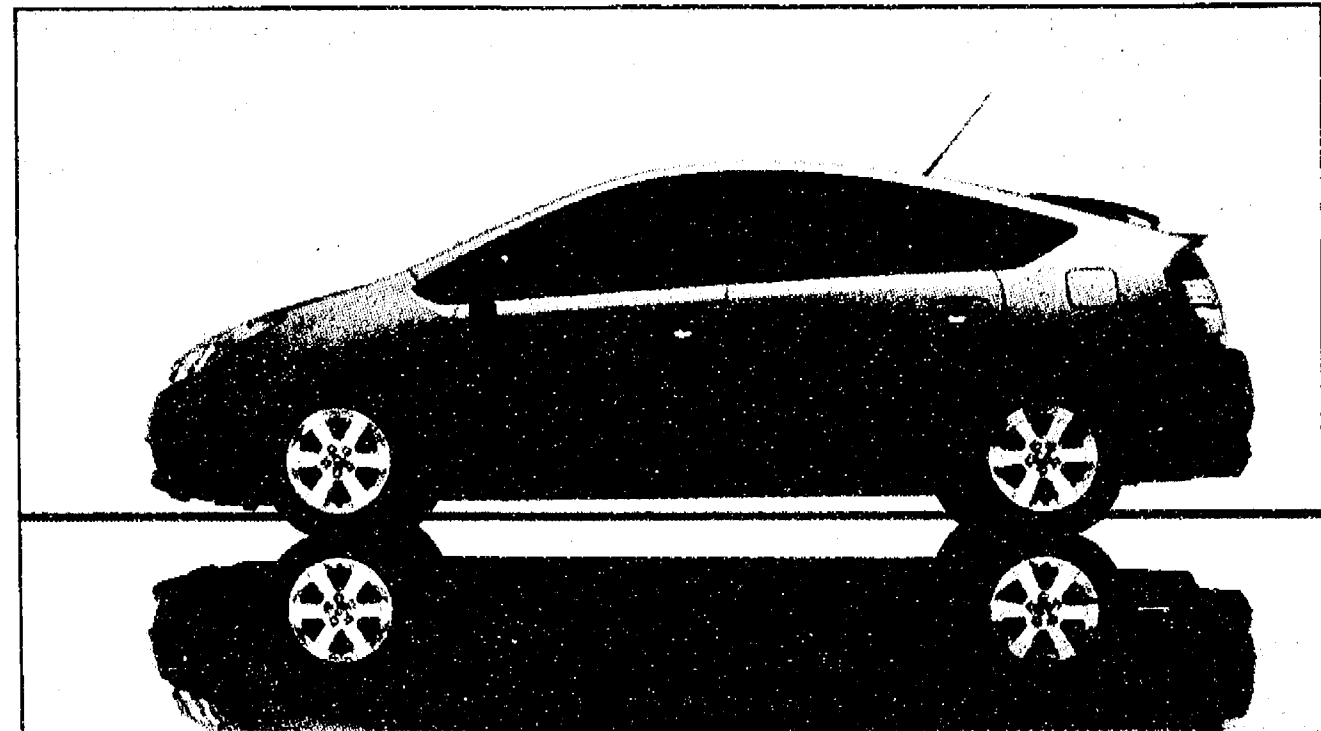
By Greg Zyla

We recently test drove the 2005 Toyota Prius Hybrid — base price: \$20,875; price as tested: \$23,651.

Toyota drove off with eight major awards for its second-generation Prius Hybrid in 2004, but still found room for a few improvements in the 2005 model — the small list of upgrades perhaps proving that it's hard to improve on perfection.

Our amazement with this hybrid sedan was renewed again in our weeklong test, from its futuristic push-button, keyless start to a modern design and, oh yes, the 60 miles per gallon city/51 mpg highway fuel rating.

Disbelievers remain, so we'll repeat: Prius needs no special maintenance (like being plugged in at night),



2005 Toyota Prius Hybrid

does not sacrifice room or engine response and, to the driver, operates the same as any other vehicle.

The Hybrid Synergy Drive system that powers the Prius combines gasoline, electric and battery power to

improve gas mileage and

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G6 all-new sports sedan

By Greg Zyla

This week, we test Pontiac's all-new 2005 G6 GT Sedan — base price: \$23,300; price as tested: \$28,280. The G6 received tons of national publicity when Oprah Winfrey gave one to each of her 276 studio audience guests. Starting with a clean slate on a mid-size platform, engineers developed this all-new sports sedan featuring contemporary design, Pontiac's "total performance" doctrine and special attention to detail.

The G6's power comes from a new 3.5-liter V-6 that pumps out 200 horsepower and 205 foot-pounds of torque. It's powerful, but not exactly "total performance." The engine mates to a four-speed automatic transmission with manual shift mode, which comes standard on our GT tester. A class-leading 112.3-inch wheelbase assures comfort in addition to adding extra rear-seat legroom, which is usually the Achilles' heel in the midsize class.

The four-wheel sport-tuned independent suspension features MacPherson struts up front and a four-link independent rear setup. When you add standard features like traction control, 17-inch Chrometech wheels, V-rated touring tires and four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes, you indeed have

a competent, road-worthy performer.

The cabin is well done, featuring refined controls and an impressive instrument layout. We really liked the body-hugging seats, racing-style gauges with true-red LED instrument backlighting, brushed metal accents and attention to detail.

Our tester included a market-exclusive Panoramic roof, which features four sliding glass panels to create a convertible-style open-air driving experience, as part of a \$3,145 Premium Value option. Also included are the chrome wheels and a premium sound system with in-dash six-CD changer and one year of OnStar service.

On the protection side, standard dual-stage air bags and available side- and head-curtain air bags (\$690) made our G6 even safer. A factory-installed remote start (\$150) made for great mornings, especially when temperatures dipped well below freezing.

Built on GM's rigid, European-designed architecture, Pontiac G6 delivers a responsive ride and handling, thanks in part to its class-leading longer wheelbase. It's more than 5-inches longer than many midsize competitors and pushes the wheels to the corners of the body, enabling razor-sharp

handling with minimal body roll. During a drive along winding country roads, the G6 felt more like a sports car in the turns than a family sedan.

Another noteworthy option is a \$1,365 leather package that includes heated seats, six-way power driver seat, leather steering wheel with radio controls and leather-wrapped shift knob and brake handle. The final tally, with \$625 destination and a package discount of \$1,000, came to \$28,280. Remember, most of our testers are fully loaded, so revisit that \$23,300 starting price for the GT Sedan and go from there.

Important numbers include 14 cubic-feet of cargo space, 21 mpg city and 29 mpg highway EPA averages on regular fuel, 3,428-pound curb weight and a 16.4-gallon fuel tank.

Pontiac is addressing the performance consumers need for more power, as a GTP 2006 model will soon find its way to Pontiac dealers complete with a 240-horsepower, 3.9-liter V-6 mated to a six-speed manual. Stay tuned, as this one should really perform.

Overall, we give Pontiac's new G6 GT a solid 8.5 on a scale of one to 10. It really is an all-new car and deserves a serious look in the midsize class. Remember, too, that a base four-cylinder model



2005 Pontiac G6 Sedan

will also be available for 2006, so pricing will surely drop below \$20,000 for a nice, more economical G6.

Likes: Roomy interior, handling, fuel economy, instrumentation.

Dislikes: A few more horse-

es would help; unexciting outward design.

— King Features Syndicate

Prius

From page 17A

reduce emissions. The 1.5-liter, four-cylinder DOHC engine operates off the electric generator and battery power during times when you need minimal power (downhill, deceleration, idle). And yet, if you want to jump into the passing lane to overtake a rig, you stomp on the gas and the Prius responds.

While you don't notice the unique engine operation or its low emissions, there are features that certainly stand out. Among them is the Smart Key Technology, which uses a transponder in the key fob to temporarily unlock the car when the person with the key gets within 3 feet of the vehicle, even if the fob is in a pocket or handbag. Once inside, the driver still doesn't need the key to start the engine. Instead, he or she simply pushes the start button on the dash (as long as the key is nearby).

Also unique is Prius' tiny gearshift lever, which sticks out of the dash just above the key fob hole, taking up

about the same space as a fan control knob on most cars. The lever, protruding about 2 inches out of the dash, moves inside a small H-shaped slot to shift from drive to reverse, etc. The unique gearshift is made possible through By-Wire Technology, similar to that used on modern jet airplanes.

Inside the Prius, "fabric cloth seats" sound generic, but look terrific and feel even better — they're almost like suede. Comforts and conveniences include AM/FM/CD player with six speakers; cruise control; a liquid-crystal multi-information display panel that includes an energy monitor; tilt steering wheel with climate and audio controls; and 60-40 fold-flat rear seat.

The \$2,075 option that came with our tester included the Smart Key system, driver and passenger side and curtain air bags, vehicle stability control, front fog lamps and high-intensity-discharge headlights with auto leveling feature. Fifteen-inch alloy wheels are standard.

The Prius also matches its non-hybrid competitors in safety, with driver and front passenger dual-stage air bags, traction control, anti-lock braking system, side-impact door beams, three-point seat belts and a child restraint system.

Important numbers include a 106.3-inch wheelbase, 2,890-pound curb weight and an 11.9-gallon fuel tank.

You're never going to squeal the wheels with the Prius' 110 net horsepower, and there has been some industry skepticism of the 51 mpg to 60 mpg fuel ratings (we were closer to the lower number, in the mid-40s).

Otherwise, there is little to fault with this vehicle, and that's why orders are backlogged again this model year. In the end, it's a short wait to get to the future in environmentally friendly style, so we give Prius a 9.5 on a scale of 1 to 10.

Likes: Fuel mileage, shifting system, low emissions, cloth interior.

Dislikes: Waiting to buy one.

Breaking down today's top engines

(NAPSI) — Today's engines provide more horsepower, speed and fun than ever. One of the most powerful engines today is a close descendant of an engine that powered some of the

most popular muscle cars of the 1960s.

The modern Hemi has been re-engineered to be a modern, high-performance, fuel-efficient, 5.7-liter V-8 power plant. Customers ben-

efit from best-in-class power, torque and towing. Like its predecessor, today's Hemi still has its hemispherically shaped combustion chamber design and the cross-flow valve arrangement that made the classic engine so popular with car enthusiasts.

Here's a breakdown of the new Hemi's specs:

- The 5.7-liter engine is an internally balanced pushrod (OHV) 90-degree V-8. The cast-iron block is a deep skirt with cross-bolted main bearing caps.

- Fuel economy has been improved, but not at the expense of Hemi performance. Multi-Displacement System (MDS) is technology that deactivates four cylinders when the V-8 is not needed. This increases fuel economy by up to 20 percent.

- The aluminum cylinder head features a two-valve-per-cylinder, hemispherical combustion chamber with dual spark plugs and a coil-over-plug ignition.
- An Integrated Air Fuel Module (IAFM) incorporates the function of 26 individual components in the induction and fuel system, thereby reducing cost, weight and engine plant complexity.

- The engine marks Chrysler Group's first application of an electronic throttle control system in a rear-wheel-drive vehicle. The system uses a DC motor with reduction gears to open and close the throttle, for optimal control of the airflow into the engine.

- The power plant's simple and efficient design means servicing and repairs are easier and less costly.

The new Hemi is featured in the following vehicles: Dodge Ram, Magnum RT and Durango, Chrysler 300C and Jeep Grand Cherokee. Later this year, the Hemi will be available in the Dodge Charger and Jeep Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Federal Emergency Management Agency

Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations for Macomb County, Michigan and Incorporated Areas

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security

ACTION: Proposed Rule

SUMMARY: Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed modified Base (1% annual chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) shown in the preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the communities listed below. The BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that each community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

DATES: The period for comment will be ninety (90) days following the second publication of these proposed rules in a newspaper circulation.

ADDRESSES: (See table below)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Jo Mullen, P.E., Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Branch, Mitigation Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region V, 536 S. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60605 (312) 498-5541.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) gives notice of the proposed determinations of BFEs, in accordance with Section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-254), 42 U.S.C. 5024, which added Section 1365 to the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (Pub. L. 90-449), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4126, and 44 CFR 67.4 (a).

These elevations, together with the floodplain management measures required by Section 60.3 of the program regulations, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent at their floodplain management requirements. The community may, at any time, enact stricter requirements on its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These proposed modified elevations will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for the new buildings and their contents and for the second layer of insurance on existing buildings and their contents.

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 551(b), the Administrator, to whom authority has been delegated by the Director, FEMA, hereby certifies that the proposed modified flood elevation determinations, if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. A flood elevation determination under Section 1363 forms the basis for new local ordinances, which, if adopted by a local community, will govern future construction within the floodplain area. The elevation determinations, however, impose no restriction unless and until the local community voluntarily adopts floodplain ordinances in accordance with these elevations. Even if ordinances are adopted in compliance with Federal standards, the elevations prescribe how high to build in the floodplain and do not prohibit development. Thus, this action only provides the basis for future local actions. It imposes no new requirement, at all, if it has no economic impact.

Lessees and owners of real property in the following communities are encouraged to review the preliminary FIS and FIRM and to submit comments to the appropriate community representatives as listed below. Proposed BFEs along flood sources studied in detail are shown on the flood profiles in the study. The proposed modified BFEs are as follows:

Source of Flooding and Location of Referenced Elevation	Elevation in Feet (NAVD88)		Communities Affected
	Existing / Modified		
Auvas Creek Approx. 80 feet downstream of Graham Ave. Approx. 1,600 feet upstream of Farm Rd.	581 N/A	583 593	Chesterfield Township
Crapaud Creek Approx. 320 feet upstream of Perrin St. Approx. 1,100 feet upstream of Ashley St.	579 585	581 586	City of New Baltimore
East Pond Creek 100 feet downstream of Grand Trunk Western Railroad At 34 Mile Road	N/A N/A	731 864	Bruce Township
North Branch Clinton River 9,100 feet downstream of 23 Mile Road At Bordman Rd.	N/A N/A	601 784	Macomb Township, Ray Township, Bruce Township
Lake St. Clair Entire Shoreline	578	579	Harrison Township, St. Clair Shores, Lake Township
Anchor Bay Entire Shoreline	578	580	City of New Baltimore, Chesterfield Township, Harrison Township

ADDRESSES:

Macomb County
Maps available for inspection at Department of Planning and Economic Development,
1 South Main Street, 7th Floor Planning, Mount Clemens, MI
Send comments to Jeff W. Schneider, AICP, Department of Planning and Economic Development,
1 South Main Street, 7th Floor Planning, Mount Clemens, MI 48043

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Maps available for inspection at Township Office, 47275 Sugarbush, Chesterfield Township, MI
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40700 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township, MI
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One vacancy on the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees will exist as of April 30, 2005 for the at large position (persons may apply from any of the Grosse Pointes or the Harper Woods portion of the Grosse Pointe Public School District). The position is for a term that will expire on June 30, 2006. Applicants must be a registered voter.

Applications are available at the Central Library Administrative Office (313-343-2325), 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all residents of the School District of Harper Woods who meet the following qualifications by April 4, 2005, shall be entitled to be registered as an elector in the precinct in which he or she resides for the Harper Woods School Board Election scheduled for May 3, 2005.

Shall be a citizen of the United States;
Shall be at least 18 years of age;
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Interested and qualified persons may make application to become a registered voter at the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. or any Michigan Secretary of State Office. The last day to register for the May 3, 2005, Harper Woods School Board Election will be Monday, April 4, 2005. If you are unable to come at the above times, or if you are in doubt as to the status of your registration, please call 343-2510.

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS
Mickey D. Todd,
CITY CLERK

Bottles stolen

On Wednesday, March 16, at 5:05 a.m., a grocery clerk saw two unknown men steal bins of returnable empty bottles from behind a store in the 16900 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The men loaded the bins into a dark blue van and drove away.

Steals beer

A man wearing an orange shirt and dark leather jacket on Monday, March 14, at 5 p.m., stole a case of beer from a pharmacy in the 17100 block of Kercheval. Losses totaled \$17.99.

A clerk saw the man exit the front door, enter a nearby restaurant and proceed out the rear door to a car backed into metered parking space.

The unknown man left the area in a tan, mid-1990s Pontiac Le Sabre with front-end damage.

Takes on twins

A 34-year-old St. Clair Shores woman is being investigated for impersonating one of two 33-year-old twins from Utica.

In January the suspect reportedly was treated at a City of Grosse Pointe hospital for a drug overdose. During her stay, she allegedly presented herself as one of the Utica twins, which resulted in one of them being billed for the suspect's medical treatment.

At the time of the report, the St. Clair Shores woman was in custody by another jurisdiction on unspecified charges and on parole from Oakland County.

Man lost with or without car

On Wednesday, March 16, at 12:49 a.m., a 98-year-old Detroit man whose driver license had been suspended last month pending state-mandated reevaluation was discovered lost in Grosse Pointe Farms.

An officer found the man behind the wheel of a silver 1998 Volvo 740 stopped at a green light on northbound Moross at Kercheval. The vehicle's windshield wipers were activated despite clear weather.

"(He) sat at the green light until it turned red and proceeded through the intersection," police said.

The man hit the right curb twice before being stopped.

"He stated he was lost and trying to go home," police said. "He believed he was at Seven Mile and Dequindre and looking to go east on Seven Mile."

Officers had no alternative but to impound the man's car.

Because he wasn't carrying enough cash to hire a taxicab and didn't know anyone to call for a ride, officers drove him home and assisted him inside.

"(He) asked how he was supposed to drive when his car was impounded," police said.

Skips out with rental car

Grosse Pointe Farms police are trying to track down a 55-year-old Detroit man who may have skipped out on returning a rental car.

The man rented a 2004 Chrysler Stratus on Feb. 10, from an agency in the 18200 block of Mack. The vehicle was due back Feb. 14, but neither the man nor car has been seen.

"Attempts to contact the suspect were unsuccessful," police said. "The (victim) stated the suspect's contact numbers were discontinued."

Sixth drunk driving arrest

A 40-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man with five drunken driving convictions was arrested the sixth time on Thursday, March 17, at 12:32 a.m., in Grosse Pointe

Farms.

An officer said the man was speeding a dark green 2004 Buick Ranier westbound on Mack from Calvin.

"It took (me) until Mack and Rivard to catch up to the suspect," said the arresting officer.

Police found an open can of beer on the vehicle's center console.

The man registered a .14 percent blood alcohol level.

Police said his record includes drunken driving convictions dating to 1989 in Petosky, Grosse Pointe Park and Berkley in 1991, Oak Park in 1992 and Bad Axe in 2001.

Ignores rules

A 31-year-old St. Clair Shores woman registered a .144 percent blood alcohol level upon being pulled over Wednesday, March 18, at 2:30 a.m., for disregarding a mandatory right turn sign at westbound Mack at Warren.

A Grosse Pointe Farms patrolman said the woman drove through the intersection, weaving her vehicle along the road until stopping near Washington and being tested for alcohol consumption.

Man rips off U.S. mail van

On Thursday, March 17, at 2:37 p.m., a woman looking out a second-story window in the first block of Vendome in Grosse Pointe Farms saw a man exit a small blue vehicle and steal a tray of letters from a U.S. Postal Service delivery van.

The unknown man reportedly returned to his car and drove northbound on Vendome.

Police said the mail carrier was making deliveries when the theft occurred.

I.D. fraud

A Grosse Pointe Farms man last week was contacted by a wireless telephone company representative to confirm the man's purchase of five cellular phones.

The Farms resident hadn't ordered the items. Someone using his name and Social Security number fraudulently bought five phones on March 9 over the Internet.

"The suspect gave an address (on) Turner Street in Detroit," police said.

Man mugged behind store

A Grosse Pointe Farms man was walking to his car parked behind a party store in the 18600 block of Mack at about 7:45 p.m. Friday, March 18, when he felt something being pressed to his back.

"Give me your wallet," a male voice said. "Hurry up. You've got three seconds."

The victim, unable to reach his wallet, handed over a bag containing \$80 to \$100 worth of lottery tickets.

"The suspect fled on foot northbound crossing Mack (into Detroit), then continued northbound (on) Ashley and from there unknown,"

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police said.

There were no injuries.

Officers have reviewed the store surveillance tape.

The suspect is described as six feet tall with a thin to medium build. He wore a black hood.

Double double trouble trouble

A Grosse Pointe Farms man learned Friday, March 18, that someone had acquired his credit card number and was trying to obtain a \$100 cash advance over the Internet. The request was traced to Colorado.

Also last Friday, a credit representative notified the victim that someone in Wyoming, Mich., was using the same credit information to request an \$812 cash advance through Western Union.

"Both attempts failed," police said.

The man canceled his credit card.

Ill wind blows on Hampton

Grosse Pointe Shores police determined the front bay window of a house on Hampton was blown out by weather, not vandals, sometime prior to sunrise on Saturday, March 19.

Shores catches illegal alien

A drunken driving investigation netted Grosse Pointe Shores an illegal alien from Mexico on Thursday, March 17, at 3:39 a.m.

An officer spotted the 21-year-old man driving erratically on southbound Lakeshore near Edgewood. The man was reportedly weaving his burgundy 1990 Plymouth between lanes and applying breaks for no apparent reason.

"(He) stated he was lost and needed to get to Detroit," police said. "(He) told (me) he is an illegal immigrant and never had a driver license."

Yet state records showed his license suspended three times.

Tests registered the man's blood alcohol level at .22 percent.

Shores police cited the man for drunken driving. He was released to U.S. Border Patrol agents.

— Brad Lindberg

Autos damaged

Someone broke the driver's side door handle of a 1999 Chevrolet parked in the street in the 1900 block of Severn in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between 6:45 p.m. on Sunday, March 13, and 8:50 a.m. on Monday, March 14.

Someone smashed the back window of a 2003 Ford parked in the back yard of a house in the 1800 block of Manchester in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime

between 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 13, and 8 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15.

Bikes begone

Three small bikes were taken from an unlocked garage in the 1100 block of Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between 5 and 8:30 a.m. on Monday, March 14.

Stereo stolen

A Kenwood Excelon compact disc/stereo was taken out of the dashboard of a car parked in the 1400 block of Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park between 3 a.m. and 3:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15.

Apple iPod for the picking

A green Apple iPod went missing from a locker in a school in the 15000 block of Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15.

Drugs, gun found

Two Detroit residents, a 29-year-old woman and a 37-year-old man, were arrested during a traffic stop in the 1200 block of Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park at 10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15.

Both individuals were found with narcotics, and officers found a 9 mm gun under the front seat.

Lost & found autos

Police in Grosse Pointe Woods and Eastpointe spent much time chasing car thieves in a bout of round robin during the early morning hours of Wednesday, March 16.

Police were first made aware of the thefts at 1:15 a.m. when a resident of the 600 block of Peachtree in the Woods was awakened by the sound of a running engine of a white Dodge Intrepid left parked in the street where a black 2002 Jeep Liberty was parked.

The Intrepid was reported stolen out of Eastpointe earlier that evening.

The Liberty was found in Eastpointe 15 minutes later with its engine running.

A black 1997 Chrysler Concorde was stolen from a driveway in the 1800 block of Bramcaster in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, and 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 17.

The car was found in the area of Hickory and Collingham on Detroit's east side on Sunday, March 20, with damage to the front hood and ignition.

A blue 2002 Dodge van reported stolen out of Grosse Pointe Woods in 2003 was

found by Wayne County sheriff's deputies in the area of Grady and Frederick in downtown Detroit on Sunday, March 20.

The van was completely burned and had no tires or radio.

Woods detectives are investigating the theft.

Intoxicated?

A 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Park boy was detained and turned over to his parents after public safety officers saw him walking in the 1200 block of Wayburn at 1:45 a.m. on Thursday, March 17.

Officers investigated the boy after he appeared to be intoxicated. Upon investigation, officers found alcohol in the boy's possession.

Purse snatcher prowls Woods

A 53-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman was the victim of a purse snatching in the 1500 block of Dornhorn in the Woods on Thursday, March 17.

The woman was approached by her alleged attacker, who stopped her on the premise of asking to use her cell phone, after she parked her car in the street at 1:35 p.m.

After she refused to let the unknown man use her phone, the man grabbed her purse and a struggle ensued.

The victim was taken to a local hospital for minor injuries.

The victim reportedly noticed the man follow her from Mack and pass her twice on Dornhorn before he approached her. She said he was driving a dark-colored car.

Woods public safety officers were unable to locate the alleged attacker.

Too much celebrating

A Detroit man treated himself to a night of drinking and a drunken driving arrest for his 70th birthday on Saturday, March 19.

A Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officer pulled the man over after seeing his red 2000 Chrysler drift in and out of traffic lanes on northbound Mack between Broadstone and Torrey at 12:30 a.m.

The man didn't know how

much he had to drink but admitted to drinking since 7 p.m.

The officer's report also remarked the man's pants were soaked with urine.

PBT and Datamaster results recorded the man's blood alcohol level at 0.14 percent.

'Grand' theft of two Grands

The Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety reported two car thefts on Three Mile Drive during the night of Saturday, March 19.

A 2004 Pontiac Grand Am was stolen from the 1300 block, and a 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix was stolen from the 1200 block.

Drives wrong way on Vernier

An 18-year-old Chicago man will be returning to Grosse Pointe Woods on May 11 for a date in the Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Court to answer to charges of being a minor in possession of alcohol.

The man brought attention to himself by driving on the wrong side of eastbound Vernier at Helen at 11:49 p.m. on Saturday, March 19.

The man had six passengers, one of whom was in the trunk, of his silver Acura. Public safety officers also found several bottles of alcoholic beverages in the trunk.

Neither the driver nor any of the passengers tested positive for alcohol in their bloodstreams.

Wheels and tires taken

A set of four wheels and tires were taken from a 2005 Pontiac parked in the 1300 block of Bedford in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between 12:30 and 7:15 a.m. on Sunday, March 20.

— Bonnie Caprara



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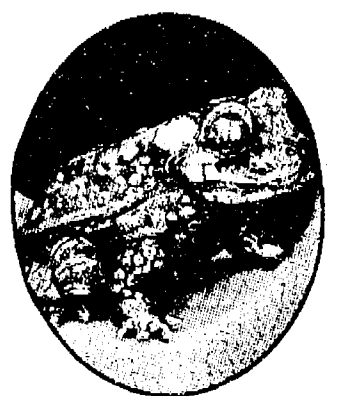
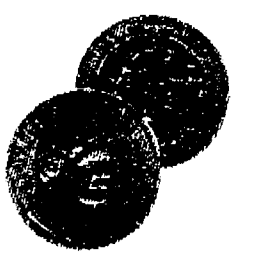
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Our frog is still white, so we need children ages 6-12 to help design the frog! The frog sitting in front of the Grosse Pointe News building will be painted by Sara Dykstra according to the winner's design.



The winner will also receive a U.S. Mint American Arts Commemorative gold coin from Pongracz LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologist.

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The suite life hospital style

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Comfort awaits in six private oversized suites on the top floor of the Grosse Pointe area's tallest building. Each room is richly appointed with original artwork, cherry hardwood laminate floors and blue granite counters. Sleep in the comfort of 300-count bed linens. Pore over a morning coffee in a thick terry cloth robe. Entertain guests in a well-appointed lounge stocked with complimentary beverages and snacks. Enjoy individually prepared cuisine custom-tailored to dietary needs. Internet access is provided at bedside and at built-in desks.

No, it's not a new boutique hotel. Instead, these creature comforts are being offered to patients at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

The Suites at St. John, which opened last August, were built in response to a call for more luxurious amenities intended to promote rest and relaxation.

"We found there was a segment of our community that wanted these features and that there has been a trend in offering enhanced amenities like these in hospitals across the nation," said Greg Jakub, director of public relations for St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

For two years, hospital administrators, nursing and medical staff, designers and donors

planned every detail of the rooms that would be as comfortable as they would be functional.

"Our goal was to make it look like a four-star

Clockwise from top right: Large, oversized bathrooms have designer touches and yet are fully accessible for handicapped and recuperating patients.

Original artwork and ornamental touches, such as this box and vases, adorn every room.

A lounge provides a living room-like setting for patients to meet with physicians and visitors.

Terry cloth robes, embroidered towels and name-brand toiletries are provided in every room.

hotel yet provide the same level of care our patients receive anywhere else in the hospital," said Brenda Belbot, nurse manager of the Suites at St. John.

In the rooms, the cherry laminate cabinets are not only attractive but also discreetly store medical equipment. Beds are more comfortable and lower to the floor and yet allow for the mechanics for in-bed treatments and procedures. The spa-like bathrooms are

Photos by Bonnie Caprara

appointed in marble and tile and are handicapped accessible without a hint of an institutional look. The hardwood laminate

floors and upholstered sleeper chairs look and feel good but are also easy to clean. Even the hand

rails in the hallways look more like chair rails than ADA-compliant walking aids.

The lounges are another key component to patient lodging. A main lounge, which features living room-type furniture and a flat screen television, gives patients, visitors and physicians outside of a bedroom environment.

"We also want our patients to ambulate during their recovery," Belbot said. "This gives them a destination."

Two of the rooms share an adjoining sitting room, which extends patient living space.

Planners also felt that hotel-like services were important in providing the suite life, too.

Patients receive three gourmet meals a day for themselves and a guest that are prepared in the suite's pantry by the hospital's chef. Snacks are provided in in-room mini refrigerators, even for patients with dietary restrictions.

Planners even insisted on upgrading toiletries to name-brand products. And just like better hotels, terry cloth robes are available for use during patient stays and are available for purchase at the hospital gift shop.

Such amenities, of course, come at a price. Suite upgrades run anywhere from \$200 to \$350 a day and are not covered by insurance.

Donors have played an important role in not only designing and planning the Suites at St. John but also funding the \$1.9 million project.

"This is the first dedicated area of our hospital that's 100 percent donor built," said Beth Carter, manager of donor relations.

Frank and Jere McBride of Grosse Pointe Shores are two of several major donors of the Suites at St. John.

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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 with Choirs, Organ and Brass**
10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
11:15 a.m. * Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choirs, Organ and Brass**

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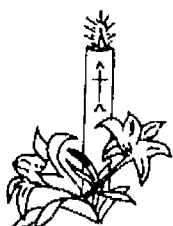
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HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26

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Adoration of the Cross

Easter Eve March 26

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7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service with Prayers Around the Cross

Easter Morning

7:45 a.m. Service of the Resurrection in the Columbarium
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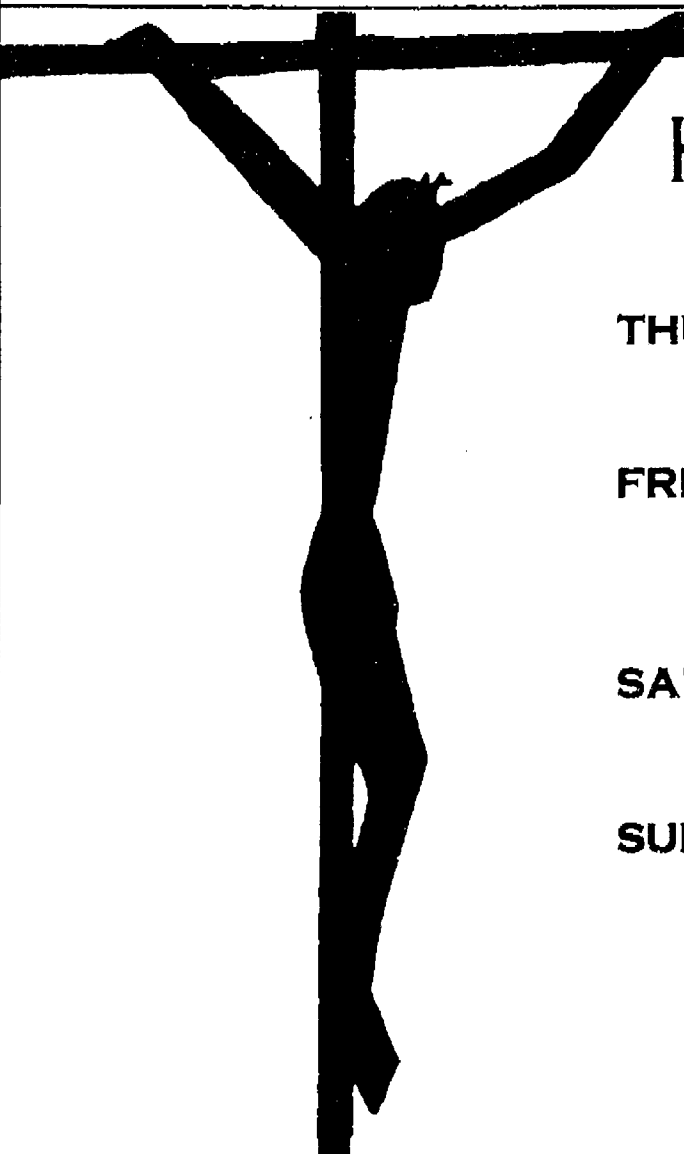
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1:00 p.m. - The Veneration of the Crucified
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7:30 p.m. - Tenebrae Service

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27

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THURSDAY, MARCH 24 - HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25 - GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross - 12:00 noon
Stations in the Street - 12:00 noon
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death - 1:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26 - HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of Easter Foods - 12:00 noon
THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL MASS - 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27 - EASTER SUNDAY

Mass - 8:30 a.m. & Mass - 11:15 a.m.
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'The Beat Goes On' at Fontbonne's fashion show

"The Beat Goes On," hosted by the Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center, will celebrate 40 years of fashionable fundraising on Wednesday, April 27, at Penna's of Sterling. Coordinated by general chairman **JoAnn Miller** and co-chairman **Christine Lynch**, the event will feature fashions from Coldwater Creek of Rochester, Madi Lu and Ethan Too of Grosse Pointe and Roma Sposa of Birmingham.

The show will also include clothing from the Fontbonne's own gift shop, located at St. John Hospital in Detroit.

The i Group Talent Agency will provide choreography and professional models for "The Beat Goes On." Fontbonne members, their children and grandchildren will also model

selected fashions.

Proceeds from the fashion show will benefit the department of cardiology at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Funds will specifically be used to replace transport defibrillators in the cardiac catheterization lab. This equipment helps to diagnose and treat coronary artery disease.

Sister Verence

McQuade, director of community and patient services at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, is honorary chairman of the event. She has been with St. John since 1971 and is an active hospital board member and lifetime Fontbonne Auxiliary member.

"The Beat Goes On" begins at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the fashion show begins at 8 p.m. The evening will conclude with

prize and cash raffle drawings.

Tickets for the show are \$50 a person, with tables of 10. For more information, call the Fontbonne Auxiliary office at (313) 343-3674.

MaskorAide: The seventh annual fundraiser for the Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS), will be held from 6:30 to midnight Saturday, April 16, at the Renaissance Center.

"MaskorAide," a black-tie (optional) event, will feature hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dancing to the music of Charles and Gwen Scales and silent and live auctions of one-of-a-kind masks created especially for the event.

Masks are original creations made and donated by artists, celebrities and local supporters of COTS.

Two preview MaskorAide

events will offer a chance to see the masks before the final auction gala.

Original masks will be on display at the Art Exchange, 2966 Woodward in Detroit, from Thursday, March 24, through Thursday, March 31. Hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturdays.

Masks will then be displayed for a party at the Traffic Jam & Snug, 511 Canfield, in Detroit from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 31. Refreshments, a cash bar and the masks will be featured. The masks will remain on view at the restaurant through Thursday, April 7.

"MaskorAide highlights COTS' mission — Changing the face of homelessness," said Cheryl Johnson, CEO of COTS. "We are so



Grosse Pointe artist Jack Frakes created a thought-provoking mask to support programs that help the homeless.

pleased to have Traffic Jam & Snug and the Art Exchange hosting previews for us."

Proceeds from all MaskorAide events go to programs that help the homeless through COTS.

Founded in 1981, COTS is a private, nonprofit organization that provides emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing and comprehensive support services for Detroit's homeless population. Its mission is to alleviate homelessness by providing an array of services which

enable people to achieve economic self-sufficiency and decent, affordable housing.

COTS 140-bed shelter provides some 50,000 nights of emergency shelter each year.

Tickets to the black-tie event are \$150 a person.

Event chairman is **Beth McKeown** of Grosse Pointe Woods. Some Grosse Pointe artists who created masks are **Jennifer McCandless**, **Wade Bryant** and **Jack Frakes**.

— Margie Reins Smith



Photos by Richard Bowlby

Opening gala

The Michigan Opera Theatre Volunteer Association and the Detroit Opera House Dance Council held an opening night dinner on March 3 before the performance of "Cinderella," by Les Ballets de Monte Carlo. Among those who attended the event, at the left, are Grosse Pointer Cynthia Huebner and Bloomfield Hills resident Mary Mac Nee. At the right are Grosse Pointe residents Mimi and Sandy McMillan, event co-chairman Maggie Alleece of Bloomfield Hills and David Trebing of Grosse Pointe. Not shown is co-chairman Grosse Pointer Gloria Clark.



AAUW plans luncheon; speaker to be Devin Scillian

The Grosse Pointe branch of the American Association of University Women will celebrate spring at a Luncheon by the Lake on Tuesday, April 5, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore.

The speaker will be Devin Scillian, WDIV-TV anchor, children's book author, song writer and musician.

The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. with a reception. The meal will be served at noon. The community is invited.

Scillian will relate his experiences as a journalist, writer and composer. Assignments have taken him to Sydney, Australia, the Vatican, Siberia and Athens, Greece for the Olympic Games. He has earned 10 Emmys and the Peabody Award.



Devin Scillian

He is also known as an author of children's books, "A is for America," "One Nation — America by the Numbers," "Cosmo's Moon" and "P is for Passport."

All the books will be for

sale and available for signing at the luncheon.

The cost for the luncheon and program is \$25. Send a

check payable to AAUW GP to Anne Ryan, 529 Rivard, Grosse Pointe, 48230, by Wednesday, March 30.

Kids invited to paint historic Grosse Pointe on March 29

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society is sponsoring an event for children ages 7 to 11. "Paint the Town: Historic Grosse Pointe" will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, (that's during Grosse Pointe schools' spring break) at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Lorraine Krentzin, art instructor for the Grosse Pointe Schools, will help

children create their own rendering of a Grosse Pointe historical site. They will have 20 photos for inspiration. Paint and paper will be provided, but children may bring their own markers and crayons.

The event is free, but children are asked to bring a "white elephant" to sell in the Historical Society's gift shop.

Space is limited. To make a reservation, call (313) 884-7010.

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Parents: Recognize changing drug landscape

The drug abuse landscape for today's youth is not what it was 20, 30 or 40 years ago. Alcohol is still the most commonly abused drug among young people, and marijuana is still as popular as it was in the '60s and '70s.

"But the drug scene is much different than when today's parents were teens," said Carol Falkowski, a drug trend expert and director of research communications at Hazelden. "Today, drugs are more available; they're used at a younger age, and there's a wider variety of drugs. Many more kids today are on prescription medications; marijuana is stronger than it used to be, and other illicit drugs, such as GHB and ecstasy, are very unpredictable in their effects because there's no guarantee of the actual chemical makeup of these drugs. Even a one-time use can prove to be very dangerous and sometimes fatal."

With easy access to drugs and their unpredictable potency, no drug use is safe, and that's why Falkowski challenges today's parents to get educated and become drug-savvy.

Falkowski, author of "Dangerous Drugs: An Easy-to-Use Reference for Parents and Professionals" (Hazelden, 2003), has presented hundreds of times to parents, students and schools. She cannot overstate the role of parents in preventing drug abuse.

"The No. 1 reason kids don't use is that it would disappoint their parents," Falkowski said. "Drug and alcohol abuse can happen in any family. And if it does happen, it doesn't mean your child's a 'bad' kid or you are a 'bad' parent."

Consider a few fast facts: By senior year in high school, four out of five kids have tried alcohol, and 58 percent have been drunk. Over one-third of 10th-graders have already been drunk at least once. By senior year in high school, 46 percent of students have tried marijuana, and by 10th grade 36 percent of students have tried marijuana.

"What kids used to learn on the street, they can now learn on cyber street corners all across the country," she said. "The Internet provides instant access to an unlimited world of prescription drugs for sale, drug recipes and do-it-yourself kits, and mood-altering substances sold as something else."

"There are Web sites that tout the benefits of drug abuse, provide misleading information as fact, and create an interactive, drug-abusing peer group that can make even the most socially isolated teen feel as if he or she belongs."

Most middle school kids with \$5 can get a marijuana joint in a matter of hours. Alcohol comes from other kids or their parents' liquor lockers. And with roughly 5 million school-aged children taking a prescription drug every day for a behavior disorder, one unintended consequence is that kids nonchalantly share their prescriptions with other kids, unwittingly assuming that "if it's a pill it must be safe."

"Parents need to keep up with the changing trends of drug abuse and talk early and often with their kids about mood-altering drugs," Falkowski said. "They need to listen, not lecture, and make their message age-

appropriate. Recognize teachable moments to discuss the topic, and let your expectations of 'no use' be known. Set consequences in advance and enforce them."

Learn to recognize the signs and symptoms of drug abuse, and don't be blinded by love, she added. Learn what to look for, and know what to do if it happens.

Adolescence is a volatile time, which makes spotting changes that are due to alcohol and other drug use even more challenging, Falkowski said. But if you notice more than a few of the following behavioral signs happening simultaneously with your teenager, it could signal the emergence of a substance abuse problem:

- Steals or borrows money from work, home or friends;
- Secretive, defensive behavior about activities and possessions;
- Unusual mood changes;
- Abrupt temper outbursts;
- Marked changes in eating or sleeping habits;
- Drop in academic performance;
- Heavy use of perfumes

or other scents;

- Burned matches, objects used as pipes;
 - Change of peer group;
 - Significant deterioration in personal appearance or hygiene;
 - Loss of interest in usual activities and hobbies.
- "Trust your instincts," Falkowski said. "No one knows your child as well as you do. If you suspect an emerging alcohol or drug problem, talk with your child about it. Tell him what you see, how it makes you think and feel, and what you are going to do about it. Then get professional help."

This health column offers information to help prevent and address addiction and substance abuse problems. It is provided by Hazelden, a nonprofit agency based in Center City, Minn., that offers a wide range of information and services on addiction and recovery. For more resources, call Hazelden at (800) 257-7800 or check its Web site at www.hazelden.org. Direct your inquiries to mduda@hazelden.org.

Physicians speak to combat colon cancer

Colorectal cancer, commonly referred to as "colon" cancer, is the third most common cancer in men and women and the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States. Yet, when detected at an early, localized stage, the five-year survival rate is an impressive 90 percent.

When it comes to colon cancer, knowledge is the best defense. Learn about it when two Bon Secours Cottage surgeons present a free community program, "Combat Colon Cancer," from 7 to 8 p.m., Wednesday March 23, in Connelly Auditorium, Bon Secours Hospital.

Colon cancer develops in the lower part of the digestive system, where the food you eat is processed and solid waste matter eliminated. This cancer usually develops from precancerous changes or growths, called polyps, in the lining of the colon and rectum.

During the program, Bon Secours Cottage surgeon Dr.

Michael G. Taylor will discuss colon cancer risk factors, prevention, symptoms and screening methods, including colonoscopy. New, surgical treatments for colon and rectal cancer will be explored by Dr. Michael N. Henein, fellowship trained colon and rectal surgeon. Questions will be taken from the group.

March is recognized as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, a time to focus on increasing public awareness that colon cancer is largely preventable, treatable and beatable through regular screenings, a healthy lifestyle and expert clinical care.

Studies predict that 30,000 lives could be saved each year if everyone age 50 and older got tested for colon cancer. Reservations are requested for this free community program and can be made by calling Bon Secours Cottage Community Health Promotion at (586) 779-7900 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

St. John Health seeks volunteers for colorectal cancer screening study

The Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center and the Webber Cancer Center at St. John Macomb Hospital are seeking adults to participate in a study of a new screening tool for colon and rectal cancer.

The study, which is sponsored by the National Cancer Institute and conducted under the leadership of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, will investigate the use of a new test to detect colon polyps and colon cancers.

Men and women between the ages of 65 and 80 who have not had a colonoscopy

or sigmoidoscopy in the past 10 years may be eligible to participate. The study will involve stool collections, a blood test and a colonoscopy. Funding is available for these procedures.

Interested persons should contact either the Van Elslander Cancer Center at (313) 343-3166, or the Webber Cancer Center at (586) 573-5127. The Van Elslander Cancer Center is located on the campus of St. John Hospital and Medical Center, and the Webber Cancer Center is located at St. John Macomb Hospital, 11800 East 12 Mile, in Warren.

Research shows promising new cardiac treatments

By Tiziano Scarabelli, M.D., Ph.D.
Special Writer

Coronary heart disease (CHD) continues to be the single leading cause of death in the United States. In 2002, the latest year for which there is published data, there were nearly 495,000 deaths attributed to CHD, or one out of every five deaths overall.

In addition, the American Heart Association estimates that 13 million Americans have CHD, while 1.2 million Americans will have a new or recurrent coronary attack this year.

Despite these grim figures, there is good news. From 1992 to 2002, the death rate from CHD declined 26.5 percent. It's reasonable to assume that the decrease is due to better cardiac care, improved medications, and — hopefully — patients' commitments to living healthier lifestyles.

But the fact remains that hundreds of thousands of people still die from CHD every year, and as the population ages these figures are likely to rise.

Researchers have been working for decades to find more effective ways to treat people with CHD, with the intention of prolonging and improving their quality of life. Some of this important research is going on right here in your own neighborhood, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Since 2003, I have been involved in a number of such research projects at St. John that have yielded exciting results and have the potential to help many cardiac patients in the future.

One of my recent research projects focused on the study of new agents that can be used to minimize cardiac cell death following myocardial infarction, or heart attack. One of the agents studied, minocycline, is an antibiotic that is widely used and has been proven safe for the treatment of arthritis and dermatitis, among other conditions.

In controlled research studies with lab animals, we learned that a three-day pretreatment with minocycline, followed by a simulated heart attack, reduced cardiac cell death and improved cardiac function significantly in the animals. This is a significant finding because heart attacks cause irreversible damage due to cardiac cell death.

These cells, which are responsible for making the heart contract, are both non-renewable and incapable of dividing to create new cells. So once a person experiences a heart attack, damaged cardiac cells are replaced by scar tissue, which in turn reduces the heart's pumping ability.

We're also studying the use of minocycline to determine whether it can reduce the demise of the thin layer of protective cells that form the inner coating of the coronary vessels. When cell death occurs in a coronary vessel at the site of an atherosclerotic plaque, the loss of protection afforded by these cells can result in the formation of a blood clot. This can eventually obstruct the coronary vessel and lead to a heart attack.

My research is testing the effectiveness of minocycline in preventing heart attacks by making more stable plaques in blood vessels.

A second heart-protecting agent we're investigating is urocortin, a hormone produced naturally in humans by several organs, including the heart. Research has shown that rat cardiac cells grown in the laboratory that have been exposed to a simulated heart attack release urocortin in the culture medium.

Intriguingly, the cardiac cells that release urocortin are not dead, but only "suffering," from a metabolic standpoint. Our aim is to verify whether the levels of urocortin in the blood in patients who have decreased blood flow to the heart can be used as a metabolic marker to allow early recognition of silent episodes of cardiac activity.

In addition, we're investigating whether the use of urocortin may be promising therapeutically as a way to tailor an effective anti-low blood flow treatment plan.

Yet another research project underway at St. John Hospital is a study to test the therapeutic effects of green tea on cardiac function. It has long been known that flavonoids, which are found in green tea, have antioxidant properties. Our contention is that the consumption of green tea can also provide cardioprotection and enhance cardiac function during ischemic/reperfused injury in the rat heart.

The study is being conducted on the excised hearts of lab animals using a device called the Langendorff perfusion apparatus, which was recently purchased by St. John Hospital thanks to a generous donation by the St. John Guild.

Other types of crucial evaluations that can be performed using the Langendorff system include heart rate, temperature, coronary perfusion (the passing of blood through the vessels of the heart), pressure in the chambers of the heart, and EKG.

These are just some of the cardiac research projects now underway at St. John Hospital. For more information about ongoing studies, call (313) 343-3365.

Tiziano Scarabelli, M.D., Ph.D., is the director of the Center for Heart & Vessel Preclinical Studies in St. John Hospital and Medical Center's Cardiology Division.

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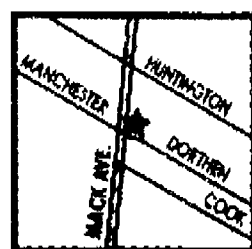


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Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



Skin with the appearance of fish scales - thick, dry and rough - may indicate a skin condition called ichthyosis, a disease that can affect the skin anywhere on the body. Ichthyosis can be inherited (caused by a genetic mutation) or acquired (usually associated with another disease.) Inherited ichthyosis is usually apparent in childhood, with rare types appearing at birth. The most common inherited type is ichthyosis vulgaris where a child's skin gradually becomes dry, rough, and scaly, with most signs and symptoms having appeared by the age of 5.

Acquired ichthyosis usually occurs for the first time in adulthood. It is usually associated with a systemic condition such as lymphoma, cancer, HIV or thyroid diseases. Certain medications may also provoke the condition.

Patients with ichthyosis may suffer from overheating (because the scaly skin reduced the ability to sweat), limited movement, secondary infections when skin splits and cracks, and impaired hearing and eyesight if skin builds up, over eyes and ears.

There is no cure for ichthyosis. The main goal of treatment is to moisturize and exfoliate affected skin on a daily basis to prevent dryness scaling, cracking and build-up of skin. In severe cases patients may be prescribed oral retinoids to reduce scaling. Oral antibiotics may be prescribed if secondary infection occurs.

To learn more about the treatment of ichthyosis, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates. Eastside Dermatology has offices in New Baltimore and Grosse Pointe. You can reach them at (313) 884-3380.

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Appointments are required to visit the Diabetes Resource Center, located at 22300 Bon Brae in St. Clair Shores, (Jefferson at 10-1/2 Mile).

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (586) 779-7661.

Headache onset after age 50 may signal other problems

Most people have suffered with a headache or two in their lifetime. The good news for headache sufferers over the age of 50 is that headaches generally improve with age. Migraine headaches often become less severe and less frequent and symptoms such as nausea, vomiting and light sensitivity may also lessen with age. In fact, the National Headache Foundation (NHF) encourages any person over age 50 who develops a new persistent headache to be examined and evaluated by a healthcare professional.

According to the NHF, the development of cluster headache and migraine headache later in life is not common. Robert S. Kunkel, M.D., president of the National Headache Foundation Board of Directors and consultant, Headache Center Department of Neurology at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation said, "Generally, migraine and cluster headaches become less frequent and less severe as people get older."

Occasionally, however, headaches may change in character or frequency. In a

recent online survey of headache sufferers over the age of 50, conducted by the NHF, 76 percent of respondents reported an increase in frequency and severity of headaches. When an older person who never had a headache problem before suddenly develops headaches, it is important to have the headaches evaluated by a healthcare professional.

According to Dr. Kunkel, tension headache is the most likely of the three primary headaches (cluster, migraine and tension-type) to begin later in life. Nearly 40 percent of survey respondents reported a recent onset of headaches, after many years without the condition.

These tension-type headaches may follow a major life change, such as retirement or a serious illness. Depression is one of many possible causes of tension-type headache suspected in the headaches that follow a major change in situation. They can also be attributed to excessive muscle contraction that may be triggered by arthritis in the neck or jaw, poor posture and stress.

The chance that headache may be a symptom of another problem becomes a greater concern with age. Whenever an older patient reports a more severe or changed headache pattern, a careful history and examination to rule out the possibility that the headaches are related to some underlying disease should be done.

Older individuals are more likely to be taking drugs for other chronic disorders, and headache is a known side effect of many medications. A patient who suspects a correlation of the onset of the headache with the start of a new medication should consult his or her healthcare professional. Often, a dosage reduction or change to a related medication can be tried to see if the headaches disappear.

A number of the medical problems that can develop with age, such as high blood pressure, may also be associated with headache. Headaches due to a medical condition usually clear once the condition is treated.

There are a few headache conditions and variants of migraine that occur much more commonly or even exclusively in persons over fifty. Hypnic headache and giant cell arteritis (also known as temporal arteritis) are conditions seen almost exclusively in older persons. Trigeminal neuralgia, migraine aura without headache, subdural hematomas and shingles can occur at any age but are more common in older persons.

Because of the myriad of possible underlying causes of headache in older persons, the NHF stresses the importance of understanding what can be done to treat them. Before using, or changing any medication, a healthcare provider should be consulted.

SOC offers memory workshop

Services for Older Citizens will offer "Seniors Staying Sharp," a five-part discussion and mental exercise workshop beginning at noon Monday, April 4, and continuing each Monday through May 2.

Marcia Relyea, who has earned a master's degree in interdisciplinary studies and a graduate certificate in gerontology, will be the presenter. The program is

based on "Don't Lose Your Mind: Four Components of Superior Mental Fitness," by Connie Lynch, Ph.D.

Each discussion will last 1 hour and 15 minutes.

"Everybody wants to continue life for as long as possible, but the process most likely to guarantee a happy, rewarding aging period is often ignored," Lynch wrote. "That process is ongoing mental exercise

that will keep the brain healthy and in good working order."

During the program, Relyea will set the record straight on the myths and facts of aging.

The cost for the series is \$35 a person, which includes a workbook. The class will be limited to 25 people. To register, call Susan Kopf at (313) 882-9600.

Seminar offers information about caring for someone in the final years of life

Caring for a friend or family member in the last years of life can present many challenges as well as opportunities.

This free program will focus on ways to make the final years of a loved one's life more comfortable while finding more meaning in the caregiving experience.

The four-session seminar will be presented from 1 to 3

p.m., Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20 and 27, at the St John Senior Community, 18300 E. Warren in Detroit.

This program will help individuals to:

- Cope with changes, losses, and life transitions
- Say what is important to friends and family
- Explore the spiritual aspects of caregiving
- Create positive caregiv-

ing experiences

- Talk about end-of-life care and make important decisions

- Know what to expect as caregiving becomes more complex

- Provide comfort and dignity near life's end
- Plan for your future

For more information or to register, call (248) 488-5857.

Long term care insurance is topic of forum

A Grosse Pointe Community Conversation surrounding the issues of long term care will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Thursday, April 7, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo.

A panel discussion will be hosted by Robert Lubera, a life-long resident of Grosse Pointe and partner at Wakefield, Sutherland and Lubera.

Other panel members include Ed Gaffney, State Representative 1st District and chairman of the Health Policy Committee in Lansing; Nancy Boari, long term care specialist; and Joe Mackey, investment advisor representative.

Long term care is quickly becoming a national problem. An aging population, longer life spans, fewer sud-

den deaths and a lack of informal caregivers are factors that are straining the current system of care.

Twenty-five percent of American households are involved, directly or indirectly, in a care-giving environment — some 22.4 million families.

Today, it is imperative that families are educated and plan for a solution before care-giving becomes a necessity.

This forum will allow people to participate in a discussion about long term care issues and how to prepare for these major life events. Participants will have a better understanding of what is happening with long term care in government, where it's headed, an update to Medicaid regulations and

nursing homes and the options available in Grosse Pointe.

For more information, call Lubera at (586) 447-9910 or go to luberalawgpc@sbcglobal.net. Seating is limited so preregistration is recommended.

SOC presents tea, gardening

Henry Ford Village Fox Run will sponsor an afternoon tea at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, at Services for Older Citizens' headquarters at the Neighborhood Club.

The presentation will be about gardening. Desserts and tea will be served. Call SOC at (313) 882-9600 for more information.

Alzheimer's support group

The Alzheimer's/dementia support group will gather on the second Monday of each

Lunch, bocce

The Palazzo di Bocce has 10 bocce courts and a dining facility for Italian food. Services for Older Citizens will sponsor a trip to Palazzo di Bocce on Thursday, March 31.

The \$50 fee (\$53 for non-residents) includes round-trip transportation, lunch (Chicken, Marsala, pastas, bread, salad and dessert); a game of bocce; and a box lunch to take home. Call (313) 882-9600.

month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Inservice Room at the NCC. The Nursing Care Center is located at Lakeland and Jefferson, just north of 10 mile in St. Clair Shores.

Members of the community who are caring for or affected by a loved one who has Alzheimer's disease or dementia are encouraged to attend.

The group focuses on coping with these debilitating conditions and how caregivers can care for themselves as well as their loved one.

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August 25th, 2005
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COMING EVENTS

Holy Week

On Maundy Thursday, March 24, "The Last Supper" will be the subject of a 7 p.m. study with Holy Communion offered at **First English Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 800 Vernier Road.

On Good Friday, March 25, "The Death of Jesus" will be studied at 1 p.m. and at the Tenebrae Service, the special service of the shadows, at 7 p.m.

Good Friday walk

Stations of the Cross in our Time and Place will begin at noon, Friday, March 25, at **St. Ambrose Catholic Church**, 15020 Hamilton, Grosse Pointe Park. A freewill offering will be taken.

As in the past years, the group will tour the area of the intersection of Detroit and Grosse Pointe, stopping and singing at locations which can be interpreted as contemporary stations of the cross, exploring economic, racial and environmental injustice and finding signs of hope along the way.

Rummage sale

St. Ambrose Parish, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts its annual rummage sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 1, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 2.

Biennial event

The Rev. Betsy Rice will be the pastor at the 9 and 11 a.m. services on Sunday, April 10, at the **Grosse Pointe Memorial Church**, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. This is a biennial event at the church.

Knitters

Join the knitters, the sew-

ers and the needle pointers at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 29, in Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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 talked about their lives, their fears and the possibility of peace between the three religions.

The program is free but requires reservations. Call (313) 885-4891 to reserve a seat.

Stewardship time

From 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 1, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, **St. John's Episcopal Church**, 26998 Woodward Ave. at 11 Mile, Royal Oak.

The presenter is Phyllis Tickle. This is part of the Lay Theological Academy.

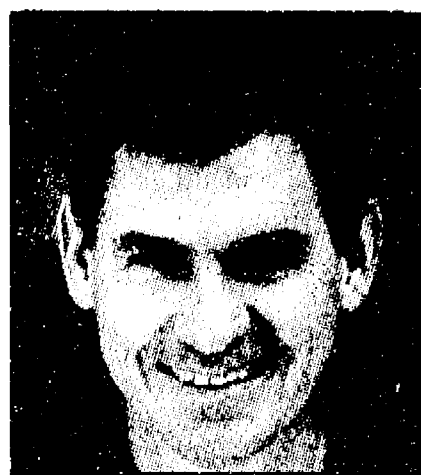
This is a collaboration with the Whitaker School of Theology in sponsoring the Eighth Annual Conference of "Becoming the Household of Jesus Christ."

For registration information, call Debbie Wollard at (313) 833-4413.

Spiritual retreat

Plan to join the **Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church's** annual women's Spring Spiritual Retreat April 1-3, in Syracuse, Ind. The theme is "Blessed to be a Blessing" and will be led by Ruth Judy. For more information, call (313) 886-2363.

Lutherans to host Bonhoeffer play



Al Staggs

"A View from the Underside," a one-person play adapted and performed by Al Staggs, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at **St. James Lutheran Church**, 170 McMillan Road, Grosse Pointe Farms. This is the 60th anniversary of the execution of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

The play brings to life one of the heroes of the last century. Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor in Germany during World War II who was executed for his participation in the plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler. The audience is brought into the prison cell where Bonhoeffer awaits execution and listens to his struggles with evil, injustice and God.

In the play, Bonhoeffer tells of the profound influence of fellow Union Theological student, Frank Fisher, an African-American friend who introduced Bonhoeffer to the blight of racism in America.

Bonhoeffer expresses moral outrage against the Nazi treatment of Jews and

explains how that outrage led him to become involved in the German resistance movement, a commitment that would result in his being executed by hanging on April 9, 1945.

In addition to performing the original play, Staggs also enjoys sharing with the audience the importance of Bonhoeffer's life and theology for the issues of our time.

Since 1988, Staggs has performed his one-man drama for audiences around the world. He has been selected for numerous college lectures and has presented the play to more than 100 college and university

audiences throughout the United States and Canada. In 1998 he performed the play for President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter in Plains, Ga. It also aired on national Catholic television and the Kaleidoscope Network.

Bill Moyers said, "When I watch Al Staggs as Dietrich Bonhoeffer, I am confronted by the deepest moral questions of what it means to be a witness and how am I using my life."

The moving one-hour drama addresses issues of racism, the Holocaust, Christian anti-Semitism, nationalism, peace, justice and the relationship between church and state.

Staggs holds a bachelor of arts from Hardin-Simmons University, an M.R.E.

degree from Southwestern Baptist theological Seminary, a Th. M. from Harvard Divinity School and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He was honored as a Charles E. Merrill Fellow at Harvard in 1983 with a major emphasis in applied theology under the direction of Harvey Cox. Staggs also completed a year internship in clinical pastoral education at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. He served as a Baptist minister for 24 years before becoming a full-time actor.

The performance is free and open to the public.

A free-will offering will be received.

MOPS plans spring meetings

Mothers of preschoolers are invited to join a newly formed MOPS evening group at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

MOPS is a Christian organization providing support and social time for mothers of young children (birth through kindergarten). Meetings will be held monthly through June, and the series will begin again in the fall.

Remaining meetings for the spring session are scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, April 4; 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 2; and a June date to be announced later.

The April and May meetings will be held in the Christ Church Undercroft, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The evening meetings are an alternative for moms who are not able to participate in the current MOPS groups that meet in the morning.

Child care is not available at the evening sessions, but moms with infants in carriers are welcome to bring their babies. All moms are invited to attend, regardless of church affiliation.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Mary at (313) 885-4841, ext. 126.

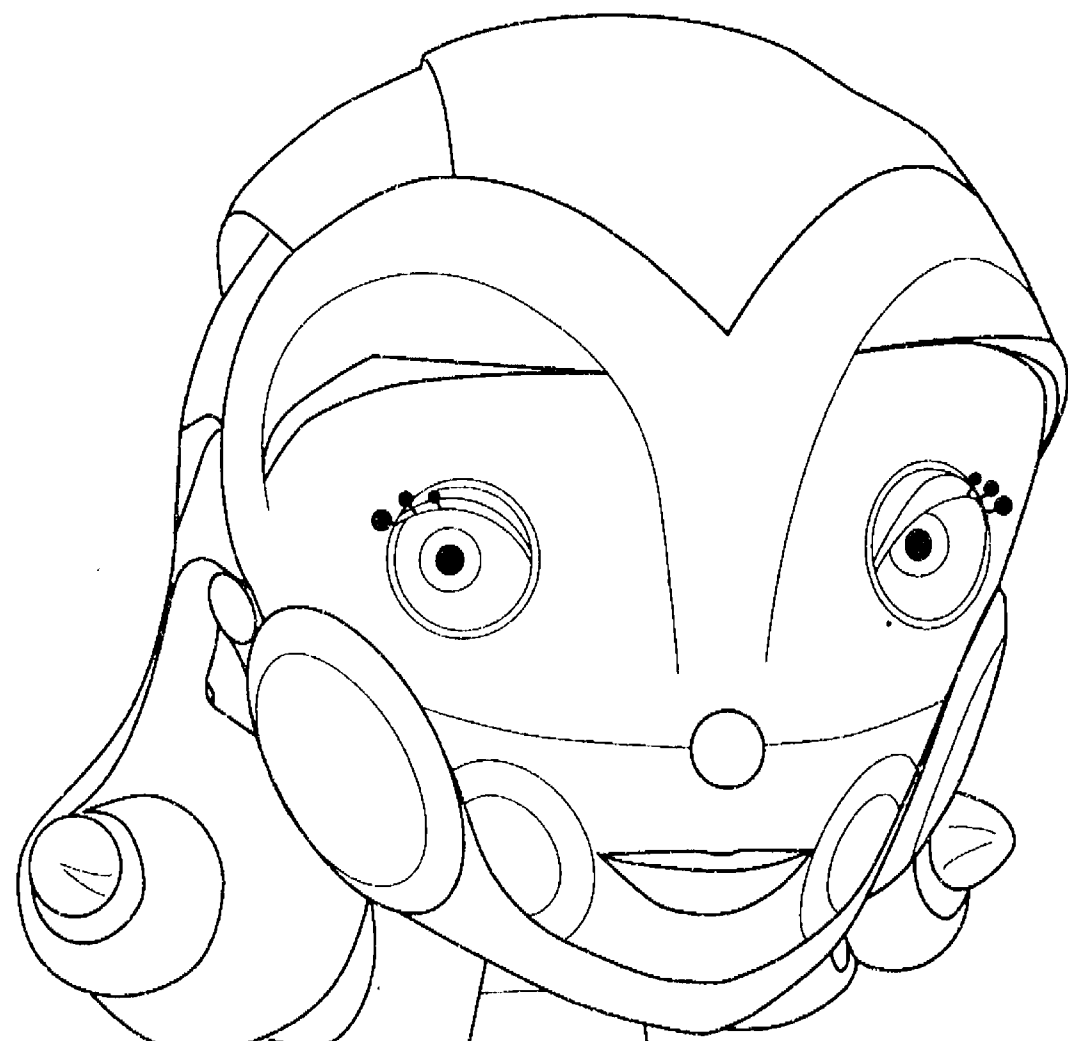


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Four stars

The 36th annual "America & Me" essay contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance recognized Grosse Pointe Woods resident Adam Weglarz, right, for his piece about his favorite uncle, Wally. His essay advances for consideration at the state level competition, and his name will be engraved on a plaque in the school office. St. Clair Shores resident Zachary Issa, second from right, and Nicholas Hinz, left, received second and third place, respectively. Hinz lives in Grosse Pointe Woods. In January, Allison Liddane, second from left, of Grosse Pointe Woods, received a \$500 James and Jeanette Fikany Rotary Book Scholarship, to be used when she attends college.

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'A Day in the Gardens' offers new view of Belle Isle

The sun is out, and my little yellow aconites are blooming. We expect more snow, but until then I'll pretend it's spring. If you'd like to pretend with me, come along to Belle Isle for a spring gardening event.

"A Day in the Gardens" brings the masters to Belle Isle from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, at the Belle Isle Conservatory and gardens. The program will raise funds for education programs conducted by the Belle Isle Botanical Society.

The event will offer gardeners the chance to hit the ground running for the growing season. Included in the day's events are opportunities to learn, network, shop and lunch. It is presented by the Association of Professional Gardeners (APG) and the Belle Isle Botanical Society (BIBS) in cooperation with the Detroit Recreation Department.

Grosse Pointe's own southern gardener, Mil Anthony, will share tips on cool season gardening from 9 to 10 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m.

Anthony is also the president of the Association of Professional Gardeners (APG), one of the event's co-sponsors for the day.

"It's great to use the talent and skills of APG members to bring timely subjects to our audience," Anthony said. "This is what gardeners will be thinking about in April."

APG membership is comprised of "professional gardeners" from metro Detroit. Anthony stresses that the group members call themselves gardeners because they're not into using power tools to trim hedges or put in ponds. "This is the green side of the business," she said. The majority of the members are single operators but may call on one another if a big project requires it.

Attendees will learn from the experts in their various areas. An example is Sue Grubba, who will discuss night lighting for 24-hour interest. Participants may learn something totally new or run into ideas they had never considered.

Another plumb piece of the day is the opportunity to see where the city of Detroit does the propagating of the many flowering plants found on medians throughout the downtown area. Hardy, cool weather plants from the conservatory will be available for sale as well.

Karen Pope, Educational Committee Chair of the Belle Isle Botanical Society (BIBS), explained that the event is part of the BIBS vision for the conservatory and greenhouse. "We are gradually developing programming for the future," Pope said. "This is the first step in our efforts of continuing programs to bring gardeners to Belle Isle."

Pope said that other horticultural programs include a comprehensive field trip for students in grades one through eight which include geography, culture and horticulture. With the abrupt closing of the aquarium on Belle Isle, this type of event will help to raise funds to alleviate the same fate for the island's greenhouse and conservatory. Other topics and their presenters include:

- Pruning back that ram-bunctious yard with Detroit News garden columnist Janet Macunovich, co-founder of the APG, from 9 to 10 a.m.
- "Spring cleaning: Garden Maintenance" with Gail Morrell or "Stars in

Down to Earth

By Kathleen Peabody

What's going on?

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House presents

Hot New Plants and Golden Oldies on Wednesday, April 6, and Trouble Shooting for the Landscape and Garden with Nancy Szerlag. Lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. and cost \$9 per lecture. Make reservations by calling (313) 884-4222.

LocalMotion will

share environmentally sound hints on cosmetics and gardening with the Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 13, at the Children's Home of Detroit. No charge. Call (313) 886-2797 for details.

Youth Programs at

Pewabic Pottery take a natural twist. Springtime Flower Pots, from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 2; or Birdfeeder-Windchimes, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 20. Cost is \$25 (child only); \$40 (parent and child). Call (313) 822-0594 for details.

April Showers bring . . .

Rain Gardens? at 7 p.m., Monday, April 18, at the St. Clair Shores Public Library (11 Mile and Jefferson). Sponsored by the Yardeners of St. Clair Shores. Free. Call (586) 727-3106 for more information.

tions can be charged by calling the BIBS office at (313) 822-2548.

Master gardeners can attain credits for attendance. Details of the schedule and registration forms are available on line at www.associationofprofessionalgardeners.org. Hope to see you there.

Kathleen Peabody is an Advanced Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at kmaslanka-peabody@sbeglobal.net.

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Babies

Michael Robert Haran

Bob and Paula Haran of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a son, Michael Robert Haran, born Nov. 9, 2004. Maternal grandmother is Antoinette Hrivnak of Monroe. Paternal grandparents are Terence and Elizabeth Haran of Clarkston. Great-grandmother is Phyllis Hrivnak of Westland.

Vanessa Rose Ciaramitaro

Luke and Rene Ciaramitaro of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Vanessa Rose Ciaramitaro, born Dec. 28, 2004.

Maternal grandparents are Ronald and Rosemary Bedway of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Paternal grandparents are Nini and Joe Liszy of St. Clair Shores and the late Charles Ciaramitaro.

Helen Ollison Bojarczyk

Paul and Iei Bojarczyk of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a daughter, Helen Ollison Bojarczyk, born Sept. 28, 2004.

Maternal grandparents are Bob and Dempsey Ollison of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Dennis and Helen Bojarczyk of Rochester Hills.

Suite

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"My husband and I felt as we grew older, it would be nice to have a wonderful facility like this to come to," Jere McBride said.

As an unintended patient in October, Jere McBride has already spent time at the Suites of St. John. Her stay met her expectations.

"It was very nice," Jere McBride said. "Every one was quiet, and the care was good. Even the food was very good."

Additional suites and donor opportunities are available. A suite will open in the oncology unit this week. Construction on suites in the hospital's cardiology and open-heart surgery units will begin this summer.

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Maternal grandparents are Mary Lou Wholihan of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Henry Wholihan. Paternal grandparents are Rudy and Joan Armbruster of Pinehurst, N.C., formerly of Grosse Pointe Park.

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Kenton and Laura Steryous of Roanoke, Va., are the parents of a son,

Tyler James Steryous, born Jan. 5, 2005. Maternal grandparents are Jay and Carol Hackleman of Grosse Pointe Park.

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Jim Hanika and Anita Shina of Grosse Pointe are the parents of a daughter, Isabella Hanika, born April 14, 2004.

Maternal grandparents are Louis and Milka Shina of Troy. Paternal grandparents are Jim and Barbara Hanika of Grosse Pointe.

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Matthew and Caroline Hart of New York, N.Y., are the parents of a daughter, Hadley Aileen Hart, born Feb. 20, 2005.

Maternal grandparents are David and Judy Abrahamson of Woodlands, Texas.

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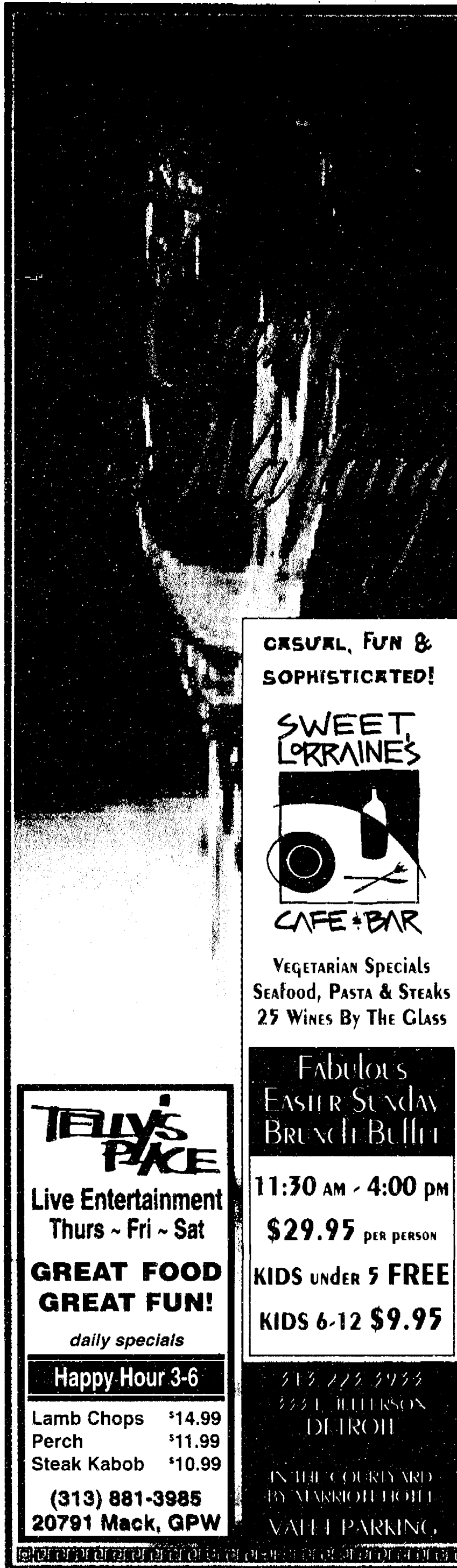
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Two new Easter recipes

This week I'm sharing two recipes that I'll be serving this Sunday at our family Easter feast. Ironically, the first dish comes from Jewish heritage and is often served on the Sabbath.

Kugel is noodle pudding that isn't sweet and is usually prepared in a baking dish and served as a side. This version divides the tasty noodles into individual servings by baking them in cupcake tins.

The other is yet another way to use the abundance of hard boiled eggs you'll find yourself with on Monday.

Browned Onion Kugels

6 oz. medium egg noodles (1 3/4 cups)
1 stick unsalted butter
3 cups chopped onion
1 1/4 cups sour cream
1 1/4 cups small curd cottage cheese
1 tablespoon poppy seeds
4 large eggs
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Cook noodles in salted boiling water for 5 minutes; drain in a colander and cool under cold water. Drain well and place in a large mixing bowl.

Melt the butter in a large nonstick skillet. Brush some of the butter into 12 cupcake-sized muffin tins.

Add the onions to the skillet, and cook over moderate heat for about 20 minutes, stirring occasionally until the onions become well browned. Transfer the cooked onions to the bowl with the noodles.

Add the sour cream, cottage cheese and poppy seeds. Mix well.

In a small bowl, lightly beat the eggs with the salt and pepper. Stir the eggs into the noodle mixture and combine well. Divide the mixture among the 12 muffin cups. (Expect each cup to be filled to the top.)

Bake at 425 degrees on the center oven rack for

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By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



25 to 28 minutes, or until puffed and golden brown.

Remove from the oven, and use a knife to loosen the edges of the kugels. Allow to cool for 5 minutes before serving. Serve kugels on the side with your Easter ham, lamb or roast. It's flavorful, decorative and easy to make.

Three-Herb Deviled Eggs

12 hard-cooked eggs, peeled
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup sour cream
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons fresh, chopped parsley
2 tablespoons chopped, fresh dill or 1 teaspoon dried
2 tablespoons chopped, fresh chives or 1 1/2 teaspoons dried
Salt and pepper to taste
Paprika for garnish

On the long end of the egg where the yolk has settled, cut off the top 1/3 or so, exposing the yolk. Turn the egg over, and cut a small thin slice from the bottom so the egg can stand on its own. Carefully scoop out the yolk; place in a small bowl.

Transfer the standing egg white to a plate. Repeat with the 11 remaining eggs. (Save the egg white scraps for a salad if you wish.)

Mash the egg yolks with a fork. Add the mayonnaise, sour cream, mustard, parsley, dill and chives. Mix well.

Season with salt and pepper; taste and season again if needed.

Gently stuff the egg whites with the yolk mixture. Arrange the standing stuffed eggs on a platter and sprinkle with paprika.

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Holt halts North's basketball tourney run with 60-57 win

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's basketball team had no regrets after its 60-57 Class A state semifinal loss to Holt — just some disappointment.

"We executed the play the way we wanted to," said the Norsemen's Henry McCain, whose three-point attempt at the buzzer just missed finding the mark for the tying basket.

"We had good looks. The shots just didn't fall."

Michael Bramos and McCain each attempted three-point shots after Holt's Ty Motley hit a pair of free throws with 15.5 seconds remaining to give the Rams a three-point lead.

Those were the two players that North wanted to take the shots with the game on the line.

"Give Holt credit. That's a very good team," said North coach Matt Trombley after the finest basketball season in the school's history had ended. "I'll root for them in the final."

The Rams proved their worth again the next day when they defeated Romulus 65-62 in the Class A championship game at the Breslin Center on Michigan State's campus.

Holt made everyone around the state take notice a week ago when the Rams beat Benton Harbor, which had been ranked No. 1 in the state all season and was ranked nationally in the USA Today prep poll, in overtime in the regional final.

Holt coach Bruce Lerner wouldn't have been surprised if one of North's last two shots had gone in.

"I thought this game was going to go into overtime, too," Lerner said. "We've had a lot of overtime games this year."

The Rams played six overtime games this season, including a triple-overtime loss to Okemos and a dou-

ble-overtime win against Lansing Sexton.

The difference in the North game was Holt's 6-foot-6, 245-pound sophomore center, Phil Crosby.

Crosby, who said that he patterns his game after Shaquille O'Neal and looks like Shaq probably did when he was in high school, finished with 15 points, 13 rebounds and three blocked shots.

"I thought we played pret-

ty good defense, but when they'd miss a shot (Crosby) got the offensive rebound," Trombley said. "That was a little deflating."

Six of Crosby's game-high rebounds were on the offensive boards and helped the Rams get a 15-8 advantage in offensive rebounds.

"I didn't realize that he was that strong," said Bramos, the Mr. Basketball runner-up who led all scorers with 18 points, and had

a team-high eight rebounds for North. "He's just a big kid and he's tough to move when he gets down low."

Holt had its hands full trying to stop the Norsemen's balanced offensive attack. The Rams tried a box-and-one on Bramos, then went to a matchup zone before settling on a basic man-to-man.

North made nine of 15 shots from the field in the first quarter. McCain hit four of his first five shots, including a three pointer, and had nine points to spark the Norsemen to a 19-12 lead. Marcell Maxwell hit all three of his shots from the field in the first quarter for six points, and Bramos had the other four.

"We talked about attacking the basket," Trombley said. "They weren't as active on defense when they were in the matchup zone."

Going to a man-to-man also seemed to trigger Holt's offense, and the Rams outscored North 18-11 in the second quarter. Holt took the lead late in the period but a basket by David Klein with 2.9 seconds left in the half pulled the Norsemen into a 30-30 tie at halftime.

There were five lead changes and three ties in the third quarter, but an 8-0 run by North helped give the Norsemen a 47-43 lead going into the final eight minutes.

Holt scored the first two baskets of the quarter to tie the game at 47-all. The teams traded baskets until the Rams used a 6-0 run to go up 55-51 on a pair of free throws by Tyler Reed with 3:44 remaining.

A basket on an offensive rebound by Bramos, and a layup by Adam Miller after

McCain forced a Holt turnover tied the game at 57-57 with 1:48 to go.

Crosby hit the second of two free throws with 1:31 left to break the tie. Bramos blocked a shot by the Rams and McCain got the rebound but the Norsemen had a turnover with 53 seconds left.

It looked like North would get the ball back on a Holt turnover, but the trailing official said that the errant pass had been tipped by a North player, and he reversed the call.

That set up Motley's two

free throws with 15.5 seconds remaining, and the backup guard sank them for his only two points of the game.

Maxwell had 16 points and McCain finished with 14. Andy Bennett had four assists and McCain had three steals.

Andy Clark had a team-high 16 points for Holt and John Lierman added 12 points.

North finished with a 24-3 record, while Holt's two victories over the weekend gave the Rams a final record of 26-2.

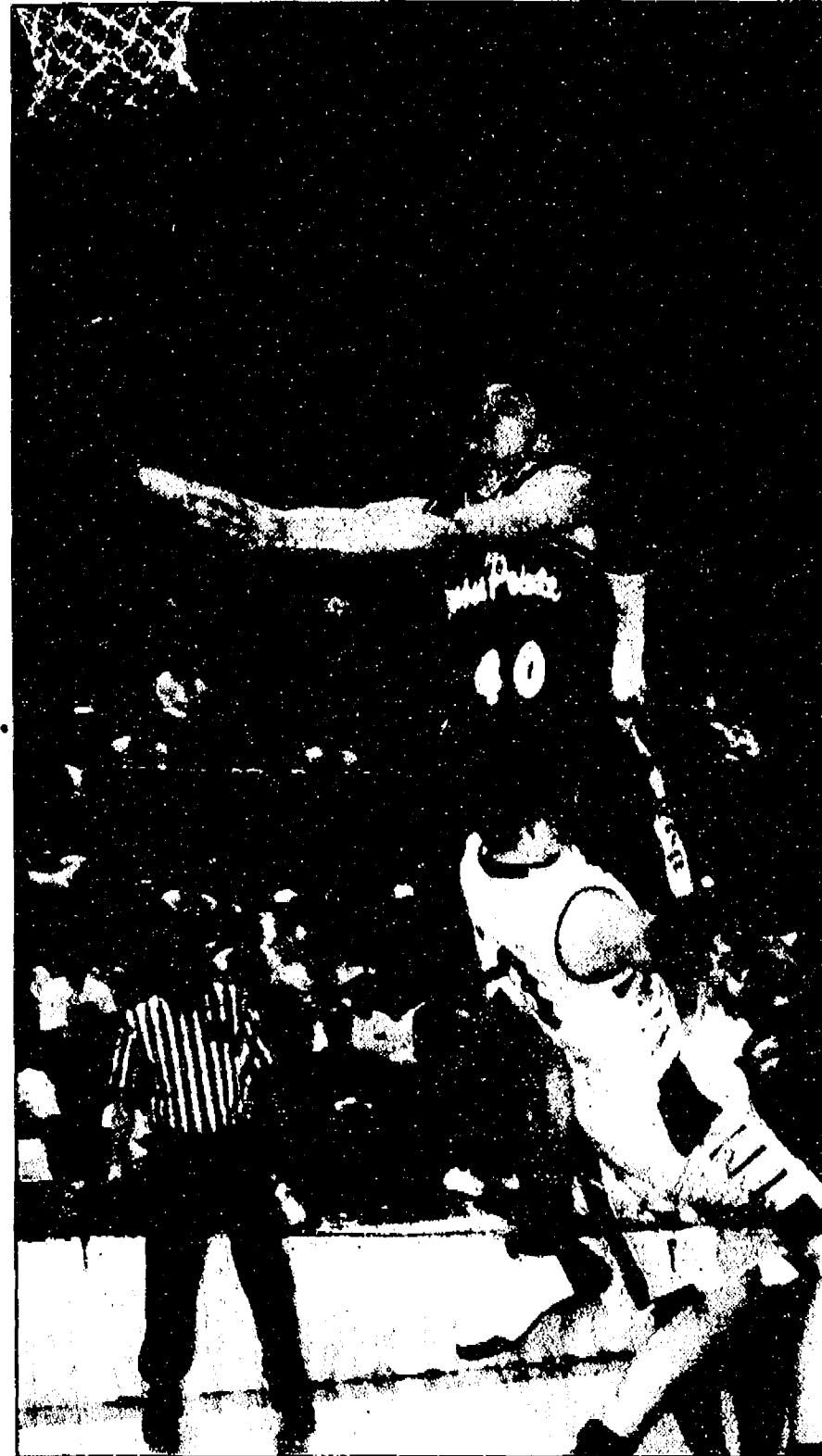


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
North's Michael Bramos drives to the basket against Holt's John Lierman.

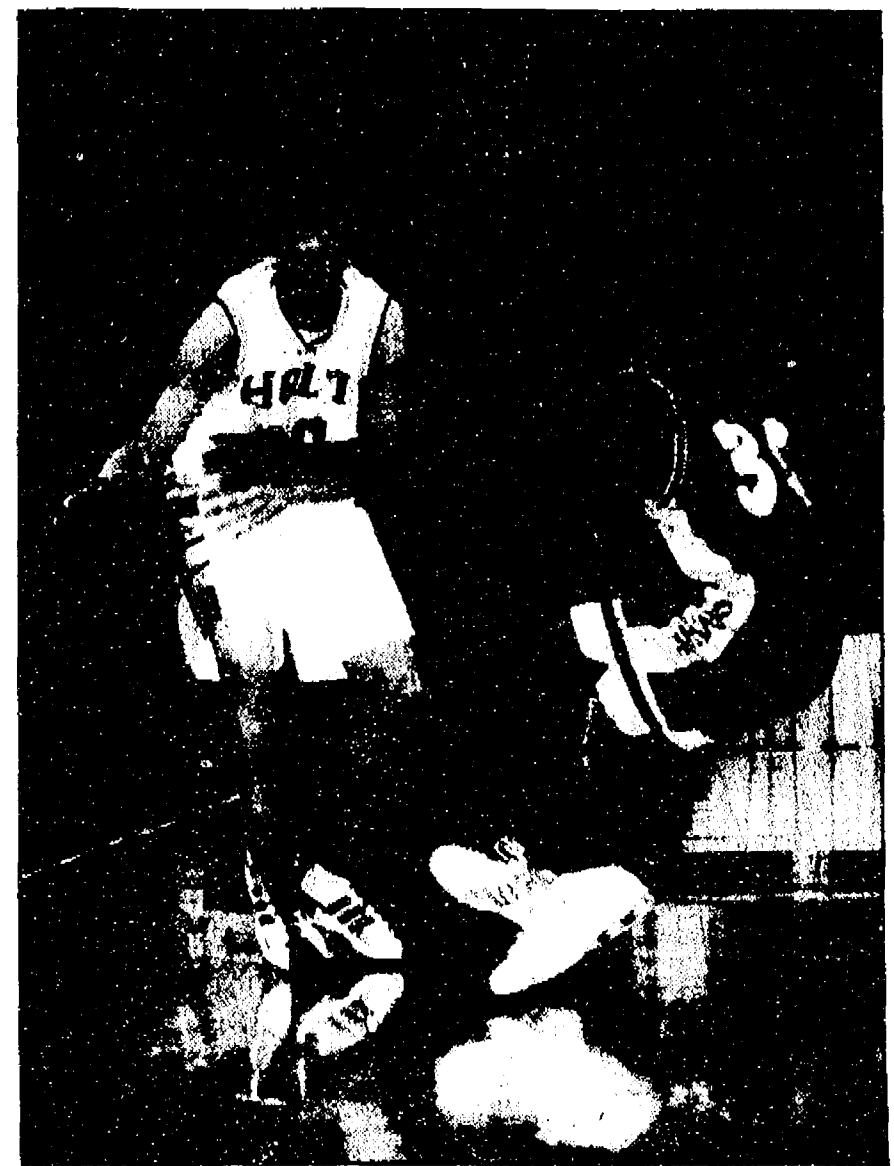


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
Marcell Maxwell defends against Holt's John Lierman.



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
Grosse Pointe North's Henry McCain, far left, and Michael Bramos wish Holt's Andy Clark and Phil Crosby, far right, well in their Class A championship game against Romulus.

North's experience too much for youthful Pontiac Northern

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe North used its senior leadership to beat youthful Pontiac Northern 67-57 in a Class A quarterfinal game played at Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall early last week.

Head coach Matt Trombley had the luxury of starting five seniors, while Northern's starting lineup was loaded with underclassmen.

"It certainly helped to have five seniors on the floor who have played their entire careers for this moment,"

Trombley said. "We used our experience to our advantage."

The Norsemen used a balanced attack and a precise press-break to beat Northern, which was trying to make it back to the Final Four for a second straight season.

"We watched tape of Northern, and we knew it would try and press us, trying to create turnovers," Trombley said. "We practiced five on six or five on seven with our players not being able to dribble in order to break Northern's presses."

The practice paid off because we were able to get a lot of easy baskets from breaking Northern's presses."

North built a 28-23 half-time lead, despite turning the ball over on several possessions.

One of the key moments of the game came when Northern missed a dunk that would have tied it at 31, and the Norsemen used the offensive miscue to go on a 7-0 run to take a 38-29 lead, forcing a timeout.

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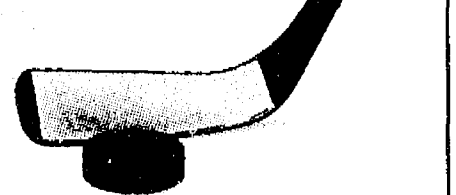
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U-14 Bulldogs reach title game in girls state hockey tourney

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association's first girls team, the U-14 Bulldogs, are wrapping up a very successful season.

The Bulldogs advanced to the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association state finals and are in the finals of the Little Caesars state tournament at Joe Louis Arena.

Solid defense and 11 consecutive periods of shutout goaltending by Tori Bogen led the Bulldogs to the MAHA finals.

Bogen registered shutouts against Chelsea (2-0), Kalamazoo (3-0) and the Brownstown Predators (6-0) before allowing a third-period goal in a 2-1 semifinal victory over the Lansing Capital City Pride.

The Bulldogs defense corps of Alexa Lucchese, Hanna Orlicki, Torie Palffy and Lauren Walsh protected Bogen from serious challenges and held opponents to an average of fewer than 10 shots per game through the tournament semifinals.

In the tournament opener against Chelsea, Angela Giorgio opened the scoring five minutes into the game, assisted by Palffy.

Nicky Capizzo added the insurance goal four minutes later with Rae Sklarski getting the assist.

The Bulldogs stepped up their offense with a physical 3-0 win over the Kalamazoo Wings. Capizzo scored a power-play goal at the four-minute mark of the first period, assisted by Palffy and Sklarski.

Ana Harris scored 10 minutes later, and Capizzo capped the scoring during the game's final minute. Tara Bolton and Sklarski assisted on Capizzo's second goal.

Grosse Pointe's offense reached a peak against Brownstown as six different players scored goals. The forwards also helped the defense with some excellent backchecking.

Harris scored an unassisted goal six minutes into the first period. Kathryn Repicky made it 2-0 late in the first period with assists

from Harris and Giorgio.

Capizzo opened the second period with a goal from Bolton. Defensemen Walsh and Lucchese scored the next two goals, assisted by Erin Shook and Harris.

Shook converted a pass from Paige Counsman for the only goal of the third period.

Repicky opened the scoring in the semifinal against the host CC Pride with an unassisted goal at 6:26 of the first period.

CC's Kylie Blasen ended the Bulldogs' shutout string in the first minute of the

third period, but the tie didn't last long. Bulldogs scoring leader Harris got the game winner 30 seconds later, assisted by Counsman and Shook.

The Bulldogs' winning streak ended in the championship game against the Ann Arbor Cougars.

The Cougars scored a first-period goal by Jennifer Chronis and never looked back en route to a 5-1 victory.

Tournament MVP Abbie Richardson scored twice in the third period to give the Cougars a 3-0 lead, but the

Bulldogs still had some life remaining.

Sklarski scored with 2:26 left in the game, assisted by Bolton and Capizzo.

Bulldogs coach Jim Bolton pulled Bogen for an extra attacker with just under two minutes left, but the Cougars controlled the puck and Kristal Georgopoulos scored an empty-net goal with 1:28 to go. Richardson scored her third goal of the game seven seconds later.

The U-14 Bulldogs and the U-12 Bulldogs have firmly established girls youth hockey in Grosse

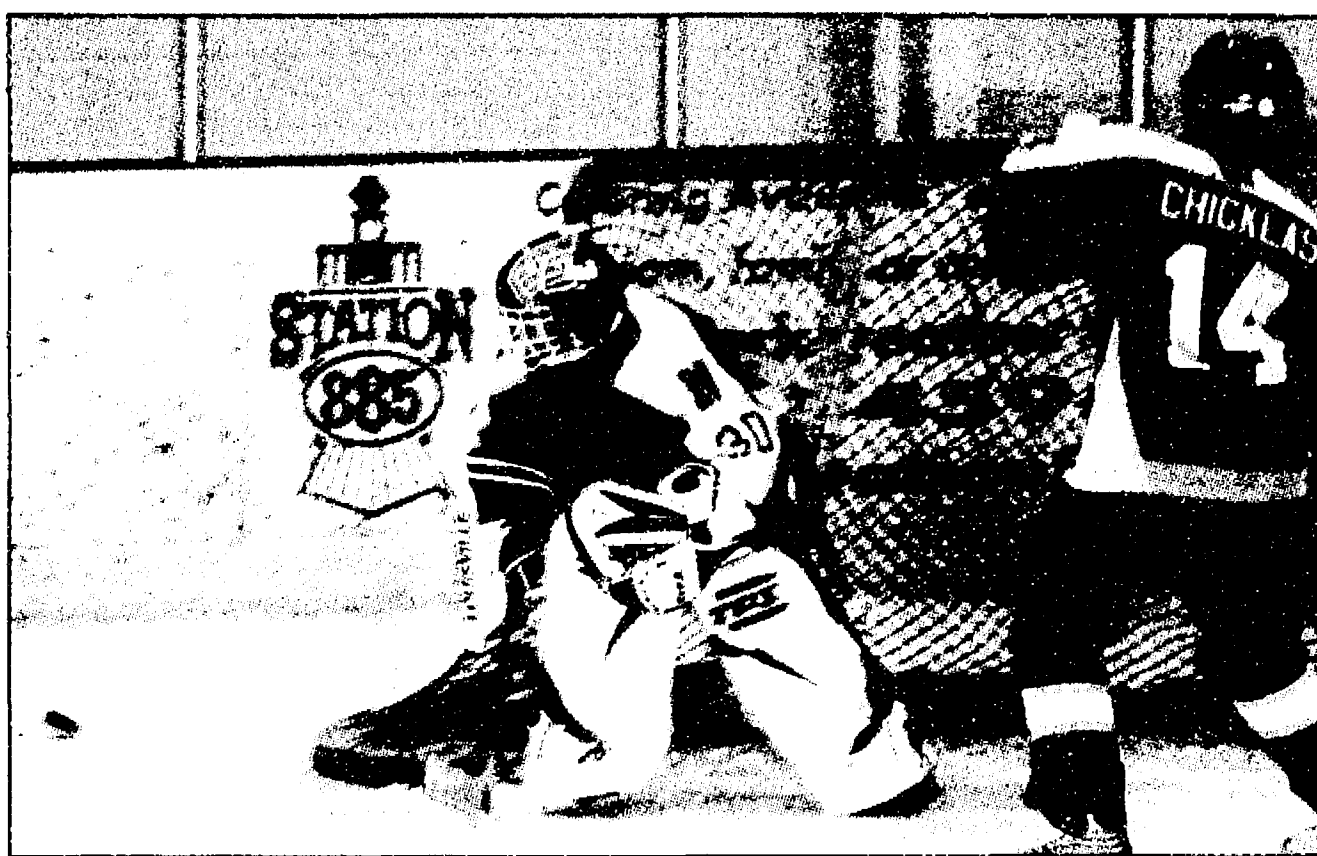
Pointe after only three years of travel competition.

Competing against mostly 14-year-olds, the U-14 Bulldogs are made up of seven 12-year-olds and six 13-year-olds. Despite not having a 14-year-old player, the team finished in the middle of the top tier standings.

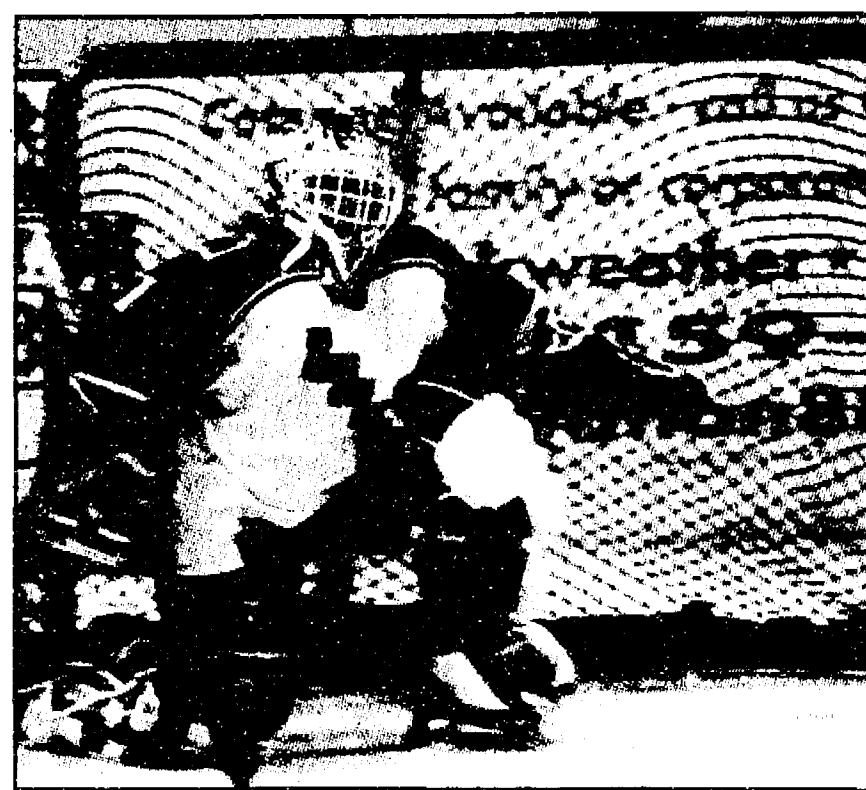
The U-12 team, which had several 10- and 11-year-olds, also finished in the middle of the pack.

Jim Bolton was assisted by Steve Walsh and Joe Lucchese. The team manager was Harry Harris.

Action from the girls state hockey tournament



Grosse Pointe North goalie Angela Lee deflects the puck into the corner as Meredith Chicklas, No. 14, plays solid defense in the Lady Norsemen's 6-5 quarterfinal victory over Livonia Ladywood.



University Liggett School goalkeeper Tori Ellithorpe played a strong game in net as the Lady Knights lost to undefeated Grosse Pointe South in a girls hockey quarterfinal.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - RAYCO RG 1672DXH TRAILER MOUNTED STUMP CUTTER OR EQUAL: Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 4, 2005, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following item: Rayco RG 1672DXH Trailer Mounted Stump Cutter or equal. Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

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Louise S. Warnke,
City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 3, 2005

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on February 23, 2005, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on February 24, 2005.

2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 73223 through 73365 in the amount of \$337,047.95, as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms in the amount of \$15,190.26 for Harper Woods' proportionate share of the Intermunicipal Radio System covering the period from July 1 through December 31, 2004. (3) Approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$3,885.00 for December 2004 and \$2,100.00 for January 2005 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for a total of \$5,985.00.

2) To approve payment in the amount of \$58,514.56 to Wayne County for the Milk River Drain interest payments on the 1991, 1992 and 1993 Series Bonds.

3) To approve adjustments to the salaries of all department managers and administrative officers of the City in amounts equivalent to those granted in collective bargaining for the police officers command units that being two percent for 2004, two and a half percent for 2005 and two and three-quarter percent for 2006.

4) To adopt the resolution on Condemnation of Dwelling and Abatement of Public Nuisance recommended by the City Attorney to proceed with condemnation of the property at 20276 Woodland. (Attachment #1)

Kenneth A. Poynter,
Mayor

Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk

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Local player helps team win in Quebec



Nicholas Marsh

Nicholas Marsh of Grosse Pointe Farms was a member of the Little Caesars AAA '92 hockey team that recently won its division at the Quebec International Pee Wee Tournament.

The 64-team field included teams from Europe, Canada and the United States, but the championship game matched two Michigan-based squads with Little Caesars beating Compuware 4-1.

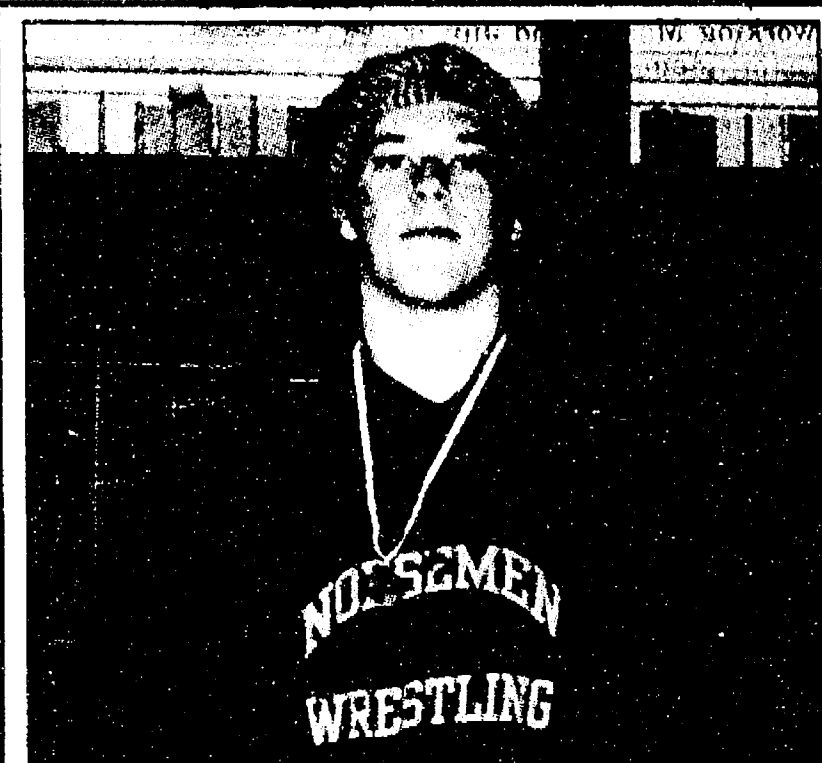
More than 10,000 fans watched the championship game.

One of Marsh's best games came in a 3-2 victory over Halton, Switzerland when he collected a goal and an assist.

Marsh, who stayed with a French family during the

tournament called it the best experience of his life.

The Little Caesars team is coached by Skip Howey, who is assisted by former Red Wings player Doug Brown.



State medalist

Grosse Pointe North's Spencer Channell finished sixth in the 275-pound weight class at the Division I state wrestling championships. Channell pinned Hudsonville's Brian Klobucar in 2:56 in his first match, then defeated Josh Crist of Alpena 11-7 in the quarterfinals. Channell lost 2-1 in two overtimes to Hartland's Nick Anurak in the semifinals, before dropping his final two matches to Pat Draheim of Livonia Churchill and Steven Thatcher of Rochester Adams.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SPECIAL NOTICE HOLIDAY RUBBISH SCHEDULE FOR GOOD FRIDAY FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2005

There will be no interruptions of residential or commercial rubbish pick up on Good Friday, March 25, 2005

All rubbish collection routes will be collected according to their normal schedule.

Friday's commercial routes will be collected on schedule.

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SPECIAL USE REQUEST

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Grosse Pointe Planning Commission will hold a public hearing as noticed above to consider the Special Use Application for the CVS project at 17120 Kercheval. The applicant is ARCADIS, on behalf of CVS.

The project is being proposed for development under Section 90-298. Permitted uses after special approval, of the City of Grosse Pointe Zoning Ordinance which allows a use to exceed 5,000 square feet in the central business district subject to special use approval.

The following specifications are proposed for the project:

1. Project Type: Additional retail space
2. Current Zoning: C-2, Central Business District
3. Total Parcel Size: Less than one acre
4. The applicant is requesting special use approval for a store located at 17120 Kercheval.

The proposed plans for this project are available for inspection by the public at the City Offices during regular business hours Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 5 pm.

GPN: 03/24/2005

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

BOARD OF REVIEW

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.

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MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2005

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

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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

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North

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North never looked back after the missed dunk as it eventually built a 16-point lead midway through the fourth quarter as Trombley's defense forced the turnovers to get the transition dunks.

"We were patient on offense, making the extra pass to get open looks," Trombley said. "It was a very good team effort on our part, and now we're headed to the semifinals."

David Klein played his best game of the season, scoring 17 points, grabbing eight rebounds, and blocking four shots, while Michael Bramos had 16 points and 12 rebounds.

"Dave was challenged by a former player," Trombley said. "Dave needed to increase his level of play, and he did that and then some. He really played a great game."

Marcell Maxwell had 15 points and seven rebounds, while Henry McCain followed with 11 points and four rebounds.

Junior Adam Miller broke into the scorebook, getting four points, and senior Alexander Sultan hit one three-point basket for his three points.

Tim Williams led Pontiac Northern with 17 points.

Rowers have novel idea to raise funds

Members of the Detroit Women's Rowing Association have come up with a novel fundraising idea to purchase equipment for the organization.

The DRWA crew is offering its services to work at personal or business parties, banquets or picnics. Hardworking Master and Junior team members will take coats, serve drinks and food, and even clean up.

Donations to DWRA are tax deductible.

The DWRA was incorporated as a non-profit organization in September 2002. The club was created for female athletes of all age levels who are interested in training for local, national and international rowing competitions.

The DWRA would like to expand its competitive Master and Junior programs and community Learn-to-Row camps by purchasing additional racing shells and related equipment.

The DWRA is offering six-week summer camps for women and girls. A certified US Rowing coach will instruct campers in the fundamentals of rowing with the focus on balance, coordination, strength, teamwork and fun.

The camp for girls ages 13 through 17 will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from June 13 through July 25. The June 13, 15 and 16 camp hours are from 5 to 6 p.m., while the rest of the camp hours are from 8 to 9:30 a.m. There is no class on July 4. The cost for the camp is \$400.

The women's camp will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from June 13 through July 27. The June 13 and 15 times are 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., while the times for the other days are 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. The cost for the women's camp is \$325.

To register for the camp or to reserve a crew for a business or social function, call Renée Adams Schulte at (313) 881-2931. For more details on the camps or the work crew visit the Website at www.dwra.org.



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
Grosse Pointe North fans congratulate David Klein after his outstanding performance against Pontiac Northern in the Class A quarterfinals.

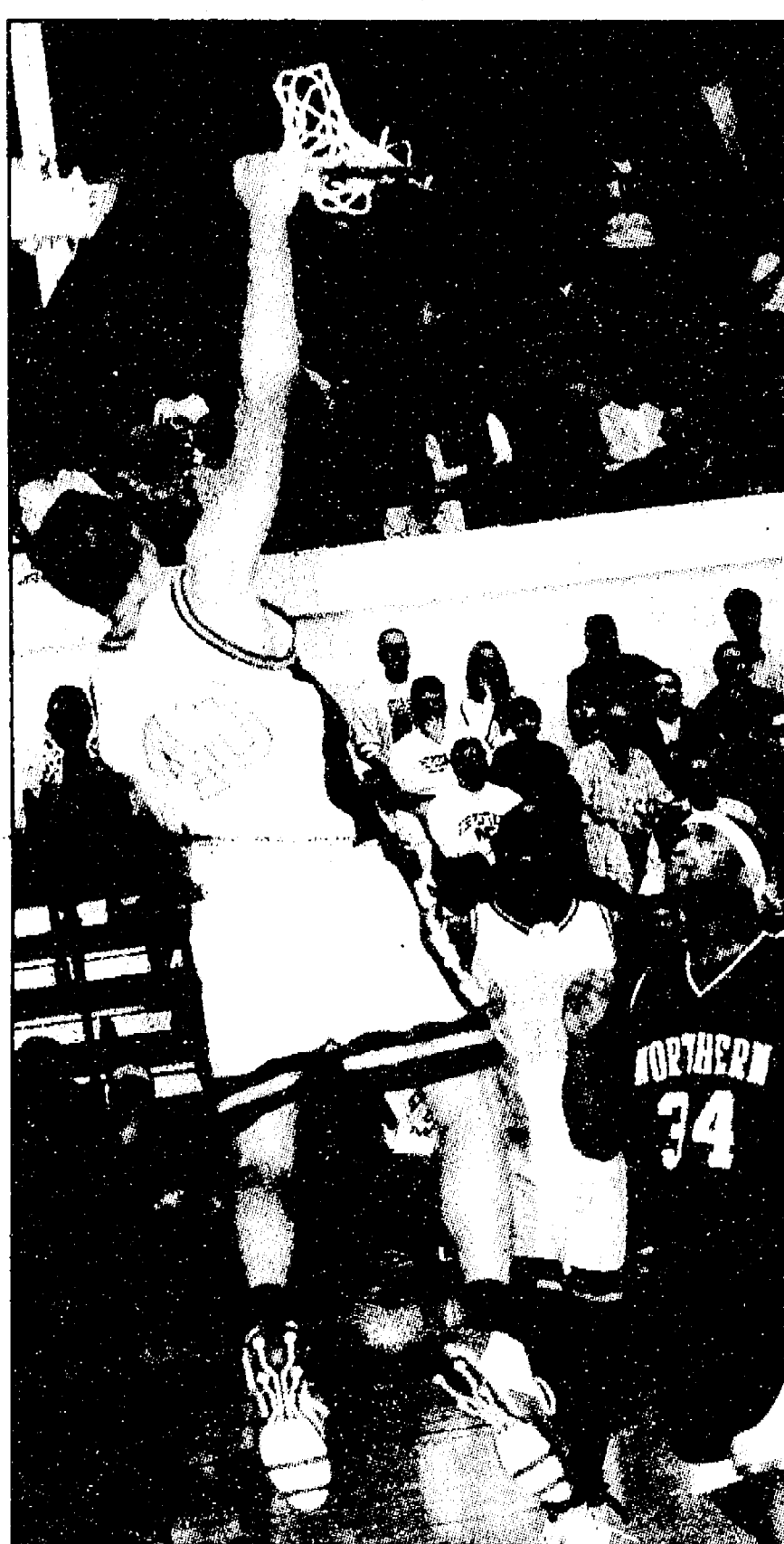


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
Teammate Marcell Maxwell and a Pontiac Northern player watch North's Michael Bramos slam the ball down for two points.

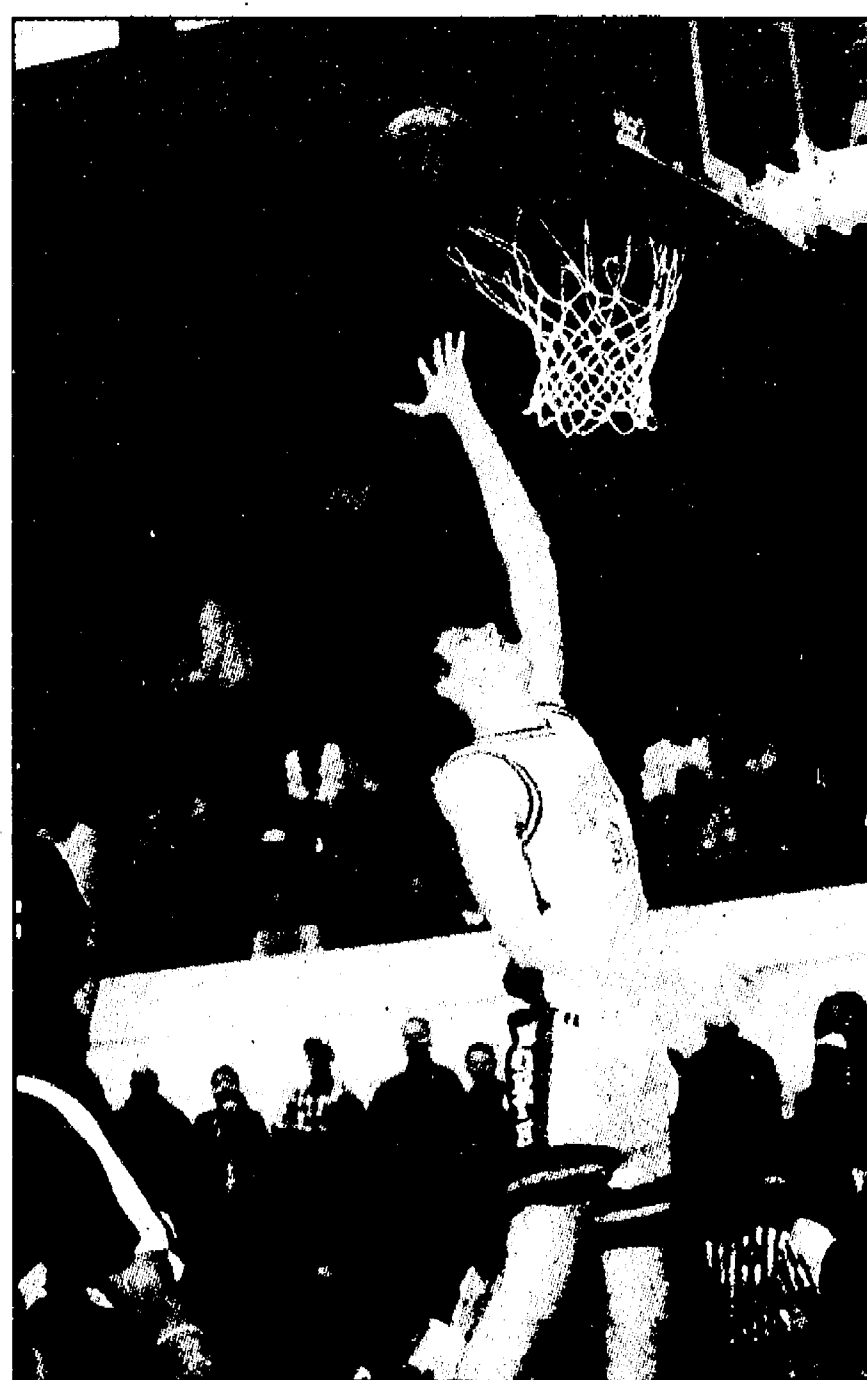


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
David Klein scores against Pontiac Northern.

Sports

South swimmers rank high all-division state standings

Grosse Pointe South's boys swimming team finished fourth in the recent Division I state championships, and the Blue Devils had several swimmers finished among the top 16 in the state regardless of class.

Luke Richard's time of 50.05 in the preliminaries of the 100-yard butterfly ranked him third in the state behind a pair of Fremont swimmers. Richard took first place in the butterfly at the Division I meet.

Richard also was 14th in the state in the 50 freestyle with a 21.75.

Casey Browning was seventh in the 500 freestyle (4:41.76) and 14th in the 200 freestyle (1:44.66).

Diver Justin Linne was 13th with a score of 355.10.

Peter Stevens was 16th overall in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:01.59.

All of South's relay teams were also among the top 16 in the state.

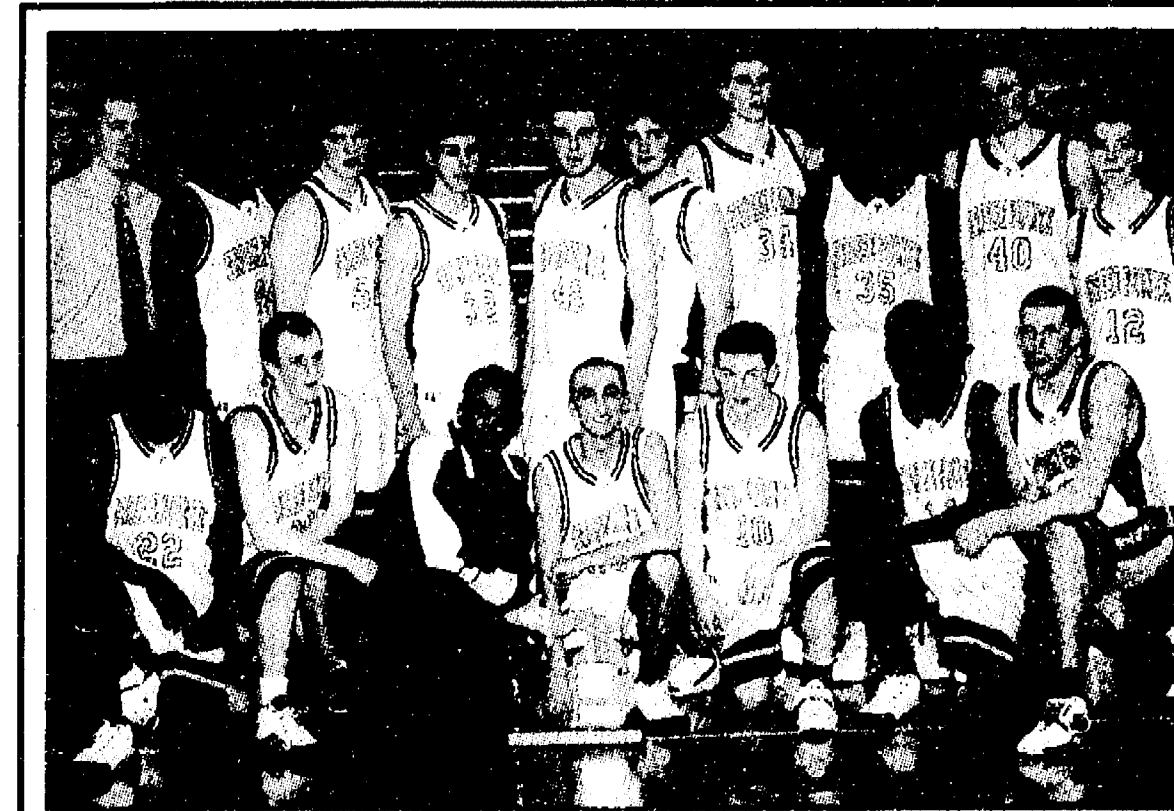
The 200 freestyle relay was eighth, the 200 medley relay was 10th and the 400 freestyle relay had the 11th best time.



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
Grosse Pointe South's Justin Linne performed the dives that placed him among the best in the state this year.



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
Grosse Pointe South's swimmers are a happy group after finishing the Division I state championships at Eastern Michigan University.



Regional champs

Grosse Pointe North's basketball team celebrates after winning regional championship since the 1978-79 season. In front, from left, Jordan Savage, Andy Bennett, Julian Duncan, Alex Sultan, David Dwight Van Hoesen and Jacob Bloomhuff. In back, from left, are coach Trombley, Henry McCain, Tom Ciotti, Jason Aubrey, Ari Wagner, David Klein, Marcell Maxwell, Michael Bramos, Adam Miller and coach Gary Bennett.

South grad gets academic honor

Alyssa Sullivan, a 2004 Grosse Pointe South graduate, and a member of the Xavier University varsity rifle team earned the All Academic Award from the collegiate Rifle Coaches Association at the recent NCAA rifle championships in Colorado Springs.

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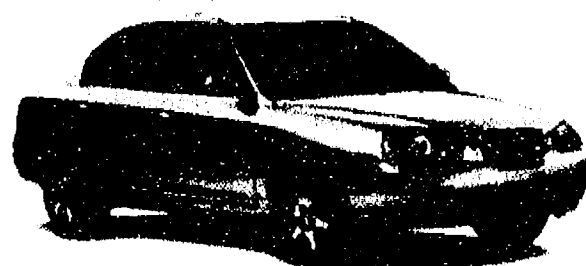
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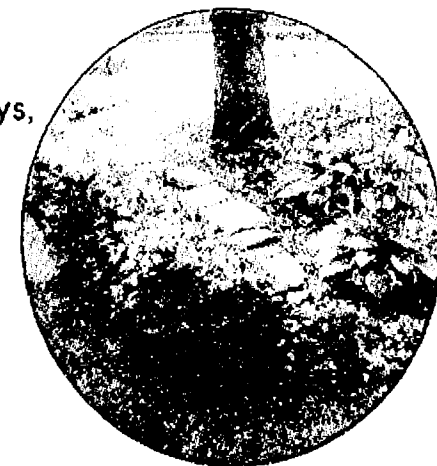
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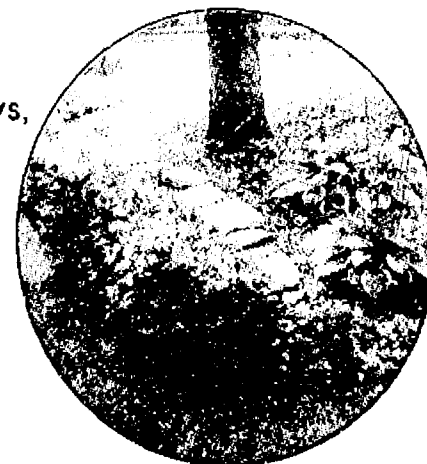
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HARPER WOODS

Absolutely spectacular. Professionally decorated. Recent improvements: Vinyl siding and gutters, tear off roof, completely updated bath, carpeting, updated kitchen with dishwasher, Gorgeous hardwood floors. New tile in foyer. Natural fireplace in living room.

NEW \$219,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Move in condition. Fabulous home with fresh paint, new vinyl windows, new furnace and air, new tear-off dimensional roof, eat in kitchen includes appliances. Finished basement with paneling and warm carpeting, half bath and bright laundry room. Home Warranty.

NEW \$247,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Seller will contribute \$5,000 toward buyers closing costs!! A great place to call home! Nicely appointed Colonial in lovely Woods setting with features any buyer can appreciate. Remodeled kitchen includes pickled oak cabinetry and hardwood flooring. Formal dining room.

NEW \$368,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Four bedroom, two and a half bath ranch on desirable Woods street. Kitchen with breakfast nook. Large Living Room with natural fireplace and good size Dining Room. Family Room overlooking spacious backyard and patio. Master bedroom with private bath. Wet plaster walls.

NEW PRICING \$519,000



GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Wonderfully maintained spacious ranch in Yacht Club View subdivision. Great family room with pegged oak floors and natural fireplace. Living room also has a natural fireplace. Elegant marble entrance foyer. A short walk to Lake St. Clair. Move-in condition.

NEW PRICING \$415,000



GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Located one block from the lake on a quiet street. This large home has endless potential. Cathedral ceiling in the living room, three fireplaces, family room and an additional room could be home office or den. Enjoy year round recreation with the indoor heated pool.

\$1,395,000



GROSSE POINTE LANE

Outstanding views of Lake St. Clair sunrises! Beautiful kitchen with limestone counters and updates galore. Two new master bedrooms on first and second floors. Three new marble and ceramic baths with Jacuzzi's. Two story gorgeous marble foyer. A perfect home.

\$574,500



GROSSE POINTE

Opportunity awaits in this newer construction property in the "heart" of Grosse Pointe. Bright, open and spacious describe the floor plans room layouts throughout. Walk to the Village, schools, churches, and shopping. Minutes to downtown Detroit for work or entertainment.

\$239,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Outstanding Colonial east of Mack in a quiet neighborhood. Walking distance to Mason school. Large Living Room with fireplace, new open kitchen with cherry cabinets and corian countertops. Attached deck for summer evenings. New carpet, roof, updated baths, furnace.

\$199,700



GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Charming and updated bungalow on popular Woods street. New kitchen with pergo floor and eating space. Formal Living Room with natural fireplace. New windows and updated bath. Hardwood floors, crown moldings and new blinds throughout. Private yard with patio.

\$119,000



HARPER WOODS

Don't be fooled by it modest exterior, this home has it all. Fabulous Stucco/Masonry ranch in mint condition. This home boasts a formal living room with a natural fireplace and formal dining room, beautiful plaster detailing, newer kitchen and large family room.

\$141,500



HARPER WOODS

Charming well maintained brick bungalow situated on a beautiful 100 x 170 treed lot. Newer kitchen with eating space, hardwood floors, master bedroom with walk-in closet and built in dresser. Updated bath. Lovely sitting room overlooking yard. New roof, furnace and air.

\$624,900



GROSSE POINTE

Absolutely perfect home. This home has been updated from top to bottom. Featuring a new family room with vaulted ceiling, natural fireplace and floor to ceiling windows and French doors to large backyard. Updated kitchen with built in appliances and eating space.

\$172,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK

This one has a driveway and a garage. What a fantastic home, move in condition. Plaster detail. Updated kitchen, Mud room off the back deck. Architecturally interesting upper suite with great closet space. Large open basement.

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1175 Shady Lane

The ultimate in Cass Lake living. This 5,000 square foot dream home has it all. All Viking kitchen, huge room sizes, two level deck. Two story fireplace in foyer. Master suite on entire second floor with Kohler jet tub, panoramic windows and mirrored bath suite. \$1,500,000



40 Oxford, Grosse Pointe Shores

Stunning Classic English Tudor. Six bedrooms, five and one half baths, multiple fireplaces. Library with carved wood paneling, gracious entrance foyer, sunken living room and carriage house. This house is absolutely "perfect" in every detail. Meticulously maintained. \$1,895,000.



17 Oxford, Grosse Pointe Shores

Located on one of Grosse Pointe Shores finest streets. Five bedrooms, four and one half baths, newer family room, gorgeous marble entrance foyer, master bedroom on separate wing. Four car attached garage, beautifully decorated and appointed. Attractively priced at \$1,399,900.

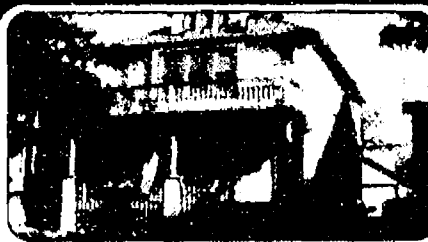


386 Provincial Road, Grosse Pointe Farms

Located on one of Grosse Pointe Farms' finest streets. Five bedroom, four and one half baths, approximately 5,000 square feet, great location overlooking the golf course. Beautifully maintained. Newer roof and furnace, loft apartment with separate staircase. \$1,399,900.



1153 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park
Great home for the first time home buyer with all the Grosse Pointe amenities. Beautiful natural wood throughout. Updated kitchen. New furnace and electrical, living room with gas fireplace. \$149,000



1452 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park
Outstanding two family. All the work is done! Second floor has gas forced air/air conditioning and terrific loft/attic with skylights and recessed lights. \$174,900



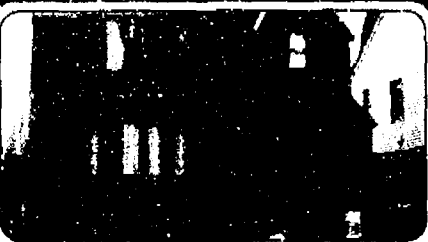
874 Westchester, Grosse Pointe Park
Lots of old world charm, stone fireplace, hardwood floors, large open two story stairway, butler's pantry, adjoining kitchen, central air on the second and third floors only. Glass block windows in basement. Natural wood work throughout. \$399,000



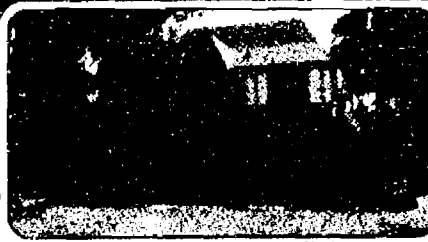
715 Pear Tree, Grosse Pointe Woods
Attractive four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial. Updated kitchen with eating area, huge family room with natural fireplace, first floor laundry. Living room with natural fireplace. Master bedroom with full bath, two car attached garage. \$379,900



538 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe City
Fabulous location. Walk to the Village or the waterfront park. Huge lot, five bedrooms, two baths, fabulous oak family room, two natural fireplaces. Central air, updated kitchen. Attractively priced at \$395,000.



312 McKinley, Grosse Pointe Farms
This home needs a little TLC. Newer roof (99), Updated kitchen \$263,900.



1378 Buckingham, Grosse Pointe Park
Four bedroom, two and one half bath English Tudor. Natural fireplace, hardwood floors, family room and den. Gourmet kitchen, master bedroom with new bath, recreation room. \$449,000



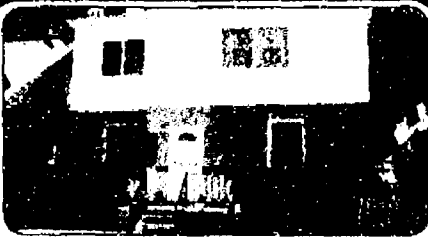
1976 Littlestone, Grosse Pointe Woods
Completely redecorated three bedroom one and one half bath Colonial features newer roof and windows, new carpet with hardwood floors beneath, fresh paint, new kitchen flooring. \$245,000



1214 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park
Charming starter home, within walking distance to the quaint restaurants and coffee shops on Kercheval. Living room and dining room have built-ins. Brick fireplace in living room, upstairs bedroom can be expanded. \$124,900



1336 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park
Great buy for small family with all the Grosse Pointe park amenities, including world class resident only parks, library etc... nice cozy home with many original features, bright kitchen. Home warranty, close to shopping. \$117,900



475 Belanger, Grosse Pointe Farms
Just bring your suitcases. The sitting room on the first floor could be used as a fourth bedroom, lots of nice updates. Newer roof, newer windows, the master bedroom and bathroom have their own under floor heating system. \$223,000



379 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms
OUTSTANDING FARMS LOCATION! Features neutral décor and hardwood floors. Spacious living room with a natural fireplace. Large family room. Updates include: furnace, central air, glass block windows and roof. AN ABSOLUTE MUST SEE!! \$209,000.



1082 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Woods
Beautiful three bedroom Woods bungalow with fantastic location. Features large rooms, hardwood floors, living room with fireplace, mostly newer windows, fresh paint and two car garage. \$259,900.



20064 Ghesquire Ct., Grosse Pointe Woods
Beautiful Cape Cod with center natural fireplace. Gorgeous lower level family room in the basement, great court location, hardwood floors, attached garage. Newer windows (Pella), central air. \$309,000.



1033 North Brys, Grosse Pointe Woods
Three bedroom, one and one half bath ranch. Updated open floor plan, freshly painted, new kitchen, new windows, newer gas forced air with central air, hardwood floors, underneath new carpeting. Attached two car garage. \$299,000

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**1030 Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe Shores**

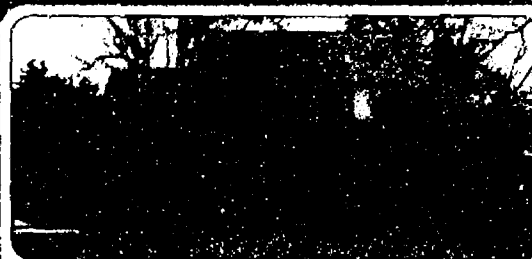
Gorgeous!!! Custom built in 2000!!! Vaulted ceilings, great room, multiple natural fireplaces, lower level basement with high ceilings. Beautiful "black" pool overlooking the lake. First floor master suite, panoramic views of the water. \$3,995,000.

**693 Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe Shores**

Spectacular full views of the Lake. Built by Jim Scott. Four very large bedrooms each with their own private bath. Impressive foyer, paneled family room, two fireplaces, custom kitchen and first floor laundry room. Gorgeous landscaping. \$1,795,000. Call Sandy Azar for a private showing.

**799 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Park**

BEST BUY IN GROSSE POINTE \$825,000!!!! This Spanish mini-mansion features three and one half car garage, large lot and sunken living room. Five bedrooms, three and one half baths, multiple fireplaces including master bedroom. Library, den and hardwood floors.

**646 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park**

Meticulously maintained Classic English Tudor. Beautiful plaster details, unique cove/ieicle moldings. Slate roof, hardwood floors, multiple fireplaces, newer kitchen and family room, beautiful grounds with sunken gardens. Quality, style and detail throughout. \$699,900.

Sunday Open Houses

**644 Middlesex, Grosse Pointe Park**

Exquisite executive Tudor Colonial in Windmill Pointe Sub. This four bedroom, two bath, two lavatory, home has a beautiful family room and stunning library. Excellent floor plan with large foyer. Master suite has gorgeous private bath with whirlpool tub. Large landscaped lot.

646 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park**799 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Park****20064 Ghesquire Ct, Grosse Pointe Woods****21936 Shorepointe, St. Clair Shores****538 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe City****1153 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park****1428 Yorkshire, Grosse Pointe Park**

Beautiful English Tudor in the Park. This beautiful six bedroom, three and one half bath is filled with classic features. Beveled leaded glass doors and windows (some stained), gorgeous natural wood and refinished hardwood floors. \$449,000.

**412 Roland Court, Grosse Pointe Farms**

Custom brick ranch neat and clean on a large one hundred foot lot. Close to shopping, featuring open floor plan, hardwood floors throughout, nice size bedrooms, plus an extra sitting room. Large basement. \$269,900.

**769 Shelden, Grosse Pointe Shores**

Charming one owner home, marble tiled 11'7" x 8'4" foyer, hardwood floors throughout. Large living room with crystal sconces and natural fireplace. Formal dining room, large custom kitchen with eating area. Tiled basement with natural brick fireplace. \$535,000.

**1550 Huntington, Grosse Pointe Woods**

Attractive four bedroom, one full and one half bath home East of Mack Avenue. Completely updated with new white kitchen, newer roof, windows, cement, heating and cooling. Finished basement and large lot. \$249,900.

**23337 Robert John, St. Clair Shores**

Outstanding marble granite entrance foyer with extra wide staircase. Hardwood floors in living room and dining room. Updated kitchen, oversized attached garage. \$399,000.

**22666 Wildwood**

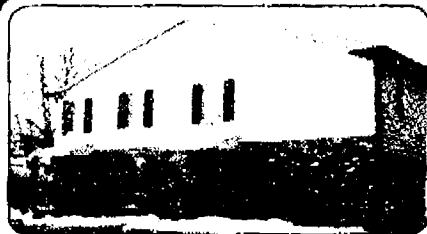
Wake up to totally unobstructive views of Lake St. Clair. Three bedroom, three bath home with three natural fireplaces including master suite. Plus canal to dock your boat. Attractively priced. \$595,000.

**25300 Winton, St. Clair Shores**

Fabulous three bedroom two bath ranch. New construction Master suite with den and bath and extra closet. Huge oak kitchen with center isle. Natural fireplace in living room, first floor laundry off garage. Full deep basement. \$249,900.

**21936 Shorepointe, St. Clair Shores**

Beautiful condominium in prestigious development. Additional finished lower level (gorgeous), dry walled, new carpeting in lower level family room type area. First floor laundry, attached garage. \$189,000.

**22835 Overlake, St. Clair Shores**

RENT WITH OPTION TO BUY \$850 PER MONTH, heat, water included in \$200 month maintenance fee! New completely updated kitchen with new cabinets, counter tops, flooring, freshly painted. One car attached garage. This place is mint!!! \$119,900.

**77995 Glacier Club Drive, Washington Twp.**

Golf course living in this impeccable four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial. Located on seventh fairway. Open concept first floor with two way fireplace. Gleaming hardwood floors, separate den, first floor laundry. Three car garage. \$465,000.

**54920 Hennington, Shelby Twp.**

Beautiful end unit condominiums features two bedrooms, possible third on the second floor loft. Two story living room with fireplace, white kitchen, ceramic foyer, custom paint and fireplace mantle. \$329,000.

**42440 Corlina Drive**

The best in condo living. Crown molding, hardwood floors, brush nickel hardware, maple cabinets and upgraded appliances in kitchen. Open floor plan with 9" ceilings, duel fireplace in living room, front balcony, and deck in fenced backyard. \$259,000.

**20401 Lochmoor, Harper Woods**

Sharpest Bungalow in Harper Woods. Completely updated with refinished hardwood floors, newer high-end kitchen, two car garage, finished basement with additional half bath and plenty of storage. Grosse Pointe Schools. \$167,900.

**19681 Fleetwood, Harper Woods**

Great condo living. Two bedroom, two and one half baths, ceramic tile flooring in entrance foyer and back door vestibule leading to private patio and covered two car carports. Full basement with recreation room. Both bedrooms with private baths. Immediate occupancy. \$129,000.

**5572 Three Mile**

Excellent two family with newer kitchen in lower, new carpeting, both units show beautifully! Live in lower and have upper make your payment, or excellent rental area. Enclosed rear porches in both units. \$119,000.

**4015 Three Mile Drive**

Absolute beauty! Features master bedroom with bath, three full baths, formal dining room, and mud room (9.6 x 5.6), replacement windows. Updated kitchen, natural fireplace, privacy fence, partially finished basement. \$149,000.



Antique velvet has rich feel of antiquity with ware

Antique velvet is a striking collectible. Its look through the ages adds to its "feel" of antiquity.

Items encased in antique velvet look mystical to me. I keep a maroon velvet picture frame on my living room wall. A photo I took of my husband walking along Old San Juan, Puerto Rico's blue cobble streets reminds me of precious times — modern times stilled against age-old times.

According to encyclopedia.com, "velvet fabric has a soft, thick, short pile, usually made of silk, and a plain twill or satin weave ground. The pile surface is formed by weaving an extra set of warp threads that are looped over wires.

"Velvet is supposedly one of the silk weaves developed on the ancient shuttle looms of China. The most beautiful weaves, such as brocades, are still done by hand. India has produced velvet from remote times, often richly embroidered, for the furniture and trappings of royalty. Many fine velvets were made in Turkey, and Persia



*Antique's
Ambience*

By Diane Morelli

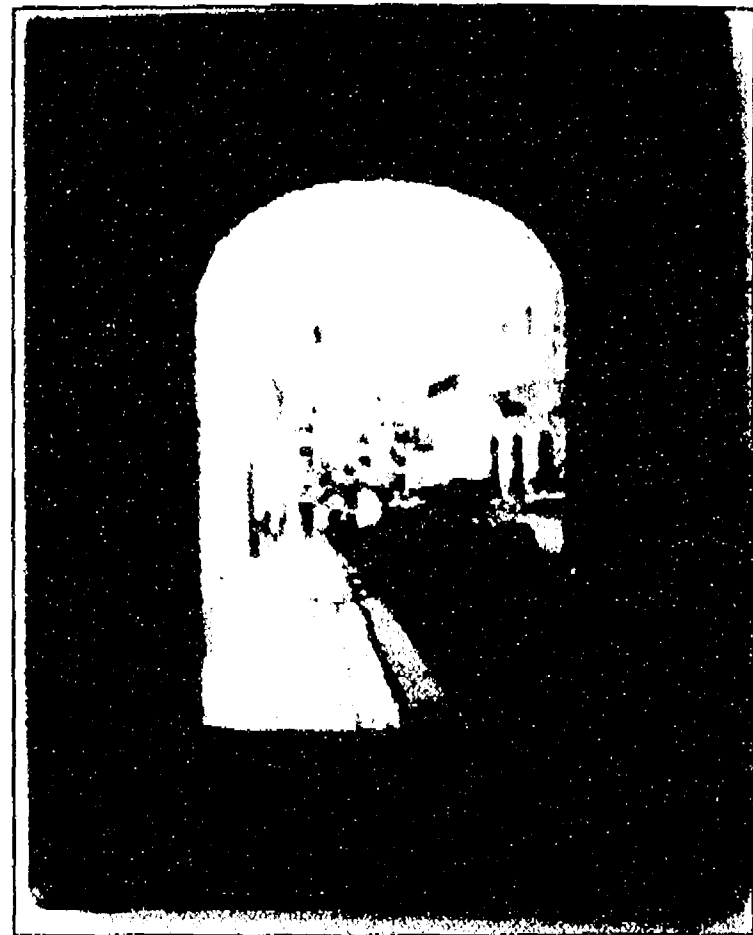
was famous for its beautiful designs and colors. Magnificent velvets were used in Europe in 12th- and 13th-century."

Velvet can be made from any fiber: usually cotton, wool or rayon. A 100 percent silk fabric is most expensive.

Commonly, velvet fabrics were used in the makeup of pillows, quilts, pin cushions, drapes, hats, top hats, purses, coats, capes, shoes, suits, dresses, furniture, runners, jewelry, jewelry boxes, picture frames, music boxes, and photo albums, and various items were lined in velvet.

Kovels' Online price guide lists a peach, striped, silk pillow with applied velvet crest with embroidery and gold tassels, 17 inches by 16 inches valued at \$460; an orange velvet handkerchief case with beige cord, circa 1920s, 7 1/2 inches by 8 1/2 inches valued at \$110; a lap robe used for a sleigh, having stripes of velvet and lined is valued at \$50; and a bedspread made of red cut velvet with gold thread, scrolled foliage, spiral pattern, 109 inches by 91 inches is valued at \$4,600.

Antique velvet items recently sold in e-bay are a 19th century red velvet photo album in fair condition with 16 cabinet photographs and four tin types sold for \$32.36 with a bid history of five; red velvet French hat for bisque doll in excellent condition sold for \$210 with a bid history of four; a blue silk velvet bustle bodice, circa 1880s, in excellent condition sold for \$57.10 with a bid history of 11; and a Victorian Edwardian black velvet cape in excellent condition sold for \$40.11 with a bid history of five.



An antique plum velvet picture frame comparable to this, recently sold on e-bay for \$17.57 with a bid history of six.

The Textile Museum of Washington D.C. offers guidelines for the care of textiles, citing the critical factors are control of environmental conditions, proper display techniques, and proper storage. Ultraviolet radiation from natural daylight or from fluorescent light bulbs is damaging; excessive heat and high humidity accelerate deterioration, and air pollution such as sulfur dioxide fumes and dust create problems. A low-power, hand-held vacuum is best for cleaning textiles. Archival materials should be used to package textiles for storage. If possible store textiles flat, or roll fabric and roll it in an outer layer of washed muslin for a dust cover.

For more information on the care and storage of textiles, contact the Textile Museum at 2320 S. Street, NW, Washington, D.C.; phone, (202) 667-0441; Web site, textile-museum.org.

Though it can look gaudy if overdone, to me, antique red velvet looks strikingly rich.

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NEW OFFERING



CLASSIC FARMS home in premier location. Step down paneled living room, several fireplaces, almost 7/10 of an acre lot allows for tennis court or swimming pool. Second floor laundry room area. This beautiful and gracious home has a very flexible floor plan. #11

NEW OFFERING



BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED, professionally decorated Tudor with extensive wood and plaster moldings, hardwood floors, five bedrooms, three and one half baths, Master suite with new bath and dressing room, large family room and central air. New landscaping, outdoor lighting and paver patio. #12

NEW OFFERING



COMPLETELY UPDATED four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial on North Oxford. New open concept Kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Updated baths, new windows, newer roof, master suite with steam shower, and large finished basement. Attached garage, paver patio and hardwood floors. Truly a "10"! #13

NEW OFFERING



FARMS - 4,300 square feet - five bedrooms, four and one half bath with American architecture, FAMILY ROOM plus DEN, attractive décor, oversized Master Suite, attached garage, and a fantastic location for young families! #14

NEW OFFERING



IMMACULATE Woods Colonial. Updates include newer windows and roof, new full bath, newer kitchen with eating space. Home also features family room, large bedrooms, fireplace, deck, and pull down attic. Great curb appeal. #15

NEW OFFERING



EXCEPTIONAL four bedrooms, three and one half bath Colonial. Freshly decorated in neutral décor with refinished hardwood floors throughout. Dramatic two story foyer. Newer kitchen with cherry cabinets. Newer appliances. Newer furnace, central air and hot water heater. Attached garage. Finished basement. #16

NEW OFFERING



PRIVATE STREET - near LAKE with over 4,000 square feet of newer construction quality and Tudor charm, complete with a shake shingle roof. LIBRARY and large FAMILY ROOM open to large KITCHEN. First floor laundry and MASTER SUITE with fireplace. #17

NEW OFFERING



A RARE OPPORTUNITY!! Updated three bedroom brick home with a large (10x11) family room. Home features a large eat in kitchen with newest appliances, updated full bath, newer windows and roof, hardwood floors, finished basement with half bath, and new paver patio and landscaping. Home has large bedrooms and excellent closet/storage space. #18

NEW OFFERING



PERFECTION in every room. Built in 1984 and completely renovated in 2001-2003. Cathedral ceiling in kitchen with granite counters, home office, first floor laundry with locker room, and Butler's pantry. New roof, furnace/air, security system, spiral staircase, cedar closet. #19

NEW OFFERING



WALK TO THE VILLAGE. Classic ranch featuring three large bedrooms, den, kitchen with eating space, family room, two and one half car garage, and a large yard. Home also features a large finished basement with updated full bath. Hurry - priced to sell. #20

NEW OFFERING



WONDERFUL three bedroom one and one half bath home with an attached garage, two family rooms, all new appliances, a new furnace and central air, a new roof, new sewer main and much more. #21

NEW OFFERING



PERFECTION. This home has it all including a desirable "M" street location in the Farms. ALL NEW KITCHEN opens to LARGE FAMILY ROOM. Spacious bedrooms, finished basement, new windows. Refinished hardwood floors up and down. Attention to every detail. #22

NEW OFFERING



FARMS - 1900 square feet - walk to Richard and South High, hill shops, finished hardwood, new large KITCHEN and a very large FAMILY ROOM. New full bath and finished Recreation Room. Best value on M-Streets!! #23

\$1,500,000



CLASSIC MICOU BUILT - Farms! Every room a designer's jewel - featuring a spectacular 23x21 Kitchen - new in 2001 from The Blake Company. Five fireplaces including Master Suite, Dining Room and Family Room. Features six bedrooms, five baths, central air throughout and second floor laundry. This combines the classic design features of a renowned Grosse Pointe builder and updates that have truly enhanced this fine home - even more! #24

\$825,000



SPECTACULAR COLONIAL beautifully appointed inside and out. New granite and cherry kitchen with top of the line appliances and fireplace. Newer roof, windows, patio, brick, sprinklers, and landscaping. Finished basement with half bath. Exquisite beauty in home and yard. #25

\$782,500



FABULOUS TUDOR on a prestigious Park street. Stunning two-story foyer, gleaming hardwood floors and intricate detail highlight this lovely family home. Spacious family room plus a cozy den. Four bedrooms, three full bath plus an attached garage. #26

\$649,900



YOU WILL NOT FIND a better kitchen, master bedroom/bath or finished basement for under one million. Over 3,000 square feet of totally redone living space, including a family room and a garden room all on a huge, beautiful landscaped lot with a three car garage. #27

\$595,000



NEW ENGLAND styling featuring authentic stone exterior with four bedrooms, three full bathrooms, sharp kitchen with eating space, classic library, great Farms location - walk to everything. Carriage house efficiency apartment over three car garage. #28

\$575,000



SHORES RANCH, nearly 3,000 square feet, first floor laundry, large Family Room off Mutschler Kitchen, circular drive, hardwood floors and three full baths. Best value in Grosse Pointe Shores. #29

\$529,000



NEWER "1990" Center Entrance Colonial close to Village. Newly decorated and updated. Spacious kitchen, family room with fireplace and a cozy den. Fabulous master suite with large walk-in closet and bath with Jacuzzi tub. First floor laundry. Absolutely move-in condition. #30

\$439,000



BEAUTIFUL Center Entrance Colonial in superb location of Grosse Pointe Park. Three bedrooms, two and one half baths. First floor laundry. Three natural fireplaces. Master bedroom has private bath and ample closet space. Beautiful 100 foot lot - very private. New furnace and central air. Extra large two and one half car attached garage. #31

\$342,900



GREAT FARMS LOCATION An incredible home in impeccable condition. Spacious new kitchen, beautiful living room with fireplace, formal dining room, large bedrooms, updated baths, and a finished basement. Tremendous closet space. New windows. #32

\$269,000



FARMS value with 1,880 square feet. Great floor plan, attractive design, new windows, newer kitchen with large breakfast room, den, all new landscape, finished recreation room and traditional quality features throughout. #33

\$269,000



BEAUTIFUL ENGLISH COLONIAL in move-in condition. Very charming. Three bedrooms, one bath. New kitchen. New two and one half car garage. New gas forced air and central air. Beautifully decorated. Natural fireplace. Full walk-up attic storage. Must see. #34

FIRST OFFERING

481 LAKELAND - \$629,900

Beautiful center entrance colonial with everything you always wanted! Great location, four bedrooms, three full baths, two family rooms overlooking a spacious back yard, two furnaces & central air and huge kitchen. Finished basement with fireplace, fully carpeted, half bath and laundry area. Attached two car garage. Call for a private showing!



FIRST OFFERING 1477 LOCHMOOR

Wonderful ranch in prime location on Lochmoor Boulevard with three bedrooms, two and one half baths. The master bath is new with ceramic tile and custom shower. First floor laundry, newer kitchen with cherry cabinets and Corian counters, Subzero, and double ovens, ceramic floor. Paneled library, finished basement with fireplace and wet bar.

45 WINDEMERE • \$1,100,000 GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Fabulous home in the secure enclave of Windemere Place. Elegant master bedroom with fireplace, spacious bathroom and two walk-in closets. Brand new kitchen with granite counters, totally redecorated with new carpeting, wallpaper and paint. Full basement with 9' ceiling. First floor laundry, spacious library with plantation shutters. Located in the most private area with a spacious lawn and covered patio. Landscaping maintenance included.



32040 JEFFERSON • \$449,900 ST. CLAIR SHORES

This is a fabulous price for this home directly on Lake St. Clair. Located in an area of fine homes, the lot is 47' x 526'. Three bedrooms (one on the first floor) and views of the lake from most rooms. A three season glassed porch gives serene views of the lake and the covered dock. Two garages, one attached and one detached are great for storage or boat repairs. There is a laundry area and a nice family room, too!

815 BEACONSFIELD \$294,900

Great four family flat nicely located across the street from Trombley School. In GREAT condition, with four newer kitchens, newer boilers, refinished hardwood floors and mostly new windows. Rents from \$575 to \$650 and plenty of parking and storage. Make your money work for you!



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Ceramic floor tiles offer variety and durability

Ceramic tiles are highly durable, easy to maintain, scratch-resistant, fire-resistant and water-resistant. Environmentally friendly, they are a natural product made of clay that have been around for centuries. They come in a variety of colors, shapes, sizes, textures and patterns; so they can complement just about any type of decor or design scheme.

To help make your buying decision easier, here is some information on ceramic tiles, courtesy of Home-decorating-made-easy.com.

Ceramic floor tiles classifications

When purchasing ceramic tiles, wear is your most important consideration. Follow this "wear ratings" scale from the Porcelain Enamel Institute to select the appropriate ceramic tiles for your home.

Group I: Tiles that are suitable for residential bathrooms with light foot traffic. Generally, "wall tiles" fall into this group.

Group II: Tiles that can be used in residential traffic areas, except areas with high traffic, such as kitchens, foyers, laundry rooms, etc.

Group III: Ceramic tiles that are recommended for all home installations.

Group IV: Tiles that are suited for all homes and light to medium commercial businesses.

Group V: These tiles can be installed in heavy-traffic areas and are recommended for wet areas where safety is a concern, such as in exterior areas or swimming pools.

Types available

Glazed — The most common style in floor and wall tiles, it's used for homes and businesses. The glaze is achieved by applying a glassy coating to the body of the tile before it is fired at high temperatures.

Unglazed — There is no glazing or coating applied to the tile. The most common unglazed tiles are red quarry tiles or granite-looking

porcelain ceramic tiles that are used in heavy commercial areas. Because these tiles are porous, a special penetrating sealant should be used to maintain the floor and prevent stains from seeping into it.

Maintenance

Keeping your ceramic floor tiles clean is a fairly easy task. Remember these simple dos and don'ts.

1. Sweep or vacuum glazed tiles on a regular basis. Do not clean glazed tiles with oil-based cleaners. Never wax glazed tile, as it can lead to a waxy build-up, making it slippery. Don't worry, the tile will retain its natural shine for life.

2. Wash tiles regularly to remove dirt and grit. Clean with a mild, diluted detergent solution, and follow by rinsing with clean, warm water. (Mixing one cup of vinegar per gallon of warm water also works well as a general cleaner.)

3. Avoid ammonia-based cleaners, because they may discolor the grout.

Decorating tips

When selecting ceramic floor tiles for home interior decorating, size matters. Larger tiles will make a room seem smaller, and the opposite is true for smaller tiles. Darker-colored tiles will also make a room seem smaller, while light-colored tiles can open up a room.



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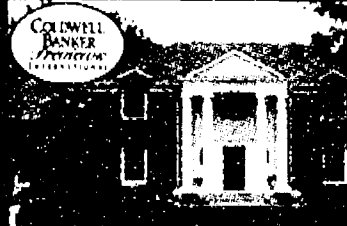
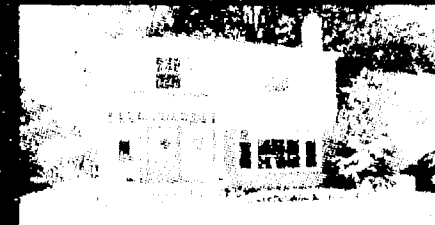
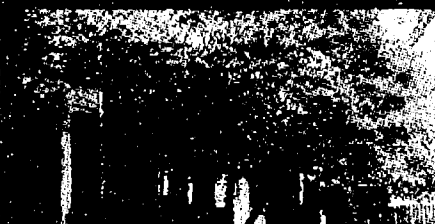
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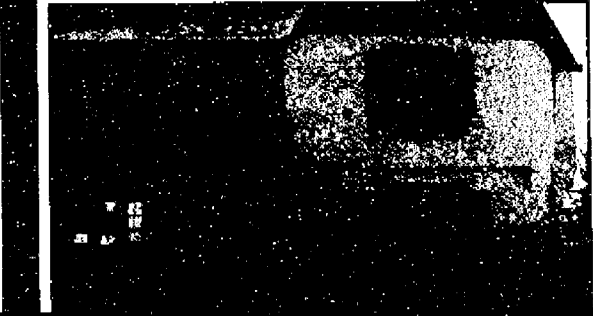
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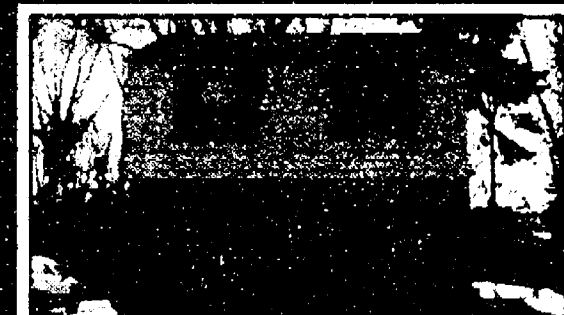
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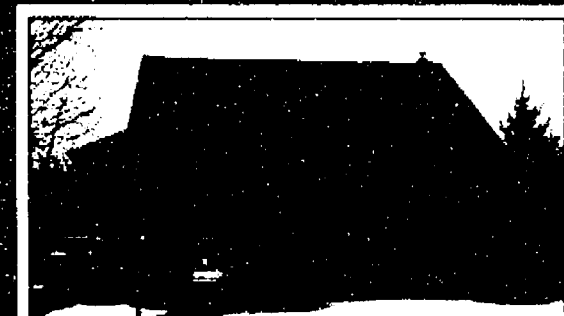
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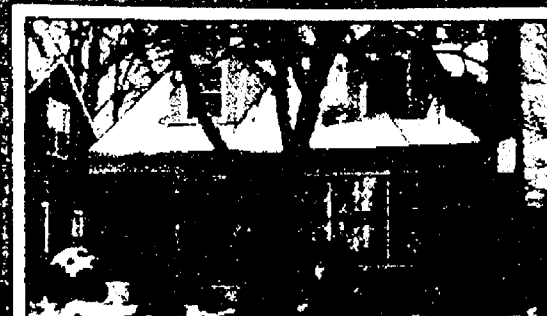
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#2

FIRST OFFERING



A dramatic family room with vaulted ceilings and Palladian windows, a convenient first floor laundry, and a luxurious master suite with walk-in closet and newer private bath with Jacuzzi tub are only the beginning. Located one block from Lake St. Clair and within walking distance to the Hill. This 5,000 square foot, 5 bedroom, 5 1/2 bath family friendly home is in move in condition.

#3

FIRST OFFERING



Yesterday meets today! Charming and carefully remodeled, this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Art's and Crafts historic colonial is an architect's dream come true. The new home owner will bask in the beautiful master suite with vaulted ceiling, skylight and newer bath. Gourmet kitchen with center island and attached family room. Two 2 car garages for cars and toys. Call today for an appointment.

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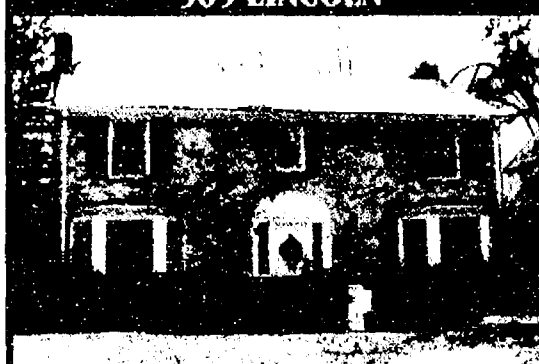
80 TOURAINE



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, five fireplaces, numerous bay windows and garages for four cars. \$1,199,000

#5

565 LINCOLN



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.

#6

70 VENDOME



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. \$2,295,000

#7

242 MOROSS



The handsome 30' family room, intimate library with bookshelves, elegant living room with gleaming hardwood floors and master suite all offer fireplaces. The quiet and private wooded grounds are located directly on the park like Country Club golf course. Six bedrooms, three and a half baths. \$919,000

#8

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.

#9

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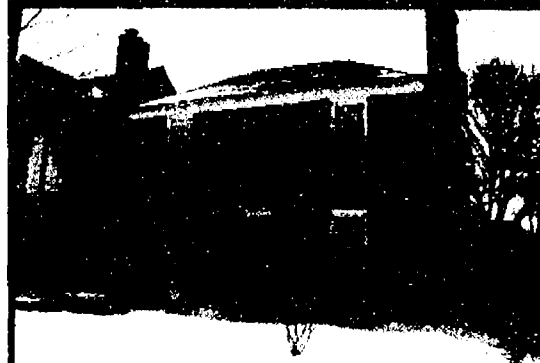


This luxury condo has it all! Enjoy views of Lake St. Clair. Gourmet kitchen with hardwood floors and snack bar. Great room has gas fireplace with custom mantle. Master suite has cathedral ceiling and luxury spa bathroom.

#10

26014 FELICITY LANDING

207 McMILLAN



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.

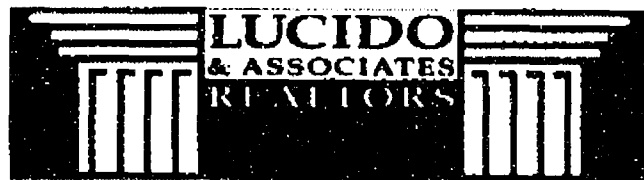
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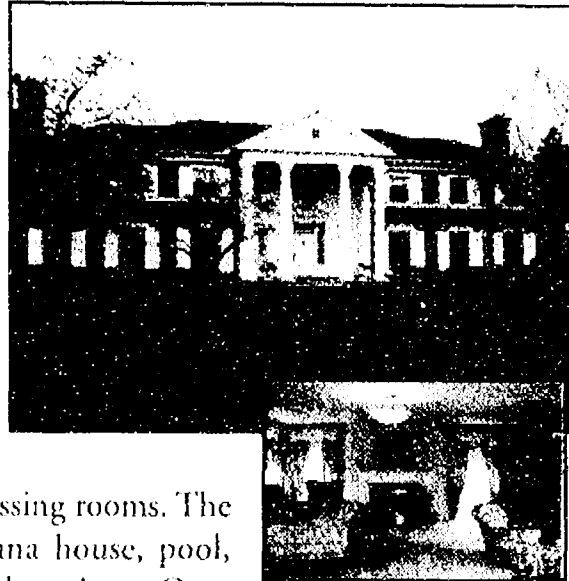
Fabulous luxury condo living on the lake. Built by Piku in 2001. Bright kitchen/family room with hardwood floors, granite snack bar, stainless steel appliances, dining area and pantry. Three bedrooms and three full baths.

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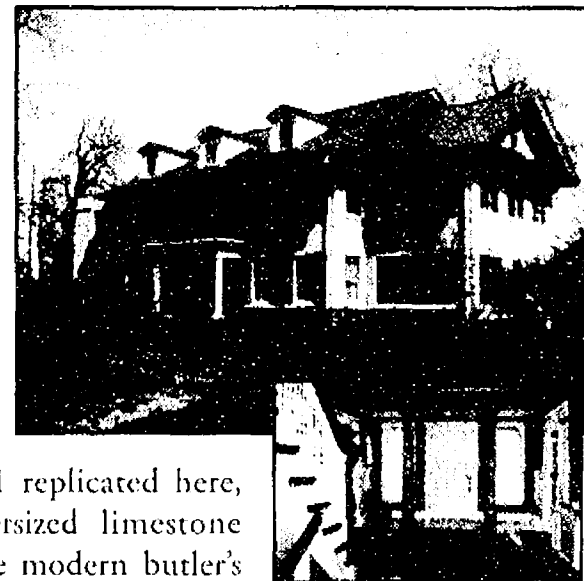


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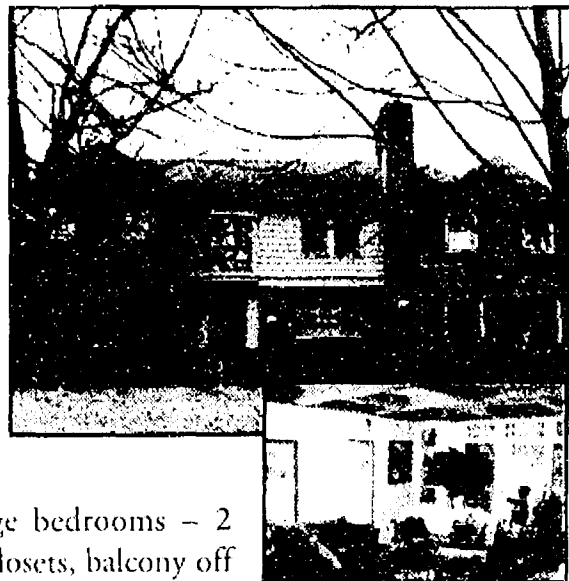
This traditional Georgian Colonial is situated on over an acre of land on Grosse Pointe's prestigious Windmill Pointe Drive. The dramatic appeal of the home extends throughout with its grand marble foyer, circular staircase, lavish dining room, oak paneled family room, and a master suite complete with his and hers dual baths and dressing rooms. The fabulous grounds offer a cabana house, pool, tennis court and lush landscaping. Over \$300,000 price reduction...now only \$1,390,000



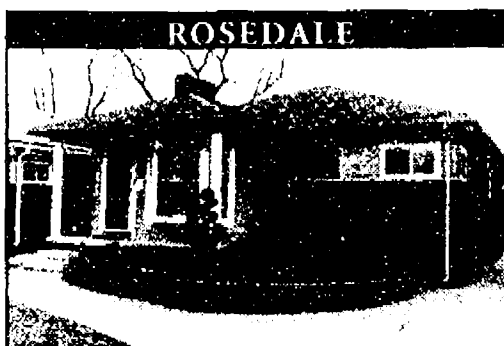
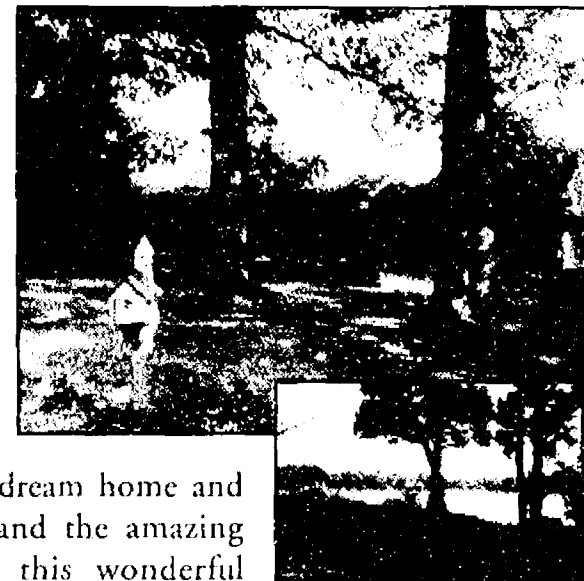
This restored mansion was originally built for the inventor of the out-board motor, Cameron Waterman. Enter the 250 square foot reception hall and you are surrounded by the embodiment of taste and detail. Centrally located is the cathedral great room, salvaged from a church in Europe, and replicated here, which includes an oversized limestone fireplace and balcony. The modern butler's kitchen is adjacent to the large open kitchen - perfect for entertaining. Offered at: \$1,475,000



This gorgeous Colonial is done...and done right! Enjoy the brand new custom kitchen with granite counters, tumbled marble backsplash, nickel faucets, large island, and sunny nook. The family room is full of windows, overlooks the yard, and boasts a heated marble floor, maple beaming on the ceiling, wet-bar and custom leaded glass cabinetry. Other details include: five large bedrooms - 2 with private baths and walk-in closets, balcony off master bedroom overlooks the huge yard, and new central air in 2005. Priced right at \$959,000



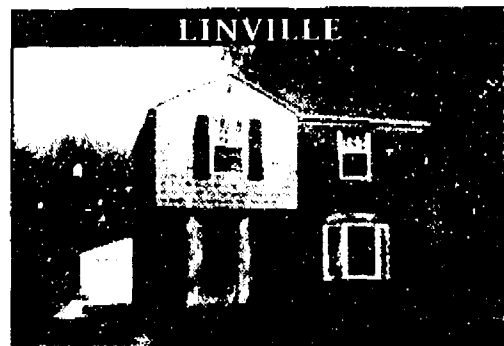
Over one acre of land and 250 foot frontage on Forest Lake includes two private islands, and a small river leads to Long Lake. This Gorgeous home site is perfect to renovate or build your dream home. Renovate this 4,000 square foot ranch with a walkout basement, or build your dream home and take in the lake views, and the amazing amount of wildlife on this wonderful property. Your dream home has premium lake frontage and Bloomfield Hills schools. Offered at: \$1,595,000



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LINVILLE

This colonial offers the space and feel you have been searching for. The living room offers a bay window, hardwood flooring and natural fireplace. Off the formal dining room there is the perfect family room and the large kitchen, which overlooks the patio entertaining area.

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COUNTRY CLUB

This is simply a clean and nicely updated Colonial that is affordable! Boasting a newer kitchen, living room with natural fireplace, and a formal dining room with new door-wall out to the patio and large yard, three bedrooms with 1.1 baths. New furnace, and central air.

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BEAUPRE

Extensive renovations make this three-bedroom 1,650 square foot home shine. Enjoy the large family room, living room with fireplace, and the finished basement with full bath. New kitchen, windows, roof, copper plumbing, updated electrical, plus a new furnace and central air.

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Adding a deck to your home gives you a 106 percent return on your investment, with the patio door being the deck's most essential element. With outdoor living gaining popularity, companies are rushing to keep up with consumer demands, creating new patio doors with more design options than ever.

But perhaps the biggest innovation in patio doors is the shift to fiberglass, a material that outperforms aluminum, steel and wood.

There are two primary types of patio doors: hinged (or swinging) and sliding. Which one you choose depends on your home's layout and style and how you plan to use the door.

Hinged patio doors offer classic French-door elegance, often fitting nicely in a kitchen connecting to a patio or a family room that leads to a deck. If interior space is at a premium, you might consider a hinged patio door that swings out. This type of door is ideal if you live in a climate with high winds and inclement weather, since winds simply push the door against the jamb, ensuring a tighter seal.

Sliding patio doors come in a variety of styles and offer space advantages unavailable with other door styles. This more contemporary look is ideal for spaces where you want a large viewing area and lots of light.

New fiberglass materials and design options are making the rich look of a wood door more affordable and easier to maintain, and patio doors are easier than ever to replace.

The difference of particleboard

Reconstituted wood products are a staple of home construction and remodeling. They are made by mixing leftover wood parts with glues and resins to create a product that doesn't warp or bow like traditional plywoods.

Certain projects require a specific type of reconstituted wood. If you use the wrong product, you could hit a troublesome roadblock with your home renovation.

To help select the right wood for your application, here is some information on three popular types of reconstituted wood, courtesy of Lowe's.

- **Particleboard** — A waste-wood product that is made by mixing sawdust with adhesives. Although it will not bow or warp like plywood, it can swell and become unstable when exposed to water.

Applications include furniture, underlayment and substrates for countertops. It can be milled with all power tools.

- **Medium density fiberboard** — A waste-wood product that is made with fine wood fiber. Applications include furniture, shelving, cabinetry and moulding. It cuts easily with power tools.

- **Oriented strand board** — An engineered wood product that is made with flakes or large chips of wood. The panels are formed from layers or piles that are glued together with their strands at 90-degree angles. The cross orientation of the layers strengthens the panels, making this board well-suited for use as a structure board but can't be shaped, sanded or milled. Applications include sheathing and underlayment.

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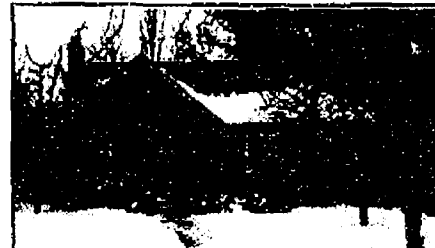
GROSSE POINTE WOODS **Lovely**
Delightful brick Colonial with outstanding detail and decor. Living room with bookcases which surround a natural fireplace. Huge sharply updated kitchen with lots of cabinets and counter space, opens to bright family area.
(LGP70HAW) 313-886-5040 \$250,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK **First Rate**
Wonderfully executed updates! Kitchen with granite counters '03, wood windows throughout '01, tear off roofs '01, paver patio walkway and steps '04, refurbished hardwood floors, finished basement with kitchen and bath.
(LGP98WHI) 313-886-5040 \$364,000



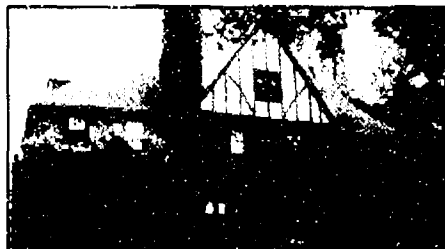
GROSSE POINTE PARK **Multi-Family**
Nice two family with good space, room sizes and super tenants. All utilities (except water) are separate. Newer windows, two car garage. Hardwood floors, separate basements, formal dining rooms, garage parking.
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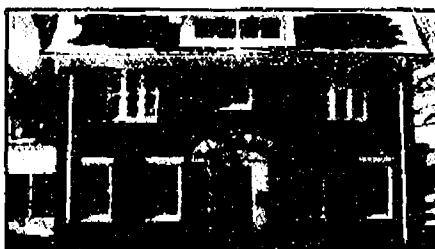
GROSSE POINTE WOODS **Outstanding**
Beautiful three bedroom, two full bath. Family room with gas fireplace done in 2003. Newer windows, brick paver patio, large kitchen with dining space, large master bedroom with full bath and sitting area. A must buy.
(LGP27HAW) 313-886-5040 \$299,900



GROSSE POINTE FARMS **Lovely**
Three bedroom, two bath home offers a location that's an easy walk to the Hill, Pier Park, schools, more! Pretty hardwood floors, leaded glass windows, breakfast nook, den. Partly finished basement, newer boiler.
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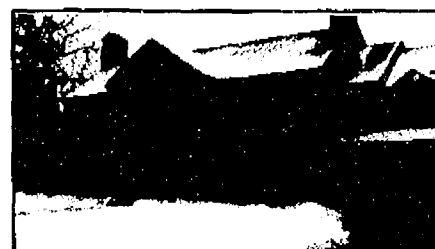
GROSSE POINTE **Magnificent**
This English Tudor offers three floors of grace and elegance with a carriage house. Two story foyer leading to sunken garden. This home has been restored with ceramic tile and marble throughout. It will not disappoint you!
(LGP94LAK) 313-886-5040 \$1,950,000



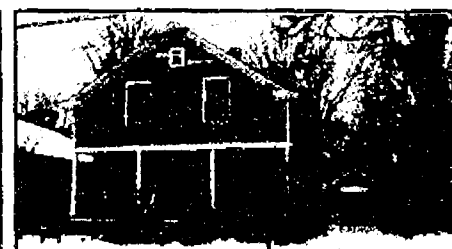
GROSSE POINTE PARK **Welcome**
Terrific attention to details! Five bedrooms, two and one half baths. Newer kitchen with Jenn-Air appliances, bar sink, Corian counters and room for everyone! Tear off roof '04, newer boiler, newer baths and copper plumbing!
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS **At Last**
Style and character complete this totally renovated three bedroom bungalow. Open floor plan, eat-in kitchen, two fireplaces, master bedroom with full bath. Move right in... this won't last. Home warranty included.
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS **Exquisite**
Gorgeous Georgian, prestigious locale, seven bedrooms, five full and one half baths. Three fireplaces, updated kitchen, butler's pantry, finished basement with rec room. Tavern room with wet bar. Newer furnaces, roof, refinished hardwood floors.
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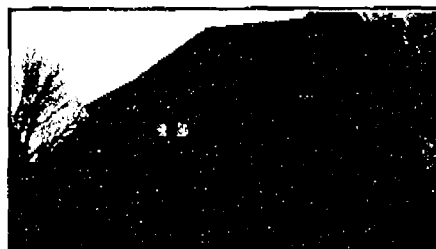
GROSSE POINTE FARMS **Charming**
Step back in time and enjoy all of the pleasure and none of the pain! Thoughtful and well executed updates bring this delightful home into the modern age without sacrificing an ounce of charm. Four bedrooms, one and one-half baths.
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Character and charm abound. Updated kitchen, natural fireplace in living room, Florida room, refinished hardwood floors, full basement, freshly painted throughout. Nicely landscaped yard. Great locale. Priced to sell!
(LGP72LAN) 313-886-5040 \$185,900



GROSSE POINTE WOODS **Beautiful**
Three bedroom updated inside and out. Newer kitchen has maple cabinets, Corian countertops, appliances, custom crown trim, wood floor. New garage, stone patio, concrete '03. Big living room with fireplace. Basement half bath.
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GROSSE POINTE PARK **Tudor**
Gorgeous four bedroom near schools. Newer full bath, Corian in kitchen, appliances, boiler, and central air. Unique second floor family room overlooks perennial yard. Walk-up attic expansion opportunity already plumbed.
(LGP45BAL) 313-886-5040 \$450,000



GROSSE POINTE FARMS **Roomy**
Gracious three bedroom offers beautiful hardwood floors and newer kitchen with appliances. Huge master bedroom with bath, two fireplaces, knotty pine recreation room and bath in basement. Two car garage and immediate occupancy.
(LGP40MAD) 313-886-5040 \$239,900



GROSSE POINTE FARMS **Exceptional**
Three bedroom Colonial. Gorgeous custom kitchen opens to dining area and family room with natural fireplace. Wonderfully maintained home in great neighborhood in popular Monteith school district. A must see!
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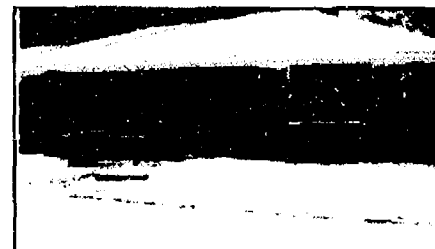
GROSSE POINTE WOODS **Spacious**
Two bedroom ranch in prime Woods location. Priced to sell! Updates include newer furnace, windows, central air. Eating space in kitchen, lavatory in basement, nicely landscaped. Home warranty, immediate occupancy.
(LGP30LAN) 313-886-5040 \$159,900



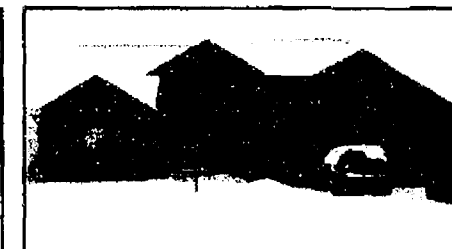
GROSSE POINTE PARK **Pretty**
Lovely three bedroom bungalow perfectly located in the Park. Great updates including roof, furnace, central air, and newer windows. Full bath in basement, charming master bedroom has loft like feel and tons of storage.
(LGP11BEA) 313-886-5040 \$172,500



GROSSE POINTE WOODS **Charmer**
Many recent updates including most windows, roof, furnace, central air, refinished floors. Newer oak kitchen, full bath in finished basement, natural fireplace. Newer two car garage, driveway and deck. Appliances stay.
(LGP09HOL) 313-886-5040 \$169,500



ST. CLAIR SHORES **Desirable**
Spacious brick ranch, three bedrooms, gourmet kitchen, family room. Newer windows and roof. Living room with hardwood floors and fireplace. Finished basement with lavatory and wetbar. Home warranty included.
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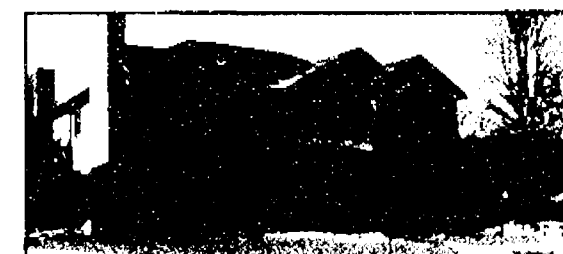
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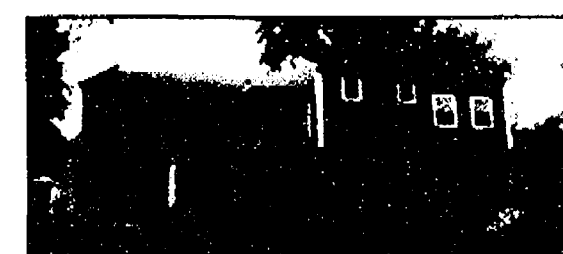
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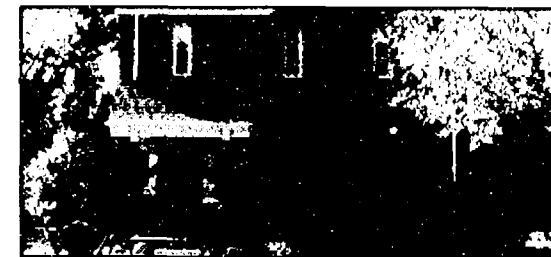
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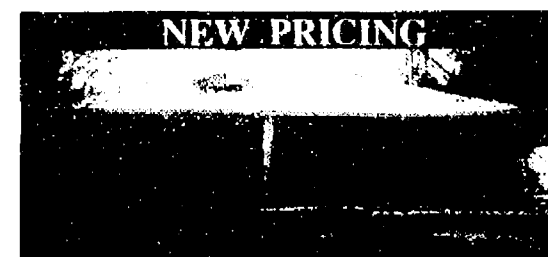
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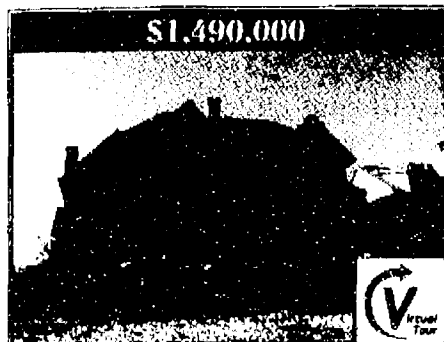


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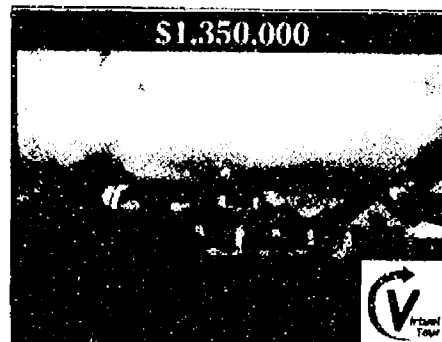
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ST. CLAIR RIVER

Awesome home on the St. Clair river with township taxes. 7,400 square feet, three fireplaces, solarium, sunroom, deck and patio. Four car garage.

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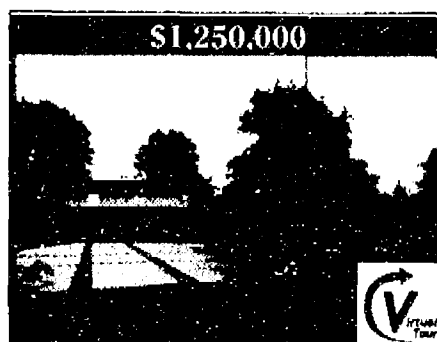
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ST. CLAIR RIVERFRONT

Waterfront living is even better when so many rooms have a view of the St. Clair River. First floor master suite and guest bedroom, two upstairs guest rooms all have a view.

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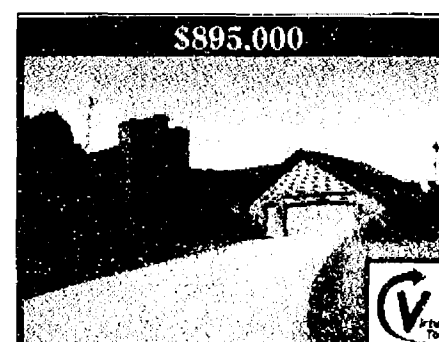
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WATERFRONT LIVING

Glorious views of the St. Clair River from almost every room. 4,100 square feet, updated Colonial with 110" of sandy beach. Custom kitchen with Grabil cabinets.

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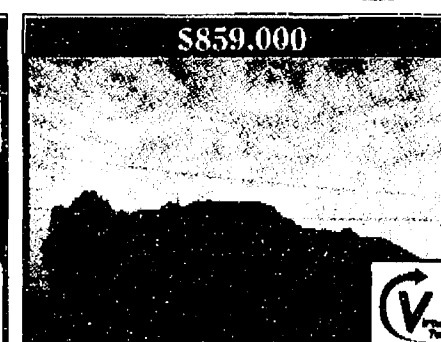
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GENTLEMAN'S ESTATE

Horse farm, training/breeding facility. Gorgeous custom brick ranch home. 200 x 50 stable/arena. 45 minutes to Macomb-Metamora, 60 minutes to Detroit-Flint. 100 x 40 heated pole barn/office.

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\$859,000

CLAY TOWNSHIP

Inside and Out... this St. Clair River home impresses you. Close to the river & freighers, this brick beauty offers three bedrooms, three baths, balcony & patio on the river.

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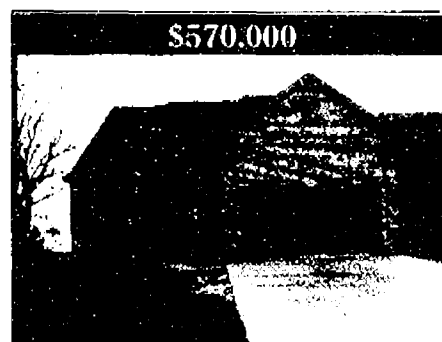
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ST. CLAIR TWP

Prestigious living on St. Clair Country Club Golf Course. Four bedroom brick, four bath two story home located on the 12th tee. Too many amenities to mention.

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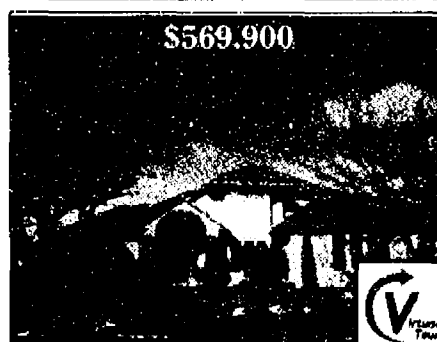
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ST. CLAIR RIVER

Beautiful all brick five bedroom home on the St. Clair River. Formal dining room, first floor master bedroom, three and one half baths, first floor laundry, walkout basement.

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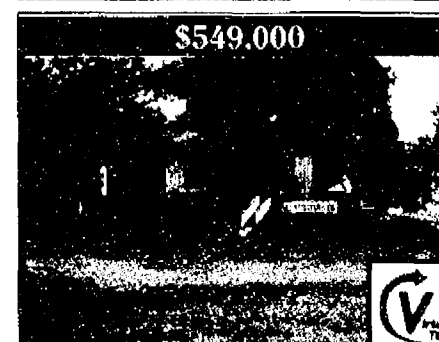
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ST. CLAIR RIVER

Park your yacht outside your door in a 50' boat slip in the protected harbor next to your new home 3,046 square foot, four bedroom, three and one half bath with additional 2,400 square feet in finished lower level walk out.

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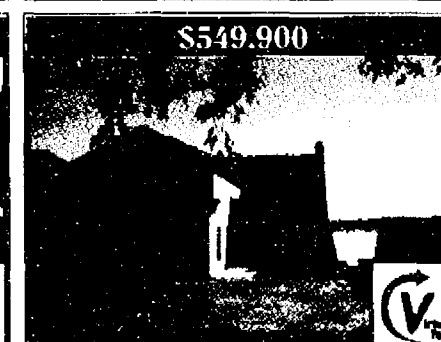
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WATERFRONT

Waterfront home on the St. Clair river/panoramic views! 3,000 square feet, open floor plan, four bedrooms, three and one half baths, 31 x 36 Great room with cathedral ceiling.

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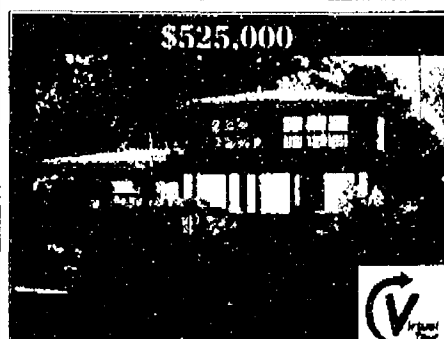
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ST CLAIR TWP

Have coffee on your deck overlooking the St. Clair River each morning. This 2,475 square foot, three bedroom, three and one half bath home features hardwood floors and Andersen windows.

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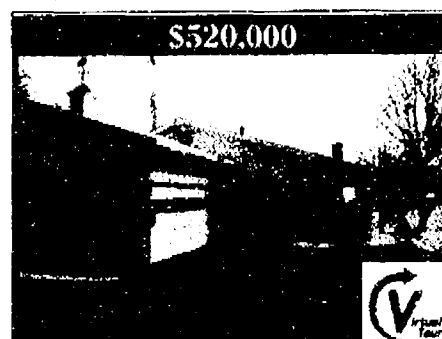
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EAST CHINA WATERFRONT

Panoramic River View from this three bedroom, two and one half bath home on St. Clair River. Quality throughout plus 700 square foot recreation building. Multi-level decks.

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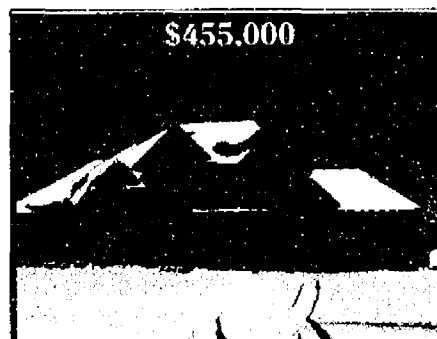
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ST. CLAIR RIVER FRONT

Nautical themed home in the city of St. Clair featuring 1,860 square feet, with additional in finished lower walkout. three bedrooms, three bath. Covered hoist, deck and dock. Meticulously maintained.

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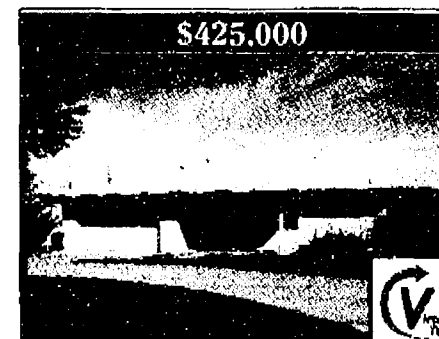
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ST. CLAIR GOLF COURSE

Move to Paradise! This four bedroom, two and one half bath home offers a large country kitchen, granite countertops, fireplace in great room, finished basement. Three car attached garage. Quality throughout. Immediate occupancy.

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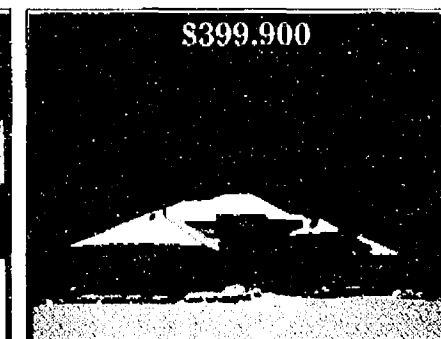
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ST. CLAIR RIVERFRONT

Spectacular view of St. Clair River! "Riverfront" room contains family room, Kit & Din areas! 1,718 square feet, three bedrooms, two and one half bath, plus living room. Steel seawall, roof, furnace, windows and central air new 2001.

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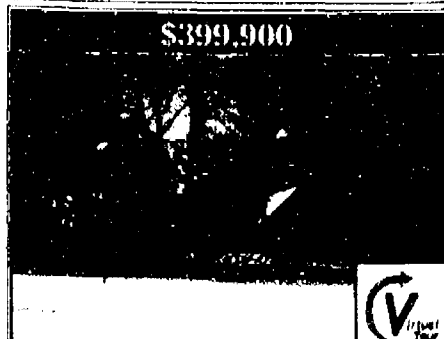
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MARYSVILLE • FIRST OFFERING

Discover this beauty on a and one half acre lot in Emerald Pond. Four bedroom, three and one half bath brick Colonial. Oak den, spacious kitchen and first floor master suite, full finished basement.

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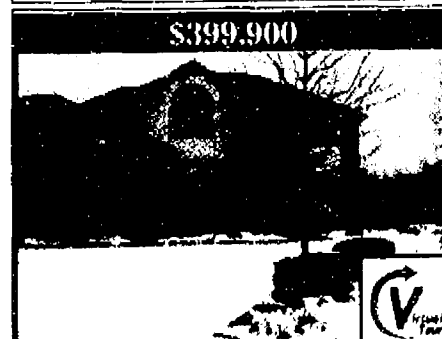
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BLACK RIVER FRONTAGE

Secluded 4 acres on the Black River Ravine in Clyde Township. Updated kitchen with appliances featuring Granite counters and custom Cherry Cabinets. Three bedroom with three full baths.

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\$399,900

ST. CLAIR TWP

3,000 square feet, Colonial, four bedrooms with first floor master. Awesome eat-in kitchen with two sided fireplace. Hardwood floors, ceramic tile, and much, much more.

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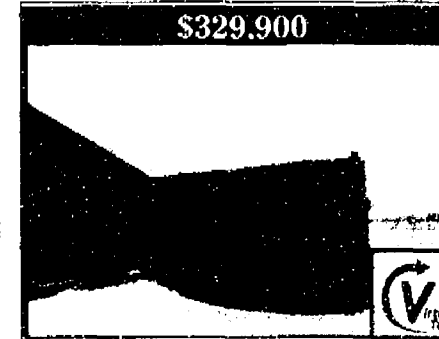
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KENOCREE TWP • FIRST OFFERING

Mill Creek frontage, custom built brick ranch style home with full walkout basement. Two-2 and one half car attached garages. Natural fireplace in sunken living room. 5 acres. Total of 66 acres available. Seller will split property.

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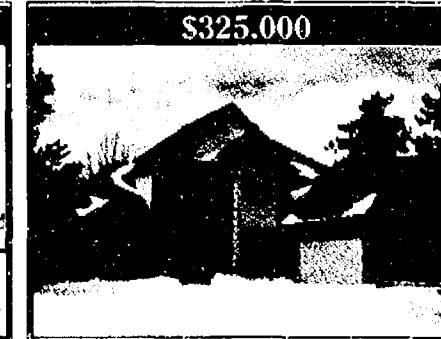
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WATERFRONT CONDO

River Colony Complex-Immaculate condo right on the shores of the St. Clair River. Three bedroom, two car garage, end unit, natural fireplace and two large decks.

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\$325,000

FORT GRATIOT

Four bedrooms with basement, master on the main, walk-in pantry, wet bar, open concept, large rooms, extra large garage, less than one mile north of the Birchwood Mall. \$325,000.

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Five ways to succeed in real-estate investing

By Vena Jones-Cox

As the stock market continues to have its ups and downs, more and more investors are running scared. Often they turn to real estate investing, the "safe" bet for their money.

Not so fast!

Sadly, most real estate investors have received little information or bad advice. They dive in and work really hard, only to lose their big investment. Real estate investing is not a one-size-fits-all proposition. So it's wise to lay a good foundation before laying down your cash.

The following is a series of steps that every real estate investor should follow.

1. Join a real estate investment association. There is no book you can read, no course you can attend, no experience you can get on your own that can come close to the education you get by hanging around with people who are already buying, managing and selling properties. The successes and failures of real-life investors teach you more — and motivate you more — than even the most complete classroom education available.

2. Decide what you want. No, that doesn't mean "I want to buy properties." Buying properties is just a way to achieve your real goals: increased cash flow, retirement income, quick cash, tax advantages and so on.

Setting goals for your real estate business right at the beginning lets you focus on the properties, areas, sellers and exit strategies that meet those goals.

3. Decide which strategies will

get you there the most efficiently. There are only five basic exit strategies to choose from: wholesale, retail, lease/option, sell with owner financing, and rent. Once you've decided what you want, your choice of exit strategies will suddenly be very limited.

For instance, if passive income or wealth building is your goal, the wholesale and retail strategies are wrong for you. If you need quick cash to pay off consumer debt or build capital for long-term holds, renting properties is the wrong way to achieve this goal.

Your strategies will be further limited by your education, personality and assets. By the time you take a close look at your goals, assets and liabilities, you should be able to find a single strategy for buying and making money from properties.

4. Discover and acquire the skills and knowledge you need to make your strategy work. Any basic text on a particular strategy will show you the skill set you need to make money with that strategy: You don't need to know how to manage properties or how tenant-landlord law works if you plan to wholesale or retail, but if your strategy is to rent or lease/option, these are important to know.

On the other hand, some skills are crucial no matter which strategy you use: the ability to find the value of properties, to find motivated sellers of properties, to talk to and negotiate with sellers and to put your offer together.

Make a list of the things you'll need to know to make your strategy work. Then figure out how

you're going to get the information. There are endless workshops, home-study courses, videotapes, and books about practically any real estate related topic you can imagine. Finding the information will be no problem, once you know what information you need.

5. Make lots of offers, even before you're sure you know what the heck you're doing. Those who haven't actually practiced looking at properties, evaluating them and making real offers have extremely unrealistic ideas about what's going to happen when they do.

Beginners have preconceived notions about the objections sellers will pose to their offers that bear no relationship to the objections they actually end up raising. They have fears about being unable to find or evaluate comparable properties. They think they'll be mysteriously blind to the repairs the

properties need, when in fact they are pretty obvious.

In short, until you've actually gotten into the real estate market, you simply don't know what you don't know. You cannot make money in real estate without making offers, and you will never develop the knowledge you need to become a successful investor until you get the real-life experience of making offers.

The more quickly you take the steps above — even if you're not sure you know what you're doing — the more quickly you'll move from a wannabe to a real-life investor!

Vena Jones-Cox is a frequent lecturer at real estate investment groups throughout the country. She also hosts the popular weekly call-in public radio program "Real Life Real Estate Investing" — Feature Source.

Cleaning heating/cooling ducts

These days, many homeowners are concerned with indoor air quality. You've probably heard that due to new efficient windows and doors, fresh air from outside is less likely to seep into the home. It also means that dirty indoor air has fewer places to "escape" as well.

Many grapple with the idea of having their ducts cleaned. After all, dust and mold spores may congregate inside of duct work from years of use. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, no evidence suggests that such cleaning would be detrimental, provided that it is done properly.

You should have your air ducts cleaned if:

- You are experiencing unexplained allergies or respiratory problems.
- There is visual evidence of mold (as determined by a professional) in the system.
- Insulated air ducts have become wet or moldy.
- You find evidence of vermin (rat, mouse) droppings in the system.

Only use a qualified, professional cleaner to maintain your ducts. Otherwise, you may cause further problems.



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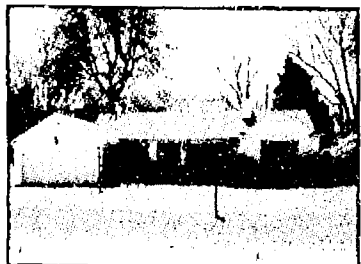
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Extraordinary Georgian Manor with every modern amenity! Carriage House.



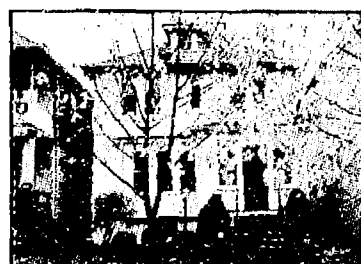
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Elegant De Paep English Tudor off Windmill Pointe Drive. Paneled Library.



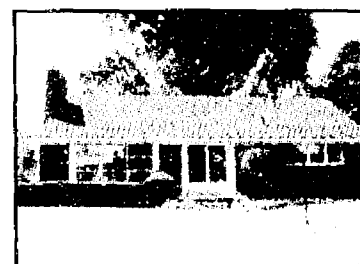
SOUTH OXFORD

Roomy Ranch with great flexibility! Family Room, Porch, Deck. \$149,900.



LAKEPONTE

Walk to new Park Library! Recent updates: windows, roof, more. \$199,900.



WEST DOYLE PLACE

Large updated Kitchen in this attractive Ranch with Family Room. \$274,900.



BROADSTONE

Great curb appeal! Family Room. Newer Kitchen, baths, roof.



LOCHMOOR

Real value in this spacious Woods Bungalow! Wonderful location! Motivated seller.



HILLCREST

Freshly decorated and updated four bedroom Ranch on cul-de-sac. \$210,000.



CLOVERLY

Elegant French Normandy with stunning detail! Gorgeous Kitchen. \$1,599,900.

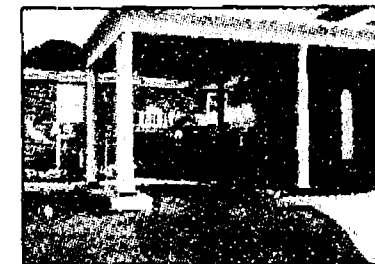


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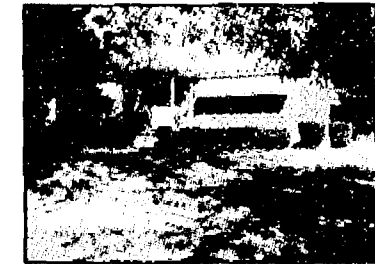
LAKELAND

Beautiful classic Colonial! Library, Florida Room. Many recent updates!



BROADSTONE

Beautifully renovated Colonial in great Woods neighborhood! Only \$259,000!



BLUEHILL

Brick Ranch has two car garage, attached screened patio. Large lot. \$112,900.



BELANGER

Four-season planting surrounds this four bedroom charmer near Kerby. \$324,900.



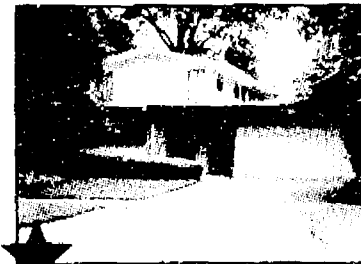
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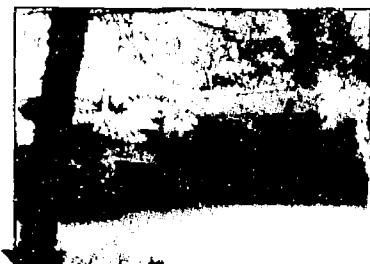
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1256 AUDUBON

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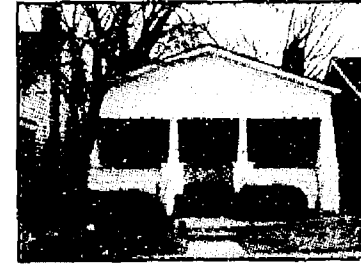
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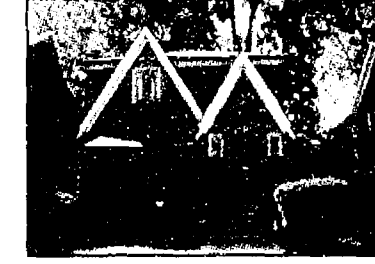
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Historic Village Ranch with inviting front porch. Hardwood floors. Deck. \$146,000.



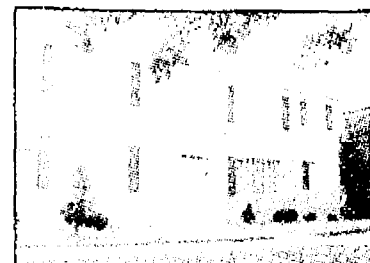
VENDOME PLACE

Premier Farms estate! Designed by Robert Derrick. Exquisite detail. 2.3 acres.



YORKSHIRE

English Colonial has coved ceilings, wood floors, lovely detail. Family Room. \$119,500.



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Tasteful Harper Woods two bedroom, two bath second floor co-op. \$50,000.



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Lovely home on charming quiet street near City Park. Large private yard.



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Custom Contemporary with 146' lakefront walk! Lovely views throughout \$2,700,000.



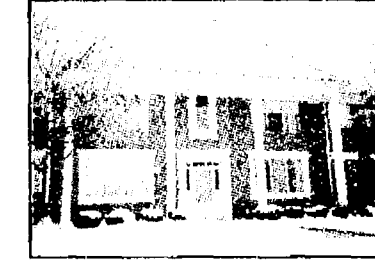
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11 Best Financial Corp.	(800) 639-8918	5.375	0.75	4.875	0.75	3.5	0	JB
1st Choice Mortgage Lending	(734) 459-0782	5.5	0	5.125	0	3.5	0	J
A Best Financial Corp.	(734) 404-4000	5.5	0.125	5	0.125	3.5	0	JB
A Family Mortgage	(800) 538-5947	5.625	0	5.125	0	3.99	0	JB/VF
A Financial Services Golden Rule	(800) 784-1074	5.625	0	5.25	0	2.875	0	JB/VF
A Perfect Mortgage	(248) 203-7730	5.625	0	5.125	0	3.875	0	JB
A1 Mortgages For You	(248) 658-0511	5.75	0	5.25	0	4.375	1	VF
Aabco Mortgage	(800) 731-0001	5.625	0	5.25	0	4.625	0	JB/VF
AAXA Discount Mortgage	(877) 728-3569	5.5	0.25	5	0.25	2.875	0.5	J
AFI Financial	(877) 234-0600	5.5	0.25	5.125	0.25	NR	NR	J
AI-MC	(248) 423-3634	5.625	0	5.25	0	4.25	0	VF/B
America's Premiere Mortgage	(800) 585-8730	5.625	0	5.125	0	4.5	0	JB/VF
American Home Mortgage	(866) 372-0837	5.5	1.625	5.125	1.75	NR	NR	JB/VF
Amerplus Mortgage Corp.	(248) 740-2323	5.625	0	5.125	0.25	3.75	0	JVF
Bank One	(800) 219-0057	6	0	5.5	0	4.75	0	JB/VF
Bay Pointe Mortgage Corp.	(248) 652-3598	5.375	2	4.875	2	3.75	0	J
Benchmark Lending Services	(586) 463-2256	5.75	0	5.25	0	3.75	0	JB/F
Bretlin Home Mortgage	(248) 650-4800	5.375	0.875	4.875	0.875	4.375	0.875	JVF
Capital Mortgage Funding	(248) LOW-RATE	5.5	2.5	5	3	NR	NR	J
Captiva Group Mortgage Co.	(248) 682-8643	5.625	0	5.125	0	3.5	0	JVF
Centerbrook Mortgage	(248) 851-4150	5.625	0	5.375	0	3.875	0	JB
Charter One Bank	(800) 342-5336	6.125	0	5.625	0	NR	NR	JVF
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Citizens Bank	(800) 999-6949	5.625	2	5.125	2	2.875	0.5	J
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Co-op Services Credit Union	(734) 466-6113	6.125	0	5.625	0	NR	NR	J
Community Bank of Dearborn	(734) 981-0022	5.875	0	5.5	0	5	0	JVF
Countrywide Home Loan	(248) 380-2070	5.75	1	5.5	1	NR	NR	J
Credit Union One	(248) 544-1442	6	0	5.5	0	4.25	0	JB
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	(313) 585-3100	5.75	0	5.25	0	3.5	2	JB
Dynamic Mortgage	(734) 453-8120	5.625	0	5.25	0	3.125	0	J
Elite Mortgage Corp.	(586) 803-9600	6.125	0	5.75	0	NR	NR	JVF
Fifth Third Bank	(800) 792-8830	5.625	0.25	5.125	0	NR	NR	VF
First Alliance Mortgage Co.	(800) 292-7357	5.875	0	5.375	0	NR	NR	JB/VF
First Equity Residential Mortgage Inc.	(800) 557-0270	5.5	2	4.875	2	2.5	2.75	JB/VF
First International Inc.	(248) 258-1584	5.75	0	5.125	0	NR	NR	JB
Flagstar Bank FSB	(800) 72-FIRST	5.75	0	5.375	0	3.5	0	JB/VF
GMAC Mortgage Corp.	(800) 888-4622	5.375	3	5.25	1.5	4.625	0	JB/VF
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 786-4755	5.125	1.875	4.625	2.375	2.25	2	JB/VF
Goldstar Mortgage	(800) 489-8260	5.375	0.625	5.125	0.375	2.75	0.5	JB/VF
Group One Mortgage	(734) 953-4000	5.875	0	5.375	0	4.125	0	JB/VF
Guardian Mortgage Company Inc.	(248) 649-4225	5.75	0.625	5.125	1	NR	NR	JB/VF
Home Federal Savings Bank	(313) 873-3310	5.5	1	5.25	1	NR	NR	J
Home Finance of America	(800) 359-5626	5.5	0	5.125	0	3.25	0	JB
Horizon Financial Group	(866) 538-7887	5.375	2	4.875	2	NR	NR	J
Huntington Mortgage Co.	(800) 538-1812	6	0	5.625	0	NR	NR	JB/VF
International Mortgage Inc.	(248) 540-7676	5.75	0	5.125	0	NR	NR	JB
JMC Mortgage Corp.	(248) 489-4020	5.25	3	4.75	3	NR	NR	JB
Keystone Mortgage	(866) KEY-FREE	5.375	2.5	4.875	2.5	3.25	1	JB
Mackinac Savings Bank	(800) 829-9259	5.875	0	5.375	0	3.75	0	JB/VF
Macomb Schools & Gov. CU	(586) 263-8800	6	0	5.5	0	4.125	0	J
Mainstreet Mortgage	(800) 900-1313	5.75	0	5.375	0	NR	NR	JB/VF
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Mortgage Central LLC	(888) 525-9999	5.625	0	5.25	0	3.5	0	JF
Mortgage Funding by Premier	(248) 559-1107	5.625	0	5.125	0	3.5	0	JB/VF
Mortgages by Golden Rule	(800) 991-9922	5.25	1.375	4.75	1.875	2.5	1	JB/VF
National City Bank	(586) 825-0825	5.5	1.75	5	1.875	4.25	0.25	JB/B
Northlawn Financial	(248) 988-8488	5.625	0	5.25	0	NR	NR	VF
Olympic Funding	(248) 273-4000	5.625	1	5.125	1	NR	NR	JB/VF
Pathway Financial LLC	(800) 726-2274	5.625	0	5.25	0	3.5	0	JF
Peoples Mortgage	(313) 730-5040	5.5	0.25	5	0.25	NR	NR	J
Pinecrest Mortgage	(800) 622-1448	5.625	0	5.125	0	4	0	J
Premier Mortgage Funding	(248) 967-2274	5.5	0.25	5.125	0	3.625	0	JB/VF
Prime Financial Corp.	(248) 203-7010	5.625	0	5.375	0	NR	NR	VF
Shore Mortgage	(800) 678-8663	5.25	3	4.75	3	2.375	3	JVF
St. James Mortgage Corp.	(800) 837-7005	6	0	5.5	0	4.5	0	B
Standard Federal Bank	(800) HOME-800	5.5	2	5	2	3.375	2	JB/VF
United Mortgage Group	(586) 286-9500	5.625	0	5.125	0	4.625	0	JB/VF
Uptown Mortgage	(248) 203-6530	5.625	0	5.125	0	4.625	0	JB/F
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Q. My lawn has a lot of dead and bare patches of grass in it. I was thinking of seeding. When can I do it and how do I prep the ground?

A. You can start repairing your lawn now. When you seed now it is called dormant seeding because the seed will stay dormant until the ground warms up. This type of seeding can be done any time throughout the early spring. The patches could be caused by a number of problems. The most common problems are too much thatch, too much shade, insect damage, or dog spots.

The first step is to buy the type of seed that best suits your growing conditions. There are three main types of grass seed. Fescue that will grow in shady conditions and is also somewhat drought tolerant. Bluegrass usually grows the best in sunny conditions. Sod that is purchased at the garden centers is usually all bluegrass. Rye is the last type of grass seed. There are annual rye grasses, which only last one season, and perennial rye that is durable and is also used because it germinates in a short time. Within each category of seed type there are many different hybrid varieties available. If it is a hybrid seed there is a name in front of the seed type, such as "Morningstar Perennial Rye." Hybrid seeds have better traits than the generic seed type. Usually it is more disease resistant, has a better color, or a finer texture. A blend of hybrid seed type mixed for sunny, shady or high traffic areas is available at a garden center. Choose the mix that best suits your situation.

Prep the soil by raking in some soil over the bare spots in the lawn. Bagged topsoil works fine or if you have a lot of spots you can get compost by the cubic yard delivered to your home. Raking in about an inch over the bare spots will give the new seed some area to root



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into. The soil will also work down into the thatch and help Mother Nature naturally break it down. Next sprinkle the seed over the spots you prepared. With a light raking, mix the seed into the surface soil. Apply a seed starter fertilizer like Green Start by Greenview to promote strong root growth. The final step is to sprinkle a light layer of peat moss over the seed. Peat moss is finely shredded organic matter that does a great job holding on to the surface moisture so the seed can germinate.

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FIRST OFFERING



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Windmill Pointe English Tudor with all the refinements for gracious living. The architectural details define this home as a work of art. Ornate plaster moldings, natural woodwork, leaded and stained glass. Four bedrooms, family room and gumwood library. New landscaping and paver patio. \$655,000.

FIRST OFFERING



LEWISTON, GROSSE POINTE FARMS

A home designed for all lifestyles! Four spacious bedrooms and three and one half baths. Gracious dining room plus generous eating space in the kitchen. Family room overlooks yard and new patio. Carpeted recreation room in basement and an attached two and one half car heated garage. \$575,000.

FIRST OFFERING



HOLLYWOOD, GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Stylish, immaculate Ranch has many outstanding features. The windows, central air, carpeting and blinds all new in the last three to four years. Finished basement with natural fireplace, 35' x 19' recreation room, fourth bedroom, full bath and kitchen with all new appliances. Truly exciting! \$289,900.

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FIRST OFFERING



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Riverfront condo custom built by the Blake Company. Features a lovely great room with fireplace overlooking a brick paver patio and lagoon, master bedroom with fireplace, bath and walk-in closet, additional bedroom and one and one half baths. All this plus 35 acres of serenity. \$419,900.

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Elegant center entrance Ranch with open floor plan of a large 150' x 175' lot just off Jefferson. Updated kitchen with white cabinets, island and ceramic tiled floor, three bedroom, two and one half baths and a large 31' x 15' family room with door wall to patio. Attached two car garage. \$525,000.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES



Recent price adjustment makes this wonderful Colonial an enticing buy. All spacious rooms including four bedrooms, family room, heated garden room and den. The master bedroom has a 16' x 12' sitting room. Great entertainment flow on first floor. \$589,000.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES



All the room you've ever wanted! This exciting Colonial offers four bedrooms, sitting room, family room, library and garden room. Newer Mutschler kitchen, multiple fireplaces, red oak and parquet floors. Private suite over garage. \$795,000.

GROSSE POINTE PARK



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