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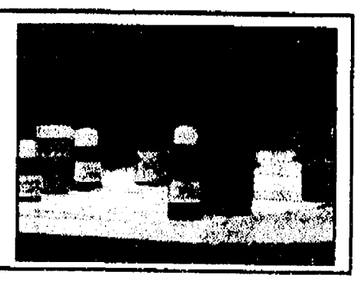

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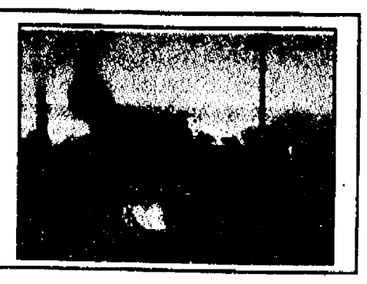

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Frog coloring contest winner!

Patrick Flanagan's frog design, above, was chosen to guide artist Sara Dykstra in the painting of a crouching frog as part of the Frogs•Fur•Friends public art exhibition fundraiser to benefit the Children's Home of Detroit and Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption. Patrick is from the City of Grosse Pointe and attends Richard Elementary School. The runner-up is Lindsey Mestdagh of Grosse Pointe Park. She attends Trombly Elementary School. Dan and Cindy LaLonde, of Pongracz LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologist, gave Patrick a U.S. Mint American Arts Commemorative gold coin and Lindsey a silver toad music box, which they generously donated.

Thank you to all the sponsors — LaLonde Pongracz Jewelers & Gemologists, Something Special Gifts, Bon Secours Cottage Health Services and Andrus Realty Group — and 142 children who submitted frogs to our coloring contest and made this project very successful. Watch for the painted frogs to hop out on to the Hill and throughout Grosse Pointe in early June! All the frog entries are on pages 18-19A.

Delays, cost trouble spots in Jake's plan

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Residents made their sentiments clear Monday night to elected City of Grosse Pointe officials concerning development of the Jacobson's block:

One, don't obligate the City to $10 million toward the project, and, two, don't take more than a month coming up with a better solution.

"It seems we're being asked to buy a pig in a poke," said Art LeVassuer, a City homeowner attending Monday night's council meeting. "I'm concerned about City taxpayers being on the short end of the stick."

Glenn Watson is another resident strongly opposed to the developer's demand for city financing of a new parking deck. Watson said it's "imperative" the council rule on developer Cullan Meathe's proposal that nearly one-quarter of a $40 million plan to renovate Jacobson's come from the City treasury.

Watson is a senior vice president with Morgan Stanley and has handled financing for many municipal projects, including those at Somerset Mall in Troy.

"A week, two weeks," Watson said, suggesting a time line to City Mayor Dale Scrace. "So rumors aren't flying around and getting out of hand."

Four of six council members — Stephen Sholty, John Stempfle, John Stevens and Richard Clarke — supported the residents' desire for a timely resolution of the Meathe plan.

Councilmember Jean Weipert, who has criticized

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Cavanaughs vow to take back store

By John Minnis
Editor

Longtime office supply store, Cavanaugh's in the Village of the City of Grosse Pointe, may reopen soon under its original owners and namesake.

"I expect to open up both the business and the post office this month, in April," said Barbara Cavanaugh, who along with her husband, Robert, sold the business in August 2002 to Spectrum Solutions Inc.

The Cavanaughs were enjoying retirement in Florida when they learned the business they had built up over 32 years was closed Friday, April 8, by a federal bankruptcy court. They immediately headed back to Michigan to try to save the store.

The Cavanaughs sought the assistance of The League Shop to fill any outstanding invitation orders the defunct owner, Gary Rockabrand, had on his books.

"Barbara Cavanaugh was very concerned about her family's name," said Pat Brinker, owner of The League Shop. "We were very happy to help out in any way we could. If there were any deposits made, we are absorbing the cost. There is plenty of business to go around, and we wish her the

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Bunning to speak at Mayors' Prayer B'fast

Sen. Jim Bunning of Kentucky and Baseball Hall of Famer will be the guest speaker at the 19th annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 5, at 7:30 a.m. in the main ballroom of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore drive in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The breakfast attracts more than 500 people annually to celebrate the National Day of Prayer as proclaimed by the president of the United States. It also recognizes the role that prayer has played in the lives of individual Americans and the nation as a whole.

James C. Farquhar Jr., mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms, is host of this year's event. The planning committee also includes: Mayor Robert E. Novitke, Grosse Pointe Woods; Mayor Palmer T. Heenan, Grosse Pointe Park; Mayor Dale N. Scrace, City of Grosse Pointe; Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter, Harper Woods; and Village President James Cooper, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Tickets for the breakfast are $15 and are available from any of the five Grosse Pointe or Harper Woods municipal offices. Due to the anticipated large turnout, for best seating those attending are advised to arrive early.

Sen. Jim Bunning

Bunning was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1998, winning by a mere 6,766 votes. In 2004, he was reelected by a margin almost three times larger than his first victory, securing the most votes ever for a U.S. Senate candidate from Kentucky.

As a youngster in northern Kentucky, Bunning fell in love with baseball, and even then he displayed a competitive spirit and a willingness to work hard. That combination carried him on to a highly successful 17-year career as a Major League Baseball player after his graduation from Xavier University with an economics degree.

Pitching primarily for the Detroit Tigers and Philadelphia Phillies, Bunning accumulated a record of achievement that eventually won him a seat in the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1996. He was the second

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Pat Barber

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ One of the most exciting weeks in the history of Grosse Pointe High School will come to a climax Saturday evening when students gather to help dedicate the new auditorium-gymnasium.

Expected here for the big event are entertainers Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher, coming directly from their command performance before the royal family of Great Britain.

■ Charles Furton, 18, of Mapleton Road in Grosse Pointe Farms, is knocked unconscious when stuck by a pipe. He returns to awareness when the ambulance in which he is being rushed to the hospital is hit by a car.

Furton, son of Farms City Manager Harry Furton, had been dismantling a sprinkling system on a Grosse Pointe Shores estate when hit on the jaw by a pipe that rolled off a truck.

While being escorted by Shores police to Saratoga Hospital in Detroit, the ambulance was crossing the intersection of Eight Mile and Kelly when hit by a 35-year-old Detroit man who didn't hear the medical vehicle's siren or see its flashing light.

■ Everything is in readiness as the Neighborhood Club prepares to welcome guests during its first open house.

Director George Elworthy anticipates a huge turnout of Grosse Pointe residents interested in learning of work that has been going on within the club for many years.

25 years ago this week

■ The first female police officer in Grosse Pointe is hired by the Farms.

Kathleen Leikert, 26 and a Sterling Heights resident, says being a cop is something she's wanted to do ever since high school.

While studying for an associate degree in law enforcement at Macomb County Community College, one of Leikert's professors was Robert Ferber, the Farms' police chief.

■ Legions of private boaters, including the 470-member Grosse Pointe Power Squadron, come to the rescue of Detroit's most exciting summer event — the annual International Freedom Festival fireworks on the Detroit River.

The festival risked being canceled due to U.S. Coast Guard budget cuts.

But events will go on as scheduled thanks to pleasure boaters who will be "federalized" to help supervise activities.

■ Grosse Pointe North High School's literary magazine, "Eclectics," wins a Certificate of Merit in the Michigan Week Youth Arts Festival sponsored by the Michigan Council of Teachers of English.

Four students receive special recognition for their literary entries: Kristin Seipke and Gerald Miller, grade 12, for poetry; and Stacia Petrie, grade 11; and Lisa Kibler, grade nine, for short story.

All are students of creative writing teacher David Harchick.

10 years ago this week

■ If a preliminary site plan is approved at next week's Grosse Pointe Farms city council meeting, Hall Place will be closed at Kercheval on the Hill to accommodate a new parking lot serving a soon-to-be Staples office supply store.

Staples officials want to open a store in the Meade Building.

A number of residents oppose the plan.

■ Grosse Pointe Farms officials ask property owners on the Hill to foot part of a $220,000 bill to resurface sidewalks with bricks.

Municipal officials ask members of the private sector to split the $220,000 cost of construction.

■ Thirty-eight soloists and seven ensembles from the Grosse Pointe South High School choir receive first-division ratings at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival held at the University of Michigan-Flint.

The choir is directed by Ellen Bowen.

In the history of solo and ensemble festivals, the South choir has more first-division ratings than any other high school choir in the history of the competition.

5 years ago this week

■ Members of the Grosse Pointe Village Association and City of Grosse Pointe council discuss ways of reducing litter in the central business district.

Association President Mike Kramer presents municipal leaders with plans for a public awareness campaign to be instituted with help from business owners.

■ Most lawn sprinklers go like this: Pchsssssss.

Some go like this: pTChu pTChu pTChu.

A woman living in Grosse Pointe Park says no matter how they go, 4 a.m. isn't the time to do it.

She wants municipal officials to plug a leak in the city noise ordinance that lets her neighbors set automatic lawn sprinklers to spring into action early in the morning.

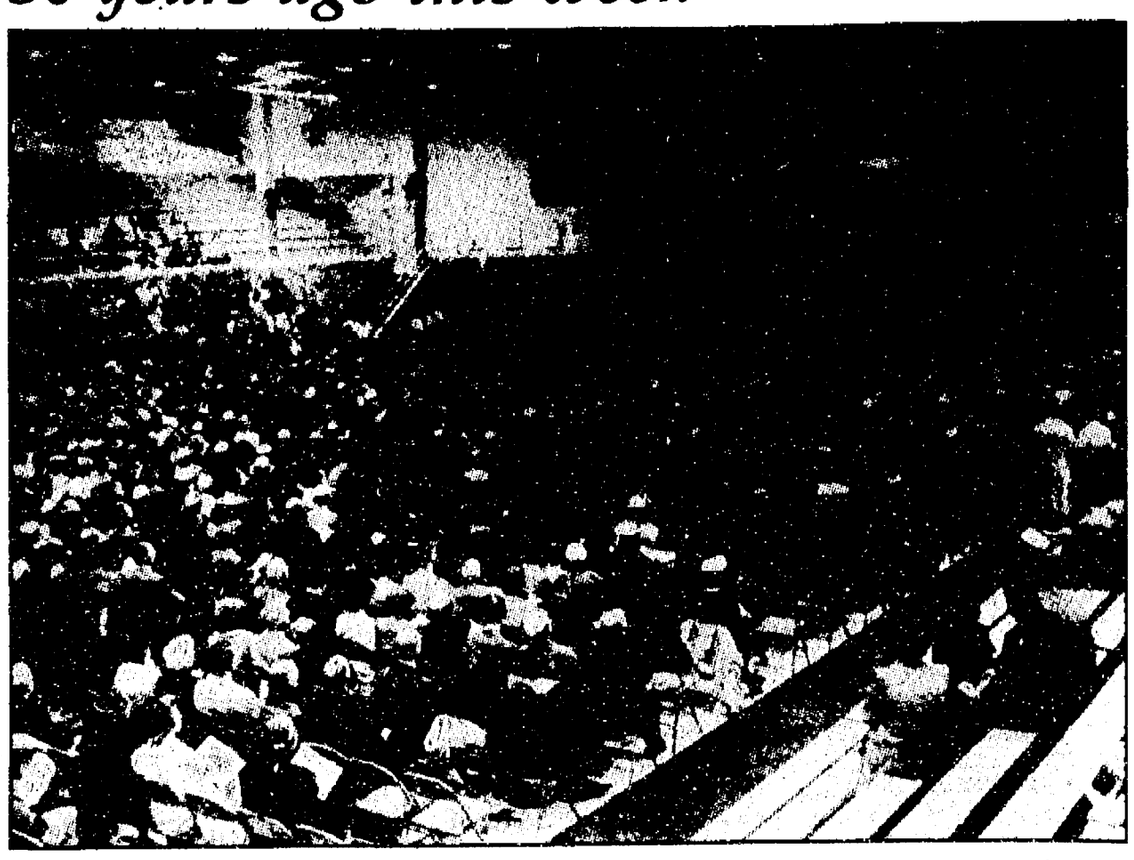
■ John Modzinksi is hired as Grosse Pointe Farms comptroller.

Modzinksi replaces James Nash, an award-winning administrator who resigned earlier this year to accept another job.

Modzinksi worked previously as finance director for Clawson.

— Brad Lindberg

50 years ago this week



Auditorium-gymnasium dedicated at High School

An estimated 3,000 people attend dedication ceremonies last Friday night in the million dollar auditorium-gymnasium which has just been completed on the Grosse Pointe High School campus. The program is highlighted by an address of Dr. Samuel Brownell, U.S. Commissioner of Education and former superintendent of Grosse Pointe Schools. Most attendees follow the presentation with a tour of the new facility. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the April 21, 1955 Grosse Pointe News.)

Store

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best."

Cavanaugh's customers and the postal substation patrons were surprised last week when they tried the doors at the Kercheval location and found them locked and a bankruptcy notice in the window.

The Grosse Pointe News was flooded with phone inquiries Monday, April 11, following the store's abrupt closing, as were the Cavanaughs following last week's front-page story in the News.

"Our name is on the building," said Barbara Cavanaugh. "We're third generation Grosse Pointers. Thirty-two years we worked to build that business."

She said her attorney is working with the bankruptcy trustee to get the office supply and stationery business reopened, as well as the post office substation within the building.

"I want my business back and the post office back," she said.

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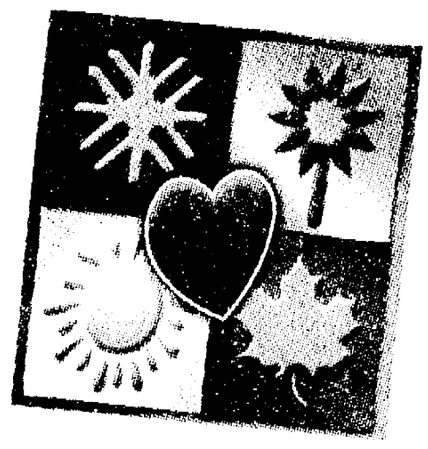

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Neff ax man's aim amiss

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

You could hardly see the urban forest for the tree that fell across Neff late last Sunday morning.

A few minutes after 11 a.m., a 40-footer succumbed to an amateur woodsman who lost his bearings in the 300 block between Maumee and Jefferson.

"The homeowner attempted to cut down a tree approximately 3 1/2 feet in diameter and 40 feet high," said City of Grosse Pointe police. "(He) thought he could drop the tree to the north."

Instead, the silver maple tree fell westbound blocking Neff. Top branches landed with a splintering crash on the far sidewalk and littered a front lawn with deciduous debris.

A hurried cleanup became a family affair. The 45-year-old homeowner used a chainsaw to cut limbs to size. His wife and three daughters ages 10 to 14 picked up debris.

It's legal for residents to cut down their own trees, but Frank Schulte doesn't think it's a good idea.

Schulte, City public works supervisor, joined police at the scene while the tree still blocked the roadway.

"For any tree larger than 10 inches in diameter, I recommend people hire a professional to cut it down," Schulte said. He yelled over the buzz of the chainsaw.

Some people wonder if a falling tree makes noise if no one hears it. The answer remains up for grabs.

But for residents of the 300 block of Neff, one thing is certain. Their neighbor's chainsaw was still blaring and belching blue exhaust past 7 p.m.

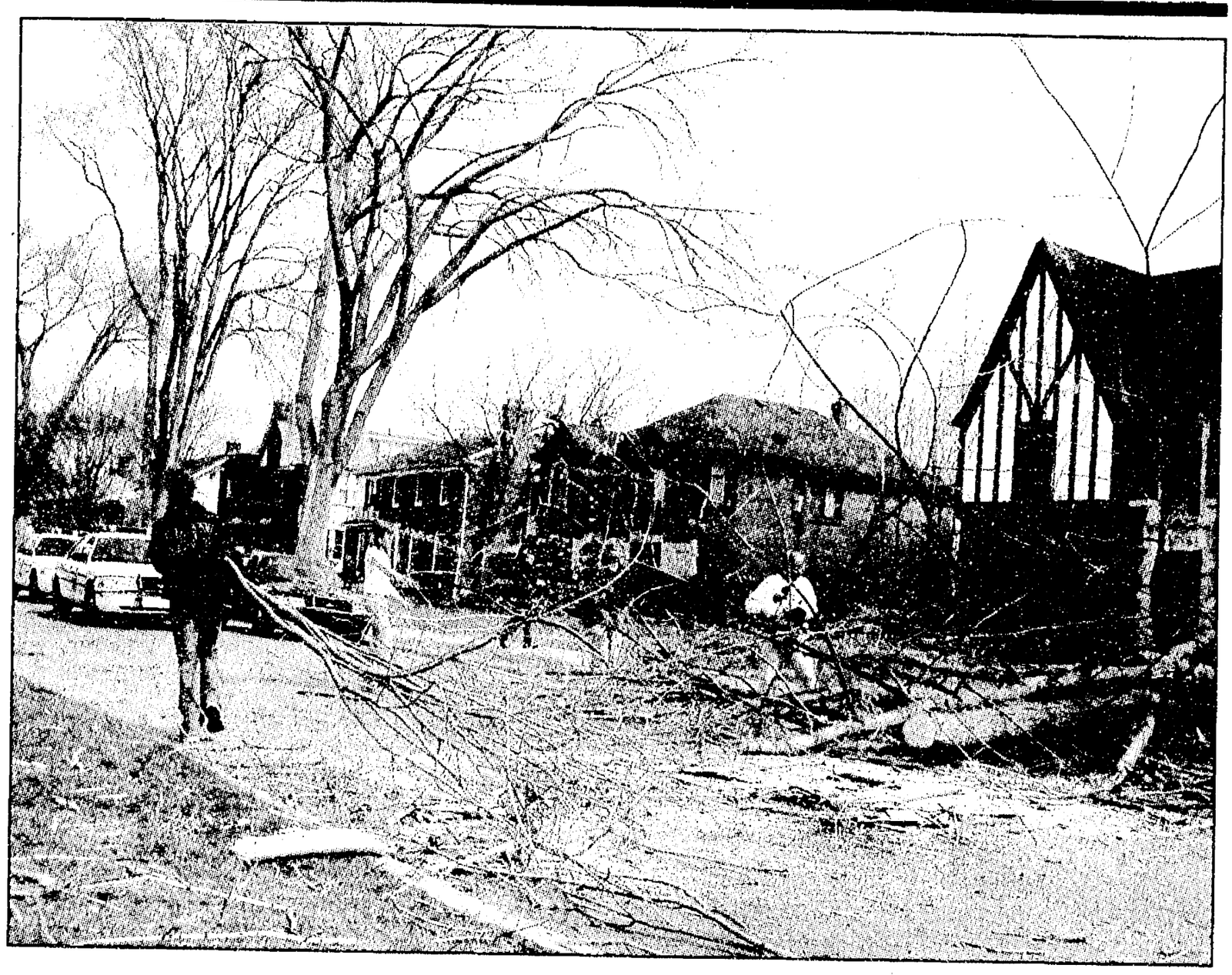

Photo by Brad Lindberg

A City of Grosse Pointe homeowner with a chainsaw miscalculated the trajectory of his 40-foot tree that landed across the 300 block of Neff.

State GOP chairman to speak to Eastside Republican PAC

Saulius (Saul) Anuzis will be guest speaker for the Eastside Republican Club's (ERC) annual fundraiser to benefit local GOP candidates on Thursday, May 5, at 6 p.m. at Sindbad's, 100 St. Clair Ave. in Detroit.

Anuzis

Anuzis is the newly elected chairman of the Michigan Republican State Committee. The Detroit-born Anuzis was unanimously elected during the Feb. 5, state convention. He will discuss his plans for the Michigan Republican Party and the 2006 election year.

Born in Detroit on March 6, 1959, Anuzis attended Bishop Borgess High School and studied economics at the University of Michigan at its Dearborn campus. In his senior year there, Anuzis was elected president of the student government, and also was one of the founders and first chairman of the UM-D college Republican club.

In 1980, Anuzis was elected the youngest delegate to the Republican National Convention held in Detroit. He was elected Third Vice Chair of the Michigan Republican State Committee, served six years as a member of the Republican State Committee, and two terms as his congressional district chairman.

One of Anuzis' biggest opportunities came when he met Dick Posthumus, a farmer from Lowell. He managed Posthumus' first Senate race in 1982, and then worked closely with Posthumus throughout his rise in Michigan politics. During that time, Anuzis worked for the House Republican Campaign Committee, the Senate Republican Campaign Committee, and finally as chief of staff to majority leader Posthumus.

In 1990, Anuzis took a break from politics to focus on family and business interests. He and partner Bruce Yuille founded Coast to Coast Telecommunications.

Proceeds will be used to support local GOP candidates during their 2006 campaigns.

For more information or to make reservations, call Tom McCleary at (313) 882-2709.

Jake's

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Meathe's financial request in City documents, did not publicly address the deadline issue during the council meeting. Joe Jennings, councilman, indicated a need for additional information on the complicated plan before evaluating the development proposal.

Mayor Scrace then set a time limit on activities by a special due diligence committee he established last month to study Meathe's deal.

"There is no reason this can't be put together in 30 days," Scrace said. "It either works or it doesn't."

Since being formed March 21, the committee has met twice with little to show.

"They're meeting on a weekly basis until they get the information together," Scrace said.

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

Overton said Meathe's group, known formally as Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates, hasn't responded fully to written questions submitted weeks ago as part of a due diligence process.

"They don't want to provide that information until they believe they're in the ballpark," Overton said. He added, "$9.6 million? That's not going to work. This has gone on long enough."

If the committee obtains information deemed acceptable to the city council, discussions would evolve to the next level.

"There would be negotiations," Scrace said.

Meathe formed Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates to transform the Jacobson's building 'from' a block-long **bulk into an** ~~anchor of eco~~ nomic vitality. His design features two-stories of retail and office space capped by four levels of condominiums.

Meathe, of the Farms and owner of Metro Cars, named the development Kercheval Place.

Meathe said the $40 million project hinges on the City razing the 30-year-old municipal parking structure behind the existing Jacobson's building.

He wants to replace the structure with a new, larger and stronger parking deck. Meathe will then sell millions of dollars in air rights so a condominium developer can construct living quarters above the new parking deck.

At that point, he wants the City to buy the new parking deck.

"No deck, no deal," Meathe said after the War Memorial meeting.

"We've been messing with this since September," said Councilman Clarke at Monday's meeting.

Clarke said if the deal turns out to be in the best interests of the City, members of the committee should proceed in discussions with Meathe.

"If not," said Clarke, a former City fire chief, "tell him to hit the bricks."

Councilman Stevens repeated his support of the retail-office-condo complex, but reinforced his role as lead critic of surrendering public assets for the private development.

Stevens has said he suspects Meathe needs the parking deck property and $9.6 million promissory note as collateral to borrow money for construction of Kercheval Place.

"The taxpayers have not been represented properly in the discussion," Stevens said. "(Meathe is) asking for a subsidy from the City for his project. It's not my decision to give property away from the taxpayers. If it weren't for that, there wouldn't be an issue."

"$9.6 million is D.O.A.," said Councilman Stempfle. At the War Memorial meeting, Stempfle praised Meathe's design.

"I'd like to get this resolved within a month," Stempfle said this week.

"We need to make a decision and move on," said Councilman Sholty, chairman of the finance committee.

Meathe's funding request grows to nearly $20 million when interest is totaled on a 30-year bond that would be needed to pay for replacement of parking structures.

Annual payback of the bond would approach $700,000 for three decades.

Meathe has said economic activity generated by Kercheval Place would provide an additional $300,000 per year in municipal tax revenues.

Stevens suggested that non-City residents who support the tradeoff can help pay the difference.

"Maybe a revenue bond that stretches through all the Grosse Pointes," Stevens said. "Let everybody pay for it."

"The taxpayers are the citizens," Scrace said. "We were elected by the citizens. That's who I try to serve."

Bunning

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pitcher in history (Cy Young was the first) to record 1,000 strikeouts and 100 wins in both the American and National leagues. When he retired in 1971, Bunning was second on the all-time strikeout list, second only to Walter Johnson.

The same commitment that made Bunning a Hall of Famer also serves him well in public office. In 1977, Bunning wanted to give something back to his community, and he ran for and won a city council seat in Fort Thomas, Ky. In 1979, he was elected to the Kentucky State Senate and, in 1986, to the U.S. House of Representatives for the 4th District of Kentucky, where he served for 12 years before joining the Senate.

In the Senate, Bunning's hard work won him the respect of his colleagues and a coveted seat on the influential Finance Committee, making him the first Kentuckian in nearly 40 years to join on this powerful body. Service on this committee allows him a direct role as to how nearly two-thirds of all federal dollars are spent on such issues as tax policy, Medicare and Medicaid, Social Security, welfare reform, and trade policy.

Bunning also serves on the Banking Committee where he played a key role in passage of the Corporate Accountability Act, and he authored important flood insurance legislation that was signed into law. From his seat on the Energy Committee, Bunning is working hard to make America more energy independent with diverse energy sources, especially clean coal, soy-diesel and ethanol.

Bunning also is a member of the Budget Committee where he is fighting for fiscally responsible budgets that fund our top priorities, with an emphasis on securing the homeland from terrorist threats.

Although his election to the U.S. Senate and induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame stand out as top moments in his life, the all-time high point was his marriage to Mary Catherine Theis. Together, they raised nine children and have 35 grandchildren. Jim and Mary make their home in Southgate, Ky.

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AARDA is serious about autoimmune diseases

By Margie Reins Smith
Assistant Editor

Cecilia, 13, has recently been diagnosed with five different autoimmune diseases. When she was younger, Cecilia's mother took her from doctor to doctor, searching for a diagnosis and treatment for her troubling symptoms. Nobody was able to figure out how to help Cecilia.

Cecilia's mother got in touch with the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association, headquartered in Michigan.

"We were able to assist her with information, encouragement and physician referrals," said Pat Barber of Grosse Pointe Farms. "Cecilia, along with her mom, recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to speak at our congressional briefing and tell of the impact that autoimmune disease has on not only the patient, but on the whole family."

Barber is an advocate for education about and research on autoimmune diseases. "People need to know we exist," she said. "We are a great resource for starting a quest for diagnosis. The general public needs to know about autoimmune diseases as a category of diseases."

These diseases are similar in that the body's immune system goes haywire and attacks the organs it is supposed to protect. Autoimmune diseases can involve the nervous system, gastrointestinal system, endocrine system, skin, connective tissue, eyes, blood vessels and more.

Funding for research on these diseases is woefully inadequate for the number of people who are affected, even when compared to funding for cancer and heart disease research.

Barber grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms, graduated from St. Paul School and Grosse Pointe South High School (in its first graduating class as "South.")

She landed a job with Michigan National Bank and ended up staying with the bank for 26 years. She worked in various branches and served as a branch manager for 16 years.

When she left the bank, which had by then morphed into Standard Federal Bank, she was managing the Gratiot/Eight Mile branch.

"The bank had donated a tiny room on the second floor to Virginia Ladd, who was running a nonprofit organization called the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association.

"When I left the bank, I had nothing to do," Barber said. "Virginia asked if I'd like to volunteer for AARDA. I accepted. I did resource development; I answered calls and I wrote grants."

After four months, Barber accepted a paid position with AARDA . . . "Temporarily," she said. "That was nine years ago."

Barber's current job is to educate patients and spread awareness to the general public about a cluster of diseases that can be categorized as Autoimmune Related Diseases.

"There are more than 100 different autoimmune diseases," she said. "Lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, Sjogren's Syndrome, psoriasis, celiac disease, scleroderma, vasculitis, Crohn's disease, multiple sclerosis, endometriosis, glomerulo nephritis (kidney disease) and autoimmune thyroid disease are some of the most familiar ones.

"Some 75 percent of the people who have these diseases are women. Many of them are of childbearing age and seem otherwise healthy." It's just a few annoying, perplexing symptoms that plague them. They're always tired, for example. They have skin problems, kidney problems, rashes, migraines, multiple miscarriages, even seizures or sudden blindness in one eye.

Typically, Barber said, these women visit several doctors, presenting a variety of symptoms. Many of these doctors dismiss the symptoms and advise the women to de-stress their lives.

"It's all in your head," they say. "Take a vacation. Relax."

The patient tries to relax. It doesn't help. She visits another doctor ... and still another doctor. Some 65 percent of people finally diagnosed with autoimmune related disease were at some time told that their symptoms were all in their heads."

Physician's specialties are organized by body parts, Barber said; so many women end up visiting doctors who specialize in skin diseases, or liver diseases, or diseases of the joints.

"There is no medical specialty for autoimmune diseases," she said.

The good news: The Children's Health Act of 2000 provided for an autoimmune disease research plan.

"But there is no funding for the plan. Now our mission is to get funds. We want to see the National Institutes of Health's budget increased or reallocated to include funds for more research on autoimmune related diseases."

Currently, there is an autoimmune disease research clinic at Johns Hopkins University, and there are pockets of research around the country, but they're mostly research in single diseases, she said.

Barber answers e-mails from patients around the world. "I have friends who do translations for me," she said. "I cannot give medical advice, but I can direct people to doctors who specialize." Autoimmune research is woefully underfunded, Barber said. And AARDA exists solely on private donations.

Many fundraisers are held all over the country, she said. There are walks, marathons, golf outings and lots of private fundraisers. Two major AARDA fundraisers are held in Detroit each year. "A Victorian Tea at the Whitney" will be held on Saturday, May 7, at the Whitney restaurant in downtown Detroit. The event includes lunch, a vintage fashion show, a silent auction and raffle.

Last year the AARDA held a fall fundraiser at the Whitney with the theme, "Speakeasy." This fall the theme will be "Casablanca."

Barber is committed to her mission of educating patients and the public. "We're the best kept secret around here. AARDA is better known around the world than it is here in Michigan. And Michigan's office is the national headquarters.

"A predisposition for autoimmune diseases seems to run in families," she said. "My 94-year-old mother has Sjogren's Disease, often called dry eye disease. And I have a granddaughter who has juvenile diabetes. So far, I am free of autoimmune disease."

Anyone who wants more information about autoimmune related diseases should visit www.aarda.org, or call (586) 776-3900, or (800) 598-4668, and an address, 22100 Gratiot, Eastpointe, 48021.

POINTER OF INTEREST

Pat Barber of Grosse Pointe Farms is an advocate for education about and research on autoimmune diseases.

Victorian Tea at the Whitney

The fifth annual Victorian Tea will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Whitney restaurant, 4421 Woodward in Detroit.

Proceeds will go to the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association for research into the approximately 100 disorders categorized as autoimmune. These diseases include multiple sclerosis, juvenile diabetes, lupus, psoriasis, Crohn's disease and more.

Guests are encouraged to wear hats or Victorian apparel. Prizes will be awarded for the best hats and best ensembles. The afternoon will include lunch, sweets, a vintage fashion show by Jackie Wakeling of Past Reflections in Taylor, a silent auction and a raffle.

Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV will be the master of ceremonies.

Chuck and Susan Gaidica are honorary committee chairs. Other committee members from Grosse Pointe include Bettejean Ahee, Maryann Van Elslander, Debra Van Elslander, Art and Pam Schaupeter, Howard and Barbara Willett, Dr. Werner and Anne Spitz, Donna DiSante, Dr. Kim and Mado Lie, John E. and Dr. Lylas G. Mogk, John and Arlene Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Lambrecht Jr., Jim and Sandra Vandenberghe and Gail and Lois Warden.

Tickets are $55 for adults; $30 for young people from 5 through 17. For information or to purchase tickets, call (586) 776-3900.

After the end

What does Jack do with a giant in his back yard? Does marrying a prince really lead to a happy and fulfilling life? Grosse Pointe South's all-school presentation of "Into the Woods" lays out the familiar fairy tales with what lies beyond the happily-ever-after conclusion. Featuring 21 songs sung predominantly the senior choir students, can be seen at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28, 8 p.m. Friday, April 29, and Saturday, April 30, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 1. A gala follows the opening night performance for $25 Director's Circle ticket holders. Other tickets are $18 for the main floor, $12 for balcony and $10 for balcony for seniors and students. Gold Cards are welcome at all shows in the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Preparing to entertain audiences are from left, Sara Chavey, Austin Chrzanowski, Jimmy Manganello (kneeling), Danielle Elskens and Erika Peplin as Milky White the Cow, Jackie Vesey (kneeling), Andrea Deck, Davis Smith and Ann Marie Nouhan.

Photo by Beth Quinn

Think outside the flower box

A Southern Gardener Mil Anthony (center) will give container garden demonstrations at the Grosse Pointe South Mother's Club annual flower sale at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14. The sale will be in front of the high school's front lawn on Grosse Pointe Blvd.

Anthony is shown with the sale's chairpersons Diane Stieler and Kathy Marowske.

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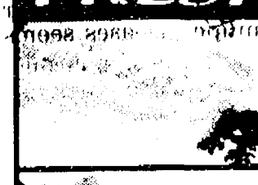
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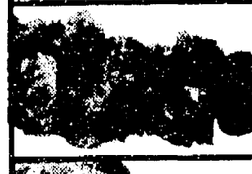
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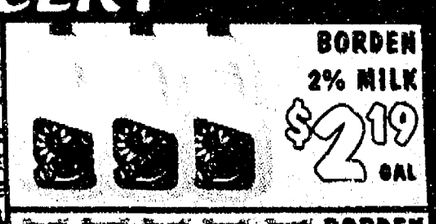
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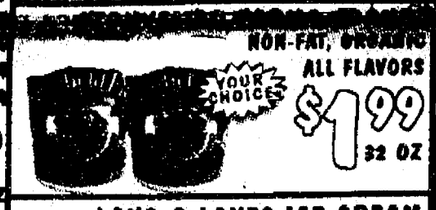
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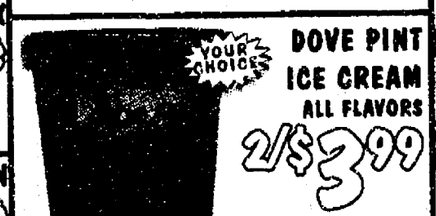
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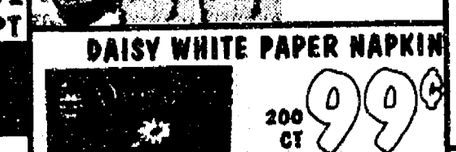
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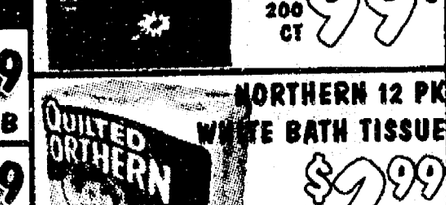
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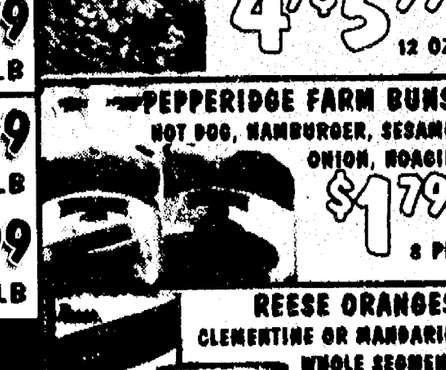
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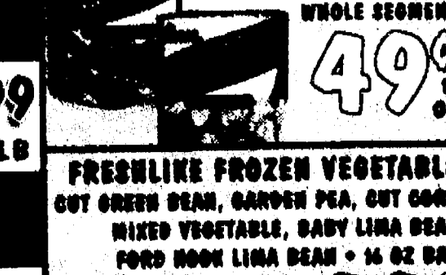
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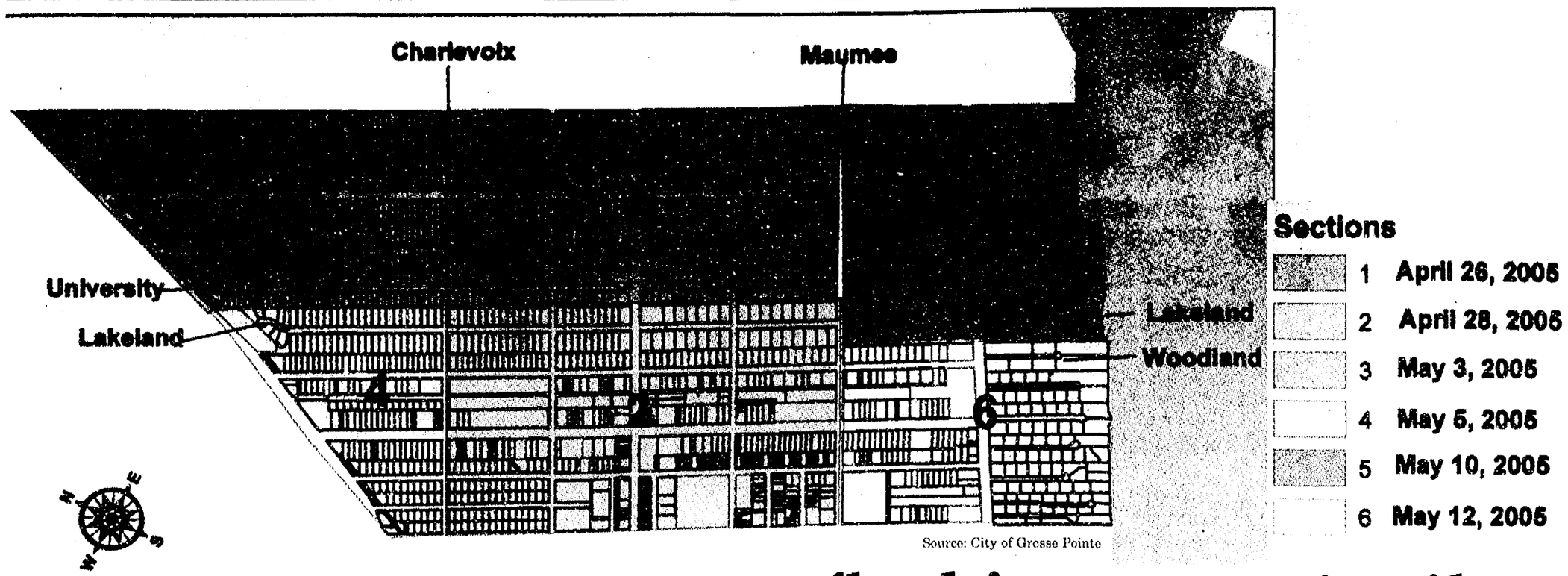


Source: City of Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe City water flushing starts April 26

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The City of Grosse Pointe's water system will be flushed beginning Tuesday, April 26. Work is to continue block-by-block through Thursday, May 12.

Flushing will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude by 4 p.m.

Flushing clears water mains of deposits that build up over time and can restrict water flow.

The process loosens foreign material that makes water cloudy, even rusty.

Although City officials said water in this discolored condition is safe to drink, property owners are advised to follow up the municipal flushing program by clearing their residential and commercial plumbing prior to resuming normal use.

"After the flushing program, run water into the laundry tub to make sure there's no rust or discoloration of the water," said Gary Huvaere, water and parking superintendent. "Run cold water only — until the water runs nice and clear."

He said property owners should flush their own systems by running cold water from the faucet closest to the dwelling's or business's water meter. If an upstairs tap were used to flush a house, cloudy water would be drawn into the system.

To avoid the likelihood of staining laundry, Huvaere recommended not using the washing machine for 24 hours after flushing.

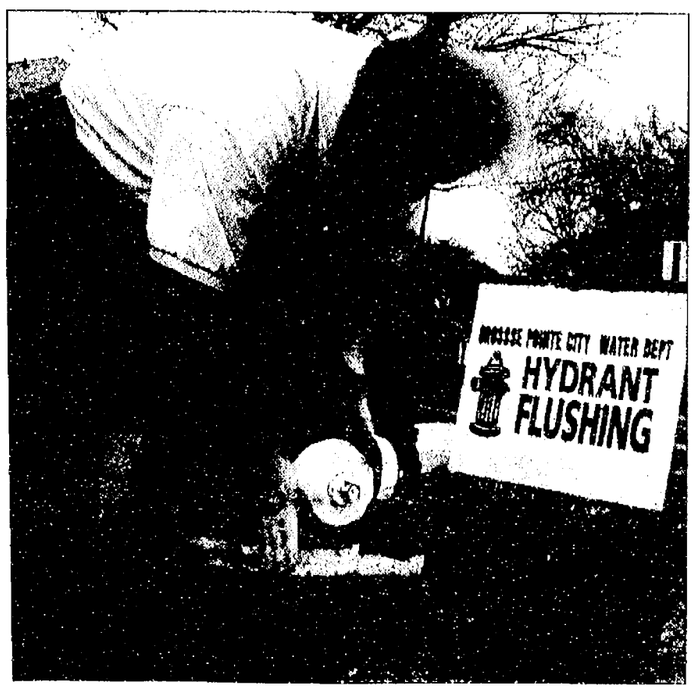
Water mains are flushed through fire hydrants. During the upcoming program, flushing is scheduled to occur during six days in separate sectors of the City.

The schedule is:

- Tuesday, April 26: sector one, bounded by Charlevoix, Maumee, University and Fisher. This sector includes business along Fisher.
- Thursday, April 28: sector two, bounded by Charlevoix, Maumee, Lakeland and Cadieux. This sector includes the Village shopping district.
- Tuesday, May 3: sector three, bounded by Charlevoix, Mack, University and Fisher.
- Thursday, May 5: sector four, bounded by Charlevoix, Mack, Lakeland and Fisher.
- Tuesday, May 10: sector five, bounded by Maumee to Lake St. Clair, Fisher and Lakeland.
- Thursday, May 12: sector six, bounded by Maumee to Lake St. Clair, Neff and Woodland to Cadieux.

Lawn irrigation systems should be turned off before flushing and for 48 hours afterward.

As work dates approach, public works employees are scheduled to distribute notices to addresses in districts prior to flushing.



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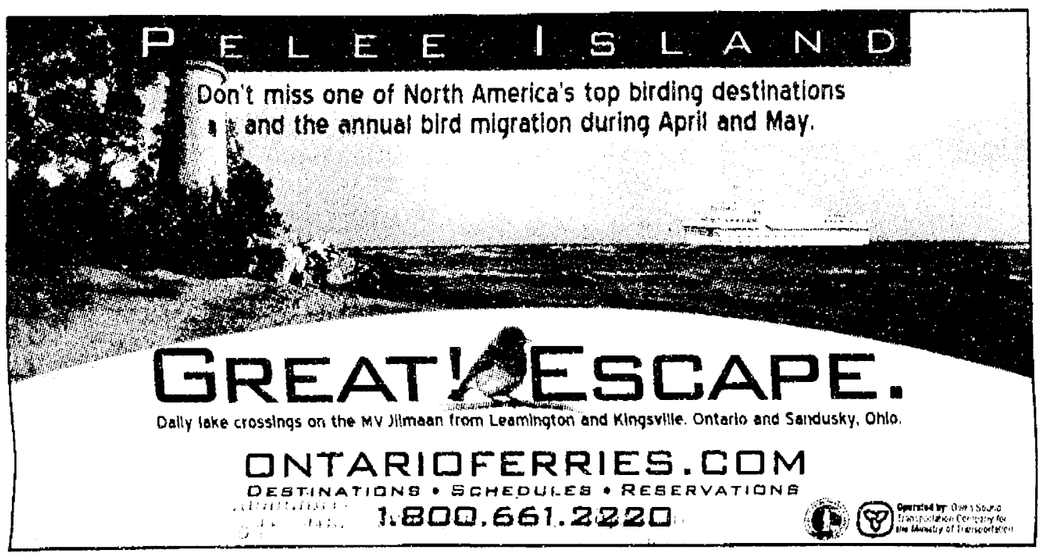
Gary Huvaere, City of Grosse Pointe water superintendent, prepares to open a fire hydrant in preparation of flushing the municipal water system on six dates from April 26 through May 12.



NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION
IN THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular School Election in the Grosse Pointe Public School System will be held in the City of Grosse Pointe Park, City of Grosse Pointe, City of Grosse Pointe Farms, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, City of Harper Woods and Township of Grosse Pointe-Wayne County on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at 7 o,clock in the forenoon until 8 o,clock in the afternoon, at which time qualified registered voters may vote for the following:

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Alice Koskinski

Each person voting in the Election must be:

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b. A registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Polling Locations for said Election are as follows:

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS

PRECINCT	LOCATION
001	Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard
002	Richard Elementary, 176 McKinley
003	City Hall Fire Station, 90 Kerby Road
004	Kerby School, 285 Kerby Road
005	Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

PRECINCT	
All Precints	Maire School Gymnasium, 740 Cadieux

GROSSE POINTE PARK

PRECINCT	
001	Trombly School, Beaconsfield & Essex
002	Trombly School, Beaconsfield & Essex
003	Municipal Building, East Jefferson
004	Pierce School, Kercheval & Nottingham
005	Defer School, Kercheval & Notttingham
006	Defer School, Kercheval & Nottingham
007	Pierce School, Kercheval & Nottingham

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

PRECINCT	
001	Ferry School,748 Roslyn Road
002	Mason School, 1640 Vernier Road
003	First English Evanglical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier Road
004	City Hall Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza
005	Monteith School, 1275 Cook Road
006	Barnes School, 20090 Morningside

TOWNSHIP OF GROSSE POINTE

PRECINCT	
All	Municipal Building, First Floor, Council Chambers, 795 Lake Shore

CITY OF HARPER WOODS

PRECINCT	
ALL (5 & 6)	Poupard Elementary School, 20655 Lennon

SHANE L. REESIDE
City Manager/City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Farms
90 Kerby Road
885.6600

JANE BLAHUT
City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Park
15115 East Jefferson
822.6200

JULIE ARTHURS
City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe
17147 Maumee
885.5800

LOUISE S. WARNKE
City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Woods
20025 Mack Plaza
343.2445

ROBERT GRAZIANI
Township Clerk
Township of Grosse Pointe-Wayne County
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MICKEY TODD
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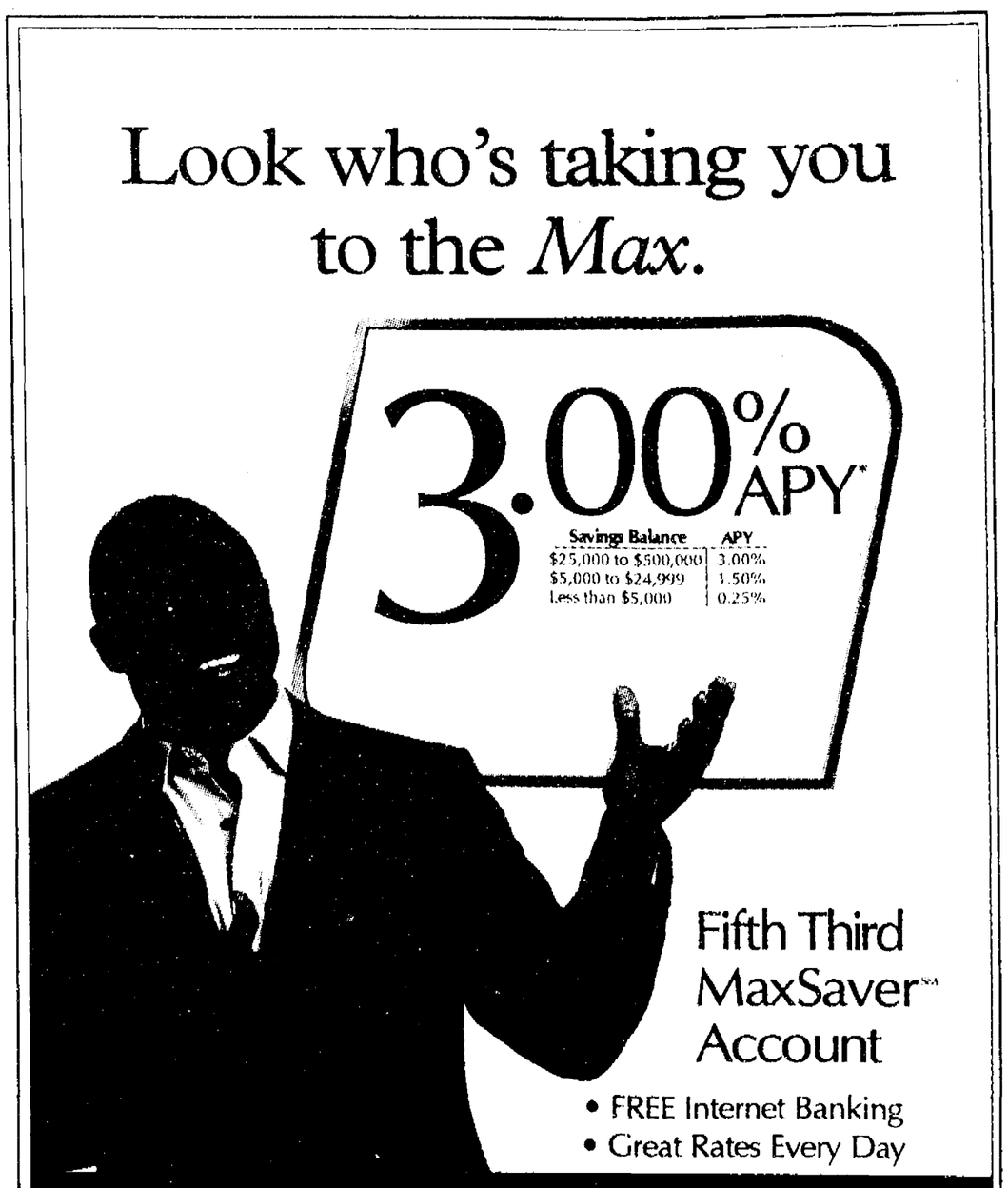

Roy E. Barbier

Former Grosse Pointe resident Roy E. Barbier, 80, of Vero Beach, Fla., died on Wednesday, April 13, 2005.

He was a native of Detroit and graduated from Edison Institute High School in Dearborn.

During World War II, he served for 3 years in the U.S. Army field artillery in the European theater. After leaving the service, he attended and graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science in business administration.

He owned a manufacturers representative business in which he was active until his death. He lived in Grosse Pointe for 36 years before moving to Vero Beach in 1991.

He was active in sailing and yacht racing in the Detroit Racing Yacht Association for nearly 50 years. He was an "Old Goat" in the Bayview Yacht Club Port Huron/Mackinac race, and sailed in 36 races.

In 2002, at age 77, he sailed in the prestigious ocean race from Newport to Bermuda, and most recently competed in the 2004 Chicago to Mackinac race at the age of 80. He was a past Commodore at Crescent Sail Yacht Club (1965), Cruising Club of Detroit, and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (1983). At the time of his death he was an active member of Little Traverse Yacht Club in Harbor Springs.

In addition to his love of sailing, he was a lifelong aviator and pilot. In 2003, at age 78, he built and flew an experimental airplane.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia of Vero Beach; sons, Douglas and John; his daughter, Katherine; his stepson, William McKinley; his stepdaughter, Deborah McKinley; and his sister, Florence Diamond.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3375 20th Street, Suite 100, Vero Beach, FL 32960.

Marilyn T. Schneider Copeland

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Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident Marilyn Therese "Teri" Schneider Copeland, D.O., 43, of Traverse City, died on Sunday, April 3, 2005, in her home after a brief illness.

She was born on May 19, 1961, in El Paso, Texas, to Dr. Joseph and Marilyn (Brinkman) Schneider. She was raised with four sisters and two brothers in Sterling Heights.

She graduated from St. Anne High School in Warren in 1979 and from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids with a bachelor's degree in 1983. She graduated from Michigan State University, College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1989.

In 1990, Dr. Schneider opened her private practice at the Center of Health in Traverse City.

She was a member of the visiting faculty of Michigan State University, College for Osteopathic Medicine, in the field of manual medicine.

She was actively involved in her community and was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church in Traverse City. She acted in numerous theater productions at the Old Town Playhouse. She was a dedicated volunteer at her son's elementary school.

She enjoyed spending time with her extended family at Camp Michigania on Walloon Lake.

She is survived by her husband, Sam Copeland; her son, Max; her stepson, Ross Copeland of Austin, Texas; her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Schneider of Grosse Pointe Shores; her sisters, Susan (Chris Lysholm) Schneider of Durham, N.C., Jolynn Schneider of Grosse Pointe Shores, Jill (Donald "Rory") McKeown of St. Clair Shores, and Erin Schneider of Vail, Colo.; her brothers, Joseph Brinkman "JB" (Michele) Schneider of Waltham, Mass., and Matthias John Schneider of Los Angeles, Calif.; her mother-in-law, Doe Copeland of Austin; and her nieces, Anna and Thalia Schneider of Waltham; and her nephew, Konrad Schneider of Waltham.

She was predeceased by her grandparents.

Robert J. Goodman

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Grosse Pointe Woods resident Robert J. Goodman, Ph.D., 86, died on Friday, April 15, 2005, in Bon Secours Nursing Care Center in St. Clair Shores.

He was born on July, 31, 1918, to Bernard J. and Catherine Fitzpatrick Goodman in Gwinn.

He graduated from the University of Chicago with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1940 and a master's degree in 1941. He received a Ph.D., in geography from Northwestern University in 1948.

From 1941 to 1942, he was employed as the chief of The Compilation Division of the U.S. Army Map Service in Chicago.

In 1942, he was drafted into the U.S. Army Office of Strategic Services where he worked on war-related mapping in Washington, D.C., and from 1944 to 1945 in Europe, mostly in France. In 1945, he was honorably discharged with the rank of technical sergeant with an American Theater Service Medal, a European, African, Middle Eastern Service Medal, and a World War II Victory Medal.

In 1948, he began teaching at Wayne (State) University where he continued teaching until his retirement in 1983. He gained a reputation for excellence in teaching through the use of visual materials, such as slides and movies, most of which he produced. Some of his movies, such as "Growth Patterns of Detroit," were widely used in introductory geography classes throughout Michigan. He was a lifetime member of the Association of American Geographers.

In 1961, he received a Fulbright Award which took him to India where he helped establish a geography department at the University of New Delhi. In 1979, he was awarded a Wayne State Excellence in Teaching Award, and in October 1983, he received a Distinguished Teaching Award for Outstanding Teaching from the National Council for Geographic Education. In March 1994, the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters awarded him a Michigan Academy Centennial Award.

He was very dedicated to his students and, in return, his students affectionately called him "Doc." He and his wife, Marge, who also had a Ph.D. in geography, often hosted in their home students who worked on a variety of cartographic projects in their basement. He frequently organized field work and field trips for both his students and the general public.

In addition to his academic pursuits, he had a wide range of interests. He traveled extensively, and had a great love of music and for the theater. He sang with several groups, including the Society for the Preservation of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America and a Grosse Pointe choral group. He was a supporter of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and a patron of the Bonstelle, Hilberry, and Studio theatres of Wayne State University. He was active for many years with the Grosse Pointe Cinema League.

His love of gardening was seen at its best in the gardens around his cottage at Little Lake. While there, he would regularly enter his 1929 Model A Ford sedan in exhibits sponsored by the Michigan Iron Industry Museum in Negaunee.

Dr. Goodman was a regular contributor to environmental preservation, humanitarian causes and was a lifelong supporter of the Democratic Party.

He is survived by his nieces in Dexter, Palisades, N.Y., and Marion, Ohio; and his nephews in Kalamazoo, Durango, Colo., and Annadale, Va.

He was predeceased by his wife, Marjorie.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, April 20, at Chas. Verheyden Inc.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center, 26001 East Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081 or to the Hospices of Henry Ford, Henry Ford Health System, 23000 Mack, Suite 500, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

Alden W. Gallup Jr.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Alden W. Gallup Jr., 87, died on Monday, April 4, 2005, in Bon Secours Hospital.

He was born on April 4, 1918, in Sandusky, Ohio, and had been a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods since 1948.

He graduated in 1940 from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science degree in administrative engineering. While at Cornell, he was a member of the Sigma Phi fraternity.

During World War II, he served overseas for four years as a captain in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

For 39 years, he worked in various capacities at the National Steel Corp. At the time of his retirement in 1979, he was the Detroit district sales manager of the Hanna Furnace Division.

He is survived by his daughter, Mary Helen Gallup; and his son, Alden W. Gallup III.

He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara P. Gallup.

According to Mr. Gallup's wishes, there will be no memorial services held. Instead, there will be a reception at the family's residence to honor and celebrate his life on Sunday, May 1, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Interment is in the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Columbarium.

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

Mary W. Jacobson

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Mary W. Jacobson, 72, of Harper Woods, died Friday, April 15, 2005, of lung cancer at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

She was born Dec. 24, 1932, in Cameron, W. Va., to Dan and Nell Yoders.

She became a registered nurse in 1954 when she graduated from St. Luke's School of Nursing in Cleveland, Ohio. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in education from the University of Detroit in 1979 and her Master of Science degree in nursing from Wayne State University in 1986.

She worked 50 years in the maternal health nursing field, before she retired from Henry Ford Health System in January 2000. She was a certified OB/GYN nurse practitioner. She spent eight years at the Deaconess Hospital in Detroit. She taught for 13 years at the J.T.P.A. School of Practical Nursing and for two years at Wayne State University College of Nursing. For 11 years, she was an OB/GYN nurse practitioner at Outer Drive Hospital and the clinics of Henry Ford Health System.

In 1990, she set up and ran a pilot study of a funded research grant on a Nurse-Practitioner run Teen Peer Support Group during Pregnancy, and in 1995 she obtained a three-year U.S. National Institute of Health funded research grant for Health Promotion of the Pregnant Adolescent.

She was also a professional hypnotherapist. She was a member of Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society, AANP, NAACOG, ANPH and DNA. She had made 10 presentations to professional groups across the United States and had three articles published in professional publications

She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Wendell Jacobson, of Harper Woods; her daughter, Nancy Ziemski (Gregory Gluck), of Grosse Pointe Farms; her stepdaughters, Lynne Jacobson, of Toledo, Ohio, and Laurie (James) Jeske, of Commerce Township; her stepson, Wendell (Julie) Jacobson, of Toledo, Ohio; and her six grandchildren, Lauren Gluck, Erin, Rachel and Lindsay Jacobson, and Christian and Natalie Jeske; and her sister, Joanne Eloff, of Lake Helen, Fla.,

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 23.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. TwelveMile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076, Attn: Relay for Life in Grosse Pointe.

Jeremiah J. Kenney

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Grosse Pointe Shores resident Jeremiah J. Kenney, 55, died on Sunday, April 10, 2005, in Harper Hospital in Detroit.

He was born on Sept. 9, 1949, in Hagerstown, Md., to Charles and Virginia Kenney. His youth was spent in Latham, N.Y., until leaving to attend the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., where he received a bachelor's degree in government in 1971.

He earned his law degree from the University of Detroit in 1974 and was admitted to the Michigan Bar in 1975 and the Ohio Bar in 1991.

He spent 23 years working as a defense attorney with the Kitch, Drutchas law firm, the last 10 years of which he was the firm's managing partner. He joined the law firm of Fieger, Fieger, Kenney and Johnson in 1999 where he worked until the time of his death.

Mr. Kenney was a member of the American and Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, and the Michigan and Ohio State Bars. He was also a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a distinction bestowed upon the top 5 percent of lawyers in each state.

He was an avid sports fan and a supporter of both youth and professional hockey, most particularly the University of Detroit Jesuit High School hockey team.

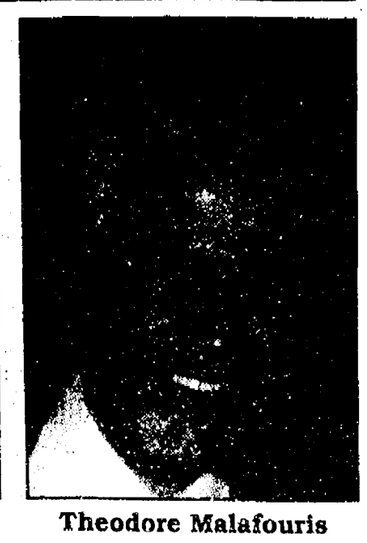
His life revolved around his family with his favorite times being spent with them at their cottage on Higgins Lake.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Susan; his children, Matthew, Erin and Christopher; his mother; and his brother, John.

He was predeceased by his father.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, April 15, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48210.



Theodore Malafouris

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Grosse Pointe Woods resident Theodore Malafouris, 78, died on Monday, April 11, 2005.

He was born on Nov. 14, 1926, in Detroit. He graduated from Wilbur Wright High School in Detroit.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army.

He was the owner of the Woodward Palmer Market in Detroit. The store had been the family's business for 53 years.

He is survived by his wife, Zoe; his children, Kathleen (Charles) Pappas, Chris and Danny; his grandchildren, Kelly (Chris) Cahill, Kristina Reynolds, Lauren, Jessica, and Danny; his great-grandchildren, Charlie Reynolds and Joey Cahill; his sister, Ethel (Louis) Maludy; his sister-in-law, Christine Deloglos; and his nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on Friday, April 15, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, St. Clair Shores.

Memorial contributions may be made to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter Rd., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080, or to the Eagles Sports Club, Children's Outreach Program, 111 W. Willis, Detroit, MI 48201.

Library day at Comerica Park

Hall of Fame broadcaster Ernie Harwell and Detroit Tigers manager Alan Trammell, in conjunction with the Detroit Tigers, have been instrumental in organizing a fundraiser which will benefit Michigan public libraries.

The event takes place at the Detroit Tigers vs. Anaheim Angels game at Comerica Park at 1:05 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, 2005, when $10 of every $20 ticket purchased for an upper-deck box seat will be donated to a special library endowment fund, housed in and administered by the Library of Michigan Foundation.

Baseball fans who want to support public libraries can purchase tickets by going to the circulation desks at the three Grosse Pointe Public Library branches. Tickets can also be purchased and donated for use by children or teens who normally would not be able to afford tickets.

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Why we oppose Jake's plan

Some in the community have criticized us for not getting on board a developer's plan for Jacobson's, going so far as to suggest we desist from running negative letters to the editor.

One councilmember considered the current differences of opinion between the prospective developer and the Grosse Pointe News editorial page as "personal."

As to the councilmember's allegation, we do not consider our opposition as personal. True, the developer's attorney, Gary Wilson, tried to make it personal by e-mailing a scandalous letter to the community on his client's behalf besmirching the name of this newspaper's publisher, as well as another opponent, Councilman John Stevens.

Despite Mr. Wilson's uncalled-for personal attack, our criticism of the plan presented by Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates has been limited to facts, not personalities.

Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates, the developer, is asking too much of the City and taxpayers. The developer wants the City to tear down its existing parking garage behind the Jacobson's building and then deed the property over to the developer. The parking deck has been assessed at $5 million.

Our understanding is that the developer would then build a larger parking structure that would be strong enough to support two stories of condominiums above. The developer is also requesting that the City promise to purchase the new parking garage for $9.6 million.

It looks to us that the City would be giving a private developer $15 million worth of collateral — $5 million in property and a nearly $10 million promissory note.

Those who favor the developer's plan say all cities have to invest to help private development. That sounds logical, but we are not sure of specific cases. They say Birmingham, Plymouth and other communities have done exactly what the developer wants the City to do. We are not sure those anecdotes are true.

Also, the City of one square mile and only 5,670 residents and 2,504 households is much smaller than any other community cited. Some say a $20 million obligation ($9.6 million plus interest) over 30 years could bankrupt the City. In any case, it would be a huge burden on a small number of taxpayers.

And what if the City gets stuck with an expensive, new parking structure and no further development? It could happen. One doesn't have to drive far to see skeletal remains of good intentions gone bankrupt.

As for the request that we "back off," we cannot do that. We couldn't do that and still call ourselves a newspaper.

Prior to this missive, we have written only one editorial objecting to the Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates' proposal. All the other criticisms in the past few weeks have been by letter writers. Writing letters to the editor is as important to democracy as voting. We are not going to be the ones to disenfranchise Grosse Pointe residents.

On the Editorial page last week, we printed the Grosse Pointe News' mission statement from Vol. 1, No. 1. We did so for a reason.

The Grosse Pointe News was founded in 1940 because its publishers saw "a need for a progressive newspaper, giving special attention to the interest and activities of the Grosse Pointes, with an increasingly complete cover of these matters."

Further, this paper "has no backdoor relations with any clique or faction, either political, commercial or social, which might embarrass it in its will to honestly speak for the greater interests of the community."

This paper promised, "It will urge ... municipal improvement but with constant regard to the burdens imposed by additional taxes."

Today, the Grosse Pointe News publisher, owners and staff operate under the same mission.

Our opposition to Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates' proposal for Jacobson's is due to the fact that we firmly believe it is the wrong plan for the City because of the enormous financial obligation it is asked to incur to finance an independent developer's scheme.

Robert G. Edgar
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Kosinski for school board

Joseph Brennan's decision not to seek re-election May 3 has created a vacancy on the board of education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Fortunately, we have an excellent candidate for the vacancy in the person of Alice Kosinski, 51, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mrs. Kosinski is a registered nurse and a University of Michigan graduate. Currently she is a bookkeeper for her husband, an orthopedic surgeon.

As the mother of an autistic child and an honors student, Mrs. Kosinski has experience at both ends of the spectrum as a parent in the Grosse Pointe school system.

"I'm a consumer of the product," she told the Grosse Pointe News. "I'm a passionate believer in public schooling. I've been involved. I've seen the elementary, middle and high schools from special education to honors. I've experienced it all as a parent."

She points out that over 10 percent of the students have a special need. She is a big supporter of mainstreaming all students, regardless of handicap — physical or social. She does not favor the Community School program for the reason that its students are not learning to cope in the real world — and the real world is not learning to cope with them.

She said successful mainstreaming requires education, a strong anti-bullying policy and a safe and comfortable learning environment.

"We're getting there," she said of the Grosse Pointe Public School System's special education program. "We have a long way to go."

In meeting the school district's ongoing budget shortfalls, Mrs. Kosinski is willing to look at any cuts -- including privatization of custodial and cafeteria services and pay-to-play sports — as long as they do not affect the classroom.

"As long as it doesn't impact day-to-day, face-to-face contact with students," she said of her criterion in making budget cutting decisions. "Stay as far away from the core education as possible."

She includes science, reading and math among core subjects, as well as foreign language, instrumental music and gym at elementary and middle-school levels.

Mrs. Kosinski considers herself a "technology fan." She says she has constructed a few Web sites and encourages use of technology in the classroom and in everyday life.

She is concerned that Advance Placement and Standard & Poors numbers have remained flat in the district.

"If everyone is challenged to the max, then we're doing a good job," she said.

Mrs. Kosinski believes the bond improvement projects are not getting enough scrutiny, and she is eager to look at the school district's budget.

"I ask questions. I'm good at that. With a multi-million dollar budget, you have to ask questions."

We agree, and we find Mrs. Kosinski a good candidate to fill the vacancy Tuesday, May 3, on the Grosse Pointe school board.

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

Letters

Negativity of development

To the Editor:

After reading the recent Grosse Pointe News articles and letters to the editor about the proposed Kercheval Place development, I felt it was necessary to comment on the negativity set forth in your paper.

I do not understand the animosity that some people have directed toward this project. The City of Grosse Pointe Council is negotiating with the developers. They should be allowed the freedom to finish their negotiations. The council will negotiate the best deal possible for the city.

It is a waste of time arguing about the finances at this point, how it will be financed has not been decided. As was seen at the open discussion meeting at the War Memorial, there are many ways to finance the parking garage besides the traditional tax hike.

As we have already seen throughout the Pointes, the use of foundation grants, private donations and endowment funds have all made an enormous difference in what has been accomplished without tax increase. All you have to do is drive along Lakeshore to see one of the best examples of private donations at work in the beautifully landscaped islands.

Unfortunately, the driving force against this project has been the council's own John Stevens. The campaign he has lodged against this project, I believe, has rendered him ineffective in his role as a council member. If his personal dreams interfere with his ability to function as a council member, he should excuse himself from decision making on this project. For some reason the gravity of this situation is not being understood.

As a lifelong resident of this community, a leading Realtor in the Pointes, retired school board trustee and advisory member for community education, I know too well the impact that the Jacobson's blight has had on this community.

Although the Village has nearly 100 percent of the property leased, by no means does this address the falling business that these companies have had to endure. Our shop owners are mainly Grosse Pointe residents who are "giving their all" to keep this a viable community.

All municipalities have to invest in their communities to keep them vital. It is time that an investment is made to uplift the Village. There is no one who will not benefit from this project, and the council should continue its negotiations to assure its residents the leading edge in property values.

Cindy Pangborn
Grosse Pointe Farms

Renovation options

To the Editor:

To Richard Clarke
City Councilman
City of Grosse Pointe:

One of the major fears that I am hearing about the Village proposal is the cost of the parking structure and that it would become a debt obligation of the City of Grosse Pointe residents.

I have not heard anyone explore the idea that the parking structure could be financed as a stand-alone project and not have it be a general obligation of the City. Such projects as parking structures can be financed as revenue bonds supported by the revenues generated from the users of the structure.

I have been around the municipal financing business for a long time and know that there are any number of firms that would be interested in a $10 million project. Some of the people on the City Council have not been informed of all the options available to do deals such as this so, naturally, they are concerned about laying a $10 million debt onto the small population of the City.

How would people react if they knew that the City could retain ownership to the property, get a new parking structure and have it be self-supporting and not part of the City balance sheet? They could then negotiate the air rights above the structure and the condo project could be completed subsequently.

What I am suggesting is not revolutionary. There are plenty of alternatives to make this thing happen. I am not sure why these ideas are not being surfaced, but they should be.

I am sending this to you, but I have no objections to broader dissemination.

Chuck Huebner
Grosse Pointe Farms

Correct development

To the Editor:

To Mayor Scrace and City of Grosse Pointe Council Members:

We were very distressed to recently receive an e-mail called an "Open Letter To Concerned Neighbors" written by the general counsel to The Metro Group of Companies and The Meathe Group, a proposed developer of Kercheval Place in the Village.

It is our understanding that this letter has been circulating around for several weeks now and was forwarded to us through friends.

We, as well as everyone, fully appreciate the need to develop the Village property in question. It needs to be done correctly. Low and disparaging personal remarks actually cheapen the Kercheval Place Proposal.

The City of Grosse Pointe Council should not be pressured by a group spreading a slanderous, filthy letter.

Mr. Stevens (a City of Grosse Pointe council member) is one of the most decent, intelligent, generous, considerate, honest, humble, and we could go on and on about the gentleman G. John Stevens, who we are proud to call our friend.

Mrs. Cynthia Fox-Aboukasm
Dr. Amer Aboukasm
Grosse Pointe Park

Unacceptable cost to City

To the Editor:

The following letter was recently sent regarding the proposal to develop Kercheval Place.

To Mayor Scrace and City of Grosse Pointe Council Members:

I would like to add my voice to that of other concerned citizens who are outraged that the City is considering acceptance of a proposal to develop Kercheval Place that would cost the City of Grosse Pointe taxpayers $9.6 million.

Any proposal that will raise taxes should not be acceptable.

Margot Ness
City of Grosse Pointe

People's tax burden

To the Editor:

I agree with your conclusion that the proposal presented by the Meathe group

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Are you a numbers or word person?

If, in the very rare chance, I am ever asked to speak at a commencement ceremony, I know what advice I will give the eager graduates who are wondering what they should do for the rest of their lives.

My advice would be simple: Figure out if you are a numbers or a word person. Once you know what you are, you'll have a clearer vision of what you want to do.

Since I am a writer, it is pretty obvious what I am, and I love spending my time and getting paid for crafting words.

I was not so lucky in one of my first jobs after college. I was hired to be an editorial assistant for a small publishing company. The title led me to believe that I would be the gopher for the a magazine's editor. I didn't mind performing lowly tasks as long as I would be learning the tools of the trade. Unfortunately, the only tool I learned to use was a calculator as I ended up assisting the company's circulation director who was clearly a numbers person. I didn't last long in that job.

Though that relationship didn't work, I do admit at times it is a good idea to have numbers and word people working together. For years, I coordinated a tennis league with a friend who is also a writer. Part of our responsibilities was to send our league members an information kit containing pertinent information such as the rotation schedule showing when various members played.

We were so proud of our first packet. It was concisely written and well designed. We clearly explained the rules and regulations of the league. We both proofread it to make sure it was perfect. We sent it out, thinking that we had everything under control.

Lo and behold, a few days later, a league member, who must be a numbers person, informed us that our numerically-based rotation schedule had numerous errors. Our egos were deflated.

The following season we were elated when we discovered a ready-made rotational schedule which we could use.

Since opposites attract, I am married to a numbers man. Though I knew he was good with numbers before I married him, I never realized how much he loved numbers until I had been married to him for a few years.

Early in our marriage, we lived in Manhattan where standing in block-long lines to attend a movie was just a fact-of-life. One good thing about living in New York, you learn how to occupy your time while waiting in line. I would people-watch which kept me thoroughly entertained.

I thought that was what everbody did, until my husband mentioned that he did mathematical equations in his head to stave off boredom. I was shocked! I looked at him as if he were a creature from outer space! I still can't fathom how that could possibly be entertaining.

Fortunately, for my two sons, they have inherited his penchant for numbers. They learned early on that their mother has limited mathematical ability. I remember one time we were playing "Yahtze," and my 8-year old son noticed that I had added up my totals incorrectly — I had forgotten to carry a number. My husband and sons just shook their heads as they pathetically eyed me. Ever since then, one of them doublechecks my totals in any game we play.

However, I rock when it comes to any word-based game. We have an on-going tally for "Scrabble" in which I am by far the leader. I even help them compose words and I still beat them. Since they are a competitve trio and since I rarely win at anything I play against them, I love to see them become bewildered by the way I can parlay p's and q's into multi-syllable words. Naturally, whenever we have a family game night, I try to convince them to play word games.

I must admit a few people are both numbers and word people. I think they are the copy editors of the world. They have equally developed left and right sides of the brain. Good copy editors know how words should flow; yet their attention to detail rivals that of an accountant.

My mother is one of those people. She is as equally comfortable writing a letter

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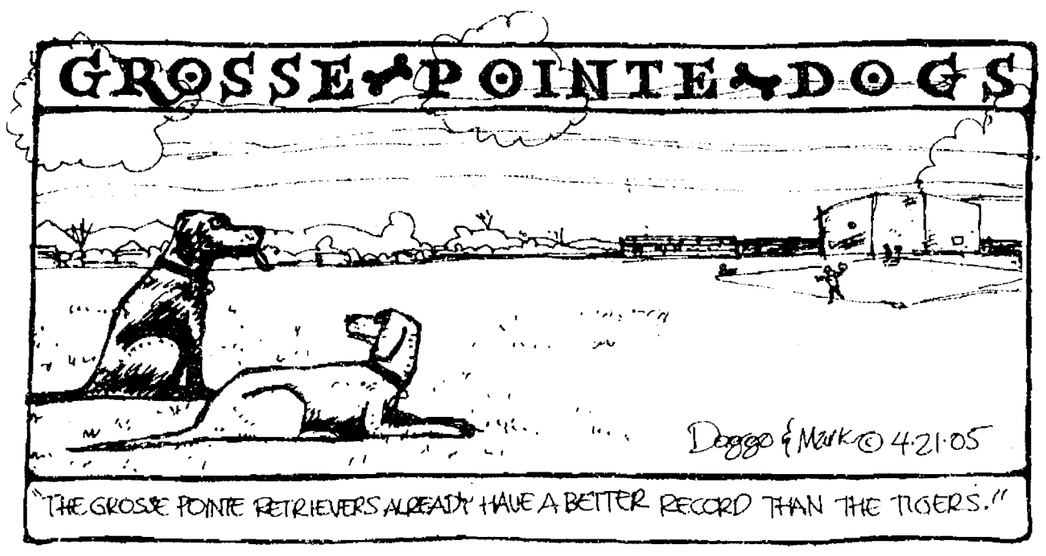

Visit the Grosse Pointe Dogs website: http://gpdogs.keenspace.com

Streetwise

Question of the Week:

On April 15, we asked: Have you filed your taxes yet?

Howard Buhl

"Yes. I did, 15 minutes ago."
— Howard Buhl
Grosse Pointe Farms

Bill Alvin

"My wife, Mary, does it. I think they will be filed."
— Bill Alvin
Grosse Pointe Park

Elizabeth Cernava

"Yes, I did yesterday."
— Elizabeth Cernava
Royal Oak

Felicia Nelson

"I filed in February, and I've already spent my returns."
— Felicia Nelson
Detroit

Darby Moran

"Yes, I filed them on-line in February."
— Darby Moran
Grosse Pointe Farms

Michelle Powell

"Yes I did months ago. My return is back and spent already."
— Michelle Powell
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

fyi

by Ben Burns

Recording artists

Three Grosse Pointers will join dozens of others in a week-long Record-A-Thon celebration beginning Monday, April 25, to make audio tapes for RFB&D.

No, that is not a musical group nor a financial advising firm; it is Recording For the Blind & Dyslexic, a national nonprofit that serves folks who can't read standard print effectively due to visual, learning or other physical disabilities.

Margaret Hiltz, Evelyn Frohman and **William Rutledge**, all of the Woods, will add additional hours of recording to their usual volunteer sessions in hopes of helping double the production of audio textbooks at RFB&D recording studios across the United States.

There are 9,000 Michigan students utilizing the program now, according to RFB&D officials.

The books are placed in a free lending library. The Michigan volunteers also hope to raise $13,000 in donations for Michigan's Learning Through Listening program and educational outreach services during the sessions at 5600 Rochester Road, Troy. For more information or to help, call (248) 879-0101.

Survivor

Ray Laenen's dramatic, real story of survival for 22 days in a lifeboat lost in the Indian Ocean during World War II has finally been turned into a book. Published by AuthorHouse, "Liberty Ship Survivor" by **Joseph N. Mazzara** tells the story of Laenen's life and why he is proud to be an American.

Retired Freep Publisher **Neal Shine** is quoted on the back cover as saying: "This has to be one of the most touching and inspiring stories to come out of World War II; a story of faith and courage of friendship and forgiveness. It's a poignant reminder of the humanity that lives in all of us."

Laenen and his wife, **Norma**, live in St. Clair Shores.

Mazzara also wrote the book, "Pedal Cars and Purple Pickles," in 2001. He is a psychologist and freelance writer who lives in Macomb County.

Web-to-web

Michael Angelo Caruso — now there's a memorable moniker for you — a motivational speaker from the northwest suburbs says he has shaken more than 15,000 people's hands in the last few years, and he believes that he has perfected the handshake.

"A handshake often indicates the type of person you are meeting, Caruso says. "There are three basic types of handshakes. The assertive grip feels firm but not too overbearing. A passive grip, which I call the 'cold fish handshake,' occurs when one person only offers a few fingers to the other person. The aggressive grip is the 'bone-crusher handshake,' during which one person dominates the other.'

"The web-to-web technique is the secret to a perfect handshake. The web of the hand is the fleshy area between the thumb and forefinger. Your goal in achieving an assertive handshake is to have the web of your right hand meet the web of the other person's right hand. Allow the other person to release first. Practice sustained eye contact. Finally, you should have different handshakes for different types of persons."

If you want to hear more of what the motivational speaker who has inspired audiences around the world has to say, he will appear at the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe at noon on Monday, May 5, in the Fries Ballroom of the War Memorial. Lunch is $12. Call (313) 882-2810 and

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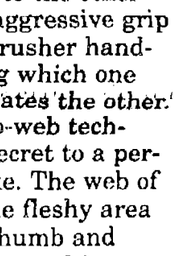
Points about the Pointes



Being on the School Board & playing Solomon... what's the right way to split the baby?

The School Board is faced with some very difficult decisions over the next few months. Some $2.5 million needs to be cut somewhere to balance our budget for the 2005-2006 school year.

Special interest groups will understandably descend on our School Board meetings en masse over the next few months, pleading that we must preserve their particular program above all else.

Like Solomon, we School Board trustees will have to listen carefully to the concerns voiced by all, then make the very difficult decisions as to how to 'split the baby'.

As Board trustees, we can follow only one guiding light in making these tough decisions. While it may not be in the best interest of our own children or favorite groups, we must make sure that every possible cut is made elsewhere before any cuts are made in the curriculum that has made our schools the driving force in the value of Grosse Pointe.

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Letters

From page 8A

for changes in the Village would be bad for taxpayers and residents of the City of Grosse Pointe ("City's cost too steep in Jake's plan" March 24 Grosse Pointe News).

It was obvious that the developers, the shop owners and nonresident land holders had done an excellent job of turning out in numbers at the last meeting to urge council's support of this proposal. So who was absent? It was the balance of the residents, the taxpayers and by far the majority of the people in the City of Grosse Pointe who will be burdened by the tax consequences of this proposal.

However, I believe the mayor and the council as our elected representatives have an obligation to protect the interest of the majority and say no to this giveaway of our tax dollars.

I was raised in the City of Grosse Pointe and lived here on and off for over 50 years. I have always considered the Village a nice little convenience center for groceries, drugstores, hardware stores and small restaurants, but never looked upon it as a major shopping center for the Grosse Pointes.

It is obvious the geographic location, especially considering Lake St. Clair, limits greatly the appeal for any merchant dependent on greater traffic. So let's accept the obvious and not try to make it another Royal Oak or Birmingham.

I for one am grateful we are different. We have what many other small communities lack, our beautiful lake and waterfront, our outstanding schools and our uncrowded little city center. We have plenty of major shopping centers and restaurants within an easy drive without ruining our beautiful city with unsightly high rise buildings and burdensome taxes.

J.J. Jordan Jr.
City of Grosse Pointe

Better plan

To the Editor:

The Detroit/ Wayne County Stadium Authority built "Ford Field" primarily as a football venue for private enterprise: the Detroit Lions.

According to the data that I have been able to discover, the cost for the stadium was $300,000,000. Of the total funds spent, either 51 percent or 31.7 percent was in the form of public guarantees. The population base for the region is listed as 5 million. Simple calculation reveals that "Dollars per Population Base" was between $19.02 and $30.60 per person.

When comparing Ford Field funding with the proposal by Cullan Meathe for the Kercheval Place plan, it is easy to determine that the Kercheval Place proposal is not a good deal for citizens of Grosse Pointe.

Mr. Meathe and colleagues have requested guarantees of $9,600,000 (not including the loss of air space and the current parking garage) of a population determined to be 5,681 (City of Grosse Pointe Website/ 2000 census data.) The cost per citizen of this proposal equals $1,690. (Keep in mind that this is not $1,690 per household; it is $1,690 for each citizen of the City of Grosse Pointe.)

The amount of $1,690 is between 55 and 88 times greater than citizens guaranteed the Ford Field football stadium. With the football stadium funding, came increases in hotel and rental car taxes, primarily aimed at out-of-state visitors to the Detroit area.

The City of Grosse Pointe does not have opportunities to gain revenue from such sources.

I believe it is often necessary to spend public funds to assist private companies, especially where infrastructure is concerned. And, I am not opposed to the Kercheval Place plan as presented to the city council at the War Memorial meeting. But, I do believe it must be kept to an absolute minimum.

If the City of Grosse Pointe guarantees Kercheval Place (or any other private developer) an amount equal to three times what was achieved by the Detroit/Wayne County Stadium Authority, each man, woman and child in Grosse Pointe will be on the hook for no more than $91.89.

I like this plan much more than the $1,690 plan. It's a sane guarantee of no more than $520,000. I believe any honest and fair developer would be thrilled with such an offer.

Noel Fisher
City of Grosse Pointe

Privatizing food service

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education is considering privatizing food service for the schools. While saving money is an admirable objective, the district should consider carefully before jumping into something that may seem to be more advantageous than it is.

As both a staff member and a parent of a special-needs young adult who works at Parcells, it is clear to me that the food service staff provides so much more than edible sustenance to the students who utilize this service.

The women who work there are caring, hardworking, dedicated professionals who have worked in the school for many years and are an integral part of the nurturing school atmosphere. For example, the personnel collected spare change in the lines during the holidays and provided food baskets to needy families in the district. Not only do they invest in the student population, they also provide an environment where my daughter has flourished and become an independent person capable of contributing to society.

Privatization is a topic that has come up many times in the last decade as we struggle to make ends meet. However, it is hard to put a price on the peace of mind that comes from local control regarding who has contact with our most valuable commodity, our children.

Mary Fodell
City of Grosse Pointe

Good coach

To the Editor:

Last summer, and early fall, was a difficult period for the Grosse Pointe South girls' hockey program. Allegations were levied against the program, in general, and against Coach Bill Fox, in particular.

In response, players, parents, and those connected with high-school hockey rallied to the defense of Coach Fox, culminating in an emotional appeal to the school board last June 15.

Coach Fox was "conditionally" retained, and administration took steps to monitor his, and the team's, behavior and performance.

Under Coach Fox's tutelage, the team enjoyed another remarkable season in terms of victories (22-1), sportsmanship and enjoyment.

Indeed, Coach Fox was just voted Coach of the Year by his peers in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

We ask that you join with us in commending Coach Fox for another job well done.

John A. Entenman
Grosse Pointe Park

I Say

From page 9A

as she is working on her taxes. I have often wished I inherited this wonderful duality.

A few years ago, I was going though an old file when I came upon a letter which she wrote to me when I was in college. It was a beautifully crafted letter reprimanding me for bouncing checks.

I think my mother knew even before I did that I would never be a banker.

FYI

From page 9A

leave a message if you want to attend.

Budget time

Interim Associate Pastor **Jim Monnett** at Grosse Pointe Memorial asks folks what they would do if they were given $86,400 every day, and they had to either spend it or lose it. After he has you thinking about all the good you could do with that amount if you had to use it up each day, he reminds us that we each have 86,400 seconds in each day, and we ought to spend them wisely because if we don't they will be gone forever. Interesting point. How are you spending your treasured seconds?

Greener grass

Syndicated columnist **Erma Bombeck** once wrote: "If I had my life to live over, there would have been more 'I love you's' ... more 'I'm sorry's' ... but mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute ... look at it and really see it ... live it ... and never give it back... Stop sweating the small stuff. Don't worry about who doesn't like you, who has more, or who's doing what. Instead, let's cherish the relationships we have with those who do love us. Let's think about what God *has* blessed us with. And what we are doing each day to promote ourselves mentally, physically, emotionally, as well as spiritually. Life is too short to let it pass you by. We only have one shot at this, and then it's gone. I hope you all have a blessed day. To the world you may be just one person, but to one person you may be the world."

Erma died April 22, 1996, at age 69. A 29,000-pound Arizona rock marks her grave in Dayton, Ohio. But her wisdom and sentiment live on.

Correction

The number listed for volunteering to help build a Detroit Habitat for Humanity House in the April 14 column was wrong. The correct number is (313) 521-6691.

Ben Burns of the City of Grosse Pointe is a professor in the journalism program at Wayne State University. He can be reached at burnsben@comcast.net or by phone at (313) 882-2810.

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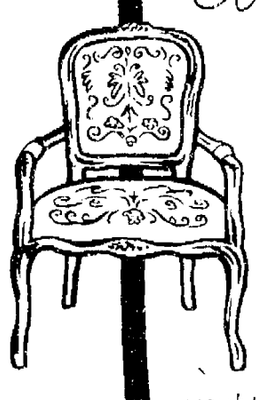

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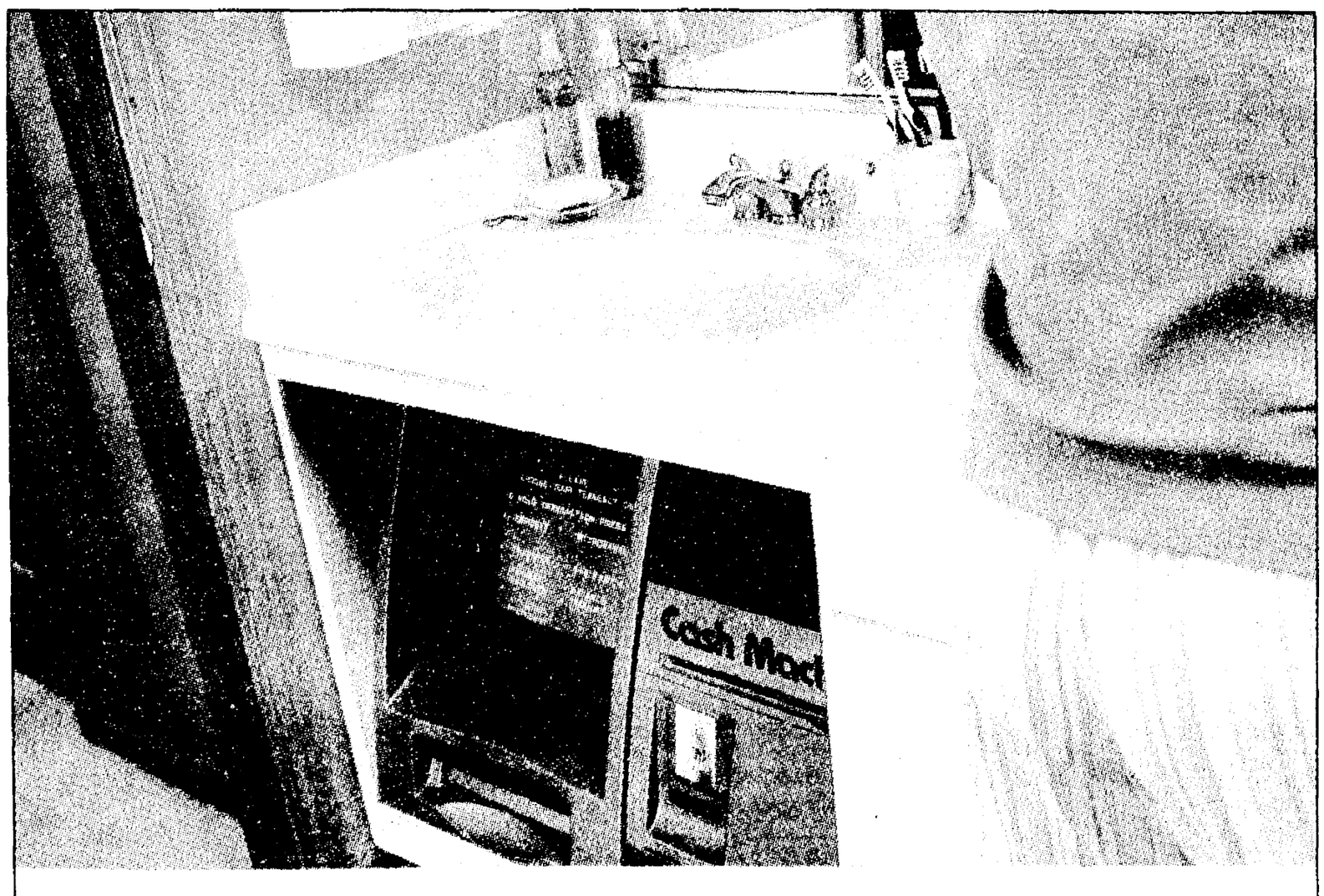

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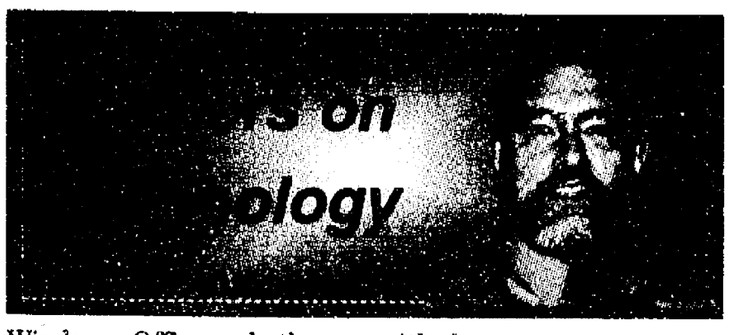
Startup Cop, Taskmaster may be the tools you need

Doug asks, "In your column in the Grosse Pointe News on March 31, you identified a couple of ways to locate and remove offensive programs that have installed themselves on your computer. You didn't mention another method that requires more knowledge: running the 'MSCONFIG' (Microsoft Configuration) utility.

"Assuming that you're familiar with this utility, you know that when looking at the 'Startup' portion, you're usually confronted with dozens of cryptic filenames that aren't easy to associate with a specific application. It isn't wise to delete files if you don't know what they do.

"My question, therefore, is this: Is there any database you're aware of that contains a list of the commonly used applications and their associated programs? Even if there were a list of the applications that are essential to run



Windows, Office and other common utilities, it'd be great to know."

Well, Doug, you can assume you've come to the right place. Here are three quick reactions:

First, Startup Cop Pro from the PC Magazine store (www.pcmag.com; search for "Startup Cop") is $5.97. It is designed to provide descriptions as well as control for most of the same stuff that is anonymously listed in MSCONFIG. There are also links to related sites for more description. I believe there is also an associated user group where users can share their insights into the value/problems associated with these programs.

Here are some excerpts from PC Mag's "why buy" info:

Program Descriptions and Ratings: "Now you can see what each program does and who created it. Startup Cop Pro hooks you into a huge information pipeline that tells you about the programs on your PC, what they do and how safe they are.

"Even better, with each passing day this knowledge database grows even bigger, and the data quality gets stronger. With help from a community of avid Startup Cop Pro users (already in place with beta testers and sure to grow), PCMag.com is collecting data that will help you understand what's running on your system.

Alerts for New Startup Programs: "Finally you can keep a tight lid on what launches when Windows starts. Should something attempt to add itself to your startup sequence, Startup Cop Pro warns you, letting you find out more information and allow or immediately disable the action."

Permanently Block Disabled Programs: "No means no! You may have noticed, and been annoyed by, applications that rudely keep reinserting themselves into your startup sequence, such as Real Player and QuickTime. That won't be a problem anymore. Startup Cop Pro keeps a watchful eye on programs you've disabled and keeps them out of your startup list."

One of the links Startup Cop gave me is, and copy this carefully, www.neuber.com/taskmanager/index.html, which is the home of Security Task Manager, a more robust and more expensive ($29) but similar program. I just installed Startup Cop Pro for the same reason you mentioned, Doug, after anti-virus, hardware and software firewalls, Spigot, Aware and Spy Sweeper.

Second, Teacup, one of the Power Toys free from Microsoft, allows you to remove stuff like Internet Explorer and persistent MS desktop icons if you wish. It's a quick and easy way to get more control over what you have to see, and put up with, from MS. It has been around for years and is one of my favorites.

Third, yes, Virginia, you absolutely can get a clean, or blank, machine. Many people buy their own parts and build their own. If you want the MS-XP operating system, though, you'll have to pay retail. I don't give bootleg information. Pay retail; you will sleep better and know the program is the real deal.

Check out ads in Maximum PC, which is aimed primarily at people who want the most from their machine and are willing to work and spend to get it. They are aimed at performance. Others just want low price. Try www.maximumpc.com for a free issue. Also, they sell a book called Maximum PC Guide to building a Dream PC.

You'll get a blank machine, instead of a blankety-blank machine. You also can stop being like the vast majority of computer users who are still afraid of the PC because they think they can't know how it works and why.

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

Business People

Nadeau

Steven C. Nadeau, a partner and chair of the environmental law department of Detroit-based Honigman, Miller, Schwartz, and Cohn, LLP, has been named in the 11th edition of The Best Lawyeears in America 2005-2006.

Nadeau, a 1977 cum laude graduate of Boston College Law School, resides with his family in the City of Grosse Pointe. He has been recognized in the last eight published editions as a top practitioner in the area of environmental law.

Robert Schechter, chairman, Schechter Financial Group, of Birmingham, has announced that **Robert Boesiger**, CPA, JD, LLM, has been named a partner at Schechter Financial Group.

Boesiger

Formerly a partner at the law firm Dickinson, Wright, Boesiger's expertise is in the field of inter-generational wealth transfers, including transfers of business interest, securities, real estate, and articles.

He advises both individuals and families in regard to tax strategies, family limited liability companies, and advanced estate planning techniques.

Prior to joining Dickinson, Wright, Boesiger practiced as a CPA, advising individuals and closely held businesses.

Boesiger currently lives in Grosse Pointe Shores with his wife, Laura, and two children, Nicholas and Christopher.

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm recently announced that **Linda K. Ewing**, of Grosse Pointe, was appointed to represent the private sector of the Michigan Strategic Fund Board of Directors for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2007.

Michigan-based Atlas Oil Holdings, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Simon Holdings, has acquired substantially all of the assets and operations of Fisher Fuel Company of Walled Lake in a friendly buyout.

Atlas Oil is owned by Grosse Pointe Shores resident **Sam Simon**.

John Artis, a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, earned the 2005 President's Technology Award.

Artis is the superintendent of Dearborn Public Schools.

Martha K. Richardson, a marketing consultant from Grosse Pointe Park, was elected to an at-large position on the agency's Executive Committee.

Richardson

Fred W. Batten, of Grosse Pointe Farms, was named to the 2005 Chambers USA Ranking of America's Leading Business Lawyers. Batten is a member of Clark Hill PLC's Detroit office, where he concentrates his practice in employment litigation and traditional labor law, including occupational safety and health.

Timothy M. Koltun, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, was also named to the 2005 Chambers USA Ranking of America's Leading Business Lawyers. Koltun is a member of Clark Hill PLC's Detroit office, where he focuses his practice on real estate transactional matters.

Terry Cross received Wayne State University's Distinguished Alumnis Award at the institution's annual awards program on April 12.

Cross, the owner of Windward Associates, received his MBA from Wayne State University in 1964, has had an extensive career as a stockbroker, entrepreneur and financial advisor.

He is a Grosse Pointe resident.

IRS says filing extensions available

"People who need more time to complete their forms will find it easy to extend their filing deadline — they don't need an excuse or even a stamp," IRS Michigan spokesperson Sarah Wreford said. "Automatic four-month extensions are available by phone or by computer, as well as through the mail on the paper Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return. We expect to receive 181,000 extension requests from Michigan taxpayers, which must be made by the normal April 15 filing deadline."

Wreford added that an extension of time to file does *not give more time to pay* any taxes owed.

Taxpayers must pay any projected balance due when requesting an extension and make that payment with the Form 4868.

The payment may also be made electronically.

"We have a special toll-free phone line for extensions, 1-888-796-1074," Wreford said. "Callers may use Form 4868 as a worksheet to prepare for the call, figuring their 2004 tax and total payments made. They get a confirmation number signifying that the extension request has been accepted. They should put this confirmation number of Form 4868 and keep it for their records. When requesting an extension through the toll-free line, taxpayers do not send Form 4868 to the IRS."

The IRS also said that taxpayers may electronically file an extension request using tax preparation software on their own computer or by going to a tax return preparer. Those filing by computer get an acknowledgement that the IRS has received their request.

Taxpayers asking for extensions by phone or computer can choose to pay any expected balance due to authorizing an automatic withdrawal from a checking or savings account. They will need the appropriate bank routing and account numbers for that account. They must also have the adjusted gross income from their 2003 tax return to verify their identity.

Taxpayers can also get an extension by making an extension-related credit card payment by phone or through the Internet. Contact one of the service providers shown below:

- Official Payments Corporation at 1-800-2PAY-TAX (1-800-272-9829). Its website is www.officialpayments.com.
- Link2Gov Corporation at 1-888-PAY-1040 (1-888-729-1040). Its website is www.pay1040.com.

The processor will charge a convenience fee for the credit card payment. See the instructions for Form 4868 for more information on how to make an extension-related electronic payment.

Taxpayers may also charge the taxes due for 2004, estimated taxes for 2005, or installment agreement payments for 1999 or later, but such charges do not give an extension of time to file.

Interest charges apply to any tax not paid by the April 15 deadline. The current rate is 6 percent a year, compounded daily and is subject to change each calender quarter.

Those who request an extension may also be liable for a late payment penalty of 0.5 percent per month if the total tax paid by the regular deadline is less than 90 percent of the actual 2004 tax.

Taxpayers can download Form 4868 from the IRS Website, irs.gov, or call and order the form (toll-free) at 1-800-829-3676.

Form 4868 is also available at local IRS offices and many public libraries. Taxpayers needing this or any other federal tax form should act soon to be sure they have the form in time to meet the April 15 deadline.

"I encourage any taxpayers with questions about completing Form 4868 to visit irs.gov and check Frequently asked Questions section," Wreford said. "Or they can call us with their questions at 1-800-829-1040."

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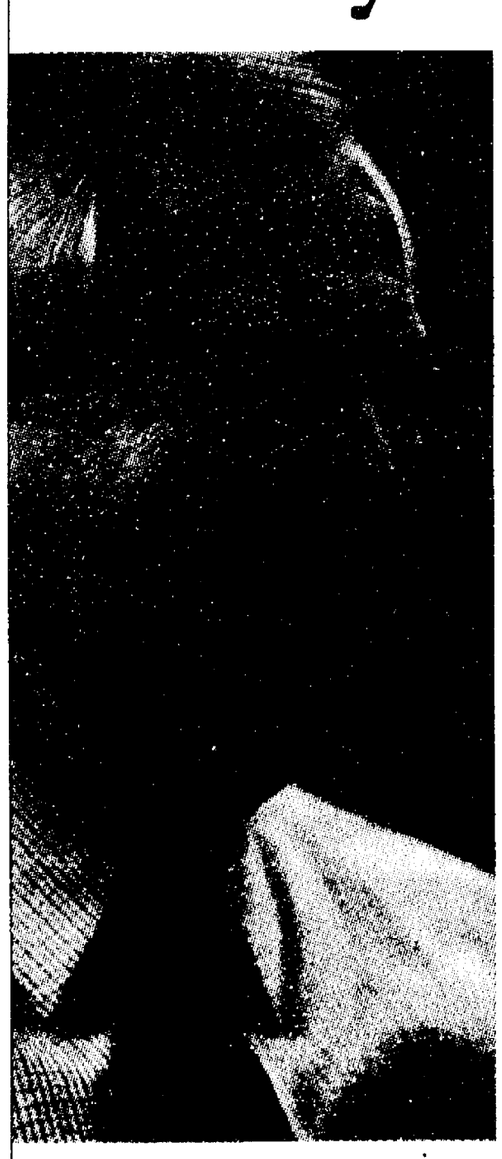

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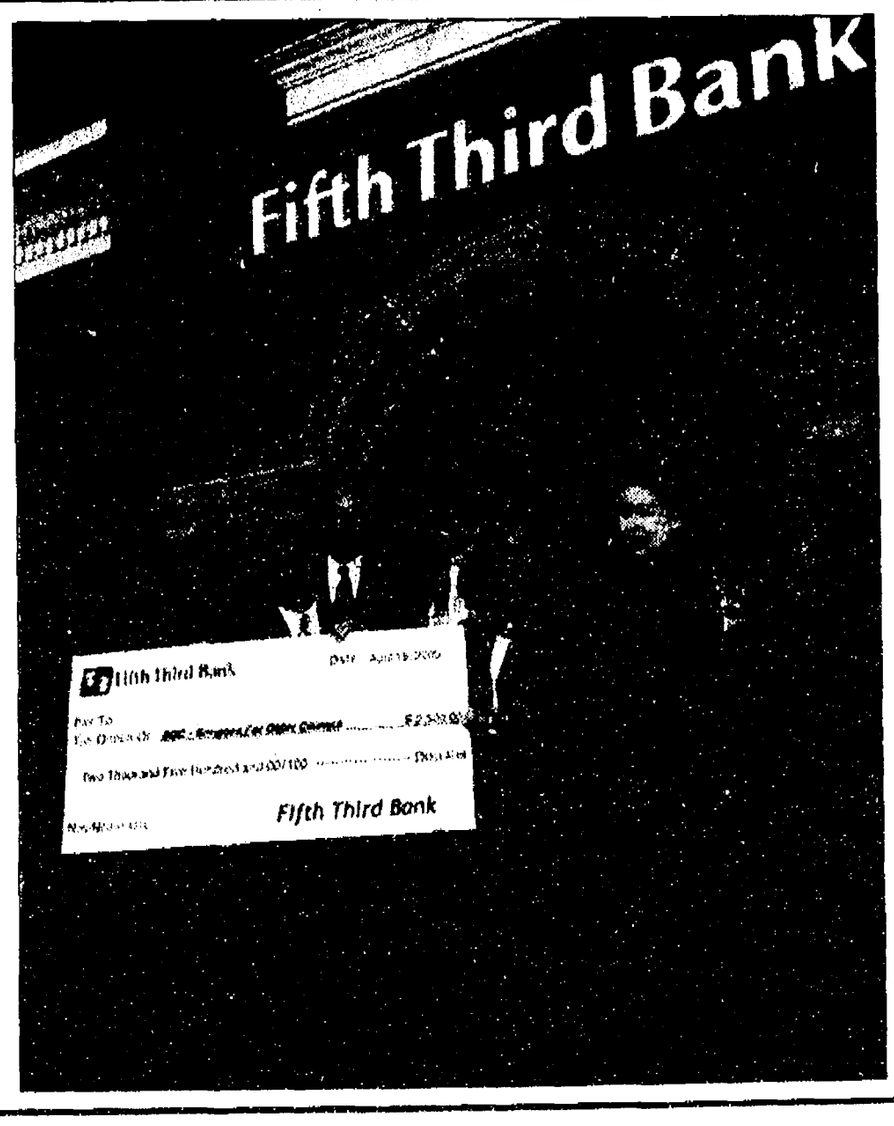
Polaris teams with Taleo

Grosse Pointe Park-based Polaris Assessment Systems, Inc., which specializes in pre-employment testing of entry level employees, announced a partnership with San Francisco-based Taleo Corp., a human resources consulting firm.

Taleo will use Polaris' testing software in its client assessment programs.

Polaris' current clients include St. John Health System, Taco Bell and several school districts.

Photo by Robert McKean



They're official

A dignified field of businessmen and women officially welcomed the Grosse Pointe Farms Fifth Third Bank branch on the Hill during a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week. A bright sunny day greeted everyone to the brief ceremony, led by Fifth Third Bank president and CEO Patrick J. Fehring and the branch assistant vice president and bank manager Michael Monaghan, pictured in the center holding check.

"This represents a great step forward for Fifth Third Bank in eastern Michigan as we enter the Grosse Pointe community," Fehring said. "Our strategy was to come and have a presence from the start, which is why we opened two banking centers at the same time."

"This is my community. I grew up here. I know the people and the businesses," Monaghan, a Grosse Pointe South graduate, said. "I couldn't be more pleased than to be managing the Fifth Third Bank in my hometown."

The building was designed by architect Rob Wood, who resides in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Better Business Bureau offers simple tips to prevent ID theft

The Better Business Bureau joined with other organizations to highlight identity safety during this year's National Consumer Protection Week, which was held Feb. 6-12.

"Identity theft continues to be a very serious threat. One in 23 adults will be victimized this year, with a total loss exceeding $50 billion," said Fred Hoffecker, president of the Better Business Bureau of Eastern Michigan. "To prevent the misuse of our personal information, survey research shows we should be as safety-conscious in our home and office, as we are on the internet."

The 2005 Identity Fraud Survey report, recently released by the BBB and Javelin Strategy & Research, indicates that common fears about online identity fraud may be out of proportion to the real risks that confront consumers.

The surprising results indicate that people should pay greater attention to the more traditional paper-based world when taking steps to protect their personal identity.

The survey of 4,000 individuals found the most frequently reported sources of information used to commit identity fraud are not computer-based.

A lost or stolen wallet, checkbook, or credit card was cited by almost 29 percent of the victims who knew how their personal information had been obtained; 11 percent cited friends/acquaintances and relatives; another 8 percent blamed corrupt employees with access to personal information.

Computer crimes accounted for 11.6 percent of the perpetrator sources known by victims.

Among cases where the perpetrator's identity is known, half of all misuse of personal information was committed by a friend, family member, relative, neighbor or in-home employee.

"Too often, we think of our home or office as a comfort zone, where we can let down our guard," said Hoffecker. "Unfortunately, that is not the case with our personal information."

The BBB advises consumers to begin this week by reviewing how they carry, store, send, and destroy documents that contain personally identifiable information.

This includes credit cards, ATM, and debit cards, Social Security card, statements from financial service companies, billing statements, incoming and outgoing mail and other documents.

"A good way to begin your identity safety inventory is to take a quiz specifically designed by Javelin Survey & Research and the BBB, based on the identity safety 'best practice,'" said Hoffecker. "The quiz, which is posted online at www.idsafety.net, permits people to assess their identity safety from two perspectives.

First, are the steps I am currently taking to fight identity fraud really enough? Secondly, how can I protect myself from having personal financial information taken without my consent?

Small business owners are advised to take the quiz twice. The first time, respond to the questions as they pertain to your actions at home. The second time, consider the questions from the perspective of the practices that are followed at your place of business.

The quiz takes only minutes to complete. Once finished, the quiz-taker receives a score, with a list of specific suggestions that will help that person improve his or her identity safety. The higher the score, the more a person needs to do the "lock down" on his or her personal security or the security of his or her small business.

The quiz is available in both English and Spanish.

Second, be proactive in detecting unauthorized activity.

After you've taken the necessary steps to protect access to your personal information, the BBB suggests you take preventive measures that will help you detect unauthorized activity on your accounts, should that occur.

"Our survey research found that a majority of identity fraud crimes are self-detected. And, the losses are lower if the victim was using electronic review of their transactions, statement, and credit reports to detect unauthorized access," said Hoffecker. "In addition to monitoring their credit reports at least annually, use e-mail account "alerts" to monitor transfers, payments, low balances, and withdrawals; and, consider moving to online statements and bill-paying."

"Of course, if you do bank online, take the necessary safety precautions. Place a password protection on your computer and your sensitive files (such as your online banking file); ensure that your computer has a firewall to protect from Internet attacks; install good anti-virus/anti-spyware software on your computer and regularly update it; and, keep the security features of your computer's operating system current," the BBB president advised.

To read more about the findings from the 2005 Identity Fraud Survey Report, which was sponsored by Check Free, Visa, and Wells Fargo & Company, go to www.javelin-strategy.com/reports. For more information about identity theft from the BBB, go to www.bbb.org/idtheft or call your local BBB at (248) 644-9100.

Bank of GP gets new owner

Bloomfield Hills Bancorp., Inc. has signed a definitive agreement to be acquired by PrivateBancorp, Inc. in a cash merger transaction.

The transaction is expected to close after regulatory approval.

Bloomfield Hills Bancorp Inc.'s subsidiary, The Private Bank, operates as The Bank of Bloomfield Hills, The Bank of Grosse Pointe and The Bank of Rochester and has a trust and wealth management unit and mortgage banking subsidiary.

There's special magic in student services program

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

This is a magical place to work, said Pamela Lemerand, Grosse Pointe School's director of Special Education and Student Services. Her office is housed in the Barnes Early Childhood Center on Morningside and offers services to 1,100 students.

Retiring at the end of this year, Lemerand's job for the past 10 years has been to create an atmosphere to educate children with cognitive impairments from mild to severe, those with emotional impairments, the whole spectrum of autistic children, those with learning disabilities, speech, language, hearing and vision impairments and traumatic brain injury.

"A young man came to us in middle school who had a stroke. He was profoundly physically disabled and had lost his speaking ability," she begins. The family was from the private school realm, thus had no public school experience.

"We told them, we could offer him a rich, full educational life. We trained him to use a high tech computer as a communication device. We assigned him one-on-one (teacher) and challenged him intellectually."

Proudly, Lemerand said, "He is a junior now and is doing spectacularly. I hope he graduates next year. The staff has pushed him hard to stand, talk and use all the special education techniques." A diploma is in his future, as it is for most of those students who come under her care and that of her staff of 108 teachers and 85 staff assistants.

Photos by Ann L. Fouty

Grosse Pointe Director of Special Education and Student Services Pamela Lemerand will be retiring in June after 33 years of working with special needs children.

While the educator of 33 years is proud to relate the story, she stresses, "There is not a single accomplishment that is my own. It was done as a team."

The key to the team's success is having programs which incorporate fun programs such as the preschool, Sunshine Street, and Kinder Music, and assure that the typically developing child is on hand to interact with special needs children.

"The fastest growth period is from birth through 5. We see the gains the kids make. We see it day after day, and it is quite outstanding and highly motivating," she said. Parents are pleased because, as Lemerand explained, many didn't think their child could accomplish so much.

Lemerand's accomplishments in the Grosse Pointe schools began when she saw that a quarter to one-third of the special education programming was held in the hallways because classrooms were so small. She solved that and saw to it that Barnes was opened about five years ago. The young children settled in; Lemerand's office moved in; teachers were added, and the program grew until she has 10 classrooms filled with programs and children.

The Barnes Early Childhood Center was closed until Pamela Lemerand saw it as a perfect place to serve children birth through 6. She and her staff turned it into a learning center for the very young, high school students who are being trained in early childhood care and for special needs students until the age of 26.

Before a child is added to a class, she and her staff meet with the parents and map out an educational plan.

"The parent is brought to the team table with his or her knowledge of the child. The staff brings understanding of the disability and how it varies from child to child. There is a careful blending of knowledge. With younger children there is more effort to try what the parent wants first," she said.

The goal for older students, who are served by the program, is for general independence and employment, to learn how to form friendships, and where to find recreation in the community.

Another program

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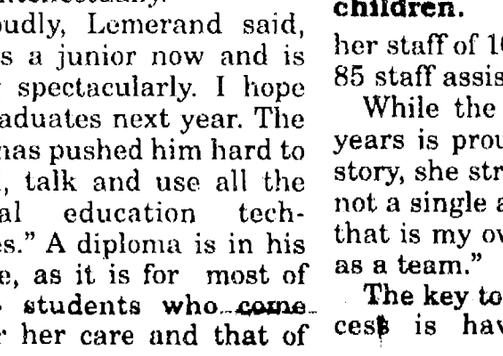

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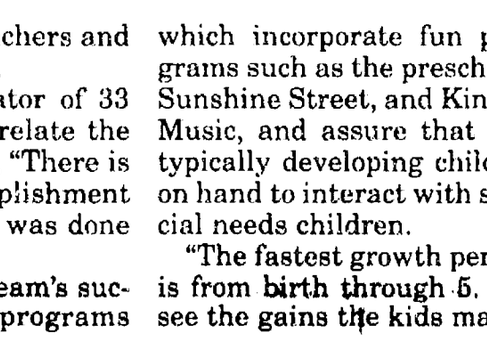

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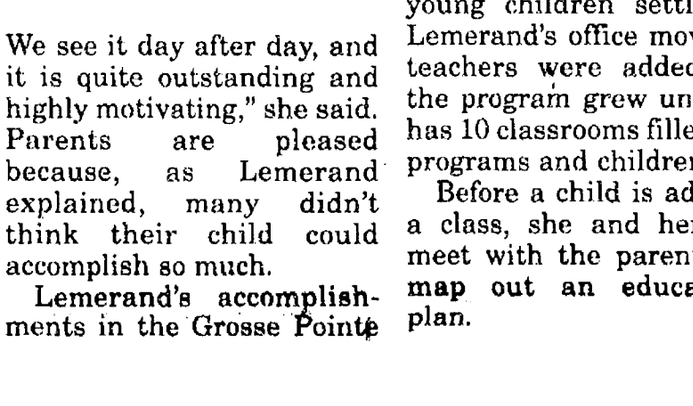

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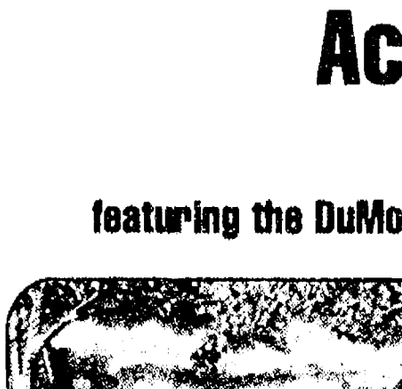

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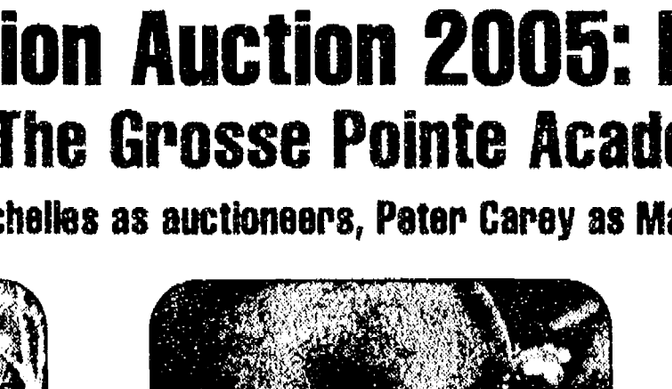

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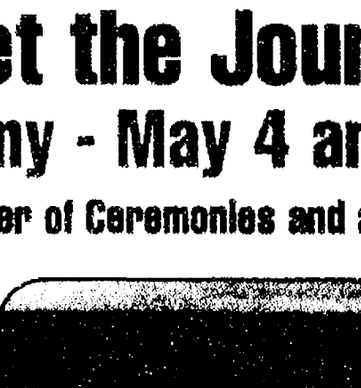

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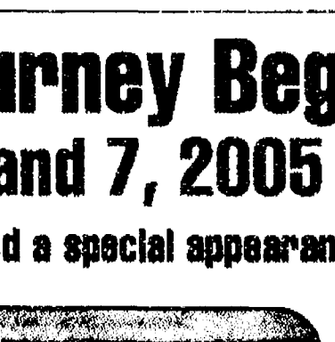

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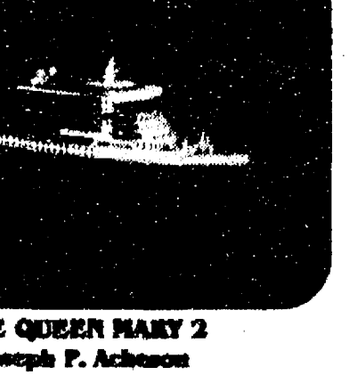

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Elementary schools upgrade contacts awarded

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

It will be a busy construction season for several elementary schools and North High School after approval of bids to upgrade parking lots, repair roofs and add dehumidifiers by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education during its Monday, April 11, meeting.

At Kerby, Poupard and Trombly elementary schools, the board gave the go-ahead for heating, ventilation and air conditioning projects at a cost of $272,444.

Four companies provided bids to put two roof top dehumidification units at Kerby and Poupard gyms. Trombly's gym will receive four wall-hung dehumidification units. Denny's Heating, Cooling and Refrigeration Services submitted the low bid for the job. The Monteith project will be delayed a year because its summer projects include a parking lot, building addition and roof.

The bond will pay for $217,000 of the project, and the sinking fund will add $54,488 to take care of the electrical improvements for the system. The latter was not thought about as the bond projects were being laid out.

Dehumidification units make the gyms more comfortable to be in and assist in keeping the floor from buckling, said Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business affairs.

Two original transformer replacements at North will be paid for from the sinking fund for nearly $200,000. This project, which is to be complete by the end of July, includes the removal and replacement of the transformers. One is located above the gym and the other adjacent to the boiler room under the office areas. Transformer Inspection Retrofill has received the bid.

A third project to be approved by the board is the replacement of the North High School's unit ventilators. R.W. Mead and Sons received the $390,000 bid award to replace 16 unit ventilators on the east side of B Building which has a completion date of Aug. 5.

Long Mechanical Inc. will be taking care of the dehumidification replacement in North's gym. Five companies bid on the project which is to be completed by Aug. 22. The cost is $208,000, and funds will come from the bond issue.

Also to be completed on Aug. 22 are the roof replacements at Defer, Monteith and Poupard elementary schools and Pierce Middle School. Pierce is to receive a coal tar roof on the auditorium, stairwells and rear entry portion of the building.

The entire building, except Monteith's gym, will receive a coal tar roof, which is to last 20 to 30 years. Completion date for this project done by Schena Roofing, which will cost $491,000, is to be Aug. 22.

The resurfacing of the pavement on the back half of administration building's parking lot on St. Clare is another project to be undertaken this summer. For $62,000, Pro-Line Asphalt will be improved. Funding comes from the sinking fund.

Pro-Line will also remove and replace the entire Monteith parking lot. Monteith will add 24 spaces to the current 105 in this project. Because two lots were awarded to this company, a 2 percent reduction in cost was given the district. A majority of the payment for this project ($145,000) is coming from the sinking fund, and the bond will cover the remaining $22,000.

The Ferry Elementary project has been tabled until a May meeting. Fenton indicated that delaying the award of this bid would not put the project behind schedule.

The parking lot at Barnes is in bad condition, Fenton said in his memo to the board.

Thus, the board approved a contract again to Pro-Line Asphalt for more than $250,000 to enlarge the parking lot and add 25 spaces from the current 61. A drop-off for all students, a wider entrance and sidewalks have been included in this project to be funded primarily from the sinking fund. The sinking fund will be used to pay for the resurfacing, and new construction costs will be paid for from the bond fund.

North's math team excels at field day

Grosse Pointe North's Math Field Day team placed second among Class A schools at the University of Michigan-Flint on March 1.

The team consisted of senior Nick Ridella, juniors Arnav Moudgil, Ruvani Fonseka, Steven LaRue and freshman Katie Brennan.

Ridella and Fonseka were individual event winners.

The following students placed in the top 1,000 of 14,000 in the Michigan Mathematics Prize competition last year: Kathryn Brennan, Steven LaRue, Laurence Briski, Laurea Mann, Scott Dyle, Arnav Moudgil, Ruvani Fonseka, Nicholas Ridella, Karen Jatkowski, Curt Rozelle, Mark Lapansie and Gene Song.

Moudgil and Fonseka were honored in early March at Delta College for their placement in the top 100 in Michigan. Moudgil is ranked 66th in the state, and Ruvani is ranked 29th.

The following students placed in the top 5 percent in the nation on the American Mathematics Competition held in February and were invited to take the American Invitational Mathematics examination in early March: Kathryn Brennan, Steven LaRue, Ruvani Fonseka, Arnav Moudgil, Karen Jatkowski, Nick Ridella and Mark Lapansie.

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Student council

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

North band and orchestra festival outcome top notch

North High School was represented well during the recent Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association State (MSBOA) Solo and Ensemble Festival held in Farmington Hills.

A record number of North students performed solos and ensembles for professional adjudicators and were awarded a ranking of one through five based on the quality of their overall performance.

Performances receiving a first or second division ranking were awarded medals. North took home a total of nine second divisions and 17 first divisions.

Students were judged on overall execution of their piece, including technique, intonation, ensemble, tone and dynamics. All students performing at the state festival received a superior first place medal at the district festival held in January.

The following students received second division medals for an excellent performance: Peter Dong (violin); Mary Ridella, Brianne McDonald and Caroline Verbeke (flute trio); Alexandra Costakis and Colleen Saffron (violin duet); Kyle Dettloff, Kevin Rey, Rachel Curran, Chelsea Smialek and Kari Anne Stall (woodwind ensemble); Brooke Largay and Stacie Sharples (flute duet); Kim Coughlin and Katie Brennan (violin duet); Amanda Klimczuk (violin); Ed Grumeretz (piano); Amanda Klimczuk (piano); Roy Lucier (saxophone); Nicholas Ridella (trumpet); Nicole Diesing (French horn); Graham Kozak (clarinet); Kyle Kwiatkowski (violin); Thomas Cameron (viola); Liz Cramer (cello).

The following students received a first division medal for their superior performance and were ranked with the finest musicians in the state: Rebecca Rhee (piano); Alex Sikorski (snare drum and piano); Frank Serraiocco (trumpet); Elizabeth Simon (violin); Meghan Gleason (clarinet); Michael Brinker (saxophone); Jenny Barger, Caitlin Fuhrmann, Julienne Hong, Thomas Jones and Chris Blunden (woodwind ensemble); Anie Driscoll (trumpet); Jenny Barger (flute); Peter Dong and Martin Brosnan (string ensemble); Amanda Klimczuk, Rebecca Rhee, Betsy Chaklos and Beth Dula (violin quartet); Alex Swanson and Eli Wilson (baritone sax duet); Ben Wasmuth, Nick Ridella, Frank Serraiocco, Nicole Diesing, Chris Blunden, Ed Grumeretz, Jeff Kurtz, Darius Merriweather (brass ensemble); Jenny Barger and Julienne Hong (woodwind ensemble); Martin Brosnan (cello); Maria Salciccioli, Graham Kozak, Elizabeth Kalina and Julienne Hong (clarinet quartet); Thomas Jones (bassoon); Julienne Hong (clarinet); Rochelle Krawetz (clarinet); Alex Sikorski, Tawney Fuhrmann, Ben Wasmuth, Steve Larue and Ed Grumeretz (percussion ensemble); and Bobby Seidarabi (piano).

Special recognition goes to Rhee and Sikorski for their scores of 96 and 94 points, respectively.

State bound

Gillian Markwick and Peter Sabino have been invited to participate in the MSBOA honors band and orchestra.

Markwick plays the bass violin and Sabino the clarinet.

These students were in the to 25 percent of all students in Michigan who performed during the recent MSBOA festival.

Honors earned

Alex Smith of Grosse Pointe, and a 10th-grader at Phillips Exeter Academy, has earned honors for the fall term.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Smith is a first year student at the independent secondary school in Exeter, N.H.

Kevin Yaklin, a sophomore at Howe, Ind., Military School was named to the headmaster's list for the third six week grading period of the 2004-05 school year. He is the son of Kathy and Bill Yaklin of Grosse Pointe Park.

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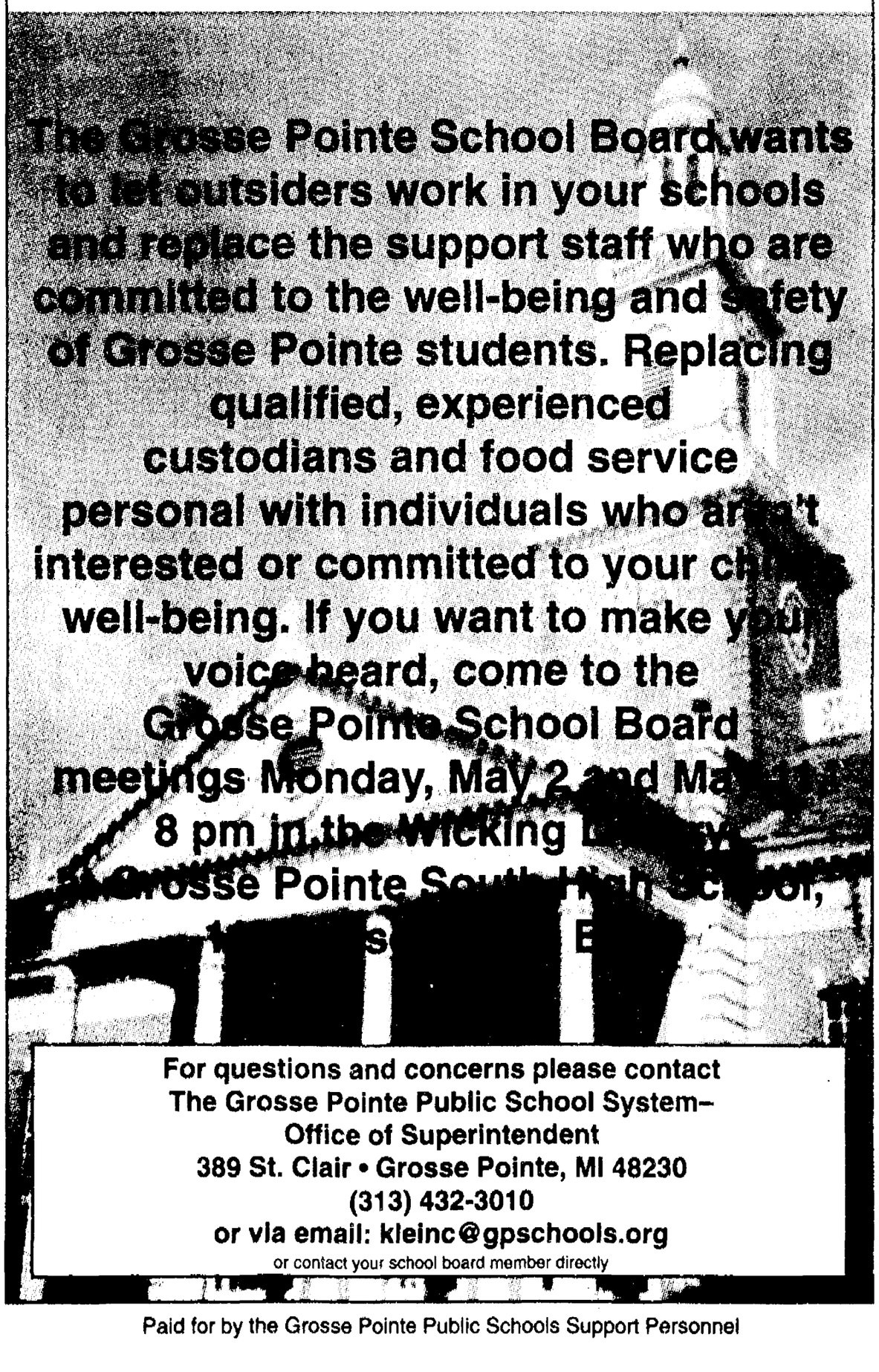

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School board recognizes 10 volunteers

It's an exciting moment to recognize all the volunteers in the Grosse Pointe School system, said Superintendent Suzanne Klein.

The moment came on Monday, April 11, when nine men and women (one was absent) were honored by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education and awarded golden apples for the many hours each has devoted to making his or her school a success.

Susan Brown was nominated by Monteith's principal Sandra Walby. Brown's nomination was explained by the following: "Whether she's teaching tennis to Monteith students, preparing a Staff Appreciation Luncheon, or serving as a room parent, Susan Brown proves that 'love' is more than a tennis score.

"Five years ago, Susan spearheaded a program designed to teach tennis to all of Monteith's students. With physical education instructor Gail Frederick, Susan now imparts her love of the sport to a delighted young audience during a two-week tennis program each year. At the same time, Susan inaugurated a delectable Staff Appreciation Luncheon and for the past five years has prepared fine food for Monteith's eagerly awaiting staff.

"But that's not all.

"Susan is a dedicated room parent with a long history of volunteering on Monteith projects, including Grandperson's Day, the math pentathlon, kindergarten round-up, Santa's Secret Shop, the track committee, and the Grade Five Memory Book, to name just a few. Thanks, Susan, for spreading your love to Monteith's students and staff."

Mary Ann Cafagan and Jill Leone of Barnes Early Childhood Center were nominated by program supervisor Sue Banner and Pamela Lemerand, Director of Special Education and Student Services.

Their tribute said: "Walking a mile in someone else's shoes isn't literally possible when that person is disabled, but thanks to Mary Anne Caragna and Jill Leone, more than 500 elementary-level students and staff members now have a better understanding of disabilities of all types.

"Over the course of six months, these dynamic women developed and implemented a district-wide disability awareness training program which promoted understanding of and sensitivity toward people with disabilities.

"Together, Mary Anne and Jill trained and organized 90 volunteers, traveled throughout the district to set up each workshop at each elementary school, purchased equipment, and organized students and staff to achieve their goal: a more sensitive learning community. Their passion for this project was felt by every participant.

Photo by Ann L. Fouty

Honored by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education for all the hours of volunteering they have devoted were from left in back Linda Kubacki, Don DeLaura, Jan McGraw and Tony Valentine. In the front row from left are Mary Anne Cafagna, Mary Wolking, Jill Leone, Susan Brown and Patricia Rivera. Christine Cullen not pictured.

"Thank you Mary Anne and Jill for caring enough to teach others how to care. Your efforts have touched us all."

Nominated by Principal Sandra Walby was Christine Cullen for all her work at Monteith.

"'Students come first' is the motto that Christine Cullen lives by. A take-charge person who knows how to make things happen, Christine is always ready to step in where needed. When budget cuts reduced Monteith's clerical help, Christine started a Parent Publishing Center. Now teachers and office staff can rely on these parent volunteers for their copying needs. When a better way to communicate with parents was needed, Christine drafted Monteith's inaugural PTO Newsletter Page, the first of many to come.

"When she saw that many infants in Children's Hospital were in need of clothing, she brought the Monteith community together through her infant clothing collection, to collect tiny togs for these children.

"Christine has also been a room parent and has chaired, co-chaired, or assisted with programs ranging from Monteith's Ice Cream Social and Sally Foster Fundraiser to the book fair, library inventory and Secret Santa programs.

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Magic

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Lemerand has seen instituted is Student Assistance and Family Education, SAFE.

A Pierce eighth-grader was one of the beneficiaries of this program when his mother died of breast cancer. The staff helped him through his grief and to refocus on education. SAFE was established to help children kindergarten through 12th grade deal with sudden death, divorce, job loss and difficult divorce. The social worker and psychologist in SAFE provide substance abuse intervention, anti-bullying, conflict resolution, social skills development and school-wide problem solving that presents barriers to learning.

"We must create an atmosphere so they (students) know it is OK to bring it to the attention of an adult. It says we care about kids. There is nothing more important than the health and success of a child," she said.

Providing a healthy environment for area children has come to completion.

"It's time to retire. Most of my goals and visions have been done," she said of pending retirement. "There are new sets of challenges in funding and laws that conflict with one another. (There are) challenges of one person doing the job of two or three people. It's time for someone with new energy to take over. I want to spend the rest of life doing things that are more about my family and my kids and my interests."

Photo by Ann L. Fouty

Brightly colored playground equipment stands ready to provide areas where students can have fun improving their gross motor skills and forming friendships.

Lemerand has firm plans for the rest of her life beginning with fulfilling two goals and sleeping in.

"I'll sleep until 10 a.m. I have been asked to teach at Oakland and Eastern Michigan," said Lemerand who holds a bachelor's and master's degree from Wayne State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

Beginning with the first goal, she and her husband, who is also a retired educator, will spend more time with their two married daughters and their son who is completing his first year of college. Together, they will continue their practice of fostering young puppies for the Leader Dog program and begin rocking babies in University of Michigan Children's Center.

One daughter will be studying for 12 weeks in Brisbane, Australia, as part of her Ph.D. work in audiology, and Lemerand will be accompanying her with a side trip to New Zealand. Lemerand has been putting off calls from New Zealand educators who would like her to come and lecture on autism. "Now it's time," she said.

And this fulfills her second goal of sharing with others what she has learned in 33 years, "Until I recognize that I'm not up to date."

As a fully licensed psychologist, she plans to continue using her knowledge by evaluating children and families, but it is the years of working with children in Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, Wayne County and the Grosse Pointes that have touched her the most.

"It has been a humbling experience and honorable opportunity to have served the children and families with disabilities," she said.

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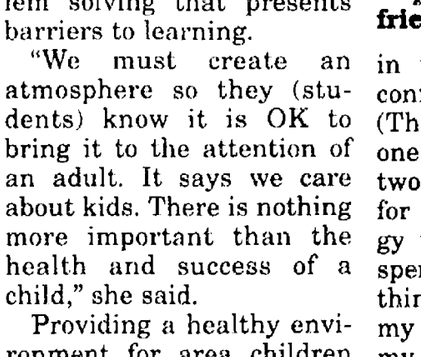

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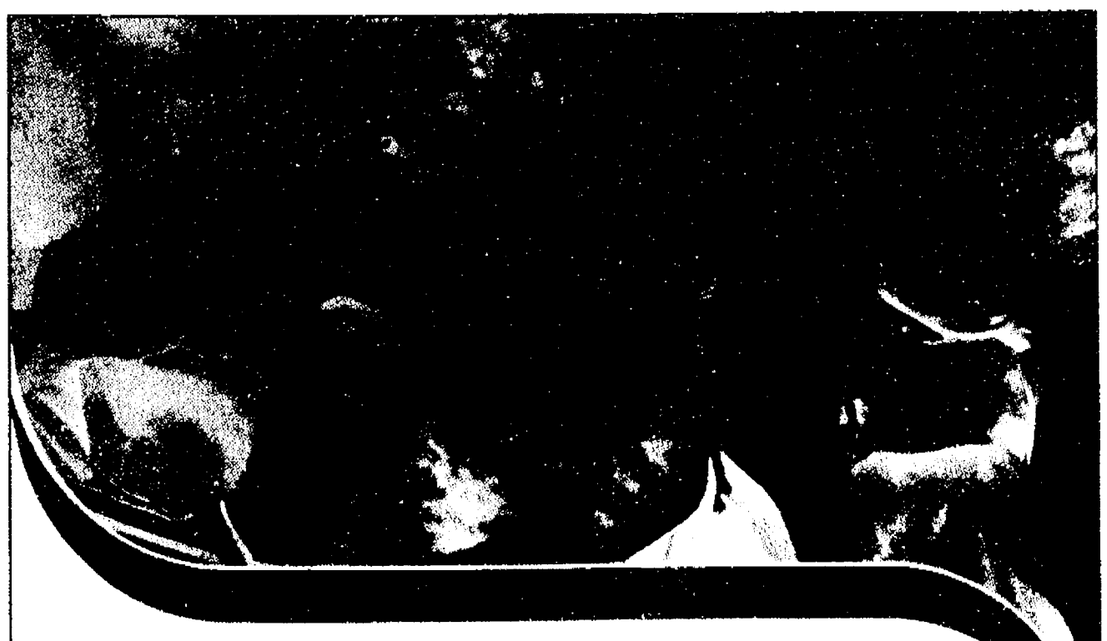

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Board candidate wants to retain quality education

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Retiree Margaret Beck said she wants to ensure an outstanding education for outstanding students, if elected to a seat on the Grosse Pointe Board of Education on May 3.

Having been a Roseville elementary teacher for more than 35 years, Beck has also been a substitute teacher in both Hamtramck and the Grosse Pointe school systems. Spending her career in the education field, she said, has made her aware of the problems facing schools.

To become more familiar with the Grosse Pointe system, Beck interviewed four Grosse Pointe assistant superintendents and found that the largest problem facing the district is financial, and being fiscally responsible is one of her intended goals.

"The biggest problem is the money that Proposal A limits and how much can be raised," she said. "Grosse Pointe is an exceptional school system. The identity of the community is tied up with the school."

During her interviews with members of central office, she said she saw some fiscal savings already in place. Job consolidation and health care reassessment are two areas she saw the district has put in place. Yet, there needs to be more done to curb spending and increase revenues, she said. Though locker replacement was part of the bond issue, she questioned whether all lockers needed to be replaced. She also suggested that alternative health care

Margaret Beck

insurance companies be sought.

Beck is not in favor of privatization to save money. Her reasoning was: "You don't know the people. Custodians are working around the staff and students. (The district) wouldn't get as qualified people when hiring from another company. There is an element of danger." The district hiring practices are able to do a better job screening applicants, she added.

Another area of savings in which Beck said the district is involved is the replacement of windows which will conserve heating costs. With rental property of her own, Beck said she understands building problems and maintenance. Another way to save money Beck would like to see is more students per classroom. She would keep Grosse Pointe schools a non-school of choice district and is against closing school buildings because once one is closed it is difficult to reopen. Community education programs could fill open spaces, should some become available.

For those who hint there are students in the district without appropriate addresses, Beck said, "It does happen. Schools should take more precaution."

Beck is a strong supporter of both the arts and sports programs, as well as community education and of teachers having an input in curriculum decisions.

A resident of Grosse Pointe for 29 years, she has served on other boards such as the Grosse Pointe Audubon Society, Pointes for Peace, Economic Club of Detroit, the Cinema League, Michigan Humane Society, the membership chair for Pro Musica, and as a Michigan State Fair Volunteer. Beck would like to sit on the finance and curriculum, building and repair committees, if elected to the board of education.

Beck would like to see more programs to help students resolve their conflicts through non-agression, as well as more parent and community involvement in the schools.

"There aren't enough funds to offer some programs, such as anti-bullying. It's important because kids flare up," she said.

Other areas that Beck would stress as a board member would be to continue to hire good teachers to complement and continue the good programs in place.

"Grosse Pointe is a wonderful school system. We must keep it. I hope to get elected and do the best to be a good board member to keep an excellent school system," she concluded.

Board candidate Dindoffer says she's up to challenge

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Challenging times demand proven leadership, said Joan Dindoffer, two-term Grosse Pointe Board of Education member and candidate in the upcoming May 3 election. She is seeking a third four-year term on the board.

The biggest challenge, Dindoffer said she sees for the coming years, is to enhance and enrich education, yet remain within budget constraints.

"We have had to grapple with Proposition A the last few years. Proposition A hasn't been an easy funding mechanism. We have made cuts in offerings and services and are keeping cuts away from children, but it's getting tougher and tougher," she said.

Dindoffer wants to keep cuts away from the core curriculum because making a decision at the elementary level has a ripple effect through the high school, thus jeopardizing Grosse Pointe's quality education.

Joan Dindoffer

She went on to say that the board is looking at a number of areas in which to trim the budget including outsourcing third-shift custodians and realigning the custodians split shift from Monday through Friday to Tuesday through Saturday. This doubles as a safety measure, keeping familiar employees in the buildings when staff, students and volunteers are there.

To enhance revenues, the board has contracted a fund raiser to produce a study exploring how the district can tap into the community resources and finding private funds to supplement the district's income.

"If we don't try, people will wonder if untapped resources were adequately approached. We wanted to do it right," she said.

Another possible revenue source would be to increase pay to participate and she, along with other board members, are looking at all extracurricular activities from athletics to clubs.

Dindoffer does not want to scare anyone away from participation, including the 2,000 student athletes, she said. Co-curriculars are an intregal part of curriculum and an important addition to building character and good citizens.

"We need to find ways to maintain those programs," she said.

The two-time board member does not favor Schools of Choice because the buildings don't have enough space for all the present programs.

As to nonresident students attending the Grosse Pointe School system, Dindoffer said, the district is mindful of it and has contracted with investigators to examine those students with questionable addresses.

At 51, Dindoffer has had 24 years experience as a professional fiduciary and is employed as vice president of Comerica Bank. She attained a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1974 and a law degree in 1976 from Wayne State University Law School. She has attended the National Graduate Trust School at Northwestern University.

She and her husband, Fred, have been married 30 years and have two sons who graduated from Grosse Pointe South. A third son will graduate this spring from South.

During Dindoffer's years on the board, she has served on the policy, budget, revenue enhancement, audit, superintendent review and nominating committees. She has also been a member of the strategic Planning Core Team.

In community service, Dindoffer has been an active volunteer in the Grosse Pointe School System for 18 years serving in elementary and middle school PTOs, as a room mother, middle school class adviser, lunchtime enrichment chair, Junior Great Books Leader, budget committee member at the building level, and strategic planning action team.

In closing, Dindoffer said, "I have done an excellent job for eight years. I have a wealth of experience, knowledge, and background. I understand what challenges are. I've made the tough choices. I have enthusiasm and optimism of the school system. I see the phoenix rising."

Board candidate Kosinski to put education first

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

First-time Grosse Pointe Board of Education candidate Alice Kosinski's slogan is "Education First" which, she said, means her focus and priority will always be on education, striving to make Grosse Pointe schools the best in the state and the nation.

A firm believer in reading and writing as fundamental, everything else is "gravy," she said. Following this thinking, Kosinski wants to make sure every classroom has enough textbooks to go around the room and when budget cuts are made to keep them as far away from the core curriculum and children as possible.

She is concerned there have been some questionable improvements coming under the umbrella of bond issues, including the artificial turf and a chandelier.

Kosinski said now is the time to strategize.

She would like to see foreign language and music be used at an earlier elementary level, which in turn would enhance other academic pursuits and regards physical education through the middle school as anything but fluff.

"Look at the children, underactive, out of shape people. Sportsmanship and teamwork are taught in gym," she said.

The school should encourage an active life style and continue to advocate that high school students play a sport, for which they should pay. She points to travel hockey and soccer in which parents pay "enormous amounts of money" to have their child play. If families are unable to pay, there should be a mechanism in

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NOTICE OF CLOSE OF ACCURACY TEST FOR REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores that a Public Accuracy Test will be conducted at your city/township clerk's office on TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2005 AT 2:00 P.M., for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the REGULAR ELECTION OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005.

Interested parties are invited to attend.

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Helpers

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Students may come first to Christine, but when it comes to volunteers, Christine has earned first place in the hearts of Monteith's students and staff."

Don DeLaura was honored for his work at South High School and was nominated by assistant principal and athletic director Matt Outlaw and supported by Principal Al Diver.

"'Booster' is a word that truly describes Don DeLaura, who has served on the Grosse Pointe South Athletic Booster Club Board for five years, has been a member of the Athletic Steering Committee Board for two years and is now serving as the booster club president for 2004-05 school year.

"During this time, Don has played key roles in a wide array of activities, including the design, planning, fundraising, and construction of the Blue Devil Plaza at the stadium; marketing and solicitation for the brick paver program; fundraising for the bleachers and press box at the baseball field and for the bleachers at the football field; development of the booster's club Web site; and expansion of the student-athlete scholarship program from two to four students.

"Don is now working on a new state-of-the-art scoreboard for South's stadium that will accommodate all sports played on the field. Players and spectators alike owe a huge debt of gratitude to Don. His enthusiasm and hard work have really scored with us."

Linda Kubacki was nominated by the Poupard staff.

Her tribute reads like this: "It's hard to know where to start when describing Linda Kubacki's contributions to Poupard. You can find her in the classrooms where she listens to students read aloud, helps struggling learners and students who are learning the English language, and assists teachers with spelling programs and fifth-grade science experiments.

"You can find her in the office, where she makes photocopies for anyone who asks (no matter how big the job), prepares and hangs student art work for viewing or special events and prints and distributes the Poupard newsletter.

"Each month she organized the book exchange and school store programs, but her help doesn't stop there; she also assists with the holiday breakfast in December, the Tin Can Auction, the Gold C book sale, the Millennium Dragon Garden, and the spring teacher appreciation luncheon, and she coordinates a newspaper subscription program that benefits the PTO, Box Tops Education and Poupard Nights at Burger King and Arby's restaurants.

"What can you say about someone who does so much?

"We can only say, 'Thank you, Linda' from the bottom of our hearts."

The volunteer nominated from North High School by North Parent Club delegate Pam Solomon and Principal James Steeby was Jan McGraw.

"When it comes to raising money," her nomination statement began, "Jan McGraw can teach us all some lessons. Blessed with vision, leadership, energy and efficiency, Jan was instrumental in planning and implementing some new and exciting fundraisers for the Norsemoms group.

"From the all-night party to the highly successful Norsemoms' Home and Garden Tour fund raiser and fashion show fund raiser, Jan marshaled her impressive energy to make great things happen for the students at North. At the same time, she served as co-chair of the Norsemoms, coordinated North's showcases and supported her two children in all their high school activities. Not surprisingly, Jan was active in Grosse Pointe Schools long before her children came to North, serving as a volunteer at both Ferry Elementary School and Parcells Middle School.

"It's moms such as Jan who set the standard for volunteers throughout the school system. We're proud to have Jan on the North team of dedicated moms, and we will miss her when her children graduate.

"In the meantime, we want to say 'Thanks Jan' for everything you have done."

Patricia Rivera was nominated by Helen Srebernak, Pierce's PTO president, and supported by Principal Gary Buslepp and Assistant Principal Margaret Steele.

Her nominating narrative said: "In this time of fiscal belt-tightening, Patricia Rivera brings a unique skill to her volunteer role: She knows how to cut costs without reducing the fun of the programs she coordinates.

"Patricia first performed her cost-cutting miracles with Pierce Spirit Wear, which was too expensive for many students when Patricia arrived on the scene. By finding more affordable merchandise and by handling orders, deliveries and sales herself, Patricia has enabled more students to show their school spirit.

"She performed the same miracle with Pierce's Fun Nights, where she made a full meal more affordable and boosted turnout. The same dollar-wise approach has turned Pierce's Super Fun Night, once a money-loser, into a break-even event. Now Pierce's students can enjoy a gym packed with blow-up equipment without blowing up the budget.

"But there's more.

"Patricia also introduced Pierce's first Holiday Mart and now organizes all contacts and table assignments for this popular fundraiser.

"Thanks Patricia for stretching our dollars so well."

Poupard's Tony Valentine was nominated by the staff at this elementary school.

His tribute reads: "Time doesn't allow us to list everything that Tony Valentine has done for Poupard, but here are a few examples: He built two mobile bookcases for the Poupard Book Exchange; he ran a noon enrichment program for Poupard students for many years; he encouraged other parents to work in the Poupard lunchroom; he worked on the Millennium Dragon Garden; he has made CD pictures of every student who attended Camp Storer for the last two years; he coordinates the games, crafts and staging areas for Poupard's fall Family Fun Nights; he organized Poupard's Holiday Breakfast in December; he works with the local BP gas station to ensure that a portion of its Thursday gas sales are donated to the Poupard PTO, he assembles and distributes volunteer appreciation gifts for more than a 100 parents each year; he is active in the Poupard Tin Can Auction; he is currently serving as president of the Poupard PTO; and he is now working on a new project, a new school sign on Van Antwerp.

"Mr. Valentine, you truly deserve a valentine for your hard work and dedication on behalf of Poupard."

The final volunteer recognized during this Volunteer Month was Mary Wolking. Nominated by South Principal Al Diver and supported by Michele Yankee, the assistant principal-administrative services, Wolking's tribute said: "Tireless, diplomatic, flexible and dedicated are just a few of the terms that describe Mary Wolking, whose volunteer efforts at South have included many outstanding events.

"During the 2002-03 school year, she co-chaired the school's 75th anniversary celebration, which required her to coordinate and manage the activities of 20 committees.

"In 2004-05, she co-chaired the gala event to reopen South's renovated auditorium and, at the same time, she coordinated the 'Buy a Seat' fundraising campaign for the auditorium.

"In the spring of 2004, Mary contacted former South basketball players to create a tribute booklet for the retirement of Coach George Petroleas. She also served on the executive board of the Mothers' Club, was president of the Soccer Parent Support Group, and was basketball parent co-manager.

"A terrific manager completes projects on time, trouble shoots obstacles, and staffs committees with eager volunteers. Mary is the efficient engine that propels countless South programs forward.

"She keeps moving and never loses steam. Thanks, Mary."

South musicians achieve top medals

Solo and ensemble festival is an opportunity for individual high school musicians to perform a selection of their choice for adjudication. During a recent festival Grosse Pointe South musicians brought home 18 first ratings and four second division ratings.

First division awards for superior work were brought home by Megan Hoban, oboe solo; Patricia Lawlis, French horn solo; Peter Sabino, clarinet solo; Sammy Barbour, piano solo; Lee Brooks, violin solo; Suzanne Wrobel, piano solo; Cory Stanton, trumpet solo; Rachel Fentin, piano solo; John Malefyt, saxophone solo; Julia Anderle deSylor, flute solo; Hyunje Cho, violin solo; Gillian Markwick, bass solo; Shami Entenman, piano solo; Anna Nowasad, bass solo; Nancy Bakiu, piano solo; Megan Hoban and Genna Davis, woodwind duet; Peter Sabino, Megan Hoban, Jennifer Evans, Matt Smith and Michael Hoban, woodwind quintet; and Julia Anderle deSylor, Alexandra McCoy and Muna Danish, flute trio.

Four second divisions were given to South musicians. They were: Victoria Caragy, violin solo; Wynneth Daywalt, violin solo; Nancy Bakiu, violin solo; and Jimmy O'Connell, Mike Malis, Matt Daher and Mick Bassett, jazz combo.

Kosinski

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place to ensure those students are able to still play.

Money-saving areas such as third-shift custodians being outsourced should be investigated, according to Kosinski. She would also like the district to get out of the restaurant business, as she calls food service.

As to the professional fundraiser's contract recently approved, "I'm still thinking about it. It's a half a teacher's salary for a four month investigation. If it takes a professional to go after the money, at least they tried."

Increasing revenues by increasing student enrollment through Schools of Choice is not an option because of the overcrowding problem.

"I don't see where they could put any more in the space available. We need more space for our own students," she said.

Needing more space for students includes the need to integrate special education students into the mainstream population.

Alice Kosinski

Kosinski has an autistic son who is a sixth-grader; so she has first-hand knowledge of how Grosse Pointe handles special needs children and how mainstreaming assists the growth of all students.

"They (special needs children) must be with other kids. They need to be around other kids to learn how things are done properly," she said.

However, the integration must be done properly and come from the top so the district produces good citizens who are academically prepared.

As a consumer of the Grosse Pointe educational product, she said, she has seen programs from kindergarten through the high school and from the regular classroom to the special education program.

Due to her wide system overview, Kosinski said she could be both a resource on the board for input and to monitor the program.

"That makes me an informed consumer," she said.

Kosinski, 51, of Grosse Pointe Farms, has a degree from University of Michigan and is a registered nurse. She now does the office bookkeeping for her husband, Michael, who is an orthopedic surgeon.

They have three children, two attending Grosse Pointe South and a son in Brownell.

Raised in Livonia, she is the co-founder of the Special Education Parents PTO and served on its board for five years.

Kosinski has also served on the Kerby Elementary PTO Board and is vice president of the Brownell PTO Board.

In 2001, Kosinski received the Distinguished Volunteer Award and is in her second year as a PTO council representative and longtime board of education observer.

Sign up for Camp Invention

Camp Invention is a week- long camp for children entering grades two through six. It runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the week of June 27 at Mason Elementary School, 1640 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Each day is devoted to a different topic.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

OFFICIAL ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN. Notice is hereby given that a Regular School Election will be held in the City of Harper Woods in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan on May 3, 2005 from 7:00 A.M. to 8 P.M. at which time the following offices will be voted upon:

Members of the Board of Education - four year term ending June 30, 2009
Vote For not more than 2: Daniel A. Lusch, Mary Paglia, Brian Selburn, Richard E. Sherril

Member of the Board of Education - one year term ending June 30, 2006
Vote For not more than 1: Charles W. Garman III, Sue Hedemark

The Election will be conducted at the following places:

Precinct No.	Location	Addresses
#1	Beacon School	19475 Beaconsfield
#2	Beacon School	19475 Beaconsfield
#3	City Hall	19617 Harper
#4	Tyrone School	19525 Tyrone

For additional information - please call (313) 343-2510.

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Mickey, D. Todd,
City Clerk
City of Harper Woods

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 21, 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 March 7, 2005, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Election Commission meeting held March 10, 2005.
2) To adjourn to the Conference Room for the 2005 Goal Setting Session.
3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED
1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 73366 through 73471 in the amount of $441,977.19 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 Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of $11,968.00 for professional services during the month of February 2005 for the following projects: Kelly Road Parking Improvements, #180-073; Library Project, #180-086 and 2005 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-088. (3) receive and file the attached report entitled "Annual Financial Report on the Status of Activities of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority" submitted by the City Manager. (4) approve the appointment of Theresa Larrew to the Library Board, Susan Dunn-Ciechanowski to the Beautification Commission and Joseph Szolach to the Recreation Advisory Board to terms of office as listed in the memorandum dated March 8, 2005 from the City Clerk.
2) To adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the status of labor contract negotiations with the various City employee unions.

Kenneth A. Poynter,
Mayor
Published: G.P.N, 04/ 21/2005

Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 4, 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
To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 21, 2005, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held March 23, 2005 and the Library Board meeting held March 17, 2005.
2) To schedule a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on April 18, 2005 to consider a request from the property owner at 19169 Huntington to split lot 28 of the Ternes Farms Subdivision for the purpose of building a new house.
3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED
To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 73472 through 73679 in the amount of $ 609,631.46 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 David Milling & Associates in the amount of $7,631.84 less $229.60 for a total of $7,402.24. (3) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of $5,445.35 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of February 2005.

To award the low bid submitted by AMR Communications in the amount of $5,500.00 for designing the computer and communication cabling for the Library Project.

To approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of $136,612.00 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for the 1st quarter, of FY2004/05 and in the amount of $136,612.00 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for the 2nd quarter, of FY2004/05 and also in the amount of $8,432.40 for the interest on the 1999 Series Bond for a total of $281,656.40.

To approve Change Order No. 3 in the amount of $197,205.00 with Galui Construction Co. of Clinton Twp. for the 2005 Concrete Pavement Repair Program, #180-088.

To approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of $113,870.08 for Disposal Charges for the period October through December 2004 associated with the Northeast Sewage Disposal System.

To approve payment to Turner Construction Company in the amount of $120,715.32 for Progress Payment No. 3 on the Library Renovation Project.

To approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and the AFSCME Local 1107 bargaining unit covering the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2006.

Kenneth A. Poynter,
Mayor
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Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk

Frog Coloring Contest Participants

Alexandra Eaton
Age 9

Brenna Klick
Age 7

Dalice Birk
Age 10

Daniel Harris
Age 8

Emily Wildern
Age 11

Alison Skinner
Age 6

Allison Fogarty
Age 9

Allyson Connell
Age 11

Anna Korte
Age 6

Ashley Fabry
Age 7

Davis Powell
Age 9

Ellen Sutton
Age 9

Elizabeth Cara
Age 12

Elizabeth Rouh
Age 7

Emma Korte
Age 6

Emma Mackey
Age 12

Pamela Puglia
Age 6

Ruth Crawford
Age 9

Erin Drylie
Age 8

Erin Gormley
Age 7

Francesca Giacona
Age 6

Franny Weber
Age 8

GR Dulac
Age 8

Hannah Muller
Age 10

Henry Muller
Age 9

Holly Hademark
Age 10

Jackie Krystoforski
Age 9

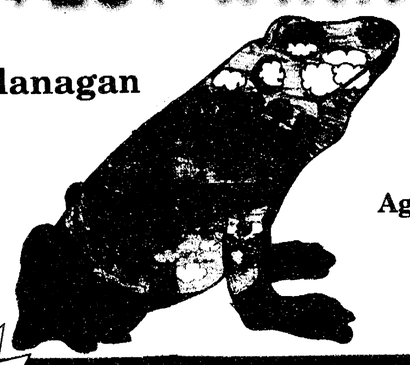
Jaclyn Gabel
Age 10

Jenna Smocki
Age 11

CONTEST WINNER

Patrick Flanagan

Age 9



RUNNER UP

Lindsey Mestdagh
Age 10

Jennifer Gmeiner
Age 7

Joey Lopiccolo
Age 9

John Cunningham
Age 9

John McNamee
Age 11

Kaela Sanecki
Age 8

Kaley Kelliher
Age 7

Kai Nardone
Age 6

Kaley MacLeod
Age 8

Kamerya Matthewson
Age 7

John Sanocki
Age 6

Joseph Rickert
Age 7

Julia Zehetmair
Age 6

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Age 6

Kamerya Matthewson
Age 7

Kayla Coulan
Age 6

Kelsey Honkanen
Age 11

Kelsey Richards
Age 10

Kevin Kelliher
Age 6

Kiersten Kern
Age 10

Leigh Farquhar
Age 8

Leslie Burke
Age 11

Leonie Leslie
Age 7

Maggie Blake
Age 10

Matthew Strachan
Age 9

Max Liverance
Age 10

McAuley Peacock
Age 10

Megan Johnson
Age 10

Paige Randle
Age 6

Patty Allen
Age 8

Peter Cara
Age 10

Phoebe Pike
Age 10

TJ Potter
Age 9

Tommy Rafeld
Age 9

Lizzy Dombrowski
Age 12

Maddie Berschback
Age 11

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Age 11

Madeline Dice
Age 8

Madelyn Fabry
Age 7

Mike Peack
Age 8

Nathan Campbell
Age 6

Nicole Drylie
Age 6

Nicolette Capizzo
Age 12

Noey Perry
Age 7

Olga Panagos
Age 8

Olivia Subelka
Age 7

Samantha Perry
Age 8

Sarah McCabe
Age 5

Sophia Amato
Age 6

Spencer Warunek
Age 5

Thank you to all who participated
and to all the contest sponsors.

Drunk speeds

A 24-year-old Roseville woman registered a .173 blood alcohol level soon after being pulled over on Sunday, April 17, at 1:44 a.m., for speeding on eastbound Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Police said she was driving her silver Jeep Wrangler 41 mph in a 30 mph zone.

Farms drinker's car is seized

On Saturday, April 16, at 3:08 a.m., a City of Grosse Pointe patrolman came upon a 24-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman sitting in the driver seat of a blue 1995 Ford Taurus parked on St. Clair near Mack.

"(She) appeared disoriented," said the officer. "A strong odor of intoxicating liquor emanated from the car. (I) asked (her) if she was OK, and (she) requested a cigarette."

She told the officer she lived one block away. Although the woman was suspected of consuming alcohol, she wasn't driving and therefore not subject to arrest for drunken driving, police said.

The officer told her not to drive home and began leaving the scene. He returned upon seeing the woman start to drive.

He followed her onto eastbound Charlevoix, where she steered over the right curb near University before stopping on northbound Rivard.

She refused to take a Breathalyzer test. Police obtained a search warrant for her blood to be drawn for testing at an area hospital.

Police said they denied the woman bond and seized her car because records showed this was her third arrest for drinking and driving.

Kids and drugs

City of Grosse Pointe police found a small container of marijuana and a pipe discarded near eight teenagers reportedly loitering Wednesday, April 13, at 12:31 p.m., in the 300 block of Fisher.

Seven of the eight suspects were Grosse Pointe Park males either 15 or 16 years old. A 16-year-old female lived in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Police found a pipe in the pocket of a 16-year-old Park male.

All suspects were turned over to the principal of a Farms public high school on Fisher.

Schwinn found

On Monday, April 11, City of Grosse Pointe police retrieved a red Schwinn Solution mountain bike leaning against a garbage can at the northwest corner of Kercheval and St. Clair.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Garage cleared

A woman living in the 800 block of Rivard reported on Friday, April 15, that someone entered her garage and stole more than $7,000 worth of power tools, equipment and sporting goods.

She discovered the theft April 3.

Losses consisted of a power washer, tiller, compressor, miter saw, demolition hammer, circular saw, chain saw, hammer drill, lawn mower and snow blower. Thieves also took two mountain bikes and a set of golf clubs.

Crosses the line

Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers were taking a fire truck for a routine training drive on Sunday, April 17, at 3:10 a.m., when they spotted a motorist weaving a Toyota Camray over the center line of northbound Moross.

"(He) nearly (struck) an oncoming vehicle," said an officer.

A patrolman was called to investigate.

"(I) could instantly smell the odor of intoxicating beverages coming from (the man)," said the officer.

The suspect, a 40-year-old Pleasant Ridge man, was arrested for drunken driving, He registered a .132 percent blood alcohol level.

Glass smashed

During the night of Thursday, April 14, vandals threw a beer bottle through the rear window of a 1991 Pontiac Grand Prix parked on the street in the 200 block of McMillan.

"The interior (of the car) was covered with beer and glass," said Grosse Pointe Farms police.

Check problem

An 88-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman told police last week that someone fraudulently cashed three of her checks totaling more than $1,000.

"(She) was advised to put a hold on her account," police said.

The woman discovered the transactions when reviewing copies of canceled checks.

"(She) said she never saw (the three) checks before," police said.

Heroin habit

Grosse Pointe Farms police last week drydocked a strung-out swabby home on leave from the Navy.

On Thursday, April 14, at 2:20 a.m., an officer saw the 20-year-old Farms man walking without a jacket in the eastbound Mack alley from Kerby. The man reportedly told police he was heading home from his girlfriend's.

"(He) was fidgeting, unable to control his shaking and speaking very quickly," police said.

The officer asked the man if he possessed anything he shouldn't.

"(He) placed his right hand in his right pocket, pulled out a hypodermic needle, placed it into his underwear and stated, 'No,'" police said.

Police said the man admitted a previous arrest for heroin possession. He said the arrest occurred while he was a minor "right here in Grosse Pointe Farms," police said.

Officers said the man's wallet contained five packets of the drug.

Asleep at wheel

On the night of Sunday, April 10, a Grosse Pointe Farms officer discovered a 22-year old Farms man slumped over the steering wheel of a tan 1996 Buick Riviera parked in the first block of Muir.

Upon being roused, the man was slow to react and unsteady on his feet, police said.

Officers found the remnants of a marijuana cigarette in the car ash tray. A small plastic container of marijuana and a pipe were in the center console. Police also found what they believed to be Valium in a prescription bottle with an obscured label.

Police released the man at 8:30 p.m. on $100 bond.

Helping hand

On Saturday, April 16, at 11:46 p.m., Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers helped Grosse Pointe Woods officers make sure a chimney fire was extinguished at a house in the 800 block of Anita.

Shores officers helped search for hidden flames by dismantling the fire place. Shores officers cleared the scene an hour after arrival.

No power

Several Grosse Pointe Shores residents living on Fontana, Stratten and Belle Meade reported power interruptions shortly before 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 15.

A dispatcher notified a Detroit Edison representative, who was aware of the problem.

Lost Misfit

On Thursday, April 14, at 9:21 p.m., a Grosse Pointe Shores resident found an unattended silver 20-inch Misfit bicycle and blue helmet near the corner of Fairford and Sheldon.

Officers took the bike to headquarters.

Sinking feeling

Public works crews on Thursday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m., erected a safety barrier around a sink hole behind a house in the 1000 block of Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The hole was discovered at 3:25 p.m., during sewer maintenance.

"Officers on the midnight shift will check the location periodically," police said.

"A large pile of dirt for the location was placed in the roadway on the south curb of Fairlake," police said.

Officers placed lit barricades about the dirt.

Up in smoke

Grosse Pointe Shores fire trucks were ready to roll on Monday, April 11, at 8:10 p.m., to a house on Hawthorne. Then a patrolman determined there was no emergency.

"(A) resident explained he was cooking at the stove and walked away for a moment when his food overheated, causing the room to fill with a small amount of smoke," police said.

Helps motorist

On Sunday, April 10, at 5:40 p.m., Grosse Pointe Shores police pulled over an elderly female motorist in the 500 block of northbound Lakeshore to help change a flat tire on her Buick Century.

Hits curb

A 50-year-old Harrison Township man last week registered a .112 percent blood alcohol level during a drunken driving investigation in Grosse Pointe Woods.

On Sunday, April 10, at 8:59 p.m., an officer saw the man steering his blue 1997 Ford Taurus against the curb on northbound Lakeshore near Duval.

The man was released on $100 bond at 4:25 a.m. the next day.

Fire test

Grosse Pointe Shores firefighters on Monday, April 11, at 2:49 p.m., deployed two fire trucks and three police cruisers to a house on Willison. It was a false alarm.

"The resident was testing his alarm and did not notify his alarm company or this department of the test," officers said.

Sewer problem

Grosse Pointe Shores public works employees are trying to determine if sewer maintenance taking place in the village has anything to do with water and silt flowing the wrong way through the toilet of a house in the 900 block of Lakeshore.

On Sunday, April 10, at 11:40 a.m., the homeowner reported the problem to Grosse Pointe Shores police.

"There was quite a mess on the floor," police said. "There was some gurgling in the toilet."

— Brad Lindberg

Open container

Grosse Pointe Woods police arrested a 25-year-old Detroit man at 12:48 a.m. on Monday morning after a routine traffic stop. Police found a six pack of Smirnoff Ice and a half-empty bottle of vodka. The man blew a .083 PBT and was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Sleep it off

A 20-year-old Harper Woods woman was found sleeping in the drivers seat of her 1985 Mercedes Benz at 5:16 a.m. on Friday, April 15. After several attempts to wake the woman, she woke up with bloodshot, watery eyes and did not respond to a command to roll her window down.

She then put the car into reverse and began to back up toward the police car. The Woods police officer got the woman to stop and crack her window in order to hand over her driver license. She immediately closed her window.

The officer detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the woman, and she was asked if she had been drinking. The Harper Woods resident responded she had three drinks (one beer and two vodkas) but claimed she stopped drinking at 11 p.m.

She said she had been sleeping for about an hour and did not want to return home and get into a confrontation with her mother because she violated a curfew.

The officer asked the woman to perform three sobriety tests, and she failed two of them. After administering a PBT, the officer obtained a reading of .095, and the woman was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. The woman was taken into custody, and her license was destroyed. She was given a temporary license.

Full moon

Ten Grosse Pointe Woods youths were mooned by a local young man at 6:35 p.m. on April 17, and the complainant and several other parents say they want charges brought against the mooner.

Stop shooting

A 45-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident was told by a police officer that firing his BB gun outside of the home was against city ordinance. That put a stop to the firing.

Stop thieves

The manager of a Mack Avenue business filed a complaint about missing merchandise, and the suspects are a man and woman in the late 50s or early 60s.

At 11:58 a.m. on Sunday, April 17, the store manager reported that the couple walked into the store and were recognized as the same two who ran into trouble back at Christmas time. The manager didn't see the two take anything, but after they left the manager went to where the duo was looking and noticed a VTech 15857, 5.8 expandable phone system, valued at $119.99, was missing. The manager saw the couple leave in a small car, but they got away.

Yelling obscenities

Two separate reports were filed on the evening of Saturday, April 16, concerning a Grosse Pointe Woods resident yelling obscenities at his neighbors, who happened to be trying to enjoy a youth's birthday party.

The first report was made at 4:50 p.m., and the next was made at 6:40 p.m. against the same man, who also gave his neighbors "the finger." Neighbors said the man was drinking too much.

False plates

At 3:29 a.m. on Saturday, April 16, Grosse Pointe Woods police pulled over a

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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: 2005 ASPHALT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM; AEW PROJECT NO.160-275: RECEIPT OF BIDS:

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods will receive sealed bids until 10:00 A.M., local time on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236-2397, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The approximate quantities of work for this project are as follows:

Cold Milling Pavement, HMA and Concrete	2,000 SY
HMA Pavement Resurfacing	330 TON

together with related appurtenances as well as clean-up and restoration. SPECIFICATIONS: Specifications are on file and copies may be secured on Tuesday, April 19, 2005, after 1:00 P.M. at the offices of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315. A fee of Fifteen Dollars ($15.00) will be required for each set of proposed specifications and will not be refunded. A mailing fee of Five Dollars ($5.00) to cover postage and handling will be charged to anyone wishing to receive the specifications via United Parcel Services. Specifications are also on file for viewing at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236-2397. BID SECURITY: A certified check, bank draft or satisfactory bid bond, executed by the Bidder and a surety company, payable to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, in an amount at least equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, shall be submitted with each bid. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS: No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the receipt of bids. AWARD OF CONTRACT: The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any or all bids and/or to waive any irregularities in bidding. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, maintenance and guarantee, labor and material bonds and insurance certificates.

Louise S. Warnke,
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 04/21/2005

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Bon Secours Cottage Health Services on May 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27, 2005

The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organization quality, safety-of-care issues, and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to

Division of Accreditation Operations
Office of Quality Monitoring
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Or
Faxed to 630/792-5636

Or
E-mailed to complaint@jcaho.org

The Joint Commission's Office of Quality Monitoring will acknowledge in writing or by telephone requests received 10 days before the survey begins. An Account Representative will contact the individual requesting the public information interview prior to survey, indicating the location, date, and time of the interview and the name of the surveyor who will conduct the interview.

This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements and may not be removed before the survey is complete.

Date Posted: April 21, 2005

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NOTICE OF ABSENT VOTERS BALLOT FOR THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION IN THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005

Registered qualified electors in the city of Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Woods, Township of Grosse Pointe-Wayne County and City of Harper Woods, who expect to be absent from the city or township or who are confined to home or hospital by illness or disability or ar 60 years of age or more, may now apply for absent voters ballots. **NO SUCH REGULAR APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER 2:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2005.** Applications can be made prior to such time at the Municipal Offices.

The offices of the City Clerks of Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Woods, Township of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods will be open during normal business hours Monday thru Friday of each week. All offices will be open on Saturday, April 30, 2005 from 9:00 until 2:00 p.m. for absent voters ballot.

HOWEVER, ANYONE WISHING TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT MAY DO SO IN THEIR CITY/TOWNSHIP OFFICES ON MONDAY, MAY 2, 2005 UNTIL 4:00 P.M.

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Safety

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20-year-old Detroit woman after checking her license plate. Records revealed an expired registration plate and improper plate. The plate is that of a 1997 Oldsmobile, and the car the woman was driving was a 1989 Cadillac Deville.

She also has a suspended driving status, and it was also revealed that she has seven misdemeanor arrest warrants issued against her from the 36th District Court Detroit traffic division. The woman was arrested and taken into custody before she was released on an $85 bond. The total amount from her seven previous bonds is $943.

Too loud

Grosse Pointe Woods police were summoned to a local residence by a disgruntled neighbor at 1:29 a.m., thanks to a group of teenagers who were too loud. The parents of the house were not home, and police cleared the friends from the house.

Stolen items

A 53-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man told police that between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Friday, April 15, he returned home to find a broken window in his back door. A laptop computer worth $1,200 and a Fossil wrist watch worth $80 were stolen, and the man's wife reported that two pearl necklaces were missing. Cash ($10) from the man's wallet was also missing. Police found the thief soon afterward and made an arrest.

Full moon, revisited

A 43-year-old Woods resident filed a complaint with police that two local youths mooned a group of girls playing sports and several kids walking at Ferry Elementary School at 4:39 p.m. on Friday, April 15.

Identity fraud

At 3:05 p.m. on Friday, April 15, a 28-year-old local man reported to Grosse Pointe Woods police that someone withdrew money from a savings account he recently opened.

The man activated his new account near the end of March, and on April 14 the bank sent him a letter saying that he had an overdraft notice and that someone withdrew money on April 4.

The local man found out a company withdrew the money.

The company returned the exact amount, but that didn't stop the man from closing his account and canceling his credit cards for fear of identity theft.

Drunk driving

On Friday, April 15, at 12:32 a.m. a 44-year-old Harper Woods woman was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

The woman was driving southbound in the northbound lanes of Mack Avenue. The officer pulled over the woman, and she told the authorities she had three drinks and refused their requests for a breath test.

The woman was taken into custody and her license was destroyed. She took a Breathalizer test at the police station and blew a .17.

Suspended license

At 4:46 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, a 50-year-old Roseville woman was stopped for a bridge traffic violation. She revealed she was driving with a suspended license. She was promptly arrested and later released after posting a $100 bond.

Fighting

Grosse Pointe Woods police arrested a man at 8:10 a.m. on Thursday, April 14, at a Mack Avenue establishment for assaulting someone after a confrontation. Peace was restored, and the man was hauled away.

Not so fast

A 41-year-old Roseville man was stopped at 4:26 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, for disregarding a red light on northbound Harper at Wildwood. It was revealed that the man had an outstanding bench warrant out of Roseville. The man was arrested and taken into custody.

BB gun, revisited

At 11:22 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, a 32-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman reported being hit in the left forearm by a BB gun fired by two men in a vehicle while she was making a withdrawal from an ATM. Her driver's side rear window was also shattered by flying BBs. Police did not find the two who committed the felonious assault.

Honored

On March 3, Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officer Brian Conigliaro, above, received a "Lifesaver Award" from the City of Grosse Pointe Woods at the annual Wayne County Mothers Against Drunk Driving banquet. PSO Conigliaro was chosen for this award because he had the most drunk driving arrests in 2004 for the Grosse Pointe Woods public safety department.

Bike stolen

On Saturday, April 16, at 8:10 p.m., a Black Diamond BMX bike was taken from a local baseball field. A suspect was seen riding the bike west on Kercheval from Alter Road.

Get away

On Sunday, April 17, at 8:10 p.m., a Grosse Pointe Park resident was walking with a skateboard in hand when approached by two youths who attempted to take the skateboard.

The complainant was assaulted, but managed to get away with his skateboard still in great shape.

The youths got away.

Bike swiped

At 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 17, a Murray Torrid 20-inch black/silver bike was taken while left unattended at a local baseball field.

No one saw what happened, and the bike is gone.

Singing the blues

An unknown person took $8 in cash off the restaurant piano bar of a local establishment at 8:44 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12.

— Bob St. John

False fire alarm on Lakeshore

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Engine 4A's siren blares as Grosse Pointe Shores public safety Sergeant Bill Nicholson speeds 50 mph down the middle of southbound Lakeshore.

Monday, April 11, at 4:56 p.m. -- a minute ago Shores Dispatcher Judy Chauvin received a fire alarm from a three-story frame house in the 600 block.

Nicholson, a 15-year-veteran, kept his foot on the gas. The 25-year-old fire truck's diesel engine rumbled a throaty roar.

"Workers are at that location," Chauvin radioed Nicholson as he passed Renaud. Maybe someone using power tools accidentally started a fire.

Nicholson took a hand off the steering wheel and pulled a metal lanyard strung from the cabin roof.

The truck's air horn blared. It sounded like the Queen Mary making port.

Chauvin again: "False alarm accidentally activated by workers at the dwelling."

"I have to make sure," Nicholson said. "A lot of times residents don't see or smell any smoke. They try to cancel the alarm. There have been times when fires have been burning inside walls or an attic. Residents didn't see or smell it. Further investigation revealed a problem after all."

He pulled up to the house. He saw members of a work crew busy on a first-floor roof. They turned their heads and looked at the red fire truck.

Photo by Brad Lindberg

Sgt. Bill Nicholson speeds to a fire alarm on Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Everyone was calm.

Nicholson approached the dwelling. No sign of fire.

A worker guessed fumes or dust stirred by construction triggered an automatic alarm.

If it had been a real fire, other Shores officers would have converged on the scene. They'd arrive in squad cars and the department's second pumper.

"Everyone would have gotten dressed in (protective gear) and switched from police to fire mode," Nicholson said.

Due to the size of the house, Nicholson would have been quick to call a second alarm. Probably to Grosse Pointe Woods.

"They have a ladder truck," Nicholson said looking at the three-story, frame house. "It's huge."

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Volvo S40 shows off modestly

Beautiful, lacey wheels with multiple cutouts, a lipstick-red paint job, front seats with the thigh support of a race car and a cartoon diagram for the temperature controls — and this is a Volvo?

Indeed it is, and not only that, but this small sedan, a 2005 S40 with 2.4-liter engine and five-speed transmission, starts at around $23,000.

As Volvos in the United States worked their way from the very boxy DL and GL series through 700 and 800 models and to the present alphanumeric nameplates, they tended to leave the high mid-price neighborhood for the expensive turf. Many models were well into the $40,000 range and were, we thought, not especially interesting. Luxurious — yes. Fun to drive — no.

In truth, the 2005 S40 sedan isn't particularly interesting. Its lines are surprisingly close to those of a Ford Focus sedan. Perhaps it wasn't intended to be a knock-out. But it is comfortable and capable. And with its stick-figure person for interior comfort control on an unusual pass-through center console instrumenta panel, this Belgian-assembled sedan of Swedish descent might be dubbed "whimsical."

The S40 almost glides over the ever-interesting road surfaces of our comm nity. The ride is very smooth, sure and quiet. Steering is effortless and

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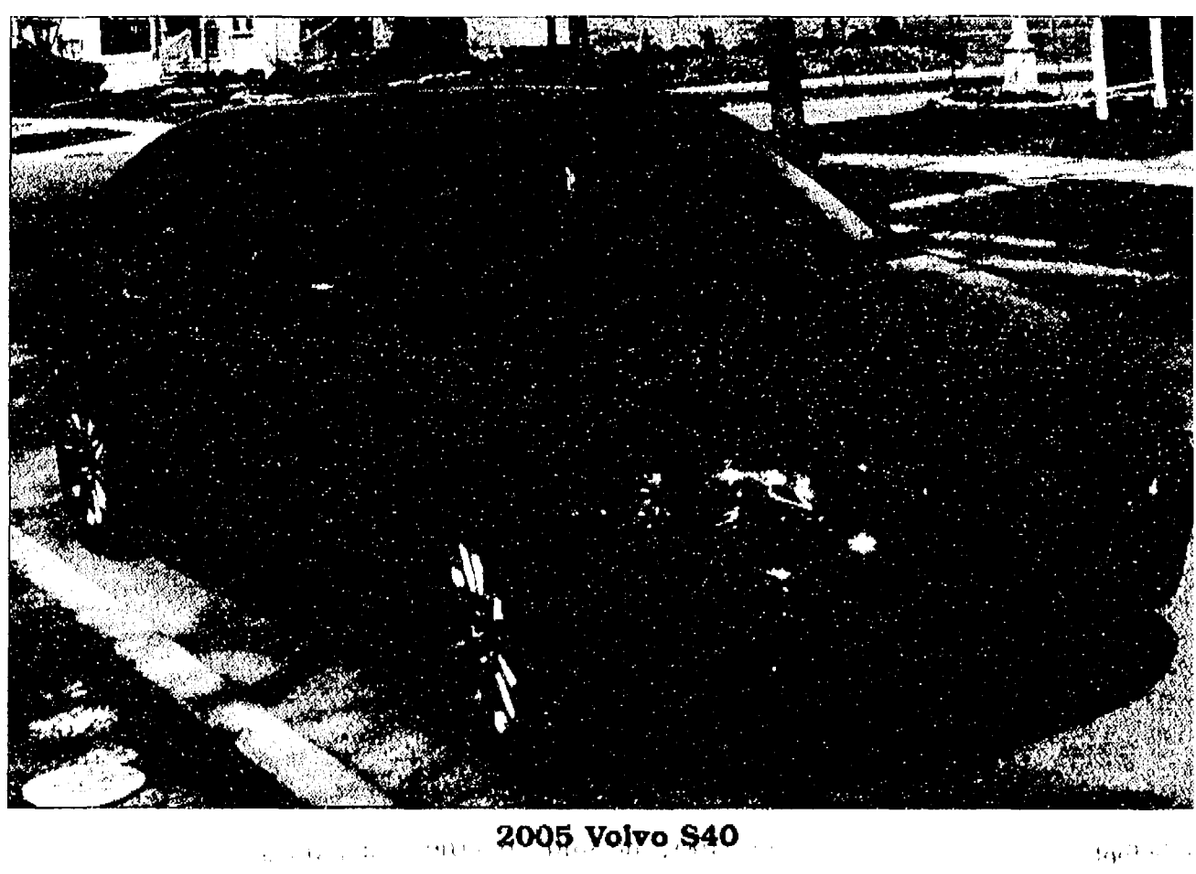

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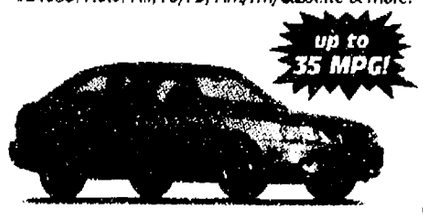

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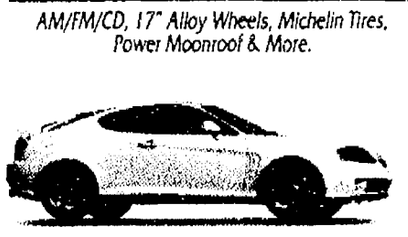

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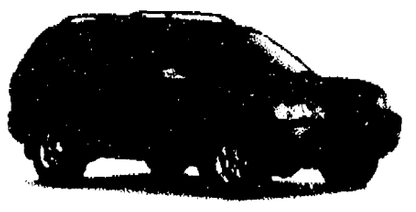

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Volvo

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might be a little stiffer for a greater sense of driving. The manual shift is easy and precise. One never wonders where the various gears are and seldom makes an embarrassing mistake by accelerating from third to a neck-snapping second.

The 168-horsepower four registers a modest 22 miles per gallon on average in the city and with the manual transmission gets an average 29 mpg in highway driving.

The braking system comprises antilock, electronic brake distribution and emergency brake assistance. There's a button to activate stability traction control.

Aside from the unique center instrumentation, the interior is plain to almost austere. We found the black "T-Tec" seating surfaces intriguing, reminiscent of nothing in particular and almost guaranteed to repel all attempts to stain or disfigure them.

There were steering wheel-mounted radio station and volume controls as well as controls for cruise control.

According to the owner's manual, the tires on the S40 have built-in indicators that let you know, upon your visual inspection, that the tread is low and the tires need to be replaced.

There are lots of pluses to the S40. One minus is the lack of ankle and foot room for backseat passengers. With the front passenger seat about midway back — which doesn't give that front rider a great deal of room — the seat encroaches on the ankles of the adult person behind. To make up for lack of wiggle room, however, a center arm rest with two cupholders folds down between two backseat occupants so that they might concentrate on a beverage and conversation instead of their feet.

With respect to room, we find many second row seats are quite suitable for trainins prior to taking a long flight in economy class. One difference is that in a car or truck you must bring your own beverage and ultra-mini bag of pretzels.

Another complaint: this vehicle locked the doors each time it was put in a forward gear, and they stayed locked until someone pushed an unlock button. Often vehicles with this safety feature will unlock when the transmission is automatic and in "park," or the engine is turned off.

The fixed, contoured headrests are obviously designed to offer maximum protection in an accident. They do tend to catch you in the back of the head, something that is more noticeable to the passenger who may want to slump back for a quick nap.

The headrests and wide B-pillar behind the front seats obstruct the driver's view when changing lanes or backing up.

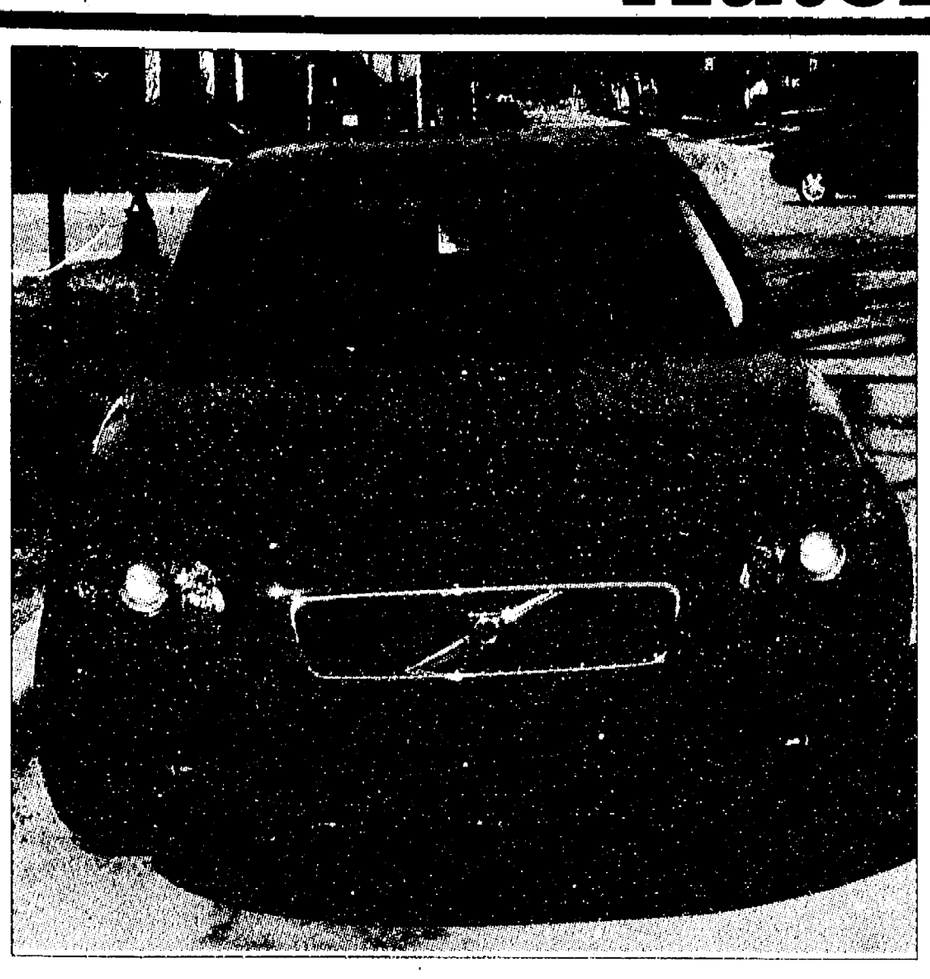
A colleague, who spent considerable time behind the wheel of a 2005 Volvo S40, said in his opinion it "goes back to early Volvos, which were pretty much basic transportation, without all the frills and gimmicks. It's a retreat from luxury car status Volvo had achieved in recent years."

For a stick shift, he said, it is very pleasant to drive. It gives the impression of quality.

"It feels as if it is well-built without being heavy and bulky," he said. "It's the most pleasant new Volvo I have driven in quite a while."

In summary, take a Volvo S40 for a five or 10-minute test drive, and you might not complete a purchase. But drive it around for a couple of days, and you likely will be hooked.

If that's the case, Volvo has information on its Web site, volvocars.us, about low-interest-rate financing on a 36-month lease.



Front and rear view of the 2005 Volvo S40.

BMW 2005 Driving Program

BMW fans can indulge their passion while honing their driving skills at the latest driving programs offered by the BMW Performance Center. Located in Spartanburg, S.C., the center has released its new driving program schedule, which features more class offerings for the popular two-day teen driving school.

BMW driving programs are designed for all ages — for the one who wants to improve his or her performance behind the wheel while developing defensive driving skills on a professional course.

Both the one-day and two-day teen schools teach young, inexperienced drivers car control techniques that they may not have learned elsewhere. Teens can build their confidence while learning how to cope with everyday traffic situations, performing complex maneuvers, and responding to real-life driving emergencies in a safe, controlled atmosphere, BMW said.

The teen schools also let drivers fulfill their dream of driving a 3 Series, and both programs offer the BMW 330i Performance Package.

The second day of the two-day teen school features driving lessons with the X3 and X5 Sports Activity Vehicles on the specially-built "Other Roads" course: a winding 1.4 mile route with gravel, water and dirt trails that simulate a variety of road conditions. These exercises, combined with lessons on a paved course, provide participants with a thorough understanding of vehicle dynamics, BMW said.

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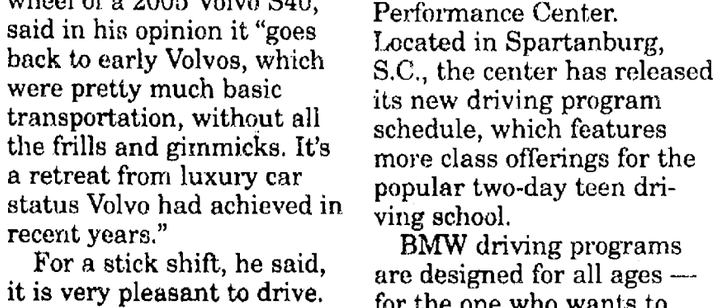
Odyssey has true luxury

By Greg Zyla

This week, we're testing the all-new 2005 Honda Odyssey minivan, a vehicle that has been re-engineered to drive like a sedan yet offer all the comforts and conveniences of a modern-day minivan — base price: $34,095; price as tested: $34,610. It also came with no options (destination is $515), as the EX model is equipped with everything from a moon roof to XM radio to heated seats as standard equipment.



2005 Honda Odyssey

Built to provide comfort, ride quality and handling, Honda engineers developed a new chassis and body structure with increased body rigidity and an upgraded suspension system. They made the new Odyssey 1 inch wider and then stretched the vehicle's interior a full 2 inches, yet the wheelbase and outside length stay the same as 2004. The result is more room inside while keeping maneuverability intact from the previous year. New safety features on our tester include Vehicle Stability Assist, which enhances stability by detecting oversteer or understeer.

Honda's highly adaptable interior includes a stowable second-row PlusOne Seat that allows seating for eight (EX), and one-motion 60/40-split third-row Magic Seat that makes cargo loading even easier. You can even entertain passengers with the Honda DVD Entertainment System with remote control, 9-inch screen and personal surround-sound headsets. Everyone who rode in our EX loved this standard feature. Also noteworthy was the Three-Row Side Curtain air bags (Odyssey was the first minivan to offer such a system).

Under the hood sits a powerful-yet-efficient 3.5-liter V-6 that produces 255 horsepower, 15 more than the '04 model. This engine actually delivers 12 percent better fuel economy thanks to high-tech additions like variable cylinder management, which shuts off three of the six cylinders during cruising and deceleration. The result is 20 miles per gallon city and 28 mpg highway EPA numbers while utilizing "regular" unleaded fuel as stated in the press book.

As for the "regular" unleaded fuel, the compression ratio of the V-6 comes in at 10 to 1, so I spoke with Honda about the regular fuel recommended in the press kits. Honda now recommends medium-grade 89-octane fuel for this engine, and insists there is no need for premium unleaded. However, if it were me, I'd probably spend the extra 10 cents a gallon and use the premium 91 octane just to be safe.

A five-speed automatic is the only transmission available and works fine.

Built in Lincoln, Ala., the Odyssey minivan is popular with younger family consumers who are more affluent and have at least one child under the age of 18. Given Honda's excellent residual value and five-star government crash-test rating, it becomes clear why this van is one of the true competitors to U.S.-brand minivans.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 118.1 inches, 4,378-pound curb weight, four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes, huge 21-gallon fuel tank, and cargo volume from 38.4 to 147.4 cubic inches based on seating arrangement.

In summary, there are so many new innovations in the Odyssey that we must recommend a visit to the showroom for a complete overview of this new Honda. Families shopping in this division owe it to themselves to drive the new Odyssey and compare it, dollar for dollar, against other foreign and domestic makes. It's really a great new vehicle. We rate the Odyssey EX a strong nine on a scale of one to 10.

Likes: Great mpg, lots of high-tech wonders, good looks, very safe.

Dislikes: Confusion as to what grade of fuel to use. Buy the higher octane.

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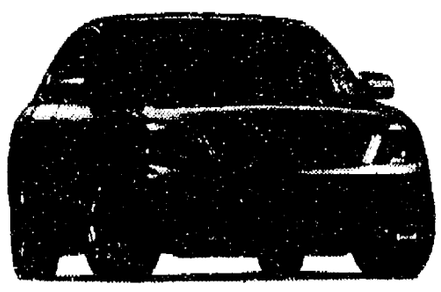

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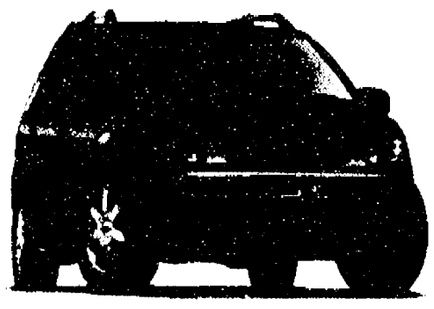

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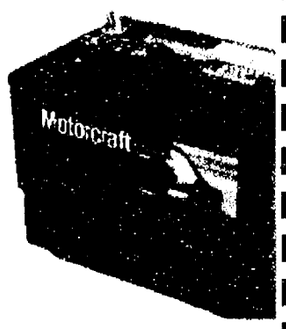

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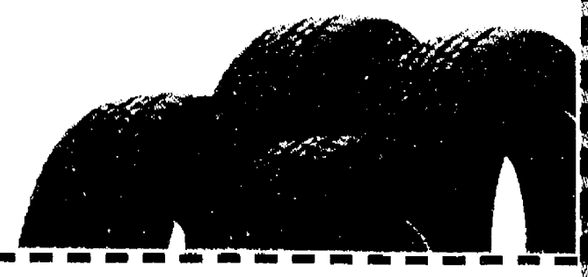

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April 21, 2005

How does that feel? The healing art of aromatherapy

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

"I've always been interested in herbs," said Debra Kennedy, Bon Secours certified clinic aromatherapy practitioner.

During a recent workshop at Bon Secours, Kennedy went through more than a dozen healing aromas. Enclosed in brown glass bottles were essential oils of German chamomile, frankincense, sweet marjoram, mandarin orange and ginger, among others. There were essential oils to soothe away back pains and headaches and insomnia; there were essential oils to be used as antifungals and antidepressants, diuretics and astringents.

When God created Earth, Kennedy pointed out, everything was here for humans' health and well-being.

The art of aromatherapy is an ancient art, she told the class of five women. The knowledge is largely used in India and Europe. American doctors don't normally recommend aromatherapy, Kennedy said.

Yet, "they (American doctors) are amazed by the results. They are looking for more people to get involved," she said.

Uses of herbs and oils can be found in ancient Egypt's embalming process and everyday life. Hippocrates commented positively on incorporating aromatherapy and massages in everyday life. Native Americans used combinations of herbs for healing, as well as to induce visions. Tales of witches are entwined with the use of various parts of plants.

More recently, Dr. Jean Valent, a WWII surgeon, used a variety of essential oils to treat wounded French soldiers. He also introduced the practice to the French medical profession, and it continues to be an accepted part of medical treatment today.

By the 1980s, aromatherapy was gaining worldwide recognition. The Italians were using the practice during psychiatric disorder treatment. The Australians have traditionally had multiple uses for native-found oils. The Californians discovered it in the 1980s. Aromatherapy use continues to grow in the United States whether it's for direct healing or through commercial use.

Kennedy studied under Jane Buckle, who holds both Ph.D. and R.N. degrees, with a background in critical care nursing, massage therapy, clinical aromatherapy, herbal and aromatic medicine and adult education.

"She has done a lot of research and is English trained. She lives in New York," Kennedy continued.

Kennedy's reason for taking the classes, completing the training and putting her knowledge into practice was simple. "I wanted to help people feel better. I don't want to hurt anyone."

Through her practiced touch and the correct combination of essential oils and carriers, Kennedy spreads her healing to patients, friends and relatives.

The art and science of using essential oils for an affected response must be done with caution. Noting that some people may be allergic to certain scents, and others may experience an increase in blood pressure from herbs, she says, thus making it necessary to memorize the uses and affects of each herb.

Though the intimate class only received a sampling of what a few can do, all were there to learn.

Photos by Robert McKeon

Mason teachers Deb Raab and Nancy Foresman enjoyed the various fragrances offered during a recent aromatherapy class at Bon Secours Hospital.

One participant was Detroit teacher Susan Deeb. She came to learn more about relaxation techniques, not necessarily for herself but for her students. Prior to last year's MEAP testing, teachers were given a seminar on relaxation methods, including aromatherapy. "It was incorporated into the MEAP preparation. Some teachers used aromatherapy to relax (the students). They were surprised by the results. You want the children to perform well but not be too uptight."

She wanted to find out more for possible inclusion in her fourth-grade classroom.

Two teachers for the Grosse Pointe School System were also in attendance and said they hadn't considered use of aroma to relax their students but were open to the idea. The two, Deb Raab and Nancy Foresman, were there to learn more about aromatherapy as a way to relax.

Essential oils

Essential oils can come from the bark, the leaves, the buds, the flowers, the twigs and the berries or beans and are the distillates from an aromatic plant. They are highly concentrated, mixed with a carrier oil or put in a bath, an infuser, defuser or compress. Essential oils will adapt to what they are needed to relieve. For example, spike lavender can be inhaled to relieve sinus infections, but it can also raise blood pressure. Use one drop in a metal or ceramic bowl with hot water and soothing steam is inhaled for relief.

An ounce of French lavender in the bath water is a safe and nontoxic way to relax. It can also be combined with a carrier and rubbed on aching muscles. For a sore spot, use it in a compress, Kennedy suggested.

"You must have pure oils. However, users must be aware of each oil, know their Latin names and how to use them," she cautioned. As a way of explanation, Kennedy cited there are three lavenders. Two are opposite so knowing the Latin name is critical.

"I can't stress safety enough. There are millions of recipes. Be smart when you blend them," she said. "Count the drops when mixing to a 1 percent essential oil. Get references; look up distributor. Use the correct route and never take them internally. Write down the recipe and instructions. And safety, safety, safety."

The quality and availability of the essential oils are important. Oils must be cold pressured because heat destroys the oil's property, and each needs to be stored in brown amber glass or nonporous containers, she explains. Light, too, destroys oil's property.

If there were three essential oils to be found in the house, they should be lavender, peppermint and teatree, Kennedy recommends.

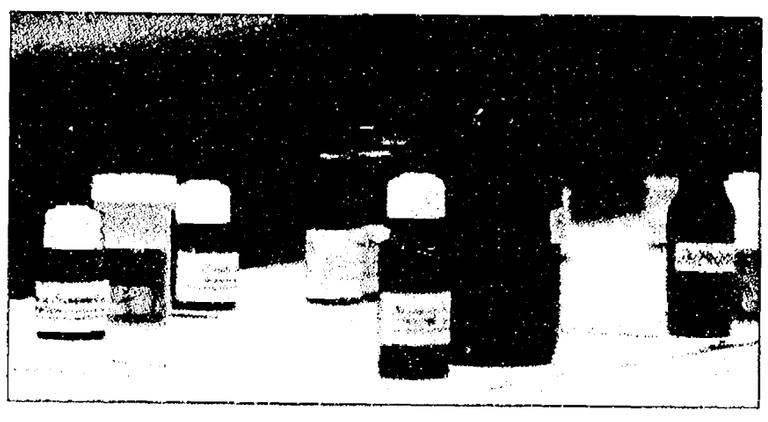
Lavender known by true, French or vera is *lavandula angustifolia* in Latin, and one drop in one ounce of alcohol or milk mixed with warm bath water makes for a relaxation state. It will lower the blood pressure and can be used to alleviate headaches and muscle pains.

Spike lavender is *lavandula latifolia* and is used as an expectorant or decongestant, but it will raise the blood pressure. It, too, needs to be combined with a carrier. It has characteristics to help calm the mind and focus.

Peppermint (*mentha piperita*) is good for nausea, aids in digestion and reduces a spastic colon; it cools yet stimulates muscles, and is a mental stimulant, is antiseptic and antiviral.

Teatree has an interesting history. It was used by the Aborigines and during World War II. Teatree was given to each soldier in his kit to be used on wounds and infections. According to Kennedy, it is an outstanding antifungal, antiviral, and antiseptic that smells like turpentine. More than 300 varieties of teatree can be found in Australia, but only one has outstanding medical properties.

Debra Kennedy is Bon Secours certified clinic aromatherapy practitioner and recently taught a class on aromatherapy to an intimate group of five women.

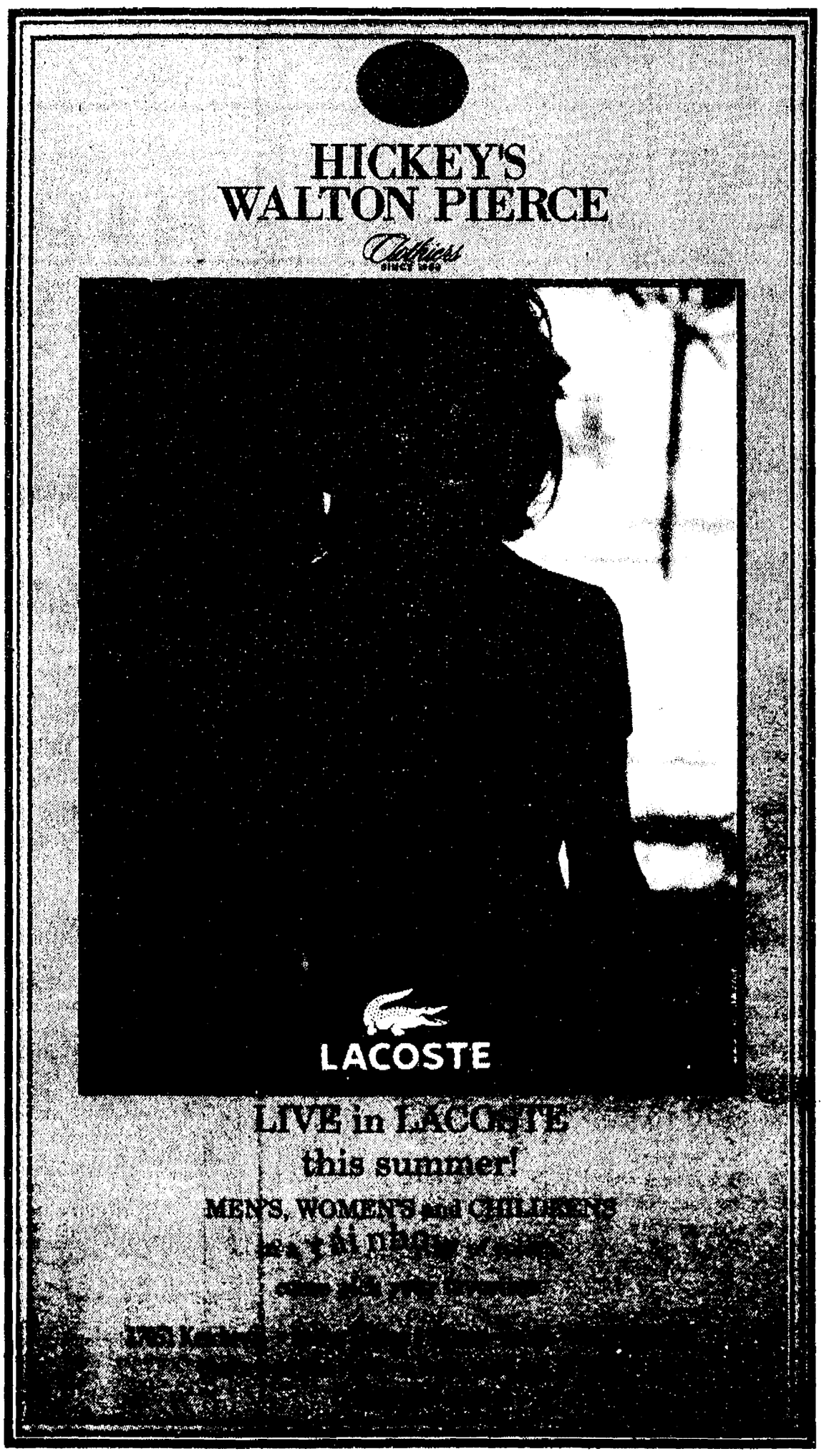


Essential oils are stored in brown bottles for protection against chemical breakdown.

A drop on an infected toenail clears up the problem.

There are many therapies available to help balance mind, body and spirit, she noted, but each individual is responsible for doing his or her own work of healing, and it will happen when that person is ready.

The soothing touch of a massage accompanied by a fine oil or a relaxing bath couldn't hurt.



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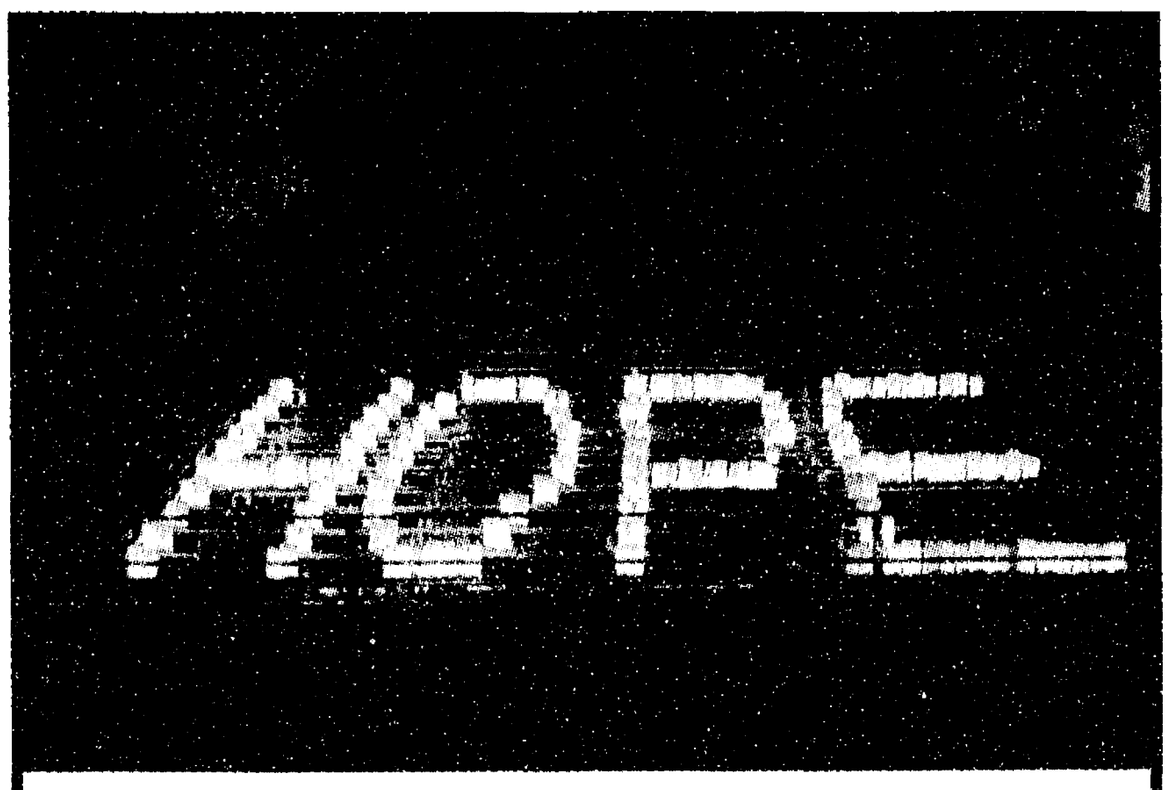

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Maxwell is the author of such best-selling books as "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership" and "The 17 Indisputable Laws of Teamwork." He also is the founder of Maximum Impact and INJOY, organizations dedicated to providing resources and training for personal and professional growth. Maxwell is an authority on personal and organizational leadership development and has addressed executives from organizations such as Sam's Club, Chick-fil-a, Wal-Mart, Primerica, Mary Kay, and the Indianapolis 500 Drivers.

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Pastor's Corner

Moross and Chester corner

By the Rev. Rachel Bass
Salem Memorial Lutheran Church

At the corner of Moross and Chester you can see a long church building with a great stained-glass window. When you drive by, you might see that it houses Head Start.

As you pass by this church on Moross you can see the many beautiful trees with tiny buds all over, ready to pop with color.

Only driving by the church at Moross and Chester, also known as Salem Memorial Lutheran Church, you miss seeing how gorgeous the stained-glass window looks on the inside. From outside appearances you might imagine the window to have some potential. But really you cannot imagine, without going inside, just how bright and colorful the light shines through that window.

At first glance you would not think much to observe that there is a Head Start program at Salem Memorial Lutheran Church. But, if you were to walk down the steps to the school rooms, you would discover that nearly 100 neighborhood families are being supported, rooted for and loved through Head Start. Families depend on the great teachers who provide their precious children with love, food and learning while they are at work or school.

It is easy to be excited about the coming of spring as you pass by and see the trees about to burst with new leaves and new life, along the front of Salem Memorial. But, the real marvel of new life, the real show of God's springtime is happening inside.

The little buds of color are popping out all over, preparing to blossom and give so much life.

God is doing wonderful things inside Salem Memorial Lutheran Church.

Come inside and see for yourself.

WordMaster comes from St. Paul

A student representing St. Paul Catholic School recently won highest honors in this year's WordMasters Challenge — a national language arts competition entered by more than 225,000 students.

Sixth-grader Tommy McBrien earned a perfect score in the year's second meet, held in February. In the entire country only 84 sixth-graders earned perfect scores.

Stephen Fox achieved an outstanding result during the meet. He is also a sixth-grader.

Both he and McBrien are coached by Evelyn McShane.

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On deck: Action Auction, MS Walk, Arthritis Walk

From left, are Debbie Brady, general chairman of the upcoming "April in Paris" fashion show; Mary Ellen Clark of Grosse Pointe Farms, Guild president; and Jackie Monahan of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Regina alumna; and models Maggie Clark and Trisha Monahan.

The Arthritis Walk is a nationwide, non-competitive team walking event that takes place during the month of May. Grosse Pointe's Arthritis Walk will begin at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 7, starting and ending at Richard Elementary School.

Money raised from the walk will help fund arthritis research and hundreds of programs and services that help people improve their quality of life while living with arthritis.

The walk will offer a choice of one- and three-mile routes, snacks and entertainment at the start and finish lines.

There are no entry fees, but the Arthritis Foundation challenges each walker to raise $100. Fundraising incentives include gift certificates from New Balance and Sharper Image, autographed NHL hockey jerseys and more.

The widely believed idea that arthritis is an inevitable fact of aging and that everybody eventually gets it, is not true. Some 70 percent of people with arthritis are under age 65, and nearly twice as many children in Michigan are diagnosed with juvenile arthritis than with juvenile diabetes.

To register for the Arthritis Walk or to get more information about the different types of arthritis, call (800) 968-3030, ext. 233 or go to www.arthritis.org.

Fashion Show:

"April in Paris" is the theme of the annual benefit dinner and fashion show hosted by the Regina High School Mothers' Guild, on Wednesday, April 27, at the San Marino Club in Troy.

The show will be produced by **Vicki Howard** of TAH DAH! Productions. Fashions are from The Somerset Collection of Troy and Marshall Field's at Eastland Center. Special models will include senior girls from Regina and senior boys from Notre Dame High School.

Raffle prizes include jewelry, tickets to the Gem Theatre, a weekend getaway, paintings, kitchenware, DVD players, gift baskets, gift certificates and more.

Proceeds from the benefit dinner and fashion show will be used for technology upgrades at Regina. This annual fundraiser attracts nearly 500 attendees.

"April in Paris" begins at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., and the fashion show begins at 8 p.m. The evening will conclude with prize and cash raffle drawings.

Tickets are $43 a person, with tables of 10. For more information, call the school office at (313) 526-0220.

Action Auction:

Grosse Pointe Academy's annual Action Auction, a fundraiser for the school, will feature its usual variety of auction items, from the sublime to the ridiculous, from the pricey to the affordable.

The Preview Auction will be on Wednesday, May 4, at the Academy, 171 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. The silent auction runs from 6 to 8:30 p.m.; the raffle drawing will be at 8:30 p.m., and the preview of Saturday's auction items will run from 8:45 to 9:30 p.m.

The auction itself will be on Saturday, May 7, at the Academy. The silent auction will run from 5 to 7 p.m.; a sit-down buffet dinner begins at 7 p.m., and the live auction will run from 8 to 10 p.m.

Some of the items up for bid include the following: a Zodiac Yachtline inflatable boat, a mink coat, an evening yacht cruise, four 2006 Super Bowl tickets, a child's playhouse, a landscape plan for your property, a diamond necklace, a trip that includes four nights in Prague and two nights in Budapest, a lease on a Mustang convertible, a visit to the Lions training camp and more, much more.

Tickets to the Preview are $75 a person. Tickets to the Preview and the Action Auction are $150 a person. For reservations, call the Auction Office at (313) 886-1221, ext. 182, by Monday, April 25.

Local MS Walk:

Walkers will take to the streets in 15 locations across Michigan this spring and summer to raise funds and awareness for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter. The annual Christopher Banks MS Walks, which are from two to 12 miles in length, take place in major Michigan cities and in several Detroit metropolitan areas. The first MS Walk was in Marquette on April 10, and the last will be in Traverse City on Saturday, June 25.

The Grosse Pointe walk will be on Sunday, May 1. Walkers who raise $250 or more will be eligible for prizes, and those who bring in certain milestone amounts will be rewarded with special incentives for next year's Walks. Individuals raising $7,500 will become Champions in advancing the mission of the NMSS and will be rewarded with a three-day celebration, the Tour of Champions, in Arizona in October.

"It is always inspiring to see so many individuals, families and teams take part in these walks all around Michigan," said **Pat McDonald,** NMSS president. "Their participation, caring and generosity help support our fight against multiple sclerosis. Their efforts will assist the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan chapter in supporting hundreds of local programs, as well as national research."

The National MS Society, Michigan chapter provides programs and services to individuals with MS and their families throughout Michigan and helps fund research into the causes and treatments for MS.

There are no registration fees for the MS Walks, but walkers are asked to raise pledges and make donations. Individuals pledging to raise a minimum of $100 receive a 2005 Walk T-shirt. Walkers can participate as individuals or in teams of four or more.

Routes are accessible to individuals with wheelchairs or scooters, as well as families with strollers or wagons. There are restrooms along the routes, and water and snacks are provided at the stops.

MS is an often debilitating, chronic disease of the central nervous system. It is thought to be an autoimmune disease. That is, the body's own defense system attacks myelin, the fatty substance that surrounds and protects the nerve fibers of the brain, optic nerves, and spinal cord (the central nervous system). The damaged myelin may form scar tissue (sclerosis). Often the nerve fiber is also damaged. When any part of the myelin sheath or nerve fiber is damaged or destroyed, nerve impulses to and from the brain are distorted or interrupted.

The symptoms of MS may include tingling, numbness, painful sensations, slurred speech, and blurred or double vision. Some people experience muscle weakness, poor balance, poor coordination, muscle tightness or spasticity, or paralysis, which may be temporary or permanent. Problems with bladder, bowel, or sexual function are common. Fatigue is a major concern for many. MS can cause forgetfulness or difficulty concentrating. It can also cause mood swings, and may make people more susceptible to depression. More than 16,000 individuals in Michigan have been diagnosed with the disease. Symptoms may come and go, appear in any combination, and be mild, moderate or severe. MS is an unpredictable disease. Symptoms vary greatly from person to person and vary over time in the same person.

To register for the MS Walks, or for more information, visit www.nmssmi.org or call (800) FIGHT-MS.

The paws that refreshes:

The third annual celebration to honor working dogs in Michigan, "Paws to Celebrate," will be a brunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 1, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn.

A program and the Golden Paw Award ceremony will follow brunch. Entertainment will be provided by The Blue Pigs and the speaker will be John Burnam, author of "A Soldier's Best Friend" and "Dog Tags of Courage."

Tickets are $50 a person. For more information, call **Sue Brooks** at (248) 693-9789.

Ferry school: Spring Reflections, a silent and live auction benefit for the Dexter M. Ferry Elementary School, will be held Friday, May 13, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

"It is only because of the generous legacy of Mrs. Edsel (Eleanor) Ford that we are able to utilize this resource tonight. Mrs. Ford facilitated this to support charitable causes for community benefit," says auction chairperson **Chris Scapin** concerning the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. "The goal of this auction is to generate proceeds to supplement education programs and successfully complete ongoing projects within the school."

The gala will begin at 6 p.m. with an Edsel & Eleanor Ford House tour, followed by a reception, silent auction and cash bar and strolling dinner at 7 p.m. A live auction will be held at 9 p.m. with dessert and coffee, a jazz band, D.J. and dancing.

Tickets are $40 apiece for $75 per couple. RSVP by Saturday, April 30, by calling (313) 882-1362.

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Herb Society

The Grosse Pointe unit of the Herb Society of America will hold an herb plant sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 6, and from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7, at the Grosse Pointe Woods municipal building, 20025 Mack. Some 40 varieties of herbs will be for sale. For more information, call (313) 886-2797.

Detroit Garden Center

The Detroit Garden Center will sponsor a container gardening class from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at Telly's Greenhouse, 3301 John R in Troy. Owner George Papadelis will demonstrate how to plant a container and discuss principles of container gardening. The class fee is $10. For reservations or more information, call the Detroit Garden Center at (313) 259-6363 or e-mail detroitgardenctr@yahoo.com

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at a private club in Grosse Pointe. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Cathy Hall of Wigs 4 Kids will give a talk, "When Bald isn't Beautiful," and discuss the work of her organization, which helps build self-esteem in children.

For reservations, call Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855. For more information, call Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

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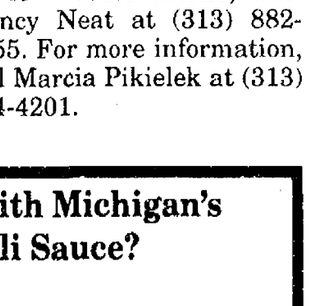

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St. John Guild pledges toward expansion

The St. John Hospital and Medical Center Guild has pledged $1.25 million toward the hospital's expansion and renovation project that began this spring. St. John is adding a new pavilion with 144 private patient rooms, doubling the size of the emergency department and consolidating cardiovascular services and many outpatient services.

"This gift is a great start to our campaign and illustrates the generosity and commitment of the St. John Guild," said Mark Taylor, president, St. John Hospital and Medical Center. "We are very grateful for the Guild's ongoing support for the hospital."

The hospital's expansion and renovation project will cost $156 million. Funding for the improvements will be generated from St. John Hospital's retained earnings, a bond offering through its parent company, Ascension Health, and $25 million to be raised in philanthropic donations through a capital campaign.

The Guild's $1.25 million commitment is the first major pledge to the campaign.

"All of these improvements will dramatically enhance patient care and satisfaction and make St. John the destination hospital for advanced medical care," Taylor said.

The Guild has been supporting the hospital since 1948. "We believe in the importance of St. John to our community, and we are glad to dedicate our efforts in helping with this historic project," said Tony Ferlito, Guild president. "We look forward to the other gifts that will follow ours in support of all the patients served by St. John Hospital."

The Guild is a volunteer organization that plays an important role in St. John Hospital's development and expansion of services to meet the health care needs of the community. Since its inception, the Guild has raised more than $8 million for the hospital.

Recovery schools for young people

People who are in recovery from addiction are often advised to avoid the "people, places and things" associated with their past drinking or other drug use. But adolescents who have been through treatment for drug dependence may find this impossible to do.

According to one study, almost all adolescents returning to their old schools after completing a treatment program were offered drugs on their first day back.

Findings such as this sparked a recent innovation in American education: recovery schools. These are high school or college programs designed to support young people in recovery from addiction.

Due to the need for such programs, recovery schools developed quickly — often in isolation from each other. Today that's changing, however. Staff members at recovery schools are making connections. A body of best practices is emerging to guide their work, and formal research to evaluate recovery schools is on the horizon.

The bottom line: Parents and students looking for an academic environment that supports sobriety can now rely on more than guesswork and gut feelings when choosing a recovery school.

The need for recovery schools will not go away. Supporting details come from the 2003 National Survey on Drug Use and Health from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Researchers found that:

- Nearly 1 percent of 12-year-olds in the United States either abused or became dependent on alcohol or illicit drugs in 2001.
- That percentage increased each year up to age 21, where 22.8 percent fit the abuse or dependence criteria.
- In both 2002 and 2003, nearly 2.3 million Americans aged 12 to 17 needed treatment for an alcohol or drug problem. Of this group, only 168,000 received treatment at a facility dedicated to that purpose.

Complicating the picture is another finding: Adolescents who are fresh out of treatment are also at greatest risk for relapsing to alcohol and other drug use. This is the time when such students return to their homes, schools and neighborhoods — the very milieu that supported their abuse or dependence in the first place.

Here is where the benefits of recovery schools click in. According to Andrew Finch, director of the Association of Recovery Schools, such programs offer a "protective cocoon" that supports recovery as students work to graduate from high school or college. And this support comes right at the time when student recovery is most fragile.

Since 2002, the number of recovery schools has doubled to 25 high schools and eight college programs. According to Finch, some lessons have emerged from all this activity.

If a group is starting a recovery school, Finch recommends that it "be patient and persistent and reach out to people who have established schools. Contact existing schools with questions about how to handle issues that may arise. Also, be aware of referral sources and funding opportunities. One of the biggest mistakes a new school can make is to open but not have a consistent referral base of local treatment centers, schools, and other resources."

Finch adds that recovery schools must stay on top of local and state education laws. "These must be followed, and they differ greatly from state to state and district to district."

According to the ARS, such recovery school programs should:

- Operate with state approval and be designed specifically for students recovering from chemical dependency.
- Provide academic services and recovery assistance — but not operate primarily as treatment centers or mental health agencies.
- Require students to be sober and working a program of recovery.
- Offer academic courses for credit and assist students to make transitions to college, a career or another school.
- Have a plan to handle student crises — including access to counselors on staff, on contract or available by written referral.

Finch has written a new book, "Starting a Recovery School: A How-To Manual" (Hazelden, 2005) It offers a blueprint for developing an effective recovery school and includes details about existing schools. Related information and a list of sobriety schools in the United States are online at the Association of Recovery Schools Web site at www.recoveryschools.org.

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.

Cover the Uninsured Week — May 1-8

By Sister Pat Heath
Mission for Bon Secours Cottage Health Services

Ever since President Clinton's sweeping, but ill-fated proposal to reform the health care system in 1993 and 1994, the issue of health care for the uninsured has become a political hot potato. In the 12 years that followed, the condition of America's health care system has become ever more critical. It is going to take some intensive care to fix what ails it.

In keeping with our mission of compassion, healing and liberation, Bon Secours Cottage Health Services has joined a coalition of other concerned organizations to raise awareness and craft solutions to this crisis. During the week of May 1 through 8, all member hospitals of Bon Secours Health System, including Bon Secours Cottage, will participate in the national Cover the Uninsured Week, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Sister Pat Heath

Bon Secours Cottage's participation includes co-sponsoring the Interfaith Health and Hope Summit 2005. Held from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 5 at Cobo Hall, the summit links faith-based organizations with health care institutions. The health systems' pastoral care leaders have shared the Cover the Uninsured Week message with local ministry, and within Bon Secours Cottage facilities, prayer experiences will be offered throughout the week.

Bon Secours Cottage urges Americans who want to help to encourage the enrollment of eligible individuals in public programs educate businesses and their employees on how they can get and keep health coverage and support health professionals and organizations that want to offer volunteer care.

Today, 45 million Americans have no health insurance, including more than 8 million children. Many small businesses that in the past provided health insurance for their employees are now unable to keep up with rising costs. As a result, some businesses are charging their workers more for insurance coverage, and others are eliminating the benefit altogether.

Even larger companies are finding the costs to be a strain on their bottom lines and are limiting coverage or increasing deductibles and co-pays, tactics that may have the unintended consequence of forcing some lower-paid workers to forgo employer-sponsored insurance.

Here are some facts about the uninsured: 80 percent of the uninsured are from working families; one-fifth of the uninsured are children. The uninsured are students, low-wage workers, small-business employees, the unemployed and children. The uninsured are also workers who changed jobs but haven't qualified for the health benefits in their new jobs yet and can't afford to pay the cost of continuing the insurance from their old jobs. With costs frequently exceeding more than $7,000 a year, purchasing health insurance without help from an employer is beyond the reach of most families.

If you don't have health insurance, you take your chances. You hope that you don't get sick; you hope that your children don't get sick; you hope that no one in the family breaks an arm or a leg.

You wait until a little problem becomes a big problem, and then you go to the emergency room for care, because hospitals have to treat you even if you can't pay. And, you hope that you didn't wait too long.

Last year, the hospitals of Bon Secours Health System provided millions of dollars in uncompensated care for the uninsured in the nine states that we serve. Bon Secours hospitals will continue to provide high quality health care to those in need. Unfortunately, there is a limit to the ability to provide free or discounted care to uninsured patients.

Economic reality dictates that no hospital system can promise to provide unlimited care for an indefinite period of time to an ever-increasing population of uninsured patients. That is why Bon Secours Health System supports Cover the Uninsured Week and other efforts to find comprehensive solutions to the health care problems facing the uninsured.

With a health care system now becoming critically unstable, it is long past time to start a course of treatment. Perhaps with our help during the first week in May, our state and national leaders can agree to get the system on the road to recovery with a few remedies like ensuring universal coverage for children or expanding Medicaid.

If we fail to respond to the problems of our health care system, soon it will take nothing less than a miracle cure to fix it.

Sister Pat Heath is vice president of Mission for Bon Secours Cottage Health Services. For additional information on Cover the Uninsured Week, visit: www.covertheuninsuredweek.org.

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by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD

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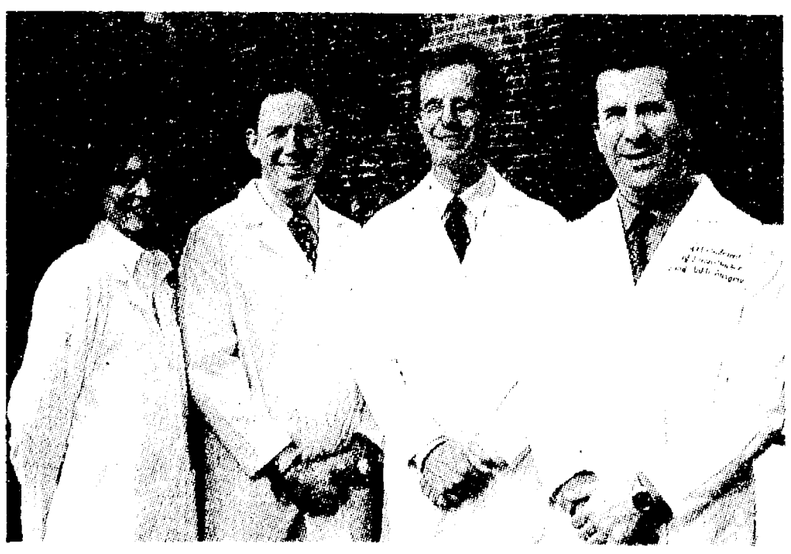

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Preregistration required. Call (586) 779-7900.

Diet workshop

Jackie Placidi, MSW, will lead a workshop based on a book, "The 3-Day Solution Plan: Jump-start Lasting Weight Loss by Turning Off the Drive to Overeat," by Laurel Mellin. The free workshop will run from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at the War Memorial. Call (586) 778-7800.

Fight osteoporosis — exercise

Learn to manage osteoporosis at a course facilitated by a Bon Secours Cottage registered physical therapist. The sessions include education about osteoporosis and instruction and practice of exercises to help manage the disease. The exercises focus on natural correction and prevention of deformity or fracture that may occur as the result of osteoporosis and poor postural habits.

The class meets from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays, April 27 and May 4, at Cottage Hospital, Conference Rooms 3 and 4.

Cottage Hospital is located at 159 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms, one mile south of Moross Road. For more information or to register for the course, call (586) 779-7900 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

An Epidemic of Over-Programmed Kids

the family center

Editor's note: Following is the first of periodic columns from The Family Center. We hope that they provide helpful, insightful advice for all our readers and parents.

By Susan Fell
Special Writer

Parents want the best for their children and often think about what they had, or did not have, as a child and adjust their parenting style to accommodate their hopes and dreams for their children.

Children are taught that successful people try new things, take risks, work hard to meet their goals, and dedicate themselves to doing their personal best. However, parents sometimes forget to teach their children how balance and healthy stress management play into a successful life.

Our society does not promote or reward laziness. Efficiency, expertise and over-involvement are highly promoted. We expect much from ourselves and our children; so it's easy to fall into the comparison trap and feel pressure to overextend by signing up for activities, teams, clubs, or volunteering for every cause.

The truth is that quality time cannot exist without a quantity of time. Personal, work and school commitments can quickly become overwhelming and leave us with little time for quiet contemplation, meditation, relaxation or quality family time.

As our children grow they begin to experiment with ways to balance fun and work, while becoming increasingly social and independent. Often this means over-involvement in after-school clubs, sports and other activities. Learning to balance social and academic pressures, along with busy schedules is a challenging but essential life skill.

Children look to parents for guidance and encouragement. Listed below are ways parents can help their children achieve a healthy balance in a variety of ways:

- When considering activities, discuss the time commitments, cost and requirements of each activity.
- Encourage your children to prioritize their choices, and set limits on the number of activities they participate in.
- Encourage your children to refrain from comparing themselves to peers or siblings. Individual ability to manage multiple activities differs from person to person.
- Creating a family calendar is a useful, easy and fun way to get the "big picture" when considering new activities.
- Holding weekly family meetings may seem uncomfortable at first but can lead to improved communication and opportunities for decision making and activity planning.

Aside from limiting activities, recognizing stress and making adjustments in our hectic lives may be even more important and can be critical to lifelong emotional and physical health. If your children complain that they are overextended or experiencing stress, be sure to listen.

Allow your children to change or reduce activities when they need to, even if you believe they have potential.

It's also possible that they may not even recognize when they are experiencing overload. Most after-school and weekend activities are fun and exciting, but they can also reduce study time, free time and family time. Watch for signs of stress (irritability, changes in sleep or eating habits, repeated illness, drop in grades, etc.) and make adjustments accordingly.

Parents should also model healthy levels of work, recreation, family and community involvement themselves. Say "no" to unnecessary outside commitments. Prioritize personal obligations and discuss the changes and choices you have made with your family. Share your own stress symptoms with your children and practice stress management techniques regularly. Compliment your spouse and children for making healthy life choices.

Chaotic schedules often leave little time for family communication, especially since the family dinner is becoming obsolete. Increased obligations may also lead to miscommunication, arguments and additional stress.

Parents need to reestablish priorities and verbalize their expectations for meaningful family time with their children. Regular communication between parents and children can significantly increase positive decision-making and problem solving during the teen years.

Parents can initiate a weekly family fun night and let each child choose activities on a rotating basis.

In a hectic, overachieving world learning to slow down can be a challenge. Limiting activities, watching for signs of stress and making family time a priority are all ways parents can promote healthy balance in their children.

After all, success should not only be measured by how much you do, but by how happy you are about doing it.

Susan Fell, CSW, is a student assistance specialist at Brownell Middle School in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Family Center is a nonprofit organization that supports the families of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods as they face the challenges of raising healthy children. Information about growth and development, family dynamics, parenting strategies and youth trends is shared through lectures and conferences, informal dialogues between parents and through newsletters, videos and resource guides. The Center offers a referral service for parents and professionals. For more information, call The Family Center's director, Diane Strickler, at (313) 432-3832.

5th Senior Symposium

The Grosse Pointe Public Library will host the Fifth Annual Senior Symposium, featuring speakers on the first three Wednesday afternoons throughout the month of May.

All Senior Symposium programs will begin with dessert served at 1:30 p.m., followed by an author presentation lasting until 3:30 p.m.

The symposium will be held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Sharon Maier, executive director of Services for Older Citizens, will speak on May 4. Her topic will be "Making the Most of your Senior Years in Grosse Pointe."

James J. Maciejko, director, Preventive Cardiology Program at St. John, will speak on May 11 about "The Mediterranean Diet and Your Heart."

Fred Brock, author, former business editor and current contributor to The New York Times, will speak on May 18. His topic will be, "Retire and Live Well on Less than You Think."

All of the programs are free, but seating is limited. A limited number of tickets are available at the Grosse Pointe Central Library, 10 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 220.

SOC: alternative health care

Services for Older Citizens hosts the Integrative Therapy Team at Bon Secours Hospital beginning at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, at the Neighborhood Club. Enjoy a hot lunch at 11 a.m., followed by a short overview of alternative therapies that can be used to complement traditional health care.

Richard McCarthy

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by Richard McCarthy

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Domino's delivers for schools

By Michael Shelton
Special Writer

Domino's Pizza on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe and its new owners, 5 Pointes Inc., deliver more than pizzas to the community.

Since taking over last October, the store's "Dough Raising Nights" has raised more than $1,000 for local elementary schools in the Pointes and Harper Woods.

"The nights have been a blessing," said co-owner Richard Vogel of Grosse Pointe Farms. "I'm amazed at the support the community gives its schools."

The store has also supplied food for parties at the Children's Home of Detroit on Cook Road, which gives assistance to troubled youth.

"Children's Home is extremely appreciative of what Domino's does," said Lisa Gandelot, the Home's Director of Development. "The kids love the parties, and pizza is their favorite food."

Domino's has also given tours of the store to local youth groups such as the Cub and Girl Scouts and has donated free pizza to the ER at St. John's Hospital and local police and fire departments.

"I have children and grandchildren here," said William Ebbing of Grosse Pointe Farms, store owner and operator.

"The support we give schools helps the community as a whole; that's the biggest thing."

Participating schools in the Dough Nights include Kerby, Tyrone, Montieth, Beacon, Mason, and Poupard.

On its designated night, Domino's donates one dollar from every order taken that day to one of the schools.

Nancy Ebbing, William's wife, says the funds go toward various activities including field trips, the art departments and new music supplies as well as the PTO funds.

"The money isn't split; the school gets it all," she said.

The store also throws a pizza party for the class that raises the most money that evening.

To receive credit, students are given certificates for parents to fill out and give back to the driver after they receive their food.

"The kids say it helps the school, and their parents don't have to cook," said Maria Dennis, a fifth-grade teacher at Tyrone whose class won a party. "The kids just work so hard."

Tyrone's principal, Cheryl Vanderlindin, said the funds raised for her school would go toward programs that rewarded students for positive behavior.

Vogel said he came up with the Dough Raising Nights about 10 years ago while he worked in a struggling pizza store in Albuquerque.

"I needed help, and we exhausted our options," he said. "We needed to go into the schools, and it was a great way to partner with the community."

The father-son duo of Richard and William has worked in the pizza business for a combined 28 years.

Even though business has gone up at the store, they maintain that supporting the city is their main focus.

The new owners now plan to go one step further.

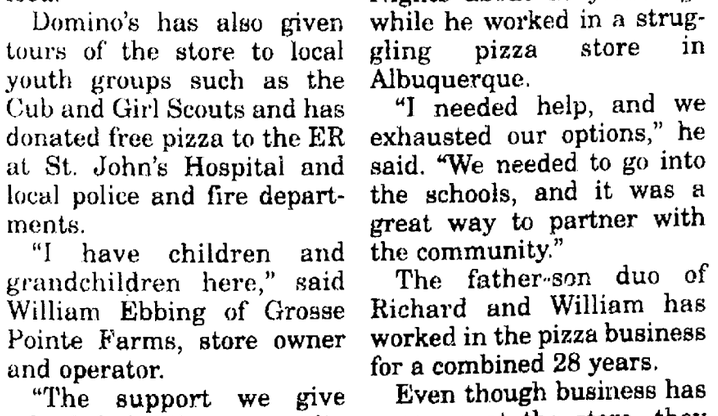
They recently supplied food for an all-girls lock-in at Greater Zion Hill Church in Detroit as well as a wheelchair basketball game at Grosse Pointe North.

Domino's is now looking to reach out to other congregations.

"We're also looking to support bands at middle schools through fundraisers because they don't get much money," William Ebbing said.

"We're always looking for new ways to interact with the community."

For more information on Dough Raising Nights, or other ways to get involved, call (313) 884-9750.



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From left: William Ebbing, his wife Nancy, and son Richard Vogel form 5 Pointes Inc., the owners of Domino's Pizza on 20431 Mack Ave. in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Don't have space to grow food? Join a CSA

Down to Earth

By Kathleen Peabody

If you've seen a Maple Creek Farms truck ambling through our community, driver Danny Lutz was most likely delivering fresh organic produce to a local hot spot. And by "fresh organic" I mean picked within the last 24 hours and grown without pesticides, herbicides or insecticides in an environmentally-friendly atmosphere.

Growing and enjoying our own organic produce is a luxury many of us dream of. But how many of us actually have enough space to grow a kitchen garden that isn't in a container? The next best thing may be participating in community supported agriculture (CSA).

According to Suzanne DeMuth, writer of "Community Supported Agriculture (CSA): An Annotated Bibliography and Resource Guide," "The CSA concept originated in the 1960s in Switzerland and Japan, where consumers interested in safe food and farmers seeking stable markets for their crops joined together in economic partnerships."

Although the idea of CSA came to the U.S. in the 1980s making it a relatively new concept in farming, CSAs have gained momentum. With eight CSA farms in Michigan and nearly 1,000 in the country, the members become "shareholders" pledging support to a farm operation so that the land becomes the community's farm, sharing the risks and benefits of food production. The shareholders pledge in advance to cover anticipated costs of the operation and farmer's salary. In return, they receive part of the farm's bounty during the growing season and the satisfaction gained from reconnecting to the land and participating in their own food production.

"By direct sales to community members, who have provided the farmer with working capital in advance, growers receive better prices for their crops, gain some financial security, and are relieved of much of the burden of marketing," writes DeMuth.

Nancy Wiggers and Frank Zebot of Grosse Pointe Park had always grown their own vegetables in their yard organically.

"I saw an article about Maple Creek and liked the whole concept," said Wiggers. "It's a worthy cause to support, and the Lutzes are very sincere about what they do."

Wiggers and Zebot will be staffing the new Maple Creek Farm stand at the Grosse Pointe farmers market this year. "I'm glad they've been invited, and since I like to sell, it will be fun," said Wiggers.

"I like food grown without pesticides because I think it's better for your health," said Elaine Dold, another 10-year Maple Creek CSA member and Grosse Pointe Park resident. "Michelle and Danny Lutz grow food with passion and I think their energy transcends into the earth itself." Dold may share her bounty on a weekly basis with another "empty-nest" couple, offering all plenty of produce for the week.

Maple Creek Farms, a CSA located in Yale, is entering its 11th year of operation, and owners Michelle and Danny Lutz have seen a wide variety of ups and downs.

"Last year with what Mother Nature gave us in rain was our hardest," said Michelle. "This year our farm will be tiled, which is an answer to our problems. The area will drain better with a valve system that captures the rain for the periods of drought."

With pot luck suppers, tours, sponsorships and a member newsletter including recipes and ideas, Maple Creek CSA has much happening. "Our members can take a more active role, if they choose," said Lutz.

Find Maple Creek produce locally at the Sprout House and at the Grosse Pointe Park farmers market. The group also provides produce to restaurants such as Sweet Lorraine's, Emily's and Tribute. Check out its Web site at www.maplecreekfarm.com

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This time of year is especially valuable for our local farmers as we celebrate Earth Day, April 21. Two movies have caught the attention of "green folks." Watch for showings of "The Future of Food" and "The Real Dirt on Farmer John," a story about a farmer from a multi-generational farm who loses the property only to return and run a large 1,600 member CSA. The informational Web site is www.therealdirt.net

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At the center of the CSA movement is eating locally grown food. Food that is not shipped thousands of miles, having lost nutrients not to mention the ongoing discussion of GMOs in the environment just tastes better. Although CSAs take many forms, all have at their center a shared commitment to building a more local and equitable agricultural system, one that allows growers to focus on land stewardship and still maintain productive and profitable small farms.

You might consider trying local organic produce grown by people you actually know.

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History tells the story

In the second century A.D., Greek historian Appian of Alexandria connected the rise of corporate agriculture to the end of Roman Republicanism:

Wealthy men took over the majority of the undistributed public land and were encouraged by the passage of time to think that they would never be evicted. Moreover, they gained possession of adjacent plots and whatever other little parcels were farmed by poor families, sometimes persuading the person to sell, sometimes taking it by force. Thus they were farming vast acreages instead of small plots... And thereby certain powerful men became extremely wealthy, and the class of slaves increased throughout the country, but the Italian people decreased in numbers and strength since they were hard-pressed by poverty, taxes, and military service.

— The Civil Wars 1.1.7

What's going on?

Herb Society of America/Grosse Pointe Unit annual Plant Sale, Friday, May 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 7, 8 a.m. to noon. Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center. Call (313) 881-1288 for a presale form to reserve your herbs or for more details. Proceeds used for community education projects.

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Yardeners Native Plant Sale, Friday, May 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (unless sold out before). Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum, 22500 11 Mile, behind the St. Clair Shores Library at 11 Mile and Jefferson. For a listing of available plants, prices, or an advance order form, contact Joy Janicki at (586) 778-0443.

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The Grosse Pointe Garden Center asks that you mark your calendar for its 14th annual Garden Tour, Saturday, June 25, and Sunday, June 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. $12 advance tickets; $15 day of the tour. Call the center at (313) 881-4594 for more details.

English gardens lecture April 27 at Ford House

The gardening season is here again and the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House has a great way to prepare gardeners of all talents for the season. To celebrate National Gardening Month, the Ford House is offering its "Grounds for Gardening" lecture series with Nancy Szerlag, gardening expert and reporter with The Detroit News.

"Treasure Hunting The Gorgeous Gardens of England" is the topic of a talk on Wednesday, April 27, beginning at 7:30 p.m. This lecture includes a slide presentation that will take participants on a tour of England's most famous gardens in search of plant and color combinations that will thrive in Michigan's environment.

The cost is $9. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Ford House at (313) 884-4222.

Theatre Arts Spring Show

The Theatre Arts Club will present two one-act plays for its Spring Show at the historic Players' Club of Detroit. Performances are at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 23, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 24. The Players' Club is located at 3321 E. Jefferson.

The first play, "Early Frost," by Douglas Parkhirst is the story of a 12-year-old girl sent to live with her maiden aunts in a rambling old house.

The second play, "When Men are Scarce," by John Kirkpatrick, is a comedy, the story of three career girls sharing an apartment.

Light refreshments will be served. Tickets are $20 for adults; $10 for students. Dress is "snappy" casual. For reservations or more information, call Susan at (313) 882-9706.

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G.P. Symphony — music by and for friends

Many years ago, the great French composer Darius Milhaud spoke in Detroit at a Pro Musica concert featuring his compositions. He observed that the real life of music was in having it performed by or with friends and neighbors in the home, in church, at school or perhaps in a local hall.

We have an excellent example in the Grosse Pointe Symphony (GPS). It is a community orchestra in the best sense. While its members play at a professional level, they generally have other ways to make a living. They include doctors, lawyers, CPAs, teachers, nurses, physical therapists, students and retirees.

Two-thirds of them are local residents who play because they love music and derive satisfaction from making music together as a shared experience. It is part of their personal life. But that only scratches the surface of what it means to have our own symphony orchestra in our community. In one way or another, the GPS touches the life of everyone who lives here.

If you happen to go shopping at the right time, you can enjoy hearing the orchestra playing on Kercheval during the summer festival in the Village. If you visit someone you know in a local senior community or a nursing home, you might hear one of the free performances the orchestra gives at those locations. Or you may picnic by the lake as you listen to a free GPS performance in one of our municipal parks.

Many of us still remember the GPS concerts in the summer music festival at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. There would be hundreds of families on the lawn. The orchestra would perform on the Alger House lakeside terrace while climactic fireworks soared skyward from a barge offshore. Some described it as a most civilized Fourth of July celebration.

For students, the GPS offers scholarships and important opportunities for performing that increases their proficiency.

At a concert on Feb. 6, 15-year-old Grosse Pointe South High School sophomore Peter Sabino soloed in an impressive performance of Romance for clarinet and orchestra by French composer Claude Debussy.

On Sunday, May 1, Patrick Walle from U-D High School will perform a movement from a concerto for French horn by Richard Strauss.

Both students plan careers in music. The experience is important for their artistic development and as a credit on their applications to major music schools at institutions like the Eastman School of Music and the University of Michigan. The performances are also musical treats for the audience.

Walle makes a strong case for the importance of this aspect of the GPS program:

"This is a special experience in that this is not a youth orchestra. All members are serious musicians. The conductors, like Charles Greenwell from the (Detroit Symphony Orchestra), are outstanding. My family and friends have come to these concerts. Most are not musicians but they discover they enjoy it. I listen to rock music, too, but knowing classical helps you appreciate all music."

The performance will be listed on his resume in his college applications.

Students don't have to be soloists to gain experience in the GPS. It also welcomes student string players to sit in the violin section for certain concerts.

Adult players in the orchestra are equally appreciative and enthusiastic.

Lorraine Primeau has played string bass in the GPS for 26 years. When her friends have come to hear concerts, she says, "I think sometimes they were surprised that the GPS is so good. They think of it as a local group, but we are all trained musicians, and we get good coaching."

She explains how longtime music director Felix Resnick was a stickler on good technique with the violin bow and on observing the composers' dynamic markings in the score.

Violinist Therese Edelstein, who is also a member of the GPS board, thinks of the concerts as a two-fold experience: Those who watch and those who play. It is her observation that for people who come to

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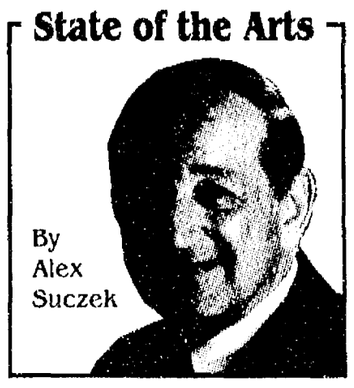

By Alex Suczek

watch their friends perform, it is a more involving experience.

"They listen more carefully. It holds their attention better," she observed.

Trumpeter Paul Miller has been with the orchestra for 30 years. He was in the band program at South High School and joined up soon after graduation. He now teaches music in the Grosse Pointe schools and has many students accepting the GPS offer of free tickets, with reduced price tickets for their parents. He especially prizes the experience of playing in the orchestra with the outstanding soloists who come. Recent high points were solo appearances by pianist Julia I and Detroit Symphony cellist Robert DeMaine.

"Playing in the orchestra to accompany a fine soloist makes you a better musician," he insists. After hearing Julia I perform the Tchaikovsky piano concerto in February, one audience member expanded the thought observing that the orchestra rose to the artistic standard of the soloist. In truth, it can be a thrilling experience.

There is a social significance to the symphony activities, too. Just getting together for a concert of good music and a reception with friends and neighbors is a heartwarming experience. But it goes deeper.

Flutist Diane Littlefield met percussionist Steve Kegler when they joined the orchestra 17 years ago. After making music together and going out for coffee afterward for a couple of years, she became Mrs. Kegler. The concert on May 1 is a memorial to the memory of her father, Don Littlefield. He was a member of the string bass section for more than 20 years.

Trumpeter Richard and violinist Jane Fanning see it from another angle. As he explains it, "We find ourselves part of a musical network. I play in church and hang out with other players when I can. Our children are in their school bands and the DSO Civic Orchestra. We encourage our students to attend concerts and find that seeing us perform influences them to see us in a different light. That is true of many orchestra members whose students come to hear us."

It all adds up to a piece of our community life that enriches us in more ways than most of us are aware. Among GPS musicians and board members, tuba player and attorney Erich Hintzen has a cogent view:

"The presence of an orchestra is part of what gives Grosse Pointe its self-esteem. We are a small city surrounded by larger communities and a major city. Yet we have our own community arts organizations like the symphony. They validate the quality character of our city."

A member of the audience at the February concert lent emphasis to that thought and voiced the attitudes of many regular subscribers: "I come all the way from Dearborn because I love the music and the price is right ($15)."

Another event in that validation takes place on Sunday, May 1, at 7 p.m. in Parcells school auditorium (located at Mack and Vernier). Some highlights of the program include a March by Grieg, an English folk song suite by Vaughn Williams and a Trombone concerto by Rimsky-Korsakov. The trombonist, John Rutherford, is another young scholarship winner already on his way in his career. Charles Greenwell of the DSO will conduct.

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Draper Hill in one-man show

Sculptor Sergio De Giusti decided it was time to showcase the work of Draper Hill, one of Detroit's most successful editorial artists.

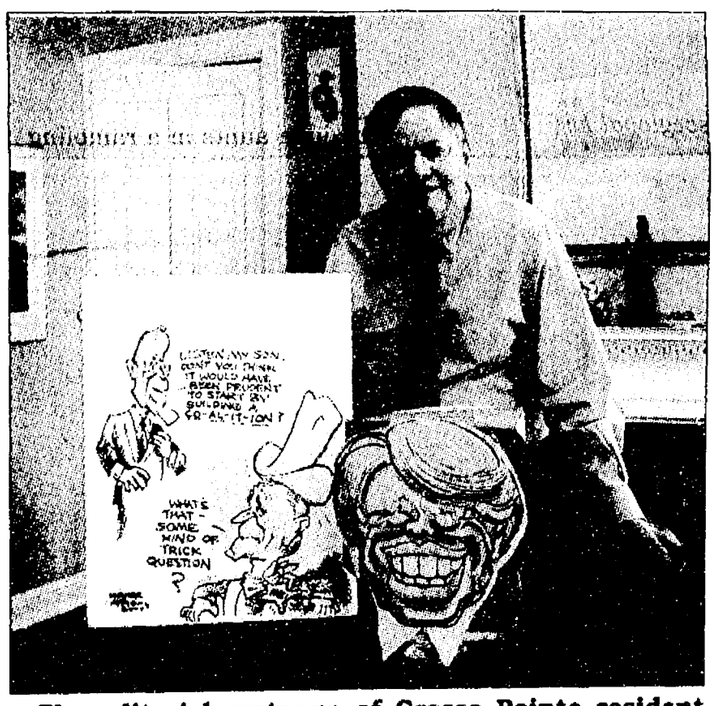
Hill, of Grosse Pointe and a Harvard graduate, enjoyed a 35-year career as an editorial cartoonist for newspapers in Arkansas, Massachusetts and Tennessee and, most notably, for The Detroit News, where he produced an average of six drawings per week for more than 20 years.

The Detroit Artists Market (DAM) embraced DeGiusti's idea, and the result is a one-man show of Hill's work, a sampling of political cartoons and caricatures created between 1957 and 2005.

The exhibition is called "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: The Politics of Boomerang." It begins with a reception Friday, April 22, from 6 to 10 p.m., which is open to the public and is free of charge. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Hill, who will sign books featuring his work, as well as prints of a popular 1980 cartoon, "Where There's a Will," of the U.S. winning the Olympic Gold for hockey. The show runs through May 22. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

On Saturday, May 7, at 2:15 p.m., the Detroit Artists Market will host a Gallery Talk in which Hill and De Giusti will speak informally about the theory and practice of caricature. This is open to the public and is free of charge.

As curator of the exhibition, De Giusti, along with Hill, reviewed quantities of Hill's original drawings. They noted that while the faces are different, many of the issues are still with us.



The editorial cartoons of Grosse Pointe resident Draper Hill, formerly of The Detroit News, will be featured April 22 through May 22 at the Detroit Artists Market.

De Giusti stated, "Things in the City of Detroit have not changed much since the days of Coleman Young."

Hill's cartoons skewering Mayor Young for cronyism, self-assurance and downright arrogance could be restaged in 2005 with Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. Thus, the exhibition's title, "The Politics of Boomerang."

"I'm a big admirer of Draper's work," De Giusti said. "Galleries often feature the work of up-and-coming artists. I wanted to give people, especially the younger generation in the area, the opportunity to see art created by an established, successful editorial artist whose work spans several decades. Young people have never seen these editorial cartoons and caricatures before. The past works reflect specific events in the history of Detroit and the country, but are relevant and exciting today. And Draper is a widely known authority on the history of the political cartoon."

People featured in Hill's work included Mayor Coleman Young, Richard Nixon, Vice President Spiro Agnew, both the George Bushes and Ralph Nader.

In a cartoon created in 2005, the elder Bush asks his son: "Listen my son, don't you think it would have been prudent to start by building a co-al-it-tion?" The current president snaps back, "What's that — some kind of trick question?" In the drawing, Hill depicted George W. as a Texas Ranger.

Hill clearly enjoys deflating politicians and capturing the essence of the day's issues and conflicts. He says his work began to mature during the Vietnam and Watergate years; a time when cartooning was moral-

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À LA ANNIE
By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

I've never been one who turns to "lettuce in the bag" as a salad option; however, last weekend (while hobnobbing in the Hamptons) I watched as my niece Janice Martin turned greens from a bag into a light and delicious side dish to accompany the entrees delivered from the Golden Pear, an elite caterer on the east end of Long Island.

Janice prepared the dressing ahead of time as well as toasting the noodles and sunflower seeds. She tossed the salad just before serving.

Port Jefferson Salad

1/2 cup olive oil
1/2 cup honey
1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 package Ramon noodles (any variety), noodles only, crushed
1 cup (about 5.5 oz.) raw sunflower seeds
3 7-oz. packages blended salad greens (choose your favorite)

In a small saucepan combine the olive oil, honey, cider vinegar and soy sauce. Heat the mixture over low heat until the honey is blended well with the other ingredients, stirring often. Remove from heat and set aside.

In a medium skillet over medium heat, toast the crushed Ramon noodles with the sunflower seeds until the noodles become golden brown, tossing often. (Don't walk away from the skillet!) Remove from heat and set aside.

All that's left to do is assemble the salad. Place all of the greens in a large bowl. Drizzle the dressing over the greens followed by the toasted mixture. Using tongs, toss and toss the greens until evenly coated with the dressing and toasted crunchies.

The dressing is light and slightly sweet with a hint of Asian flavor from the soy sauce. The honey offers a balance to the cider vinegar. You can prepare the dressing a day in advance and store it covered in the refrigerator. Shake well before using. Toast the noodles and the sunflower seeds ahead as well; store in a zip-lock bag.

My lettuce in the bag choice: Riviera salad blend from Fresh Express (a mix of Boston Butter and Radicchio). It proved to be an excellent choice as my tasty, crunchy salad was enjoyed by many.

Serve Port Jefferson Salad as a starter, a side dish, or even an entree when topped with a piece of grilled chicken or fish. You don't have to go too far east to enjoy a new tasting salad, just in time for the warm weather. Janice said her simple salad is a hit every time she makes it. She's right.

Little League hat

Family Daze
By Debbie Farmer

When your child joins Little League for the first time, there's plenty to worry about: What if your child can't hit the ball? What if he gets hurt? What if he never gets to first base? What if there are aggressive kids? Or demanding coaches?

No one ever mentions — The Hat.

Let me explain.

There are several subtle differences between organized sports for kids and the kind you see at ballparks. The major one is that in the first sport, kids are playing. That means the salaries are much lower, and there is a lot less spitting and cussing.

At least by the players.

The other difference is the accessories. Believe me, in Little League baseball there are a lot of them to keep track of. Belts, cleats, matching socks, etc. But let me just say that all of these are mere trifles compared to — The Hat.

I've always considered hats to be a low-key optional sort of accessory: Something you wear mostly in the spring, or at theme parks, or if you're going to play tennis.

However, in Little League baseball, hats seem to take on a whole new sense of importance, right up there with discount shoe shopping and wrinkle-free clothing.

I found this out on the first day of practice when the coach passed out the uniforms. He looked around at the parents and said, "Your child must wear his hat during every game."

I could tell by the way he stared at me when he emphasized "every" that he'd already sized me up as the sort of person who's late for orthodontist appointments and has overdue library books. In other words, a HAT LOSER.

Naturally my first thought was, "Pshaw! Only a fool would lose her son's baseball hat."

However, I admit, I've never had a good track record with accessories. For reasons I don't fully understand, every winter I go through a flurry of gloves and scarves and umbrellas only to finally end up in mid-February with nothing left but one wool mitten and the top part of a snowsuit.

So it must not be too surprising that since my son started his Little League career I've found, and lost, the same baseball hat at least 27,403 times. It's gotten so I have a permanent "I'm looking for something" expression on my face.

The bright side is that I've discovered a plethora of places where baseball hats will never, ever be, no matter how many times you look. So there's no need to waste your time trying.

These places are, in no particular order: on your child's head, in the back seat of the car, in the washing machine, in the last place you left it, in the place where everyone swears they saw it, on the hat shelf in the closet or in the sports bag.

That said, on the other hand, there are tons of places the hat will turn up that you will never, ever think of looking.

They are as follows: on the top rack of the oven, in the fruit bowl, in the gold lame section of your lingerie drawer, in the china cabinet and in the cat's water dish.

I probably don't need to tell you that as soon as baseball season ends, our hat problem is automatically solved. Not only because we don't need a hat anymore, mind you, but also because it's always, ALWAYS exactly where we left it: on the hook behind the front door.

Right where his soccer cleats should be.

Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother holding down the fort in California, and the author of "Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat." She can be reached at www.familydaze.com, or by writing familydaze@oasisnewsfeatures.com.

Draper

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ly centered, the cartoonists were frequently angry, and their cartoons helped clarify and expose much mischief and skullduggery. Hill has described the cartoonist as "moralist, entertainer, propagandist and, inadvertently, historian."

However, he says, the country is in a period of more humorous general cartooning that is not ethically based or concerned with issues, revelation or correction. He looks forward to more vigorous political commentary from cartoonists in the future.

"The business seems to swing like a pendulum," Hill says, "generation by generation between slashing and giggling."

Hill has written several books on the history of editorial cartooning. He is the author of three volumes and a catalog on the British artist James Gillray (1756-1815), who was the first modern editorial cartoonist. Hill owned one of the largest and best collections of Gillray's original drawings, as well as numerous prints, most of which were auctioned in London in 2001.

In addition, he was president of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists (1975-76). He graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University in 1957 and attended the Slade School of Fine Arts in England on a Fulbright scholarship.

Sergio De Giusti is an internationally known sculptor who works primarily in relief. He is widely known for his work "Transcending" — the 63-foot monument to labor at the entrance of Hart Plaza.

The Detroit Artists Market is located in the Detroit Cultural Center at 4719 Woodward, three blocks south of the Detroit Institute of Arts, and one block east of Wayne State University. Exhibitions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Detroit Artists Market at (313) 832-8540 or visit online at www.detroitartistsmarket.org.

2nd date is added for sold-out Edsel & Eleanor Ford tour

Spring has arrived, and the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House will host a Spring Tea & Tour from 3 to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 30.

The Spring Tea & Tour gives guests an opportunity to experience the many sides of Edsel & Eleanor Ford House with a tour of its breathtaking gardens, followed by a tour of the historic house. After the tour, guests will enjoy an afternoon tea in Tea Room cafe.

The first date of the Spring Tea & Tour, scheduled for Saturday, May 7, has been sold-out. The April date was added to offer this special event to more guests.

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North boys end drought in Norsemen Invitational

By Stefan Cross
Special Writer

After 15 years of hosting its own invitational, Grosse Pointe North's boys track team was finally able to keep the first place trophy at home.

The boys won their first Norsemen Invitational last Saturday defeating the defending champs, Sterling Heights, by six points.

"I think Sterling Heights has taken first place almost every year," said coach Dan Quinn. "This year we went above and beyond what we thought was imaginable three years ago."

The school record 3200-meter relay team of Mike Pokladek, John Bremer, Mario Sexton and Robbie Fisher started out the meet with a first-place finish and was just one second shy of the meet record.

The shuttle hurdle relay team of Luke Donahue, Will Utley, Charlie Cooper and DeAndre Henderson followed up with a solid first-place finish.

The boys took another first in the cross country style 1600 relay led by Steve Joseph's 4:42 PR (personal record). Barclay Smyly ran a 4:55; Casey Fulton PR'd with a 4:58, as did Andy Van Egmond with a 5:09.

The 800 relay team, the 400 relay team and the sprint medley relay team all took second place in their events. Marcell Maxwell, DeRhon Pines and Cam Howard ran in each event.

In the mid-distance (800-400-400-800) relay, Jake Sexton, Smyly, Matt Veryser and Alex Davenport dropped nine seconds off last year's time at this meet and took a second place finish.

Photo by Bob Bruce

Aaron Maxwell cleared 6-feet-1 in the high jump at the Norsemen Invitational.

The distance medley (1200-800-400-1600) relay team of Pokladek, Fulton, Mario Sexton and Fisher crushed the competition and dropped over 12 seconds off last year's time.

North's high jumpers took second place, highlighted by Aaron Maxwell's big jump of 6-feet-1.

A fairly young long jump team of Charlie Calhoun, Edwin Whitfield and Henderson managed to walk away with first place in their event.

In both the discus and shot put North took third place.

"We did it as a team," said Pat Wilson, assistant coach. "We scored in every single event and medaled in every event but one."

On Tuesday, April 12, the team continued to show why it is competing at a higher level than last year. The boys, who moved up from the Macomb Area Conference Gold to the MAC Blue this year, tacked on another division win after comfortably handling Marysville by a score of 114-23. This improved their overall and division record to 2-0.

"We're picked to be the favorite in the MAC Blue. We could really compete in any division in the MAC," said Quinn.

Maxwell, co-captain, showed his speed as he took first place in the 100 dash and anchored two winning relays, the 4x100 and the 4x200.

Sophomore Fisher won both the 1600 and the open 800 run.

One of the best performances of the day belonged to Fulton.

"The day's big standout was Casey who ran a 2:07 split in the 4x800," Quinn said. "Casey was indeed our fastest 800 guy of the day."

After running the fastest 800 split of the day, Fulton then went on to take second place in the 1600 with a 5:01.

The team also has some new young talent that gives the coaches optimism for the future.

"Our freshmen are really coming along. DeRhon Pines won the high jump, and Cam Howard won the 200. They both ran really well," Quinn said.

Sophomore Will Utley, the team's point leader, continued his dominance in the pole vault, taking first place with a jump of 11-6. On Saturday, Utley jumped 12-0.

The throwers were blown away by Austen Ditzhazy's discus throw of 100-10. Jake Masinick, co-captain, took second place in the discus and third in the shot put.

Knights give boot to an old nemesis

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

For several years, Clawson's girls soccer team has been a huge obstacle in the path to success for University Liggett School.

Perhaps the tide has turned. And it couldn't have happened at a better time because the Knights could face the Trojans three times this season.

"In the last four years, we were 0-3 against them," said ULS coach David Backhurst after the Knights beat the Trojans 2-0 in a Metro Conference game last week.

"When this core group of seven seniors was still in the eighth grade, Clawson beat us in the regional. When they were sophomores and juniors they knocked us out in the district. I reminded them about those games, especially last year's game when we outplayed them but the coach's daughter scored the winning goal. Our girls were pumped for the game."

In an evenly-played first half, ULS scored the only goal 16 minutes into the game. Rachel Goldberg sent a crossing pass to Jordan McIlroy, who beat the Trojans' goalkeeper.

Each team had six shots in a first half in which most of the play was in the midfield.

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Norsemen's only loss is state record winning streak

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's baseball team suffered a loss last week, but it didn't happen on the diamond.

The loss came in the state high school record books as Homer's baseball team ran its winning streak to 47 games, eclipsing the mark of 44 wins in a row that North set during the 1980 and 1981 seasons.

"We won our last 16 games in '80 when we won the state championship and then won all 28 regular season games in '81," said coach Frank Sumbera.

The streak finally ended in the district opener in 1981 when Bishop Gallagher beat North on a home run by Mike Stevenson.

Stevenson is now the Norsemen's junior varsity coach.

"That home run gets longer every time he tells about it," Sumbera said with a laugh. "And he doesn't let me forget it."

This year North is on another winning streak. The Norsemen have won their last 11 games after dropping their opener against Brother Rice in extra innings. In the latest Division I state rankings, North was fourth.

"This could be our best team since those teams that set the record for consecutive wins," Sumbera said after North opened the Macomb Area Conference White Division season Monday with a 19-6 romp over Warren-Mott.

Josh Lewis led the attack for the Norsemen with four hits and a walk. He drove in three runs and stole two bases.

Michael Kaiser, Matt Grassley and Zac Matthews collected three hits apiece. Kaiser, who hit a double, drove in four runs and scored twice. Matthews drove in five runs with a double and a two-run homer, and Grassley, who hit a double, had three RBIs.

Winning pitcher Michael Bramos had two doubles, two walks, scored two runs and drove in two. Bramos pitched the first five innings and struck out eight. Matthews and Jon Tibaudo each pitched an inning and the three North hurlers combined for 11 strikeouts.

Jon Hinz also had two hits and an RBI for the Norsemen.

Mott was led by Ron Alfes, who drove in a pair of runs with two hits, one of them a double. Alfes is the son of one of Sumbera's former players at North.

Earlier, the Norsemen swept doubleheaders from Dakota and Plymouth Salem.

North won the first game 5-1 against Dakota as Matthews pitched a six-hitter and struck out five.

The Norsemen collected 12 hits but scored all five runs in the fourth inning. Key hits were an RBI triple by Adam Miller, a two-run double by Bramos and a two-run single by Brian St. Hilaire.

In the second game, Bramos and Kaiser combined to pitch a one-hit shutout. Bramos struck out six in his five innings.

North scored two runs in the third on RBI singles by Miller and Kaiser, and the Norsemen added two more in the fourth on a solo homer by Don Thill, a single by Robert Fine and an RBI single by Hinz.

In the Salem doubleheader, Lewis survived a line drive off his chest to pitch a four-hit shutout with seven strikeouts in a 3-0 victory.

"He was down for about 10 minutes after he got hit in the third inning, but he finished the game," Sumbera said.

North scored all of its runs in the first inning. Singles by Miller, Kaiser and Lewis produced the first run, and Grassley and Bramos followed with RBI singles.

North won the second game 13-6 as Lewis and Matthews each had two hits and three RBIs. One of Lewis's hits was a triple.

St. Hilaire started and pitched shutout ball to earn the victory. Tom Ziemiecki and Matt Koppinger finished up.

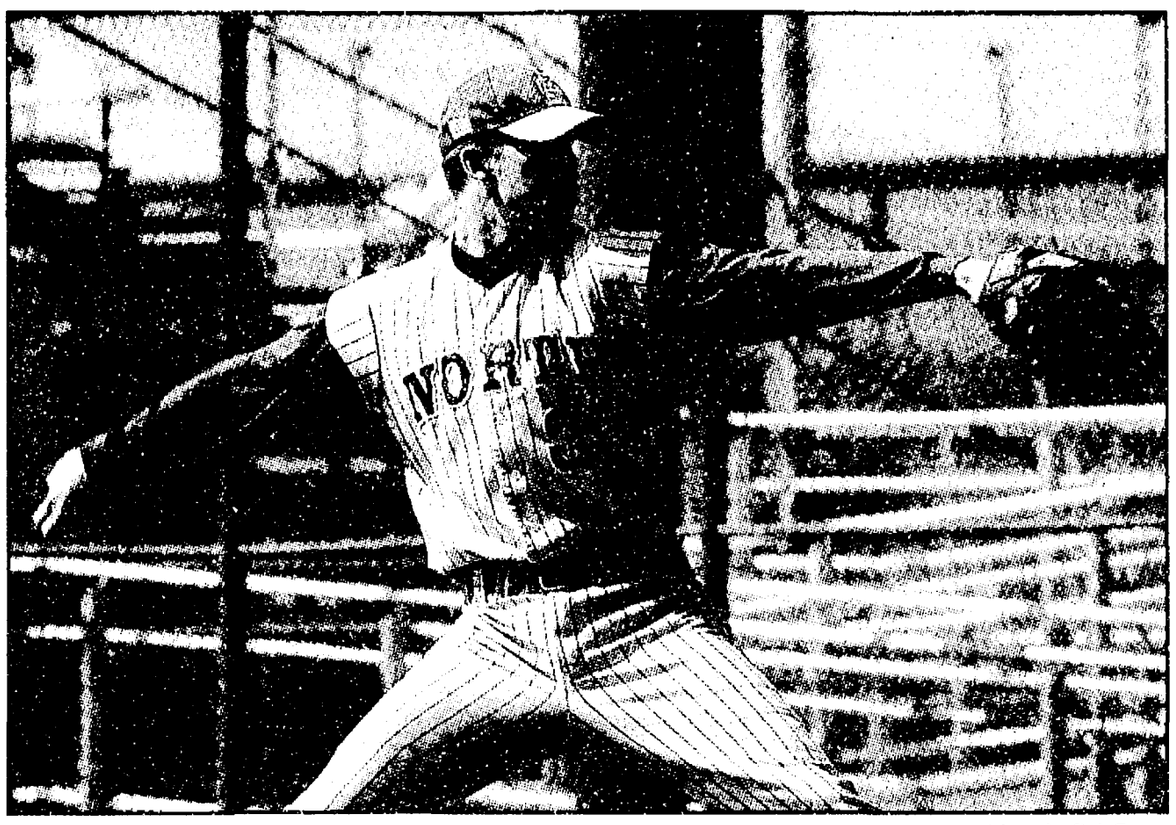


Photo by Bob Bruce

Josh Lewis recovered from being hit with a line drive to pitch a shutout against Plymouth Salem.

Blue Devils are fighting through a stretch of bad luck

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Sometimes it's just as important to be lucky as it is to be good.

Grosse Pointe South's baseball team was good enough to win its Macomb Area Conference White Division opener with Utica Ford II on Monday, but the Blue Devils didn't have the luck to go along with it.

"We hit the ball hard, but we hit it right at people," said South coach Dan Griesbaum after his team's 4-2 defeat. "We haven't had a lot of luck so far this year. We're 6-7, but with a few breaks we could easily be 10-3. The good thing is, we're getting better all the time."

In each of the first three innings the Blue Devils stranded two runners on base, and South left nine on base for the game.

Doubles by Ryan Gunderson and Chad Murphy produced a run for South in the second inning. The Blue Devils scored an unearned run in the seventh on singles by Eddie Barclay and Austin McClung and an error on a ground ball by Derrick Hacias.

Gunderson took the loss despite allowing only six hits.

"He's deserved a better fate," Griesbaum said. "He's pitched well in his last couple of starts, but doesn't have anything to show for it."

Last weekend, South won all three games in a four-team tournament that the Blue Devils hosted.

South opened with a 13-4 win over Chippewa Valley.

Kyle Humphrey led the way with three hits and two RBIs, while Murphy had a pair of hits and drove in a run.

Ryan Abraham and Hacias each hit run-scoring doubles, while McClung and James Bertakis delivered RBI singles.

Hacias picked up the victory as he went five innings and struck out five.

Pete Stoepker hit a double and home run and drove in three runs to lead South to a 15-6 win over South Lake.

McClung and Alex Barrett each hit two-run doubles for the Blue Devils. Ben Fischer had a pair of hits, while Matt Leverenz also had two hits, including a double.

Alex Middleton scattered five hits over five innings. He struck out four and walked four. Will Owen pitched the final inning.

South closed out the sweep with a 10-0 win over University Liggett School as Bertakis pitched a one-hitter with six strikeouts.

Barclay, Humphrey, Abraham and Gunderson led the way with two hits apiece, while Abraham and Gunderson hit doubles. Humphrey and Abraham each drove in two runs.

The Blue Devils' other runs were knocked in by McClung, Murphy and Bertakis.

Earlier, South swept a doubleheader from Troy Athens, winning the first game 11-5 and taking the second contest 10-4.

In the opener, Abraham had two hits, including a grand slam, and drove in five runs. Jeff Stephens had three hits, including a double, and drove in a run, while Murphy collected three hits, one a double, and two RBIs.

Hacias went the distance and scattered four hits. He struck out four and walked two. He helped himself with two hits and an RBI.

In the second game, Stephens drove in four runs with a pair of doubles. Jeff Remillet also had an RBI double for South. The other runs were driven in by Abraham, Owen, Mitch Pangborn and Anthony DeLaura.

Middleton pitched 5 2/3 innings and allowed three hits to earn the victory, while Abraham finished up.

In a MAC crossover game, a nine-run seventh inning by Romeo turned in close contest into a one-sided final as the Bulldogs won 11-1.

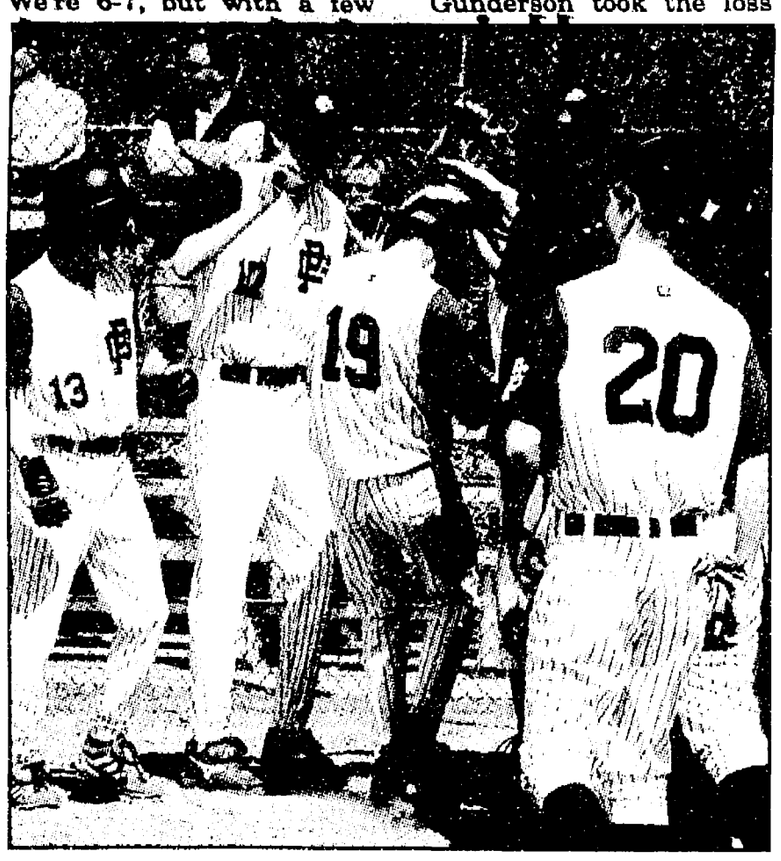
"It was a good ballgame until the seventh inning," Griesbaum said. "Gunderson threw well in that game, too. He had eight strikeouts and only allowed four earned runs."

South had scored a run in the bottom of the sixth to cut Romeo's lead to 2-1. Humphrey doubled, moved to third on an infield single by Abraham and scored on Remillet's single, but the next batter bounced into a double play to end the threat.

McClung pitched a six-hitter and struck out seven in South's 6-2 victory over De La Salle.

Gunderson drove in two runs with a homer and a single. McClung had two hits, including a double, and drove in a run.

Barclay had two hits and Hacias brought in a run with a sacrifice fly.



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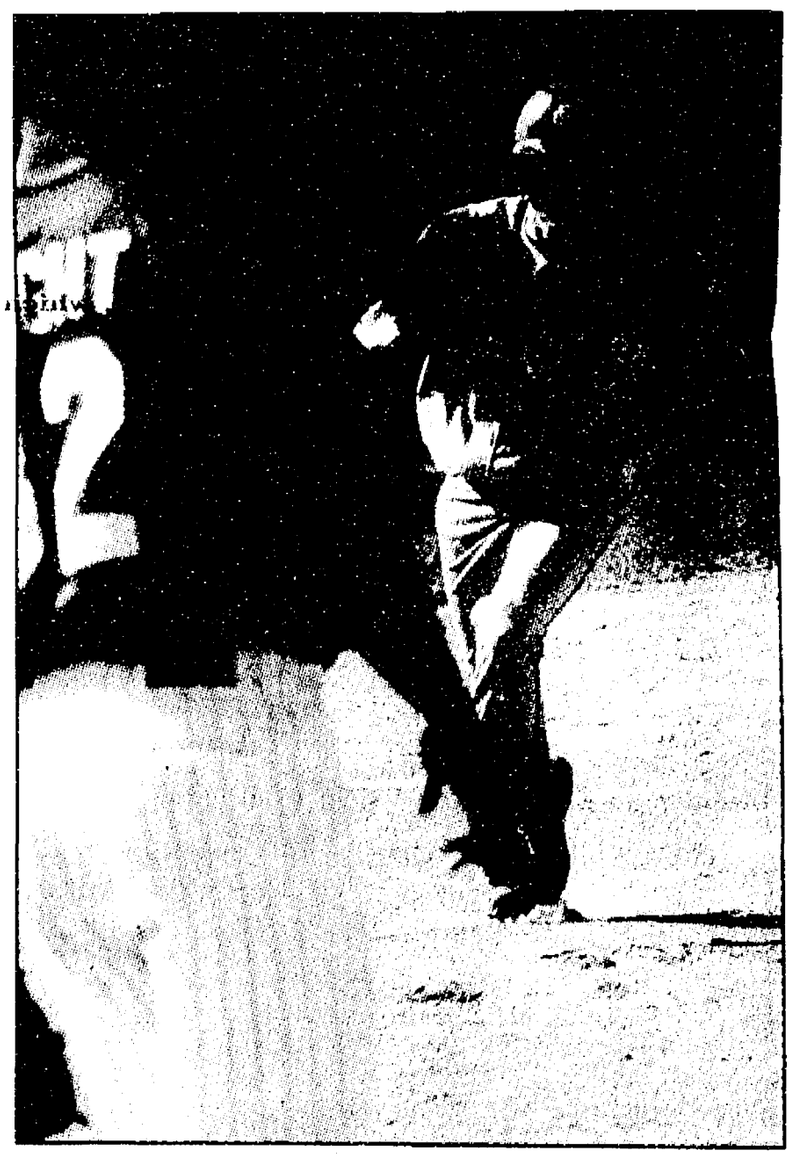
Ryan Abraham's Grosse Pointe South teammates congratulate him after his grand slam against Troy Athens.



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Grosse Pointe South's Kyle Humphrey steams into third base against University Liggett School.

Knights knock off Metro foe

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Maybe the balance of power in Metro Conference baseball is about to change.

"We'd like to see that happen," said University Liggett School coach Dan Cimini after his team beat perennial league power Harper Woods 16-5.

"That's the first time in years that we've beaten Harper Woods in a regular-season game."

It looks like Lutheran Northwest, which won the state Division IV championship last season, appears to be the team to beat again this year but ULS is showing signs that it's a force to be reckoned with in the league.

"I talked to Northwest's coach and he said he was worried about playing us," Cimini said.

"They're No. 1 in the state, and I don't think we're that good yet, but I think it'll be a good game when we play them."

ULS will host that showdown on Thursday, April 28.

Curtis Fisher and Mike Posby each pitched three innings in a combined three-hitter against Harper Woods. Each of the Knights' pitchers struck out four.

Fisher hit a two-run double, Alex Amicucci drove in two runs with a single and Joe Conway had a pair of hits for ULS.

"We had a lot of walks," Cimini said.

Cimini was pleased with his team's defense, along with the pitching.

"We've been playing great defense," he said. "We're picking the ball up real well."

ULS competed last weekend in the Grosse Pointe South Invitational, and although the Knights had two defeats and a tie, Cimini was pleased with his team's effort.

"We lost 10-0 to South, but it was 3-0 after four innings," Cimini said. "Fisher pitched well, and I think our kids gained a lot of confidence by playing against those bigger schools."

The highlight of the tournament for ULS was a 2-2 eight-inning tie with South Lake.

Amicucci pitched all eight innings for the Knights and allowed five hits and struck out eight.

"We had great defense again," Cimini said. "Our freshman catcher, Michael Thomas, threw out three runners attempting to steal."

Fisher drove in both of ULS's runs with ground-outs.

"I liked the way we manufactured our first run," Cimini said. "Jon Wright walked, stole second, moved to third on a sacrifice and scored on Fisher's ground-out."

In their other game, the Knights lost 16-1 to Chippewa Valley.

ULS is 2-0 in the Metro Conference and 5-3 overall.

Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

Triumphant return

A pair of University of Michigan women's lacrosse players made a triumphant return to the Grosse Pointe as their Wolverines squad beat Michigan State 16-7 in a game played in the Grosse Pointe South stadium. Kate Finkenstaedt, left, is a 2001 South grad, who is a senior captain at Michigan. Ashley Steitz is a 2004 University Liggett School graduate.

North golfers win twice

Grosse Pointe North's girls golf team improved to 3-0 with victories last week over Port Huron Northern and Romeo in Macomb Area Conference Red Division matches.

In a 196-223 win over PHN at the Port Huron Country Club, Caitlin Bennett led the Norsemen with a score of 46.

Mary Rose Sassin was next with a 48, followed by Christy Sandmair and Elizabeth Beals with 51s.

Bennett was again the medalist in North's 187-216 victory over Romeo at the Lochmoor Club as she shot a 42 on her home course.

Sandmair came in with a 45, while Sassin and Beals each carded 50.

South golfers edged by Romeo

Grosse Pointe South's girls golf team lost 201-207 to Romeo last week.

South's Julie West shot a 43 to lead all golfers.

Long runs or short, North girls do well in invitational

By Stefan Cross
Special Writer

Grosse Pointe North's girls track team showed why it's called the Norsemen Invitational last Saturday where it was all Norsemen.

The team competed in its annual Norsemen Invitational against East Detroit, Sterling Heights, Harper Woods Notre Dame, Roseville, and Lakeview. The girls were able to take first scoring 114 points.

From the beginning of the meet until the end it was all North.

The girls' 3200-meter relay team of Betsy Graney, Katie Graves, Cara Miserendino and Katie Horne kicked off the meet with a big first place finish.

The distance runners stepped up as the 4x1600 team of Kelly Szymborski, Sarah Gryniewicz, Melissa Ciaravino and Jennie Brescoll along with the distance medley team of Graney, Miserendino, Catherine Solomon and Szymborski were both able to grab first place in their events.

"You can always count on the distance team to get the points," said Szymborski, co-captain.

The sprinters were also able to bring home the points taking first place in every single one of their events.

Danielle Hubler ran her way to four first place medals while Rebecca Pollard, Kelly DeFauw and Jenny DeFauw all took home three.

Athletes from field events also got to test out their speed on the track in the field event relay. The girl's team of Korean Jones, Lauren Flanagan, Emily Schliecher and Rita Chapel snagged another gold medal in that event.

The duo of Christine Klein and Flanagan took second in the high jump led by Klein's jump of 4-feet-9.

In the shot put Schliecher, Jones and Flanagan led North to another first.

The girls closed the meet just as they started as the 1600 relay team of Kelly Defauw, Jenny Defauw, Hubler and Graves ran its way to another first place finish.

On Tuesday, April 12, the girls improved their record in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division to 2-0 with a 93-43 victory against Marysville.

Once again the distance team dominated the competition taking 1-2-3 in both the 1600 run, the 800 run and the 3200 run.

Betsy Graney was a double winner in the 1600 and the 3200. Following Graney in the 1600 was Miserendino and Gryniewicz, and completing the sweep in the 3200 was Gryniewicz and Szymborski.

Photo by Bob Bruce

Rebecca Pollard and Danielle Hubler combined to win seven gold medals for Grosse Pointe North in the Norsemen Invitational.

The girls who swept the 800 run were Horne, Graves and Brescoll.

The team also swept the 300 hurdles with an outstanding first place run by JaNae Micou and great follow-ups by Solomon and Jones.

Jones also took first in the 100 hurdles and Solomon took third.

All four relay teams were able to win their events.

Jenny DeFauw took first place by nearly ten seconds in the 400 run while her younger sister, Kelly DeFauw scaled first in the 200 dash.

Schliecher was the lone Norsemen scoring in the shot put, throwing her way to another first place finish.

Other great performances were by Allison Mikula who got a PR (personal record) in the 3200 with a 13:16 and Ciaravino who ran a 6:10 in the 1600 and a 14:09 in the 3200.

Photo by G. Neal

Grosse Pointe North senior Dave Watson scored 12 goals during the Norsemen's first four games, which they split.

Pointe pair helps Little Caesars to state final

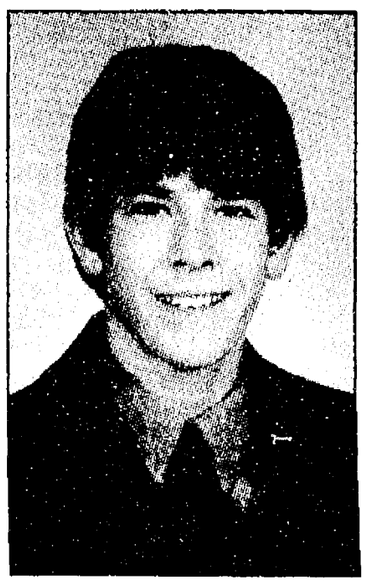
Two Grosse Pointers competed in the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Bantam AAA state championships at the Taylor Sportsplex.

Arthur Griem and Lance Lucas play for the Little Caesars 1990 hockey club, which dropped a 6-4 decision to defending national champion Honeybaked in the championship game.

Little Caesars won three of its four games in pool play to qualify for the semifinals, and beat Compuware 4-1 to reach the final game.

Caesars head coach David Phillips praised both of the local players.

"Lance Lucas (at forward) gives 110 percent on every shift at both ends of the ice," Phillips said. "He is a big-time hitter and plays the game with reckless abandon. Lance is the most valuable member of our penalty-killing unit.



Arthur Griem

Lance Lucas

"It is highly unusual to find a defenseman with the quick feet and overall skating speed of Arthur Griem. Arthur is one of the most coachable players it has been my pleasure to have play for me. He has wonderful instincts for the game, and always seems to be in the right place at the right time. When we are leading by a goal or two in the final minutes, Arthur is almost always out on the ice."

Little Caesars plays in the Midwest Elite Hockey League, which consists of teams from the metropolitan Detroit area, Chicago, Cleveland and Pittsburgh. It is the premier AAA Tier I Developmental Hockey Association in the country.

Nick Jost of Belle Tire is the other Grosse Pointer who plays in the league. The three are freshmen at Grosse Pointe South.

GPN boys lacrosse learning the pitfalls

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe North's boys lacrosse team took it on the chin twice last week, losing 7-5 to L'Anse Creuse and 14-1 to state-ranked Birmingham Detroit Country Day.

"We played pretty well against Country Day, even after we lost our starting goalkeeper to an injury and had to shuffle the lineup a bit," head coach Rob Dameron said. "We're an inexperienced club, and it showed against a very good team in Country Day."

Senior John Joseph scored the Norsemen's only goal, and he was one of the team's outstanding players against L'Anse Creuse.

"John moved from midfield to attacker, and he is doing a nice job at the new position," Dameron said.

The Norsemen dropped to 2-4 overall.

"We are playing some tough teams, but it will help us in the long run because our younger kids will get a chance to improve against the best," Dameron said.

Shores swimmer does well in state meet

Michael Lane, 13, of Grosse Pointe Shores had five top 10 finishes in the recent Michigan Swimming 13-14 State Championships at Eastern Michigan University.

Michael Lane

Lane, who swims for the Bulldog Aquatic Club in Livonia, was third in the 200-yard breaststroke (1:05.05), fifth in the 200 breaststroke (2:22.04), eighth in the 100 and 200 freestyle races, ninth in the 500 freestyle and 13th in the 50 freestyle.

His preliminary times in the breaststroke races were even faster than his times for the finals. He had a 1:04.47 in the 100 and a 2:21.85 in the 200.

Lane qualified for all 14 individual events, but could only swim in six.

He also swam in three relays, and helped his team finish first in the 400 medley, second in the 400 freestyle and third in the 800 freestyle.

Lane's times in the six individual events he swam at the state meet qualified him in each of them for the Central Zone Meet, which will be hosted by Michigan Swimming from Aug. 12-14 at the University of Michigan.

Team Michigan will compete against teams from Iowa, Ohio, Minnesota, Missouri, Kansas and Illinois.

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Fifteen minutes into the second half, the Knights scored an insurance goal.

Once again, it was the freshman Goldberg, who sent a crossing pass to Laura Nicholl, and Nicholl scored her third goal in as many games.

"We only had three shots to Clawson's seven in the second half, but our defense really stepped up," Backhurst said.

"Our keeper, Allison Jones, was good when she had to be; the back four of Megan Getz, Monique Squiers, Erin Deane and Sarah Hughes was outstanding; and Elizabeth Palmer, who plays something of a defensive midfield/up sweeper position, was all over the place giving 100 percent for the full 80 minutes. Those six really had Clawson frustrated."

Clawson is in the Metro Conference for the first time this season, so ULS could see the Trojans again in the league tournament.

"They're not in our district this year, but we could play them in the regional, so it's good to get that monkey off our backs," Backhurst said.

Earlier, the Knights faced another tough Metro opponent and turned in a strong effort in a 4-0 victory over Lutheran North.

"We did a good job of shutting down their best players," Backhurst said.

ULS's defense has been outstanding since giving up five goals in the season opener against Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central.

"I attribute some of that to the three-hour bus ride to Saginaw," Backhurst said. "Since then we haven't allowed a goal. We have a string of 242 minutes without allowing a goal.

"We didn't really make any changes after that first game, but we've tightened things up. We have depth that we haven't had before. We have six players who can play any of the four defensive positions."

ULS also has some balance on offense that it hasn't had in several years.

In the Lutheran North game, the Knights had four different goal scorers.

"That's a good sign," Backhurst said. "But we still have some things to work on offensively. We can get better."

ULS got on the scoreboard early against the Mustangs. Three and a half minutes into the game, an excellent throw-in by Squiers set up Jessica Leonard for her first goal as a member of the Knights.

Twelve minutes later, Chrissie Keersmaekers sent a pass to McIlroy, who lofted a high shot from 30 feet that dropped under the crossbar for a 2-0 halftime lead.

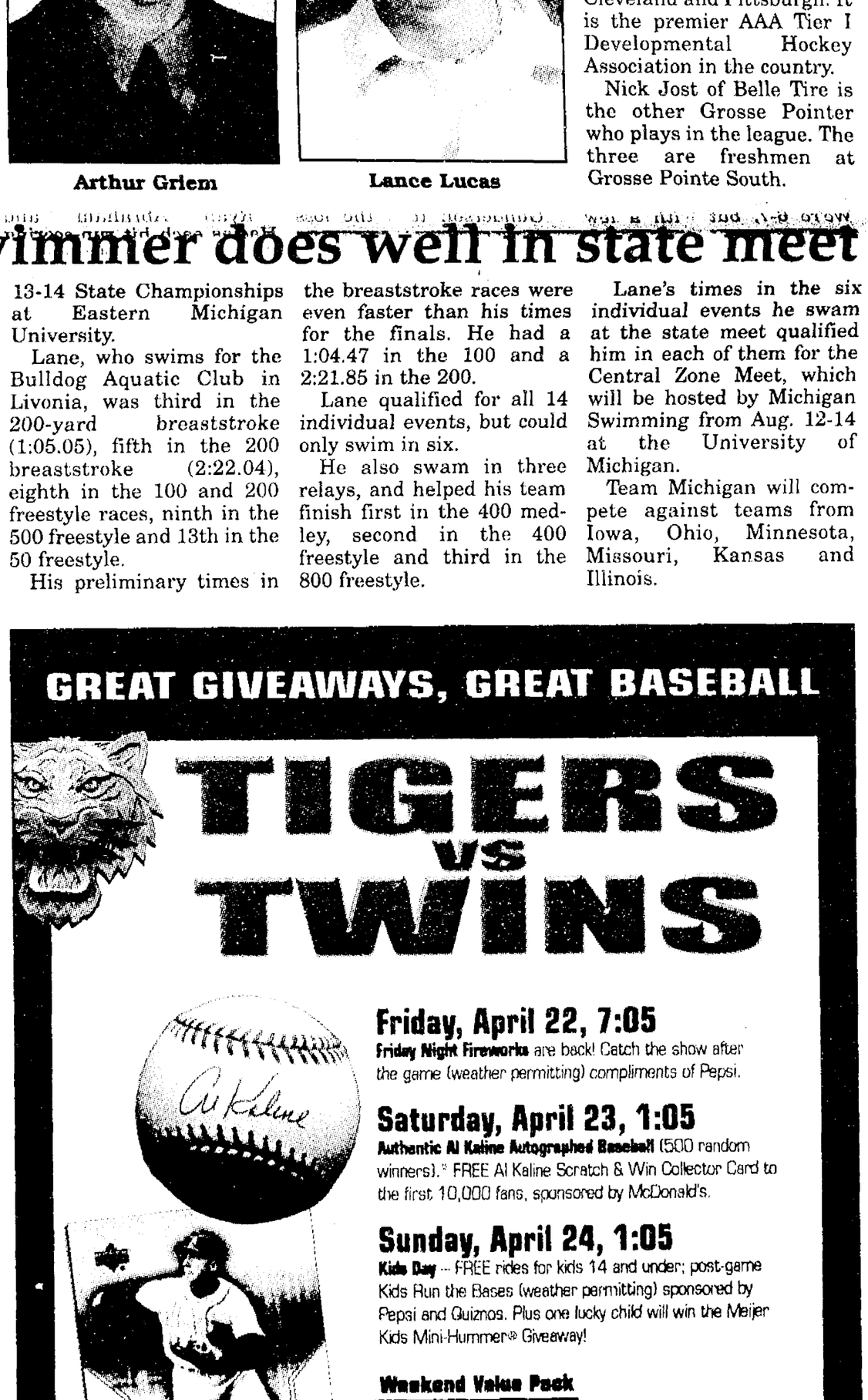
Backhurst has often said that the goal that give a team a three-goal cushion is the most important, and he didn't have to wait long once the second half started for ULS to go ahead 3-0.

Goldberg raced down the right side and sent a crossing pass to Nicholl on the left win and she scored 2 1/2 minutes into the second half.

Three minutes later, the Knights reversed the play. This time Nicholl sent the cross to Goldberg, who scored the final goal of the game.

"We emphasize using the wings and crossing passes," Backhurst said. "Both of those plays were executed beautifully."

ULS dominated play and held a 33-12 advantage in shots.



Grosse Pointe South 1,600-meter runners, from left, Jeannie Hollerbach, Natalie Humphry, Maggie Collison and Jill McLaughlin set the pace against L'Anse Creuse North.

South's depth pays off again

Chalk up another victory for the depth of Grosse Pointe South's girls track team.

Despite being outscored 24-3 in the three sprint races, the Blue Devils defeated L'Anse Creuse North 94-43 in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet.

Eight sweeps by South turned out to be the difference as the Blue Devils improved to 3-0 in dual meets.

"We knew North had some superb sprinters and it would be hard to outscore them in the short races," said South coach Steve Zaranek.

"We also knew our depth over 17 events would be the key to this meet. It was wonderful to see so many 1-2-3 finishes by our girls."

South continued its domination of the hurdles races by sweeping both the 100-meter hurdles and the 300 hurdles. The Blue Devils have outscored their opponents 54-0 in the hurdles this year.

Michelle O'Donoghue, Julie Zaranek and Katie Gerow had a 1-2-3 finish in the 100 hurdles, while Zaranek, Emily Franchett and Gerow came back to duplicate that performance in the 300 hurdles.

Maggie Collison led sweeps in the 1,600 run with Jill McLaughlin and Natalie Humphry, and the 800 with Humphry and Sarah Petit.

McLaughlin won the 3,200 run with Jessica Palffy taking third. Both runners were in the low 12-minute range.

South won four of the five field events. Sam Mackenzie won the high jump at 4-feet-9. Kristen Morici won the long jump in 15-6.

Sarah Jenzen led a sweep of the pole vault as she and teammates Maddy Mollison and Samantha John each cleared 7-6.

Crystal Coates won the shot put with an effort of 29-7.

Lena Ulrich, Liza Hudock and Mackenzie Whims also placed in the field events.

"Our relays have really improved so far," Steve Zaranek said. "We have a great mix of new girls and veterans that have made these races very exciting."

In South's first three meets, its relay teams have outscored the opposition 55-5.

Freshmen Megan DeBoer, Kim Grambo and Christine Nelson teamed with Mackenzie, a sophomore, to win the 800 relay.

DeBoer then teamed up with Morici, Lisa Repicky and O'Donoghue to win the 400 relay. Petit, McLaughlin, Humphry and Collison won the 3,200 relay by a 90-second margin.

In the final race of the day, Collison, Zaranek, Nelson and Mackenzie won the 1,600 relay in 4:31 — a 45-second margin over LCN.

South also had excellent performances by Laura Wenzel, Liz Baxter, Jeannie Hollerbach, Kat Carmody, Sandy Chu, Heidi Getz, Christine Sanders, Leah Wedenoja, Annie Dalby, Brittany Bachteal, Sam Carr, Sam Palazzolo, Gracie Turin, Liz Trexler and Carly Czajka.

Earlier, in a non-league meet against Regina, South won 12 of the 17 events.

Victories came from Trexler in the long jump; Jenzen, pole vault; O'Donoghue, 100 hurdles; DeBoer, 100 dash; McLaughlin, 1,600; Ulrich, 400; Zaranek, 300 hurdles; Collison, 800; Palffy, 3,200; the 3,200 relay team of Petit, Chu, Baxter and Collison; the 800 relay team of DeBoer, Grambo, Nelson and Mackenzie; and the 400 relay team of Morici, Cashia Thomas, Sarah Dionne and DeBoer.

South booters split matches

Grosse Pointe South's run to the state Division I semi-finals in girls soccer last spring made other teams around the state take notice.

That's how it appeared last week when the Blue Devils dropped a 3-1 non-league match to perennial state power Livonia Stevenson.

The Spartans seemed well aware of South's potential as Stevenson set the tempo for the match, controlled the play and maintained great pressure on the Blue Devils' defense.

South responded well and kept the Spartans at bay until a long midfield kick eluded the defense and found the foot of All-State candidate Lea Williamson, who scored the only goal of the first half at 24:10.

South's Liz Galea augmented the midfield play from her stopper position, while sweeper Lauren McLaughlin made several key stops to help goalkeeper Ali Morawski prevent further scoring.

Several of Morawski's eight saves robbed the starting trio of Stevenson forwards, but the Spartans' first three substitutes were just as fast and skillful as the starters. That forced South's outside defenders, Lisa Repicky and Kelly Springborn, to cover a lot of ground at high speed.

At halftime, it appeared that the next goal would determine the outcome. Less than two minutes into the second half, forwards Jamie Radley and Kate Howe broke in on the onrushing Morawski. Radley made a deft pass to Howe, who scored the winning goal.

Less than three minutes later, another Radley assist on a bang-bang play, allowed Caitlin Boyak to score.

South didn't fold, but Stevenson didn't relax as the Spartans double-teamed the ball carrier to gain possession and launch counter thrusts with speed and physical force.

The Blue Devils spoiled the shutout with 58 seconds remaining when Whitney Cahill's corner kick was headed into the net by Anna Cunningham for her fifth goal of the season.

Morawski made 11 saves to Shaina O'Connor's two in the Stevenson net.

South returned to Macomb Area Conference crossover play on Monday and the Blue Devils coasted to a 5-0 victory over Dakota.

South quickly established control of the match as the Blue Devils displayed their short passing technique. However, it was only 1-0 at halftime after Cunningham dribbled toward the keeper, pulled her out of position and scored her sixth goal. Margi Scholtes picked up the assist with an excellent pass.

Junior varsity coach Justin Marshall filled in for head coach Gene Harkins, who was out of town, and he was disappointed that the Blue Devils were able to convert only one of their 11 first-half shots.

"Don't make one pass too many, shoot to score, and have numbers in front of the goal to convert rebounds," Marshall told the team. "Don't keep them in the match."

Only 4 1/2 minutes into the second half, Scholtes showed that she had listened well to the halftime speech because she was in the box area to tap in the second goal after a fine crossing pass from Amy Hathaway.

Morawski then turned the goalkeeping over the K.T. Tietjen, and a few minutes later, Morawski returned as a forward.

The Cougars' defense had trouble contending with the speed of South forwards Stephanie Kostiuk, Cunningham and Hathaway, and later, Morawski.

Morawski scored her second goal of the season when she headed in a corner kick from Hilary Inger. Morawski had a goal disallowed when the official said she stepped on the end line, but she was credited with the final goal because she was the last Blue Devils player to touch the ball before a Dakota defender scored an own goal.

Cunningham also scored another goal on a header of another corner kick by Inger, who increased her assist total to four.

South outshot Dakota 23-5.

The Blue Devils begin defense of their MAC Red championship tonight, April 21, at 7 against Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Photo by Bob Bruce

Grosse Pointe North's Brooke Curcuri, above, scored five goals to lead the girls lacrosse team to an 18-3 victory over L'Anse Creuse.

Curcuri leads North girls lacrosse to win

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

The Grosse Pointe North girls lacrosse team split its games last week, losing 14-13 to Troy Athens and winning 18-3 over L'Anse Creuse.

"We really battled against a very good Athens squad without our top goalkeeper (Kristen Glovac), who was ill," head coach Bill Seaman said. "We had a chance to win but fell a little short. It was a heck of a game."

Ashley Rogers scored the last of her three goals with just more than one minute left to cut the deficit to 14-13.

Brook Curcuri scored four goals to lead North, while Vanessa Kuczera and Phelcia VanOverbeke each tallied twice. Kate Zemenick and Christine Rabaut scored one goal each.

"It was a typical Athens/GPN game — physical, close, dramatic and tough," Seaman said.

The host Lady Norsemen rebounded in a big way, blowing out L'Anse Creuse.

"We put that loss behind us, and the girls came out ready to play," Seaman said. "It was nice to get a win because we will have our hands full in our next few games."

Leading the Lady Norsemen was Curcuri, who had five goals. Natalie Tocco added three goals, while Kuczera and Lauren Lynch each had two goals.

Zemenick, Colleen Ryan, Rogers, Katy Sullivan, Erica Gaitley and Nikki Badalamenti scored one goal each.

Sarah Slocum, Rabaut, and Lynch had assists on the offensive side, while defensively the Lady Norsemen were led by Glovac, Gabrielle D'Angelo, and the other defensemen.

The Grosse Pointe North girls lacrosse team is 3-1 overall. In those four games, the Lady Norsemen have outscored their opponents 61-21.

North tennis wins two

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe North's boys tennis is off to a good start this season, winning two of its first three matches.

"We lost a lot of seniors from last year's squad, but so far the guys are playing pretty well," head coach Drew Mascarin said. "We didn't fare too well in our first match against (Bloomfield Hills) Lahser (ranked No. 2 in Division II), but we rebounded and played better in our next two matches."

The Norsemen lost 7-1 to Lahser and beat Grosse Ile 6-2 and city rival University Liggett School 8-0.

"Grosse Ile is ranked No. 1 in Division IV, and Liggett always fields a good team, but we were able to get a couple of wins," Mascarin said.

Jed Vinson (No. 4 singles) won his match against Lahser, while Michael Savalle (No. 1 singles) and the doubles team of Tom D'Alleva and Matt Koerke (No. 1) were standouts in the two victories.

The Grosse Pointe North tennis team is 2-1 overall as it heads into the Macomb Area Conference (MAC) part of the season.

Knights netters don't back down

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's boys tennis team showed some mettle in last weekend's Okemos Invitational.

Instead of getting discouraged when they lost matches to some of the top Division I teams in the state, the Knights continued to battle and wound up winning matches in five of the eight flights.

"Our kids are tough," said coach Chuck Wright. "They compete well."

The third doubles team of Mike Zukas and Sanjay Rama lost its first two matches but then won a tough three-setter against Petoskey, winning 8-6 in the third-set tiebreaker.

After the No. 4 doubles team of Tomek Dow and Matthew Witkowski lost a three-set match, it came back to beat Ann Arbor Greenhills 6-3, 6-4.

"We had a lot of good matches in the tournament," Wright said.

At No. 1 singles, Justin Powell had a 6-2, 6-3 victory over a player from Midland Dow.

"Peter Spina didn't win (at No. 2 singles), but he had a good tournament," Wright said. "He lost one match 6-4, 6-4, and against Petoskey, he lost the first set 6-0 but played well in the second and lost 7-6."

ULS's first two doubles teams of Rohan Policherla and Iain Decker, and Robbie Baubie and Andrew LaLonde each picked up a victory.

Earlier, the Knights opened the season with an 8-0 victory over Clawson.

Powell posted a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 1 singles, while Spina, David Charbonier and Joe DeLaura also won their singles matches in straight sets.

Policherla and Decker won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 1 doubles, while Baubie and LaLonde didn't lose a game at second doubles.

Dow and Witkowski also had a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 4 doubles.

Ankur Verma and Rama won in straight sets at No. 3 doubles.

In the North match Wright made some lineup changes and Spina and Decker played well at third and fourth singles, respectively, while Verma and Rama had a good match at No. 2 doubles.

Top Soccer starts

Top Soccer, the outreach program for special needs youngsters, is starting its 14th season on Saturday, April 23 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Barnes Field. New volunteers and players are always welcome with open enrollment. For more information, call coach Diane Karabetsos at (313) 886-3445. In the photo above, players and Fellowship of Christian Athletes volunteers get ready for a kickoff.

Aerobics class starts April 25

The Fitness Firm will begin an eight-week series of low-impact aerobics classes on Monday, April 25 in Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods.

Classes will be Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 at First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 7:45 at Trinity Catholic School in Harper Woods.

The cost is $61 and participants can attend any or all of the classes.

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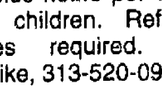

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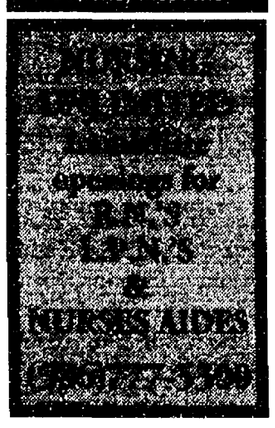

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827 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park, south of Jefferson near Alter. April 23, 24. 9am-3pm. Office files, cubical partitions, office equipment, motorcycles, 8x 20 enclosed trailer, baby items, misc. household items.

EASTPOINTE, St. Peter's Lutheran 23000 Gratiot, North 9 Mile. Rummage sale. Thursday 4/ 21, 9am-7pm. Friday 4/ 22, 9am- 1pm

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409 GARAGE/YARD/ BASEMENT SALE

$1.00 bag sale- Clearance Corner. Unitarian Church Annex, 17150 Maumee, Wednesday April 27th, 10a.m.- 3p.m., Thursday April 28th, 7p.m.- 9p.m. While here, look for bargains in our Resale/ Consignment Shop. Donations & consignments taken on Wednesdays 10a.m.- 2p.m.

409 GARAGE YARD BASEMENT SALE

GROSSE Pointe Woods, 1831 Prestwick. Saturday, 9am- 3pm. Moving sale! Lots of household items, womens and kids clothes (all sizes), Little Tike toys, antique roll top desk, car luggage carrier, and more.

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RUMMAGE sale- 900 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. Something for everyone! Join us for our presale: $3 entry donation. April 22, 5- 8pm. Enjoy some appetizers and beverages while you shop. Sale days: April 23, 9am- 5pm. April 24, 10am- 3pm. All proceeds from sale benefit the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

ST. Clair Shores, Ardmore Park (south of 11/ Jefferson). April 22- 24, 9a.m. A bloom'in block sale! Household, tools, appliances, antiques- unique sideboard, and the kitchen sink!

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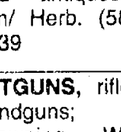

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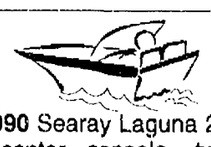

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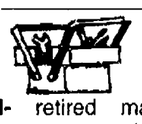

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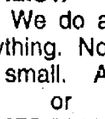

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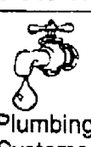

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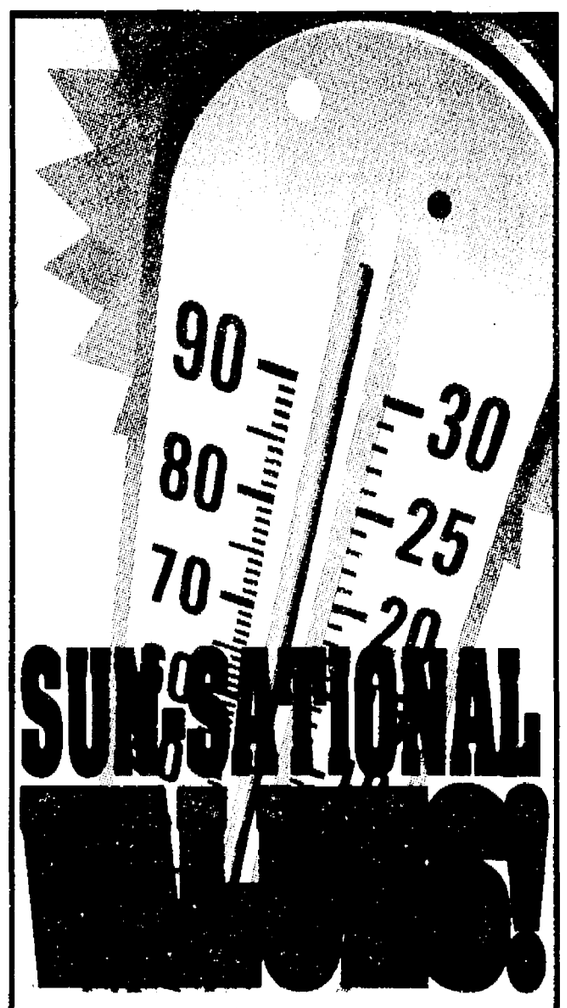

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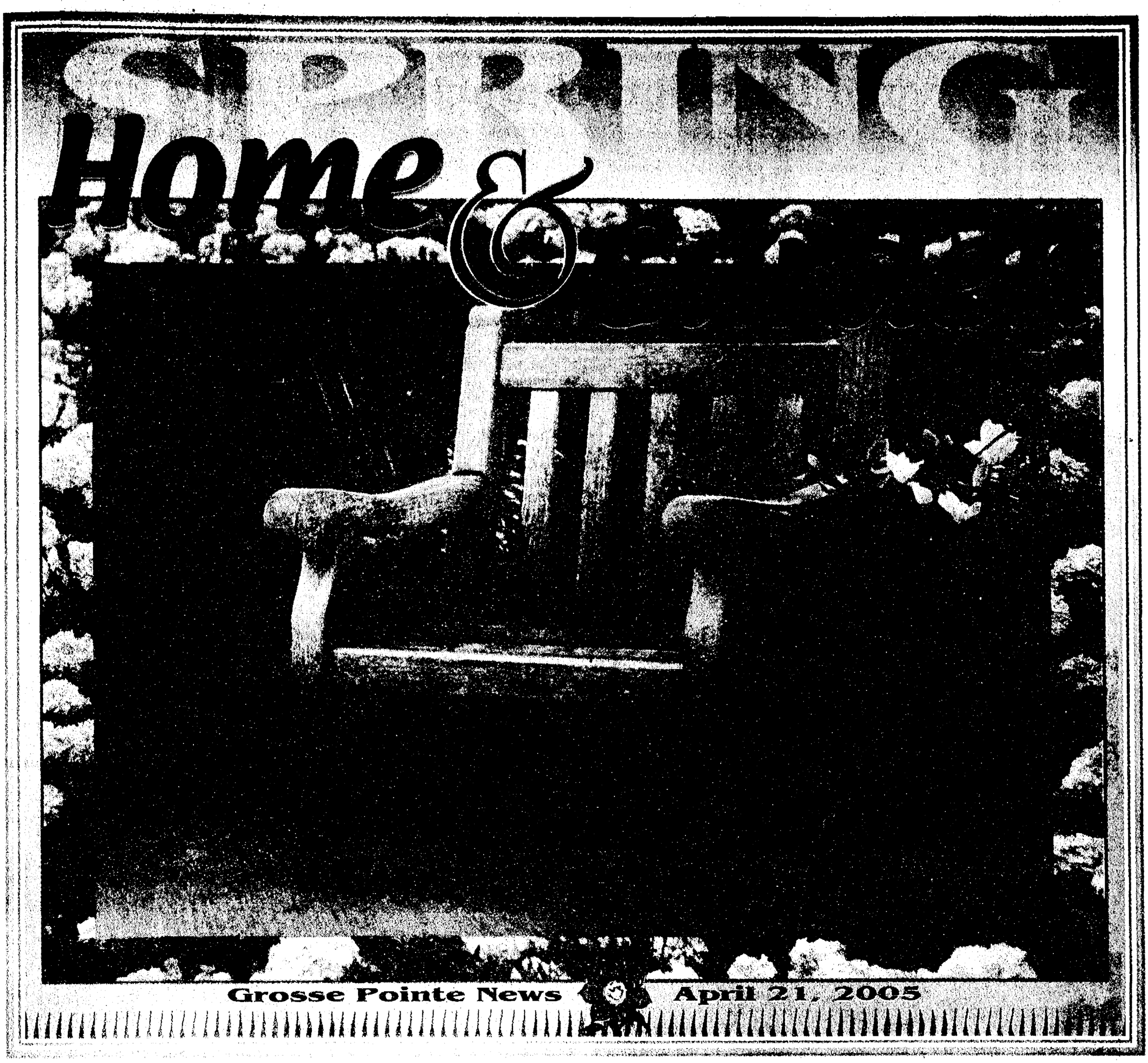

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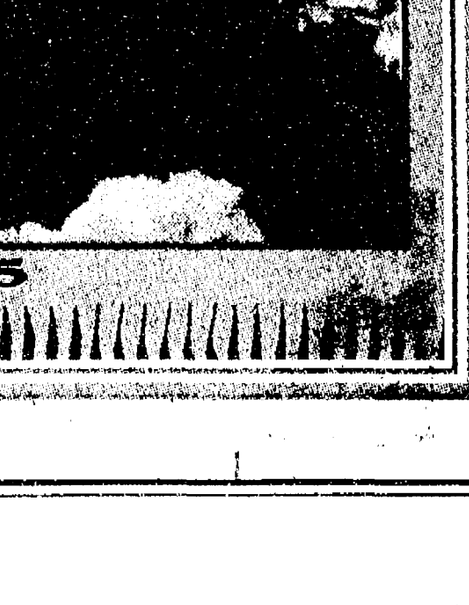

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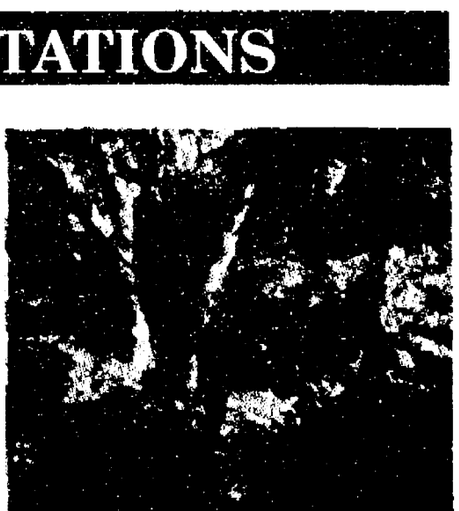

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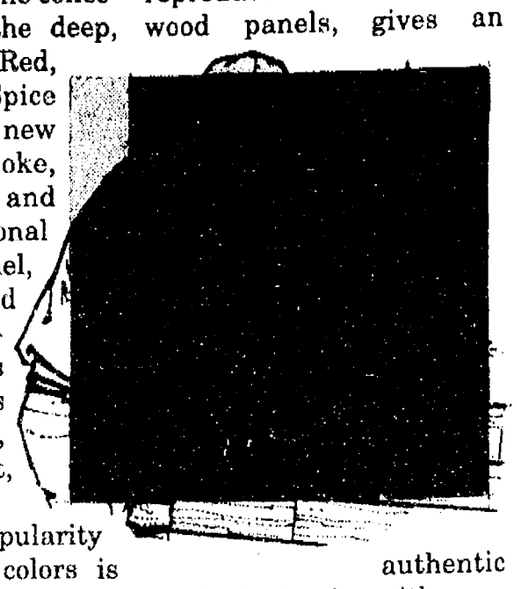

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Lighting tricks every homeowner should know

For today's busy homeowners, a 24-hour day never seems long enough to balance increasingly large to-do lists with active family itineraries. While readers continue to scoop up personal computers, industrial washing machines and the latest in new technology, they often overlook the important role that one of the first home technologies, lighting, plays on completing tasks safely and conveniently.

Mark Roush, a lighting designer with Philips Lighting Co., outlines lighting tips for three rooms that every homeowner should follow.

• The dining room: Social gatherings often occur around the dining room table. By paying attention to the lighting inside our homes, we can easily create a relaxed atmosphere that sets the mood for any dinner party. Many homeowners use chandeliers to add elegance and sparkle to the formal dining room.

What most do not know, however, is that aiming downlights straight onto the table will reduce glare in diners' eyes. For best results, place one downlight about 24 inches on either side of the chandelier above the table for even lighting.

• The kitchen: The warmth of the kitchen is a favorite place for the family to mingle. Ensure that the room is properly lit for the tasks that occur in this space, such as slicing, chopping and measuring. Work areas such as a counter, island or sink should have their own lighting to make tasks safer and easier. For versatile and unobtrusive lighting, try under-the-cabinet fluorescent lamps. Using these lights together with overhead fixtures helps create shadow-free work areas.

• The bathroom: Many homeowners overlook the importance of lighting in the bathroom. A little-known fact is that light naturally creates shadows; thus when you combine light with mirrors, extra caution must be taken. The proper lighting for completing bathroom tasks such as applying makeup and shaving one's face is achieved by placing bulbs vertically on both sides of the mirror for an even, balanced spread of light.

The dark shower represents another area that needs proper illumination for both safety and comfort. By installing an overhead light, such as Philips Halogen Floodlight, within the bathing area, you can achieve a brighter, safer space.

The right lighting can set the tone for a room. In a dining room, a chandelier gives a dinner party an elegant yet relaxed ambiance

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Update your old wooden deck with a facelift

With the warmer temperatures upon us, backyards across the country will soon become the gathering places of choice for many friends and families. Now is the time to transform your wooden deck from an eyesore into a beautiful outdoor living space.

The following are simple steps you can follow to help give your deck that much needed facelift from the refinishing experts at Swing Paints, a leading manufacturer of interior and exterior wood care products.

1. Restoration: According to Swing's Eric Chaimberg, the first step you need to take is to tighten loose screws and nails, secure floor boards and sink any protruding nails on your deck. Look for mildew or rotting wood by inspecting underneath the deck and replace any damaged boards.

2. Surface preparation: A good cleaning will remove dirt grime and the gray color from your deck. Bleach, mixed half and half with water, is recommended to eliminate mold and mildew. Rinse and let dry 48 hours.

3. Protection: To preserve that beautiful natural look, protect your surface. Chaimberg recommends a polymerized tung oil-based finish such as Circa 1850 Exterior Varnish. "It's a clear, tough coating that protects and beautifies all exterior wood surfaces," he says. "Its unique formula provides a breathable water repellent surface. Rain and snow cannot penetrate the coating to damage the wood." Circa 1850 Exterior Varnish contains transparent absorbers to screen out UV rays and inhibit the graying and fading effects of the sun. It also incorporates a superior fungicide and mildewcide to increase performance.

4. Decoration: Let your imagination take over. Try adding a trellis with hanging plants, a couple of big potted plants around the deck or flower boxes on the rail. Alter the mood of your entire backyard with unique outdoor lighting fixtures like lanterns, torches or railing lights. For a two-toned look on your deck, try finishing your railings and posts in a different accent color. Chaimberg says that Circa 1850 Exterior Varnish now comes with a selection of new tinting colors that will help you create a customized look.

Bathroom expansions are on the rise

Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies projects the nation's remodeling industry can look forward to annual growth of about 5 percent for the next few years, and the industry will gain ground on new residential construction activity as today's homeowners would rather improve than move.

In today's home-improvement market, consumers know their habits and desires. They are looking to partner with remodeling professionals to customize their homes to suit not only their desire for luxury but also meet their idiosyncratic needs.

On the list of the most popular remodeling projects, the bath is second only to the kitchen.

The dominant remodeling trend is to create a bath space that is roomy, personalized and relaxing. "The once utilitarian bathroom — a space for quick business — has evolved into an in-home spa, a spiritual retreat, the harried homeowner's last bastion of relaxation and rejuvenation," says Lenora Campos, public relations manager for Toto USA, a high-end, full-line plumbing manufacturer.

"Consumers are now thinking of the bath as an actual room, and that room is becoming larger as they annex space from closets or other rooms to accommodate separate tubs, larger showers, or a separate toilet room." Other remodeling favorites include fixtures with universal design features such as higher toilet seats.

When consumers renovate their bath space, they often decide the tub's size and design first. When planning their bath-remodeling project, homeowners seek specific bathing experiences to suit their lifestyles.

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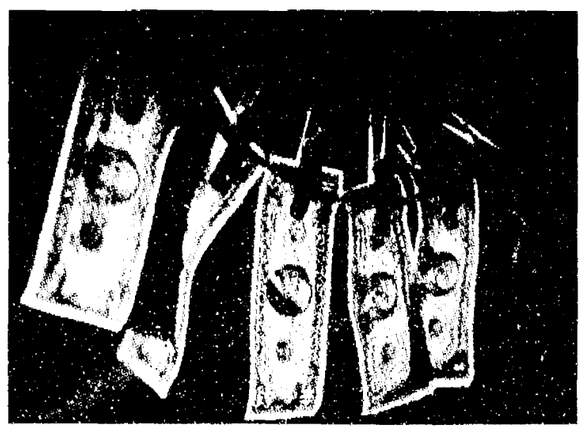
Ten tips to lower home energy bills

American consumers have been stung by rising home energy bills, which are averaging more than $1,600 annually. The Alliance to Save Energy projects home energy costs increasing by 9 percent by 2010. This bigger bite out of the average household wallet each month leaves fewer dollars to cover other important expenses.

According to the National Fuel Funds Network, 30 million American households each year cannot afford fully to heat or cool their homes.

You and every other consumer have the power to lower your energy bill by making a few simple changes. Small, inexpensive ways to cut down energy usage during household tasks like washing laundry can add up to significant savings.



To reduce home energy bills throughout the year, the Alliance suggests these easy tips:

• Switch to washing your clothes in cold water with a detergent like Tide Coldwater, specially designed to clean in colder temperatures. You could save up to $63 a year.

• Do full loads of laundry and dishes to avoid wasting energy and water. Air dry dishes for additional savings.

• Clean the dryer lint filter after every laundry load to improve air circulation and quicken drying.

• Dry towels and heavier items separately from lighter-weight items when doing laundry.

• Take showers instead of baths, and install a low-flow shower head.

• Fix leaky faucets around the house. Consider water-saving faucet attachments.

• Insulate your hot water pipes and water heater with approved insulation materials.

• Listen to your mother. Turn off everything that's not in use: lights, TVs, computers, electronics.

• Four for the planet. Replace your four most used incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs.

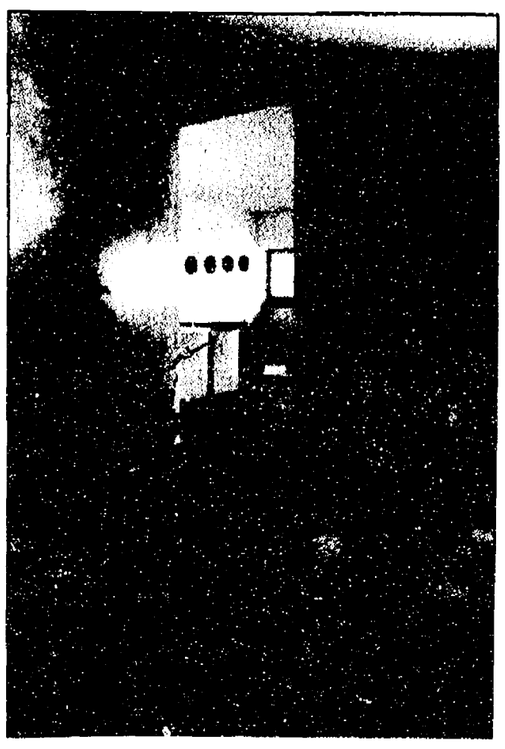
• Clean or replace AC/heating-system filters monthly.

For more information on money- and energy-saving tips, visit the Web site ase.org.

Tile for every style

Whether your goal is short- or long-term, remodeling your home can be time-consuming and daunting. Experiencing the finished product, however, can also be extremely rewarding. The first step of any remodeling process is to choose one or two key design elements.

Flooring makes a huge difference to the final appearance of any space — after all, it's literally the foundation for your whole design scheme.



Ceramic tile and natural stone floors, with their wide range of colors and styles, are a perfect way to jazz up any interior. You can create a dramatic look all your own. Or opt for an understated look with more universal appeal, which will help increase the resale value of your home.

"Tile and stone floors are extremely versatile, in terms of both visual appeal and installation," says Tamara Christian, president of National Trade Productions and show director for Coverings 2005, a leading showcase for ceramic tile and natural stone coverings. "These materials are a smart choice — both smart looking and a smart investment for your home."

If you're living in your dream house, don't be afraid to get creative with tile flooring. You can make a bold statement by choosing brighter colors: how about the newly revived "peas, corn and carrots" retro look of the 50s and 60s? Decorate with varying shades of acid green, gold and orange, arresting designs created in black and white tiles, and coordinated accent pieces.

If you're feeling adventurous, go for ceramic tiles printed with pop art images made popular by Andy Warhol in the 1960s. With vividly colored symbols, shapes and even letters against starkly white backgrounds, these graphics are a perfect way to make a bold design statement.

If you plan to sell your home, your flooring plays a significant role in the home's market value and aesthetic appeal. HomeGain.com, a Web site that provides home sellers with advice on how to get the best price for their homes, estimates that a new or high-quality floor can increase the selling price of a home as much as $2,000 to $3,000, yielding an average of about 48 percent return on investment.

There are myriad ways to create an understated look that will appeal to just about any potential buyer. If you are the "au natural" type, choose ceramic tiles that look like natural stone in an array of neutral colors and earth tones. Or if you'd rather go for the real thing, you can pick from a large selection of natural stone in countless colors and sizes.

"Not only do tiles appeal to many homeowners and work with a range of design styles, they also can increase your home value," says Christian. "Choosing tile makes good design and financial sense."

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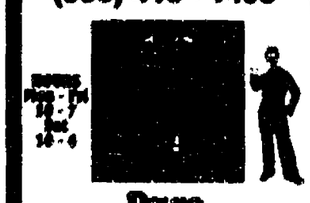

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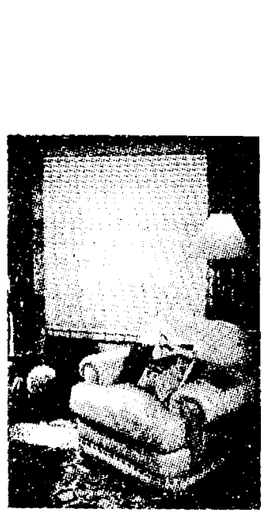

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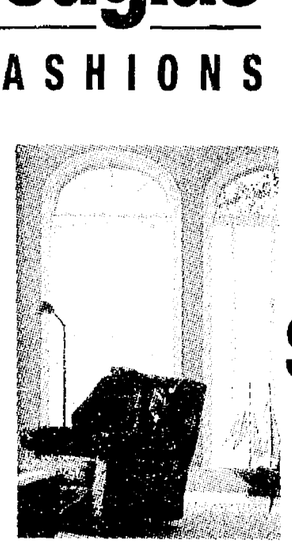

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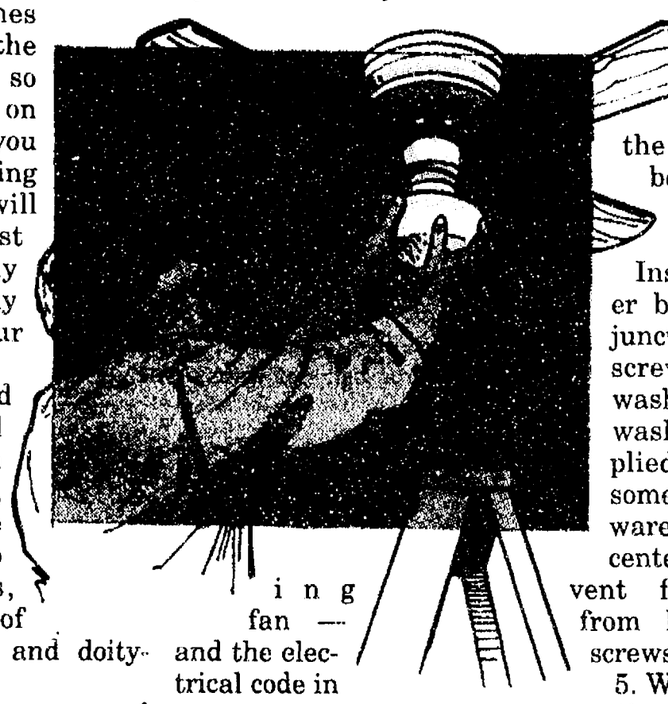
How-to install a ceiling fan in your home

Ceiling fans play an integral role in heating and cooling your home. They help circulate cool air in the summer and make homes warmer in the winter. With so many styles on the market, you can find a ceiling fan that will match just about any decor in any room of your house.



If you would like to install a ceiling fan in your home, follow these step-by-step instructions, courtesy of alsnetbiz.com and doityourself.com.

Note: These are general guidelines. Be sure to consult the specific instructions included with your fan for correct installation of your unit.

1. Shut off the power to the ceiling fixture circuit at the service panel, which is located in the basement, in a utilities closet or in the garage. The switches will be clearly marked so you'll know which one to turn off.

2. Use a metal junction box to support a ceiling fan — never hang the fan from a plastic box. Depending on the brand, style and size of your ceiling fan — and the electrical code in your area — you may use a 3-inch or 4-inch octagonal junction box.

If you are working on a first-floor ceiling in a two-story home and can't reach the junction box, a specialized fan support unit designed to be inserted through the normal junction box hole will save you from opening a hole in the ceiling.

You can find both retrofit and regular junction boxes at the home improvement retailer where you purchased your fan fixture.

3. Assemble the fan: Fan assembly varies from brand to brand. Be sure to follow the specific instructions for the unit you bought.

4. Installing the fan: Install the hanger bracket on the junction box with screws and lock washers. If no lock washers are supplied, purchase some from a hardware store or home center — they prevent fan vibration from loosening the screws over time.

5. Wire the unit by connecting the house's black wires to the fan's blackwires, and the house's white wires to the fan's white wires. If your fan has light fixtures on it, follow the instructions that came with your fan. (Normally, the power to the light is supplied by a blue wire.)

The fan should be electrically grounded to the metal box. The grounding wires will be either green or bare copper. Connect the ground wires from the box, the fan and the power supply together with a wire nut, which is a small plastic cap that connects bare wires together. After completing the wiring, the ceiling cover will be slipped up to its full height and tightened in place.

6. Turn the power back on at the service panel. Turn on your wall switch or pull the power cord on your fan to see if the fan is working correctly.

Most fans will wobble slightly when in operation, even when correctly balanced. However, if the fan wobbles considerably when it runs, its blades may be unbalanced. To correct this, try interchanging two adjacent blades. If that doesn't work, take all the blades off and weigh each one on a food or postal scale. If any is underweight, tape a soft object such as a pencil eraser or modeling clay to the top center of the blade, which will make its weight the same as the others.

Fan balancing kits with detailed instructions are also available where fans are sold. Reinstall the blades and the fan should run smoothly.

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Get your house ready for a quick sale

If you're planning to sell your house this spring, you're going to have a lot of competition for potential buyers. According to the National Association of Realtors, more homes are listed and sold between February and June than any other time of the year; and 2005 will be the second best year on record for home sales. An estimated 6.54 million existing homes will be sold this year.

With so much competition, what can you do to make someone want to buy your house instead of the one down the street? "It's simple really," says Jerry Ritten, a real estate agent with Counselor Realty in Minneapolis. "Make sure it's clean. When I bring prospective buyers into a clean home, it's easy for them to envision themselves living there. If the house is dirty, the first thing they think about is how much work would be involved in bringing it up to their standards."

Ritten says one of the biggest mistakes home sellers make is failing to keep their property in "showing" condition. "When they get a call from their agent, sellers often think they can just make the beds, clear the counters in the kitchen and bath, vacuum a little and clean the windows, but a serious buyer is going to do more than just walk through the home," he says. "They'll want to closely examine all the appliances to make sure they are clean and in working order; to open the closet doors to see how spacious they are; and to look inside the kitchen cabinets to see how deep they are. If they are confronted by dirt and grime everywhere they look, potential buyers often leave without giving the property a second thought."

Rather than risk a potential sale, these days many people are hiring professional cleaning services to get their homes in tip-top shape before they even hit the market. "People who clean for a living definitely have the edge when it comes to making a property shine," says Howard Purdy, vice president of operations for Maid Brigade, a housecleaning service with more than 365 locations in the United States, Canada and Ireland. He says the company's "Deep Clean" service is extremely popular this time of year.

"When we send a team into a home to do a deep clean, they start out with the basics. They vacuum with commercial grade vacuums that pull the air and dust through HEPA filters," says Purdy. "They also sweep, scrub the floors and toilets, and do things most people don't have the time or inclination to do themselves. They will clean and dust the insides of the kitchen and bathroom cabinets; scrub the oven and refrigerator shelves; clean the drip pans under the refrigerator; wipe the dust off the ceiling fans, furniture and television sets; whatever the seller wants and needs to get their home in top showing condition."

Once the deep clean is done, Purdy says it's a good idea to bring the team back either weekly or biweekly — for as long as the house is on the market — to keep things clean.

In addition to making sure the home is clean, other ways to improve its "show ability" include putting new paint on the walls, having the carpet cleaned, and redoing the landscaping. "I also urge my clients to do all they can to get rid of clutter," says Ritten. "Instead of filling the drawers with junk mail and stuffing things into closets, I urge them to pack up things they don't need right away and either move them into the garage, give them away, or throw them away. Houses that are neat and orderly show better and sell faster than those that are cluttered and messy."

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Tips for buying the perfect lawn mower

Most of us have grown to accept the fact that the mower in the garage takes forever to get started, is a chore to push around the lawn and spits grass everywhere. Lawn mowers certainly have come a long way, offering more features that add value and convenience for homeowners. When it comes time to replace your lawn mower, start the buying process with a plan.

here are a few tips to make finding the right mower easier:

• Pick a self-propelled model: Push and self-propelled models are the two most common types of lawn mowers. Self-propelled mowers make mowing your lawn effortless, doing all the push work for you. Models are available that self-adjust to your walking speed ~~by applying pressure~~ to the handle. It will put you in control of your mowing speed and help relieve the stress of pushing around a heavy mower.

• Mulching is a must: A mulching mower gives your lawn a "just bagged" look without the work of bagging. It is essential for any new lawn mower purchase. The mulching mower cuts the grass into tiny pieces, then blows them back down into the lawn. It is a healthy option for your lawn, returning vital nutrients to the soil. It also saves you time, eliminating the need to rake the grass clippings. The bottom line is that your lawn will look great with minimal effort.

• Durable deck: Not all mower decks are created equal. Mower decks are typically made of two materials, cast-aluminum and steel. You'll find cast-aluminum decks on upscale mowers. They tend to be more durable and are rustproof. Steel decks are typically lighter weight.

• Guaranteed to start: No one wants to struggle with pulling the engine cord, trying to get the mower started. A lawn mower that starts the first time, every time, is incredibly important. Look for a model with an electric start or one that guarantees to start on the first or second pull. Lawn-mower maker Toro offers a "guaranteed to start" engine that promises ~~to start every time or~~, the first or second pull.

• Safety first: Always look for a lawn mower with added safety features, especially if you have a family. Search for one that can turn off the blade when you release the bail. Likewise, if you can find a mower that turns the blade off but keeps the engine running for you to remove debris from your mowing path, you're in luck. This feature will save you time.

Visit your local outdoor equipment dealer and talk to a salesperson who can help you find just the right mower for you.

Ready, Set, Garden!

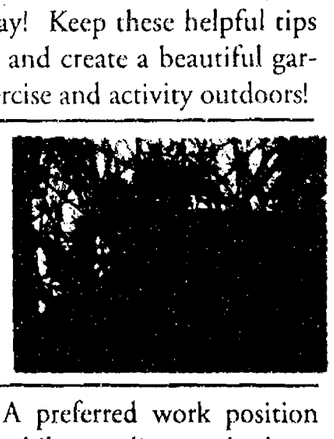
With the weather getting warmer, many people are looking forward to getting back into their gardens and preparing for summer's colorful blooms and fresh produce. Gardening is a good activity but it can be quite a workout. After months of "hibernation" our bodies may not be ready for all the bending, twisting, reaching, and pulling that gardening requires. We can prepare our bodies and reduce the risk of injury by taking it slow, performing simple stretches, and using correct planting, shoveling, and lifting techniques.

Though gardening is often thought of as a less stressful activity, the sudden enthusiasm and overexertion can increase the risk of injury. Gardeners who push their bodies too hard can end up with back pain, an elbow injury, or sore shoulders and knees, and recovery can sometimes take days to weeks. Instead, take it slow by starting with 30 minutes of gardening on the first day, increasing your time by 15 minutes every week. A brisk walk prior to gardening will serve as a warm up to loosen muscles and increase flexibility.

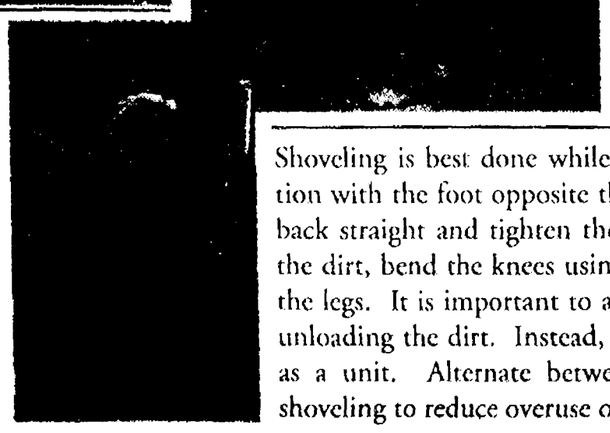
In conclusion, know your strengths and limitations and do not overexert. Drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration and wear a hat and sunscreen to minimize sun damage. Switch or alternate activities to vary the muscles you are using and take breaks to allow your joints and muscles to rest. Periodically, stop and perform the back extension stretch and the wrist stretches. Don't work too long in one position, especially one that is awkward or unusual. If it hurts, don't keep doing it that way! Keep these helpful tips in mind and get out there and create a beautiful garden, while enjoying the exercise and activity outdoors!

The gardener is often working in a flexed position. The best stretch to do is the opposite- spinal extension. Place your hands on your low back and bend backwards, looking up to the sky. Hold the stretch for 15-20 seconds and repeat twice.

The gardener may also run into problems with elbow, forearm and wrist soreness from gripping activities such as pruning. A good stretch for this is the wrist extension stretch. Hold this stretch for 20 seconds and repeat twice.



It is also helpful to do the wrist flexion stretch. Again, hold this stretch for 20 seconds and repeat twice.



A preferred work position while weeding and planting in the flower bed is on hands and knees using a kneeling pad. It is important to maintain correct alignment of the spine by keeping the back straight.

Shoveling is best done while standing in the lunge position with the foot opposite the shovel in front. Keep the back straight and tighten the abdominals. When lifting the dirt, bend the knees using the large muscle groups in the legs. It is important to avoid twisting the back when unloading the dirt. Instead, move the feet with the body as a unit. Alternate between left-side and right-sided shoveling to reduce overuse of one muscle group.

If you have any questions on the information in this article, please contact Gretchen Uznis Carron.

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Spring is a great time to spruce up your home

Spring's renewal presents a perfect time to refresh your home and your home's style. Sure, a deep cleaning may be in order. But a new season also brings an opportunity to redecorate for spring and summer. Why not use this time to try a new paint color, bring out a new color in a room with pillows, cushions or rugs or move the furniture for a new look and new perspective?

A recent survey of homeowners found that 45 percent of Americans would change the look of a room at least once a year if they could do so simply and affordably. Now they can by simply changing their blinds or shades in a snap. Because of a new integrated window system, homeowners can make the quick transformation in a matter of minutes with a custom look and perfect fit every time, without damaging walls or woodwork. Change your decor with the seasons or as decorating tastes evolve.

Pella Corporation's new Designer Series Collection of windows and patio doors are designed to be as individual and diverse as the rooms you create. The complete line of windows and patio doors feature convenient between-the-glass window fashions which can easily change in minutes. This collection offers the ease of simply snapping out the blind or shade and replacing it with a stylish, new color for a completely new look.

"We recognize that homeowners want to express their personal style while saving time, money and simplifying their lives," said Sherri Gillette, Designer Series brand manager. "We have developed an integrated design solution to satisfy those diverse needs."

Because the blinds and shades are protected between the panes of glass, these window treatments rarely need cleaning. And cleaning is not something most people put high on their priority list. Pella research found that when asked if they could have their blinds and shades cleaned for free, 95 percent of homeowners said they would have them cleaned at least annually and 56 percent would have it done at least monthly. But the reality is that right now, only a quarter of households are cleaning their blinds monthly or more, yet almost twice as many (44 percent) said the blinds should get at least a monthly cleaning.

On the flip side, dust ranks right up there with other most embarrassing elements in a home. Respondents to the Pella survey said pet hair (19 percent), the old, worn carpet (19 percent) and the dust that accumulates (15 percent) were the single most discomforting things in their home.

Yet most people are hard-pressed to identify that one item which makes them the most proud. Responses were split pretty evenly on what offers the greatest satisfaction in a home: the view (21 percent), the living room (21 percent), cleanliness (19 percent) and sense of style (17 percent).

Recognizing that color is the fundamental design element of any home, Pella created a palette of 25 new colors for the Designer Series blinds and shades. Experts from the Pantone Color Institute, a recognized authority on color, say the emerging trends in color tones for this spring include colors of the European natural landscape, such as: blue turquoise, slate gray, kelp, coral reef, vibrant green and begonia pink.

Spring is also the perfect time to update or replace the entry door to make a dramatic first impression for guests and neighbors. Adding a storm door will change the look for your entry and will welcome in the warm air by replacing the glass with a screen or simply rolling the screen into place if the door features a Pella Rolscreen. Some storms are even easier to install than ever with the Express Install system from Pella. This system saves homeowners time and money by cutting the typical installation time in half thanks to pre-drilled holes and a time-saving instructional guide. Make sure your storm door has the added benefit of being energy efficient. Select a door that has earned an Energy Star rating to get the most protection from the weather elements.

Spring is a great time for a fresh start to your home's appearance. Take some time to make the little changes that can pack a powerful design punch for a new look this year.

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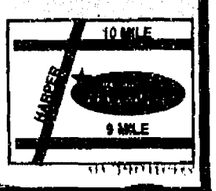

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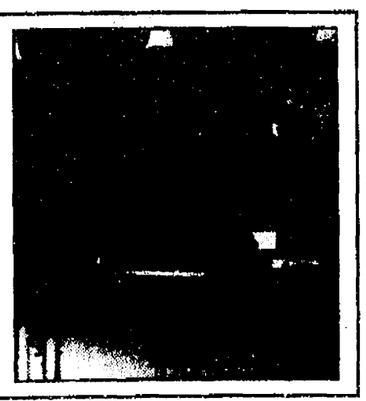

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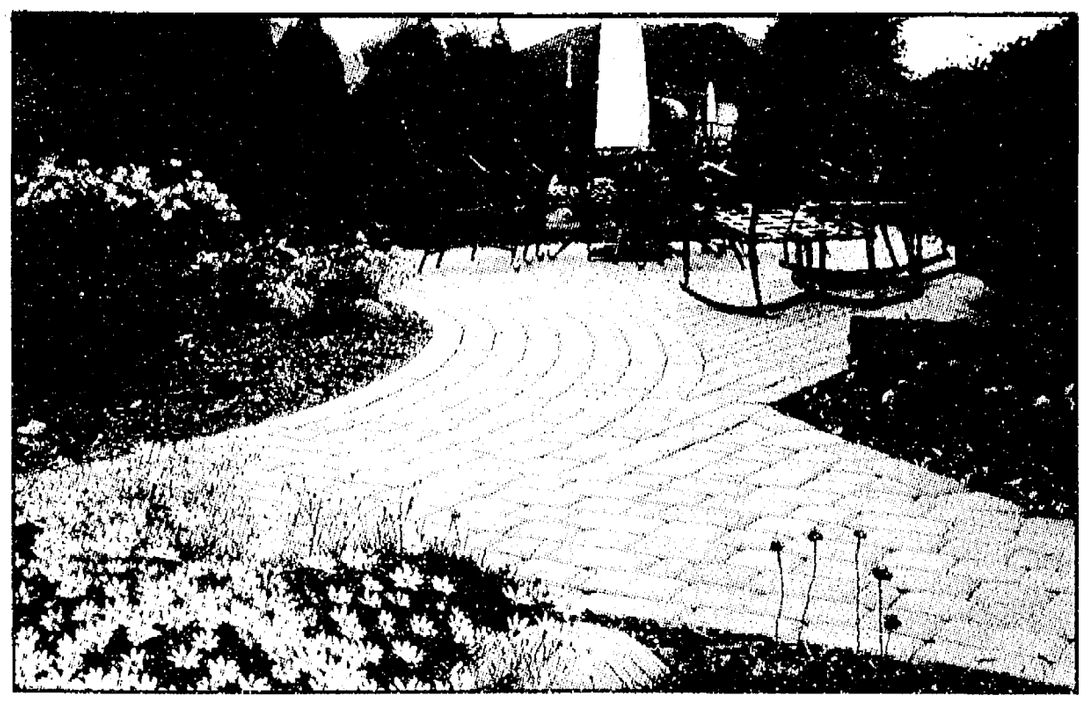

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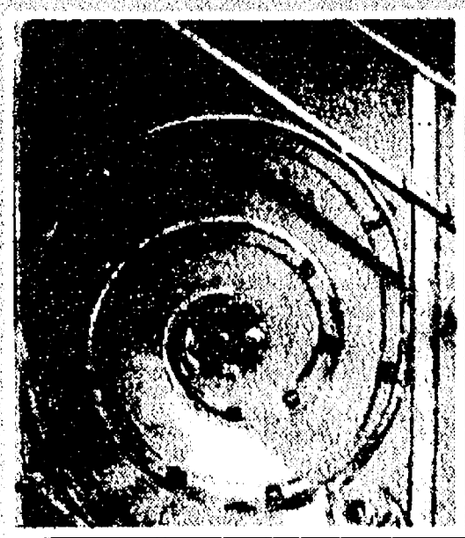

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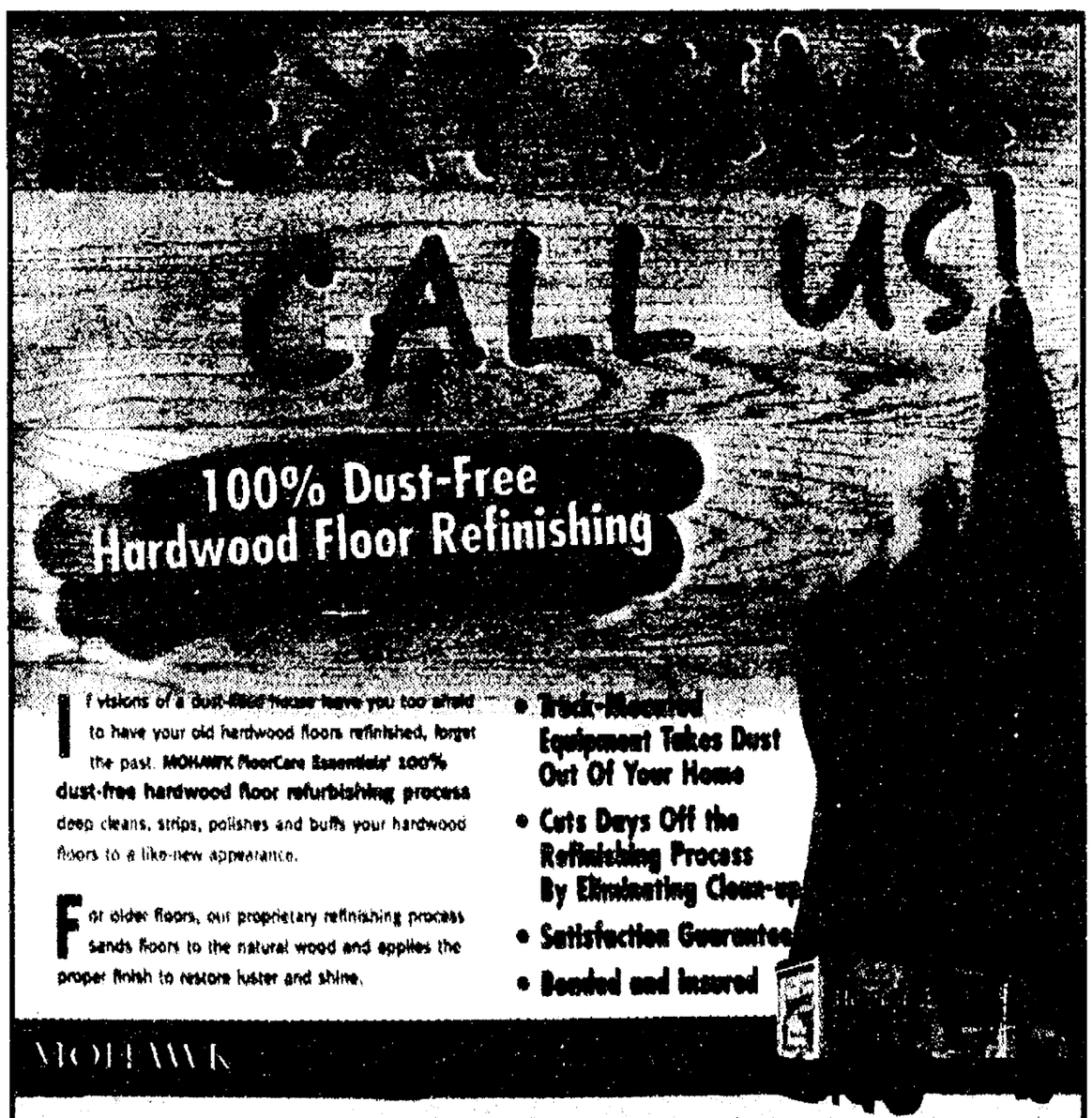

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Collecting artifacts off Michigan's shores

Antique's Ambience

By Diane Morelli

Artifacts are any object made or used by humans. They can be found along the shores of our Great Lakes and throughout Michigan.

On April 9 I took a drive up to Forester, on the shores of Lake Huron, just north of Port Sanilac. I went there to collect stones from the beach for a home improvement project of placing mortar and stone over the foot of my home's cement front porch. I've found the rocky beach there collects an array of stones, from Petoskey to Lake Superior quartz to sparkling black hematite.

Not having time to handpick too many stones, I set my rock bucket on stones the size I needed, and scooped up the top layers of stone with my hands. I drove back home a couple of hours later with a cargo as heavy as a carful of people.

While at home placing the stones on the fresh-laid mortar, I picked up a round rock with a hole in its middle. I gasped to my husband working beside me, "Wow, look what I found!" I showed him the fine smooth round stark-white stone set on the tips of my fingers.

We especially like to find stones with holes in the middle that are said to bring good luck. I immediately placed the stone safely inside the house on top a cabinet and went out to continue working. At the end of the day we wondered about the stone. Upon investigation, the book "Indian Artifacts — The best of the Midwest," an identification and value guide by Lar Hothem, has illustrated photos of disc-type beads similar to the one I found. Also comparable are illustrations of ear spools. Ear spools are round, dougnut-shaped ornaments worn in the ear lobe. A friend thinks it's a small grindstone.

A co-worker and friend, Ann Fouty, goes "treasure hunting" on the shores of Lake Michigan along her cottage property in Mackinaw City. Ann says she loves to go beachcombing there. She and her family have found the end of an

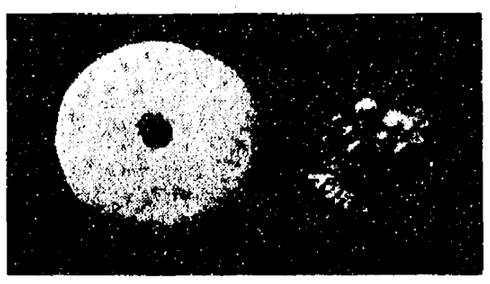

Photo by Diane Morelli

This artifact was found on the shore of Lake Huron in Forester, Mich.

American Indian smoking pipe made of stone with its blackened inside still visible.

A pipe like the one Ann found on the shores of Lake Michigan recently sold on e-bay for $15 with a bid history of six. The seller said the pipe is from his personal collection found in a very dry cave — that is how it has survived in such pristine condition.

Also sold on e-bay is an American Indian old copper bowl that sold for $100 with a bid history of two. The seller says it is from a collection from Oconto, Wis. The bowl measures 2 1/4 inches and is about 1-inch deep. The seller says he was told the bowl may have been used for several different purposes such as crushing herbs or mixing paints. A set of three Indian arrowheads sold for $36.99 with a bid history of 14. The seller says the arrowheads were given to him as a child by his grandfather who had them for some time, and that one of the arrowheads appears to have a bloodstain on it.

Michigan is noted for its copper artifacts found from the old copper culture like those of Isle Royale

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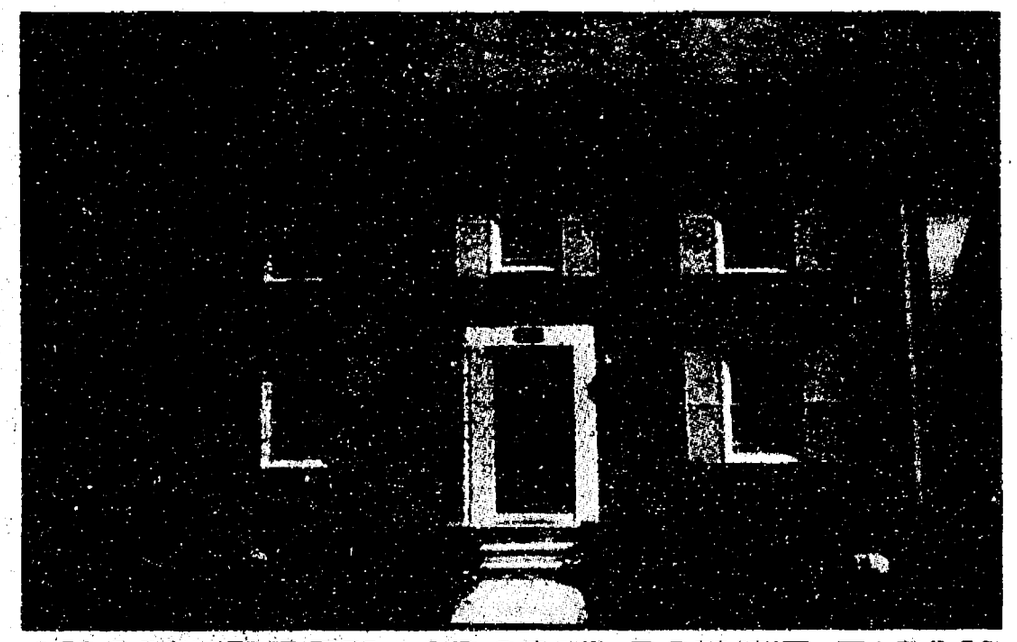

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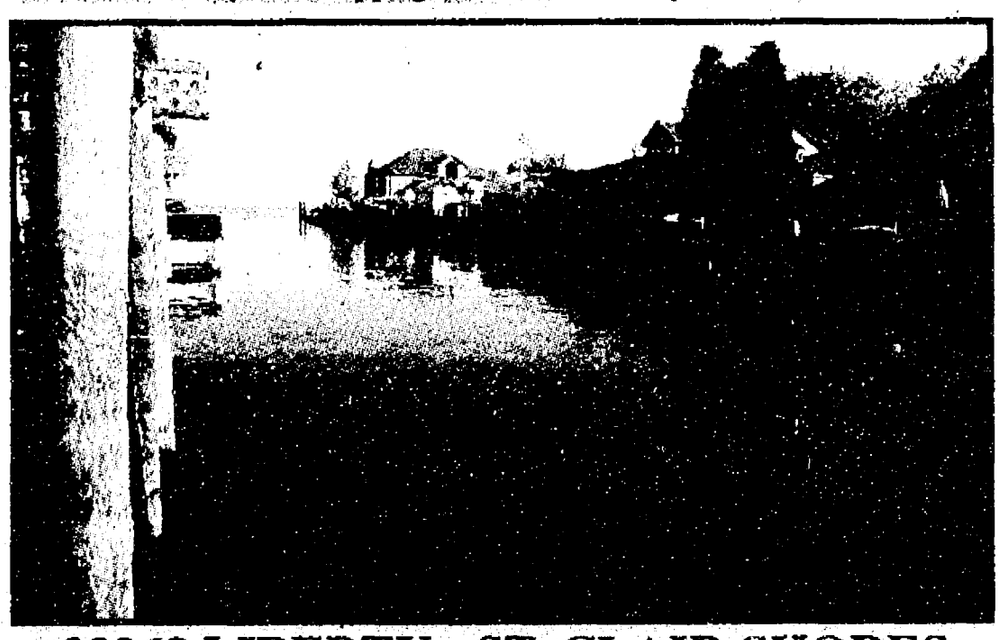

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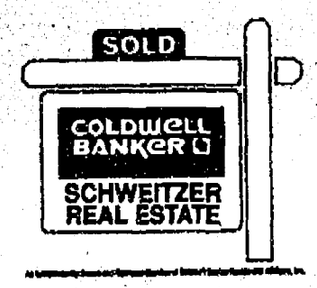

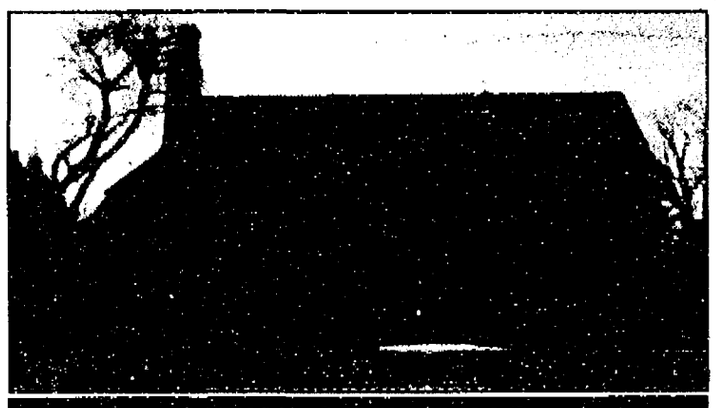

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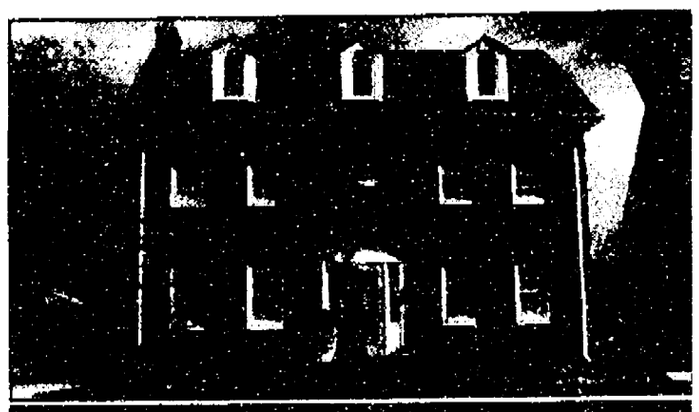

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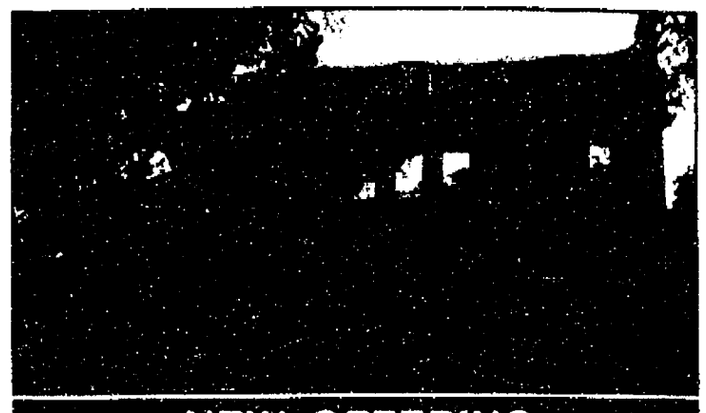

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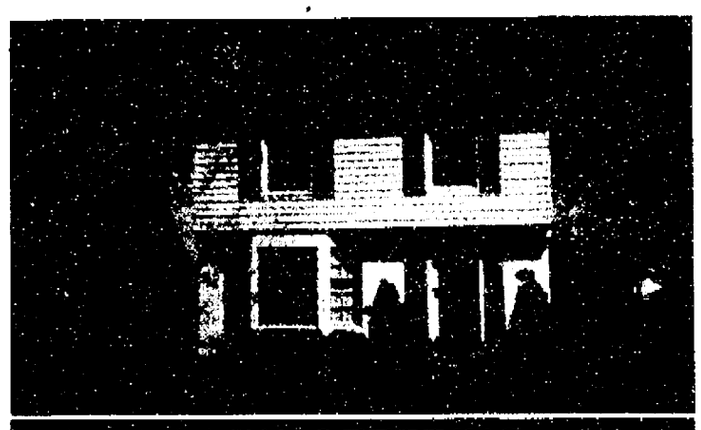

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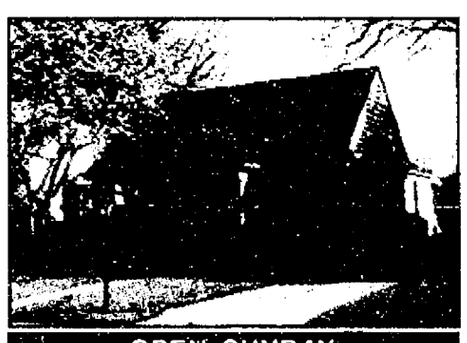

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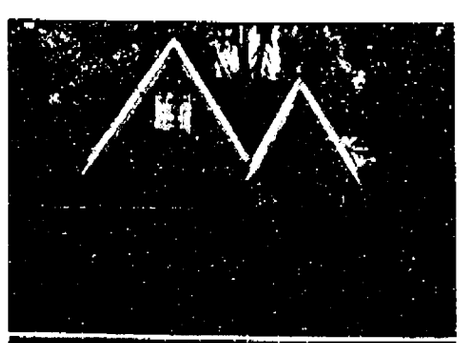

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Clean the humidifier

The humidifier, an often forgotten appliance in most homes, should be turned off and cleaned for the summer. Water left in it will reduce the efficiency of the air conditioner and crust up all the parts after sitting unused all summer.

The following tips will help keep the humidifier happy and the fall startup a breeze:

• First things first, turn off the humidistat. With the weather getting warmer and muggier, the last thing you need is to add humidity to the house.

• Turn off the water-feed valve on drum-style humidifiers and remove the water from the pan. You should not have to turn off the water on flow through humidifiers because the solenoid valves that control the water are positive shutoffs. If the shutoff valve sticks or leaks, now is a good time to replace it with a better valve that will be easier to operate twice a year. If your valve leaks and you cannot change it this spring, it can be capped with a 1/4-inch compression cap.

When rationalizing why you do not have time to change it this spring, remember this: If you can't find the time to do it right, when will you find the time to do it over?

• If your humidifier has an air damper between it and the furnace plenum, (it could be a little tin handle) shut it off for the summer.

• Remove the media from inside the humidifier and when possible, drop the water pan off the bottom. If the media pad (filter) is hard and crusty, remove it from the drum and purchase the new pad this spring so your unit is ready to go next fall. Clean the drum frame in the water pan (if you were able to remove it) with humidifier delimer or vinegar. Store the drum and pad outside the humidifier for the summer.

If anything was leaking, broken or too crusty to clean, now might be a good time to get replacements. That way when September rolls around you will have the humidifier up and running in no time.

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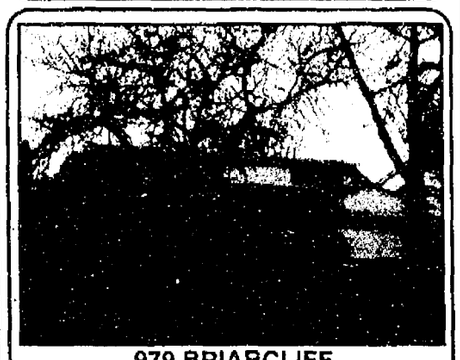

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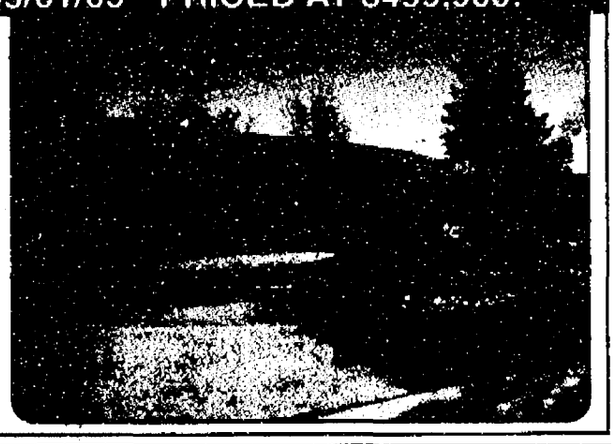
1477 LOCHMOOR
Wonderful ranch in prime location on Lochmoor Boulevard. Three bedrooms, two and one half baths. Freshly painted living room in earth tones. The master bath is new with ceramic tile and custom shower. First floor laundry, newer kitchen with cherry cabinets and Corian counters, Subzero, double ovens and ceramic tile floor. Panelled library, finished basement with fireplace and wet bar.



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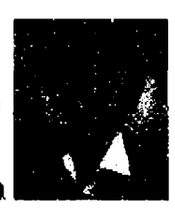


Replacements made using decorative concrete

Concrete Advice

By the Michigan Concrete Association

Q. We are planning to replace our old driveway with a new decorative concrete driveway this spring and would like to know what different finishes are available?

— Tom, via e-mail.

A. More and more style conscious homeowners are discovering the beauty and versatility of decorative concrete as an alternative to more costly and less durable materials. Decorative concrete can be used to create distinctive, one-of-a-kind expressions of a homeowner's taste and style preferences. Today, it is increasingly used for porches, patios, pool decks, walkways, driveways and even interior uses. Designers, decorators and homeowners hail decorative concrete's free-form nature and its capacity to reflect an individual's unique taste through imprints, inlays and colors. Concrete has become as decorative as it is durable.

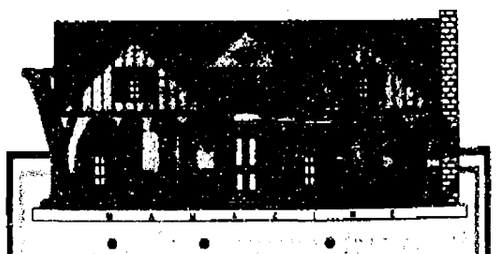
The following are a few of the hundreds of decorative style options and combinations that you can choose from:

• Colored concrete: Almost any color you want can be added to concrete. The same colored concrete can be made to look different by employing different finishing techniques. Chemical or acid stains can be used to add color to existing concrete as well, by penetrating the concrete surface to create beautiful color tones. Stains react directly with the concrete's minerals and produce uneven, mottled, and variegated color effects giving it a marble-like look. Acid stain can be applied to driveways, walks, entrances, living rooms, bathrooms, patios, high traffic areas and even vertically to any cementitious surface.

• Stamped concrete: Concrete in its plastic state, can be stamped with patterns to resemble brick, slate, flagstone, stone, tile and even wood. This process involves "stamping" or "impressing" three-dimensional patterns into colored concrete with special tools. When the stamping is complete, the product is then sealed, highlighting the colors and providing greater stain and weather resistance. The result is a surface that is not only beautiful but durable.

Textured finishes: patterns are made on the concrete such as swirls, or different size arcs. The texture created can be coarse, medium, or smooth, depending on the tool used to impart the pattern.

The Michigan Concrete Association is at 3130 Pine Tree Road in Lansing. The association was established in 1952 as a forum for the state's ready-mixed concrete industry and as an educational resource for consumers. For more information, call (800) 678-9622, or visit its Web site at www.miconcrete.org.



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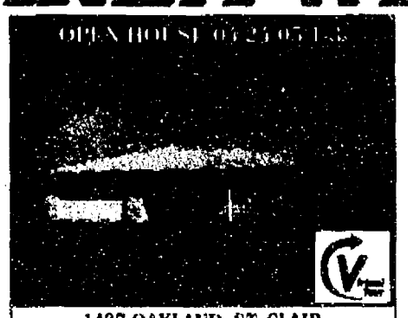
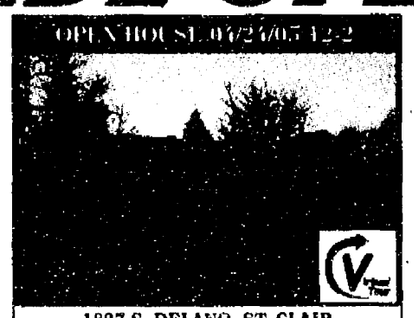
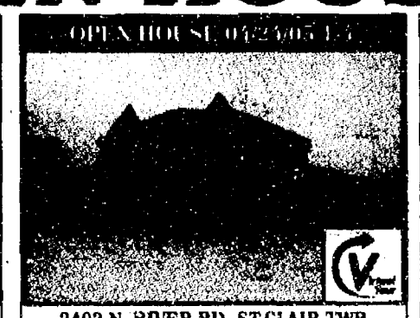
$369,900 **GP-3184**



1427 OAKLAND, ST. CLAIR
(South of downtown St. Clair) Spectacular view of St. Clair River! "Riverfront" room contains family room, kitchen and dining areas! 1,718 square feet, three bedroom, two and one half bath, plus living room. Steel seawall.
$425,000 **GP-3208**



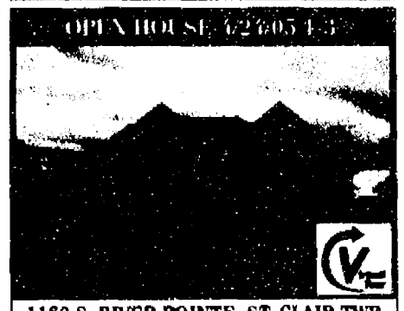
1827 S. DELANO, ST. CLAIR
(Carney to S. Delano) Immediate Possession! Spacious floor plan and nicely decorated ranch in Hunter's Forest. This home is in great condition featuring three bedrooms, two baths, cathedral great room with fireplace.
$213,900 **GP-3247**



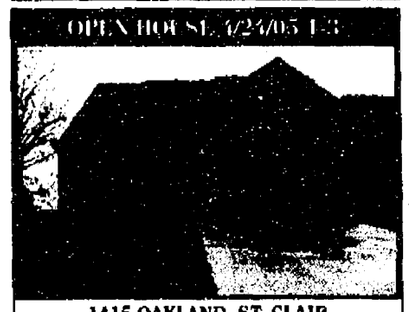
2402 N. RIVER RD, ST.CLAIR TWP
(North of downtown St. Clair) Spacious 3,350 square foot custom brick Victorian Colonial, four bedrooms, two full and two half bath, formal wraparound front porch with St. Clair River view, rare 1 acre parcel.
$399,000 **GP-3266**

1561 GLENDALE, ST. CLAIR
(M-29 to Palmer to Glendale) Great family home! 2,600 square feet, three bedroom, two bath, fireplace. Kitchen appliances stay. Living room and family room. two and one half car garage, 75 x 150 lot, deck, fenced backyard, above ground pool.
$185,000 **GP-3289**

2409 RIVER ROAD, MARYSVILLE
(North of Mack) Outstanding St. Clair River waterfront 2,800 square feet, four bedrooms, three baths, hot tub room, newer windows, furnace, roof, the list goes on! Call today!
$389,900 **GP-3137**



1160 S. RIVER POINTE, ST. CLAIR TWP
(M-29 North to River Pointe sub) Ranch in St. Clair Township. Recessed lighting throughout, trey ceilings, cathedral ceilings. 2,031 square feet, three bedroom, two and one half bath brick home. Fantastic maintenance free deck.
$324,900 **GP-3188**

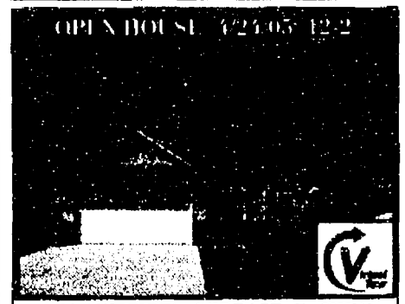


1415 OAKLAND, ST. CLAIR
(South of downtown St. Clair) Beautiful all brick five bedroom home on the St. Clair River. New construction-formal dining room, library, first floor master bedroom, three and one half baths, first floor laundry, walkout basement, plus two car garage.
$570,000 **GP-3195**

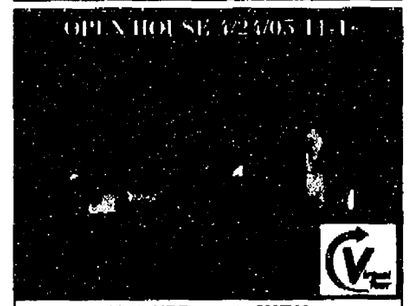
7241 TRUMBLE, ST. CLAIR TWP
(N. of Fred Moore, West of Allington) 53 acres of exquisite wooded property and pond with it's own island. Charming rustic log house. Two bedrooms, wood floors, beautifully finished log interior, basement. Porch, garden house, patio.
$599,000 **GP-3224**

50 GOLFSIDE, ST. CLAIR TWP
(M-29 to Yankee to Pug to Golfside) Prestigious living on St. Clair Country Club Golf Course. Brick four bedroom, four bath, two story home located on the 12th tee. Too many amenities to mention.
$599,000 **GP-3288**

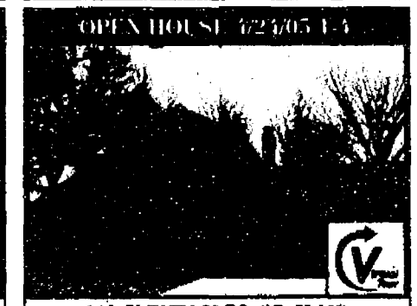
1715 RIVER ROAD #1,ST. CLAIR TWP
(North of St. Clair) River Colony Condo #1-Main floor unit, two bedrooms, two baths. Excellent condition-Sunken great room with natural fireplace-newer windows, carpet, hot water heater, association fee $161/month.
$154,900 **GP-3291**



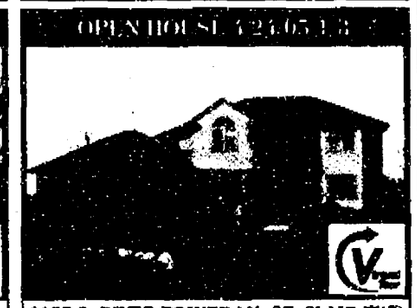
3856 RIVERVIEW TERRACE, E. CHINA
(M-29 South to Diamond Cove) Excellent condition, landscaping, new carpet, vaulted ceiling, island, kitchen appliances, dry walled garage with paint and wainscoting and service door. Possession at closing.
$224,500 **GP-3294**



5901 URBAN, E. CHINA
(M-29 South to Francis to Urban) 1,922 square feet, four bedroom, two bath home with open floor plan. Updated kitchen. Fireplace, full basement, Separate bedroom with bath. Great family home with township taxes.
$235,000 **S-3303**



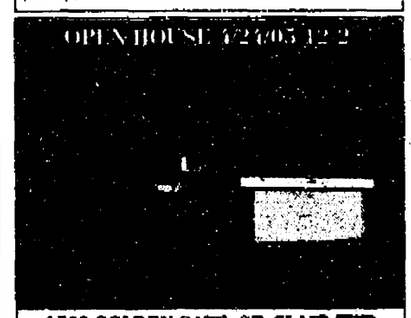
643 GLENEAGLES, ST. CLAIR
(Brown to Highland to Gleneagles) Fantastic home for the family or well suited for retirees. Low maintenance throughout! Natural fireplace, full finished basement, attached garage, first floor laundry and master!
$289,900 **GP-3308**



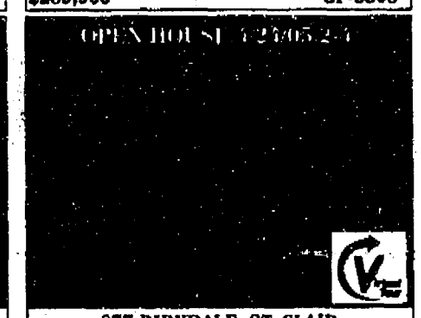
1157 S. RIVER POINTE LN, ST. CLAIR TWP
(M-29 North to River Pointe Sub) Wonderful 3,000 square foot, four bedroom Colonial located in St. Clair Twp. Large eat-in custom kitchen with two-sided fireplace, KraftMaid cabinets. First floor master and laundry.
$399,900 **GP-3309**

2376 JOSEPH TAMRON, ST. CLAIR TWP
(M-29 to Scott B to Joseph Tamron) This one is a must see! Fantastic brick ranch with three bedrooms, two and one half baths, full finished basement. Great lot-landscaped to perfection, two car attached-heated garage and more!
$269,900 **GP-3326**

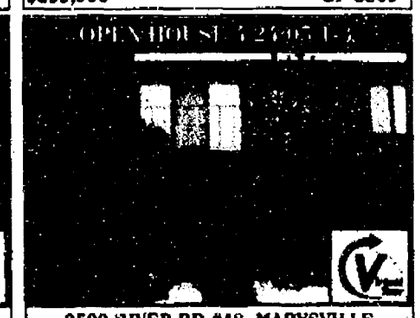
1517 OAKLAND, ST. CLAIR
(South of downtown St. Clair) NEW LISTING Fantastic St. Clair River home! Hardwood floors, walkout basement, two decks, private dock. Second kitchen and living room in basement, lots of storage.
$269,000 **GP-3335**



1582 GOLDEN GATE, ST. CLAIR TWP
(M-29 north to Blue River Dr to Golden Gate) Beautifully kept one and one half story. Move in condition. Full partially finished basement. Two car attached garage on a cul-de-sac. New Andersen windows, new gas fireplace.
$174,900 **GP-3336**



877 BIRKDALE, ST. CLAIR
(Brown to Highland Sub) Brand new home is 2,567 square feet with three bedrooms, two and one half baths, solid maple Sterling cabinets, crown moldings, fireplace, first floor master suite with whirlpool tub.
$279,000 **GP-3171**



2500 RIVER RD #48, MARYSVILLE
(Enter off Mack) Beautifully decorated condo in Riverview Terrace. Central air, two balconies and a patio with river view. Finished walkout basement. Waterfront ownership of beach area to enjoy the St. Clair River.
$144,900 **GP-3297**

Expert has 10 ways to add value to your home

(MS) — Whether you're interested in making a resale investment or want to enhance your living space, industry experts agree there are a number of easy ways you can add value to your home.

"Home improvement projects always equate to increasing the value of your house," says Don Zeman, host of the home improvement radio show, Homefront with Don Zeman.

According to Zeman, there are 10 extremely positive home improvement projects that can make life in your current home more enjoyable in the short-term and pay big dividends when selling the home in the future.

1. Create a designated home office space. Whether it's just part of a room partitioned off with an obscure acrylic block wall to create a private nook or an entire room, home offices are an essential part of today's living.

2. Treat your ceilings as the fifth wall in a room. Accent and embellish them with beaded boards, paints or decorative finishes. Consider adding a lightweight urethane ceiling medallion from Fypon around ceiling lights and fans. Two-piece medallions snap into place in less than five minutes to add more ambiance to a room.

3. Invest in your lawn. Nothing puts forth a better first impression than a well-manicured lawn and continuously-maintained shrubs and flower beds. If you're selling your home, a buyer immediately forms his opinion of how well you have taken care of the interior by the look of the exterior.

4. Replace old, leaky windows with energy efficient vinyl windows. Energy Star compliant windows help save on heating and cooling bills all year long. And, for added safety and security, consider Simonton StormBreaker Plus impact-resistant windows. Much like a car windshield, when broken the glass in these windows adheres to a heavy invisible plastic interlayer, thus reducing the damage inside the home from storms or crime attempts.

5. Expand living space by adding a deck or sunroom. Increasing the amount of usable space in a home always equates to adding more value. Whether it's placing an awning over a patio area, converting a screened-in porch to a sunroom or adding a deck, the creation of more living space makes life more enjoyable for you now and adds an appealing selling feature for the future.

6. Remove mildew from your home's exterior and prevent it from coming back. Start by killing any mildew by using a garden sprayer and Jomax, which contains an EPA-registered mildecide that kills mildew without harming your siding, shrubs or grass. After killing the mildew, prevent it from coming back by using Perma White Mold and Mildew-Proof Exterior Paint.

7. Trim out exterior windows and doors. If you have old, rotting wood around windows (or no trim at all) install all-weather millwork. Fypon cellular PVC trim resists insects, rot and termites, making it an ideal low-maintenance product.

8. Upgrade the master bathroom with a tub window. Made of durable acrylic blocks, Hy-Lite's fixed and operable windows provide privacy in the bathroom while allowing light into the room. A decorative bathroom window over the tub serves as a focal point in the room.

9. Replace rotted columns and porch posts with fiberglass columns. When you start spending several weekends each year repairing and repainting exterior rail systems and columns, it's time to invest in low-maintenance fiberglass columns. Structural load-bearing columns from Dixie-Pacific are an affordable investment. Options include columns with lifetime finishes to eliminate painting and a variety of styles to complement any home design.

10. Bump out to a bay or bow window. Along with adding extra living space, bay and bow windows add instant visual interior and exterior appeal to homes. People value the extended space that can highlight a holiday tree or a window seat or simply add more light to the home.

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that were once mined by prehistoric workers.

Other archaeological finds in Michigan include the 1961 Haltiner cache discovered along the Thunder Bay River in Alpena. It contained a 4-pound copper cobble, 31 pieces of manufacturing debitage and three small, finished copper implements, circa 600 B.C.; and in 1953 approximately 40 copper artifacts and a few stone artifacts were found along the Keweenaw Waterway in Houghton County, Mich.; and the Arenac County Historical Society says Arenac County, Mich., at Charity Point, at the bottom of Saginaw Bay on Lake Huron, has long been inhabited with 5,000-year-old Indian artifacts found there.

The Michigan Archeological Society can be contacted at P.O. Box 359, Saginaw, MI 48606. The society publishes The Michigan Archaeologist magazine. Back issues may be ordered.

State Archaeologist Dr. John Halsey can be contacted at the Office of the State Archaeologist, Michigan Historical Center, Box 30740, Lansing, MI 48909-8240; phone, (517) 373-6416. Halsey reminds collectors that they need permission of the land owner to remove artifacts. Persons may remove artifacts from federal lands, state lands or from the bottom lands of the Great Lakes only with a permit.

The book "Retrieving Michigan's Buried Past: The Archaeology of the Great Lakes State," edited by Halsey, was published by the Cranbrook Institute of Science and can be purchased at The Michigan Historical Center museum store at 702 W. Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, MI 48909-8240; phone (517) 373-3559.

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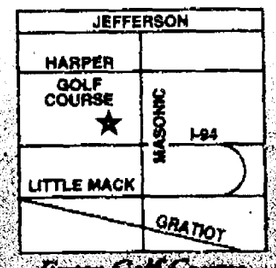

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40 Oxford, Grosse Pointe Shores
Stunning Classic English Tudor. Six bedrooms, five and one half baths, multiple fireplaces. Library with carved wood paneling, gracious entrance foyer, sunken living room and carriage house. This house is absolutely "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.

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.

Grosse Pointe Shores
Impeccably maintained Colonial. Spacious rooms throughout. Four bedrooms, one that features a master suite with new bath and dressing room, two full and two half baths, family room, home office, updated kitchen, three car attached garage, new brick paver patio, new sprinkler system. $725,000.

552 Thorntree Rd, Grosse Pointe Woods
Terrific location! Gorgeous first floor master suite. Recently remodeled kitchen. Beautiful sunken living room with a marble fireplace and two bay windows. First floor laundry and den. Family room off of the kitchen. New Pella windows. Security system. $635,000.

70 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Shores
Custom built home by John Smedes in 1979 featuring first floor laundry, den, family room, large kitchen, four bedrooms, two and one half baths, professionally landscaped. Bi-level deck, circular driveway. Bring your fussiest buyers, very clean. $549,000.

824 Neff, Grosse Pointe City
Condominium conversion opportunity. Two bedrooms, great location, walking distance to "village", schools, park and restaurants. Generous room sizes, gas forced air furnace three years old. Nice curb appeal. Appliances included. Separate utilities. $185,000

Grosse Pointe Farms
Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Boulevard Moross area. Three bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial. Family room, large lot, fantastic location. Attractively priced at $595,000. Call Jim Saros for details.

Renaud Road
Prime location on Renaud Road. Three bedoom, three bath semi-ranch, attached garage, den full basement, great lot, new windows, great price at $395,000. Call Jim Saros for details.

16121 Clinton
Dramatic custom built ranch in most desirable new subdivision. Master suite with adjoining private bath-jacuzzi tub, private shower, glass block windows. You have to see this one! "David Paul SOLD mine!"

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

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

312 McKinley, Grosse Pointe Farms
This home needs a little T.L.C. 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

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.

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. $219,000

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.

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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
DRASTICALLY REDUCED TO $799,000!!! Originally appraised at $950,000. This Spanish mini-mansion features three and one half car garage, large lot, sunken living room. Five bedrooms, three and one half baths, multiple fireplaces including master bedroom, library, den and hardwood floors.

646 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park
Meticulously maintained Classic English Tudor. Beautiful plaster details, unique cove/ icicle 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

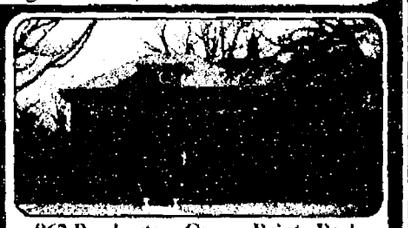
475 Belanger, Grosse Pointe Farms
644 Middlesex, Grosse Pointe Park
799 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Park
20064 Ghesquiere Ct, Grosse Pointe Woods
538 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe City

22666 Wildwood, St. Clair Shores
693 Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe Shores
552 Thorntree Road, Grosse Pointe Woods
1153 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park

42440 Corbina Dr, Northville
799 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Park
1311 Hollywood, Grosse Pointe Woods

20064 Ghesquiere Ct., Grosse Pointe Woods
538 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe City
1428 Yorkshire (1-3 PM), Grosse Pointe Park

644 Middlesex, Grosse Pointe Park
Superb Tudor near Windmill Pointe (lake St. Clair) and two waterfront parks! Four bedrooms, two full baths (wonderful master), two lavs. Cozy family room with natural fireplace, garden room and stunning library with cathedral ceiling, sky lights and incredible views of rear gardens, pond and waterfall.

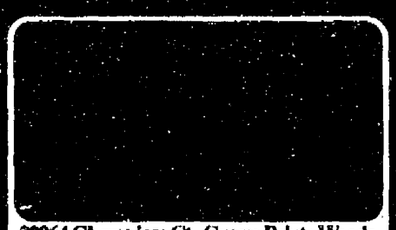


962 Pemberton, Grosse Pointe Park
Classic center entrance Colonial located on Pemberton. Four bedrooms, two and one half baths, family room, sitting room off of bedroom. Fabulous new kitchen. Two car garage, third floor walk-up expansion attic. Natural fireplace. $519,900.

1428 Yorkshire, Grosse Pointe Park
Wonderful Tudor with old world charm! This six bedroom, three and one half bath home is loaded with classic features. Sculpted plaster, natural wood, leaded, beveled and stained glass door and windows. Recreation room. Now priced at $449,000.

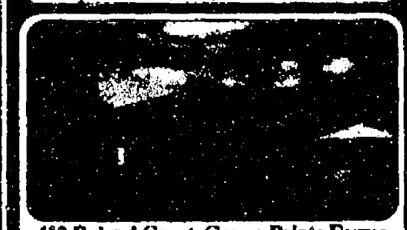
1311 Hollywood, Grosse Pointe Woods
Located near Marter Road. Fabulous cathedral ceiling family room with natural fireplace and hardwood floors. Three bedrooms, one and one half baths, updated kitchen two car garage, recreation room in basement. Attractively priced at $269,000.

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



20064 Ghesquiere Ct, Grosse Pointe Woods
Beautiful Cape Cod with center natural fireplace. Gorgeous lower level family room in the basement, great court location, hardwood floors, attached garage. Newer windows (Pella), central air. $309,000.

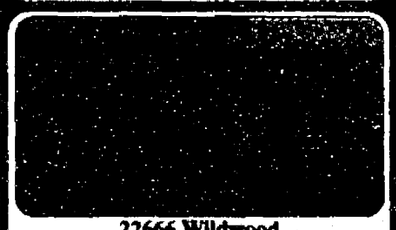
1033 North Brys, Grosse Pointe Woods
Three bedroom, one and one half bath ranch. Updated open floor plan, freshly painted, new kitchen, new windows, newer gas forced air with central air, hardwood floors, underneath new carpeting. Attached two car garage. $299,000



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.

715 Pear Tree, Grosse Pointe Woods
Attractive four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial. Updated kitchen, 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

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



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

18723 Roscommon, Harper Woods
Affordable two bedroom duplex, one year lease. $600.00 per month.

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How to make your home more pet-friendly

Whether you already have a pet or plan to bring one home, there are many things you need to consider if you want to keep a tidy, well-decorated home, free of pet damage.

The following decorating tips are offered from the ASPCA and Best Friends Pet Care, a pet hospitality services provider:

• Flooring — Choose bare floors. Replace wall-to-wall carpeting with wood, tile, sheet linoleum, slate or stone. Unlike carpeting which traps pet hair, stains and odors, bare floors are easy to keep clean and won't be permanently damaged if a pet "accident" isn't cleaned up right away. (Seal hardwood floors with polyurethane to prevent urine odor retention.) Another advantage — these materials stay cool in the summer, providing relief for your pet from the heat.

Accent bare floors with small, machine washable area rugs. They are easy to pick up and clean. Just be sure to secure them with a non-stick mat or piece of heavy furniture, or pet activity will have them scattered around the house. Save your Oriental rugs or rugs with decorative fringes for when your dog is fully house-trained and well past teething age (over eight months of age).

• Walls — Use a lead-free, washable semi-gloss paint in areas where your dog will spend the most of his time. This paint is essential if you have a loose-jowled dog such as a coonhound or a mastiff type that is more likely to shake spittle onto the walls.

Avoid textured wallcoverings, especially if you have a cat. These coverings, like grass cloth and nubby fabrics, are invitations for cats to scratch.

If wallpaper is a must, washable vinyl-backed wallpaper is preferable to the traditional paper-backed wallpaper. Use antique wallpapers or fabric wall treatments on the top half of the walls, and paint or hang a washable wall covering below.

• Windows — Avoid hanging vertical blinds, pooling drapery, or anything with ornate tassels and long cords. These can be a strangulation hazard to your pets.

Use sheer curtains or simple shades instead of long, heavy drapes that collect dust and pet hair. Fabric shades, cafe curtains and dramatic valances are good choices for pet-friendly homes.

Forget mini-blinds. They can get bent beyond repair when they block a curious dog's view of the outside world.

• Furniture — Use slipcovers. Patterns and tweeds work best. But if you own a light-colored solid upholstery, machine-washable slipcovers will be your salvation. They make changing the couch as easy as changing the bed, so Fido and Fluffy can relax on the sofa, worry-free. Slipcovers are available in a variety of colors and patterns in washable fabrics like canvas, twill and denim.

Skip leather and vinyl. They are easy to clean but can be damaged by an animal's nails if they aren't kept short.

Give your animal his own bed. Pet beds are available in patterns and fabrics that will coordinate with almost any decor; so you can put one in each room. Be sure to choose one with a cover that zips off for easy washing. Another idea is to designate one piece of furniture as the dog's or cat's. Cover it with a washable throw and teach your pet that it's the only piece of furniture he's allowed to sit, lie or sleep on.

If you want your pet's bed to match the rest of the furnishings, an oversized floor pillow covered in fabric that matches the throw pillows on your sofa is an option. It may not be big enough if you happen to share your home with a large canine, but it will suffice for a cat or smaller dog.

• Accessories — Even today's pet products are being fashioned with good design in mind. Don't settle for ugly old plastic bowls for food and water. There are ceramic dog and cat bowls and trendy stainless steel options available which are just as washable yet can coordinate with your decor. For large dogs, there are wooden or wrought-iron feeders with hand-painted or tiled tops and matching bowls. And, instead of an old plastic place mat, choose a specially-designed fabric mat that coordinates with your table linens.

• Outdoors — Here are some pet-friendly decorating ideas for the outside of your home:

Attach outdoor cat enclosures to the house with a cat door to allow free access for the animal.

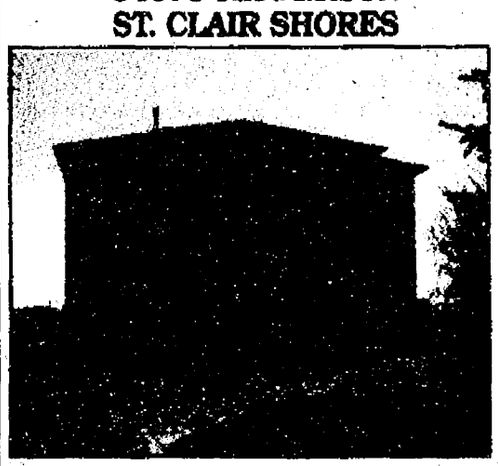
For dogs, fenced in yards should have a buried, inward-facing section to prevent them from digging and tunneling out. For cats, fenced yards should have containment pens circling all trees in the yard.

Dog/cat doors to the outside (even with fenced yards) should have a microchip coded access system.

Use high-quality screens (metal) on windows to prevent cats from ripping them up. Install folding (hinged) cat perches under windows.

Use outdoor septic disposal systems for dog waste. For cats, add a porthole to a kitchen cabinet for placement of a cat litter tray. It will look clean and neat, and keeps dogs from getting in and munching on cat waste. Another option (that is more expensive) is to install a ventilation system to expel the animal's waste odor.

34070 JEFFERSON ST. CLAIR SHORES



Make everyday a vacation day! Panoramic views of Lake St. Clair from this "Like New" home. The open floor plan has a new kitchen with granite countertops, maple cabinetry and state of the art appliances, huge great room that capitalizes on the spectacular lake views, formal dining room and living room with shared gas fireplace. The second story includes a large master suite with Jacuzzi tub, three more generously sized bedrooms, two additional baths and a second floor laundry. Finally a finished walkout lower level with large game room, fourth full bath and second kitchen all conveniently accessible to the lake and fabulous in-ground pool. This St. Clair Shores gem is attractively priced at $819,000.

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS Cape Cod
Lovely location and condition. Beautiful pecan kitchen with built-ins, wonderful glassed family room with built-in bar. Park-like lot, freshly painted, newer furnace, windows, carpet, library, master suite with full bath and adjacent sitting room.
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Charming three bedroom one and one half bath, two car detached garage, formal dining room, fireplace, Florida room, hardwood floors, partially finished basement. All appliances stay. Great location. Home warranty.
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS Charming
Character and charm abound. Updated kitchen, natural fireplace in living room, Florida room, refinished hardwood floors, full basement, freshly painted throughout. Nicely landscaped yard. Great locale. Priced to sell!
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GROSSE POINTE Spacious
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS Charming
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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.
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS Lovely
Three bedroom, two bath home offers a location that's an easy walk to the Hill, Pier Park, schools, more! Pretty hardwood floors, leaded glass windows, breakfast nook, den. Partly finished basement, newer boiler.
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GROSSE POINTE Spectacular
Beautifully mastered Tuscan style kitchen/ gathering room. Silestone counters, fireplace, plenty of seating at the table or family room area. Beauty continues throughout with elegantly appointed and generously sized rooms!
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GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Sharp
Updated, clean contemporary three bedroom. Newer bright kitchen, all appliances, tile floor, tear-off roofs, vinyl windows, furnace, central air and more. Multi-skylight bedroom, walk-in closet. Nice open backyard.
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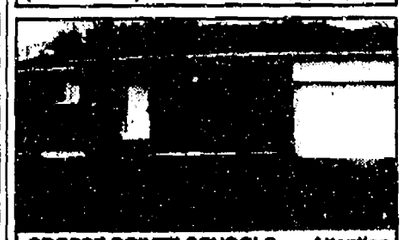

GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Attention
Attractive Harper Woods ranch. Hardwood floors, formal dining room. One and one half baths. Doorwall leads to roofed patio with lights. Central air, alarm system, newer windows. Attached two car garage. Home warranty.
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FRASER Rare To Find
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Meticulously maintained custom brick ranch. Updated kitchen, fireplace, hardwood floors, newer windows. Open floor plan, neutral decor. Copper plumbing. Heated garage. Appliances. Florida room. Steel seawall with slip.
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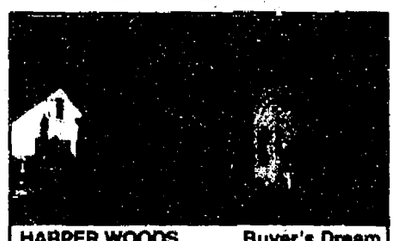

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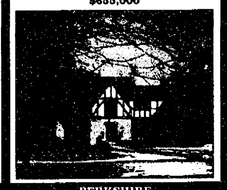
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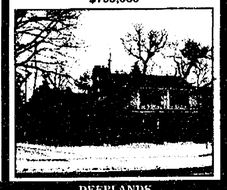
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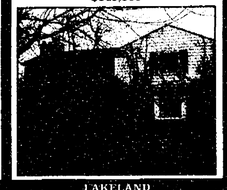
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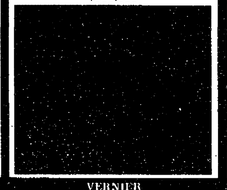
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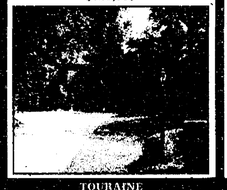
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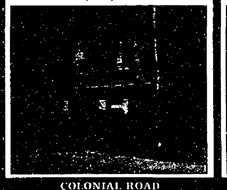
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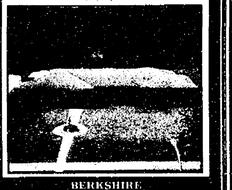
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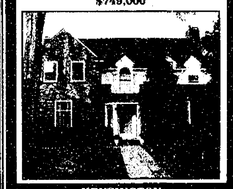
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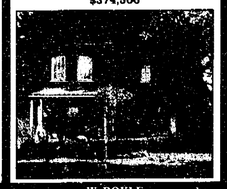
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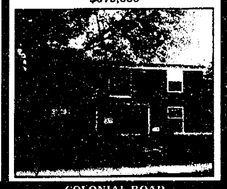
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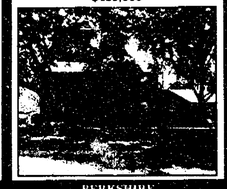
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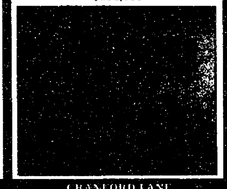
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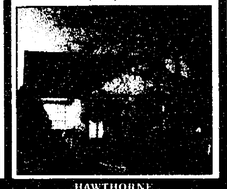
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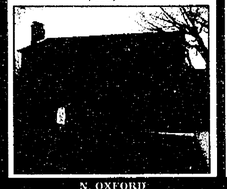
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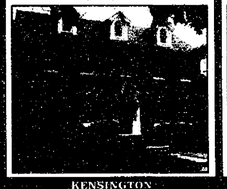
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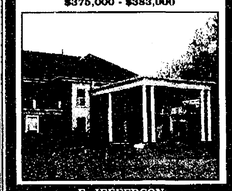
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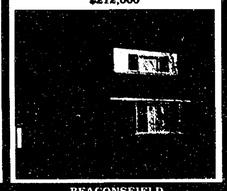
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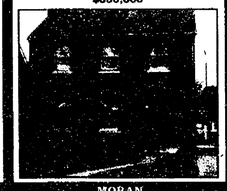
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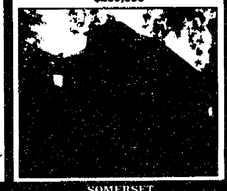
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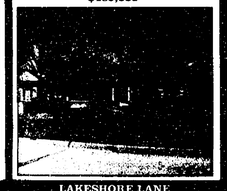
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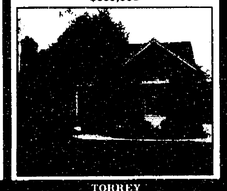
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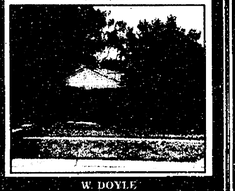
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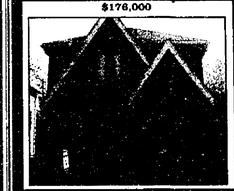
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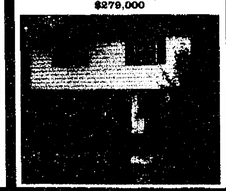
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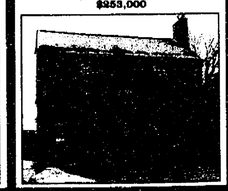
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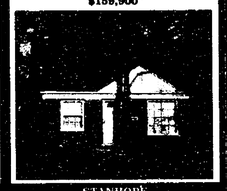
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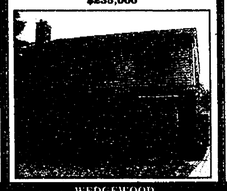
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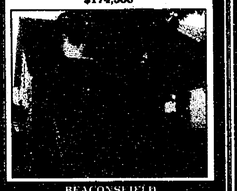
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Spring has just begun — may be frost

By Ron Jazowski
Backer Landscaping

Spring is probably the best season of the whole year, mainly because it's an awakening of not only all the flowers and plantings, but also an awakening of oneself. After what seems like a year of winter, the sunshine, warmer days, and pleasant evenings can't help but make you want to get out and "awake" the inner you.

Here's where caution has to come into play: It's very tempting to get out the rake, start pruning the plants, and roughing up the ground. However, too much too soon can only do more harm than good.

Spring is the time when many perennials are just starting to poke out of the ground. Too much raking at this time can damage the new sprouts and affect their ability to flower properly. Also, walking around the garden at this time not only compacts the soil, but you can easily step on some of those sprout that are near the surface, but have not broken through the ground yet.

I, like many gardeners, do plant and move plantings all through the growing season. It's hard to remember exactly where all these plantings are come spring. I always wait a few weeks to give these new shoots a chance to show their locations.

A few leaves on the ground won't hurt, especially when we have some pretty cool nights in April, not to mention the dreaded "frost" that can show up anytime until mid-May.

Pruning and trimming can be done at this time, keeping in mind that if you prune spring flowering plants now, you're cutting off the flower buds, and you won't experience as many flowers on these shrubs this season.

Another mistake at this time would be to remove a small tree or planting, thinking it died over the winter. Until spring passes, some plants look dead until the buds swell enough to open. So don't take out that "dead" plant until you know for certain it's gone. Also, if you wait until the buds flush or open, you can then tell without a doubt, any branches that didn't' make it through the winter.

Remember, not like food, when in doubt don't throw it out. At least give it a chance to show if it's still OK.

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First-time home buyers

According the 2003 National Association of Realtors Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, the following first-home buyers statistics are as follows:

• The average age of home buyers is 32.

• The average home buyers in 2002 who were first-time buyers were 40 percent.

• The average household income was $54,800.

• The first-time home buyers who were single were more than one-third.

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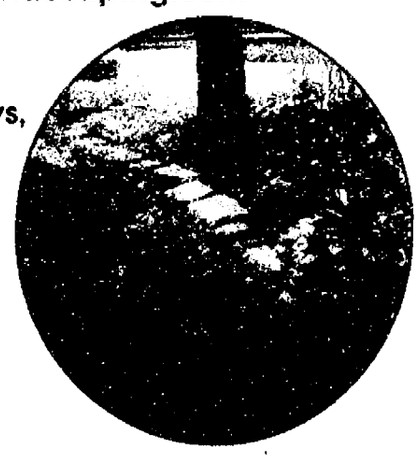

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NEW OFFERING

CLASSIC English Colonial in prime City location with state-of-the-art new updating and decor throughout. Pegged oak flooring. Many built-ins, updated Mutschler kitchen. Finished basement, new roof. Winner of Grosse Pointe Beautification Award. #12

NEW OFFERING

BEAUTIFUL TUDOR on popular Park street. Tremendous character, condition and function. Arched entry, Pewabic tiles, natural woodwork. Large family room overlooking rear deck and yard. Spacious eat-in kitchen. Central air, newer windows. #13

NEW OFFERING

FABULOUS FAMILY HOME. Four bedrooms, two and one half baths, master bath with Jacuzzi tub, family room with doorwall to deck and garden, new kitchen, newer windows, newer roof and much more. #14

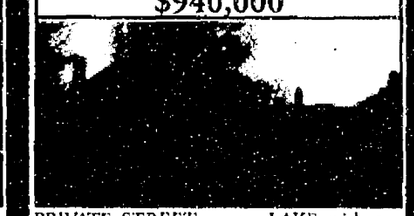
NEW OFFERING

WELL MAINTAINED brick Colonial. Three bedrooms, one and one half baths, newer thermal windows, tear-off roof, finished basement with glass block windows, paver patio, sprinklers, central air, includes all appliances. #15

$1,500,000

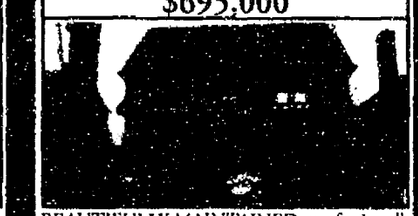
CLASSIC MICOU BUILT - Farms! Every room a designers jewel - featuring a spectacular 23 x 21 Kitchen - new in 2001 from The Blake Company. Five fireplaces including Master Suite, Dining Room and Family Room. Features six bedrooms, five baths, central-air throughout and second floor laundry. This combines the classic design features of a renowned Grosse Pointe builder and updates that have truly enhanced this fine home - even more! #16

$940,000



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

$695,000

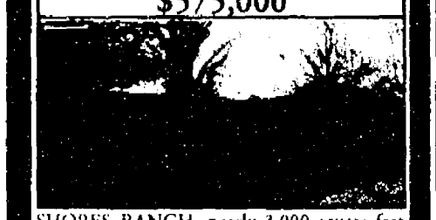


BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED, professionally decorated Tudot with extensive wood and plaster moldings, hardwood floors, five bedrooms, three and one half baths, Master suite with new bath and dressing room, large family room and central air. New landscaping, outdoor lighting and paver patio. #18

$624,900

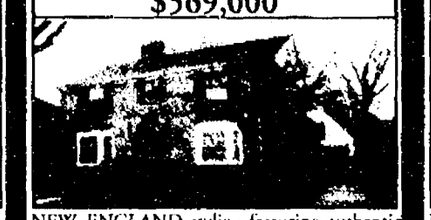
YOU WILL NOT FIND a better kitchen, master bedroom/bath or finished basement for under one million. Over 3,000 square feet of totally redone living space, including a family room and a garden room all on a huge, beautiful landscaped lot with a three car garage. #19

$575,000



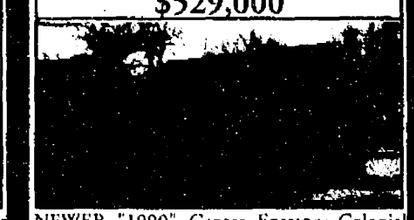
SHORES RANCH, nearly 3,000 square feet, first floor laundry, large Family Room off Mutschler Kitchen, circular drive, hardwood floors and three full baths. Best value in Grosse Pointe Shores. #20

$569,000



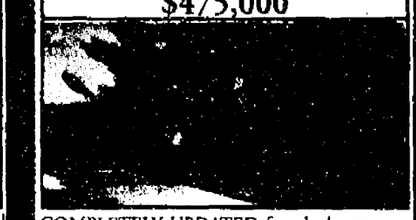
NEW ENGLAND styling featuring authentic stone exterior with four bedrooms, three full bathrooms, sharp kitchen with eating space, classic library, great Farms location - walk to everything. Carriage house efficiency apartment over three car garage. #21

$529,000



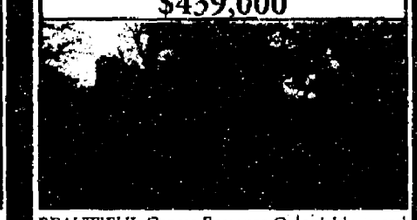
NEWER "1990" Center Entrance Colonial close to Village. Newly decorated and updated. Spacious kitchen, family room with fireplace and a cozy den. Fabulous master suite with large walk-in closet and bath with Jacuzzi tub. First floor laundry. Absolutely move-in condition. #22

$475,000



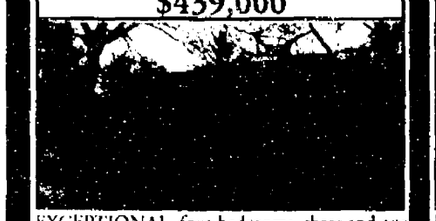
COMPLETELY UPDATED four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial on North Oxford. New open concept Kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Updated baths, new windows, newer roof, master suite with steam shower, and large finished basement. Attached garage, paver patio and hardwood floors. Truly a "10"! #23

$439,000



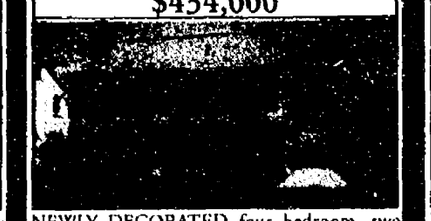
BEAUTIFUL Center Entrance Colonial in superb location of Grosse Pointe Park. Three bedrooms, two and one half baths. First floor laundry. Three natural fireplaces. Master bedroom has private bath and ample closet space. Beautiful 100 foot lot - very private. New furnace and central air. Extra large two and one half car attached garage. #24

$439,000



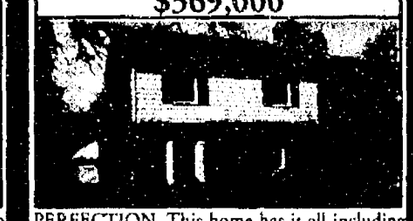
EXCEPTIONAL. four bedrooms, three and one half bath Colonial. Freshly decorated in neutral décor with refinished hardwood floors throughout. Dramatic two story foyer. Newer kitchen with cherry cabinets. Newer appliances. Newer furnace, central air and hot water heater. Attached garage. Finished basement. #25

$434,000



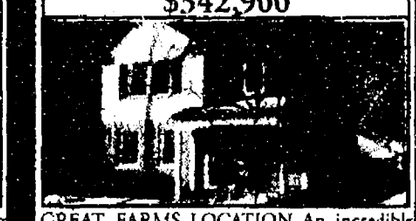
NEWLY DECORATED four bedroom, two and one half bath center entrance Colonial in "great" Grosse Pointe Park neighborhood. Numerous updates include: roof, furnace, central air, new carpeting and refinished hardwood floors. New landscaping. #26

$369,000



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. #27

$342,900

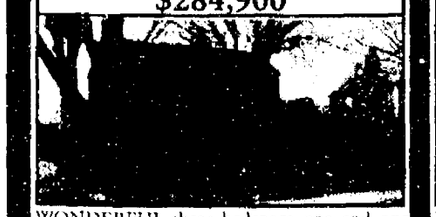


GREAT FARMS LOCATION An incredible home in impeccable condition. Spacious new kitchen, beautiful living room with fireplace, formal dining room, large bedrooms, updated baths, and a finished basement. Tremendous closet space. New windows. #28

$329,000

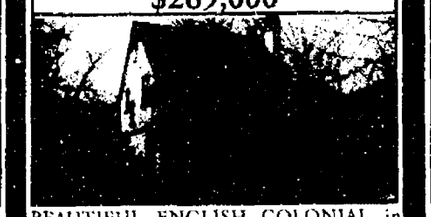
FARMS - 1900 square feet - walk to Richard and South High, hill shops, finished hardwood, new-large KITCHEN and a very large FAMILY ROOM. New full bath and finished Recreation Room. Best value on M-Streets!! #29

$284,900



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. #30

$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. #31

$219,900

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. #32

$199,000

A RARE OPPORTUNITY!! Updated three bedroom brick home with a large (18x11) 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. #33

$159,900

PERFECTLTY CHARMING renovated farmhouse. Newer kitchen includes all GE appliances and newer bath has custom tile work. Great location near "The Village". Many other improvements make this a wonderful buy. #34

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520 Saddle Lane-Grosse Pointe Woods

Pristine four bedroom, three full bath home on desirable Saddle Lane. Andersen windows throughout, gourmet kitchen with granite countertops,professional landscaping, large first floor bedroom is currently used as an office. Walking distance to Monteith, Hunt Club and ULS. $459,900

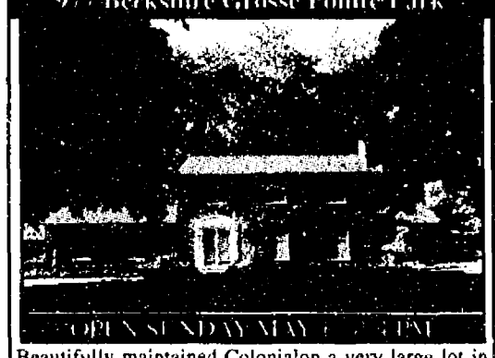
1948 Prestwick Grosse Pointe Woods

Updates and Pottery Barn decor. Newer roof, newer windows, new front door, new garage door, new six panel doors throughout, neutral paint. Kitchen with eating area, oodles of storage, family room currently used as a home office with access to backyard deck. $279,900

422 Roland Grosse Pointe Farms

Farms Colonial ready for you. Mutschler kitchen, Pella windows, tear-off roof, new siding on house and garage, copper plumbing, invisible fence, awesome master suite with walk-in closet, bath with Jacuzzi and separate shower. Walk to Monteith and Brownell. $349,900

977 Berkshire Grosse Pointe Park



Beautifully maintained Colonialon a very large lot in the Park.Spacious entry, large open rooms, kitchen with eating space overlooking the backyard, lovely patio, extensive professional landscaping. Recent price reduction $395,000!!!

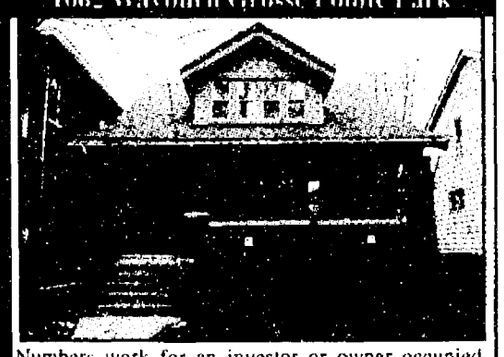
33 Beaupre Grosse Pointe Farms

Spacious center entrance Colonial with 2,500 square feet, four bedrooms, two and one half baths and natural fireplace in LivingRoom and Rec Room. Close to schools, library and shopping. One of the best values in the Farms. Very motivated sellers. $337,500

939 Rivard Grosse Pointe

Completely renovated four bedroom, three full bath home with custom kitchen, huge master suite with walk-in closet and bath with jacuzzi and separate shower, refinished hardwood floors, and professionally painted throughout. Bedroom andfull bath on first floor. $349,900

1062 Wayburn Grosse Pointe Park



Numbers work for an investor or owner occupied. Bungalow style two-family property with the following updates: roof, vinyl siding, some windows, electrical panel, water heaters and garage doors. Both units are eased, separate utilities and owner pays the water. Well maintained. $153,900

A sellers disclosure

Q. What's a "Sellers Disclosure?" — JoAnne of St. Clair Shores.

A. Billy Joel penned a hit song called "Honesty" back in the late '70s which spoke of the importance of honesty and integrity. Values such as honesty are one which the real estate industry hopes to imbue.

Essentially, a sellers disclosure is a statement from the seller of a home as to the physical condition and history of the home being sold. A sellers disclosure is a series of questions which are answered "yes," "no," "not applicable" or "unknown." There is also space available to comment as to remedies that were taken to correct a problem that once existed.

Many legislatures in the late '70s and mid-'80s started to mandate preemptive protocols (lead-based paint, sellers disclosure) into the real estate industry to help minimize the numbers of suits/complaints that were inundating the courts and the state. In an effort to help establish some codification/standards which would hope to reduce potential litigation, a sellers disclosure law was passed which required sellers of real property to fill out a sellers disclosure and make it readily available to all would-be buyers. Purchasers must also sign off on the disclosure acknowledging they understand it and then they have the option of validating — through private inspections, etc., the "verisimilitude" of the sellers statements.

The spirit of the sellers disclosure law is to allow a buyer to enter into the transaction with some level of understanding as to the history and/or condition of the home. Also, it is an opportunity for a seller to put a buyer on notice of any prior issues that might influence the decision of a buyer to purchase the home, or influence the price. The sellers disclosure in and of itself is not a binding contract per se. However, sellers should understand that deliberately misrepresenting the condition of the home is not without potential legal reprisal — therefore honesty is the only policy.

If the home has passed hands through an estate and the beneficiaries have not lived in the home, then they are typically not required to fill out the disclosure. Again, the spirit of the disclosure law is that the seller of the home, who has lived in the home, and presumably knows of the history and condition of the home is the one who should fill out the forms.

A seller is disclosing their understanding, observations, repair history, of the physical/visible conditions of the home as they have experienced these during the course of their ownership.

Here is a hypothetical: there was a leak in the sewer system of which you as a seller were unaware that caused some erosion around the foundation which later (after you sold the house) caused the basement to leak causing major damage. If you were not aware of the problem when you sold the house, then your disclosure would reflect that. If the buyers came back later and wanted compensation, they would have to, in essence, establish that you were privy to the pre-existing condition at the time that you sold the home. As a consequence, sellers are only required to disclose what they know — not what may be in the future. Although, this statement is generally true, buyers have been occasionally known to want to litigate on the rare occasions that problems, after the fact, surface, therefore when in doubt consult a real estate attorney.

It is always best to be forthright. A sellers disclosure along with the companion lead-based paint disclosure is a necessary part of the buying-selling transaction. Your real estate professional cannot answer anything for you. Rather, sellers should answer to the best of their ability.

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NEW $850,000

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Beautiful architectural detail throughout this gorgeous English Tudor. Beautifully preserved on a country size lot. Charming new Maplewood kitchen with granite, marble, Sub-zero and more. New windows, central air and more.

NEW $629,900

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

New kitchen with limestone counter, stainless appliances, custom cabinetry and gorgeous details. Spacious 5 bedroom gem with new and updated baths. Pegged wood floors, leaded doors, arched windows and pewable accents.

NEW $162,000

HARPER WOODS

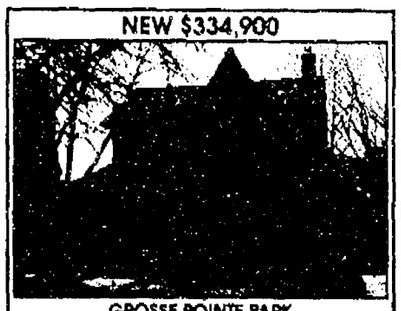
Curb appeal on the outside and lots of great features inside. Furnace and CAC in 2002. Dimensional roof. Gutters in 2001. Updated kitchen with oak cabinets and handy work/snack counter. Vinyl windows. Hardwood floors under carpeting. Appliances included.

NEW $399,900

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Spacious Colonial with great floor plan, paneled den and family room on first floor. Large master bedroom with master bath and large walk-in closet. Finished basement with natural fireplace.

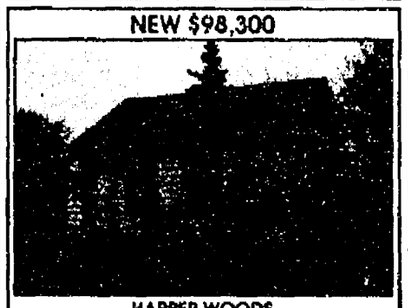
NEW $334,900



GROSSE POINTE PARK

Beautiful Tudor with all the right details.Leaded glass windows, hardwood floors, and 2nd story solarium. Kitchen with corian countertops and large eating space. New garage in '95, tear off roof in '96, CAC '98, new boiler in 2000 and basement waterproofing with warranty in 2001.

NEW $98,300



HARPER WOODS

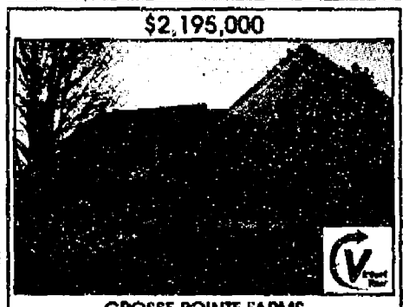
Terrific value in this updated home. Fresh paint throughout. All new bathroom. Large eat-in kitchen with appliances. Family room could be a master bedroom. Newer furnace, central air, vinyl windows, new exterior doors, and new light fixtures. Very appealing and convenient location.

$499,000

GROSSE POINTE

Beautifully inviting center entrance Colonial on highly desirable Lakeland Street. Impeccably cared for home boasts many amenities and advantages. Maplewood Mutschler kitchen with granite counters and high 'end appliances. Formal living room with natural fireplace.

$2,195,000



GROSSE POINTE FARMS

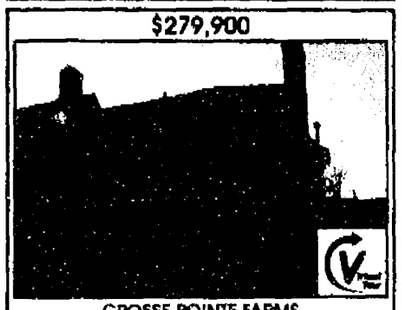
A fabulous New England Colonial. Two story foyer with marble, marble fireplace in living room and dramatic paneled library. Gourmet kitchen open to family room and butler's pantry area. State of the art appliances and construction. New verde marble master bath.

$879,000

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

This magnificent home features a double lot, 6 bedrooms, 5 full baths, 4 fireplaces, hardwood floors throughout, 800 sq. ft. two story great room with wet bar overlooking beautiful swimming pool. Three stairways to second floor, new windows, new roof, 3 car attached garage.

$279,900



GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Hard to find four-bedroom, 2 and one half bath Colonial in Grosse Pointe Farms. Large family room off of kitchen with natural fireplace and doorwall to backyard. Updated kitchen with breakfast nook. Living room with natural fireplace, formal dining room.

$269,000

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

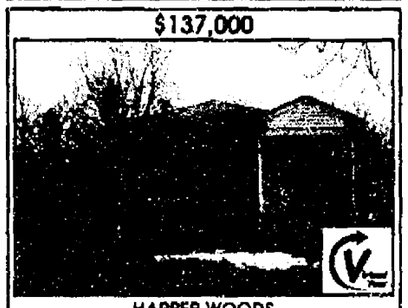
Charming Colonial in the farms with hard to find two-car attached garage. Large bay window with plantation shutters and natural fireplace in living room. Formal dining room is spacious and opens to the sunny family room. There are hardwood floors throughout. Great for entertaining.

$249,000

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Amazing in every way. Open concept great room ranch with beamed vaulted ceilings. Beautiful gourmet kitchen, built-in appliances, huge butcher block island-every cooks dream! Master bedroom with vaulted ceilings and full bath with ceramic stand-up shower.

$137,000



HARPER WOODS

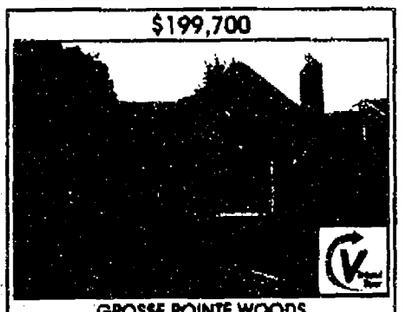
Come in and you won't want to leave! Immaculate home with newer windows, finished basement with half bath. Wonderful storage.Updated bathroom. Newer high efficiency furnace.

$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. Architecturally interesting. Large upper suite with great closet space. Woods floors. Sellers want to see all offers.

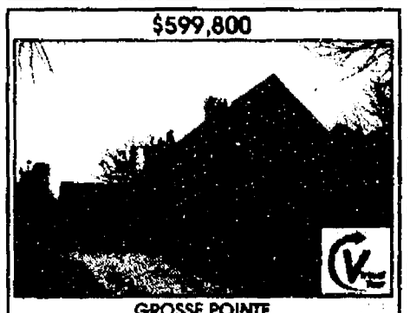
$199,700



GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Charming and updated bungalow on popular Woods street.New kitchen with pergo floor and eating space. Format living room with natural fireplace. New windows and updated bath. Hardwood floors, crown moldings and new blinds throughout. Private yard with patio.

$599,800



GROSSE POINTE

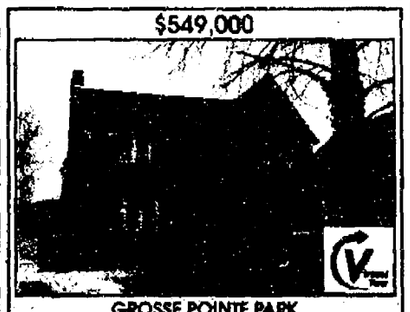
Absolutely perfect home. This home has been updated from top to bottom. Featuring a new family room with vaulted ceiling, natural fireplace and floor to ceiling windows and French doors to large backyard. Updated kitchen with built in appliances and eating space.

$1,395,000

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Outstanding views of Lake St. Clair sunrises! Beautiful kitchen with limestone counters and updates galore. Two new master bedrooms on first and second floors. Three new marble and ceramic baths with Jacuzzi's. Two story gorgeous marble foyer. Inviting floor plan.

$549,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK

Great home on a great street. Cherry kitchen with granite and stainless steel appliances has ample eating space and opens to the large family room. Master bedroom with large walk-in closet and beautiful master bath with granite countertops and giant shower. New roof.

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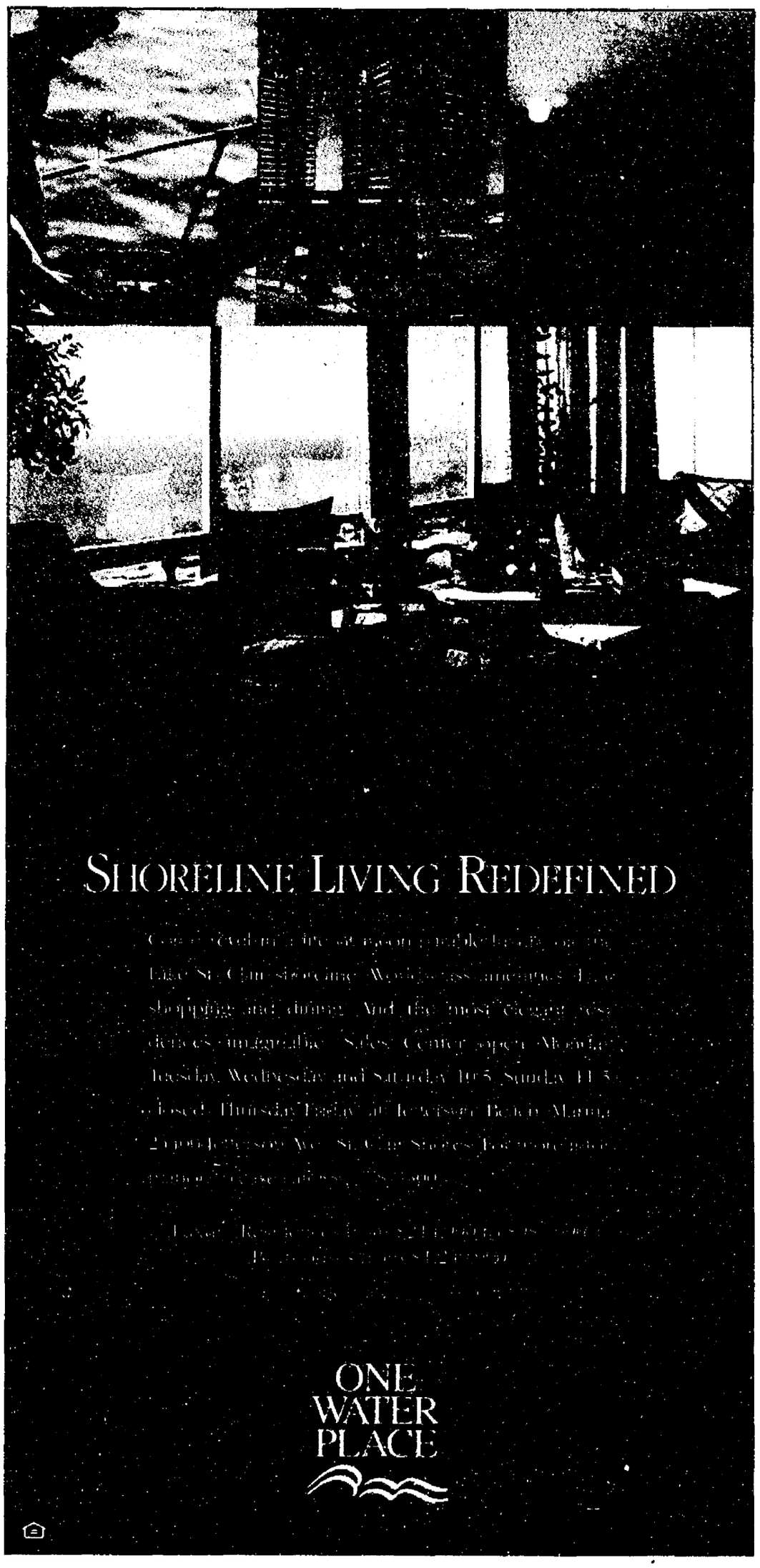
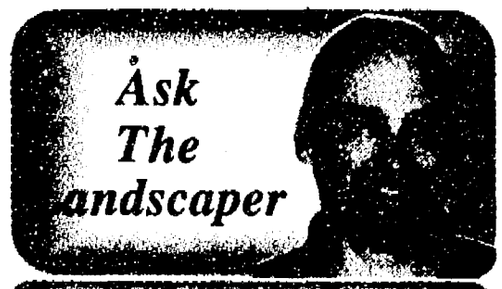


Repairing your lawn



By David Soulliere
Soulliere Garden Center

Q. My lawn looks real bad. What can I do to bring it back?

A. Last summer has taken its toll on many lawns. During the summer many lawns have developed dead patches due to either drought or insects. The good news is that most of these lawns are repairable. Now is a great time of year to repair the damage from the summer. The warming days and more rainfall will promote new seed or sod growth.

Fertilizing your lawn will promote grass growth. A slow-release fertilizer such as Greenview Green Start now will do wonders for your lawn. Then in about six to eight weeks it will be time to apply fertilizer again. Green Start applied when seeding will push root growth and strengthen the lawn before the hot weather gets here. Spring and fall are the most important times of the year to fertilize your lawn.

If your lawn has dead spots larger than 6 inches, a light top dressing of soil and seed will help fill in those spots even faster. Prep the area by raking the bare spots in the lawn to remove loose debris. Bagged topsoil works fine if you only have a few spots. If you have a lot of spots, it is less expensive to purchase compost and topsoil soil mix by the cubic yard delivered to your home. Fill in any low spots and level out the soil. Next sprinkle the seed over the spots you prepared. With a light raking, mix the seed into the surface soil. Raking in the seed about an inch into the soil will give the new seed some area to root into. The final step is to sprinkle a light layer of peat moss or seed starter pellets 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.

Water the seeded spots every day just enough to keep the areas damp. You should start to see the grass seed sprouting in about two weeks. Do not use any weed killers on the newly seeded areas for about two months.

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The satellite kitchen trend

Now that kitchens have become the most popular room in the house, homeowners are looking for ways to expand its functionality to other rooms.

A growing trend in many households, satellite kitchens are often complete kitchen set-ups, compressed. They can feature a sink, stove-top burners, a mini refrigerator and cabinet space all in a compact unit. They offer the convenience of an additional kitchen space in another room of the house.

Satellite kitchens can be modular units that you group together, portable pieces to be moved where needed most, or appliances housed within a decorative armoire, perfect for the dining room or living room. Homeowners are also applying these kitchens into their outdoor design plans, making it more convenient to prepare food and entertain while in the yard or out on the deck. Some satellite kitchens are even found within the main kitchen itself — acting as a butler's pantry to provide an additional work surface.

Satellite kitchens need not be a monumental expense. Many companies offer pieces to fit your budget, including the cost-conscious IKEA.

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES **$3,995,000**
Elegance and livability combine in this gorgeous southern colonial overlooking Lake St. Clair. Lots of family living space: rich paneled library, large great room open to the kitchen, separate breakfast room, lower level pub with huge wine cellar. First and second floor master suites.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE **$3,900,000**
Lakefront elegance where beauty, and function harmonize. This unique five bedroom, three full and two half bath Nantucket Colonial at the water's edge has spectacular views. Superb decorating with lavish appointments too numerous to list. The ultimate retreat in the city.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES **$2,995,000**
A unique opportunity to live in a home with all the grandeur of an earlier era, completely updated and enhanced with every imaginable luxury. Natural light flows throughout this extraordinary home from the dazzling kitchen to the stunning 900 sq. ft. master suite. The elegantly landscaped yard provides beautiful vistas from this gracious home.

HARBOR SPRINGS **$2,950,000**
Extraordinary & unique opportunity to own the only large lakefront parcel available near Harbor Springs. Protected by forest on 3 sides and Lake Michigan on the 4th, this 42 acre property is the epitome of privacy, beauty, & tranquility. 800' of pristine beach and 1400' of bluff top views. Classic log lodge and charming guest house.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES **$1,495,900**
Beautiful new construction, one block from the lake. Gorgeous custom kitchen with granite and top of the line cabinets. Open and airy great room, paneled library, wonderful master suite with large walk in closet. Bright and open; great entertaining as well as family life. **39 SUNNINGDALE**

GROSSE POINTE FARMS **$775,000**
Right in the heart of Grosse Pointe Farms, this center entrance Colonial offers wonderful curb appeal! Spacious, with five bedrooms, three full and one half bath, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, fresh decor, and more. Newer WeatherGuard windows on the first floor.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS **$659,900**
One block from the lake and short walk to Pier Park you will find this fabulous center entrance Colonial with four BR, two full and two half baths. Gorgeous newer kitchen. Lib w/wet bar & fireplace. Bright sunny bkfst rm & fam rm w/fp overlooks a beautifully landscaped yard w/pond and perennials. Tear-off roof in 2004.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS **$559,000**
Located within walking distance from the lake, this brand new 3200 square foot residence was built with attention brought to all elements of design. Features include a wonderful bright gourmet kitchen, great room, library, dining room, mud room, 2 laundry areas, 4 bedrooms including a master suite with walk-in closet and bath with whirlpool tub. **155 LAKEVIEW**

GROSSE POINTE WOODS **$475,000**
A wonderful family home located in the heart of Grosse Pointe Woods. This home has been completely updated, featuring large open rooms, hardwood floors throughout, and an elegant and functional kitchen. The second floor master retreat includes a dressing room, walk-in closet, full bath, and nursery or sitting room. Agent Owned.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS **$424,900**
The spring season is the perfect time to discover this charming three bedroom, two bath English cottage in coveted location. Updates include new furnace, CAC, hot water heater & dishwasher. Newer kitchen with granite counters.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS **$374,900**
Delightful four BR, two and a half bath center entrance colonial custom built for present owner, featuring a country kitchen w/corian countertops & incl. appliances, a spacious fam rm w/built-ins & N.F.P. 1st floor laundry, finished basement. Newer Pella windows & siding.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS **$279,900**
Great price on this appealing English Colonial on great block of McKinley. Spacious and bright throughout. Wrap-around family room, and an additional 1/2 bath in master bedroom that could easily be converted to full. Finished basement, two car garage. **274 McKINLEY**

HARPER WOODS **$157,000**
One of a kind bungalow with hard to find Open Floor Plan and 1/2 bath up! Excellent cabinet space in newer bleached oak kitchen, large dining area with hardwood floors. Newer windows, doors, garage, CAC. 2004 roof, carpeted rec room, glass block windows. 200 sq. ft. three season room. Grosse Pointe Schools.

ST.CLAIR SHORES **$131,900**
Great upper ranch condo. Large living room with natural fireplace, spacious kitchen with laundry and storage area. New furnace, central air, full bath off master bedroom. Second full bath, attached garage. California Closets, ceiling fans, all appliances included. Association fee includes water, exterior insurance, maintenance. One year home warranty included.

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Mortgage Rates as of April 15, 2005

	Phone Number	30 Yr. Fixed	Points	15 Yr. Fixed	Points	1 Yr. ARM	Points	Other Progs
1st Choice Mortgage Lending	(734) 459-0782	5.5	0	5	0	3.5	0	J
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A Family Mortgage	(800) 538-5947	5.5	0	5.125	0	3.99	0	JVF
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Savings bonds are safe, easy investment

By David Uffington

Millions of Americans have cut a circuitous path around investments they can't control and don't understand.

But there's still a safe way to enter the world of investing and save for your future: savings bonds. Savings bonds, backed by the U.S. government, are making a comeback, especially among those who are leery of the stock market. For as little as $25, you can make a safe investment for your future.

The three best things about savings bonds are:

1. You're unlikely to cash them in on a whim.

2. The interest on savings bonds isn't taxable until you redeem the bonds, ideally in the future when your income places you in a lower tax bracket.

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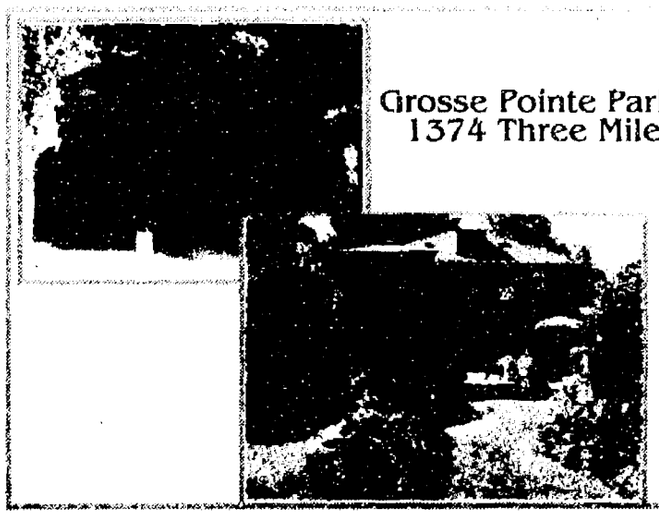

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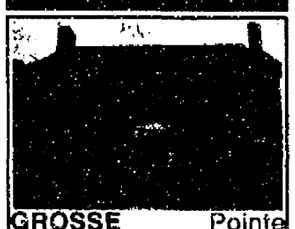

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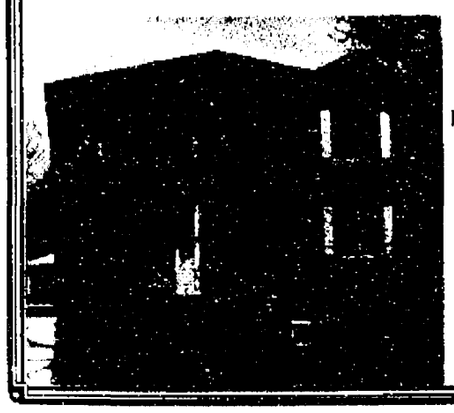

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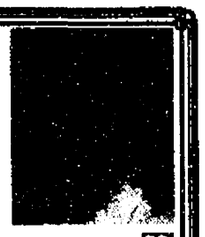

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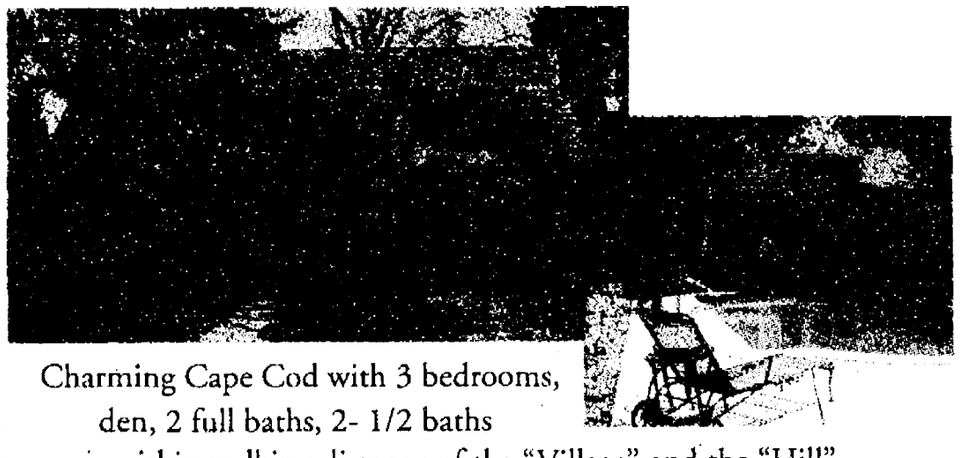

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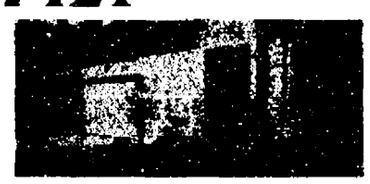

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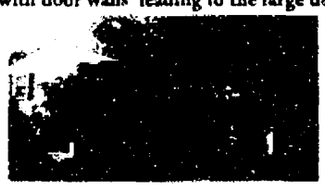

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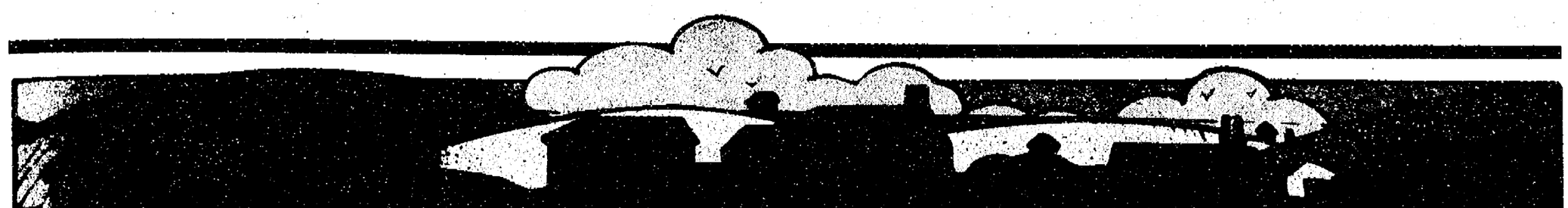

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COMFORTABLE CONDO LIVING! Second floor unit with two bedrooms and one and one half baths, plus your own private basement. Kitchen includes all appliances. Carport and extra parking space. Maintenance includes heat and water. $73,500.

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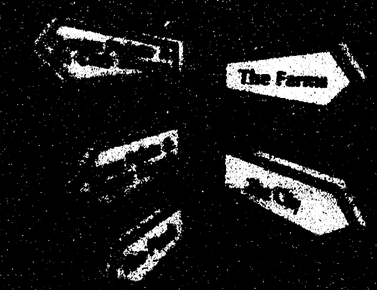

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SPARKLING CAPE COD near Ghesquiere Park. Freshly painted interior, updated kitchen and all appliances including washer and dryer. Hardwood floors, remodeled second floor with new carpeting and walk-in closets. Finished basement. $174,900.

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DELIGHTFUL CONDO at Riviera Terrace features two bedrooms and two full baths. Berber carpeting and Pergo flooring. Clubhouse and pool. Monthly maintenance fee includes heat and water. Price recently adjusted to $103,500.

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SO NICE TO COME HOME TO! Relax in the spacious family room with fireplace, built-ins, bookshelves and more. Kitchen with breakfast room and all appliances. Huge basement with cedar closets, fireplace. Half bath and wet bar. New pricing $397,000.

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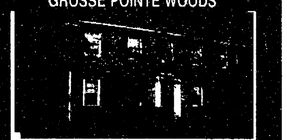

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