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WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, May 5

Rosann Kovalcik presents three Bird Walks (today, Friday and Saturday) beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Eleanor & Edsel Ford House. Cost is $6. Call (313) 884-4222.

Saturday, May 7

The open-air West Park Farmers Market begins its summer schedule on Kercheval between Nottingham and Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park. The market is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday throughout the summer and early fall. Opening day includes a bake sale for breast cancer by Annie Rouleau-Scherif (Grosse Pointe News' columnist A La Annie).

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The Arthritis Foundation's annual Arthritis Walk begins at 9 a.m. at Richard Elementary School. Walkers choose a 1-mile or 3-mile route. There is no registration fee; walkers are encouraged to get pledges.

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Grosse Pointe South High School's Band & Orchestra Boosters' annual spring car wash fundraiser is from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Standard Federal Bank, 19700 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Sunday, May 8

Mothers' Day. Kiss your mother.

Monday, May 9

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

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The City of Grosse Pointe council meets at city hall at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11

Pointes for Peace holds a free public forum at 7:30 p.m. at St. Ambrose Church in Grosse Pointe Park. Guest speaker is U.S. Army National Guard Medic Patrick Resta.

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James J. Maciejko, director of the preventive cardiology program at St. John Hospital & Medical Center speaks at the Grosse Pointe Public Library's 5th annual Senior Symposium at 1:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. His topic is "The Mediterranean Diet and Your Heart."

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Dindoffer, Kosinski on school board

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Joan Dindoffer retained her seat on the Grosse Pointe board of education for a third term during the Tuesday, May 3, election. Alice Kosinski won handily over retired teacher Margaret Beck to gain her first four-year term.

Dindoffer's 3,605 votes made her the top vote-getter in the school election, which traditionally has a low voter turnout. She ran on a platform of experience and keeping cuts away from the core curriculum. Dindoffer will begin her third term on the board July 1.

Kosinski received 2,803 votes. The mother of three children said as a board member she would put education first. She said she is a firm believer in reading and writing as fundamental. Kosinski is replacing trustee Joseph Brennan, who decided not to run after completing two terms on the board.

Beck fared well with 2,302 votes.

The election was the first school vote run by the municipalities. It will cost the district more than $62,000.

The next four years will be challenging, according to Dindoffer's pre-campaign statement. The Grosse Pointe school board will be facing a battle with balancing the budget as revenues remain flat or decrease and expenses increase. The two men and five women on the board will also be faced with possible lay-offs, all the while attempting to keep a quality educational system in place for nearly 10,000 students.

As the evening's totals came in from 23 precincts, the three never changed places; it was always Dindoffer leading the [illegible] and [illegible] in second place.

What geese problem?

Kayla, an 8-year-old border collie and husky mix, has been on the job for five years chasing geese out of Lakefront Park in Grosse Pointe Woods. She has also been moonlighting at Grosse Pointe Shores' Osius Park. When the geese lose their flight feathers, Kayla gets to have great fun, herding them into the lake.

Kaiya, above, is rewarded by her owner, Barton Bock, for clearing geese from Osius Park in the Shores. For complete story, see page 2A.



Great gift for mom

The Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission will hold its 31st annual Flower Sale in front of City Hall on Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featured in the sale will be beautiful hanging baskets in a variety of flowers and planted patio pots. Annuals that were popular in past flower sales will also be included. A wide selection of "cement critters" will also be sold just in time for Mother's Day, which is Sunday, May 8. Proceeds from the annual Flower Sale are used to beautify the various public areas through the city of Grosse Pointe Woods. Displaying some of the flowers to be sold are, from left, Angelo DiClementie, Bonnie Fleming and Janette Duster; and back row from left to right: Thomas Fahmer, Carol Sauter, Diane Yordy, Gerald Hilton, Allen Dickinson and Marge Kingsley.

Greatest Garage Sale this month

Grosse Pointe's Greatest Garage Sale takes place Sunday, May 29, and Monday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Admission, which helps fund other Village events, is $1 per person per day.

Last year, more than 15,000 people attended the two-day event that attracts nearly 200 exhibitors from Michigan and the Midwest.

Organizers said the sale is one of the largest sales of its type in the region where shoppers find an amazing variety of merchandise all under one roof.

The sale takes place rain or shine in the Carriage House parking structure behind the former Jacobson's building in the heart of downtown Grosse Pointe's Village shopping district.

The Village is located along Kercheval between Cadieux and Neff in the City of Grosse Pointe, just 5 minutes south of I-94.

For more information, call (313) 886-7474 or visit our web-site at www.thevillagegp.com for a map to the area and additional information about the Village, Downtown Grosse Pointe.

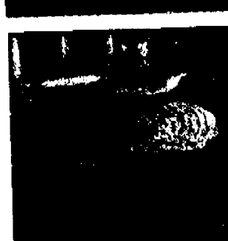
POINTER OF INTEREST

Mil Anthony

Home: Grosse Pointe Park
Age: 50
Family: Daughters, Sally, 22, and Anne Mason, 20
Claim to fame: Co-host of WMTV Channel 5's "Pointes of Horticulture."
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Kaiya puts geese to flight

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

There might be some Jekyll and Hyde in the uncertain ancestry of Kaiya the 8-year-old dog.

Put a treat under her moist nose, and she sniffs inquisitively, pulls it into her mouth and chews with ladylike etiquette. She wags her crescent-shaped black and gray tail and leans against her newfound benefactor as though reunited with a lost friend.

Put a goose within view, however, and Kaiya bolts in pursuit like an Indy car.

Kaiya is probably a mixture of border collie and husky. Herding is her nature. For the past five years, she's been running circles around geese at a couple of the Pointe parks bordering Lake St. Clair.

"She doesn't bite them or anything," said Barton Bock, Kaiya's owner.

Birds don't like the attention and fly away. Evidence of Kaiya's success is fewer and fewer bird droppings on park grounds, walkways, docks and boats.

"In about a month the geese will lose their flight feathers," Bock said. "Kaiya likes that because she gets a chance to herd them. She'll push them into the water."

Kaiya began her career chasing geese five years ago at 55-acre Grosse Pointe Woods Lakefront Park. At that time Kaiya was under direction of Bock's daughter, Lindsey, then a student at North High but now a senior at Michigan State University studying fish and wildlife management.

"I always tell kids to ask permission before petting any dog. Parents should be around when they do that."

Barton Black
Kaiya's owner

Kaiya is in her fourth year of patrolling Osius Park in Grosse Pointe Shores, 8.3 acres.

Bock has taken over from Lindsey the duty of shepherding Kaiya back and forth to the Woods and Shores parks up to three times each day.

Geese have learned to be on the lookout.

"They either see her or my car and get ready to take off," Bock said. "We try to keep to ourselves so we don't interferer with people. I don't want Kaiya to get overly friendly. Then she's liable to go to someone's picnic."

Bock said he's used his car to clock Kaiya at dashes up to 26 mph.

"If you don't know she's the park goose dog, it gets kind of scary seeing a dog coming at you at that speed," he said.

Children like to pet Kaiya.

"I always tell kids to ask permission before petting any dog," Bock said. "Parents should be around when they do that."

Bock instructs children to pet dogs by first putting a hand under the animal's chin.

"That gives the dog a chance to smell you," Bock said.

Kaiya isn't the Pointes' only goose chaser. Shiner, a male border collie, works at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate. Kate, owned by Grosse Pointe Farms, patrols Pier Park.

Bock said Kaiya, found as a puppy wandering alone in an Indiana parking lot, is happiest when there are a lot of geese to chase or when being petted.

She's on a strict diet of dog food, but exception is part of the rule.

"Her favorite food is homemade soup," Bock said. "Any kind. She'll eat vegetable soup. Mushrooms. Carrots. Cabbage. Everything."

ANG medic opposes Iraq

U.S. Army National Guard medic Patrick Resta will be the guest speaker at a Pointes for Peace public forum Wednesday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

The title of Resta's presentation is "I Will Continue to Speak Out Until the Last Soldier Leaves Iraq." He was stationed with the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division in Iraq for eight months, returning to the U.S. in November. Resta, who joined the military after high school and lost an aunt and uncle on 9/11, has appeared in documentary films as well as on radio, TV and in print.

He lives in Philadelphia where he is a full-time nursing student and a member of Iraq Veterans Against the War.

The free program will be held in the church at 15020 Hampton (near Jefferson and Alter) in Grosse Pointe Park. Coffee will be served at 7 p.m. prior to the program.

Pointes for Peace is a community-based group of eastsiders and others who are committed to educating for conflict resolution and other strategies to work for peace on local, national and international levels. Membership is free. All are welcome at Pointes for Peace weekly gatherings Sundays at 7 p.m. at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair, weather permitting, in the Grosse Pointe Village.

For more information, or to be added to the Pointes for Peace mailing list, call Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732 or Mary Read at (313) 822-2702, or e-mail pointesforpeace@yahoo.com.

Sunrise presses onward in City

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

As with the daily arrival of its heavenly namesake, Sunrise Development continues its advance into the Pointe.

Sunrise, an international company that provides various degrees of assisted living, wants to construct senior-oriented condominiums in the Village business district.

The site in question consists mainly of the southern section of a City of Grosse Pointe parking lot south of Kercheval between residential neighborhoods on St. Clair and Neff. The lot also contains a cellular communications tower.

"The deal's not completely materialized," said Laura Hester, development officer in Sunrise Development Inc.'s office in Shelby Township, earlier this month. "I understand there's a lot of discussion about it already."

"They have purchase agreements on six or seven houses they wish to buy," said Mike Overton, city manager. "They're also speaking to the cell tower people. They're trying to see what the possibilities are."

The proposal follows Sunrise's aborted plan to locate condominiums atop a rejuvenated Jacobson's building. Although condominiums would be designed for senior citizens, the properties could be purchased by younger people.

"There are so many moving pieces to the opportunity," Hester said. "It all has to come together in order to proceed. I'm confident that we're going to have an exciting project to talk about. The city seems excited about us moving forward."

"They are buying above market (value) for the homes," Overton said. "I think they have one more to go."

Sunrise operates an assisted living facility on Mack at Brys Drive in Grosse Pointe Woods. The company has received permission to open an Alzheimer's care living center on Vernier in the Woods just south of Mack.

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Farms officials have designs on a new harbor

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms officials are using the "if you build it they will come" approach to planning a new marina for pleasure boaters who want to move up in the world.

A reconfigured harbor being considered for municipal Pier Park would provide more spaces to handle the trend of bigger boats.

The current facility was last renovated in the late 1960s and reserves 56 percent of boat wells for craft 25 feet long or less. No wells at Pier Park can handle craft longer than 35 feet.

On the other hand, designers this week presented Farms leaders a revamped configuration providing 76 percent of wells for boats 26 feet or longer. The proposal establishes an entirely new category of boat slips for vessels 45 feet long.

"People are demanding 35 and 40-foot boat wells," said Mayor James Farquhar. "Our wells currently don't accommodate 36 feet."

The days of 20-foot runabouts and day-sailors are ebbing. Pleasure craft are being built bigger, wider and with all the comforts and electronic gadgets of home.

Community asset

Experienced skippers have been known to shake their heads in self-deprecation when trying to describe their waterborne passion, often referring to their beloved motorboats or sailboats as holes in the water to be filled with money.

Either way, Farms officials consider the $4.79 million projected-cost (including $456,000 in contingencies) of a new harbor a good investment for the city.

"This park helps attract people to the community who upgrade their homes and pay taxes," said Peter Waldmeir Jr., councilman. "Whether they have a boat or not, they like to have a beautiful park and beautiful community building. Everybody benefits from this."

The community building Waldmeir mentioned is being constructed at Pier Park to overlook the marina. Opening day is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend.

"The marina is a big draw for people," said Councilman Joe Leonard.

"This is one of those assets they don't have on the west side," said Shane Reeside, city manager and former Birmingham resident now living in the Farms.

Reeside presented a financing plan based on a 30-year bond at 5.25 percent interest.

More than 90 percent of the project would be funded from a separate city account fueled by boaters through annual rentals of boat slips.

Because parts of the proposed new harbor structure — such as a breakwall that doubles as a tanning pier bordering the lake swimming area — directly serve the general public, Reeside said $400,000 in construction payments should be drawn from general tax revenues.

Reeside said a revised schedule of slip rentals based on $3 per square foot would generate an initial $379,608 per year in revenue. Thereafter he anticipates annual rent increases of 3.25 percent.

"As long as it's paying for itself, I'm comfortable with it," said Councilman Louis Theros.

Reeside received council permission to continue talks with design consultants and financial specialists to refine cost projections.

If a new facility were to be available by next spring, Reeside said city approval is needed by June. Time is getting short to conduct further engineering work, obtain permits, request construction bids and line up contractors.

New design

About $25,000 has already been spent on a marina renovation study conducted by the Farms' longtime consulting engineering firm of Hubbell, Roth & Clark of Bloomfield Hills.

Lawrence Ancypa, an architect and senior associate of the company, drew up a revamped harbor containing 303 wells, up from 288.

Unlike the present harbor, which is essentially two facilities in one — one for small boats, one for large boats, with separate entrances for each — Ancypa's reconfiguration results in a more unified whole. A single opening acts as entrance and exit.

The present small-boat harbor lacks fingerdocks, which is a matter of convenience and safety. Because craft are moored perpendicular to main docks, skippers and guests must board and disembark by stepping or jumping over a portion of open water.

Failed attempts to come and go are sometimes punctuated by splashes and foul language as boaters trip over the side and come up for air.

"Something has to be done with the small harbor," Farquhar said.

Ancypa's design has fingerdocks for every slip.

Although the new facility's overall dimensions would essentially mirror the same footprint as the current one, there are changes.

The 20-foot-wide tanning dock forming the southern harbor breakwall is to be reduced to 10 or 12 feet.

The reduction in width allows more room in the harbor for additional boat slips plus roomy fairways for easy navigation. Fairways are supposed to be 1 1/2 times as wide as the length of boats they are meant to handle, Ancypa said.

The east, or outer breakwall, will be fitted with wells to handle 45-footers.

Slips in the big-boat harbor will be changed to accommodate 35-foot boats, up from the present 30-foot size.

Electrical upgrades are projected to account for 20 percent of the project's total cost.

Each well for boats 25 or more feet will have individual electrical outlets. The largest slips will each have two outlets for shore power. For small boaters, a single outlet will serve four to six wells.

The project requires state and federal approval because the lake bottom is owned by the state.

Ancypa said he has already had a "favorable response" from regulators at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. He doesn't anticipate problems with the Army Corps of Engineers.

"We anticipate submitting a dredging permit in a week or so," Ancypa said.

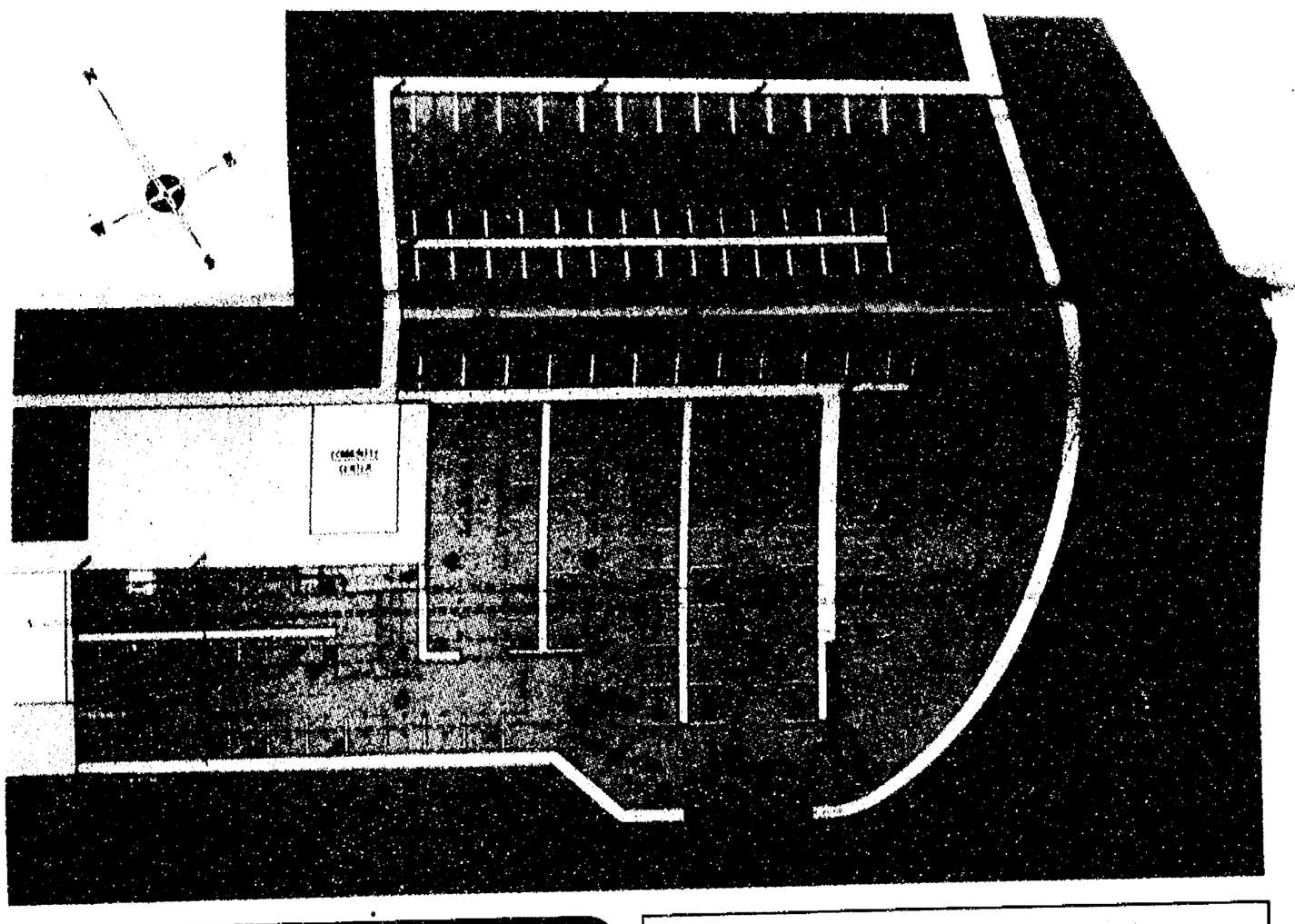
If given the go-ahead by June, Ancypa said he would like to line up contractors to start work "the day after Labor Day."

Pilings would be removed, the harbor dredged, new docks installed, utilities strung and everything ready to go on May 1, 2006.



Photos by Brad Lindberg

Lawrence Ancypa, an architect, doesn't foresee any problems reconfiguring a new Grosse Pointe Farms harbor by May 1, 2006. He said his design for a new harbor basically remains within its existing footprint, but provides larger wells, improved utilities, safety and amenities.



Big developers will pay to play in City

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Rules are being written to recoup some costs of handling large developers in the City of Grosse Pointe.

An ordinance has been drafted making developers of complicated projects pay for review of site plans, permits and inspections.

"When someone files an application for a major project — which would be site plan approval, special use or a planned unit development — the city has a right to ask for a deposit in advance to defray the cost of the city's expert advice they need," said John Fildew, city attorney.

"When you have a large development, those costs become large," said Mike Overton, city manager.

"This is something most communities have in place so there is a way to recapture costs and transfer those to the applicants who are generating the costs," said John Jackson, vice president of the city's commercial planning consultant, McKenna Assoc. of Northville. "It prevents the city from being left holding the bag for costs."

"The city requires that money to be put up front, or the city doesn't do it," Fildew said.

Fees will be determined by the city council.

The ordinance allows recovery of costs of performing the following types of activities:

- publication of legal notices,
- document preparation and review, which will be based on an hourly salary times a multiplier established "from time to time" by city administration to cover all costs of such service,
- copying documents,
- professional and technical consultation, such as engineers, architects and planners,
- legal review and advice,
- inspection fees and
- conduct of planning commission hearings, including the cost of a recording secretary or court reporter.

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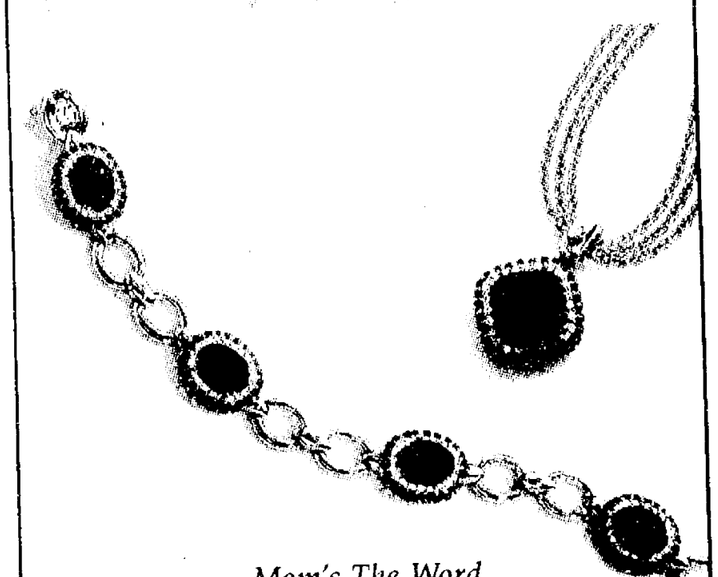


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Southern gardener Anthony is a southern charmer

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

One might say that gardening guru and Grosse Pointe Park resident Mil Anthony is the anti-Martha Stewart.

While Stewart professes that gardeners strive for picture-perfect gardens that will be the envy of neighbors, Anthony just wants them to create a garden where they can find tranquility and respite from life's demands.

"I try to encourage people not to be afraid about not having a perfect garden," Anthony said. "In this community, there is an underlying pressure that we've got to be picture perfect. I try to help people relax and just enjoy their garden."

She explains that leaving a garden to look natural instead of pristine is many times healthier for plants. She notes that leaving leaves in a pachysandra bed is good for pachysandra because it likes moist, damp soil.

"A lot of people are relieved when they understand that living things can accept and thrive with imperfection," said Anthony. "I give them permission not to be perfect."

Through her company, The Southern Gardener Inc., and her WMTV Channel 5 cable show, Anthony gives practical advice to local gardeners.

Her mission is simple and poignant.

"When I help homeowners with their garden, I want to bring them happiness first, then peace, and sometimes stimulation and the opportunity to learn about the plant world," she said.

Anthony's approach is to design a garden that reflects the individuality and uniqueness of a home and its owner.

"I don't think you can drive down a street and point out a Mil Anthony-designed garden," she said.

She is very aware that most homeowners don't have the time or legions of workers to devote to a fussy garden; so she tries to incorporate low-maintenance plants.

"I try to educate people so they will open themselves up to plants that don't require a lot of work because they do well in Grosse Pointe," she explained. "Sometimes they are old-fashioned plants that either people have forgotten about or don't know about."

She just has one caveat for owners who don't want to do any work in their gardens.

"There is no such thing as a no-maintenance garden unless it is made of cement," she warns.

If the name "The Southern Gardener" didn't give you a clue into Anthony's background, then her accent would. Its drawl suggests long summer evenings sipping ice tea on a front porch.

"Every day someone asks me where I'm from," she said.

She grew up in eastern North Carolina in a large white colonial house on a farm that has been in her family for nine generations. The homestead, called "Longview," still has the remnants of a traditional southern colonial house with separate buildings for a kitchen, a smoke and wash house.

Her family lived off the farm. She talked about milking cows and churning butter. Her father practiced organic farming in their vegetable garden years before the practice became popular.

It was on this farm where she became a gardener.



Photos by Beth Quinn

Above,The Southern Gardener Mil Anthony taking time from her flourishing gardeming business to tend to a holly bush in own backyard in Grosse Pointe Park.

Anthony encourages Grosse Pointers to take time out to relax and enjoy their yards, as she does on her screened-in porch, below.



"I was gardening and in the dirt since I was an iddy biddy girl," she said. "I was truly a farmer's daughter."

She credits her grandmother for giving her a love of flowers and nature.

"My grandmother would take us for walks in the woods and point out different types of trees and plants," Anthony said.

While her voice hints of a Southern upbringing, Anthony's 21-years in Michigan lets her lay claim to being "the only Northerner in my family."

She moved here as a young bride with her now ex-husband who worked in the auto industry. Both her daughters, Sally, 24, and Anne Mason, 20, went to Maire Elementary, Pierce Middle and Grosse Pointe South High Schools.

It was Anthony's determination to stay in the family's house in the Park after her divorce that lead to her gardening career.

"My goal was to have a business that supported me and my girls," she said. "I was a theater major in college so I knew I wasn't going to Broadway.

My sisters said, 'Mil, why don't you garden?'"

"I took a master gardening course and put an ad in the Grosse Pointe News. I got my first client, and I still have him."

It was through hard work, deep faith and eternal optimism that Anthony's business not only supported her and her daughters but grew to support six employees.

"I turned my life to God and he has given me a gift," she said.

Anthony believes in giving back for her good fortune.

Even though her two daughters have graduated from South where she was the 1998-99 president of the Mothers' Club, she is still actively involved in the school's annual plant sale.

"A lot of my friends and best customers are from the Mothers' Club," she said. "I like to give back to the school for what it has done for me and my girls."

At this year's sale, Anthony will conduct a free container gardening seminar on Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14.

She encourages gardeners to experiment a little with their flower pots. She notes that a great alternative to the traditional spike are ornamental grasses.

She said that two hot trends are using leaves such as coleus for color, shape and texture and using the green color flowers such as chartreuse zinnias.

Container gardening is one of the hottest trends in the gardening world. Containers are the perfect way to bring colorful flowers and plants onto a patio or deck.

"I see more and more people entertaining at home again," Anthony said. "They love being on their patios or decks."

One of Anthony's favorite places is her house's screened-in porch. The porch with its casual wicker furniture and rocking chairs evokes images of a cottage up-north.

"When I first moved into this house, I really didn't care whether or not I had a screened-in porch," she said, "but I have really come to love it. Now could never have a house without one."

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Sign up to donate organs, save lives

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Each day in the United States, 18 people die while waiting for an organ. In Michigan, 2,600 people are on the organ waiting list.

Currently, only 7 percent of Michigan's residents are registered donors.

The shortage of registered organ donors remains one of the leading public health issues in the country.

The Gift of Life, the Michigan organ and tissue donation program, is asking residents to take a moment and sign up to be an organ donor.

Gift of Life is a non-profit, full service organ recovery organization that acts as the intermediary between donors, physicians and hospital staff, and provides all services necessary for organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

Its donor registry is a confidential, 24 hour-a-day computerized database that documents individuals' wishes regarding organ, tissue and eye donation.



While Michigan drivers can note their desire to be organ donors on the back of their driver's licenses, many times the license is never located to determine one's desire to become a donor.

Upon every hospital death, Gift of Life Michigan is contacted.

The Gift of Life Donor Registry is the only document that is accessed at the time of death regarding organ and tissue donation.

To register as a donor, or for more information, visit the Gift of Life Michigan's Web site at www.giftoflifemichigan.org and fill out the simple donor form.

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Mom, Can I keep it?

When Tom and Anne Graves of Grosse Pointe Farms came home from an evening out on Saturday, April 30, their children, Tommy, 14, and Sarah, 11, told them to look in the bathroom tub. What they found was a 32-inch channel catfish that Tommy had caught earlier in the evening at the Harbor Hill park's pier.

Tommy and his dad later released it back into Lake St. Clair.

John A. Callahan

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident John A. Callahan of Palm Beach, Fla., 84, died of lung cancer on Sunday, April 24, 2005, at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Mass.

Mr. Callahan, a pioneer in the nursing home industry, was born in York, Pa., and was educated at the Nichols School in Buffalo, N.Y. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

After his discharge, he worked for Associated Dry Goods and Bendix Aviation in New York.

In 1953, Mr. Callahan founded Georgian Court of America, a chain of luxury nursing homes, and served as its chairman and president until he sold it in 1983. From 1970 to 1990, he was chairman and chief executive officer of V.H.C. Ltd., a public company with subsidiaries in retailing.

At the time of his death, he was a member of the board of directors of the Everglades Club and in charge of the club's retail properties, which he had done for 23 years in addition to operating his own real estate properties.

He also was a member of the Bath & Tennis Club, the Seminole Golf Club, Beach Club, Palm Beach National Golf Club, the Country Club of Detroit, Detroit Athletic Club, Metropolitan Club of New York and the Deepdale Country Club.

Mr. Callahan is survived by his wife, Mary Beth; his daughter, Debra (Troy) Mashmeyer of Palm Beach; his two sisters, Jean Callahan and Jo Ann Starr, both of Buffalo, N.Y.; his stepdaughter, Jane Thurston of Lake Mary, Fla.; his stepson, Troy Thurston of St. Louis, Mo.; his six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.



John A. Callahan



Alphonse A. Handlos



Deborah Ann Nichols



Ian A. Taylor

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association Research Fund, 5 Mountain Road, Burlington, MA 01803.

Alphonse A. Handlos

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Alphonse A. Handlos, 90, died on Friday, April 29, 2005.

He was born on Feb. 8, 1915, to the late Herman and Mary Kreutzer Handlos.

In June 1941, he graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. He was a mechanical engineer for the Detroit Edison Co.

He was a member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe, and enjoyed sports, bowling, photography and bridge.

He is survived by his daughters, Sister Emmanuella, O.P. (Jo Marie), Kathleen (Dan) Castner, and Mary (Al) Danks; his sons, Steven (Ritty) and Thomas (Angela); his 11 grandchildren; and his eight great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, Lucile, who died in 1995; his sisters, Isabel, Marie, and Frances; and his brothers, Joseph, Herman, John, Leo, Steven, Henry I, Alphonse I and Henry II.

Visitation will be on Friday, May 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 7, at 10 a.m. at St. Paul Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in Milwaukee.

Rev. Richard W. Mitchell

The Rev. Richard W. Mitchell, 90, died Wednesday, April 27, 2005, in Flint.

He was born in Grand Rapids on May 25, 1914, and married Dorothy Beardsley on May 3, 1941.

He was ordained in 1943, and for more than 45 years served churches, including Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church in the Detroit area, First Presbyterian Church in Sturgis, and First Presbyterian Church of Jackson.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; his daughter, Susanne (Lew) Johnstone; his sons, Arthur J. (Ann) and Richard P. (Laurie); his six grandchildren; and his six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 746 S. Saginaw St., Flint, on Monday, May 9, at 1 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Flint for Congregational Care or Avalon Hospice in Flint.

Deborah Ann Nichols

Former Grosse Pointe resident Deborah Ann Nichols, 57, of Bloomfield Hills, died on Thursday, April 21, 2005, at Angela Hospice in Livonia.

She was born on Oct. 10, 1947, in Detroit. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Miss Nichols worked for 30 years as a clerical assistant for Chrysler Corp.

She is survived by her brother Dan (Judy); her nephews, Matthew N. (Kristine) and Christopher (Joy); her great niece, Madeleine; and her great nephew, William.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 25, at St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Cathedral in Detroit. Interment is in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Ian A. Taylor

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Ian A. Taylor, 65, a died on Sunday, April 24, 2005, in Florida.

He was born on Feb. 15, 1940, in Detroit and was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Farms. He moved to Central Florida to live near his brother, George.

Before the days of computer modeling, Mr. Taylor developed models of wood and clay for the automotive industry's new concept designs. He followed in his father's footsteps and worked for Creative Industries of Detroit during the late 1950s and early 1960s.

When he wasn't working, he could be found in more physical activities. During the 1950s, as a member of the Detroit Boat Club, he participated in the rowing regattas and made it to the nationals. In the winter, he enjoyed skiing at Boyne Highlands and piloting the ice boats on the frozen lake.

His favorite recreation was sailing. He frequently participated in the Port Huron to Mackinac sailing race and the Mills Race on Lake Erie.

Since settling in Florida, he quickly became established and made many friends.

He is survived by his brother, George Taylor III.

Deadline for Obituaries is 3 p.m. Monday

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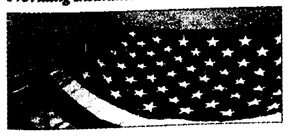
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Mr. Meathe: Thanks but no thanks

Last week, for the sake of open discussion, we printed Mr. Cullan Meathe's letter to residents concerning his proposal to develop the former Jacobson's property, as well as the municipal parking garage, in the Village shopping district of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Mr. Meathe stated in his letter, "...the importance of the proposal means it deserves careful and unbiased consideration based on facts." We agree and will discuss the realities as follows. Mr. Meathe's statements are in italics, and our rebuttals follow.

Kercheval Place ... will expand retail opportunities ... create a 24/7 residential presence to the Village, replace the dinosaur of a parking structure and add needed tax base.

We have been calling the retailers Mr. Meathe refers to as "keenly or strongly interested," and we have yet to find one that even knows about Kercheval Place.

True, if the now proposed 42 condominiums are built — and occupied — there might be 84 new residents in the Village. Even if they purchased everything they required in the Village, we doubt they would contribute very much to the merchants' bottom lines.

As to the parking structure being a "dinosaur," engineering studies declare that to be untrue.

As for more tax revenues, they may not cover the City's commitment to the project Mr. Meathe proposes.

The City Council has designated a committee to review the proposal.

Actually, the city council designated a committee to perform due diligence on the Kercheval Place proposal and its backers. The committee is to examine the financial situation of the developer partners and the relationship of prospective lenders and to determine whether the Kercheval Place project made sense financially for the City to invest in — questions that have not been answered to this day. The committee was not created to negotiate with the developer.

Our most recent proposal has reduced parking costs form over $9 million to $6 million net to the City.

Mr. Meathe does not tell residents that in addition to the $6 million proposal, the City has to purchase three homes behind the site. That would add almost $2 million to the City's commitment. Even if the developer agrees to split the cost of homes, the City's cost would still be $7 million to $8 million.

The City is being asked to provide the parking spaces required for the development. This is what the City did over 30 years ago for Jacobson's when it built the existing parking structure.

It is true, the City did build the parking structure behind Jacobson's 31 years ago, but at the time, Jacobson's was already a successful store in the Village. Also, Jacobson's promised to pay the City $7,500 to $10,000 a year toward the parking structure. The developer makes no such commitments. Also, the structure was paid with revenue bonds, the kind of which are not available today.

At this very moment, the city of Dearborn is building two municipal parking structures to support the redevelopment of the former Jacobson's store there.

That is true, but Dearborn actually purchased the old Jacobson's site there, which closed in 1997. The city has since floated $50 million in bonds to pay for the redevelopment and the construction of two parking structures. Incidentally, Dearborn's population of 90,000 doubles during the daytime due to employees coming into the area from nearby businesses. Dearborn's economics are not comparable to the City's.

...the new parking structure would be owned and operated *by the City ... and will generate revenues to support the City's overall parking system and pay for the structure.*

It is not likely that the parking structure will pay for itself, let alone subsidize parking throughout the Village. Dearborn anticipates bringing in only $600,000 a year in revenue from its two, 330-space structures based on 50 cents an hour parking. Even if every one of the 300 parking spaces in the proposed Kercheval Place deck were filled with paying customers eight hours a day, we estimate the cost for parking would have to exceed $1 an hour just to pay for the deck. We do not think $1 an hour is a reasonable expectation.

Also, Dearborn is paying far less than the $22,000 per space Mr. Meathe's group has proposed, which does not include the City's purchase of the three residential properties.

No one has suggested that the City should increase property taxes as a way to pay for the new parking structure.

True, but as previously stated, the proposed parking deck will not pay for itself, especially during the first several years lead time until Kercheval Place is fully built and occupied. The City will have to cover the parking structure deficit. Whether it can do so without raising taxes remains to be seen.

Another option would be to let the merchants help pay for the parking structure under the new Principal Shopping District (PSD) being proposed. Under the PSD, up to $10,000 a year per business could be assessed to pay for parking.

The Village is struggling ... retail vacancy is at 30 percent-plus...

Retail is struggling everywhere in Michigan, not just in the Village. We suggest the downturn is more to do with the economy and escalating energy costs than to any dissatisfaction with the Village. As for vacancy in the Village, if the Jacobson's site is excluded, then occupancy is at or near 100 percent. That is outstanding. There is always some transitional vacancy, but we think the Village is doing quite well given the poor state of the economy.

The City's investment in a municipal parking structure will not *serve as the developer's "equity." ... The parking structure is a City asset, not a developer asset....*

True, the parking structure is a City asset now, but the minute the structure is "transferred" (deeded over) to the developer, it becomes a developer asset and can be used as collateral just like any other piece of property.

...in its current condition [the parking structure] is losing money. As such, it has negative *value.*

The parking structure has lost money since it was built 31 years ago. But that does not mean the property is worthless. It has recently been appraised at $5.1 million.

The existing parking structure is beyond its design life.

Not true. The City's consultants have projected the existing parking structure's life for another 20 years. They say it will cost up to $1 million to repair. That is a lot less than $6 million to $9 million. Maintenance costs would be incurred whether it be a refurbished or newly built structure.

...the "air rights" over the parking structure are unusable and worthless. It is only through redevelopment and reinvestment of the entire site that the air space even comes usable. In our proposal, we are offering $600,000 for air rights.

It is only through the City building a new parking garage, which it is being asked to pay for, do the air rights become viable.

The City is not being asked to "gift" the parking structure. ... In any event, the transfer of the parking structure serves as a mechanism by which the developer can build the new parking structure for the City at a pre-agreed upon price so that City does not have the risks of cost overruns and construction disputes. This is an approach used by other cites.

This is probably the most disingenuous of Mr. Meathe's comments. We fail to see the difference between transferring property to another party and giving or "gifting" it to another party. Either way, the parking structure and property would no longer belong to the City. Further, the City must promise to pay a certain amount for building a new parking structure, after which the property would be "transferred" back to the City.

We appreciate Mr. Meathe's concern for the City and his desire to protect it from cost overruns and construction disputes, but we think the City is up to the task. One wonders what control over cost overruns and labor Mr. Meathe has that the City does not.

An independent estimates says a 300-space parking structure can be built for $4.5 million, or $15,000 a space, versus Mr. Meathe's $22,000 a space. With a built-in padding of $7,000 per parking space, Mr. Meathe and partners can afford to risk cost overruns up to $2.1 million.

It appears the developers are asking for a no-bid contract to build the city a parking deck.

It is unfortunate that the opponents appear to suggest that CVS will sell the property for millions of dollars less than its market value, when CVS has recently confirmed in writing that it will not do so.

Real estate investors agree that CVS paid much more than the appraised value for the property. This is unfortunate because it prevents qualified developers from stepping forward. We fear that unless CVS takes aggressive action in marketing the property, including price consideration, then the property may remain vacant for some time. CVS should not expect the City of Grosse Pointe and its taxpayers to bail it out of a real estate purchase.

It takes vision for the City to appreciate that it has an opportunity to make an investment in the future of the Village...

We think "blind faith" better describes what the City requires to "transfer" City property to a private entity and then expect it to be "transferred" back to the City after it has paid $6 million to $9 million for the opportunity.

Why are words like "courage" and "vision" used whenever someone tries to convince us to do or believe something we know we ought not to? All things considered, we think the City leaders should politely tell Mr. Meathe and company thank you but no thank you to their proposal.

There is a win-win idea out there, but Mr. Meathe's Kercheval Place is not it.

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Jake's plan not family friendly

To the Editor:

I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed Jacobson's project. I believe the City of Grosse Pointe is being a little hasty in its analysis of the proposal currently on the table. I also believe that the inherent costs of this proposed project will not only burden the citizens of Grosse Pointe, but will also deter people from moving to Grosse Pointe in the future.

As young professionals, my wife and I recently moved to the City of Grosse Pointe; however, the fact that there was no one occupying the Jacobson's building never even entered our minds when discussing where we wanted to live. In deciding to move to the City, we looked to the fact that Grosse Pointe offers so much for young couples, and in particular, young couples looking to start a family.

For example, we discussed the fact that the Grosse Pointe school system is so highly regarded. We also talked about the various parks open to the City's residents, the beauty of the neighborhoods, and all the intangible services the City provides.

I feel if the City were to enter into the proposed deal, many of the reasons why we chose to move to Grosse Pointe will suffer. Will the City be able to provide all of the intangible services it currently offers to its residents while paying off such a large debt? Will the debt affect the school system's funding? How will a four-story structure fit in with the Village's current skyline, and how will it affect the property values of the surrounding neighborhood? Finally, I find myself questioning how paying for this project with public funds will affect our property taxes.

This proposal has been touted as a project that will attract people, in particular, young professionals, to the City. However, if the City is burdened with ever-increasing taxes and diminishing services, people will certainly look elsewhere when considering where to start and raise their families.

It appears as if the City is looking for a quick-fix to help fill the vacant building instead of looking for a viable and cost-effective solution. Consequently, the City should carefully consider the ramifications of this proposal and the long-term effect it will have upon the future of the City, its residents and prospective residents.

Matthew M. Peck
City of Grosse Pointe

2,000 signers on residency

To the Editor:

On Monday, May 2, I presented a petition to the school board signed by 2,083 residents who live within our school district boundaries. The petition asks the board to immediately strengthen requirements for residency verification for families who enroll in our schools.

Currently all that is required for proving residency is a lease or purchase agreement. This is inadequate. We need to immediately change the policy to include a valid Michigan driver's license, a recent property tax statement or notarized lease agreement and three recent utility bills.

We have out-of-district students enrolled in our schools. That is undisputed. The school administration states that 30 students have been removed since September for residency fraud, and 30 more are being investigated. Teachers and students in our system universally agree that the number of illegal students in Grosse Pointe Public schools is much higher.

Removing illegal students is difficult. A fraud investigation is initiated only after a complaint is received and investigations involve a series of mid-week, off-hour, unannounced visits to the alleged fraudulent address by one of two district investigators. Isn't it common sense to screen students as they come in rather than spend the time and money to detect and eject them once they are illegally enrolled?

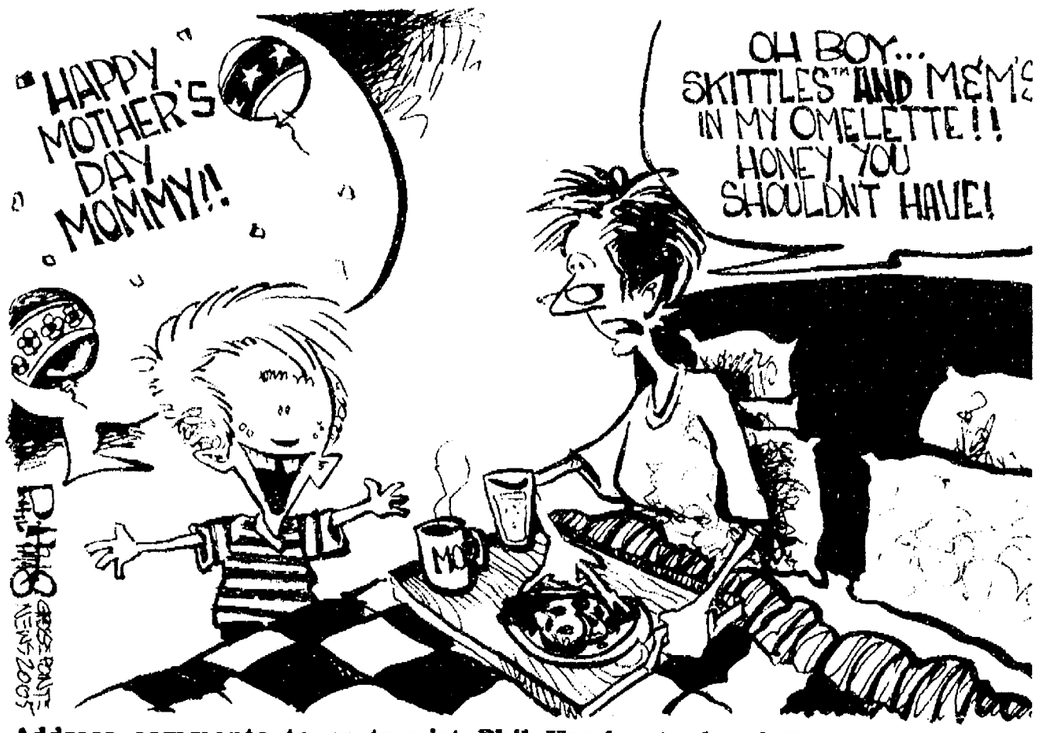
We live next to a large city where many schools are failing, and many are scheduled to close. Several parochial high schools are also scheduled to close. While we are sympathetic to families seeking a better education for their children, enrolling in our schools system by lying about where they live is not an option.

Grosse Pointe is not a district of choice. As Dr. Klein stated at the beginning of the May 2 meeting, the only out-of-district students allowed to enroll are students entering their senior year whose families have moved out of the district and students whose families have purchased a home within the district but have not yet moved in. And since we do not participate as a district of choice, we are not entitled to accept state per-pupil funding for students who do not live in our district but are illegally enrolled in our schools.

With less and less state money available for per-pupil funding, we are facing cuts in schools services and programs. More than ever before we need to direct district resources to maximally serve our own students — and our students are *only* those who legally live within the boundaries that include all of the Grosse Pointes and a section of Harper Woods.

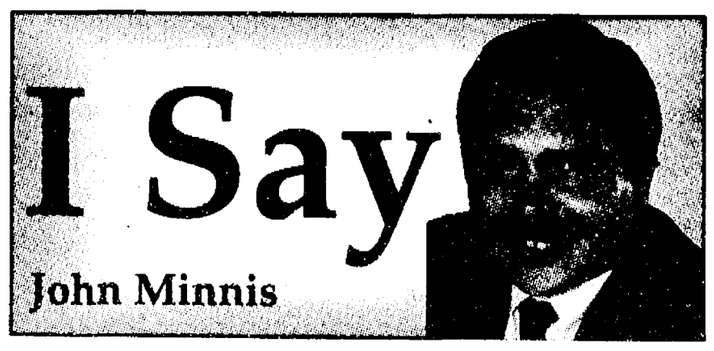
If there is a sound reason for our school board members to refuse to require stronger proof-of-residency requirements, they should tell us what that reason is. All proof information that would be required would be simple for any legal resident to present, and every person

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

Win-win is out there



I did not grow up in Grosse Pointe. I was born in Detroit. We moved to a farm in Yale when I was 8 years old. I graduated from Yale Public High School in 1973.

Out of high school, I worked for 10 years as an apprentice draftsman and as a designer of machine tools. When I went back to college, my goal was an engineering degree.

However, I made the mistake of writing for the college paper, and, as they say, the rest is history.

If the first sign of old age is rambling about your past, then I qualify. I turned 50 last week. The only other person I know turning 50 this month is Dan Jensen, deputy public safety director in the Farms. His birth date is today, 5/5/55. (We should get together, Dan, and bore each other to death.)

I began working at the Grosse Pointe News as a reporter in 1988. Prior to that, I was an editor of two weekly newspapers in Atlanta.

I mention all this to get to the point that I have been writing about the Grosse Pointes for going on 18 years. And while I don't live here, I think I know quite a bit about the community.

I am often criticized that I cannot know or write about the Grosse Pointes because I don't live or pay taxes here. I disagree.

For one thing, my employers grew up here and still live here and still pay considerable taxes here. Nothing I write escapes their watchful eyes.

I know far more about the Grosse Pointes than I do of the community in which I live. I also care deeply about the Grosse Pointes.

It is not that I do not want to live here. My wife works in Troy. I work in Grosse Pointe. We live in between. The drive to Troy is grueling enough without adding another 10 miles and half an hour to her long day. And, in our case, it would take two incomes to buy in Grosse Pointe.

In the 17 years I have worked in the Pointes, I have come to know many good people. Contrary to stereotypes of Grosse Pointe, I have found most Pointers to be friendly, generous and engaging. I'm not sure I've met very many, if any, Grosse Pointers whom one would call uppity.

Whether they live in the Shores or in the "Cabbage Patch" most people here are decent, caring and hard-working.

That is why it bothered me recently when a caller told me that I couldn't possibly know what is best for the Village because "everyone knows you don't live here or pay taxes here."

I remember when I first came to the Pointes for a job interview in September 1988. I recall marveling at how beautiful the homes were and how charming the "Hill" was. Fortunately, I was hired by the Grosse Pointe News, and I have never regretted taking advantage of the opportunity to work here.

During the summer, I enjoy walking on Radnor Circle and Meadow Lane during lunch breaks. I have even walked down to the Village when I had time.

Grosse Pointe is a walker's community. Except maybe in big cities like New York or Boston, no one walks more than Grosse Pointers do. It is one of the first things I noticed when I started working here.

Another great thing about the Grosse Pointes is the school district. The buildings themselves are charming and have character. That is just on the outside. I have also found the teachers and principals on the inside to be caring, professional and devoted.

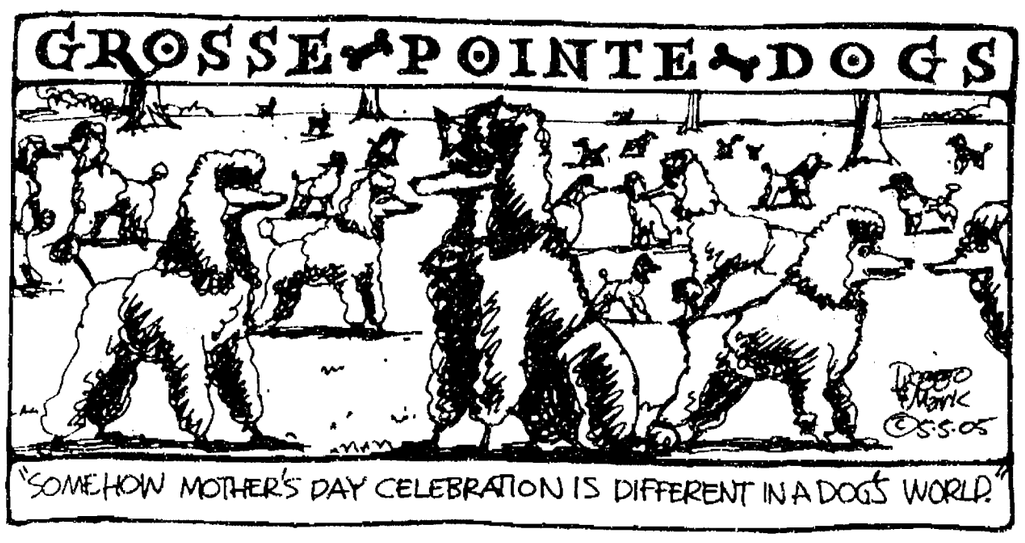
I envy Grosse Pointe kids the education available to them versus what I had in a small, rural school district.

Then there are the lovely parks. I cannot take advantage of them, of course, since I don't live here, but on the many occasions I've been in them to do stories, I am always impressed. They are true gems, and it is no surprise that those outside the community covet them.

Some people fear that the Grosse Pointes are losing their appeal. I hope they are wrong. True, we have some concerns right now.

I think the Grosse Pointes, including the Village, will get through this and be the better for it. There is a win-win solution out there, and we will find it!

The Op-Ed Page



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

Streetwise

Question of the Week:

How do you pamper Mom on Mother's Day?



Ashleigh Ciappara

"Buy her a gift, take her to church and then out to breakfast."
— Ashleigh Ciappara
Grosse Pointe Park



Jeannifer Stormes

"All of us sisters get together at one of our homes and make dinner for her. We all bring along her grandchildren. She loves it."
— Jennifer Stormes
Grosse Pointe Farms



Mary Moreau

"I take her out to one of the brunches and then to a movie."
— Mary Moreau
Shelby Township



Michaelene Schirmer

"My mom pampers everyone else. We all go to her house for dinner. I usually give her money as a gift so she can get herself what she wants."
— Michaelene Schirmer
Macomb Township



Brenda Belbot

"We're going to take her to the DIA and then to brunch after."
— Brenda Belbot
Warren



Jack Elsey

"We send her flowers and then take her out to eat. We let her pick the restaurant."
— Jack Elsey
St. Clair Shores

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

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by Ben Burns



During World War II, the women were called to work the factories. The poster, above, left, was of "Rosie the Riveter, while a real Rosie was Irene Majewski, at age 17, center, now Mrs. John Wayne, right, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Riveting Rosie

During Word War II a strong, tough, but feminine woman flexing her muscle symbolized the hundreds of persons working in the plants of Detroit to build the planes, tanks and other vehicles for the front.

She was collectively nicknamed "Rosie the Riveter" and represented feminine strength and resolve to help win the war.

There were hundreds of them on the lines in this "Arsenal of Democracy."

There was Westside Mary, Blondie, Little Mary and Lottie and young Irene from Hamtramck. These women are mostly in their 80s or older now, and they remember the role they played.

But unlike Lottie, Blondie, Little Mary and Westside Mary who were bent on getting their men folk home and settling down and raising families, **Irene Majewski**, who was a 17-year-old freshman at Wayne University when the Japanese bombs fell on Pearl Harbor, was working to earn enough money so she could go to fashion design school in New York City. So the other women looked out for her.

It is lost to history whatever happened to Lottie, Blondie, Little Mary and Westside Mary; presumably they got married and raised families and are happy grandmotherly types now. But at least one Rosie the Riveter — young Irene — is alive and well in Grosse Pointe Farms where she and her husband have resided for the past 27 years.

And this will surprise you. She is married to **John Wayne**. Not the actor who played the same character in dozens of movies whether war or western, that fellow with the feminine real name of **Marion Michael Morrison**, but the real John Wayne.

"Almost overnight my orderly surroundings had changed," Irene Majewski Wayne recalls in an account of the times. "The war made a great impact on my future education. As a teenager I always visualized myself working in the fashion industry as a dress designer, pattern maker or other creative work."

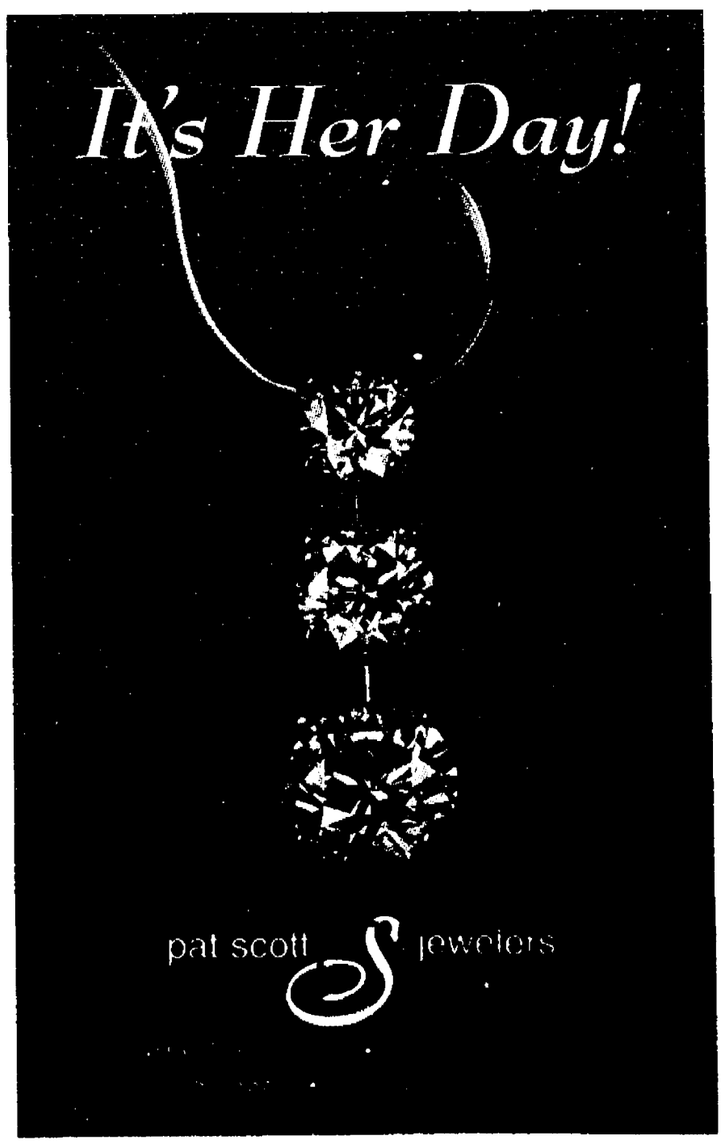
The daughter of a Hamtramck tailor, **John Majewski**, had learned to sew at age 12.

"The constant cry was, 'Uncle Sam Needs You!' Since I needed money to pay for my training in New York, I decided this was an opportune way to earn money and be patriotic at the same time. I didn't return to the university but applied to the Murray Manufacturing Corp. in Detroit to become a riveter."

Murray was making parts for the P-47 Thunderbolt airplane. Irene was hired immediately and trained to use a rivet gun, a drill and a bucking bar. She would drill a hole in a marked spot on the metal, slip a rivet into the hole and put her gun against it. Her work partner was on the other side of the piece and would hold a bucking bar against the rivet while Irene would give it a blast with her rivet gun.

"We worked an eight-hour day, and later it was increased to nine hours. I was not used to such a tight schedule. By evening I could hardly keep my eyes open and went to bed early.

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Since all the young men were in the service, my social life was spent with girlfriends. When we went to the movies, I fell asleep shortly after we were seated."

Irene saved enough money and went to New York, but she found that life in the hurly-burly of the Big Apple was "not to my liking."

She missed the sense of community, her neighbors, friends and family and after a year returned to Detroit and Wayne State where she earned bachelor and masters' degrees in education.

She married **J. Walter Wayne** in 1946 and had two daughters. She became an elementary school teacher at age 35 and taught for 25 years in the East Detroit school system at Pleasantview school before retiring. Her husband, John, a World War II veteran, who was a friend of Irene's brothers, taught engineering and drafting classes in Warren for a similar length of time.

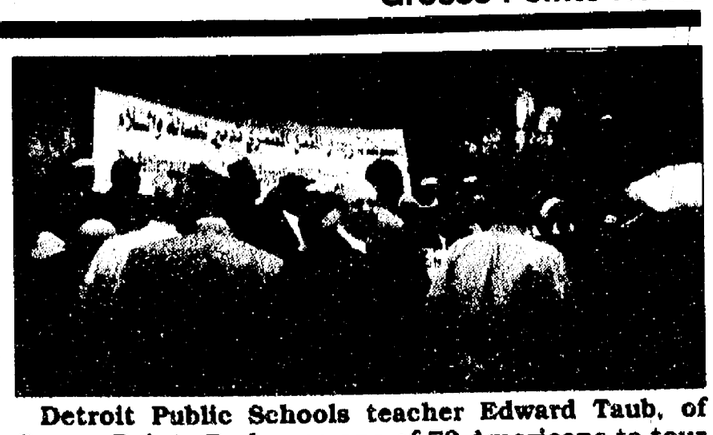
They have two daughters, **Lynne**, a graphic designer in the Detroit suburbs, and **Leslie**, a business writer for the New York Times.

More than 6 million women answered America's call to work in the defense plants during the war. According to one Internet "Rosie the Riveter" Web site, first lady Eleanor Roosevelt was awed by the new work force and was quoted as saying: "I hardly saw a man who did not speak to me about the need for women in production."

Many women reported that they felt patriotic and wanted to support their country, and that the money came second. It gave them endless pride to know they were doing their part to help win the war. They quickly became known as the "production soldiers" in the defense industries.

The Rosies did more that help win the war. By proving their worth they changed the face of the American work force and our culture.

Irene's story of her time building airplanes has been collected by the National Park Service and is available at the Rosie the Riveter/World War II national Historical Park in Richmond, California that opened in 2003. More than 8,500 Rosies, their families or friends have contacted the museum since it opened. And we have at least one of them living right here in the Grosse Pointes.



Detroit Public Schools teacher Edward Taub, of Grosse Pointe Park, was one of 72 Americans to tour Jordan and Israel in March.

Peace rep

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Edward Taub** spent a week in Jordan and Israel at the end of March and early April as a participant in a series of meetings called "Middle East Peace Initiative-Forging a Path to Peace and Reconciliation in the Middle East."

Taub, a Detroit Public Schools teacher, was one of 72 Americans sponsored by the Interrreligious and International Federation for World Peace. The group believes reconciliation among religious leaders is an essential precondition for achieving peace in the Middle East.

"Seeing the wall was a wake-up for me," Taub is quoted in a press release. "I had always taken the Israel point of view in the past, but I could understand the Palestinian viewpoint when I saw the wall. It was so huge and so divisive. I wouldn't want to have it in my back yard. It is causing so much resentment from the Palestinians. It has got to come down."

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Letters

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who signed the petition said that they would be willing to produce that documentation every year.

A petition that yielded over 2,000 signatures in eight days tells us that out-of-district enrollment is an area of major concern to residents. It should now be a matter of great concern to the school board.

Recently the school board offered the opportunity for residents to cast online votes regarding their preference for a pre- or post-Labor Day school start, and based upon the votes, school will begin after Labor Day. Obviously the board welcomes resident input, and over 2,000 of them want stronger proof of residency. Please let them hear from you at schoolboard@gpschools.org.

Christine Cullen
Grosse Pointe Shores
2004-05 School District
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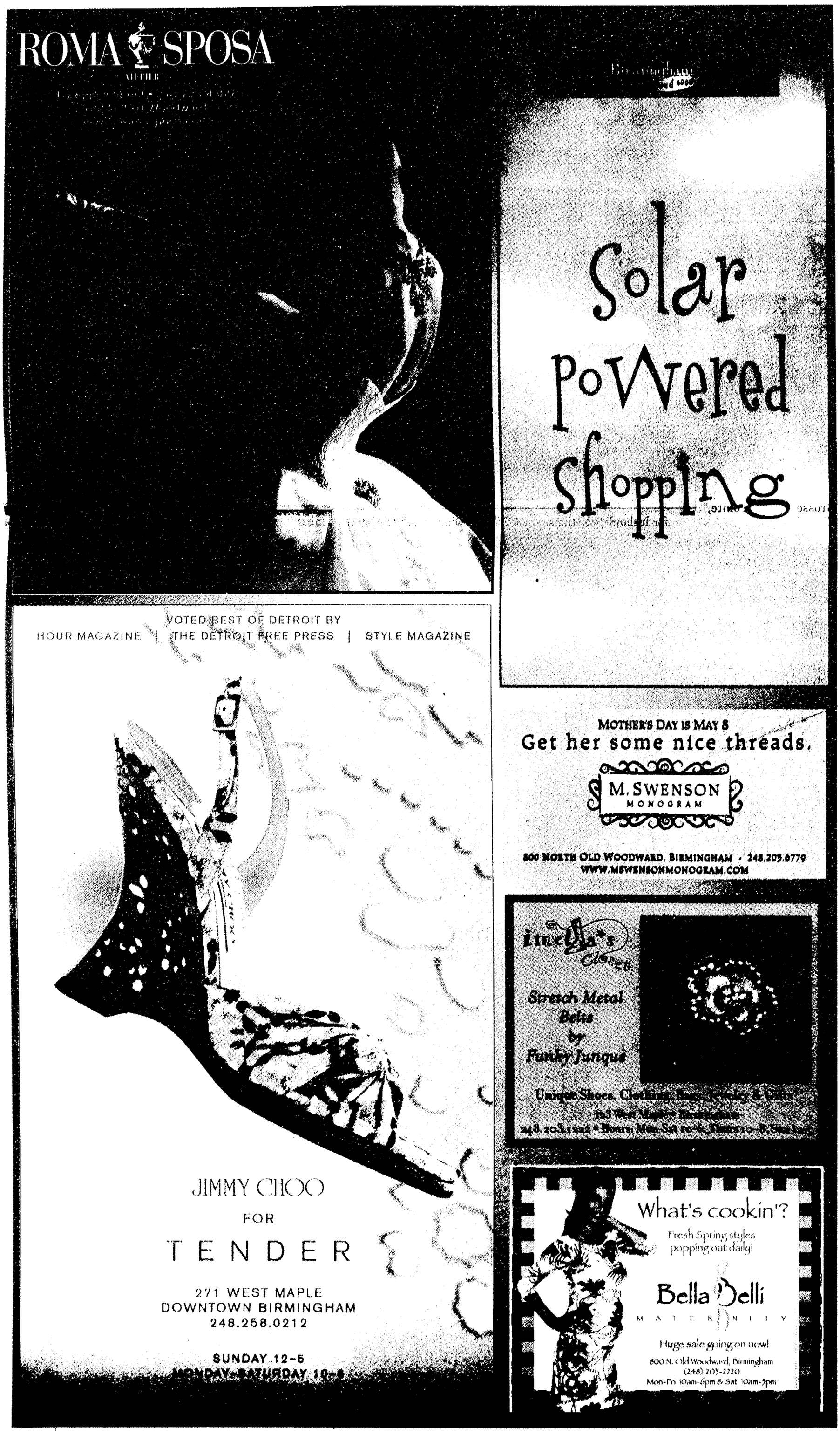
Editor's note: The letter writer is incorrect in stating all that is required for proving residency is a lease or purchase agreement. Sometimes no documentation is available. The letter writer assumes every parent is a renter or homeowner. There are many possibilities where a parent is living with a relative or friend in the district. It is even possible the parent does not have a driver's license or any other piece of paper that proves occupancy. In these and other cases, visits to the home are necessary. Also, children do not have to live in the distict. Only one of their parents or guardians need to live in the district.

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The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your Letters to the Editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words.

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Computer privacy and tales from the encrypt

Several of the e-mail queries I received this week were fairly common ones; so let's lead off with them.

If you visit a Web site that wants information from you, even if it is just your e-mail address, beware.

Matt wanted to know if it were safe to give out this information if the site has a privacy policy. The one he led me to said, "Your name and information will NOT be shared, rented or sold to any party."

My response to Matt was, "Riiight!" In other words, "Wrooong!"

If they get your e-mail address, and you start getting spam, how will you know they sold it or not?

This goes back to my first law of Web surfing.

Don't give anyone personal information, including your e-mail address, unless you know them and that they are reputable.



General Electric is a yes. Freddy's Frisco Fondue Forks is a no.

There was one news-type item I wanted to get in this week. Who do you think is responsible for most cyber attacks on Web sites?

Internet watchdog agency, Zone-H, blames kids, boys in particular.

Attacks on company and government Internet sites spike during school holidays when the main culprits — schoolboys --- spend time in front of their computers rather than in the classroom.

There were almost 400,000 attacks on Web sites around the world last year, a surge of 36 percent from 2003.

According to Roberto Preatoni, founder of Zone-H, "A lot of 15- and 16-year-old guys are smart enough to have strong political opinions."

Preatoni says the main targets are U.S. military Web sites, which are attacked by anti-Iraq war protesters, and large companies and governments, which attract anti-globalization protesters.

Preatoni also said the tools needed to hack into and change Web sites were available on the Internet and were easy to use.

"For the average person it sounds complicated, but if you know what you are doing it's really quite easy," he said.

This takes me back to my No. 1 rule: No computers in bedrooms, no matter how loud the kids howl.

Look over their shoulders and feign interest.

If they close something on the screen when you approach, check the history of the program they were using.

The Internet is easy, but you can check documents by the date they were last worked on.

I had a question almost three weeks ago regarding encryption.

This is where plain English is turned into gibberish — sort of like my column — that can only be read by someone with the same key. Encryption is 100,000 times more secure than a password, maybe more.

My writer was concerned about having a wireless network in his home and having his neighbor or some stranger in a black sedan out on the street hack his home and learn his secrets. (I look for NCAA tournament picks.)

The solution is to create an encryption key shared by all of his computers so that only his computers can control data.

Encryption keys can be small or quite complicated.

My research led me to one Web site as a starting point, mainly because it lets you encrypt files and folders, create encrypted archives and add new files to an existing archive with just one mouse click.

Encryption keys can also be shared with others outside your home or across the world.

The site's address is www.finecrypt.net.

Their Quick Encrypt program not only saves your time, but also it automatically does almost all the work with encryption keys.

All you need is to specify a directory where you will store encryption keys.

Best of all, it is shareware. That means it's free.

And now for the Web site of the week.

If you're like me and grew up when dinosaurs roamed the Earth (the Fifties and Sixties) visit www.thestatenislandboys.com.

It is the best nostalgia Web site I've found. Please let me know what you think.

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.

Broadcast company spreads across globe

Stefan Cross
Special Writer

Saga Communications is not just a business; it's an adventure.

Owned by Edward Christian, of Grosse Pointe Farms, Saga is a top performing broadcast company whose focus is acquiring, developing and operating different radio stations, television stations and state radio networks.

Saga is a publicly held company located in Grosse Pointe Farms. Its strategy is to manage top billing television and radio stations in mid-sized markets.

Beginning operations in 1986, Saga became a publicly traded company in 1992.

"It was 18 years ago we started with just four radio stations, and now we own about 90 radio stations and eight TV stations. We continue to average about $30 million a year," Christian said.

As of February 24, the company owns or operates 55 FM and 27 AM stations, three state radio networks (Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota), two farm radio networks, five television stations and three low-power television stations.

While Saga may be based in Grosse Pointe Farms, Christian does not own nor want any radio stations in the state of Michigan.

"I refuse to have a station in the town I live because I feel we would favor it more than the others," he said.

Christian decided to manage Saga, a New York stock-exchange company, in Grosse Pointe because it felt the most comfortable to him.

"It's my home. I've got family members who live in Grosse Pointe. I graduated from [Grosse Pointe] South in '62; I like Grosse Pointe," Christian said.



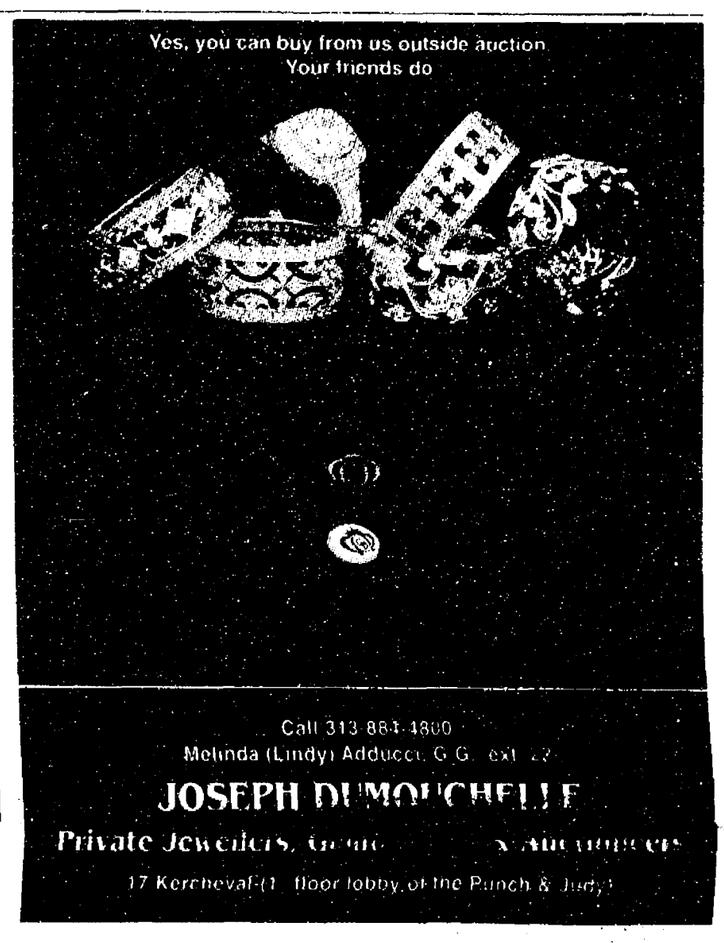
While Christian may call Grosse Pointe home, he also has strong ties with Iceland.

He is the honorary consul of Iceland for Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

"My father was Icelandic. My job is to promote tourism between the U.S. and Iceland," he said.

The Saga Communications building also serves as a voting place for Icelandic elections.

"Saga is actually Nordic for 'on going adventure,' and that's what it is," Christian said.





Business People

Mark Wollenweber has been asked by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to take part in a task force to study local government financing, noting the fiscal crisis facing many of the state's built-out communities.


Wollenweber

The task force is the first step in revamping a municipal finance system that has left some local governments with depleted reserves and shoe-string staffs.

During the coming months, task force members will research the dilemma facing cities, townships, and counties across Michigan and make recommendations for reform to the govenor and the state Legislature.

Wollenweber is Grosse Pointe Woods' city manager.

J. Dib, Esq., of Dib, Fagan and Brault, p.c., has recently joined the Adjunct Law Faculty at Wayne State University Law School.

Dib is a 1980 graduate of Wayne's Law School, past president of the Wayne State Law Alumni Association and a member of the Law School's Board of Visitors. He serves on the State Bar of Michigan Grievance Committee, and is a Wayne and Macomb County Mediator.

He was educated in Detroit Public Schools and obtained his bachelor of arts degree in Philosophy from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

He is "AV" rated by Martinable-Hubble (highest Peer Review rating for Ethical Standards and Legal Ability).

Dib is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

Edward Deeb, president and CEO of the Michigan Food & Beverage Association, was appointed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to represent independents and the business community for a term expiring on Feb. 28, 2007.

Deeb is a Grosse Pointe Shores resident.

Grosse Pointe Park resident brings in new business

Michelle Beaudette-Grates of Grosse Pointe Park announced the opening of her new business, Girlie Girl.

The business will carry a variety of cosmetics from notable names such as Lorac, Renee Rivera, Michelle Roy, and Tocca Beauty.

Girlie Girl is located at 21127 Mack Avenue, across the street from Josef's French Pastry Shop.

"We will fit right into the community," Beaudette-Grates said.

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Bruce stepped down

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

After being the primary force behind the Grosse Pointe Public Library board since 1994, John Bruce quietly stepped down as its president at the Monday, April 25, board meeting.

As is typical of a board meeting conducted by Bruce, the meeting went at an efficient pace, covering pertinent operation issues and commemorating the Bruce years within an hour's time.

Throughout the meeting, library director Vickey Bloom and board members honored Bruce for the vision, time and direction which he gave to the library.

"Thank you for all the time you've given to the Library," Bloom said.

"For over a decade, he has been the guiding light of this organization," remarked board vice-president Harvey Weaver. "Without John Bruce, I'm not sure we would be sitting in this library (Ewald)."

Toward the end of the meeting, Bruce read from prepared remarks in order "to be concise and so emotions won't get in the way."

The statement recapped the nearly 11 years during which Bruce oversaw tremendous growth and a new direction for the library. He noted the numerous accomplishments, such as the opening of the Ewald library, restructuring of the annual operating budget and installing state of the art technology in the three Grosse Pointe libraries.

He also gave his wish list for the library.

He is hoping that in the future there will be a new Central library; that community organizations to continue to focus on enriching the lives of local youths; that public officials practice fiscal responsibility particularly in managing skyrocketing health insurance and pension costs; that the Grosse Pointe Foundation continues to receive support to become a model of a successful public-private philanthropic partnership; and that the school board continues to appoint library board members who are hardworking, proactive and independently minded.

He concluded by thanking the library's staff, board and volunteers, numerous community members, and his wife and children.



Photo by Beth Quinn

Farewell

At the last library board meeting over which he presided, John Bruce and his wife, Linda, admire a gift commemorating his 11 years of service to the library. Bruce has been on the board since 1994 and had most recently served as its president.

May forum scheduled for library board hopefuls

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

When John Bruce resigned from the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees, the position of trustee at large became vacant.

Residents from any of the Grosse Pointes or the Harper Woods portion of the Grosse Pointe School district had until Monday, April 18, to apply for the position.

Each on of the nine applicants is hoping to be the one selected by the Grosse Pointe School Board to serve out Bruce's term which ends in June 2006.

The school board has invited all the candidates to attend a public forum on Monday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South High School Wicking Library.

The forum will be moderated by the League of Women Voters. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to submit questions for the applicants to answer. The meeting will be 90 minutes long and will be taped and televised.

"Using the League of Women Voters as moderators, the forum will be very formal, very fair," said school board president Joan Richardson. "I encourage the public to come and ask questions of the applicants."

The residents who have applied for the position are Mary C. Adzigian of Grosse Pointe Woods, Edwin C. Frederickson of the City of Grosse Pointe, Jon B. Gandelot of Grosse Pointe Farms, Toni M. Gibson of Grosse Pointe Park, Frank Joyce of Grosse Pointe Park, Jenny Nolan of Grosse Pointe Farms, Stuart Pettitt of Grosse Pointe Park , Michael A. Trudel of Grosse Pointe Park and Harvey H. Weaver of the City of Grosse Pointe.

"It is a pretty interesting collection of applicants," said Richardson. "I'm really impressed by the choice that we have."

The school board nomination committee, comprised of Richardson, board members Jeff Broderick and Ahmed Ismail, will meet following the forum to discuss a recommendation for the library board at large seat. The school board will vote on the recommendation at its monthly meeting on Monday, June 6.

The current library board will elect one of its members to take-over the president's position left vacant by Bruce.

School calendar returns to after Labor Day start

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

"Living in Michigan, we want to squeeze the last bit of fun out of summer."

This was one Grosse Pointe Public School parent response to the district's survey inquiring if parents preferred school to begin after Labor Day, a holiday that signals the end of summer. Her response to start school after Labor Day was typical of other parents' response.

Teachers agreed, and the board approved to set 2005-06 and 2006-07 calendars in which students go back to school after Labor Day.

For the 2005-06 school calendar, students will return to school on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Elementary students will attend only in the morning. Teachers will be back in the buildings on Thursday, Sept. 1. The last day of school is Thursday, June 15, 2006.

Likewise, the 2006-07 calendar will see students come back to school on Tuesday, Sept. 5. Again, elementary students will attend a morning session only. Teachers return on Thursday, Aug. 31. The last day of school is Thursday, June 14.

More than 20 percent of district parents responded to a survey which asked their preference of the start of school. Responses and comments favor the start of school to be after Labor Day, said Superintendent

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Photo courtesy Pierce Middle School

Imaginations at work

Destination Imagination (DI), one of the world's largest creativity and problem solving programs, recently honored and acknowledged the efforts of two Pierce Middle School teams. DI helps students develop skills such as team work, time management, problem solving and divergent thinking. The Pierce seventh and eighth grade team of above left to right, Sara Siwak, Jessica Bashara, Emily Schwessinger, Kathryn Cumpata and Lily Parker recently took second place out of 27 teams in state competition that was held on the campus of Central Michigan University. This honor has earned them the opportunity to advance to the global competition held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, later this spring. Team managers are parents, Jane Bashara and Annette Siwak.

Several months were spent preparing a solution to their long term challenge. Their problem, DI Signing Bridges, involved building a bridge that would maintain weight and creating a story that "bridges" the culture of two nations. These Pierce students managed to integrate an original music composition, costumes and a foreign language into their story.

A sixth-grade team , at right, of Pierce students also participated in DI and advanced to the state level. The team of left to right, Sydney Burke, Emma Maniere, John Dennehy, Richard Altovilla and Ellen Farber, qualified for the state competition at CMU. Their challenge was "Improving Along." The team built an "Improv Mobile" that was integrated into their presentation. Team manager is Linda Altovilla.



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Defer students experience life of lumberjack

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Tossing pine cones into a tin can, heaving logs into the air and eating morning glories and tree droppins' was once a part of a Michigan lumberjack's life.

Defer fourth-graders from 2005 stepped back in time, accompanied by recorded fiddle music, to experience the year 1860 when lumbering was king. Students dressed in jeans or overalls, and plaid and flannel shirts filled the gym before the first bell rang to eat a lumberjack's breakfast and play some of the games lumbering men used to pass the long days in Michigan's virgin white pine forests. As well as to show off their skills and strength. The morning of activities was also bringing to life a curriculum area in Michigan history is part of the fourth-grade curriculum.

These students began the day with morning glories (pancakes), sow belly (sausages), tree droppins' (mixed fruit), hen's fruit with door knobs (eggs with sausage), maple sap (maple syrup), cow juice (milk), orange sqeezins' (orange juice) and for the 15 adult volunteers black jack (coffee).



Sam Archinal tossed a plastic ax into a knot in a tree with accuracy. Archinal was taking part in the recreation of Michigan's lumbering days during the 19th century.



Photos by Ann L. Fouty

Cameron Johnstone took his turn at the log toss and said the "log" was not heavy.

"This is hands-on learning," said fourth-grade teacher Robert Palmer. "These kids need different manners of presentation. It's a celebration of learning."

Sampling life of two centuries ago lays the ground work for a four-day trip to the upper portion of Lower Michigan. Among other places, students will visit Old Mill Creek in Cheboygan County to watch lumber cut by a saw powered by water.

Once the morning meal was completed, students stepped up to toss an (plastic) ax into an open knot in a (paper) tree or test their strength by tossing a log. In this case, students were heaving a cardboard carpet roll.

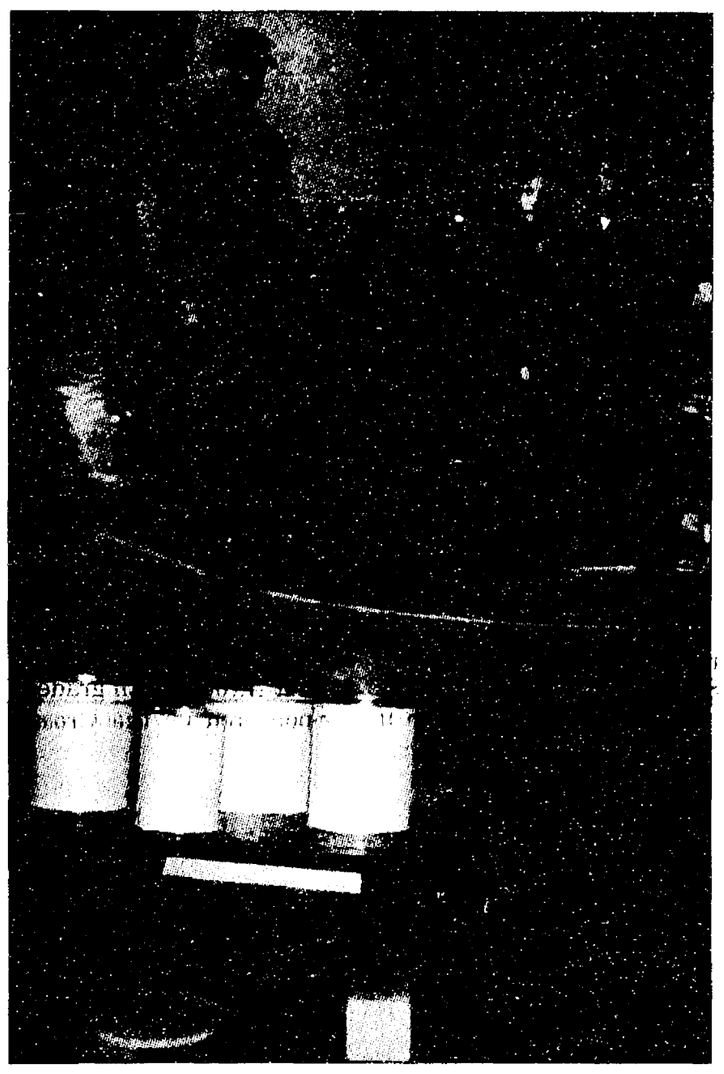
"It's not heavy," said Cameron Johnstone about his turn at tossing the "log."

In a far gym corner, large tin cans were set up for the pine cone toss. Cans were assigned various points so accuracy was the object of the game.

The ax and log tosses were added this year to keep the students busy before going back to the classroom where their studies of Michigan would continue their learning about the iron ore and copper mining industries in the Upper Peninsula. Palmer said he would like to take the students into the western end of the Upper Peninsula but would have to add more days to the trip. However, they would get a feel for mining and transportation when they traveled through the Soo Locks and on the St. Mary's River. There they will see iron slag on the Canadian side of the river.

Sam Archinal is already a seasoned Michigan traveler having been to Traverse City, Port Huron and Crystal Lake. He said Michigan holds a lot of history, noting that when Wind Mill Point was being developed weapons and human bones were found during excavation. The British established a fort at St. Joseph and the French traded with the Native Americans.

Karlene McGarry, Kimberly Stavale and Ann Smith explained that Michigan's Native Americans included the Ottawa, Potawatami and Ojibwa tribes.



Chelsea Adams gave a pine cone a toss with the hopes it would land in one of the empty tin cans. She was playing one of three games created by Michigan lumberjacks.

To cap off the morning, students had a chance to eat Michigan's Treasure Cookie. The recipe using Michigan ingredients of dried cherries, flour, sugar, salt, eggs and Hershey's baking chocolate (Hershey uses Michigan sugar, hence the Michigan connection) is sitting in Lansing awaiting a decision on whether it will be named Michigan's official cookie.

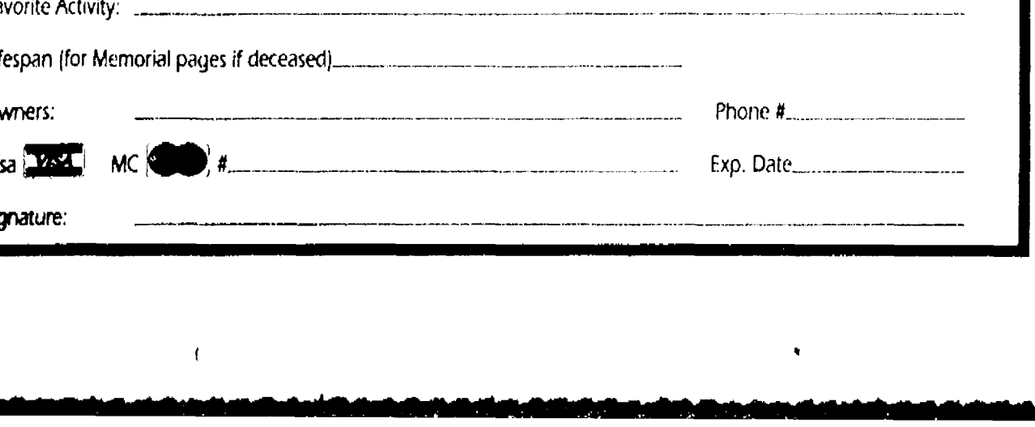
"There is support for it," he said.

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Start

From 13A

Suzanne Klein. Most of the comments centered around savoring the all-too-short Michigan's summer weather, participating in family plans and vacations and spending time at cottages.

Since the state has scrapped the idea of requiring schools to have a certain number of days and hours in the educational setting, schools have a little more flexibility. The state does require all public schools to be in session 1,098 hours. Teacher in-service hours which include sharing material pertaining to curriculum may be counted in those hours. According to Klein, the new calendars of half-days and vacation days have been juggled to make up those three August days students came back to learn classroom procedures and "rules of the road," in past years.

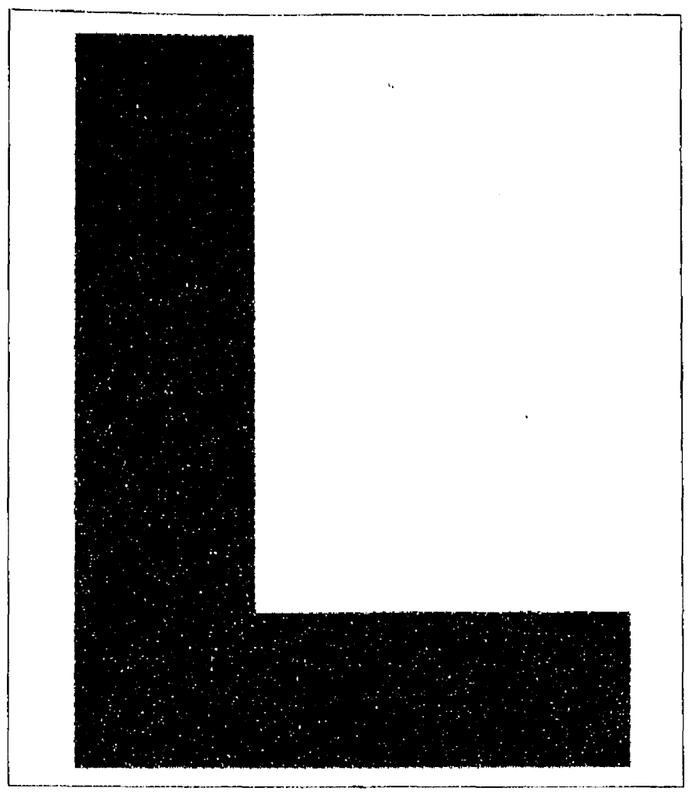
Grosse Pointe, she said, does have additional hours built into the calendar in case of "acts of God" such as power outages, storms and water main breaks, which require school closings.

She continued to say that some student-oriented school activities will still begin in August. These could include athletic practices, work on homecoming events and journalism students preparing for another year of publications.

There really isn't a right or wrong date to begin school, Klein said. Students need downtime, just as they need to keep up their skills during the summer, and many do through camps, summer classes and family endeavors.

Scout project aimed at reducing traffic injuries

'L' stands for learner driver



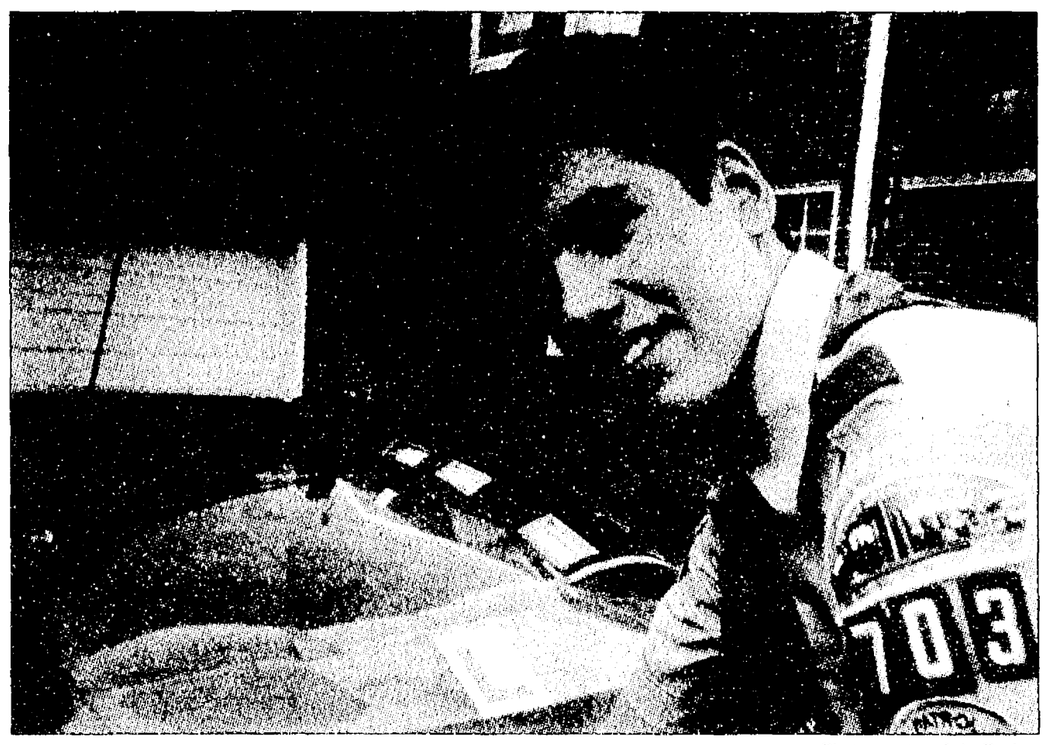


Photo courtesy Iain Decker

Eagle Scout candidate Iain Decker would like all young drivers to put a red "L" in their car window to indicate they are learning how to drive and for experienced drivers to give them a break.

According to the latest consensus statistics, the United States has an estimated 760 million vehicles on the road. Each year about 6.3 million automobile accidents occur in this country resulting in about three million injuries and 43,000 deaths. That represents the fifth-leading cause of death.

In 2005, alone it is estimated that 6,000 new drivers — those just learning the ways and means of driving a car, SUV, mini-van or light-duty truck — will be involved in traffic accidents on our public roads which will lead to their deaths, and the number of injured new drivers and those injured with and around them in those accidents, including pedestrians and by standers, is more staggering.

It can be overwhelming for families and friends alike. Each year so many lives are lost, and too much suffering is felt by those involved in accidents: their families and friends, the first responders and medical staff who treat those victims, and the support groups who offer assistance thereafter.

Eagle Scout candidate Iain Decker of the City of Grosse Pointe, a senior a University Liggett School and member of Grosse Pointe United Church's Boy Scout Troop 703, has had enough of such losses.

"I am tired of hearing about people — especially young people my age — dying or getting hurt," Decker said. "I want to try to put a stop to this. Countless innocent people, especially among my generation, are dying or are injured each year because of automobile accidents. I believe that a large portion of those deaths and injuries can be immediately avoided by taking the simple, virtually cost-free measure of identifying learning drivers and giving them some distance and extra concern on the roads."

Decker's Eagle Scout project is directed toward increasing the identification, protection and ultimate safety of learner drivers. The use of the bright letter "L" on a 4-inch square white placard located in or near the rear window of a vehicle indicates a driver on board who is learning to drive.

When the "L" is seen, more experienced drivers on the road can allow the new drivers the extra space, time and turning distances which they so often need. As a relatively new driver himself with a number of friends in a similar position, Decker understands the anxiety and immediate judgment calls experienced while learning and practicing to drive. He believes that hundreds of lives, if not many more, could be saved, starting right here in the Grosse Pointes.

If saving the lives of loved ones is not enough, money is also a large factor with new drivers. It is well known that annual household auto insurance costs nearly triple with a new driver added to the family's policy. Insurance companies view learning drivers as high risks, and the injuries and losses of new drivers' lives and property are the direct causes of those additional costs. The family budget also feels the effect of higher gas and maintenance costs which accompany additional drivers.

Through the simple practice of identifying new drivers while they are learning, Decker feels that those drivers will incur fewer accidents and be less likely to incur such high insurance premiums. A red letter "L" could save both lives and money.

The "L"s are now being made available free of charge to many area driving schools, local automotive clubs and community families. Scouts have also expressed interest in the idea. Use of these placards is optional and voluntary.

"With such increased awareness and understanding," Decker said, "of the simple but vital role these 'L's can play in the lives of our new drivers — young and not-so-young — the potential benefits of my project can be fully realized quickly for the safety and well being of all of us."

When asked if he thought his project could someday help save new drivers' lives in other parts of Michigan and the United States and even neighboring countries, Decker replied, "That's the plan. We have lives to save, the new drivers and those around them, right now. I will somehow figure out how. We just cannot wait any longer."

Calling all elementary children to enriching Camp Invention

Camp Invention is coming to Grosse Pointe for a second year.

Camp Invention will be held at Mason Elementary School the week of June 27. Students meet daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost per student is $245 for the week. With the exception of lunch, all materials and supplies will be provided. Enrollment is limited, and the cut-off date is June 1, after which there is a $10 late registration fee, provided seating is still available.

The program is designed to be age appropriate for children presently enrolled in first through fifth grade.

Sponsored by the Grosse Pointe School District's Summer Learning Program, Camp Invention has been welcomed and embraced by parents, students and educators alike throughout the nation. As the premier nonprofit educational program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, in the last 12 years Camp Invention has grown to more than 600 camps in 42 states, benefiting nearly 150,000 children. Through independent evaluations, Camp Invention has obtained high levels of customer satisfaction — more than 90 percent among parents, campers, counselors, teachers and directors.

This camp is an exciting, intensive hands-on experience that enables children to learn about scientific principles and invention through subject immersion, discovery and fun. The enrichment program consists of five activity-oriented thematic modules and is designed to enhance the students' overall learning and understanding and integrate science with art, social studies and language arts.

Educational quality and integrity are of the highest importance to Camp Invention. The curriculum if fully aligned with national education standards to further ensure individual attention. Camp Invention requires educators to teach each module with an overall program ratio of campers to staff of eight to one.

Karen Sullivan, a Ferry fifth grade teacher, will direct the program. To register, call 1-800-968-4332. For more information, call (313) 432-3062.



Photo courtesy Our Lady Star of the Sea

Characters

Our Lady Star of the Sea students dressed as their favorite book characters on March 16 in recognition of National Reading Month. First graders in Pat Zaranak's class brought to life storybook heroes including Harry Potter, Junie B. Jones, Anne of Green Gables and Laura Ingalls Wilder. Also that day, kindergartners through third grade students were treated to a performance of "Charlotte's Web." The appearance of September Productions was sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Woods school's Parent Teacher Guild. The first-grade children, from left, are Douglas Graham as Tommy from "Magic Tree House" and Shannon McGlone as "Anne of Green Gables," Timmy Inzitari is Harry Potter, Lauren Lesha is American Girl Molly, Tessa Ulrich is Junie B. Jones and Jennifer Kusch is Laura Ingalls Wilder, Olivia Asimakis dressed as Linnea, Katelyn Carney came to school as "Clifford, the Big Red Dog," Francesca Xeureb is Junie B. Jones, and Brendon Kipina pretended to be Shamu, the Whale.

North to tourney

Grosse Pointe North High School is one of 48 to compete in the Michigan State Science Olympiad Tournament.

This was the team's second consecutive year at the tournament and is one of 36 of the 48 teams going to the state level on the campus of Michigan State University April 30.

The winner of this competition will go on to the National Science Olympiad tournament in May.

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Residents request closer look at students' addresses

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

More than 2,000 residents in the five Grosse Pointes are asking the board of education to annually check each student's address.

A stack of petitions, with 2,083 signatures, was presented to the board during its Monday, May 2, meeting. The petitions say there is a need for an annual formal residency verification of all students.

Parents and guardians would have to present three pieces of identification. Rental housing or lease agreements, said spokesperson Christine Cullen, do not provide the necessary documentation.

She noted that this type of screening process would provide a far greater indication of who should actually be educated in the Grosse Pointe system.

"Stronger requirements are needed," she told the board. "Enrolling in Grosse Pointe school with fraudulent addresses is not an option. Our resources are for our students. We have the right to send our children here. We pay a lot to live here. This is not elitism or exclusionary."

Business Affairs Assistant Superintendent Chris Fenton said he uses three investigators to look into each complaint that comes across his desk.

This year, 120 complaints have been addressed. One-third of those have been asked to leave. Another third were valid, and the final third are still under investigation.

"I'm confident that Chris Fenton is doing residency investigations that are necessary," said board president Joan Richardson. "Many children can enroll in the Grosse Pointe school not just because they live here. Their guardians can enroll them here. There are a number of reasons spelled out that allow students to enroll. We are doing what we are legally obligated."

Some of the criteria which the board discussed during the meeting were enrollment exceptions. The first being if a Grosse Pointe home had been purchased but a physical move has yet to take place, the students could attend school. The second would be in the case of a senior completing the final year in Grosse Pointe even though the family has moved from the area. Both would be allowed in as tuition students.

According to new student information posted on the school's Web site, new enrollees are verified by Fenton's office. His staff examines closing documents (warranty deed, closing statement), rental/lease agreements and guardianship papers.

Cullen pointed out that rental agreements are temporary and should be followed up on.

"There is no system in place to follow up on lease expiration," she said. "This is (about) fairness. This is not a School of Choice. There are only two exceptions. We are concerned about the children who are coming in."

Parent Leslie Derrick volunteered to check the leases and make the phone calls.

Residents behind the move would like the first residency check to take place the first two Saturdays in June. This would allow those who are out of district to have time to find a new school, Cullen said.

North Booster Club goes eBay as fundraiser

Stefan Cross
Special Writer

The Grosse Pointe North Athletic Booster Club is using eBay for its next fundraiser. On Saturday, May 7, between 9 a.m. and noon, the Booster Club will be encouraging community members to donate items that will be sold on eBay.

"We're always looking for different and unique ways to raise funds," said John Schrage, booster club member. "The interesting thing is that we're not asking for money, we're asking for items. So, people can clear out their attics and basements and contribute to a good cause at the same time."

The fundraiser is to help balance out budget cuts that the program is facing.

In a recent release to North coaches, Booster Club President, Sam Ventimiglia, said, "With additional budget cuts expected, we need to become creative and aggressive in our efforts just to maintain our current needs."

All volunteers are asked to bring in items to North's cafeteria that they would like to donate during the specified time. From there the items will be taken to an iSold It store for evaluation and auction on eBay. With each completed sale about 70-80 percent of the item's earnings will go to the fundraiser.

iSold It is a business that offers customers an effortless way to sell their items on eBay. Customers simply drop their items off at an iSold It store or a Drop Drive site, and they take care of the rest.

Schrage, an avid eBay user, came up with the idea for the fundraiser.

"I've been using eBay for almost two years now. I heard about iSold It through a friend; so I contacted them, and they said that they could help us out," Schrage said. "The success of the fundraiser depends on our getting the word out. If it's successful we would like to do it again in the fall."

Items that can be donated must have an estimated value of $30 or more on eBay. Items must weight less than 150 lbs. and be less than 130 inches in length and girth combined. All items must be legal for sale on eBay (no hazardous materials, counterfeits, etc.).

"We'll put the items on a seven day auction on eBay," said John Assad, member of iSold It. "I would say by the latest we should have a tally of [North's] total earnings by the end of June."

If an item doesn't sell or is valued at less than $30, it will be donated to charity.

If you miss the Drop Drive on May 7 and still wish to donate, you can bring the item(s) to the nearest iSold It store where you must specify the fundraiser as the beneficiary of the auction.

GPA has been growing potential artists

The Grosse Pointe Academy Art Fair, "GPA: Growing Potential Artists," on Feb. 24 and 27, showcased student art from kindergarten through eighth grade, with art grouped in strands to show the growth of young artists.

For children in kindergarten through grade three, the strands were painting, clay, drawing, weaving and textiles, sculpture, collage and art history.

"The art fair was created to display the wonderful creative works of the children," said kindergarten through third grade teacher Rosi Triano.

"It was also set up to show the progression and growth of the children in various media. Simple introductions and skills are presented in kindergarten and the work gets increasingly complex.

The children are definitely up to the challenge and continually amaze me with their clever ideas and different interpretations."

Artwork created in grades four through eight was under the direction of art teacher Bryan Zink and included silk screens, relief prints, paintings, and political cartoons.

The art fair featured student demonstrations of coil pottery, silk screening, rag weaving and relief printing.



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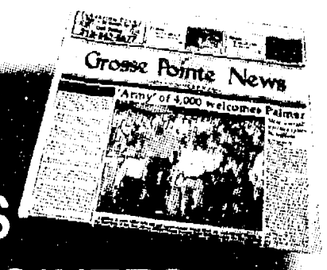
Earth Week

The Regina High School Student Council participated in the 15th annual Metro Beach Clean-up for Earth Week, including Mary Polascek of Detroit and Meredyth Lacombe of Grosse Pointe Farms. They retrieved cigarette butts, cans, paper, dead fish, birds, opossums and an iguana. The students chose this project as their end of the year service to the community and learned the importance of keeping the environment clean and protected.

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ Members of the Grosse Pointe Farms city council vote to stop adding fluoride to the municipal drinking water system, which also serves the City of Grosse Pointe and a portion of Grosse Pointe Shores.

The council action stems from an April 4 advisory vote by Farms electorate in which residents are 1,832 to 1,366 against fluoridation.

■ Ground will be broken this Sunday for the new $130,000 church house addition to Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church at Mack and Torrey Road.

The Rev. Andrew F. Rauth, minister, and The Rev. Robert H. Stanberry, his assistant, will officiate.

They will use the same chrome-plated spade which turned earth for the sanctuary in 1947 and for the Sunday school addition in 1950.

■ Grosse Pointe's defending Border City's League baseball champions score their first win in 10 years on a Wyandotte diamond when the high school Blue Devils squeeze past the Bears 2-1.

The Pointers rely on pitcher Bob Marcereau to hold Wyandotte to a meager two hits.

25 years ago this week

■ Ink pads, stamps, long lines at the check-out counter and, eventually, even card catalogs are on their way out of Grosse Pointe libraries.

Speeding check-out, book inventory and book searches is new computer technology called FLIRT that is saving time and money on circulation, collection and cataloging of books.

■ University-Liggett wins top awards in the area's first festival of high school drama sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Theatre organization.

Liggett student Tom Stanczyk wins best actor for his portrayal of a middle-aged man taking an examination to enter the armed services in Terrance McNally's play, "Next."

■ Rep. Lucien Nedzi's surprise announcement that he won't seek an 11th term in Congress sets the stage for a "knock down, drag out battle" to fill the seat, according to State Sen. John Kelly, one of several politicians salivating at a shot to work in the nation's capitol.

Nedzi, a Democrat from Detroit, will complete his 19th consecutive year in Congress this fall. His district includes the Grosse Pointes.

10 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe Park officials decide to reconfigure the community's single sewer network into separate storm water and waste systems.

The decision follows expiration of a permit that had allowed the Park to discharge combined sewer overflows into Fox Creek located just inside the Detroit border.

■ For the second straight year there are no challengers in the election for Grosse Pointe Shores village council.

But residents in the next election must decide whether to approve a $2.7 million bond issue to pay for separation of the community's sewer system.

■ Despite strong neighborhood opposition, members of the Grosse Pointe Woods city council vote 6-1 to rezoning single-family residential property on Vernier and Morningside. The change paves the way for construction of 11 condominiums at the location.

A man living next to the proposed development says he'll sue in circuit court to stop the project.

5 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe voters may have a chance to voice their opinions on opting out of the Wayne County Community College District.

Results of an advisory ballet requested for the Aug. 6 election will be used to support state legislation allowing Wayne County communities to withdraw from the community college district. A comparatively few Pointe residents enroll in the district, choosing instead community colleges with better academic reputations in Macomb and Oakland counties.

■ Despite efforts by City of Grosse Pointe officials to turn up the heat on construction of the Neff park swimming pool and bathhouse project by Memorial Day weekend, alternative efforts are under way to accommodate City residents through mid-June at other Pointe swimming facilities.

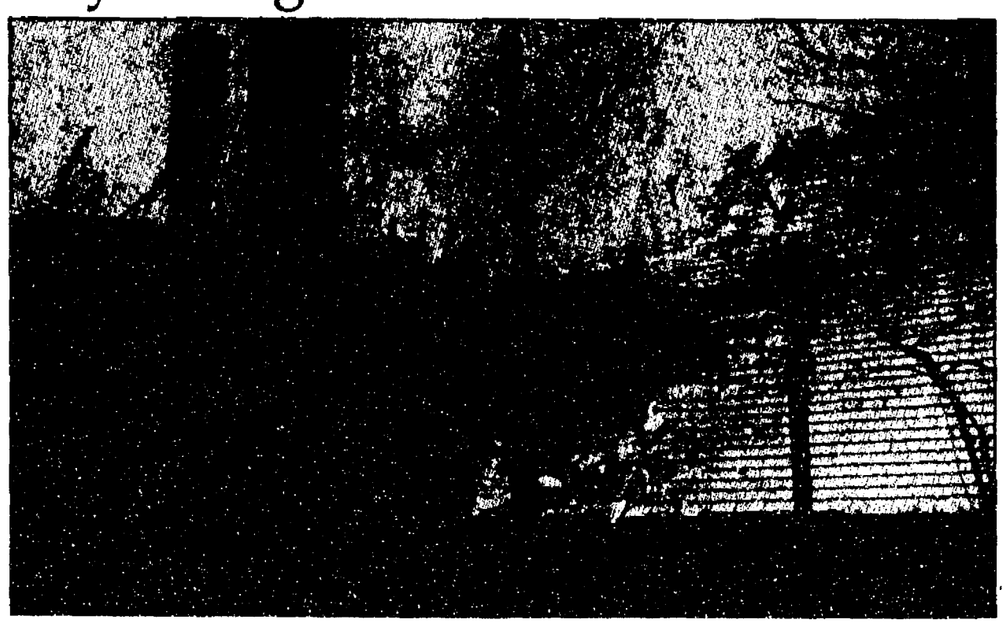
"We have asked neighboring parks to open their pools and lap swimming," says Diane Zedan, City parks and recreation director. "We're also working with the school district to see if we can use one of their facilities for swim team practice."

■ It's always a hard-fought game when the softball teams at Grosse Pointe North and South high schools meet each other.

This week the Norsemen come away with an 8-7 victory and an overall record this season of 9-0.

— Brad Lindberg

50 years ago this week



Blaze guts Farms residence

Two Grosse Pointe Farms firemen narrowly escape being trapped in a burning attic during a fire that completely destroys the upper portion of a house on Hendrie Lane and Grosse Pointe Boulevard. The two men are fighting the fire in an area over the garage when they become almost completely surrounded by flames. Both scramble to safety without major injuries. (Photo by Helen Howard. From the May 5, 1955 Grosse Pointe News.)



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Fixing potholes

A tough winter made for rough driving this spring. Heavy snowfalls last season combined with bouts of warm weather made a perfect recipe for crumbling roads. Potholes popped up all over.

"The freeze-and-thaw, freeze-and-thaw has been popping everything," said Bruce Haynes, of the Grosse Pointe Shores public works department. Haynes, above, has spent considerable time this year cruising Shores streets repairing potholes.

"We're out there every day," said Brett Smith, head of DPW. "We're getting hit a little worse than normal, but we're doing the best we can."

Haynes fills cracks with cold patch, a semisolid brew of tar and gravel. He recently tended North Duval. He shoveled a scoop of cold patch onto a shallow crack and pressed it smooth with his shoe.

"We'd rather have the weather stay cold until spring," Haynes said. "That way we wouldn't have to do this."

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Flushing by the light of the silvery sun and moon

Bill Mrosewske has been working night and day flushing water mains throughout Grosse Pointe Farms. Last Tuesday at 1 a.m., he worked by the light of the moon on the Hill. Employees of the Farms water department regularly flush the water system to remove impurities and increase water flow.

"When we open a valve, it's like power washing a water main," Mrosewske said. "A surge of water cleans out sedimentation and rust that builds up. It cleans out when we do it. It also helps us know which fire hydrants are leaking or need repair."

He leaves each hydrant open until the

Passed out

City of Grosse Pointe police crossed into the Farms last weekend to track down a tan 1994 Ford pickup being driven by a suspected drunken driver.

An officer spotted the vehicle parked over the curb on Elm Court off Jefferson. The engine was running.

"The (female) driver appeared passed out in the driver seat," police said. "(I) observed what appeared to be vomit on the driver-side door and in the vehicle."

The woman awoke and drove onto westbound Jefferson. She headed into the City and was stopped near Rivard.

She "almost fell" exiting the truck to take a balance test, police said. Officers measured her blood alcohol at .152 percent.

Bike theft

A 14-year-old Grosse Pointe Park male is suspected of stealing a bicycle belonging to another Park boy of the same age.

On Thursday, April 28, at 5:30 p.m., the victim wouldn't lend his bike to the suspected thief. The victim parked the bike behind a store on Mack near Cadieux while shopping. Less than 20 minutes later, it and the other boy were gone.

Gas 'n' go

A service station attendant working in the 17800 block of Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe reported on Tuesday, April 26, at 5:01 p.m., that an unknown motorist drove away without paying for 19 gallons of gasoline worth $46.19.

Police described the driver's car as a 1966 Pontiac four-door registered to a Pontiac resident.

"(The) vehicle has been used in a gas drive-off at the same location in the past," police said.

.297 percent

A man who denied drinking registered a .297 percent blood alcohol level during a drunken driving investigation at 4 a.m. Monday, April 25, in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Police had been tailing the 54-year-old Detroit suspect on Lakeshore before he stopped his white 1993 Buick LaSabre on Lakeside Court.

Police said they noticed the car because it had a burned out headlight.

Officers said the man spoke incoherently, smelled of alcohol and had a can of beer in the car.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Car cat burgled

On Friday, April 29, at 2:10 a.m., a City of Grosse Pointe man arrived home in the 500 block of Lakeland to discover his wife's car had been burgled. Police said thieves took a $100 purse from inside the vehicle.

Vandals

A woman living in the 900 block of Rivard told City of Grosse Pointe police that vandals shattered her rear bedroom window and screen with a cement statue at 4 a.m. on Monday, April 25.

Lost ring

A 26-year-old Eastpointe

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Driver dies hitting trees at 100 mph

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A 24-year-old Detroit man died instantly Sunday morning when his speeding Buick hit two trees in the median of 600 Lakeshore at Colonial in Grosse Pointe Shores, police said.

"At approximately 4 a.m. Sunday, May 1, our station was notified over the radio that there was a car at a high rate of speed northbound on Lakeshore," said Stephen Poloni, Shores public safety director. "The Michigan State Police accident scene investigation did the reconstruction and will finish the reports for the incident."

Police would not name the driver. Poloni estimated the investigation will take about a week.

Poloni said no police were chasing the driver, who officers estimated reached speeds of "100 mph plus."

The impact stripped bark off the lower, southern halves of two trees growing about 10 feet from each other on the left side of a section of roadway that curves right.

"The vehicle disintegrated into several pieces," Poloni said. "The driver remained with a portion of the vehicle seat-belted in and was pronounced dead at the scene."

A few hours later the scene had been cleaned but small pieces of broken glass and the odor of spilled gasoline from the torn up car remained.

Poloni said the man's 1991 Buick four-door had not been stolen.

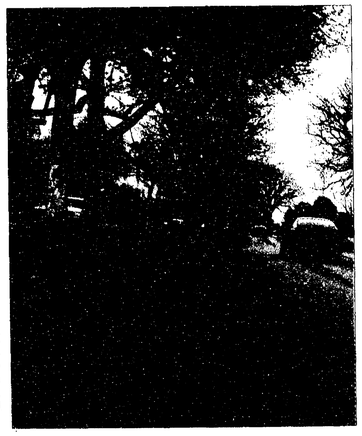


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Scarred landscaping shows the final path of a speeding car that hit two trees on Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores, killing the 24-year-old Detroit male driver.



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Safety

From page 19A

woman thinks she lost her wedding ring in the City of Grosse Pointe on Sunday, April 24, at about 1 p.m. She thinks the ring fell off her finger while she shook snow off her hand behind a store in the 16800 block of Kercheval in the Village.

Police said the missing ring had a white gold wedding band with a yellow gold ring and diamond of unknown size or value.

Snit fit

A 33-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man acted like a toddler having a temper tantrum while being investigated for drunken driving on Sunday, May 1, at 1:19 a.m.

"His mood would alter between cooperative, combative, verbally abusive, apologetic and back again," said Farms police.

An officer had pulled the man over for speeding a red 1998 Dodge Viper an estimated 50 mph on eastbound Mack at Moross.

"(The) driver became belligerent and stated there was no reason for the traffic stop," police said. "As the driver spoke (I) could smell the odor of intoxicants coming from or upon his person. (He) stated he was not drinking but was on medication."

The driver refused to take a Breathalyzer test to determine his blood alcohol level. Police countered by obtaining a search warrant from Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora to have a suspect's blood drawn at a local hospital for alcohol testing.

Before heading to the hospital, Farms police let the suspect call his father.

"I think I will stay on the phone for seven more hours," the man reportedly told police.

At that point officers put the man in handcuffs and took him out for testing.

Armed man

A 47-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man could lose his privilege to carry a concealed weapon due to being caught drunken driving while possessing a loaded pistol.

On Saturday, April 30, at 2:04 a.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police arrested the man for driving with a .15 percent blood alcohol content. An officer witnessed the man making abrupt lane changes in a black 2004 Cadillac station wagon on westbound Kerby near Mack.

The man informed police he had a permit to carry a Colt .38 revolver, which officers said was in a holster in the glove compartment.

"There were six live rounds in the gun," police said.

Asked to pick a number between 19 and 21, the man reportedly answered, "Between what and what?"

A finger dexterity test revealed more problems.

"(He) started at his right index finger counting up (he) counted his ring finger as four, and small finger as three," police said. "Upon counting down, (he) counted (his) small finger as two, and ring finger as four, then stopped completely."

Officers canceled a balance test "for (the) driver's safety."

Stranger kicked out of school

A 33-year-old Chesterfield Township woman with a history of criminal activity dropped into a Grosse Pointe Farms elementary school on McKinley last week and offered to volunteer with students.

The impromptu interview ended Friday, April 29, at about 8:15 a.m., when the woman couldn't prove her claim of representing an internationally-known children's charity organization.

The woman reportedly stole two zip-lock bags on her way out of the building.

"(She) said she needed (the bags) to give away free 'things' to the children," said a school employee.

The woman returned a few minutes later. She carried two bags containing a penny and American flag, respectively. She reportedly approached children, trying to talk to them about coins.

When told to leave, a witness said she became "mouthy."

A male school employee helped escort the woman out the door.

Farms police found her sitting in a red 1994 four-door Dodge Intrepid parked on Kercheval.

Officers said the woman had been arrested once in California for trespassing and three times in Florida for shoplifting. Police said she had multiple aliases.

Farms police told her to stay out of the school.

Can't count

On Friday, April 29, at 2:08 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Farms patrolman was parked at a service station on Mack and Moross when a drunken man pulled up in a beat up 1999 Chevrolet Malibu absent a front left tire.

"The vehicle (had) fresh damage to the front end, driver-side and windshield," said the officer.

The man said he had been in Greektown, was heading to Dearborn and thought he was in Ypsilanti.

He admitted drinking, but reportedly said he was "not as drunk as I think I am."

Asked to pick a number between 19 and 21, the man reportedly answered, "What do you mean?"

Police measured his blood alcohol at .13 percent.

I.D. theft

Someone earlier this month stole a check from a Grosse Pointe Farms man and used his banking information to obtain more than $450 worth of services.

"Two of the transactions were set up on-line through a porn site," police said.

Math wiz

A 43-year-old Detroit woman got a laugh out of being arrested last week for drunken driving in Grosse Pointe Farms.

On Thursday, April 28, at 2:28 a.m., an officer saw the woman weaving a 1998 Cadillac Seville from East Warren to eastbound Mack.

"She stated that her boss had closed his bar early and was treating his employees to a night out at another bar," police said. "She slurred and continuously giggled."

She admitted drinking "a few martinis."

As part of a series of field sobriety tests, officers asked the woman to pick a number between 19 to 21.

"(She) replied that there weren't any numbers between 19 and 21," police said.

She registered a .11 percent blood alcohol level.

Tint of trouble

Tinted windows led to a 46-year-old Detroit man's arrest for drunken driving in Grosse Pointe Farms on Thursday, April 28, at 2:26 a.m.

A patrolman in the area of East Warren and Mack spotted the man driving a 2001 Cadillac Eldorado without a license plate. During a traffic stop near Moross, police discovered the plate taped inside the car's heavily tinted rear window.

The driver appeared intoxicated and tested positive for .18 percent blood alcohol. He had a prior drunken driving conviction.

Car entered

Thieves entered two locked vehicles parked during the night of Monday, April 25, in a driveway on Roland Court in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Stolen items included a $400 Canon digital camera and pair of Lure-eyes sunglasses valued at $200.

Bloodshot

A 55-year-old Mount Clemens woman was arrested for drunken driving in Grosse Pointe Shores on Friday, April 29, at 12:33 a.m.

Police saw her drifting a black 2002 Ford Focus at speeds ranging between 18 and 24 mph on northbound Lakeshore from Roslyn to the border of St. Clair Shores.

"The driver's eyes were bloodshot, and her speech was heavily slurred," police said. "The driver told (me) she had been drinking."

During a series of field sobriety tests, police asked the woman to recite the alphabet.

"(She) slurred through the test, skipping several letters and stopping at S," police said.

The woman's blood alcohol measured .17 percent, more than twice the legal limit.

Packs pistol

A drunken 54-year-old Detroit man who said he carries a pistol for self defense put up a struggle when Grosse Pointe Farms police tried to have his blood tested at an area hospital.

"He was placed on a cot face down and held in place," police said. "As the (emergency room technician) attempted to draw blood, the suspect wriggled and thrashed in an attempt

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Safety

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to make things more difficult."

The man was arrested at 1:55 a.m. Monday, April 25. An officer spotted him driving a white 1986 Dodge four-door on westbound Moross.

"He stopped in the middle of the intersection and blocked westbound lanes of Mack," police said.

Officers found a loaded .25 caliber pistol in a holster inside his waistband.

"(He explained) that he carries the gun because he is an old man unable to fight anymore, and he lives in Detroit," police said.

A Breathalyzer test revealed the man had a .115 percent blood alcohol level.

Records showed the man had a prior conviction for drunken driving in Dearborn. He was wanted on two Detroit warrants for littering and dumping.

Girl runs from 4 men in 2 cars

On the afternoon of Thursday, April 28, an 11-year-old girl ran from four men she said were following her in two vehicles as she walked from North Deeplands onto Shelden in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The girl, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, reported the incident to her father, who told Shores police at 4:45 p.m.

Police said the girl told her father she was walking past a construction site on North Deeplands when two pairs of unknown Hispanic men left the location in two cars: possibly a mid-sized Chrysler four-door and a four-door with beige paint peeling to reveal green paint underneath.

As the girl turned northbound onto Shelden, both vehicles came to a stop on Shelden and "stared right into my eyes for about three seconds," the girl reported to her father.

The next day a Shores officer investigated the construction site. The suspects weren't there. All are believed to be painters hired by the homeowners, not employees of other construction firms working at the location.

Neglectful

A 29-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man was arrested last week on a $7,500 Oakland County warrant for child neglect upon being investigated for a traffic offense.

On Monday, April 25, at 10:07 p.m., a Grosse Pointe Shores officer patrolling northbound Lakeshore near Briarcliff stopped the man for driving a white 1989 Jaguar without a headlight.

— Brad Lindberg

Stop thief

Grosse Pointe Woods police officers had their hands full, chasing a suspected car thief through city streets at 5:05 a.m. on Monday, May 2.

A Grosse Pointe Woods police officer watched a Burgundy 2005 Dodge Ram pickup truck travel northbound on Mack and make a U-turn. The car was traveling at such a high rate of speed that the driver started to lose control, which caused the rear end of the car to fishtail.

The officer began pursuit of the pickup, catching up with the suspect on Mack near Torrey, where it turned and was traveling between speeds of 45 and 50 mph. The driver ran through the stop sign at Torrey and Fairway, and several moments later the driver lost control of the pickup for a second time on Fairholme. This time, the driver's inability to control the pickup forced it to travel over several lawns on the 1100 block of Fairholme.

The driver took off west on Fairholme, taking the turn onto Mack Avenue at 50 mph. He was driving northbound in the southbound lanes on Mack and blew through a red light at Mack at Vernier. For a third time, the driver lost control of the pickup, running over the curb and slamming into two small trees in the median. This caused the rear end to slide left, and the passenger side of the pickup sideswiped another tree.

The vehicle bounced off a tree and finally came to a rest. Officers began a foot chase after the subject, a 16-year-old male from Detroit.

The subject ran into a Grosse Pointe Woods patrol car, breaking a turn signal lens before running behind a business on Mack Avenue. Officers caught up to the suspect and grabbed him. He was handcuffed and taken to the station.

"Our officers did a great job of apprehending this young man before someone got hurt," Woods director of public safety Mike Makowski said. "Thankfully the chase lasted only several minutes, and it took place early in the morning when there was very little traffic."

Stolen radio

A 32-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man reported that his car radio (a JVC AM/FM stereo with CD player valued at $100) was stolen from his car on the night of Sunday, May 1.

The car was unlocked, and the dash was pulled apart when the man got into his vehicle around 8 p.m. that night.

He could not give a serial number to the radio; so the information could not be entered into the LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network).

Walking away

A man between the ages of 30 and 35 was reported in Grosse Pointe Woods by a Mack Avenue business owner as someone who walked out of the store with an unpaid for computer camera/printer combination package valued at $329.99.

The woman saw the man standing by a Kodak computer camera/printer bundle kit near the digital camera display, but she could not help him because she was ringing up a sale for a customer at the counter.

After finishing the sale, she looked up and noticed the man had walked out of the store without paying for the items.

Surveillance cameras do not point at that particular display; so police couldn't get a picture of the man in question.

Fatality

At 3:59 a.m. on Sunday, May 1, Grosse Pointe Woods police were called by Grosse Pointe Shores police to give mutual aid to secure a fatal accident scene on Lakeshore at Lochmoor.

Drag racing

At 11:12 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, a Grosse Pointe Woods woman reported two vehicles traveling westbound on South Renaud in a drag racing style at more than 100 mph. No description of the vehicles was able to be given.

Busted light

On Saturday, April 30, at 12:38 a.m., Grosse Pointe Woods police watched a vehicle pass by on northbound Harper, emanating a white light from its rear passenger side tail light.

The officer performed a routine traffic stop, which revealed that the driver, a 33-year-old Detroit man, could only provide a driver license.

In addition, the car did not have a license plate.

Information revealed the car was registered in the name of someone other than the driver, and the plate expired on April 23, 2004.

The man was arrested and issued two citations. He was later released on a $100 cash bond.

Another broken tail light

At 1:09 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer observed a vehicle going southbound on Mack near Manchester. The car's right brake light was showing a white light.

The officer made the traffic stop and asked the Harper Woods woman for her driver license, registration, and proof of insurance.

The woman produced the registration and proof of insurance, but not her driver license. She said it was stolen.

A LEIN revealed that the woman did not have a driver license and also had a warrant out of Eastpointe for driving with a suspended license (bond is $5,000) and a warrant out of Warren for the same offense (bond is $1,000). The woman was arrested and taken to police headquarters.

Mooned

A 34-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man reported to police at 6:40 p.m. on Friday, April 29, that three men in their late teens or early 20s "mooned" his children.

Radio missing

A 40-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman reported to police that between 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, and 7 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, someone broke into her daughter's car and stole the face to the stereo. The driver's door was found slightly ajar.

The girls also told authorities that several acquaintances also had their stereos stolen during the night.

Keys missing

At 8:08 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, a 48-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man reported approximately 36 keys were taken out of the console of his unlocked car. The keys are to rental properties.

Cheers

At 12:45 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, a 36-year-old Detroit woman was arrested after police found open intoxicants in her vehicle.

The driver and her passenger, a 21-year-old Detroit woman, were consuming absolute vodka and cranberry juice beverages during their trek through Grosse Pointe Woods.

Police issued the driver a citation for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, displaying improper registration plate and transporting open intoxicants in a motor vehicle.

Caught

Grosse Pointe Woods police stopped a vehicle at 12:45 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, due to a traffic violation when a passenger, a 31-year-old Detroit woman, was recognized by her Michigan picture and identification card.

A LEIN revealed she had a criminal bench warrant for failure to appear for a driving-with-a-suspended-license violation in Center Line. She has an $8,000 10 percent bond.

Check her check

A 26-year-old Detroit woman was questioned by a Grosse Pointe Woods grocery store manager at 9:35 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, for trying to purchase items with a fraudulent check. The woman left before police arrived.

Missing some info

At 4:16 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, a 34-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was observed by Grosse Pointe Woods police making an illegal left turn onto Harper.

The woman gave appropriate items to the officer but did not have her operator's license. The woman gave the officer verbal information about the operator's license, but the LEIN results were negative. The woman was arrested and eventually released an hour later.

Stolen bikes

On Thursday, April 28, between 7 and 10:30 p.m., a purple 20-inch Fuji bike was taken from the garage of a home on the 1300 block of Bedford, and in a separate incident, a blue and white Giant MTN bike was removed from an unlocked unattached garage between Thursday, April 21, and Thursday, April 28, on the 1300 block of Nottingham in Grosse Pointe Park.

No luck

On Friday, April 29, between 10 p.m. and 8:30 a.m., attempts to steal were made on a 2002 Chrysler PT Cruiser and a 2003 Dodge Durango parked on Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park. Neither vehicle could be started.

Busted

At 4:45 a.m. on Friday, April 29, Grosse Pointe Park police officers observed a bike larceny in progress, and the Detroit youth was pursued on foot. The youth was apprehended, booked, and sentenced to 90 days in jail.

"Excellent work by all of the officers involved," Park director of public safety David A. Hiller said.

Got ya

On Tuesday, April 26, at 6:09 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park police used a search warrant to seize two firearms and a quantity of narcotics. Police used a lengthy investigation that led to the arrest of a Grosse Pointe Park man who lived on the 1300 block of Wayburn.

Detained

On Thursday, April 28, at 6:58 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park officers investigated two youths. One was believed to be in possession of a handgun.

Officers recovered a disassembled Taurus .38 caliber revolver. The two youths were detained at the Park police station.

Arrested

Based on the Friday, April 29, arrest and interrogation, Grosse Pointe Park investigators determined that an individual committed the March 26 home invasion at a home in the 1400 block of Lakepointe.

— Bob St. John

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF LAST DAY FOR FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS FOR CITY OFFICES

Nominating petitions for the following City offices must be filed with the City Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2005:

MAYOR
MUNICIPAL JUDGE
THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Petition forms are available at the office of the City Clerk, 15115 E. Jefferson Ave., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230

Jane M. Blahut,
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 04/28/2005 & 05/05/05

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF LAST DAY FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR CITY OFFICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the City Charter and the Michigan Election Law of 1964, as amended, Tuesday, May 10, 2005 is the last day for filing Nominating Petitions for the following City Offices:

ONE (1) MAYOR

THREE (3) COUNCIL MEMBERS

ONE (1) MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Petitions will be received by the City Clerk until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2005.

GPN: 04/28/05 & 05/05/05

Shane L. Reeside,
City Clerk

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
POLICE DEPARTMENT
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE
AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on May 12, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

1994 Chevy	VAN	1GCEG25Z4RF105994
1990 Plymouth Laser	2DR	4P3CS34T3LE120409
1986 Lincoln Continental	4DR	1LNBP97F7GY745435
1991 Pontiac Grand Prix	4DR	1G2WJ54T2MF208008
1997 Toyota Corolla	4DR	1NXBB02E5VZ642981
1992 Dodge Caravan	SW	2B7GH1132NR625034
1992 Oldsmobile Cutlass	4DR	1G3AL54N8N6360491
1996 Dodge Neon	4DR	1B3ES27C4TD567354
1993 Buick Roadmaster	4DR	1G4BN537XPR407440
1994 Ford Escort	SW	1FARP15J1RW253354
1995 Buick Lesabre	4DR	1G4HP52L2SH527332

The above vehicles can be viewed 1/2 hour prior to the auction, at Woods Towing. Payment by cash or certified check only. Cars listed may be pulled released prior to the auction by the Harper Woods Police Department.

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Sgt. Ralph E. Selvaggi,
Traffic Safety Section

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed 2005-2006 City Budget

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2005 in the City Hall at 90 Kerby Road, on the proposed 2005-2006 City Budget. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the Public Hearing. The proposed Budget is on file in the Office of the Clerk for public inspection during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The following is a summary of the proposed Budget:

GENERAL FUND

ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS

Municipal Court	$ 295,350
General Government	1,034,000
Public Safety	4,527,660
Public Service	480,910
Public Works	1,615,900
Parks & Recreation	1,043,236
Other Functions	1,557,027
Contingency	149,427
Transfer - Other Funds	1,373,038
Total	$ 12,076,548

MEANS OF FINANCING

Taxes	$ 9,251,266
Licenses & Permits	266,700
State-Shared Revenue	826,500
Charges for Service	887,282
Fines/Forfeitures	429,000
Interest Income	260,000
Other Revenue	173,800
Total	$ 12,094,548

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing on the proposed City Budget.

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SHANE L. REESIDE,
CITY MANAGER/CITY CLERK

Consumers get low price for 2005 Suzuki Verona EX

By Greg Zyla

This week, we test drive Suzuki's flagship Verona EX, introduced in 2004 as an all-new offering with a low price — base price: $20,449; price as tested: $20,449. The 2005 model is $50 less than the 2004 we tested, thanks to Suzuki waiving the $550 destination charge. However, our 2004 model had traction control, the only EX option available, and we recommend spending the extra $500 for this added driving confidence.

The Verona EX is an impressive vehicle that comes 99 percent fully loaded, with standard features like air, leather seating, four-wheel disc brakes, all the powers, heated seats and even a power sunroof. New for 2005 are a tire-pressure monitoring system, weight-sensing air bags, seat-mounted side air bags and better spark plugs.

Verona's 2.5-liter inline six-cylinder engine is adequate, although more horsepower wouldn't hurt. The all-aluminum powerplant is transverse-mounted to optimize cabin room. Producing 155 horsepower and 177 pound-feet of torque at a 4,000 rpm, Verona scoots forward well but does lag a bit when the passenger compartment and trunk are full.



Photos courtesy of Wieck Photos

2005 Suzuki Verona

The exterior styling is impressive, especially when finished in clear-coat Tuxedo Black. The front and hood are aerodynamically styled, with good visibility for all passengers and driver. Other styling cues include under-bumper driving lights, chrome grille, multi-reflector jewel-type halogen headlights and raked rear glass. The European motif is well-done, and you have to look twice to recognize it's a Suzuki and not a $30,000 upperclassman. Competitors like Toyota Camry, Nissan Altima and Honda Accord are powerful foes, but Suzuki sure beats them in price when comparing similarly equipped models.

The front-wheel-drive Verona comes standard with a computer-controlled four-speed automatic transmission. An adaptive shift control allows the transmission's computer to "learn" the Verona owner's driving behavior and then adapt shifting patterns to optimize the car's performance.

The five-passenger cabin is one of Verona's best attributes, with tasteful wood-grain accents, leather appointments and numerous storage spaces and cup holders. Rear-seat passengers are not cramped, although the third passenger had better be small in stature. Cargo space is very generous, with 13.4 cubic-feet available in the trunk.

Want more standard features. How about heated mirrors, cruise control, keyless entry, CD/cassette player with six speakers including two tweeters, 16-inch alloy wheels and tires, ABS and an eight-way adjustable power driver's seat? Yes, all standard.

Verona's suspension features MacPherson struts up front and a multi-link arrangement in back. A front anti-sway bar and gas-charged shocks provide good handling. It all works in tandem, resulting in refined road manners and good handling characteristics.

Also noteworthy is the great warranty. Suzuki's "Open Road Promise" consists of a 100,000-mile/seven-year powertrain limited warranty that's fully transferable to succeeding owners and free of deductibles for covered items. This warranty is designed to boost resale or trade-in value and underscores Suzuki's confidence in its product quality.

Verona is built in Korea, not Japan as the name might indicate. However, don't let Korean-built cars scare you, as they are doing a much better job than they did 15 years ago.

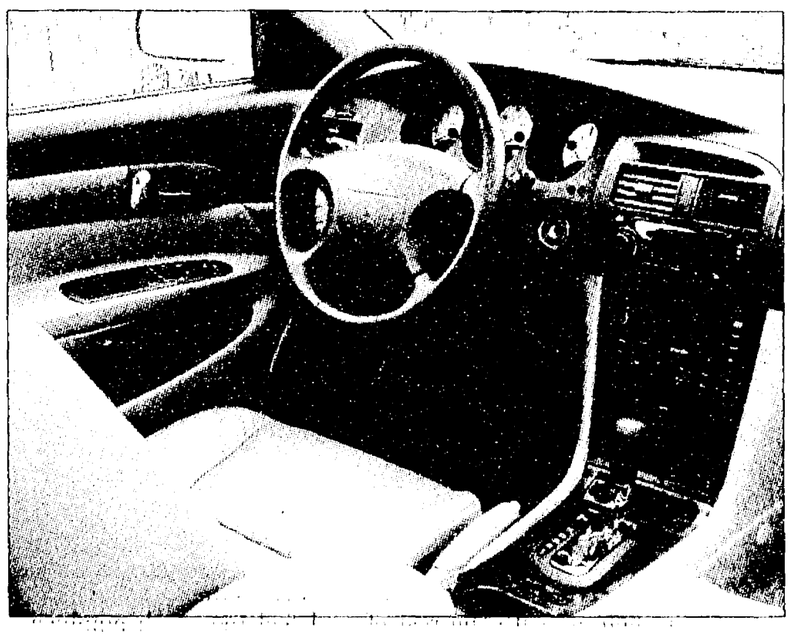
Important numbers include a wheelbase of 106.3 inches, curb weight of 3,380 pounds, 20 mpg city and 28 mpg highway EPA numbers, and a 17.2-gallon fuel tank.

We'll rate the new Verona a 7.5 on a scale of 10, and recommend it as a "good buy" in the mid-size category. You certainly won't get more for your money with competitor models, so Verona is worth a look.

Likes: Lots for the money, nice styling.

Dislikes: Could use more power under the hood.

— King Features Syndicat



City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2005-06 GENERAL BUDGET AND THE VARIOUS OTHER FUND BUDGETS

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN, that the Mayor and city Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods will be meeting on May 16, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed 2005-06 General Fund Budget as well as the various other Fund Budgets of the said City.

The property tax millage rate of 11.1454 proposed to be levied July 1, 2005 to support the proposed General Fund Budget will be the subject of this hearing. If adopted, the proposed millage will increase operating revenue from ad valorem property taxes for 4.23% or $429,000 compared to the 2004-05 total tax collection of $10,135,000.

Classification	Millage	Revenues Generated (rounded)
1) General Operating	8.2828	6,736,000
2) Concrete Replacement	.9984	812,000
3) 1997 Park Bond	.5656	460,000
4) ACT 359 ? Public Relations	.0616	50,000
5) A.E.M.S.	.3690	300,000
6) ACT 345 ? Police & Fire Retirement	.8680	706,000
Total General Fund Levies	11.1454	9,064,000
7) Solid Waste	1.8443	1,500,000
Total	12.9897	10,564,000

The City Council expects to take action on the proposed millage rates as well as taking action to approving the budget at the council meeting immediately following the public hearing. The taxing unit publishing this notice, identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate. The following is a summary of the proposed budgets:

GENERAL BUDGET

BUDGET REQUIREMENTS	
General Government	2,630,000
Public Safety	5,700,000
Public Works	3,325,000
Parks & Recreation	2,225,000
Subtotal	13,880,000
Contingency	-0-
Total General Fund	13,880,000

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

BUDGET REQUIREMENTS	
Major Street Fund	1,370,000
Local Street Fund	2,740,000
Ambulance	450,000
Act 302 Training	9,000
Solid Waste	1,555,000
CDBG	94,000
911 Service Fund	90,000
Drug Enforcement	2,000
Total Special Funds	6,310,000

DEBT SERVICE FUND

BUDGET REQUIREMENTS	
1997 Park Debt	460,000
Grosse Gratiot Drain (Milk River)	3,100,000
Total Debt Funds	3,560,000

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

BUDGET REQUIREMENTS	
Municipal Improvement Fund	360,000
Total Capital Project Funds	360,000

ENTERPRISE FUND

BUDGET REQUIREMENTS	
Parking Fund	315,000
Water/Sewer	5,950,000
Boat Dock Fund	210,000
Commodity Sales Fund	105,000
Total Enterprise Funds	6,580,000

INTERNAL SERVICE FUND

BUDGET REQUIREMENTS	
Workmen's Compensation	200,000
Motor Vehicle Fund	800,000
Management Info. Systems	415,000
Building Authority	45,500
Total Internal Service Funds	1,460,500
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	32,150,500

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for inspection during regular business hours at the office of the City Administrator. Public comments, oral and/or written, will be welcome at the public hearing on the aforesaid proposed General Fund Budget and the various other Fund Budgets.

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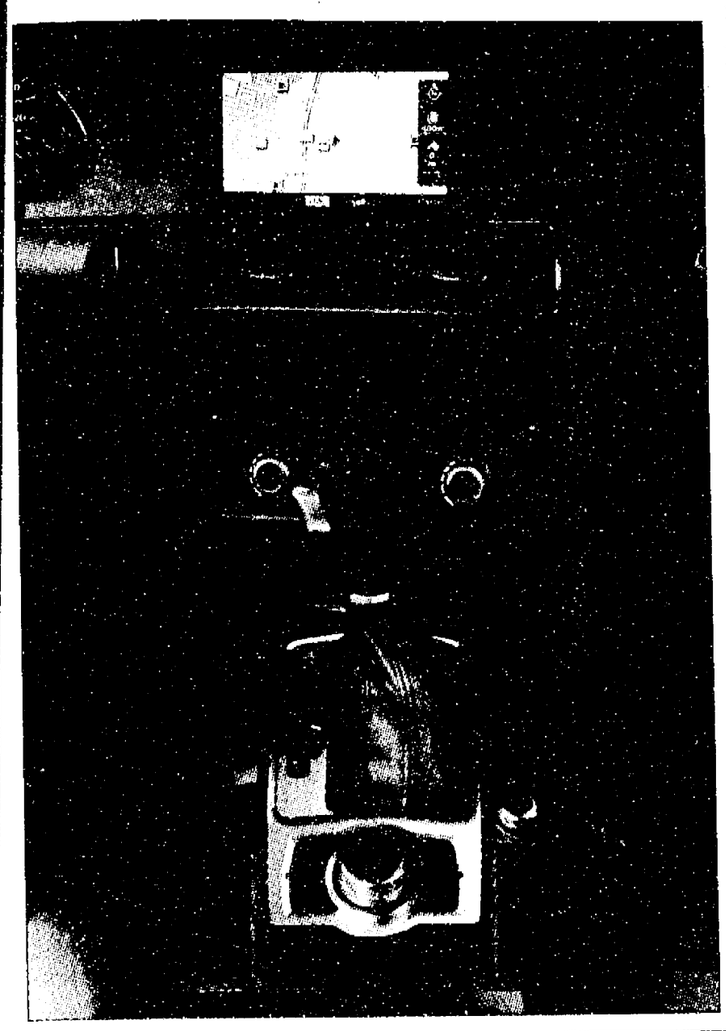
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Audi's all-new A6 3.2 Quattro

By Greg Zyla

This week, we're driving Audi's all-new A6 Quattro, perhaps one of the most important cars in the Audi lineup — base price: $40,900; price as tested: $48,870. The A6 is sandwiched between the entry A4 and luxury A8 and accounts for the bulk of Audi sales.

The sporty A6 always competed well with opponents Infiniti, Acura, Mercedes-Benz, Jaguar, BMW and Lexus. However, Audi engineers knew a redesign was necessary, as the first A6 appeared in 1997 and was becoming a bit dated. The result is a mid-size sports sedan that's bigger in all aspects, including wheelbase, interior and cargo capability.



The new A6 is an attention-getter, and we heard many comments on Audi's bold styling, especially the front grille. Bi-xenon headlamps are now more sloped, while the immense center grille is outlined in chrome. Small intakes alongside the grille house projector-beam fog lamps. We like the new A6 front end, which, surprisingly, is shared by the W12-cylinder A8.

Once you get past the front end, the A6 we grew to love outwardly is pretty much still there. There are some needed alterations due to its bigger size, but the pitched rear pillar is still there, as is that special Audi "aura." The rear end features sharp tail lamps and a built-in spoiler, and there's also more chrome accenting.

Huge design changes await your first visit to the cabin, where designers present both luxury and performance. The dashboard is solid and clean, gauges are white-lighted and easy to read, and the console tilts toward the driver. A 7-inch multimedia LCD display controls many operations, including the car's spectacular hi-fi system and navigation. There are tasteful touches of wood and aluminum trim, again highlighting performance and luxury. The seats are excellent, and prospective buyers will enjoy way more leg, shoulder and headroom for all.



2005 Audi A6 3.2 Quattro

The suspension is a high-tech, four-link design that accentuates the Quattro permanent all-wheel-drive system. It snowed during our test drive, and Audi's new A6 performed brilliantly. Just point it — and go. On dry roads, the handling is superb, with virtually no lean whatsoever in the turns, even when pushed.

As for power, an all-aluminum 255-horsepower 3.2-liter V-6 with four valves per cylinder sits under the hood. It accelerates from zero to 60 mph in seven seconds and pulls strongly throughout the rpm range. This car is autobahn inspired — capable of an easy and governed 130 mph. Our Audi came with the optional 17-inch alloy wheels and all-weather tires, replacing the standard 16 inchers. We recommend the bigger tires for better overall performance. The transmission is a six-speed automatic with the Tiptronic "self-shift" feature.

We especially liked the brake system. For whatever reason, the new A6 seems to stop even better than the old model. It's an ABS four-wheel disc setup and works extremely well. As for overall driving comfort, the new A6 ranks right up there with the best, even though it's capable of sports-car-like performances in a four-door sedan model.

Important numbers include a huge 19.3 cubic-foot trunk, 3,957-pound curb weight, EPA numbers of 19 mpg city and 26 mpg highway, and a wheelbase of 111.9 inches.

We sure like the new A6, and feel it will be a very popular car in it class. We rate it a nine on a scale of one to 10.

Likes: New design, interior roominess, handling, Quattro.

Dislikes: Not many, but the V-6 may use more fuel than EPA estimates.

— King Features Syndicate

Eager automobile buyers ask serious questions

AMC collector cars

Q. I've been looking to buy a collector car, and I am checking prices on American Motors cars because they are much cheaper. What do you feel is one of the best AMC buys? I want a driver, not a frame-off restoration car.

— Andy from Maine.

A. Andy, in my opinion, if you want something in the muscle-car category, look closely at any of the 1968 to 1974 Javelin/AMX models. These were nice cars that are appreciating in value. If you can snatch a 390- or 401-powered Javelin/AMX, all the better. However, even if you find a nice Javelin with a 290 V-8, don't hesitate.

If you are looking for a classic, any Rambler from 1958 to 1964 would be nice, and remember that the station wagons are gaining in popularity, too. Also good are the 1968-70 Rebel SST coupes, which have very nice styling.

My top pick would be a 1969 Rambler Hurst SC, based on the American body style. These cars came with a 390 V-8, lots of factory high-performance items and ran very well. A friend back in the 1960s had one, and he had the car running 12-second quarter-mile times with very few performance additions.

Look for a Javelin or AMX in the $6,000 to $12,000 range for a real nice one, a lot less for one of those classics that can go for as low as $1,500 or so, and a lot more for a nice 1969 Hurst SC. (Probably $17,500 and up for a good one.)

Q. Greg, I have a 1953 Mercury Convertible with power windows and a power seat. Someone told me that in 1953, only 2 percent of Mercurys were convertibles. Is this true? Is this a rare car? What can you tell me about it? My vehicle identification number is 53me34118m, and I would like to know what it means. The body tag number is BG76B-19-101-367-12C-70. Right now, my car has a 302 V-8 with a C4 automatic transmission. I would be grateful for any information.

— Robert J., Hudson, Fla.

A. Robert, according to your VIN number, the first two numbers are the year of the car (1953), the "me" is the build location (Metuchen, N.J.) and the next five number group (34118) is the consecutive unit number followed by the "m," which stands for Mercury.

I did not have any luck with the body tag with the exception of the "76B," which stands for Monterey convertible. (Perhaps a reader can help us with the rest of that body tag.)

However, I can tell you that in 1953 there were a total of 305,863 Mercurys built, of which 8,463 were convertibles. This equates to 2.76 percent convertibles, so your friend is correct.

However, believe it or not, the rarest 1953 Mercury is the station wagon, of which only 7,719 were built. Now, we both know the convertible is worth way more, so I'd say you are in a very desirable position.

In 1953, power brakes and power steering were introduced, and your car was still powered by the Ford flathead V-8 of 255 cubic inches. I know your car is no longer original if it has a modern 302 V-8 and automatic transmission, but it is still one great vehicle to own and worth some nice money. Good luck.

Roadrunner blues

Q. Greg, I just read your advice to the guy who thinks he is going to find a Roadrunner with a 440 Six Pack that needs work and is cheap. I laughed at it, but was irritated at the same time.

I have a 1969 Roadrunner convertible with a four speed. Someone replaced the original 383 engine with a 440.

It is a restoration, needing (in my opinion) a second restoration. I put it on eBay this summer and was really angry when it only bid up to $15,000 by people only interested in stealing it for resale.

Can you give me a realistic ballpark figure of the market value of my car? The convertible top was new when I got it 18 years ago, and I have driven it less than 1,000 miles since then.

— Jerry K., via e-mail.

A. Jerry, of the 168,192 Roadrunners built from 1968-70, only 3,042 were convertibles. Thus, your 1969 Roadrunner is very rare indeed, yet it only brought about $15,000 in your auction, which is certainly way under what I feel it is worth.

There may be a few reasons: First it is not a numbers-matching car.

"Numbers matching" means the car is correctly equipped according to the manufacturer ID number and ID plate.

I feel too much emphasis is put on numbers-matching cars at times, and in your situation that 440 instead of the original 383 might have hurt.

Next is timing. Perhaps if you relisted the car, bids in the $20,000-plus range would come your way when people realize how few convertibles were ever produced.

As for a collector who wants everything right, reinstalling a correct 1969 383 engine shouldn't be that difficult.

In ending, don't fret. You are the proud owner of a desirable Plymouth Roadrunner that is worth, in my opinion, at least $22,500 even with the non-matching 440.

How not to dry your car

A question from a reader in South Carolina (thanks Ann P., via e-mail) about the use of paper towels instead of a terry cloth to dry her car brought back memories of when yours truly used to use paper towels — until I finally learned my lesson.

I had a beautiful red and white 1951 Buick Special and pretty much roughed up the paint on the trunk lid because of a paper towel back in the 1960s. Here's why paper towels, or even T-shirts, are not a good choice.

During a car's wash cycle, dirt is lifted from the car's surface and mixed in with the water/wash/rinse liquids. Paper towels, even though they are advertised as tremendously absorbent, don't work well. During the drying process, this dirt is still mixed with the leftover water on your car, and it needs a place to "hide" and be absorbed into.

A terry towel or cloth diaper provides a place for the dirt to hide because of their truly superior absorbent design.

Terry cloths are recommended because they aid in this critical dirt suspension process.

Basically, the dirt clings to the cloth's fibers and embeds into the fiber instead of embedding back into your car's paint, resulting in minuscule scratches.

If you look closely at a paper towel, there are thousands of paper areas that won't absorb because of its web design. Terry cloth is not webbed.

Back to my 1951 Buick. My car sat for weeks in my back yard, and I thought I could give it a quick once-over.

My paper towel choice was a bad one, as the dirt was pretty thick and my wash-and-dry method was poor.

Minuscule scratches turned into scratches recognizable to the naked eye, and the paint job was ruined.

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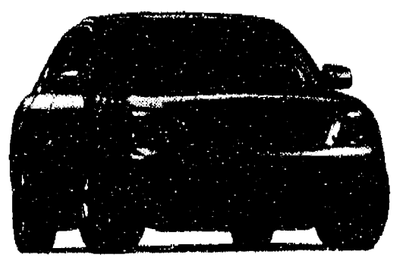
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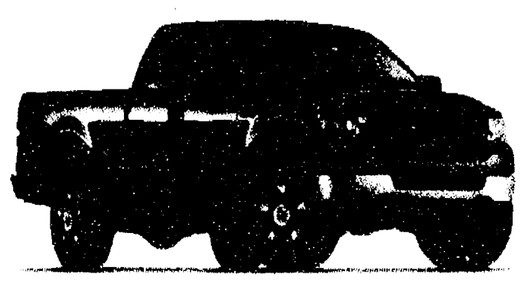
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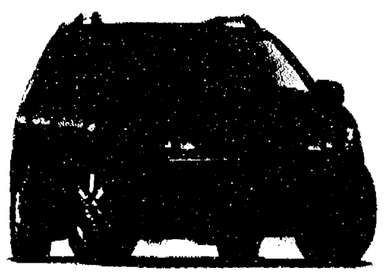
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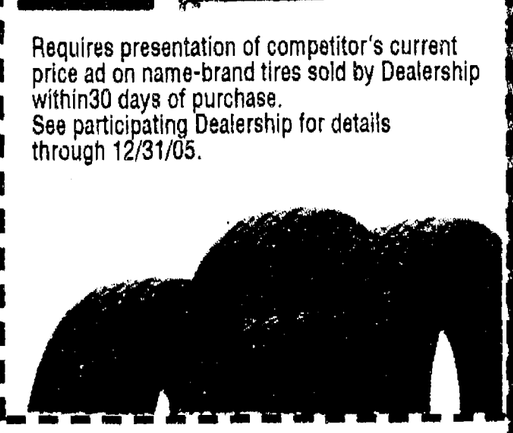
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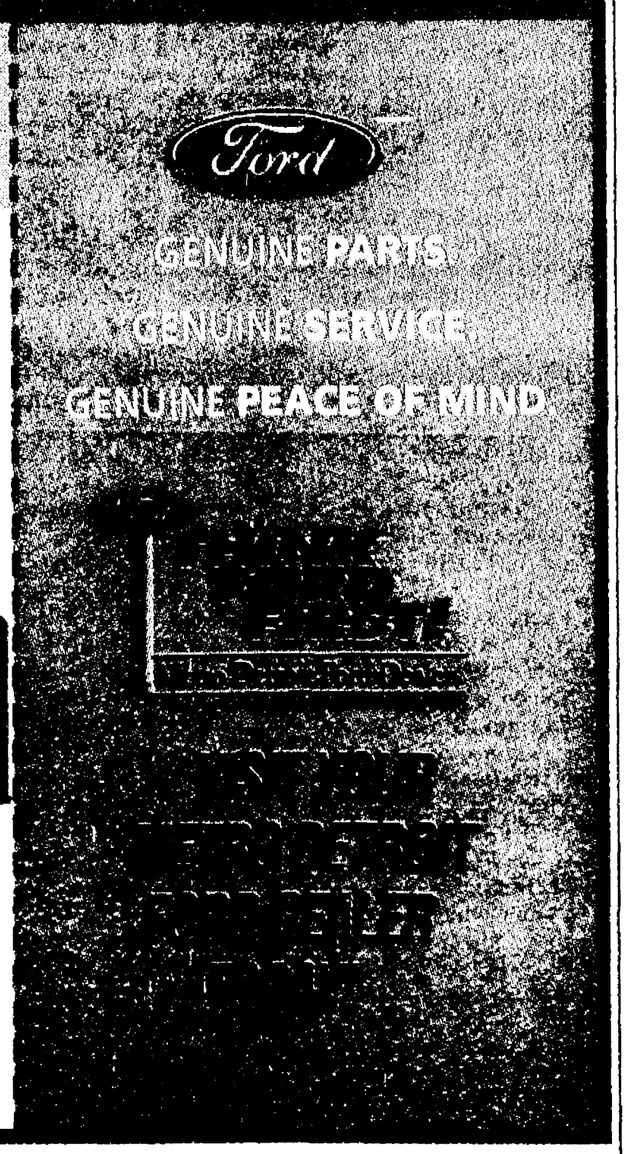
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Mother's Day made extra special for Bater

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North High School graduate Melissa (Drouillard) Bater received one of the sweetest Mother's Day gifts anyone could imagine: She was voted by her peers into the Eastern Michigan University Athletic Hall-of-Fame.

The ceremony took place on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the EMU Convocation Center.

"It is quite an honor to be voted by my peers into Eastern's hall-of-fame," Bater said. "I would have never thought this could happen to me, but I guess I did enough good things throughout my college career to warrant a spot in the hall-of-fame. It is truly an honor."

Bater's biggest fans are close to home. They're her husband, Paul, and 21-month-old daughter, Sophie.

She can't forget her mother, Sandy Loch, who is also on the top of Bater's list as "fans."

"I'm very proud of everything Melissa has done," Loch said. "She had a great high school and college softball career, but I think her biggest accomplishment is being a great mother to Sophie and wife to Paul. She has sacrificed a career to be a stay-at-home mom."

After taking an internship with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Victim Advocate Division, she earned a full-time job with that office.

"I wanted to work with kids and teenagers because I wanted to give back to my community," she said. "I enjoyed my time with Wayne County, but now my time is spent with my daughter, Sophie, and husband, Paul."



Photo courtesy of Sandy Loch

Melissa Bater, right, is all smiles after the Eastern Michigan University Athletic Hall-of-Fame ceremony. She is standing with husband, Paul, and daughter, Sophie.

She misses her work, but the pure joy of being there every moment for Sophie is the greatest gift of all.

Bater graduated from North in 1992, earning Class A softball all-state first team honors, along with all-regional, all-district, and all-league first team accolades during her senior season.

She made all-state honorable mention as a junior, along with first team all-regional, all-district, and all-league.

Bater played a big part in guiding the Lady Norsemen, under longtime head coach Bill Taylor, to the Class A Final Four.

Bater's superior athletic ability earned her an athletic scholarship to Eastern Michigan University under coach Connie Miner.

"I played slowpitch softball as a kid in Grosse Pointe, and I began to play fastpitch when I became a teenager," she said. "I loved the sport, and thankfully I was good enough to get a scholarship."

EMU was 119-125-2 during Bater's four years on the squad (1993-96) and 63-73 in the MAC.

However, Bater's offensive and pitching prowess landed her on the softball program's all-time greats lists.

During her EMU career, Bater is first with 218 hits, 124 RBIs, a .322 batting average, 43 doubles, and 19 HRs; second with 14 triples; third with 96 runs; and fifth with 376 assists.

Her single-season records are in runs scored (second with 38 in 1996), hits (second with 75 in 1996 and eighth with 62 in '94), RBIs (first with 51 in '96 and eighth with 62 in '94), batting average (first with a .412 mark in '96), doubles (first with 17 in '96), triples (fourth with five in '94), home runs (tied for first with 10 in '96 and tied for sixth with four in '93 and '94), games played (second with 40 in '93), complete games pitched (second with 33 in '93) and pitching wins (third with 18 in '93).

"I'm surprised my records are still on the board since technology has made the bats hit the balls farther, and the balls have been manufactured to go farther. It's a far cry from the equipment I used a decade ago."

Bater made the all-Mideast Regional second team in 1994 and the all-MAC first team in 1996 when she was also named the MAC Player of the Year, making her the only EMU softball player to earn that honor.

"The highlights of my softball career were making EMU's hall-of-fame, being named EMU's female athlete of the year as a senior, and being named the MAC Player of the Year as a senior," she said. "Softball has been very good to me. I worked hard at it to be a good player."

Bater gets her athleticism from her parents, both of whom were accomplished athletes.

"My parents were pretty athletic; so I was fortunate because athletics came easy to me," Bater said.

Bater's hard work continued in the classroom where in four years she earned a Bachelor's degree in social work.

She worked on several high-profile cases, but she put all of that behind her in order to become a mom and help raise her daughter.



Photo courtesy of Eastern Michigan University

Melissa (Drouillard) Bater, above, is one of the best-ever softball players to suit up for Eastern Michigan University. Many of her records still stand today.

"Sophie really completes our lives," Melissa said. "I might go back to work when she is old enough to be in school full-time, but for now I'm enjoying my time as a stay-at-home mother and wife. It's a full-time job."

Bater said she might go back to the victim advocate office when Sophie is in school full-time.

"It's something that I think about every once in a while," she said. "I wouldn't mind going back to work, but that decision doesn't have to be made for a few years."

She still plays softball at the amateur level, and the zest to win never leaves. She earned All-American honors three times for an upper-level summer team, as well as first-team All-American in 1998.

"I can't wait until Sophie is old enough to play softball," Bater said. "I hope she is interested in the sport because it sure gave me a lot of opportunities to excel outside the classroom."

Not one Mother's Day gift can compare to what Bater will get when she wakes up on the morning of Sunday, May 8 — a hug and kiss from Paul and Sophie.

Haunted Grosse Pointe?

POINTES OF HISTORY
By Doug Cordier



By Doug Cordier
Special Writer

Do you believe in ghosts? How about haunted houses?

Grosse Pointe has had its share of hauntings from the early 1700s up to the present day. If you've ever strolled down a darkened Grosse Pointe road or along Lake St. Clair on a moonless night, you might want to think about Grosse Pointe's connections to the past and some very spooky characters.

Let's start with early stories about ghosts surrounding the site of the Fox Indian Massacre near Windmill Pointe in Grosse Pointe Park (originally known as Presque Isle).

As the story goes, in 1712 there was a terrible battle between the English-allied peace-loving Fox tribe and the French-backed war-like Hurons and Ottwas.

Guess who won?

To this day some folks say that ghosts inhabit the land where a thousand souls were massacred. I can relate to this story because once I tried to squeeze my sailboat down the Fox Creek that runs along Windmill Pointe, and an arrow whizzed past my ear and stuck in the cabin.

Gotcha! Just kidding.

Speaking of Windmill Pointe, years after the massacre, a stone mill was built by a French settler named Jean and his older sister Josette. After years of running the mill, Josette fell ill. Jean carried on but would frequently annoy his sister with frequent requests of whom she would leave her share of the mill to when she died.

Finally, infuriated with his constant inquiries, she exclaimed, "I would sooner leave it to the devil."

Years passed. Josette recovered but eventually old age took its toll, and one night, Josette was found dead in her bed.

As the story goes: "That same night, a furious storm arose. Lashing the waves against the shore, the winds howled fiercely around the old mill. The black clouds chased each other across the lowering skies, as fiery gleams of lightning and deafening rumbles of thunder made all the local habitants shudder as they made the sign of the cross while deep in prayer.

"All at once there came a tremendous bolt that seemed to swallow Presque Isle. The old mill was ripped in two, and a revolting smell of sulfur filled the air. A fiendish laugh was heard loud above the raging storm. The devil had come to claim his share of the mill."

Years passed. Every time a Nor'easter blew in from the lake, accompanied by claps of thunder, it was said that "a hairy figure with horned head and forked tail tipped with fire, his mouth and eyes aglow with flames, could be seen in the mill trying to repair the machinery to grind the devil's grist."

Actually, the remaining millstone from the old mill can still be seen in the Trial Garden at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The other stone has never been found.

Scared yet? Well wait until you hear this tale. Pay close attention boys and girls, because what follows is the story of Grosse Pointe's own monster — Le Lutin!

Back in 1746, a young Grosse Pointe horseman named Jacques L'Esperance lived along the lake. Jacques and his favorite horse (Lightning) were famous for their racing prowess on the ice of Lake St. Clair. One evening after winning again, Jacques and Lightning arrived at a local restaurant to celebrate.

With Lightning safely tucked away in the stable, Jacques burnt the midnight candle with much food, dance and music. At dawn, Jacques went to the stable to harness Lightning, "but found her all covered with foam, her mane tangled with burrs."

This really annoyed Jacques, and he promised he would never return to this establishment. The next morning, when Jacques went to his own barn to fetch Lightning, he found her in the same condition.

This went on for several days until Jacques could stand it no longer. He called on his nearest neighbor who "gazed around cautiously as if afraid of being overheard, then whispered hurriedly, "Le Lutin, it is the goblin who takes her."

As a child, Jacques had heard stories of this famous Grosse Pointe monster from his mother, but he never believed them to be true. His friends told him that Le Lutin was jealous of Lightning, and he should hang a good luck charm around Lightning's neck and brand her with a cross.

Instead, that night, Jacques hid near a window with his trusty rifle close at hand. It was a quiet, moonlit night. All was still until suddenly, Jacques heard the troubled neighing of his beloved Lightning. The

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St. James Lutheran observes 65th anniversary

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

The 65 years of St. James Lutheran Church of Grosse Pointe growth has been and continues to be based on a close-knit fellowship and sharing God's love with those in need.

According to the Rev. Gerald A. Spice, the Scripture is the foundation of the church which began with seven communicant members and has grown to 400 communicant members and between 500 and 600 baptized.

"The mid-size church is wonderful," he said. Located on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, St. James congregation is known for the warmth in the worship.

"The caring and openness to receive new people," he explained through this story. "A young couple came up to me after a service recently and said they had been to a dozen churches. After one service they said it felt like home.

"They are genuinely wonderful people," he said of his flock.

The church was founded on April 30, 1940, as a result of Pastor George Kurz surveying the area, getting a congregation together, and signing a charter. Kurz became the first minister of the fledging church which for 13 months met in Grosse Pointe South's library. The following seven years, it held worship services in the Punch and Judy Theater.

Spice explained the lack of a building was due to World War II.

"There was a moratorium on construction because of the shortage of building material," he said.

The war ended, and the brick building was constructed during 1947 and dedicated on Dec. 5, 1948, on property bought before the war.

The original site included the municipal parking lot, a section sold off early in the church's history.

In the early 1950s, as the congregation grew, two wings were added to the completed fabric of the church. The early years saw a rapid growth of members as the men's and women's groups were formed to support the work of the church, including sports teams with a winning basketball team and the nurturing of the caring nature of the congregation membership.

Associated with the Missouri Synod in the early years, St. James split from the Missouri Synod in 1973 and became associated with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

In 1988 it became the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

After serving the Grosse Pointe community for 40 years, Kurz retired in 1980. He is living in Seattle, Wash., where he assists his son with his congregation.

Before his retirement, the needs of the congregation were such that an associate pastor, George Shelter, was called.

When Shelter was chosen as the senior pastor, Robert Rimmo was called to be associate, and likewise, he became senior pastor when Shelter left.

Rimmo is now bishop of Southeast Michigan Synod of the ELCA.

Following Rimmo's resignation in 1991, the Rev. William Kalenberg was called, and Troy Waite became the associate pastor. Waite took on the senior pastor's position in 1994 upon the departure of Kalenberg. He left in 1998 and Gustav Kopka served until December 2003.

A month prior Gerald A. Spice came as pastor to serve a flock which was experiencing an influx of young families necessitating the addition of a full-time position of Minister of Family Life.

This person is in charge of the education and Christian growth opportunities and family fellowship of the youth and families of the church who come from the Grosse Pointes, St. Clair Shores, and the east side of Detroit.

These young families have made the congregation think about its future role, and church members are considering an expansion of a physical plant to continue its greater ministry, Spice said.

This is a direct link to what Spice would like to see during the next 10 years — more work with children and expanding its youth program to serve the younger families moving into the congregation. There is also a possibility of beginning a preschool or early childhood opportunities, for which the church has room. The groundwork has been laid with the 3-year-old to third-grade program "Godly Play" in which the children are involved in teaching the Bible story.

The different aged children tell the Bible story to one another, using words and actions to which they can relate.

"It's neat to watch," Spice said.

St. James has three hand bell choirs: one for high school students, another for those who can meet during the day and a third is scheduled in the evening. The St. James choir provides additional music as well as joining voices with the Grosse Pointe United choir to sing at both churches at various times throughout the year. The latest endeavor for the combined voices will be selections from Handel's "Messiah."

Music is not the only thing members share with the community. They also continue spreading God's word to those in need by working with Christ Lutheran Church housing and feeding the homeless and assisting the World Hunger Appeal.

Habitat for Humanity is another area in which members fulfill their mission work.

Recently, members held a wine and cheese evening and raised $2,600 for the organization.

Each synod has a companion synod in a Third World country.

For St. James, it assists a synod in Mbulu, Tanzania. Recently, a children's art auction brought in $3,600 so the members in Tanzania could buy a tractor to help them raise food to be served at the school.

Through a combination of spreading God's word through mission work and local fellowship, Spice sees St. James congregation flourish.

Service is 10:15 a.m. and Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m.

The church is located at 170 McMillan Road, Grosse Pointe Farms. The phone number is (313) 884-0511.



Photo courtesy St. James

The Rev. Gerald A. Spice led a special service on Sunday, May 1, observing St. James Lutheran Church of Grosse Pointe 65th anniversary.



Come to the table

The Mariners and Presbyterian Women of Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church are sponsoring a "Celebration of Tables" event on Saturday, May 14. The women of Woods Church will present 28 elegantly decorated and themed tables. The ticket price of $25 covers the viewing of the tables, a silent auction, door prizes, luncheon and Talbot's fashion show. Viewing tables and bidding for the silent auction begin at 11 a.m. Lunch and the fashion show at 12:30 p.m. Jewelry, paintings, metal sculptures, filled baskets, a day at a cottage, a cruise on a 50 foot Viking are some of the items up for auction. The event is chaired by, from left, Carole Rivard, Joan Whitman and Esther Gompers, and proceeds will benefit the Open Door Homeless Ministry of Fort Street Presbyterian Church. Open Door provides food, clothing, haircuts and other services for those in need. The church is located at 19950 Mack Ave. at Torrey. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Evelyn Donahue at (313) 886-7864. No tickets will be available at the door.

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Race for the Cure is June 11 at Comerica Park

This year's Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure is slated for Saturday, June 11, at Comerica Park.

The Race for the Cure series has been a celebration of life, hope and honor for the last 20 years.

Up to 75 percent of all proceeds raised from the race remain in the community, helping to support breast cancer education, screening and treatment programs. Some 25 percent of proceeds are allocated for breast cancer research and project grants.

Race organizers are especially dedicated to spotlighting breast cancer survivors. Some 1,800 women of last year's Race for the Cure participants were survivors. The 2004 event drew a crowd of 30,000 and raised more than $1.2 million.

This year the race is teamed up with the Detroit Festival of the Arts. Now in its 19th year, the Festival presented by Marshall Field's is a three-day visual and performing arts extravaganza set in Detroit's Cultural Center.

On deck for the Festival are juried arts and crafts, entertainment, a children's fair, European street performers, food and fun for the whole family.

Racers and supporters can spend the rest of the race day visiting Festival events. Shuttles will run between Comerica Park and the Festival. Race participants will receive free beverage coupons and special discounts at the Festival.

For more information about the Detroit Festival of the Arts, visit www.detroitfestival.com.

For more about the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, visit www.komen.org or call (800) I'M AWARE.

Honorary chairmen for the race are **Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm** and first husband, **Dan Mulhern.** Honorary co-chairmen are Detroit's **Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick** and first lady **Carlita Kilpatrick.**

Registration for the race ranges from $10 to $40, depending on age and the time of registration. To register, visit www.karmanos.org and click on the Race logo.

Pointers honored: The International Visitors Council of Metropolitan Detroit will throw a dinner dance on Friday, May 13, at the Country Club of Detroit.

IVC Detroit is a nonprofit organization that arranges official visits to Detroit for international dignitaries with the purpose of building peaceful relations and promoting citizen diplomacy. IVC was founded in 1972, and since then has arranged more than 10,000 visits.

The gala on May 13 will honor Grosse Pointe Farms residents **Sherry** and **Dennis Day** for their volunteerism and commitment to citizen diplomacy. The Days are citizen diplomats who not only welcome visitors to their workplaces but to their home. They recently hosted a delegation of clerics from Uzbekistan for lunch in their home and a reception at the Country Club of Detroit. They also recently hosted a delegation from Armenia for dinner in their home.

Tickets to the dinner dance range from $100 to $200. For more information about the organization or the gala, call (248) 375-7300.

Food drive: The 13th annual Letter Carriers National Food Drive will be on Saturday, May 14. Residents are asked to leave nonperishable food items at their mail boxes for letter carriers to take back to the post office for delivery to Gleaners Community Food Bank, a nonprofit organization that collects surplus food and distributes it to people who are hungry. Hundreds of Gleaners volunteers will sort and repack the donations into more manageable 40-pound boxes.

Letter carriers want to top a record 600,000 pounds of food collected last year.

Gleaners Community Food Bank accepts surplus food from farmers, grocery retailers, food distributors and processors — food that would otherwise be wasted. The Food Bank distributes nearly 2 million pounds of this food every month to more than 300 agencies which, in turn, provide nutritious meals to hungry people all over southeast Michigan.

The Letter Carriers Food Drive is held on the second Saturday of May each year and is one of the most successful canned food drives ever.

For more information, call (313) 923-3535, ext. 240.

Painting unveiled: A large oil painting, titled "Jane," depicts a woman sharing in the work of building her own home. The artist, **John Osler** of Grosse Pointe Shores, presented the painting to Habitat for Humanity. The painting was unveiled during a recent meeting of the Habitat board of directors.

Habitat homeowners typically add their own "sweat equity" by working on the construction of their new homes along with Habitat volunteers.

Some 150 new and rehabbed homes have been completed since Habitat began its Detroit program in 1986. This summer, 30 more new homes will be built between June 18 and June 24 during Habitat for Humanity International's Jimmy Carter work project.

Osler's painting will hang in the lobby of the Habitat for Humanity Detroit operations center, a once-derelict building that has been restored by Habitat volunteers.

For more information about Habitat for Humanity or the Jimmy Carter work project, call (313) 521-6691 or go to www.habitatdetroit.org.

Young volunteer: The United Way for Southeastern Michigan honored 14 exceptional people from metro Detroit at its Celebrate Volunteers event on April 18. Those who received awards were honored for their outstanding volunteer service locally, regionally and globally. Some 1,000 guests attended the luncheon.

Caitlin Costello, 17, of the City of Grosse Pointe was one of four young people who received the Young Metro Volunteer Award.

Costello uses her creativity and positive energy to improve the lives of young women and children. A senior and honor student at University Liggett High School in Grosse Pointe, she volunteers at the Children's Hospital of Michigan in the Hematology/Oncology department.

She recently organized and painted a mural to help bring hope and color to the Hematology/Oncology wing. She devoted 75 hours to the project — editing designs, working with hospital management, purchasing supplies and engaging her school's art teacher and fellow students to help.

In the end, the sterile white walls were covered with an undersea mural. The families and children staying in the Hematology/Oncology clinic had a new view to brighten their days.

Costello is also involved with Young Women for Change, a program through the Michigan Women's Foundation that awards $20,000 in grants each year to local nonprofits that serve young women. The organization gives young women the opportunity to learn leadership skills and develop a sense of philanthropy, as well as the ability to create change in their communities.

In addition, Costello enjoys volunteering at Casa Maria where she has helped organize social functions for youth. Although she is planning to attend Michigan State University in the fall, Costello said she will continue to make time for volunteering.

Four more local residents were among the 81 people who were recognized at the luncheon by being named to the Governor's Honor Roll, sponsored by the Junior League of Birmingham. They are **Melba Castle** of Grosse Pointe Woods, **Robin Heller** of Grosse Pointe Farms, and **Helen Clarren** and **Robert Young,** both of Grosse Pointe Park.

"Volunteers are essential to United Way's mission of improving lives and communities," said Michael J. Brennan, president and CEO of United Way for Southeastern Michigan. "Each of the individuals we honor today continues to touch countless lives and impact the community in lasting ways."

Training to tutor: The Dominican Literacy Center, 9400 Courville in Detroit, will hold a free 12-hour tutor training workshop from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 13, and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14.

The training is for new volunteers who would like to help adults learn and improve their reading skills. For more information, call the Center at (313) 882-4853.

Garage sale: Grosse Pointe's Greatest Garage Sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, May 29 and Monday, May 30, in the parking structure (behind the former Jacobson's) on St. Clair in the Village. Admission is $1 a person, each day.

Last year, more than 15,000 people attended the two-day event that features nearly 200 exhibitors from all over the Midwest. Shoppers will find everything from furniture and antiques to crafts, jewelry, hanging plants, sunglasses, hot tubs and spas, pianos, air purifiers, wrought iron outdoor sculptures and more.

Items range from 5 cents to $5,000, all under one roof. The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption booth will offer adoptable pets.

The Village is located on Kercheval between Neff and Cadieux in the City of Grosse Pointe. Grosse Pointe's Greatest Garage Sale is produced by The Grosse Pointe Village Association. This could be the last year for holding the sale in the existing parking structure because new plans are being discussed for the vacant building that was formerly Jacobson's.

For more information, call John Denomme, promotion manager for the Village, at (313) 886-7474 or visit www.thevillagegp.com.



John Osler, at the left, created "Jane," an oil painting depicting a typical Habitat for Humanity homeowner working on her new home. At the right is Rob Dewaelsche, executive director of Habitat for Humanity Detroit.



Photo by Patricia A. Ellis

Caitlin Costello of Grosse Pointe was honored with United Way for Southeastern Michigan's Young Metro Volunteer Award at the organization's recent Celebrate Volunteers event. Costello's family helped celebrate. From left, are Erin O'Mara, Dennis Costello and Brianna Costello.



Blossom Time luncheon

The Friends of Mercy Stapleton will hold its annual luncheon and fashion show, "Blossom Time Luncheon and Fashions," on Thursday, May 19, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For the 35th year, the group of energetic women will present the benefit for seniors who live at the Mercy Stapleton Center on Parkview near E. Jefferson.

This year's fashions will be by Chico's in the Village, which promises a collection of clothing for all figures and tastes.

Tickets are $30. Co-chairmen are Betty Patterson and Mandy Scranton. Committee members are Marian Mayday, Mary Louise Forcade, Margaret Lynch, Betty Henrichs, Rosemary Hiles, Ann Rohr, Gertrude McSorley and Floramae Kliber.

For reservations, call Patterson at (313) 882-7080.

Members of the Blossom Time luncheon committee, standing, from left, are Margaret Lynch, Ann Rohr, Mary Louise Forcade. Seated is Betty Patterson, originator and co-chairman of the event. The committee hopes to raise hundreds of dollars to benefit the senior residents of Mercy Stapleton Center, an eastside retirement home.

Mothers' Day Brunch in the ARK

Join us at St. Ambrose ARK on Sunday, May 8, following the 8:30 and the 11:15 masses.

The cost is $12 per adult; $10 for seniors and children aged 6 to 10; children 5 and under free. To purchase tickets in advance call 822-2814.

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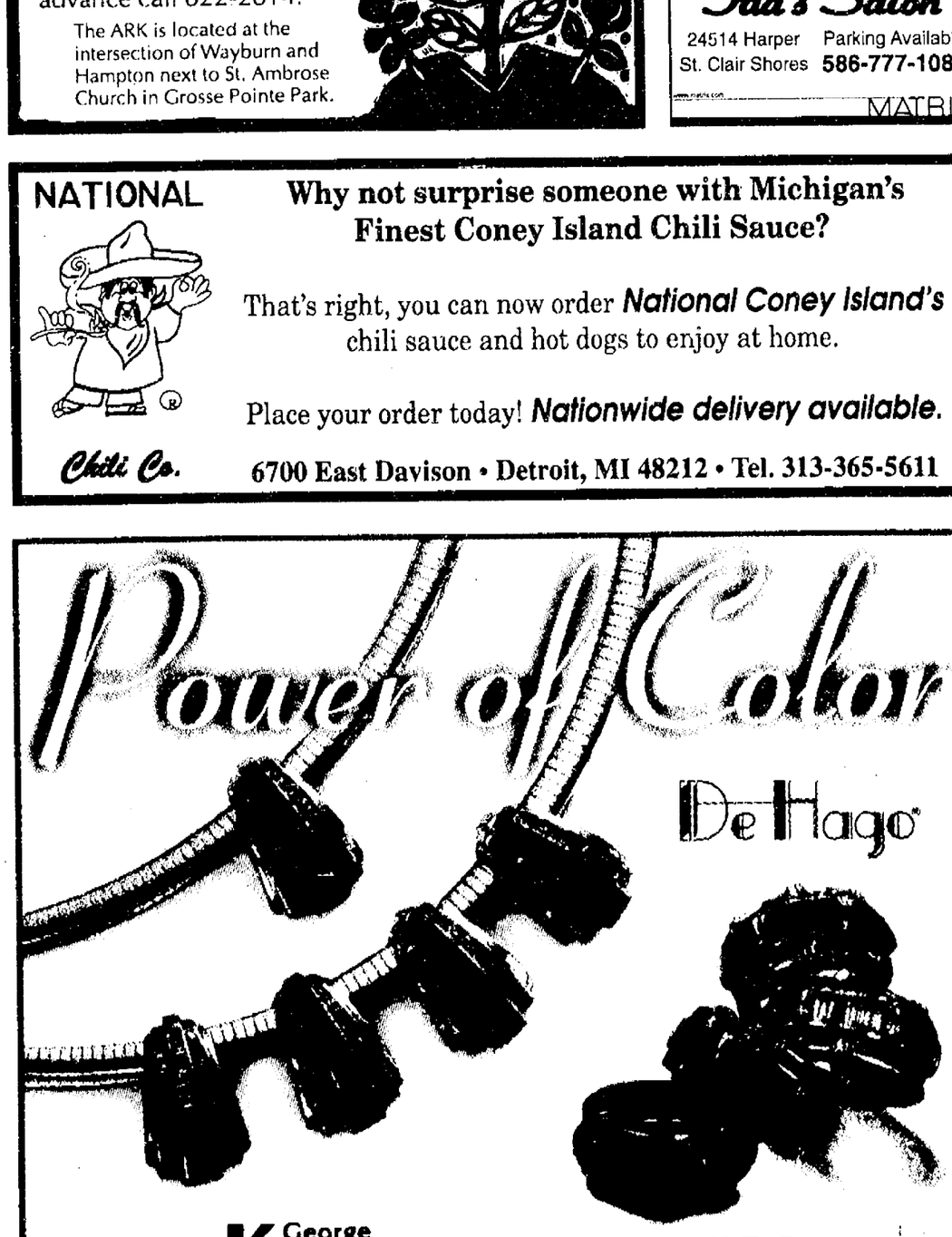
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May programs slated at Van Elslander Center

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Iyengar Yoga

Iyengar Yoga builds strength, flexibility, stamina and awareness. Alignment is emphasized. Blankets, belts, mats and blocks are used to help correctly position the body. The class began Tuesday, May 3, and continues for six weeks. Time is 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Cost is $60.

Healing Mind, Body and Spirit

Experience new pathways to well-being, including Reiki (energy therapy), chair massage, emotional freedom technique, craniofacial therapy and Reflexology. The free class runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, May 12, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center. Call (866) 246-4673.

Aura Photography

Participants discover their aura — the energy field that radiates through and around all living things. A color photo captures an individual's aura and charkas. Aura interpretation is provided by a psychic reader. The information is for educational or entertainment purposes only.

Class is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 14, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center. The cost is $25 for a 15-minute appointment. Call (313) 647-3320.

Reiki Level II

Students receive attunements that intensify Reiki energy and learn techniques for distance healing and furthering the mental, spiritual and emotional healing processes. Class is from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, at the Center. The cost is $125. Call (313) 647-3320.

Look Good . . . Feel Better

This national program is dedicated to helping women manage the appearance-related side effects of chemotherapy and radiation. It teaches women how to camouflage the side effects with cosmetics, wigs and scarves through a partnership between the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association, the National Cosmetology Association and American Cancer Society.

The class is free and runs from noon to 2 p.m., Monday, May 23, at Van Elslander Cancer Center. Call (866) 246-4673.

Look Good . . . Feel Better for Teens

Look Good . . . Feel Better for Teens is for boys and girls ages 13 to 17 undergoing cancer treatment. They learn the best ways to keep skin looking fresh, see the latest in bandana and turban wear and learn how to "take charge" in awkward social situations. The free program is sponsored by the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association, National Cosmetology Association and American Cancer Society. It will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 23, at the Cancer Center. Call (866) 246-4673

Reiki Intro to Energy Evening

This class includes a mini hands-on Reiki session and an explanation about Reiki energy healing. It is offered from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at the VECC. The cost is $5. Call (313) 647-3320.

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SOC: reverse mortgages

Services for Older Citizens will present a talk about reverse mortgages at 11 a.m. Monday, May 9, at the Neighborhood Club. The presenter will be a representative of Community Central Bank.

Reverse mortgages are an option for seniors who are at least age 62 and own their homes free and clear, or close to it. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m., followed by the presentation.

SOC presents talk about osteoporosis

Services for Older Citizens will present a discussion about the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis by Dr. Varsha Bilolikar at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, at the Neighborhood Club. Lunch is served at 11 a.m. For more information, call SOC at (313) 882-9600.

Grief must be expressed without alcohol, drugs

When Joanne and Bob (not their real names) came to the Center for Grief in St. Paul, Minn., after their daughter's death, they were paralyzed by loss. They couldn't sleep or work, and their relationship was eroding.

"We also quickly discovered they were attempting to anesthetize their pain by drinking it away," said Tom Ellis, the nonprofit center's executive director and the author of an upcoming book, "The Heart of Grief: New Understandings of Loss."

"They had adopted the ritual of consuming several bottles of wine with dinner and would come to therapy exhausted, overwhelmed, and 'stuck' in the grieving process.

"Before we could deal with issues of loss, they needed to deal with their chemical dependency. They needed to 'clear the channels' to feeling."

"Having feelings that match reality is a sign of mental health," said John Mac Dougall, manager of Spiritual Care and the Family Program at Hazelden. "Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., said, 'I tried to drown my sorrows, but they floated.' Drugs and alcohol suppress, distort and interfere with all feelings, including grief.

"Whenever you have to do something painful, it's better to do it sober so the 'real you' can show up at your appointments."

Mac Dougall maintains that our bodies are not well designed for the storage of feelings, but they are well designed for the expression of feelings. Grief doesn't go away, and the longer it is denied, the more powerful it can become.

Mac Dougall said that trying to ignore loss is like throwing an overdue bill in a drawer. "The problem doesn't disappear. It grows bigger as the interest accumulates."

Mac Dougall and Ellis concur that having a solid support system is critical for grieving persons. While talking to friends and family can be comforting, it may be more helpful to connect with your mutual-help group, a qualified therapist or counselor or a spiritual adviser when you experience deep loss.

"Most people discover that their address book changes as they attempt to navigate the grief process," Ellis said. "There is often an expectation that family and close friends should understand or share the same feelings, and a deep disappointment when that isn't the case.

"Talk to someone who has a background that pertains to your issues, someone with whom you can be honest and vulnerable and who will not judge you or your way of grieving."

"Some friends send 'shut up' messages framed as support," cautioned Mac Dougall. When well-meaning friends tell you 'your husband wouldn't want you to be so sad,' or 'at least you can have another baby,' they are really saying 'I want you to move on; your grief makes me anxious.'"

Sometimes family members insist that a grieving elderly relative take medications to get them through the difficult times after the death of a loved one. These drugs may make the family feel better, because they won't have to see mom or grandpa hurting. But anything that separates us from reality is not helpful in the long run, Mac Dougall said. Often, they just need someone to talk to.

While a sleep aid may be appropriate for the first night or two, it is particularly dangerous for chemically dependent people to medicate their emotional pain because it can put their sobriety at risk, he said.

No one is immune to grief and loss; so Mac Dougall said it makes sense to put strategies in place now that will protect us when loss does hit.

Start thinking about how to nurture friendships so you can talk about 'real life' issues when you need to, he said. Learn what community resources are available in case you or a loved one should need such services in the future. And if you are in recovery from addiction, be certain your physician, dentist, and pharmacist know it so they won't prescribe anything that threatens your sobriety.

We grieve because we love, and when we attempt to numb our grief with alcohol or drugs, we also dull our ability to feel love and joy. Grief is a messy, imperfect and non-linear process with no rules or time limits. Honoring our grief is a way to honor ourselves. We don't have to do it perfectly, and we don't have to do it alone.

For more information on grieving and grief services, contact the Center for Grief at (651) 641-0177 or visit www.griefloss.org. You can also contact a similar center or a mental health or spiritual care specialist in your community.

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.

Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



May is National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month. Why? Because skin cancer is the most common of all cancers, accounting for nearly for half of all cancers in the United States.

Exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays is the most important factor involved in the development of skin cancer. This is why dermatologists are so adamant about the use of sun protection.

This year more than 1 million cases of nonmelanoma skin cancer will be diagnosed in the United States. Melanoma, the most serious type of skin cancer, will account for nearly 60,000 cases of skin cancer in 2005 and roughly 80% of approximately 10,000 skin cancer related deaths expected this year.

Skin cancer is the uncontrolled growth of skin cells. Of the different types of skin cancer, basal cell carcinoma is the most common. Melanoma is less common, but more dangerous. Usually appearing as dark pigmented lesions, melanoma's malignant tumors arise from the skin cells capable of making the pigment melanin. Non-melanoma skin cancers such as squamous cell carcinoma or basal cell carcinoma most often originate from the skin's external surface.

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How to keep bunnies from dining in your garden

Down to Earth
By Kathleen Peabody

It's definitely a love-hate relationship. Those cute little furry animals, which have different-sized ears, depending upon the variety, are out in abundance. I'm talking about rabbits, a.k.a. bunnies.

Part of the "love" stems from the past. Husband Bill and Daughter Diane went to Eastern Market one morning and returned with Maggie. The lop-eared bundle of fur was saved from the soup pot by family members. Once you've met a bunny up close and personal, how can you hate the whole species? Maggie lived to the ripe old age of seven after a variety of bunny antics.

But there's another story. I've walked through my garden numerous times already — between raindrops, snow showers and that spiky warm week of 80-degree temperatures. The oak leaf hydrangea wasn't doing much, and one of my master gardener buddies said that it looked as if rabbits ate the plant during the winter.

The Siberian iris have been eaten down to nubs. While I don't want to harm the rabbits, I also want some of my plants to live long enough for me to enjoy them. What to do?

I put in a call to the National Garden Bureau. As you might expect from someone who runs an organization called the National Garden Bureau (NGB), the executive director suggested: "just grow more."

Here are her other suggestions: "Grow a ring around the garden of loose leaf lettuce, the salad bowl variety that's 100 years old," said Nona Koiyula, the NGB exec. "Inside the lettuce ring, grow dwarf French marigolds, the type with fragrant leaves. Surely that combination would deter rabbits."

She also suggested human hair as she had used to discourage a groundhog. "Most animals don't like the human aroma," she said.

In her book "Roses Love Garlic," author Louise Riotte suggests onions, a thin line of dried blood or blood meal sprinkled around the edges of the garden.

Her other advice includes powdered aloes, wood ashes, ground limestone or cayenne pepper. You can pick up chives and garlic chives, both in the Allium family, at the Herb Society of America Grosse Pointe Unit's Herb Sale on Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center.

Here are a few tidbits about those "pesky wabbits."

Rabbits spend their entire lives in an area of 10 acres or less.

A cottontail's life expectancy is 12 to 15 months with an extremely high reproductive potential — up to four litters per year. The first litter usually is born in March. Gestation period is 28 or 29 days with as many as six young per litter.

During winter, when food is tough to come by, rabbits prefer young trees over older trees because of their smooth, thin bark.

Cottontails will devour a wide variety of green vegetation, especially in the spring when young, succulent plant material is present.

Rabbit damage can be identified by gnawing on older woody growth, clean-cut clipping of young stems, distinctive round droppings, and tracks.

I'll vouch for the rabbit droppings. As we cleaned the beds at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Trial Gardens, huge droppings were seen.

Sylvia Thompson in her book, "The Kitchen Garden," discusses the use of rabbit manure and its chemical breakdown. Rabbits have it way over horses in the manure department, if it's planned to be used in the garden. First, it takes a little longer for the horse manure to age. The rabbit droppings have 2.4 percent nitrogen to the horses' mere .7 percent; phosphorus comes in for the bunnies at 1.4 percent; horses at .3 percent.

Using rabbit droppings as compost may be the answer. However, according to a Detroit Free Press story "The Poop on Rabbits," (April 28, 2005), part of the nutrition of the rabbit dropping is the reason they actually eat their own (poop, that is).

So, what I'm saying is that we need to get out there, gather it up, let it age and use that nutrition on our gardens.

Who wants to be first?

While some of the ideas for keeping rabbits out of your garden may work for a while, the tried and true method is fencing.

Fencing made from chicken wire, with mesh less than one inch is recommended. Place the wire around herbaceous plants. The fence must be at least two feet high, with the bottom buried at least three inches into the soil. Quarter-inch wire hardware cloth made into 18- to 24-inch cylinders and buried at least three inches will protect trunks of young orchard trees or woody landscape plants.

The Ohio State University Extension Service conducted a survey of gardeners in 2001 to learn what types of plants weathered damage from rabbits. The long list includes oakleaf hydrangea, clematis and only the flowers of coral bells.

As a firm believer in the cycle of life, it's good to know that hawks, owls, snakes, and even family dogs or cats can be effective predators on young rabbits. As for me, I'm headed out with the same blood meal that's worked for me in the past. Good luck.

Kathleen Peabody is an Advanced Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at kmaslanka-peabody@sbcglobal.net.



Bake sale will help 3-Day

À La Annie
By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



Not everybody likes to bake — but everybody loves a bake sale. This Saturday, May 7, my sisters and I are having a bake sale to raise money so we can participate in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day (60 mile) walk for breast cancer research. The following recipe is a sneak preview of one of the goodies you'll find at our bake sale.

I turned to my sister Colette for a simple yet delicious bar cookie that's rich in texture and flavor.

Oatmeal Chocolate-Peanut Butter Cookie Bar

1 cup butter, softened to room temperature
1 cup sugar
1 cup brown sugar
2 eggs
2/3 cup peanut butter plus 1/4 cup, divided
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 cups flour
2 cups oatmeal
1 12-oz. package chocolate chips (2 cups)
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
2 to 4 tablespoons milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9- by 13-inch baking pan and set aside. Using an electric mixer, cream the butter with both sugars. Add the eggs, 2/3 cup peanut butter, and the vanilla.

Beat until well blended. Mix in the salt, baking soda, flour and oatmeal. Turn the dough into the prepared baking dish and use a spatula to spread it out evenly. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, whisk together the confectioners' sugar with the remaining 1/4 cup peanut butter and just enough milk to make the mixture smooth, starting with 2 tablespoons. Set aside.

The second the baking dish is removed from the oven, sprinkle the chocolate chips evenly over the top. Allow the chips to set for 5 minutes or so, then carefully spread the chocolate over the cookie bar.

Drizzle the peanut butter mixture over the top of the chocolate and use a butter knife to create a swirl pattern.

Allow the cookie bars to cool to room temperature before serving. Cut the tasty chocolate peanut butter bars into squares, small or large depending on your sweet tooth. These yummy cookies will feed a crowd.

You'll find Team Harvey's girls bake sale for breast cancer next to The Movie Store at Kercheval and Beaconsfield (which is the entrance to the West Park Farms Market) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday.

We need to raise lots of money to qualify for the walk.

If you'd like to contribute to the cause, go to www.The3Day.org and enter my name, then follow the instructions for donating.

Congratulations to my parents Harvey & Marguerite Rouleau on 50 years of blissful marriage (and 9 kids to prove it) on Saturday, May 7. Happy Birthday today (Cinco de Mayo) to Maria Marguerite Caton on her first birthday.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms.

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barn doors opened and Lightning flew out with a hideous demon on her back.

Jacques realized that his rifle would be no help against this creature which "resembled a baboon, with horned head, skin of bristling black hair, brilliant, restless eyes, and a devilish sneer on its face." As Le Lutin passed under his window, clutching Lightning's mane in its grasp, Jacques poured his font of holy water directly into the face of the monster.

A demon-like scream filled the air, the horse snorted, reared, and plunged with its rider headlong into Lake St. Clair. When Jacques reached the beach, only the circling water marked the spot where Lightning had disappeared, never to be seen again.

The legend continued, however, and up until the time that automobiles replaced horses in Grosse Pointe, the habitants marked their horses with crosses.

OK, enough of the old stuff. How about a modern ghost story like the haunted house on Lakeland. This story was originally published by Madeleine Socia in 1996, and you can certainly trust her.

A prominent Grosse Pointe doctor purchased the c. 1916 house back in the '70s. It had been abandoned for a couple of years. The doctor and his family rehabilitated the grand old home, even after meeting the ghost of a woman face to face.

The doctor recalled: " It was the first week we stayed there at night. About 3 a.m., I heard some funny noises upstairs. I went out into the hall and looked up the stairs to the attic. Up on the landing between the second and third floor was an old woman in a bathrobe carrying a candelabra.

"The next morning I went back up there, and sure enough, there was a candelabra that we never owned sitting in the middle of the floor."

Many other events such as unexplained scents, sounds and rearranged furniture occurred over the years. Nothing really bothered the family, however; they just lived with the ghost until they sold the house, and the next family moved in.

"It was strange," the doctor said, "but we felt very comfortable with it. Once the ghost scared away a couple of would-be robbers. They heard cackling laughter and departed like scared rabbits."

The next family moved in without knowing about their otherworldly tenant. Their first encounter happened during their daughter's slumber party. The bedroom door opened and slammed shut over and over again, terrifying a group of young girls.

The teenaged sons also experienced such things as a ghostly old man walking around his bed, foggy images in the windows, and lots of banging around on the third floor. Over the years this family also learned to live with many strange unexplained occurrences.

The house was sold again. All through these happenings, the neighbors never minded. You see, over the years these haunted souls had become celebrities around the neighborhood. They were always great subjects for cocktail party chatter.

Needless to say, determining where historical facts give way to legends is in itself a bit scary because in every spooky story there must be a nugget of truth.

For students, studying about legends can make great school projects. You can find more about these and additional legends of Grosse Pointe by going to www.gphistorical.org. and if, on a dark, stormy night, you just happen to see a hairy guy with a flaming tail wandering around, don't let on that you know his name.

Methodist church holds rummage sale

The women of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church will hold their spring rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at the church, 211 Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms.

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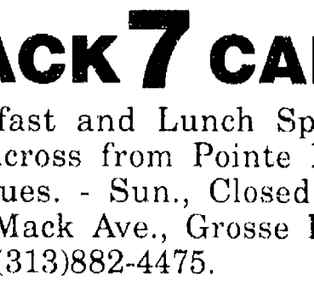
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South puts it all together to win own tourney



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

Ryan Abraham of Grosse Pointe South lines a single to left field for one of his two hits against St. Clair last weekend.

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's baseball team is doing a lot of things right these days, and it's probably no coincidence that the Blue Devils are in the midst of a five-game winning streak.

"We've been playing much better than we were in our first 10 games," said coach Dan Griesbaum. "We're playing better defense, we're getting timely hitting and our pitchers are throwing strikes.

"Our fielders have to be on their toes because we're not striking out a lot of people, but the fielders stay alert when the pitchers aren't walking a lot."

Last weekend, the Blue Devils won their second straight tournament, defeating Notre Dame 7-1 in the championship game.

South gave starter James Bertakis all the support he needed with a five-run first inning. Eddie Barclay singled and scored on Kyle Humphrey's triple. Austin McClung followed with a two-run homer. After a single by Mitch Pangborn, Derrick Hacias also homered.

Chad Murphy drove in South's final two runs with a double.

McClung, Murphy and Humphrey each had two hits for the Blue Devils.

Bertakis pitched a four-hitter. He struck out four and walked two.

South opened the tournament with a 10-3 win over St. Clair behind the six-hit pitching of Hacias.

Pangborn led the attack with three hits, including a double and home run, and five RBIs. Ryan Gunderson had two hits, including a double, and drove in two runs. Murphy and Christian Conroy also collected two hits apiece for South.

In the Blue Devils' closest win of the tournament, they edged Port Huron Northern 2-1.

Alex Middleton pitched a six-hitter, struck out six and walked one.

South scored both runs in the fourth inning on a single by Ryan Abraham, an error and Pete Stoepker's two-run double.

Abraham had two hits for the Blue Devils.

South won both of its Macomb Area Conference White Division games last week.

Gunderson pitched a four-hitter and helped himself with a double and single and three RBIs in the Blue Devils' 6-2 victory over Warren-Mott.

South never trailed after scoring a pair of first-inning runs on an RBI double by McClung and a run-scoring single by Gunderson.

Murphy singled and eventually scored on an error in the second. Murphy's sacrifice fly in the third scored Jeff Stephens, who had been hit by a pitch.

Gunderson wrapped up the scoring with a two-run double in the fourth.

McClung was the hitting and pitching star in South's 8-1 victory over Anchor Bay.

He pitched a four-hitter, struck out seven and walked three. He also went 4-for-4 at the plate.

South broke the game open with a five-run fifth inning, featuring two-run singles by Hacias and Murphy.

Hacias had three hits and three RBIs, while Murphy, Gunderson and Barclay collected two hits apiece.

South is 2-2 in the MAC White and 11-8 overall.

Knights in contention for Metro Conference baseball crown

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Dan Cimini won't be using designated hitters for any of his pitchers on the University Liggett School baseball team.

They take matters into their own hands whether they're on the mound or in the batter's box.

"We've got some pretty good hitting pitchers," said Cimini, who has his Knights in contention for at least a share of the Metro Conference championship after Monday's 7-3 victory over Lutheran North.

In that game, Curtis Fisher and Alex Amicucci, who combined on a four-hitter, each hit two-run singles in the four-run second inning that put ULS ahead to stay.

Amicucci also scored an insurance run in the sixth when he led off with a walk, moved up on a sacrifice by Mike Posby, took third on a passed ball and scored on a perfect suicide squeeze by Adam Heaney.

"That inning was a perfect execution of fundamentals," Cimini said. "The kids are gaining more confidence with every game we play. They believe in themselves, and that's why they're able to execute."

The pitchers were also the hitting stars last week when the Knights swept a non-league doubleheader from Canton Agape Christian 11-1 and 12-0.

Posby pitched a three-hitter and collected a pair of hits in the first game. He struck out five.

Jon Wright reached base three times on a hit and two walks and he scored three runs. Joe Conway, Fisher and Amicucci also had two hits apiece for ULS.

In the second game, Conway pitched a three-hitter, struck out 12 and went 4-for-4 with three doubles and five RBIs.

"If there had been a fence on our field, two of his doubles would have been home runs," Cimini said.

Wright had three hits and scored four runs, and Fisher, who also had three hits, capped the scoring with a long two-run homer.

Earlier, Lutheran Northwest capitalized on some shaky ULS fielding in the late innings and beat the Knights 13-2.

ULS took a 2-1 lead into the top of the fifth but the Crusaders, who won the Division IV state championship last spring, scored six runs in the inning to go ahead 7-2.

"We beat ourselves by throwing the ball around," Cimini said. "We had them on the ropes. Their coach told me that he was worried."

Shane McCatty, the son of the former Oakland Athletics pitcher and Tigers pitching coach, got the win for Northwest as he struck out 10.

Fisher matched him pitch-for-pitch through the first four innings, in another impressive performance for the ULS freshman.

"Curtis didn't have his usual command of his curveball," Cimini said. "He tried to get by with his fastball, and he did, but he got tired."

Amicucci drove in one of the Knights' runs with a double, and the other scored on a passed ball.

That defeat became less of a disappointment Monday when Cimini learned that Clawson handed Northwest its first league loss.

"Now we have our destiny in our hands," Cimini said. "If we win our last two league games, we'll assure ourselves of a tie for first place in the Metro.

"When I told some of the kids, they were really excited. It's fun for them. That's what I like to see."

ULS is 5-1 in the Metro Conference and 10-4 overall.

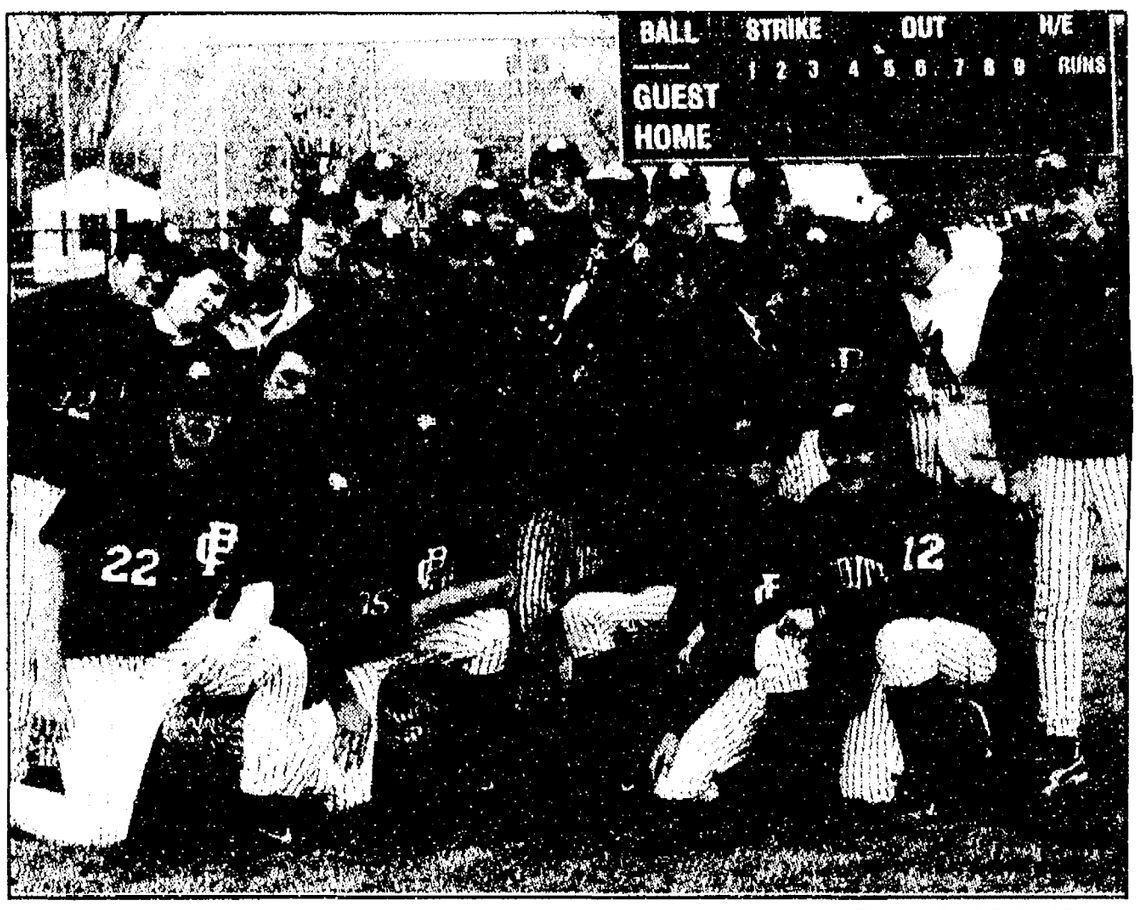


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

Grosse Pointe South's players and coaches celebrate after beating Notre Dame 7-1 in the championship game of the baseball tournament hosted by the Blue Devils.

North's girls lacrosse team gets quality win

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe North's girls lacrosse team beat one of its big-four rivals last week, defeating Farmington United 11-5 at Ferry Elementary.

"It was old school lacrosse for North — good defense, a dominating ground ball performance, and enough offense to get the job done," head coach Bill Seaman said.

Goalkeeper Kristin Glovac was outstanding in net, stopping several point-blank shots.

"Kristin was very good today," Seaman said. "She made some big saves that let us take a lead."

It was North's first win over an Oakland County powerhouse since 2002, which is a span of 10 consecutive losses.

Vanessa Kuczera had three goals, while Brooke Curcuri and Phelicia VanOverbeke had two goals apiece to lead the Lady Norsemen.

Nikki Badalamenti, Natalie Tocco, Lauren Lynch, and Colleen Ryan also tallied in the victory.

Farmington actually led 1-

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South booters impress ULS coach



Photo by Bob Bruce

Liz Galea, left, has been a steady performer on defense for the Grosse Pointe South soccer team.

University Liggett School soccer coach David Backhurst knew that his team would need a special effort to beat crosstown rival Grosse Pointe South.

"I knew South was a very good Division I team, but they were even better than I thought," Backhurst said after the Blue Devils beat the Knights 4-1 in the non-league game.

"South is a well-skilled, well-coached team, and we didn't play to our ability. Our girls all agreed afterward that this wasn't our best game."

South coach Gene Harkins made five changes in his lineup after the Blue Devils had trouble generating offense in their 1-0 loss to Eisenhower in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division a few days earlier.

Freshman Alyssa Carr made her first varsity start in goal, permitting Ali Morawski to join the attack at forward.

A little more than six minutes into the game, the move paid dividends. Morawski eluded her defender, took an excellent pass from Anna Cunningha, who was playing midfield, and scored on a short punt.

Thirty seconds later, Lauren McLaughlin, who moved to midfield from sweeper, gained possession, found Stephanie Kostiuk on the left flank, and made another perfect pass to set up the Blue Devils' second goal.

South's speed, crisp passing and the tenacious defensive trio of Liz Galea, sweeper Jae March and Kelly Springborn held ULS to two shots in the first half.

With 12 minutes left in the half, Cunningham made it 3-0 on a line drive. She was also the recipient of a fine pass from Lindsay Krall.

Less that two minutes later, Amy Hathaway's long shot found the far corner of the goal to give South a 4-0 halftime lead.

The Blue Devils continued to control play in the second half. They launched 11 shots at goal, and Allison Jones made several good saves in the second half to prevent further scoring.

Jordan McIlroy scored ULS's goal with 7:06 remaining after taking a pass from Laura Nicholl..

Backhurst was looking for reasons, beyond South's talented squad, for his team's performance.

"I don't want to take anything away from South because they blitzed us, but

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North takes two-game lead in MAC White baseball race

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Frank Sumbera was counting on Josh Lewis to take a leadership role on Grosse Pointe North's baseball team this season, and the senior shortstop-pitcher hasn't disappointed his coach.

Monday's 3-2 victory over Ford II in a key Macomb Area Conference White Division game was the perfect illustration of Lewis's value to the team.

Not only did he pitch a five-hitter with nine strikeouts, but he tied the game with a two-out, two-run single in the fifth inning, and scored the winning run on Zac Matthews's forceout in the seventh.

"That was one of Josh's best games as far as doing what he had to do to win the game," Sumbera said. "It was such a gutty performance. He was earmarked at the start of the season as our best player, and he's played that way all year."

Sumbera was impressed with the way Lewis started North's winning rally in the seventh inning.

"He came back from an 0-2 count to draw a walk," Sumbera said. "That was a great at bat."

Lewis went to third on Matt Grassley's single and scored when Matthews hit a grounder up the middle. Ford went for the double play, but Matthews just beat out the relay at first.

"That was an important game for us," Sumbera said. "Now we're two games ahead of everyone else in the league. If we had lost, we'd have been tied for first with Ford, which came in with only one loss."

Aaron Hacias was the only Falcons player to solve Lewis's pitching. He hit solo homers in the first and third innings for both of Ford's runs.

"The third time he came up there were runners on base, and I was a little worried, but Josh got him on a fly to center," Sumbera said.

North won two other MAC White games last week.

Lewis pitched his second straight shutout as he stopped Anchor Bay on four hits in a 5-0 victory. Lewis struck out 10.

"Josh has been throwing strong all year," Sumbera said.

The Norsemen got off to a good start with three runs in the first inning. Michael Kaiser drove in the first run with a double, and after a walk to Grassley, Brad Herman hit a two-run single.

Lewis drove in Jon Tibaudo with a groundout in the second, and North completed the scoring in the third when Jon Hinz walked, stole second and scored on Brian St. Hilaire's single.

North got another fine pitching performance from one of its senior starters when Michael Bramos stopped Fraser on three hits in a 7-2 victory for the Norsemen.

Bramos struck out eight and allowed only one earned run.

Once again, North got off to a quick start as Matthews doubled home two runs in the first inning.

The Norsemen added two more in the second on a single by Hinz, followed by a home run by St. Hilaire. Singles by St. Hilaire and Adam Miller produced a pair of runs in the fifth.

North got its final run in the sixth when Grassley singled, moved to second on a passed ball and scored on a single by Matthews.

Kaiser had three hits for North.

Fraser scored single runs in the sixth and seventh innings.

North's 15-game winning streak ended in the championship game of the Lake Orion Tournament when the Norsemen dropped a 6-4 decision to the host Dragons.

North scored twice in the top of the first on RBI singles by Lewis and Matthews, but Lake Orion came back to score four unearned runs in the bottom of the inning.

The Dragons made it 5-2 with a home run in the third, but Bramos got that back for the Norsemen with a homer of his own in the fourth.

"We made three errors and every one cost us," Sumbera said. "They had only one earned run off Tibaudo.

"And we didn't capitalize on our chances. We left two runners on in the fifth inning and left the bases loaded in the sixth and seventh. We hit some shots but they made the plays, especially their third baseman. He looked like a Gold Glover."

Tibaudo struck out seven in absorbing the defeat.

North reached the championship game with a 12-1 victory over Davison.

A nine-run second inning was the difference for the Norsemen.

"We've had a lot of big innings, and most of them have come in the first or second innings," Sumbera said. "The kids are aggressive at the plate, they get us out in front and then the pitchers can settle in."

Matthews started the outburst with a single and came home on a homer by Bramos.

Four straight walks and a sacrifice fly by Lewis produced two more runs. Matthews and Bramos capped the rally with two-run singles.

North added a run in the third on a triple by Miller and a single by Lewis, and the Norsemen completed the scoring in the fourth with an RBI triple by Bramos and an RBI single by Hinz.

North is 16-2 overall and the Norsemen were ranked No. 2 in the latest Division I state coaches poll.



Photo by Bob Bruce

Brian St. Hilaire drove in three runs with a homer and single in Grosse Pointe North's victory over Fraser.

South wins track battle of unbeatens

There was little doubt about which was the stronger of the two unbeaten Macomb Area Conference White Division girls track teams that met last week.

It was Grosse Pointe South, which improved to 5-0 overall with a 95-33 victory over Anchor Bay.

"Our kids did a wonderful job under rainy, cold conditions," said Blue Devils coach Steve Zaranek. "Not only were our performances very good, but our team support was outstanding.

"That is a difficult combination to achieve when the weather is so poor. Our team just keeps getting better and better."

South outscored the Tars 20-0 in the relays and the Blue Devils swept the 3,200-meter run and the 300 hurdles.

In the 3,200, Natalie Humphry had a winning time of 12:12. Teammates Jessica Palffy and Kat Carmody followed close behind.

The 1-2-3 finish in the 300 hurdles came from Julie Zaranek, Emily Franchett and Katie Gerow.

Other South distance runners performed well. Maggie Collison and Jill McLaughlin placed 1-2 in the 1,600, while Sarah Petit won the 800.

Heidi Getz was a close third in the 800.

South's jumpers outscored Anchor Bay 17-5. Kristen Morici and Lena Ulrich placed 1-2 in the long jump with leaps of 15-feet-6 and 15-2, respectively.

Sam Mackenzie and Carly Czajka gave the Blue Devils a 1-2 finish in the high jump.

South's sprinters also dominated. The Blue Devils won all three sprints, with a first from freshman Megan DeBoer in the 100, a win in the 400 by Laura Wenzel and a victory in the 200 from Mackenzie.

Lisa Repicky and Christine Nelson also placed in the sprints.

Points in the throwing events came from Alyssa Carr, Mackenzie Whims and Annie Dalby.

South opened the meet with a win in the 3,200 relay by an 11-second margin. Petit, Liz Baxter, McLaughlin and Collinson had a time of 10:30.

In the 800 relay, DeBoer, Repicky, Nelson and Mackenzie cruised to a four-second victory, while the 400 team of Morici, Repicky, Michelle O'Donoghue and DeBoer was also victorious.

The 1,600 relay team of Iris Alao, Ulrich, Julie Zaranek and Nelson capped the day with a first place.

Other season-best performances came from Melissa Sheng, Melissa Konen, Mackenzie Schmidt, Sarah Wolinski, Gracie Turin, Ktrin Nelskamp, Kristin Motschall, Amanda Elskens, Sarah Mulheron and Genna Hall.

Also Alex Cullen, Jeannie Hollerbach, Beth Ansaldi, Carlin Hauck, Hiromi Suzuki, Ana Progovac, Megan Hoban, Lauren O'Hare, Amy Carion, Destiny Sheldon, Gillian Markwick, Elizabeth Bielski, Sarah Hanson and Alethia Davenport.

North boys stay unbeaten in MAC Blue

By Stefan Cross
Special Writer

Another win in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division leaves the Grosse Pointe North boys track team undefeated and looking tough with a 4-0 record.

Last Thursday the boys traveled to St. Clair and defeated the Saints by a score of 94.5-42.5.

"I was most impressed with the way the team is starting to gel around each other. Not an easy task considering the size of the team and the diverse events that we compete in," said coach Dan Quinn.

One of the top performances of the day belonged to Will Utley. Utley, who leads the team in varsity points, broke his PR (personal record) in the pole vault with a jump of 12-feet-1. That jump leaves him on top of coach Pat Wilson's all time sophomore list.

Wilson has kept records of North's five best times/scores in every event for each grade, since he started coaching the Norsemen in 1990.

That wasn't the end of Utley's list climbing for the day. In the 300-meter hurdles he finished first with a PR run of 42.5. That run put him onto Wilson's sophomore and overall class lists.

Other great performances belonged to captains Spencer Channell and Jake Masinick. Channell threw a PR of 142-1 in the discus, moving him on top of the overall class list. He also threw a PR in the shot put and finished third.

Masinick took first in the shot put with his PR throw of 40-4.

Running one of its best all around races of the season was the 3200-meter relay team of Mike Pokladek, John Bremer, Mario Sexton and Robbie Fisher, finishing first.

DeAndre Henderson and Luke Donahue finished 1-2 in the 110 hurdles. Donahue also PR'd in the 300 hurdles and finished second. Henderson took first in the long jump.

The sprinters also had one of their best performances.

The 100 dash was all Norsemen, as the boys swept the event. Leading the way was Marcell Maxwell, followed by Aaron Maxwell and Cam Howard.

DeRhon Pines, Howard, Utley and Marcell Maxwell finished first in the 400 relay.

The 800 relay, run by Pines, Howard, Henderson and Marcell Maxwell, resulted in another North first.

In the 200 dash and the high jump Aaron Maxwell and Pines finished first and second.

The duo of Fisher and Steve Joseph finished second and third in a competitive 1600 run. Anthony Capizzo PRed in the 1600 for the second week in a row; Andy Stewert and Mark Miotto also PR'd.

The open 800 was won by Pokladek with Barclay Smyly taking third.

Casey Fulton, Alex Davenport and Andy VanEgmund all PR'd in the 3200.

On April 19, the boys faced off against East Detroit at home. Again the Norsemen came out on top by a score of 94-43.

The standout of the meet was Aaron Maxwell, who jumped a commanding 6-5 in the high jump.

"He equaled the best jump that Wilson and I have seen since we've been at North, and he looked good at 6-6," said Quinn.

The Maxwell brothers also took first and third in the 100 dash. Marcell Maxwell finished first with a time of 11.2, and Aaron took third with an 11.8.

Two sophomores etched their names into Wilson's list of best times for the 110 high hurdles. Henderson moved into second on the sophomore list with a time of 15.7, and Donahue grabbed the four spot on the list running a 16.8.

The boys in the 1600 ran strong taking a 1-2-3 finish. Steve Joseph took first, followed by Alex Davenport and Jake Sexton. PRs in the mile were by Andrew Fayad, Anthony Capizzo, Jan Mohr, Matt Geileghem and Danny Surmont.

Robbie Fisher moved up to first on the sophomore list in the 400, with a PR of 52.8, barely taking second to a quick East Detroit runner. Wes Raynal, who took third, also PRed with a time 55.91.

Another 1-2-3 finish in the 800 kept the team rolling. Leading the squad was Pokladek with a PR time of 2:06, followed up by Bremer and Mario Sexton. Other runners who PRed in the 800 were Miotto, Peter Dong, Stephen Hilton and Chris Siewert.

Marcell Maxwell made it on to Wilson's all time list in the 200 running a 22.7.

The distance team continued to sweep the competition with a 1-2-3 finish in the 3200. Fulton, Smyly and VanEdgmund were the winning Norsemen.

In his first meet back from injury Spencer Channell took first in the discus with a throw of 128-3. Masinick grabbed third with a PR throw of 114.

North girls win all but one event against Saints

By Stefan Cross
Special Writer

Going into Tuesday's meet against Marine City, Grosse Pointe North's girls track team held a perfect 4-0 record.

The team scored over 100 points last Thursday beating St. Clair 102-28. The girls were able to put up so many points by winning every relay and getting a first place in every event except one.

One of the day's exceptional performances was that of Korean Jones. Jones closed two winning relays, the 800-meter relay and the 400 relay. She also took first in both the long jump and the 110 hurdles and took second in the shot put.

Opening the meet, the team of Katie Graves, Cara Miserendino, Katie Horne and Kelly Szymborski, won the 3200 relay.

Winning the 100 dash was Danielle Hubler, and taking third was Rebecca Pollard.

The 1600 was full of PR's (personal records) led by Betsy Graney, who PRed with a 5:32 and Miserendino, who ran a 5:42. Other PR's belonged to Sarah Gryniewicz, Melissa Ciaravino, Ashley Payton, Andrea Koueiter, Marina Metes and Amy Surmont.

In both the 800 relay and the 400 relay the team of Hubler, Pollard, Kelly DeFauw and Jones were able get their handoffs under control and take home two first place finishes.

Jenny DeFauw won the 400 by over ten seconds and Brittany Furgal took third.

In the 800 Graney and Graves ran to a 1-2 finish, with a great kick by Graves in the closing meters.

The 200 dash was a tight race between three strong sprinters. Coming out on top was Kelly DeFauw with Hubler taking third.

A sweep in the 3200 was the doing of Szymborski, Gryniewicz, who PR'd, and Allison Mikula, who also PR'd with an intense final kick.

The shot put was won by Emily Schliecher, who also took second in the discus. Lauren Flanagan PR'd in the discus with a first place throw of 93-feet-1.

JaNae Micou got second in both the 110 hurdles and the long jump and third in the 300 hurdles.

Freshman Christine Klein won the high jump, jumping 4-11.

The girls closed the race just like they started as the team of Jenny DeFauw, Graney, Miserendino and Horne won the 1600 relay.

On Tuesday, April 19, the girls faced East Detroit and came out with a 102-34 victory.

As usual the girls started the meet with a 3200 relay win, run by Graves, Horne, Szymborski and Brescoll.

Jones and Solomon raced to a 1-2 finish in the 100 hurdles, and in the 300 hurdles it was Micou and Solomon finishing first and second.

Hubler took first place in the 100 dash while Pollard followed up with a third place finish.

The sprinters kept it up in the 800 relay where the team of Hubler, Pollard, Kelly DeFauw and Jenny DeFauw took first. Kelly DeFauw also got first in the 200 dash with an impressive time of 26.7. Jenny DeFauw and Lauren Major took first and second in the 400.

Once again the girls swept all distance events. In the 1600 North had the top four finishing girls led by Miserendino. Following Miserendino was Gryniewicz, Ciaravino and Horne.

In the 800 the girls grabbed the top four sports again. Leading the charge was Graney, another strong run by Ciaravino, followed by Brescoll and Graves.

Completing the distance sweeps were Szymborski, Gryniewicz and Mikula in the 3200.

Schliecher and Horne were named athlete of the meet. Schliecher took first in both the shot put and the discus.

Flanagan got second in the discus throwing a PR of 88-7.

Klein and Flanagan also jumped 1-2 in the high jump.

South beats PHN

Grosse Pointe South's girls golf team split its matches last week, losing 179-215 to Grosse Pointe North and beating Port Huron Northern 195-222.

Julie West was the Lady Blue Devils' top golfer in both matches, posting a 43 against North and a 41 against Northern.

ULS laxers start slow

The University Liggett School boys lacrosse team is overcoming a slow start to improve to 3-4.

The Knights' most recent matchup was an 11-3 victory over Romulus as Adam Rock poured in four goals and Dan Ngoyi had two. Raymond Contrell, Chris Andrecovich, and Michael McCoy also scored. Ryan Deane and Judd DeMartini shared goalkeeper duties.

The Knights beat Notre Dame 6-4 behind Charlie Warren's three goals and Rock's two. Mike Burchi also tallied in the victory.

Warren scored the Knights' lone goal in an 11-1 defeat to Rochester United, but they rebounded to blank Romeo 4-0 as Rock scored three goals, and Barrett Young had one. Deane had the shutout in net.

L'Anse Creuse beat ULS 15-4 as Ngoyi had two goals, while Jonathan Nicholl and Cal Ward also tallied.

ULS also lost 7-4 to Bishop Foley as Warren scored two goals. Jack Gray and Rock also scored.

North tennis beats Saints

Grosse Pointe North's boys tennnis team opened its Macomb Area Conference (MAC) Red Division play by beating St. Clair 7-1.

ULS netters do well against a strong Greenhills squad

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's tennis team posted two 8-0 victories last week, but Knights coach Chuck Wright was happiest about the way his team played in a 7-1 defeat by Ann Arbor Greenhills.

"We had some great matches against Greenhills," Wright said. "They're one of the better Division IV teams in the state, and we showed that we can compete with them.

"Grosse Ile is No. 1 (in Division IV), Greenhills is No. 2 and we're not that far away from either of them."

ULS's only win came at No. 4 doubles where Tomek Dow and Matthew Witkowski posted a 7-6, 6-4, 6-1 victory, but several other matches could have gone either way.

Justin Powell dropped a 6-4, 7-6 decision at No. 1 singles, while Rohan Policherla lost 6-3, 6-3 at No. 2, and Peter Spina lost 4-6, 6-0, 6-3 at third singles.

It was the same way in doubles. Robbie Baubie and Andrew LaLonde lost 6-3, 6-4 at No. 1; David Charbonier and Joe DeLaura dropped a tight 6-4, 7-6 decision at No. 2; and the No. 3 team of Ankur Verma and Sanjay Rama lost 6-4, 6-2.

"If we could have turned around a couple of those close losses, the final score could have been a lot different," Wright said. "I'm really happy with the way we played and competed."

In last week's other meets, ULS beat South Lake and Warren Cousino by 8-0 scores.

The highlights of the South Lake match was a 6-1, 2-6, 6-2 win by Verma and Rama at third doubles, and a 6-4, 7-5 win by Iain Decker at fourth singles.

Against Cousino, Powell won his No. 1 singles match 6-2, 6-3.

"He played a pretty strong player," Wright said.

North golfers unbeaten in MAC

Grosse Pointe North's girls golf team is the class of the Macomb Area Conference Red Division, and last weekend the Norsemen proved that they're competitive at the state level, too.

North competed in the two-day Traverse City Invitational and finished eighth among the 17 Division I schools in attendance, and 11th overall in the 32-team field.

The event was played on the Spruce Run and Wolverine courses at the Grand Traverse Resort.

North had a team score of 758 for the two days, led by Caitlin Bennett's 79-85—164. Bennett was fourth on the individual list and earned a berth on the all-tournament team.

Christy Sandmair shot 187 for the Norsemen, followed by Elizabeth Beals with a 197 and Melissa Cleary with 210. Tina Miserendino was North's fifth golfer.

In the Norsemen's only league match last week, Bennett shot a 37 on her home course at the Lochmoor Club to lead North to a 184-215 victory over Port Huron Northern.

Beals shot 48, Mary Rose Sassin 49 and Sandmair carded a 50 to round out the North scoring.

The Norsemen are 6-0 in the MAC Red with two more league dual matches remaining.

South overpowers Country Day

Grosse Pointe South's girls track team had a break in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division schedule, but that didn't mean that the Blue Devils took the week off.

South beat Detroit Country Day 101-36 in a non-league meet to improve to 4-0.

"We had a bye week in our leage and were interested in taking on the very talented sprinters of Country Day," said South coach Steve Zaranek.

Even thought the Yellowjackets won the two sprint relays, South sprinters Megan DeBoer and Lisa Repicky went 1-2 in the 100-meter dash, and the Blue Devils' Christine Nelson, Iris Alao and Kim Grambo swept the 400 dash.

Despite high winds, Jill McLaughlin covered the 3,200 run in a winning time of 12:13, and Maggie Collison won the 1,600 run in 5:30.

Natalie Humphry and Jeannie Hollerbach also raced very well in those events.

South swept the 800 as Sarah Petit, Liz Baxter and Sam Mackenzie raced through the finish line together.

The Blue Devils also got a first place from the 3,200 relay team of Heidi Getz, Erica Menchl, Laura Lovasco and Tereza Schaible.

South dominated the field events. Kristen Morici, Liz Trexler and Lena Ulrich swept the long jump with all three approaching the 16-foot range.

Pole vaulters Sarah Jenzen, Sarah Dionne and Mackenzie Schmidt also went 1-2-3.

Mackenzie Whims, Annie Dalby and Leigh Wedenoja completed a sweep of the discus. Carly Czajka won the high jump at 4-feet-9.

Christine Sanders had a season-best performance to place second in the shot put.

South hurdlers had another fine day with Julie Zaranek, Michelle O'Donoghue and Katie Gerow sweeping the 100 hurdles, while Zaranek and Emily Franchett finished 1-2 in the 300 hurdles.

Others scoring points for South were Dana Hauck, Bridget Dennehy, Brittany Gilpin and Carlin Hauck.

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0 before the home team ran off nine unanswered goals to put the game out of reach.

North won a game for the ages on Monday, beating Mercy 11-10.

"This was the biggest comeback win since the sport began at North in 1998," Seaman said. "Our defenders ... played a hard-nosed lacrosse, which was a key to our win against a very good team."

Mercy, ranked No. 1 in Class B, led by two goals with only a little more than one minute left in the game, but North stormed back to score three goals in the final 67 seconds to win.

Ryan scored the tying goal, and Ashley Rogers tallied the game winner with only 10 seconds left on the clock.

Rogers led the way with five goals, while Kuczera and Curcuri each had two.

"Colleen and Ashley are my heroes," Seaman said. "It was an amazing win."

North laxers drop two

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe North's boys lacrosse team is playing up to par, according to head coach Rob Dameron, but the wins aren't there.

Last week, the Norsemen lost 9-3 to Flint Powers and 16-6 to Troy Athens, ranked in the top 10 in Class A.

"We're trying to move some guys around to make our offense more consistent," Dameron said. "I think we found a new attacker in Dane (Fosse). He was moved from midfield to attacker to help take some of the pressure off Dave (Watson), and it seems to be working."

Fosse scored six goals and had two assists in the two games. Watson had three goals against Athens.

"We're not getting the wins, but I know our kids are working hard in every game to get better," Dameron said.

Goalie Shane Mallon made 15 saves in the first half against Athens, while midfielders Dan Gassel and Stewart Hang combined to win 75 percent of their face-offs.

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I think we could have played better," he said. "Part of the reason might have been our schedule. We had two games last week and won 9-0 and 12-0. We got into some bad habits that carried over to Saturday (against South)."

In South's other game last week, the Blue Devils dropped their second straight 1-0 decision in the MAC Red.

In the scoreless first half, the teams took turns attacking and defending. South had four shots, all from long range, while Eisenhower had three, all from short range.

About five minutes into the second half, the Blue Devils got a bad bounce and Eisenhower capitalized. A South midfielder attempted to clear the ball but it hit an Eagles player and bounced over the South player's head to Eisenhower's Shari Rogers. Rogers lobbed it to Tammie Edmunds, who lifted a short punt over the onrushing Morawski for the only goal of the game.

Trailing 1-0, Harkins made several position changes, including moving Morawski to the field, but couldn't crack the Eagles' defense.

Carr replaced Morawski in goal and made three impressive saves.

With three South players, including All-State defender Sarah Stanczyk, injured and another one unable to play because of illness, Becca Scholtes came up from the junior varsity and did a fine job in 31 1/2 minutes of action in her varsity debut.

In ULS's other games last week, the Knights crushed Metro Conference foes Lutheran Northwest (9-0) and Harper Woods (12-0).

McIlroy led the way in both games, scoring four goals in each contest, while Jessica Leonard had three goals in each of the games.

Elizabeth Palmer and Rachel Goldberg scored the other ULS goals against Northwest.

Goldberg had two goals against Harper Woods, while Chrissie Keersmaekers, Megan Getz and Nicholl added one apiece.

Jones and Grace D'Arcy combined for the shutout in each of the contests.

The Knights are 5-2 overall and 4-0 in the Metro Conference.

On Monday, South beat Cousino 3-0 in a MAC crossover game.

Carr made two saves to earn her first varsity shutout, but at the other end, Cousino's Jessica Mackey was much busier. She made 22 saves in keeping the score respectable.

South's defensive trio of Galea, March and Springborn was outstanding, thwarting any semblance of an offensive thrust by the Patriots.

Meghan Kelly relieved Springborn briefly in the first half, but had enough time to make a pass to Cunningham, who scored the first goal of the game with about four minutes remaining in the half.

Inger scored her first goal of the season, and Morawski, who led the Blue Devils with five shots, also scored.

Whitney Cahill and Hathaway also had assists.

South dominated the match with its short passing, possession game that frustrated Cousino and demonstrated unselfish team play.

Midfielders Inger, Cahill, Cunningham, Margi Scholtes and McLaughlin were instrumental in that endeavor with help off the bench from Heather Lockhart, Jackie Madison and Repicky. Krall and Hathaway kept up the offensive pressure during their stints at forward.

South travels to Novi on Friday for a game against the top-ranked Division I team in the state.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Federal Emergency Management Agency

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

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

ACTION: Proposed Rule

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

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

ADDRESSES: (See table below)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Jo Mullen, P.E., Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Branch, Mitigation Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region V, 536 S. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60605, (312) 408-5541.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION : The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) gives notice of the proposed determinations of BFE's, in accordance with Section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-234), 87 Stat. 980, which added Section 1363 to the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (Pub. L 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR.67.4 (a).

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 USC 605(b), the Administrator, to whom authority has been delegated by the Director, FEMA, hereby certifies that the proposed modified flood elevation determinations, if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. A flood elevation determination under Section 1363 forms the basis for new local ordinances, which, if adopted by a local community, will govern future construction within the floodplain area. The elevation determinations, however, impose no restriction unless and until the local community voluntarily adopts floodplain ordinances in accord with theses elevations. Even if ordinances are adopted in compliance with Federal standards, the elevations prescribe how high to build in the floodplain and do not prohibit development. Thus, this action only forms the basis for future local actions. It imposes no new requirement; of itself, it has no economic impact.

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

Source of Flooding and Location of Referenced Elevation	Elevation in Feet (NAVD88) Existing / Modified		Communities Affected
Auvase Creek			
Approx. 80 feet downstream of Graham Dr.	581	583	Chesterfield Township
Approx. 1,600 feet upstream of Farm Rd.	N/A	593	
Crapaud Creek			
Approx. 320 feet upstream of Perrin St.	579	581	City of New Baltimore
Approx. 1,100 feet upstream of Ashley St.	585	586	
East Pond Creek			
100 feet downstream of Grand Trunk Western Railroad	N/A	751	Bruce Township
At 34 Mile Road	N/A	884	
North Branch Clinton River			
9,100 feet downstream of 23 Mile Road	N/A	601	Macomb Township, Ray Township, Bruce Township
At Bordman Rd.	N/A	784	
Lake St. Clair			
Entire Shoreline	578	579	Harrison Township, St. Clair Shores, Lake Township
Anchor Bay			
Entire Shoreline	578	580	City of New Baltimore, Chesterfield Township, Harrison Township

ADDRESSES

Macomb County
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Department of Planning and Economic Development,
1 South Main Street, 7th Floor Planning,
Mount Clemens, Michigan

Send comments to Jeff W. Schroeder, AICP,
Department of Planning and Economic Development,
1 South Main Street, 7th Floor Planning,
Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043

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Zoning Officer, 23121 E. Main Street,
Armada, Michigan 48005

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Township Hall, 223 E. Gates Street, Romeo, Michigan

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Supervisor, 223 E. Gates Street,
Romeo, Michigan 48065

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Township Office, 47275 Sugarbush Road, Chesterfield Township, Michigan

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35095 Potter Street,
Memphis, Michigan 48041

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Community Development Department,
One Crocker Blvd., Mount Clemens, Michigan

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One Crocker Blvd.,
Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043

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Project Control Engineering, 36535 Green Street, New Baltimore, Michigan

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Mayor, 36535 Green Street,
New Baltimore, Michigan 48047

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40700 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township, Michigan

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Harrison Township, Michigan 48045-1996

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63975 Gratiot Ave. Lenox, Michigan 48050

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121 W. Saint Clair Street, Romeo, Michigan 48065

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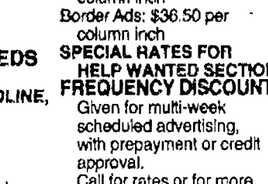
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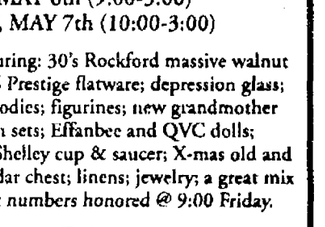
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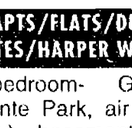
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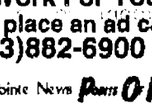
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Creating a bathroom built for two

Traffic jams happen on the highway, not in your bathroom. But according to the "Bathroom Inventory" survey conducted by Moen Inc., the reality is that more than half of master bathrooms are less than 75 square-feet — forcing most couples to make do with limited space.

Yet there are ways to reduce the congestion in this crowded room believes Tim Bitterman, senior product manager of the Inspirations by Moen line of bath accessories.

Following are some of his top tips to create a comfortable bathroom for two:

Organization is key

Small spaces require organization. Too many toiletries, cleaning products and hair dryers can make a small space feel smaller. Clear off the sink, clean out the medicine cabinet and remove products from under the sink. Take stock of what you own and what you use on a daily basis. Pare down the excess and keep only what you need.

Baskets and bins will provide order to the items you plan on keeping.

Mirrors

Mirrors have the ability to visually double the size of your bathroom. By reflecting natural light, they can give your bathroom the appearance of being more open and bright. Full sink to ceiling mirrors create the most significant illusion of increased space. But if that isn't an option, consider a single mirror in a unique shape to create a point of visual interest.

The Sage Collection from the Inspirations by Moen line features a large, oval-shaped pivoting mirror. This pivoting function allows you to adjust the mirror to meet your specific needs, which can be handy if you and your partner differ significantly in height.

The sink

Two sinks can make sharing a bath much easier — provided you have the space. Many newer vanities can accommodate two sinks. You'll need to allow at least five feet when adding a vanity for double sinks. No room? Consider side-by-side, small pedestal sinks instead. No budget for new sinks? Change your faucet with one of today's newer high arc styles. The longer neck and spout of these faucets make it easier for both of you to have the room to brush your teeth, wash your face or even shave — at the same time.

Lighting

A dark room feels cramped and crowded, while natural light can make the bath feel open and larger.

Add sheer blinds or apply a film treatment to your window to let in more light, while still allowing for privacy. Consider changing the lighting fixtures as well.

Overhead lighting tends to add unflattering shadows to your face when you look in the mirror. Try installing wall sconces level with the top of the mirror. This puts the light in front of you, creating the most optimal lighting for grooming.

Double up

Consider installing two double robe hooks for items such as robes, pajamas and towels. Keeping robes and towels off the floor reduces the cluttered appearance of a small bathroom.

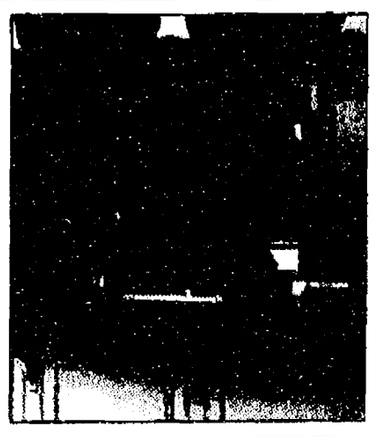
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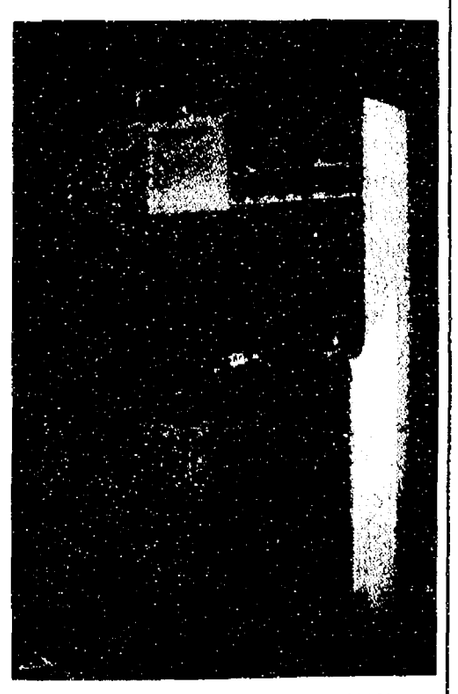
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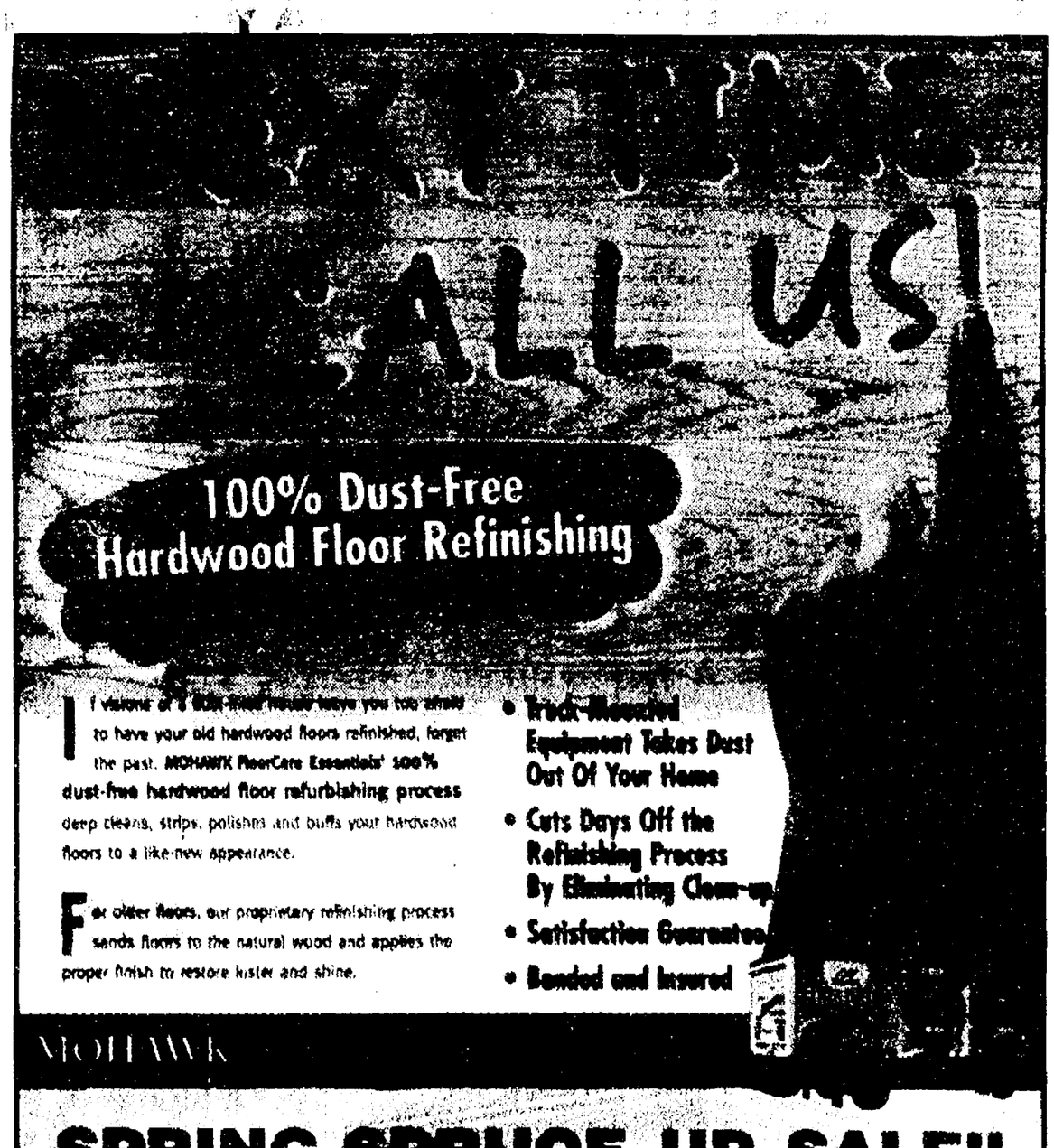


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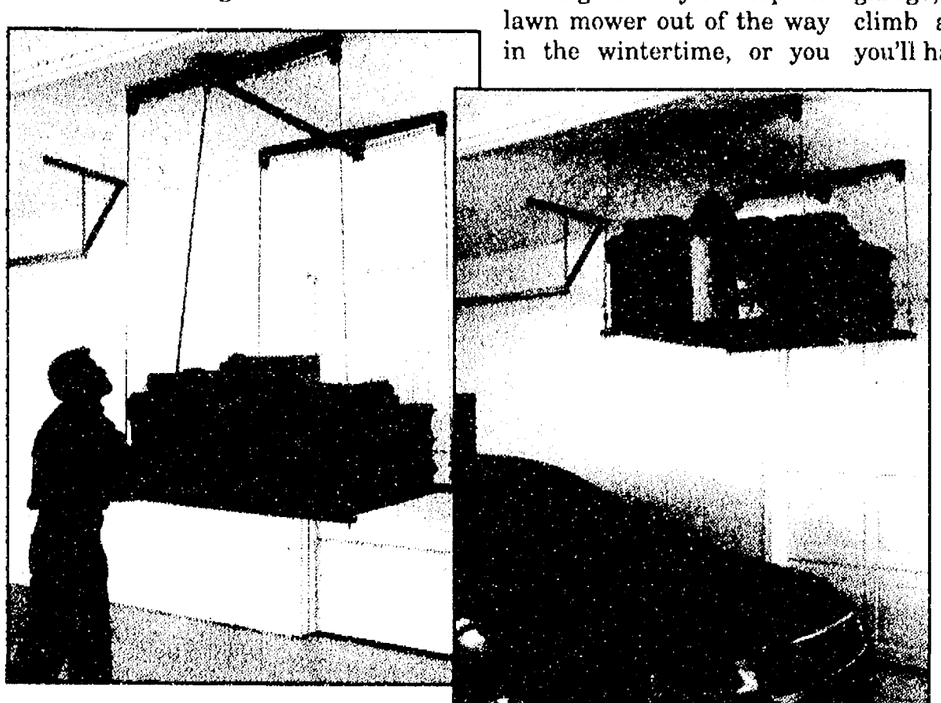
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How to fully utilize all of the storage space in your garage

If you're like most people, your garage is mess. A lot of people try to make their garages more user friendly by putting up peg board for the tools, hanging the bikes from hooks in the ceiling to get them out of the way, and building shelves along the walls to stack things on. "Those solutions are all well and good, but they don't utilize the available storage space to its full potential," says Kevin Shaha, president of Racor Inc., a Idaho-based company that specializes in garage storage solutions.



Shaha's company is about to introduce a new garage storage device that he says will revolutionize the industry. The HeavyLift system will allow you to store virtually anything out of the way and off the floor by making use of the space on the ceiling.

The easy-to-install do-it-yourself kit, available through retailers nationwide, includes heavy duty steel support beams which you will secure to the rafters.

All you have to do is screw the support beams into the ceiling, attach the winding axle with the enclosed hardware, thread the steel cable through the support beam wheels and attach to the platform, then use the provided hand crank to raise and lower the platform. "You can safely store up to 250 pounds on it," says Shaha. "It's a great way to keep the lawn mower out of the way in the wintertime, or you can use it to store file boxes, third row car seats, outdoor furniture, tires, pretty much anything you can think of that normally takes up a lot of space."

An added plus is the safety factor. The American Ladder Institute reports that each year, more than a half million people are injured and 165,000 visit emergency rooms after falling off ladders. With a HeavyLift system in your garage, you'll never have to climb a ladder again. All you'll have to do to get down something heavy is hook up the hand crank and lower the load, then take whatever you need off the platform and crank it back up to the ceiling.

And once you get those bulkier items out of the way, you can make better use of the limited shelf space you have in the garage. So instead of using shelves to store boxes and other bulky items, you can put cleaners, auto accessories and other things you need immediate access to on them.

Transform your garage into a showplace

The one-car garage has become almost extinct — no one would think of building a new home with anything smaller than a two-car garage, and in many neighborhoods, a three-car garage is the norm.

"The garage has become an extension of peoples' homes," says Don Sneed, president of Better Life Technology, a company that specializes in easy-to-install garage flooring. In addition to being bigger than they were a few years ago, garages are also becoming showplaces, with painted walls, custom storage and even fancy floors.



If you'd like to keep your new garage looking new, or give your older garage a facelift, start at the bottom, so to speak, with the G-Floor roll out garage flooring from BLT a Kansas-based company. The coin-patterned flooring is easy to install, durable and attractive.

Created by Don's son Brett, the G-Floor, made of specially formulated polyvinyl, hides cracks and stains while protecting floors from oil, battery acid, grease, brake fluid, antifreeze, salt, mud and other dirt that finds its way into the garage. The G-Floor puts a moisture and vapor barrier between the cold concrete and parked vehicles, making it a favorite of car buffs.

"Anyone who lives in a colder climate knows what a mess winter snow, slush and salt can make both in the garage and in the house," says Sneed. Because the G-Floor resists mildew and rot, it is perfect for damp areas, unlike carpeting. "Not only does our flooring beautify your garage, it also helps in keeping dirt outside, where it belongs.

The flooring comes in six attractive colors, and installation is a snap: Simply unroll and cut to size using a utility knife, overlapping or butting the flooring together for seamless protection and a custom fit; no adhesives are required. The flooring comes in a variety of different widths, up to 10 feet wide, and a typical garage will require two or three rolls of flooring, at a cost of $500 to $1,000. To clean, simply hose off the floor.

Once you've finished sprucing up your garage, consider other uses for the G-Floor. The coin pattern looks great in other areas of the house, such as a workshop, laundry room, basement storage room, even a wine cellar. The floor is great for these areas, since it provides enough cushioning action to make it more comfortable to stand and walk on, offers impact resistance in case of dropped tools or wine bottles, and the surface pattern lets spills be easily wiped up.

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Choosing a reliable trim for your home's exterior

Whether you are building a new home or remodeling an existing one, you want your house to look its best inside and out. More important, you want it to look great year after year with as little maintenance as possible, right?

One simple way to set your home apart from your neighbors is to install or replace the exterior wood trim that frames your windows and doors, caps roof lines and serves as column wraps, porch trim, corner arches and a variety of other decorative applications. It is an excellent finishing touch and a convenient and inexpensive way to accent the beauty of your home's style.

When choosing an exterior trim, material selection is perhaps the most important factor. Available materials include wood, engineered wood composites, hardboard and PVC. Wood products such as redwood, cedar and primed spruce, can look great when first installed, but may split and swell over time. Many homeowners also complain about paint peeling, chipping and discoloration of wood trim, as well as warping and decay.



Hardboard trim products are made of two pieces of hardboard siding that are glued together. Over time and with extended outdoor exposure, these products may separate and lose their durability, requiring additional maintenance and repair. PVC products may expand or contract with temperature variations, are not environmentally friendly, and cost two to three times that of engineered wood composite trim boards.

Engineered wood composite trim is a functional, economical and easy-to-use option. Some composite trim is treated to withstand harsh weather conditions and to provide enhanced performance. For instance, MiraTEC Treated Exterior Composite Trim from CraftMaster Manufacturing Inc. (CMI) is treated with zinc borate and made with phenolic resins to offer moisture, rot and termite resistance. Hardboard trim products do not offer such protection. Additionally, MiraTEC Trim is coated with a mildew-resistant primer on four sides, making it easy to paint, thus eliminating the need to repaint as often as standard wood trim products.

Available in 16-foot boards, as well as a variety of thicknesses and widths, CMI's MiraTEC Trim delivers enhanced durability and performance in non-structural trim applications. It is reversible to meet any home's style. The smooth side offers a contemporary look, while the side with a warm-cedar texture is perfect for traditional homes. Unlike other trim products, MiraTEC Trim is backed by a 25-year warranty that covers rot, hail damage, warp, delamination and splitting.

When building your next home or remodeling your current one, be sure to ask for MiraTEC Trim. It is available at most local building material suppliers.

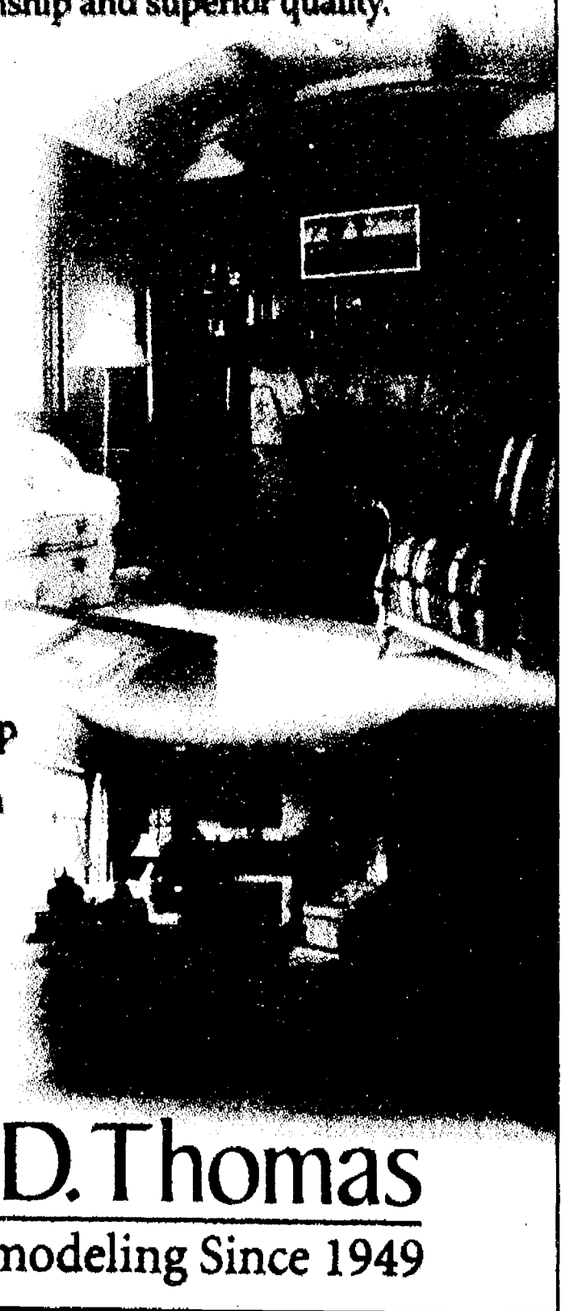
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Finding the real 'hue'



Although walls can't talk, the colors you choose for a room say quite a bit about the space and how it feels to your family and friends. Color can enhance creativity, provide a feeling of warmth and coziness, or create a sense of relaxation. But how do you select the perfect paint color to bring out the personality you want your room to convey?

Dutch Boy color specialists field many questions from home decorators, interior designers and homeowners like you regarding the basics of color and paint selection techniques.

Here are some of the most frequently asked questions and answers to help you get started on your next weekend project:

Q. How do I determine the amount of paint needed for a particular job?

A. Measure both the height and width of your walls. Then, add the width of all the walls in the room together. Multiply this sum by the height of one wall from floor to ceiling. Take this total number and subtract the total area of your doors, windows, archways, etc. to get the exact area of wall space you will paint. A good rule of thumb to follow is that a flat surface usually requires one gallon for every 400 square feet.

According to the Paint Coatings Research Panel, the typical paint project requires 2.38 gallons. For the perfect project-sized paint container, try the new Ready to Roll from Dutch Boy which comes filled with 2.5 gallons tinted to the color of your choice.

Q. How do I select the best color for my room?

A. The first step is to examine your furniture, window treatments and other accessories. From the colors represented in these items, choose your favorite colors and visit your local retailer to obtain coordinating color chips. Put the chips in the room and look at them both in the daylight and at night to see the effect lighting has on the colors. You may want to even buy a quart of your top choice and test it on one of your walls.

For those who are a bit intimidated about using a bold color on all four walls, Schroeder notes it can always be used for an accent wall. "This would allow you to introduce a small area of bold color and then as your comfort level increases, begin incorporating a larger number of dark colors into your room."

Q. How do colors affect a room's size?

A. Strong, warm colors like reds, oranges and yellows have the tendency to close a space. Called advancing colors, these hues jump out and meet the eye. Conversely, receding colors like blue, green and violet make a room look larger because they "stand back" visually. However, the darkest values of the receding colors, like navy blue or hunter green, also tend to have a diminishing effect on a room's size. To make small rooms appear larger, choose a white or neutral color.

Q. Should trim work be used as an accent or painted the same color as the walls?

A. The answer to this question depends on what look you are trying to achieve. Use the same color if you want to downplay ordinary or unattractive trim work, or if you are trying to create a uniform, monochromatic look. Use a lighter or darker color to accentuate trim or to add subtle hints or bold flashes of color to your room.

Q. Will the paint I chose look lighter or darker on the wall?

A. Over a large surface area, most colors appear darker. You may want to consider choosing a color a shade or two lighter to counteract this effect.

Q. How do I know which paint finish is right for my room?

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Homeowners across the country spend millions of dollars and countless hours improving their landscaping. When it comes to the landscaping that surrounds their homes, they should also consider how to prevent roof runoff, which can wreck their best attempts at landscaping and put a dent in their wallets as well.

Plants drowned by a cascading torrent of rainwater splashing over clogged gutters don't stand a chance. Of even greater concern is potential home damage. Gutters clogged with everything from leaves and twigs to animal and bird nests can cause rainwater washing over their sides to accumulate in pools around walls and foundations. This can lead to leaky and cracked foundations or flooded basements that can require expensive home repairs.

Climbing a ladder to keep gutters clean and free flowing is a difficult and dirty job that tops the list of homeowner chores most people hate to do. It can also be dangerous. The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons reports that each year more than 511,000 people are treated in hospital emergency rooms, doctor's offices, clinics and other medical settings because of injuries related to ladder use.

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Your local garden center or a professional landscape consultant can provide advice about plants that tolerate extreme amounts of moisture, or the benefits of a drain system to minimize the possibility of water damage to your home and garden. However, keeping rainwater from your roof and gutters away from your plants and shrubs is your first step towards better landscaping.

Home renovation costs can be rolled into mortgage

Home remodeling projects come in all shapes and sizes: from simple projects that breathe new life into a home to major projects that involve gutting a house and redesigning the floor plan to customize it for your lifestyle. The reasons people remodel are as varied as the projects that homeowners can undertake: adding a room, modernizing a kitchen — even improving the energy efficiency of a home by adding new doors and windows.

The nationwide housing boom of the past few years is extending beyond the initial purchase of a home. People are putting money into their houses to improve comfort, safety and protect their initial investment. According to the Remodeling Activity Indicator (RAI) used by Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies, homeowners continued to invest in their homes by spending almost $127 billion on remodeling in 2004 — up by almost 6 percent over 2003 levels.

One reason for the jump may be a mortgage option that allows borrowers to purchase and renovate a home using a single loan.

"Renovation loans give home buyers some options when it comes to considering houses that aren't perfect," says John Sway, renovation program manager for Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. "With the majority of the nation's housing stock at least 25 years old, there's demand for mortgage products that address the needs of home buyers who are looking at older homes that need some TLC."

In the past, financing options were limited, especially if the owner didn't have sufficient equity in the home. These days, however, homeowners have choices that were developed specifically to help buyers and owners finance home improvement projects.

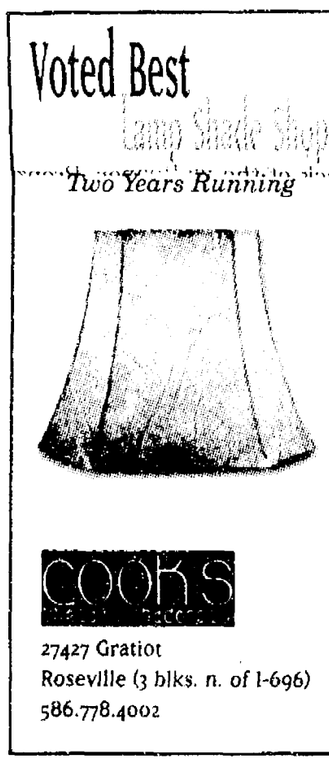
The Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) 203(k) loan is one of the more popular renovation loan programs. This loan is generally used to update or improve a house or condominium needing a minimum of $5,000 in essential repairs such as new wiring, plumbing, roof repair/replacement or structural repairs.

"These mortgage products are great tools for homeowners and important for community revitalization," says Sway. "Home buyers and neighborhoods benefit from the improvements these loan programs make possible. Investing in a home contributes to the financial well-being of the owners, and it certainly contributes to the financial well-being of a community because the homeowners are preventing these older homes from deteriorating and falling out of the housing stock."

Over the coming decade, many metropolitan areas are expected to see a noticeable pickup in remodeling activity, especially as rising home prices force an increasing numbers of buyers to look for older, more affordable homes.











Makeover a kitchen on a budget

So you've just spent almost all your savings buying a home, or dropped a few months rent making the move to a new apartment. More space, lots of possibilities, but the kitchen is an eyesore. Sure, you'll paint, but how else can you turn a sad kitchen into a glad kitchen on a very small budget?

According to experts at The Art Institutes, it is possible to stick to a tight budget and make a few simple, yet big impact changes that will turn an ugly duckling kitchen into a swan.

One way to do this, according to Suzann Nordstrom, an instructor with The Illinois Institute of Art — Schaumburg, is to see kitchens as they used to be, when "freestanding furniture was used to house kitchen objects." Though this went out of fashion when built-in cabinetry came along, Nordstrom says it's making a comeback, and it's a perfect design idea for anyone redoing a kitchen on a tight budget.

"Think about using a piece of furniture, which might already exist in the house or find a hutch or case piece at a flea market or antique shop," she says. By using an actual piece of furniture, you have an opportunity to set a specific style for your kitchen. Whether it's French country, Asian-inspired or Italian farmhouse, chances are a great piece can be found on almost any budget.

In addition to furniture, Nordstrom says lighting can make or break the look of your kitchen. "The secret to making a lighting statement in your kitchen is to use task, ambient and accent," she explains. Most people do well with ambient lighting, which is usually a large overhead fixture, but to get task and accent lighting on a budget, Nordstrom recommends placing under-cabinet lighting in the front and bottom of wall cabinets, or over islands or peninsulas by using pendants. Both types of lighting are easily available and affordable at a local home center. Accent lighting can be achieved by using rope lighting above wall cabinets or using small lamps on freestanding furniture, islands or peninsulas.

Yanitza Tavarez, an interior design instructor at The Art Institute of Washington, has learned a trick or two for turning around the look of a drab kitchen. "Consider replacing your knobs and handles. Whether you choose sleek and modern or fun and whimsical, new hardware provides a range of options that will fit into any budget," she says.

Cabinet resurfacing is another option Tavarez recommends. Though it's more expensive than just painting, it's not as pricey as all new cabinetry. She likes inserting glass panels for a fresh new look.

Super easy tricks for updating and improving the look of any kitchen don't have to cost anything. Tavarez says "de-clutter your countertops and you'll be amazed how much cleaner and brighter your kitchen can look." For splashes of color, fill a beautiful bowl with lemons or limes, or display a fresh, brightly-colored tea towel. Take your children's artwork and frame it. With smaller pieces, you can use them across a backsplash. Plastic or laminate frames are easy to wipe off, says Tavarez, and they become "little masterpieces in your kitchen."

With any budget, small or large, it's important to stay realistic. John Franke, a design instructor at The Art Institute of Pittsburgh says, "On a really tight budget, you usually can't move plumbing or necessarily buy new appliances." Instead, he recommends educating yourself by heading to your local home center, and finding out what's possible for the money you have. If you don't have a lot of countertop, maybe you can afford a new laminate one. Laminates have come a long way in terms of mimicking the look of more expensive materials, and their cost is still very affordable.

Last but not least, consider consulting with a professional designer. Though it may seem out of reach on a budget, many designers are willing to work with a client on an hourly basis offering advice on color, lighting or effective use of space. "Designers are professionals, and are trained to find design solutions, even on a small budget," says Franke.

Design help can be found by contacting a local chapter of American Society for Interior Design or a nearby design school. Explain what kind of help you need and your budget.

Here are a few more simple tips from the design pros at The Art Institutes:

• If you can't replace old appliances, think on a smaller scale. Instead, replace your old toaster, blender, and/or microwave with new ones utilizing fashionable stainless steel. Remember to select a satin finish in order to avoid fingerprints.

• Consider coordinated storage containers. For example, use glass jars to store your pasta, rice and/or cereal. It also serves as a colorful display. In a similar manner, you can substitute the bottles of mismatched spices into a streamlined arrangement.

• Taking inspiration from museums, display your favorite kitchen objects. For example on a simple shelf, make an arrangement of the myriad of ice cream scoops and cups that you have gathered throughout the years. Thus, look at the potential for collections when you visit flea markets and yard sales.

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Bring a piece of history into your own backyard

The latest trend in ...ng is actually a blast ... the past — new fired ... pavers made to look ... they were transported ... from the pages of a history book.

Though they have a weathered look, this new breed of brick pavers is every bit as durable as their modern-looking counterparts. They meet all ASTM (American Society for Testing & Materials) standards and are frequently used for driveways and on streets.

In recent years, options for achieving this look have increased along with the demand. A few years ago, those in the market for antique-look pavers would have relied on recycled sources-pavers harvested from old buildings.

Pine Hall Brick's Paver Director Ted Corvey notes the limitations of this dwindling supply, saying, "Recycled brick is harder to find, expensive, and inconsistent in size, color and quality." Those who want actual antique pavers can go through dealers like Colonial Chicago Brick who sell reclaimed brick from Chicago and other parts of the country.

Mike Longo, Whitacre Greer Pavers' executive vice president says that five years ago they were getting so many requests for this look that they "went to the drawing board determined to find the best way to make something new that looked old." Today many brick manufacturers offer their own brand of antique-look clay pavers. From rumbled to tumbled and sand-moulded to wood mold, what do these terms mean to you as a consumer?



Tumbled pavers

The newest variety on the market, these brick pavers are actually "tumbled" during or after the manufacturing process to achieve an aged appearance. Boral Brick's Paver Manager John Blackwelder describes their tumbling method saying, "Once these pavers have been processed through the plant, they are tumbled together as they dry. The technique gives them a slightly deteriorated, soft appearance, similar to that of pavers made hundreds of years ago."

Wood mold pavers

Up until the last 100 years or so, most brick was actually made by hand using individual wood molds which were dusted with sand to keep the clay from sticking to the mold. Today, you can still buy handmade brick from a limited number of brick companies, while several others offer a machine molded alternative. All wood mold pavers — whether machine or handmade — are characterized by the four finished sides created by the box used to mold the brick. As would be expected, wood mold pavers are the most expensive, but also the most authentic, antique-look brick products on the market.

Simulated antique brick

This category encompasses a variety of innovative techniques used to age brick. While the looks of each differ, they are all products of imaginative techniques like sand blasting, coating and other texturing processes done before or after firing. This is the least expensive type of antique-look clay paver, but still more than expensive than traditional square edge clay pavers.

Tom Perry, vice president of marketing for the Brick Industry Association, sums up the trend toward antique-look pavers, saying, "The whole antique market is growing because consumers want a look that says 'I've been here a while' which speaks to durability and longevity. I think that deep down this provides feelings of comfort and safety that are not much different from the charm associated with going to an old historic place. There's a feeling that this place has survived a very long time and there's comfort in that."

Finally, whether you go for the well-worn patina of antique-look pavers or the crisp look of modern extruded pavers, the key to long-lasting beauty is to make sure you are getting a genuine clay brick paver. All pavers are not created equal, and no other material will maintain its color and age as well as genuine fired clay pavers.

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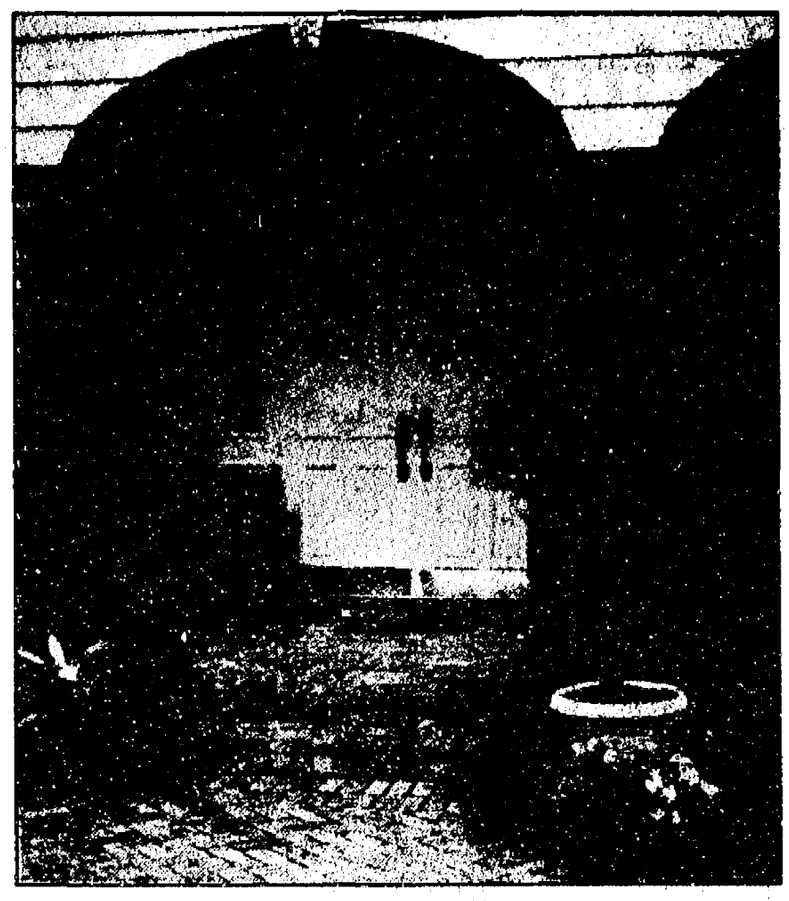
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Give your home a facelift by enhancing your front entrance



If you long to give your home that sought after "curb appeal" this spring or summer, consider starting with your front entrance.

"Your front entrance is so important when making that 'first impression,' because it's really the 'face' of your home," says Lou Manfredini, Ace Hardware's "Helpful Hardware Man" and home improvement expert. "It's smart to keep the entryway in top shape whether you're selling your house or staying in it for years to come."

The following are 10 easy improvements from Manfredini to help give your home a facelift, projects that use products available at your local hardware store:

1. Repair the walkway: Patch cracks and replace loose bricks and pavers. Rent a power washer or purchase a chemical treatment to clean up embedded stains in concrete, stone or asphalt.

2. Illuminate the path: Lighting helps ensure guests arrive safely and also acts as a theft deterrent. Clean light fixtures and replace burnt-out bulbs with energy-saving CFL bulbs, replace outdated fixtures and add landscape lighting to brighten walkways and shrubbery.

3. Use foliage and shrubbery: Strategically-placed plants can conceal any unattractive aspects of your house or surroundings. Place large pots or hanging baskets around the stoop or porch. Bushes or hedges hide air conditioning units or propane tanks, and flower beds and window boxes will stylize a stark facade.

4. Prune and mulch: Prune dead branches, trim back overgrown shrubbery or remove obstructive plantings. Spread mulch or bark around trees, shrubs and flowers for a weed-free, well-kept look.

5. Decorate your door: Restore the luster of your door by polishing the hinges and knobs. Paint or stain the door with a color that stands out yet complements the trim and siding. Hang a pretty wreath to finish the look. If your front door is weak or unattractive, invest in a replacement door or storm door for security and energy efficiency.

6. Focus on windows: Fix broken windows and torn screens and paint sashes, trim and shutters in a neutral color. Add window treatments and keep the glass crystal clear.

7. Accessorize: Choose a few lawn and garden ornaments. Match a decorative handle, door knocker or kickplate with shiny new house numbers and a mailbox.

8. Feature furniture: Spray a fresh coat of paint on furniture and replace the cushions. Fill an empty spot on the porch or stoop with a quaint bench or porch swing.

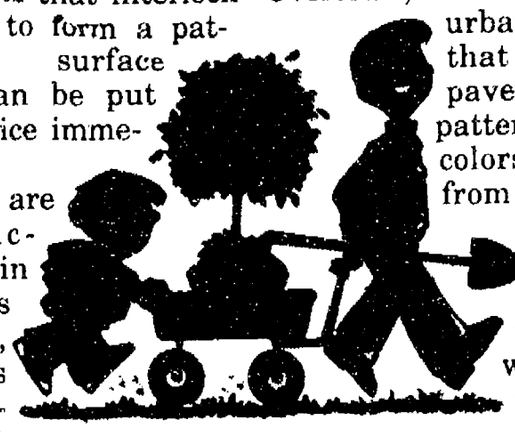
9. Keep it clean: Sweep the sidewalk and stoop, clear away cobwebs, tighten wobbly railings and repaint posts and supports.

10. The finishing touch: Put out a clean, new welcome mat. Make sure the doorbell works and you're all set to greet visiting friends and family members.

Adding flexibility and style to your landscaping

Many homeowners desire the high-end look of stone on their property's walks and driveways at more modest concrete prices.

One way to do this is with interlocking concrete pavers-a pavement type that is growing in popularity. Also called segmental paving, the basic technique is as classic as the roads of the Roman empire. Interlocking concrete pavers use high-strength, durable concrete units that interlock together to form a patterned surface which can be put into service immediately.



Pavers are manufactured in various shapes, textures and colors. A big benefit of pavers is that they can be removed and reinstalled, which reduces future service interruptions. They are often used in walkways, patios, driveways, plazas and downtown renovations.

Concrete pavers are available in a wide range of styles. For instance, one is crafted to resemble Roman paving stones.

Paver units are often used in historic restoration projects, such as streets in historic areas. Since paver units are uniform in size, they offer a smoother ride and are easier to repair than their historic cobblestone counterpart.

The popularity of pavers is expanding rapidly in the United States and Canada. There is plenty of growth to go; in Europe there are 10 square feet of pavers installed per person annually, however, in North America it is not even two square feet per person. In the Netherlands most of the streets and sidewalks are pavers.

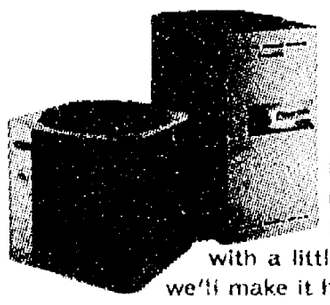
Dayton, Ohio and Toronto, Ontario are two of many cities that have used concrete pavers in historic neighborhoods to enhance the area's image and support the investment by residents in their homes.

The ability to produce pavers in a wide variety of shapes and colors makes it possible to use them in colorful, attention-grabbing ways that can add to the character of a home. For example, Overtown, Fla. created an urban park that used pavers in patterns and colors taken from Kente Cloth, a non-repetitive weave from North Africa.

To learn more about using concrete pavers in a patio or driveway, visit the Web site of the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute at icpi.org.

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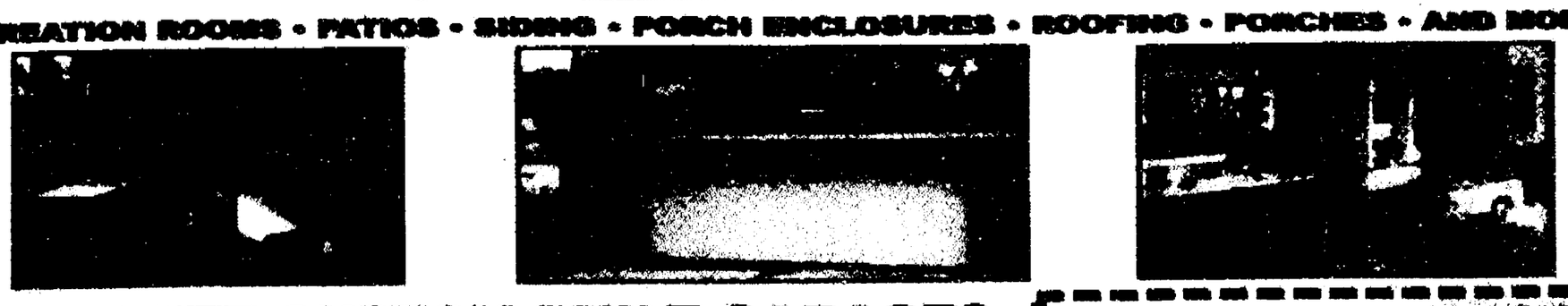
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Cracks in your concrete can cause a hole in your wallet

It's definitely not fun, but it's a fact of life for every homeowner — maintenance. Every spring, you service the air conditioner, inspect the gutters and repair window screens. Everything's in order for the upcoming warmer months, right? Not so fast. One of the most important maintenance tasks to complete on a regular basis is often times overlooked — caring for your home's concrete driveway, walkways and patios.

For years we've been led to believe that concrete is indestructible and maintenance-free. Unfortunately, many homeowners learn the hard way that concrete does fail and repairing or replacing it isn't cheap. In fact, the average homeowner will spend approximately six dollars a square foot when replacing existing concrete.

However, there are some simple steps you can take now to help prevent your concrete from crumbling:

Inspect driveway, sidewalk and patio

Cracks and signs of deterioration will allow water to soften the ground underneath and cause more cracking. You can typically use concrete caulk for most cracks less than 1/4-inch. Clean out the crack with a high pressure hose, let dry, then apply caulk into the crack. For larger cracks you should use concrete patch.

Watch for water

Water sitting on concrete can stain the surface and allow cracks to form and mold spores to develop. To prevent water damage and deterioration, make sure there is proper drainage near your driveway

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Use a sealer

It is important that a surface sealer be applied after a new concrete driveway, patio or sidewalk is poured.

You can check with your ready-mix concrete supplier or contractor for sealers, but one of the more popular sealers is H&C Silicone Acrylic Concrete Sealer. These types of sealers are specifically developed to seal and protect exterior and bare concrete surfaces by repelling acids, UV rays, oil and gas.

Additionally, many of these sealers now come in a wide range of decorative colors, so you can personalize your home's exterior while protecting it.

Recoat regularly

Once you've applied a sealer, remember to recoat the concrete every three to five years to maintain a level of protection for the surface. Harsh climate changes, such as blustery winter weather, can cause sealers to eventually breakdown.

Clean surface spills

After any type of spill of oil or gasoline, be sure to clean the area as soon as possible to avoid damage and discoloration. Also, remember not to leave fertilizer, leaves or grass clippings on your driveway. They may contain chemicals or enzymes that can harm your concrete surface.

Don't use deicers

Since concrete takes a while to reach its maximum strength, if your driveway was poured less than one year ago, don't use a deicer. While some deicers, such as salt, do not chemically react with the concrete, they do increase the number of freeze/thaw cycles. This has the potential of damaging the concrete until it has reached its maximum strength — after one year.

Avoid deicers with ammonium nitrate or ammonium sulfate. These chemicals are often packaged and sold as deicers, but they will rapidly disintegrate concrete. Under usual conditions, deicers that contain sodium chloride (common salt) or calcium chloride may be used after the first winter.

The only safe material to use to make the concrete surface skid-resistant is plain sand. Sand can be purchased from your local home improvement store or at a concrete supplier in your area.

By following these simple maintenance steps, you can enjoy the investment of your concrete for many years to come.

Tips for unsure do-it-yourselfers

For every person who enjoys making repairs around the house, there is another person who can barely tell the difference between a wrench and a screwdriver. One of the toughest choices that not-so-talented do-it-yourselfers face is whether to use nails or screws when making repairs.

According to "Shelves and Cabinets" (TimeLife), nails are the most common fasteners. They are quick, easy and inexpensive. When reinforced with glue, nails offer adequate strength for cabinets and shelving units.

Common nails and finishing nails are the only ones that are needed for most shelf and cabinet construction. Common nails have large heads and work well in areas where they will not be seen.

With their smaller heads, finishing nails can be countersunk and concealed, and they work best on exterior parts. Although they cost more, screws have better holding power than nails. They take more time to install, but should be used when extra strength is needed. Screws also work well holding together a structure that you may wish to disassemble in the future.

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.

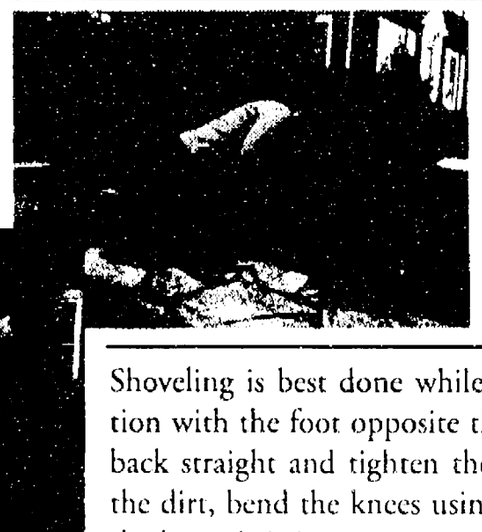
In conclusion, know your strengths and limitations and do not overexert. Drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration and wear a hat and sunscreen to minimize sun damage. Switch or alternate activities to vary the muscles you are using and take breaks to allow your joints and muscles to rest. Periodically, 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.





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.



It is also helpful to do the wrist flexion stretch. Again, hold this stretch for 20 seconds and repeat twice.



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.

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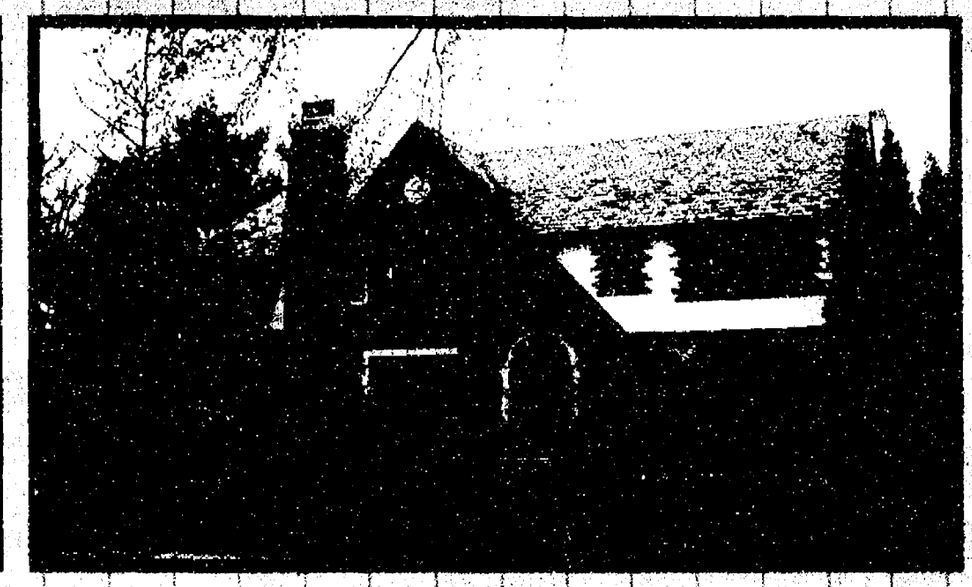
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Perennials vs. annuals in the flower war



By David Soulliere
Soulliere Garden Center

Q. We are getting ready to plan our flower garden for this year. What is the difference of planting perennials or annuals?

A. Annuals or perennials, which do you prefer? In the past five years gardeners have added more perennials to their gardens with perennial sales increasing year after year. Possible reasons for the rebirth of the perennial could be the large selection of plant varieties, ease of plant care, and the ability to create an ever-changing garden. On the other hand, annuals offer a blanket of color that lasts throughout most of the growing season. There are many popular annuals that have an amazing array of color to choose from. Once planted, all that is usually needed is water and fertilizer.

If I were to list all the varieties of perennials it would fill this page, and new plant hybrids are introduced every year. The new introductions may feature a new color shade, a color variegation of the leaf or a variety that grows differently than the original plant. It is fun to bring home a previously unfamiliar variety of perennial to watch it grow and blossom in your yard. You will learn about the new plants as they grow throughout the season. Even if the spot you choose to plant it in is not the best choice, the perennial can be moved to a new location for the following season.

As you receive seed catalogs or browse through gardening magazines, you can choose which varieties of perennials you want to try in your garden.

Most perennials will flower for two to four months each season. Before or after the flowering time, you will only have a leafy plant. Some perennials have colored leaves that add interest to the garden. Most perennial gardens will have a variety of plants throughout the landscape so that anytime of year there is interest in the garden.

Mixing varieties that complement each other also adds to the spectacular flower show of perennials. Leaf texture should also be considered when combining different varieties in a planting bed. Grass plants, for example, stand out proud during the winter months above a blanket of snow.

Don't be afraid to mix perennials and annuals in your garden. Decide this winter which new plant varieties you would like to try next year. Whether you buy small plants from catalogs or larger established plants from the garden center, you will be pleased with the added interest your garden will have.

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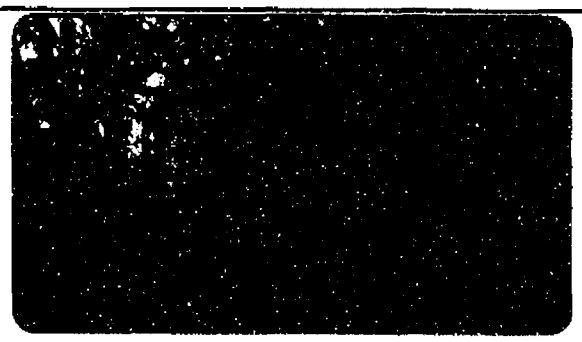
Major Price Reduction! So much to show you in this five bedroom, three and one-half bath home. BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED THROUGHOUT! New tear off roof on main house (4/05), newer furnace and air, refinished hardwoods, large kitchen with breakfast room, formal and informal grounds. Nicely situated near Kercheval. $625,000

273 RIDGE
GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Magnificent stone French Norman Chateau designed by Albert Kahn, constructed of the finest materials and craftsmanship. Romantic turret encloses dramatic staircase. Each room features handcrafted moldings, trim and fireplaces. Newer gourmet kitchen and marble master bath. Extensive gardens and grounds with fountains and pool. $3,450,000

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Happy Mother's Day



1419 ROSLYN

Mom will appreciate this low maintenance two bedroom cutie with new carpeting and refinished oak floors. The tidy kitchen has a view of the rear deck and the deep lot. One of the smallest homes in the neighborhood, it can be yours for $ 188,900!



1512 BRYS

Move right in, Mom! This adorable three bedroom, two bath home has been totally remodeled and redecorated! Updates include the new kitchen, new baths, new siding, new windows, new central air, new two car garage, new sprinkler system and the list goes on! $ 219,900.



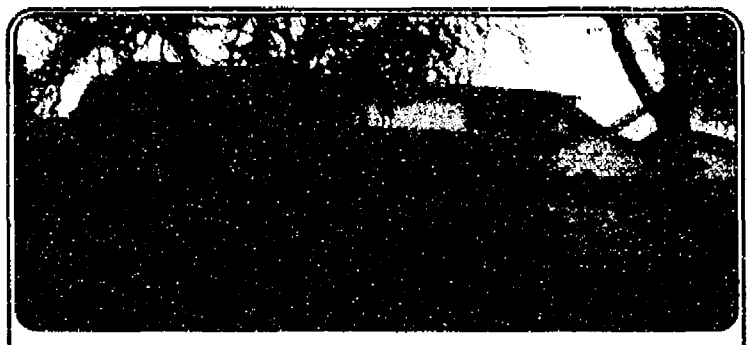
109 MEADOW LANE

Mom can walk to The Hill within minutes from this darling three bedroom, one and one half bath colonial. Updates include the newer kitchen with eating area, dining room with bay, recreation room, patio with awning and master bedroom with fireplace. $ 299,900.



349 MT. VERNON

A leisurely bath will relax Mom! This three bedroom, two and one half bath colonial offers enough bathrooms so that Mom can take that extended bath! There is also a family room with fireplace, efficient kitchen and attractive hardwood floors. $ 299,900.



979 BRIARCLIFF

Mom will love the new kitchen! This handsome four bedroom, two full and two half bath home also has a first floor laundry, finished lower level and huge family room with fireplace. Immediate occupancy is also available! $ 469,900.



1150 BEDFORD

Mom wants charm and character...here it is! This impressive four plus bedroom home features three and one half baths, inviting den, amazing newer kitchen with cherry cabinets, butler's pantry and eating area, and fabulous gardens. $ 535,000.



419 LINCOLN

Mom said she wanted a family room! And, I'm sure she'll appreciate the newer kitchen, den, private patios, master sitting room, third floor hideaway, finished lower level and new décor. Complete renovation and redesign accomplished by Hans Stuhldreer.

FIRST OFFERING



63 RADNOR CIRCLE

DELIGHTFUL COLONIAL ON RADNOR CIRCLE – This pretty home has seen impressive updates and offers a wonderful location close to schools and shopping. The open design provides a handsome living room with fireplace and built-ins, formal dining room with refinished oak floors and newly updated kitchen with appliances. There is a family room with brick walled fireplace that is accessible from both the kitchen and living room. There are three bedrooms upstairs with great closet space and a full bath. The lower level is completely finished with a pine-paneled recreation room. The brick paver patio and extensive rear yard landscaping add to the pleasure. A very special home.



89 LAKESHORE

If it's the lake Mom wants, her wish will come true! This distinctive residence offers exceptional views from all rooms, including the first floor master bedroom, family room, garden room with fireplace and guest suite with kitchenette. The additional lot on the lake is included!



1010 LAKE SHORE

Singular design elements and magnificent lake vistas will excite Mom in this custom built new residence. The patio at water's edge, lake room with fireplace, gourmet kitchen with adjacent chef's kitchen, first floor master and four car garage are just some of the attributes.



VACANT LOTS

Two lots, each about three quarters of an acre, are available in the quiet, dead-end section of Lothrop. Appropriately named the Pine Woods, these unique lots may be purchased together or individually. Mom could finally build her dream home!



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Beware of planting those annuals due to frost



The Backer Yard

By Ron Jazowski
Backer Landscaping

There's a saying in the garden shop business, "Don't discourage people from buying annuals in early to mid May." These are repeat customers because they'll be back to purchase at least once more after they loose the first batch to frost.

Two weeks ago we were all basking in mid 70 degrees temperatures only to be drop kicked by a windy, snow covered weekend courtesy of Mother Nature.

May is what I'd call an ideal time to plant cold/winter hardy flowers, trees and shrubs. Cool nights and somewhat warm days are perfect for extended root growth. A number of plants that haven't even started new stem growth are working on their roots, making stronger, healthier specimens.

However, May is not the time to start planting warm season or tropical flowers that we are only borrowing for a summer season. They are used to growing in temperatures above freezing, and hastening the process is futile. No matter how much protection you provide the flowers, even the old method of washing the plants down before sunrise to get rid of the frost, usually results in dead or greatly stunted items.

I know we have a short growing season in the Grosse Pointe area, but think of the poor people living in Northern Michigan who can't plant until mid June, only to be frost killed early as the first week of September.

Better to wait a few weeks than do double planting.

Q. How soon should I take off tree wrap and guy wires on a newly planted tree?

— Mark of Grosse Pointe Woods.

A. I usually recommend taking off these items after one year of growth except in extremely windy areas. Remember, the sooner you let a tree become independent, the better the root system will be as the roots expand to try to hold the tree in straight position.

Ron Jazowski is a senior landscape designer at Backer Landscaping located at 27739 Groesbeck in Roseville. All questions pertaining to your garden needs are welcome; phone (586) 774-0090; e-mail customerservices@backerlandscaping.com.

Bamboo offers a fresh new floor

(MS) — The use of bamboo dates back thousands of years. Grown primarily in China, bamboo has long been used as a building material for craftsmen around the world. Today, bamboo is still used and has also gained favor in the growing "green building" movement.

. Few building materials can claim to be as environmentally friendly as bamboo. It's a rapidly renewable resource (some species can grow up to three feet per day), and once a culm is harvested, it regrows to its full height again within 18 months.

According to John Himes, director, Hardwood Business, at Mannington Mills, which recently began importing bamboo flooring for the United States market, only one in 1,400 species of bamboo are appropriate for flooring. "Unique visuals in hardwood are the trend right now," Himes noted, "and bamboo certainly has a unique look."

Bamboo lends itself to any decor, depending on the color and visual choice. Its horizontal format offers a lot of visual interest, while the vertical format looks more sleek.

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GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS 1st Offering
Yes! This house has got what you are looking for! Three bedrooms, two and one half baths, partially finished basement, inground sprinkler system, large kitchen with tons of storage and good appliances, natural fireplace, deck.
(LGP71HOL) 313-886-5040 $135,000



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Charming
Step back in time and enjoy all of the pleasure and none of the pain! Thoughtful and well executed updates bring this delightful home into the modern age without sacrificing an ounce of charm. Four bedrooms, one and one-half baths.
(LGP97KER) 313-886-5040 $278,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS 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.
(LGP60REN) 313-886-5040 $479,900



GROSSE POINTE PARK Lakefront
There isn't a room without a view. Enjoy dinner in an elegant formal dining room, large open eat-in kitchen or great room while sitting by the fireplace. Fabulous office upstairs facing Lake St. Clair.
(LGP15LAK) 313-886-5040 $2,500,000



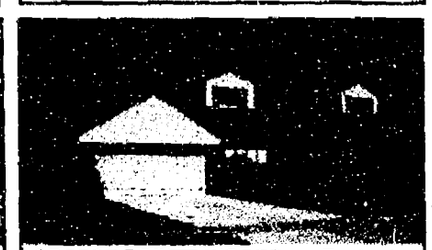
GROSSE POINTE FARMS Exquisite
Gorgeous Georgian, prestigious locale, seven bedrooms, five full and one half baths. Three fireplaces, updated kitchen, butler's pantry, finished basement with rec room. Tavern room with wet bar. Newer furnaces, roof, refinished hardwood floors.
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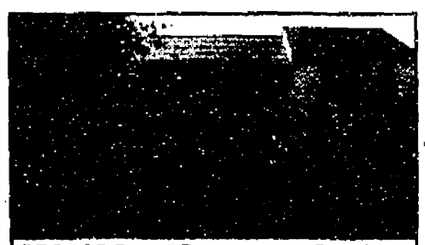
GROSSE POINTE WOODS Charming
Character and charm abound. Updated kitchen, natural fireplace in living room, Florida room, refinished hardwood floors, full basement, freshly painted throughout. Nicely landscaped yard. Great locale. Priced to sell!
(LGP72LAN) 313-886-5040 $182,900



GROSSE POINTE SHORES Elegant
For the buyer who expects excellence and desires a ready to move into home, this spacious ranch offers a master suite with richly appointed bath (granite and marble throughout). Contemporary layout with lots to delight.
(LGP35EDG) 313-886-5040 $499,000



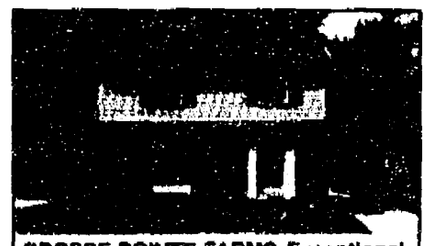
GROSSE POINTE WOODS Exclusive
Four bedroom, two and one half bath elegant Cape Cod, located between Morningside and Lakeshore Drive. Pella wundows, in-ground sprinklers, first floor laundry with shower, copper plumbing. Second floor sitting room.
(LGP92WOO) 313-886-5040 $429,000



GROSSE POINTE Spacious
Nice floor plan on this five bedroom Colonial situated steps from the lake. Open concept kitchen/family room. Master suite with cathedral ceiling, walk-in closet and marble bathroom with spa tub. Library/den and finished basement.
(LGP17WEL) 313-886-5040 $599,900



GROSSE POINTE Magnificent
This English Tudor offers three floors of grace and elegance with a carriage house. Two story foyer leading to sunken garden. This home has been restored with ceramic tile and marble throughout. It will not disappoint you!
(LGP94LAK) 313-886-5040 $1,750,000



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Exceptional
Five bedrooms, three plus car garage, two and one-half baths, fireplace, spa in outdoors four seasons room, Pella windows, newer kitchen with Pewabic tile, all appliances stay, newer furnace and air, all the amenities.
(LGP30ROL) 313-886-5040 $379,900



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Lovely
Three bedroom, two bath home offers a location that's an easy walk to the Hill, Pier Park, schools, more! Pretty hardwood floors, leaded glass windows, breakfast nook, den. Partly finished basement, newer boiler.
(LGP43MCM) 313-886-5040 $275,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK Pretty
Lovely three bedroom bungalow perfectly located in the Park. Great updates including roof, furnace, central air, and newer windows. Full bath in basement, charming master bedroom has loft like feel and tons of storage.
(LGP11BEA) 313-886-5040 $172,500



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Two Family
Great locale! Brick two family income. Many updates, also includes hardwood floors, beautiful gas fireplace, formal dining room. Finished basement for extra living space. Separate furnaces and utilities makes smart buy.
(LGP61VER) 313-886-5040 $255,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK Welcome
Terrific attention to details! Five bedrooms, two and one half baths. Newer kitchen with Jenn-Air appliances, bar sink, Corian counters and room for everyone! Tear off roof 04' newer boiler, newer baths and copper plumbing!
(LGP27LAK) 313-886-5040 $399,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK First Rate
Wonderfully executed updates! Kitchen with granite counters '03, wood windows throughout '01, tear off roofs '01, paver patio walkway and steps '04, refurbished hardwood floors, finished basement with kitchen and bath.
(LGP96WHI) 313-886-5040 $364,000



CHESTERFIELD TWP. Waterfront
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.
(LGP00EDG) 313-886-5040 $329,000



CHESTERFIELD TWP. Stonehenge
Three bedrooms, two and one-half baths, cathedral ceiling in Great Room, master bedroom with bath, large kitchen with oak cabinets, first floor laundry, marble foyer, extra deep basement, freshly painted and much more.
(LGP33WAL) 313-886-5040 $234,000



FRASER Rare To Find
Fraser Meadows Sub. Three bedroom Colonial all with walk-in closets. Master bedroom with full bath. First floor laundry, hardwood floors, finished basement with half bath, newly landscaped, deck and more. A must see.
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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.



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. $498,900.



439 Maison, Grosse Pointe Farms
Picture Perfect Colonial. Updated kitchen with eating space. Living room with gas fireplace, hardwood floors throughout and views from a lovely bay window. Huge family room with oak paneling. This home has been freshly decorated and well maintained. $319,900



551-553 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe City
Two family near the "Village" equals top notch rental income for the savvy investor. Everything is done for you- new furnace, copper pipes, bathroom fixtures, hot water tanks, electrical. All appliances included. **Another David Paul Platinum Property. 313.632.0809**



2307 Allard, Grosse Pointe Woods
Perfect four bedroom, one and one half bath, bungalow. Freshly painted interior and exterior, with many improvements, new cement driveway, new garage door, family room with new gas furnace, tear off roof on house and garage. Remodeled kitchen. $199,900.



22816 Poplar Beach, St. Clair Shores
Must see this unique updated Colonial. Four bedrooms with possible first and second floor master bedrooms. Two full baths, two half baths as well as first and second floor laundry rooms. Multiple fireplaces. $249,900



20016 Elkhart, Harper Woods
Well maintained home! New central air and furnace. Spacious rooms throughout, includes formal dining room. Perfect for first time home buyers. $109,900



5541-43 Balfour
Great home for the family with built-in income. This two family is really charming, with the upper unit rented to help pay your mortgage. Newer roof and windows, glass block windows in basement. All appliances to stay. $139,900.



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! Five bedrooms, two and one half baths. Gorgeous first floor master suite with a Jacuzzi tub, stall shower and double glass doors that lead onto a brick paver patio. Remodeled kitchen, beautiful sunken living room with marble fireplace. $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



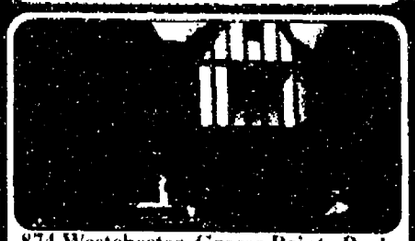
312 McKinley, Grosse Pointe Farms
This home needs a little T.L.C. Newer roof (99), Updated kitchen $263,900.



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.



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

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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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

1033 N. Brys, Grosse Pointe Woods
70 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Shores
522 Thorntree Road, Grosse Pointe Woods
475 Belanger, Grosse Pointe Farms
693 Lake Shores, Grosse Pointe Shores
1153 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park
1567 Summingdale, Grosse Pointe Woods
644 Middlesex, Grosse Pointe Park
1428 Yorkshire, Grosse Pointe Park (1-3pm)
22666 Wildwood, St. Clair Shores
799 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Park
1311 Hollywood, Grosse Pointe Woods
20064 Ghesquiere Ct, Grosse Pointe Woods
22816 Poplar Beach, St. Clair Shores (12-1:30pm)



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.



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.



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. $287,500



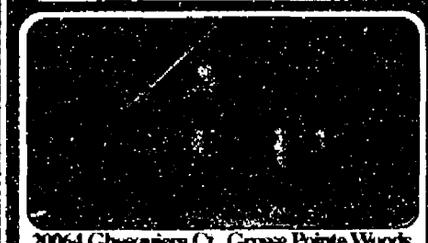
1378 Buckingham, Grosse Pointe Park
Four bedroom, two and one half bath English Tudor. Natural fireplace, hardwood floors, family room and den. Gourmet kitchen, master bedroom with new bath, recreation room. $449,000



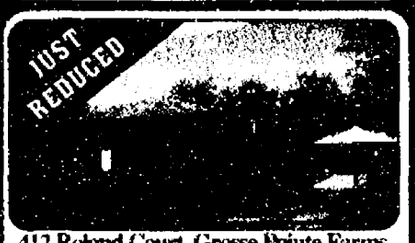
538 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe City
Fabulous location. Walk to the Village or the waterfront park. Huge lot, five bedrooms, two baths, fabulous oak family room, two natural fireplaces. Central air, updated kitchen. Attractively priced at $395,000.



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



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.



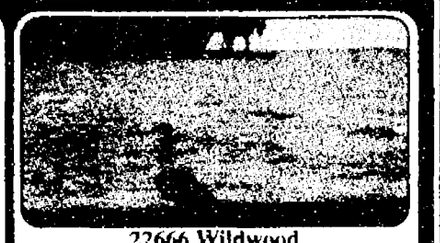
412 Roland Court, Grosse Pointe Farms
Custom brick ranch neat and clean on a large one hundred foot lot. Close to shopping, featuring open floor plan, hardwood floors throughout, nice size bedrooms, plus an extra sitting room. Large basement. $265,000.



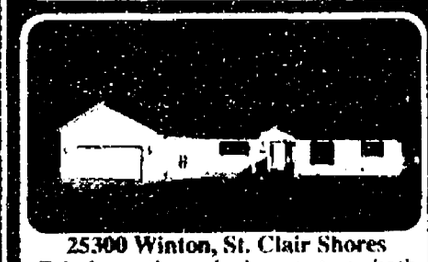
715 Pear Tree, Grosse Pointe Woods
Attractive four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial. Updated kitchen, huge family room with natural fireplace, first floor laundry. Living room with natural fireplace. Master bedroom with full bath, two car attached garage. $379,900



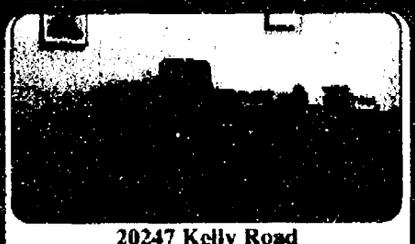
1153 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park
Great home for the first time home buyer with all the Grosse Pointe amenities. Beautiful natural wood throughout. Updated kitchen. New furnace and electrical, living room with gas fireplace. $149,000



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



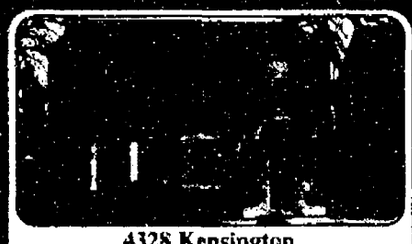
25300 Winton, St. Clair Shores
Fabulous three bedroom two bath ranch. New construction Master suite with den and bath and extra closet. Huge oak kitchen with center isle. Natural fireplace in living room, first floor laundry off garage. Full deep basement. $249,900



20247 Kelly Road
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Collecting marbles won't make you loose 'em



By Diane Morelli

There is an extensive collection of marbles on the loose.

Marbles are sorted in names as Popeyes, Akro Agate corkscrews, rainbos, swirls, peerless patches, diaper folds, turkeys, flames, planets, slags, Peltiers, marble king, Ravenswoods, cat-eyes, comic and more. Some are hard to find and others easily recognized by name. To further classify these beauties, names such as muddies, Superman, Christmas tree, tiger, wavebreaker, sunset, Picasso, bloodie and blue galaxy are given according to design.

Marbles have been used since ancient times and have been found in Egyptian pyramids. Ancient Romans played the game of marbles.

Alan's marble connection at the Web site marblealan.com says homemade marbles are most sought after by collectors, and according to the Kovels' in "Kovels' Antiques & Collectibles Price List," collectors pay highest prices for glass and sulphide marbles.

Marble Mansion at the Web site marblemansion.com offers a vast marble identification on its pages.

Kovels' Online Price Guide lists 25 Akro agate, slag, cardinal red marbles in a covered box for $500.

The auction Web site e-bay.com recently had 90 vintage Arko agate marbles sell for $62.75 with a bid history of 10. Also sold was a cigar box with over 125 vintage marbles for $43.99 with a bid history of 14; and three vintage German-made marbles for $39.51, in good shape, with a bid history of 10.

Maloney's Online Antiques & Collectibles Resource Directory lists the National Marble Club of America, headed by Jim Ridpath, located at 440 Eaton Rd., Drexel Hill, PA 19026-1205; phone (610) 622-4444. Also listed are collector Beverly Brule, P.O. Box 206, Norhtborough, MA 01532-0206, phone at (508) 393-2923; and expert Cathy C. Runyan, "The Marble Lady," 7812 N.W. Hampton Rd., Kansas City, MO 64152-4940, phone at (816) 587-8687, e-mail at marbleldy@aol.com. Runyan is the author of "Knuckles Down — A Fun Guide to Marble Play." She helps people identify and value their marbles, teaches, demonstrates and lectures about marbles and marble playing and is interested in handmades, machine made, and marble memorabilia.



Photo by Diane Morelli

A glass marble collection placed in a vintage canning jar holds a few Peltiers swirls and patterns.

Because things like this are known to happen, I bet a marble could sell for one big price on e-bay with a swirl design that looks like a "hot" recognizable image — beware of fakes.

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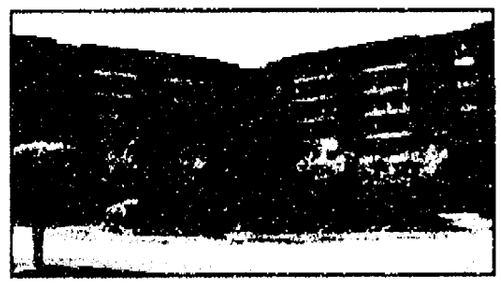
The true meaning of Memorial Day

Originally, Memorial Day was set aside to honor those killed during the Civil War. Southern states refused to acknowledge the holiday, believing the holiday honored only the Union soldiers who fought in the Civil War.

After World War I, the holiday recognized Americans who fought in any war, persuading Southern states to recognize the holiday. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May.

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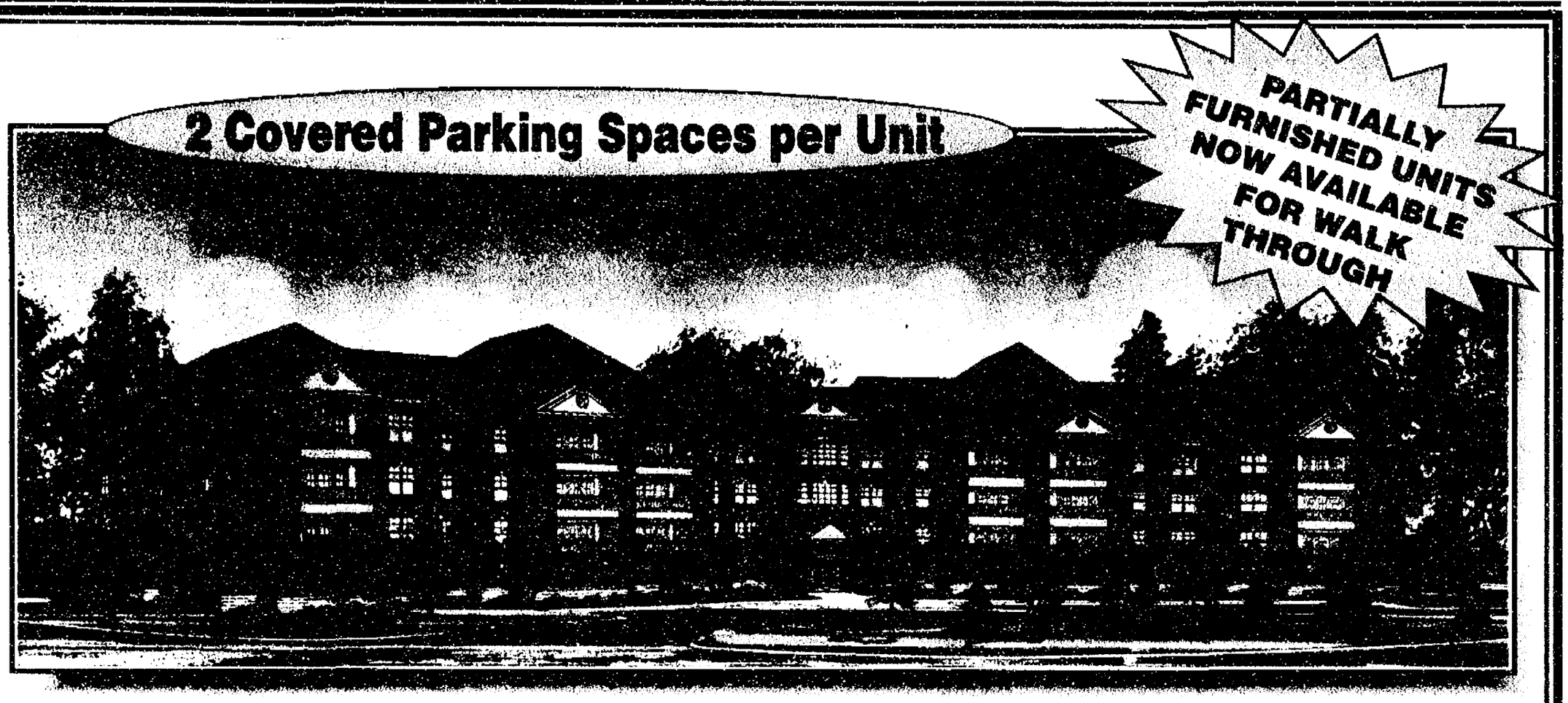
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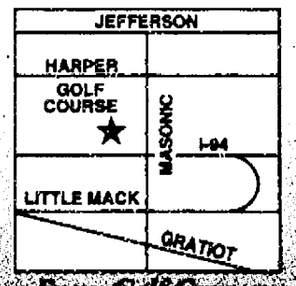
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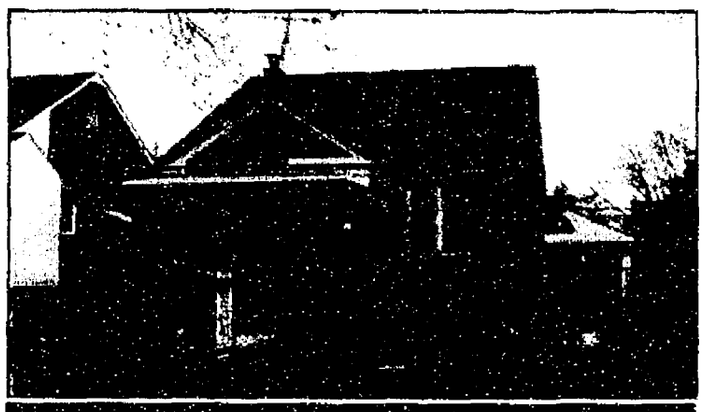
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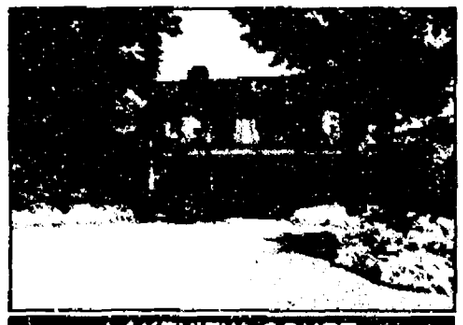
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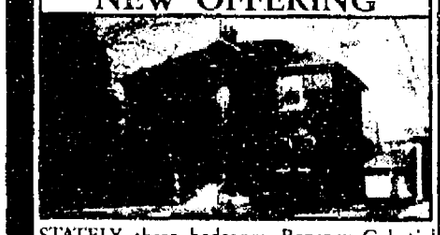
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NEW OFFERING



CUSTOM RANCH - attached two car garage, "barrier free" one floor living - open floor plan. Spectacular improvements include new GRANITE KITCHEN with island counter, cherry cabinets, all new windows, new designer bath, garden room opens to special patio. #12

NEW OFFERING



PRISTINE TUDOR!! Meticously maintained home with fantastic curb appeal and exquisite interior detail featuring a new kitchen, three large bedrooms, fireplace, hardwood floors, two and one half car garage, and beautiful rear garden. Home also has excellent closet/storage space. Move in today! #13

NEW OFFERING



WONDERFUL three bedroom, two and one half bath center hall Colonial on a very deep lot. The best of old and new - Pewabic tile and plaster medallions combine nicely with second floor laundry, a great master bath & many other updates. #14

NEW OFFERING



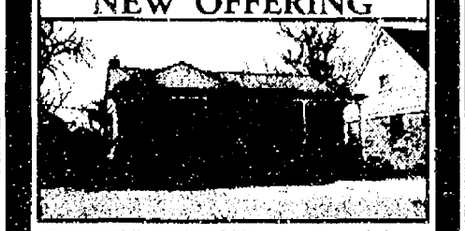
UNUSUALLY SPACIOUS HOME in wonderful condition. Five bedrooms, three and one half baths in Grosse Pointe Woods. $279,900! Completely renovated and updated, including new kitchen with granite counter-tops, new master suite with plenty of closets. Call for an appointment to see this beautiful home... you won't be disappointed! #15

NEW OFFERING



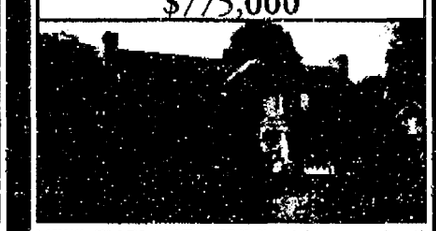
WELL MAINTAINED four bedroom, two bath home on a quiet court in Grosse Pointe Woods. Large yard, hardwood floors, bay windows, recreation room and much more. #16

NEW OFFERING



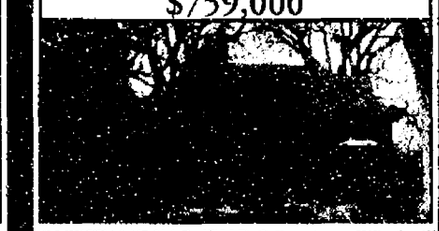
SPECTACULAR RANCH on quiet cul-de-sac. New windows, kitchen, bath, hot water heater, fresh paint and hardwood floors throughout. Finished basement with full bath, cedar closets and computer work area. Large bedrooms with generous closet space. Beautifully landscaped yard overlooking Kerby Field. Move-in condition! Show and sell! #17

$775,000



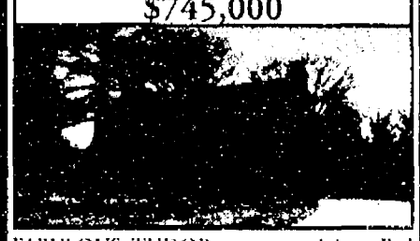
NEW ENGLAND STYLE with stone detailing, gorgeous 100 x 213 lot with manicured grounds, circular drive, three car attached garage, large family room, three fireplaces, large new kitchen. This five bedroom, four and one half bath is in great condition and very close to waterfront park. #18

$759,000



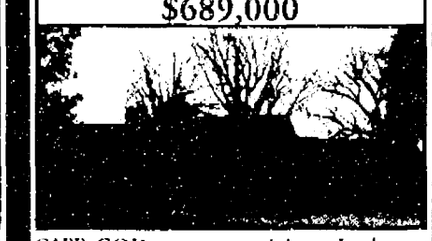
OUTSTANDING TUDOR in Windmill Pointe Sub. Beautiful woodwork, leaded glass and inlaid walnut/oak flooring. Grand living room. Master suite with fireplace and sitting room. Large gourmet kitchen. Five bedrooms, four and one half baths. Outstanding condition. #19

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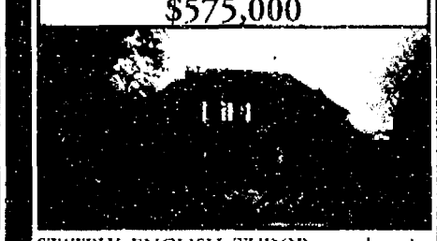
FABULOUS TUDOR on a prestigious Park street. Stunning two-story foyer, gleaming hardwood floors and intricate detail highlight this lovely family home. Spacious family room plus a cozy den. Four bedrooms, three full bath plus an attached garage. #20

$689,000



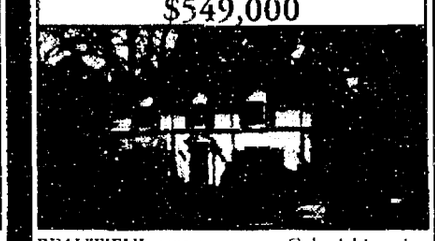
CAPE COD on prestigious Lochmoor Boulevard. Five bedrooms, three and one half baths. Family room and library. Master bedroom suite with Jacuzzi, heated tile floor, walk-in closets. Three fireplaces, central air, sprinklers, finished basement and attached two car garage. 3,800 square feet. #21

$575,000



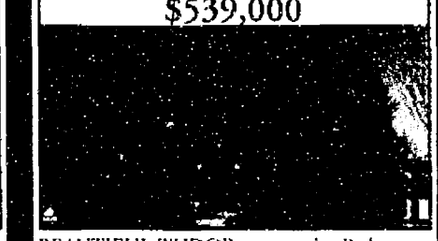
STATELY ENGLISH TUDOR near shopping and schools with many updates, including kitchen, furnace, central air, windows. Home features second floor laundry and a five car garage. #22

$549,000



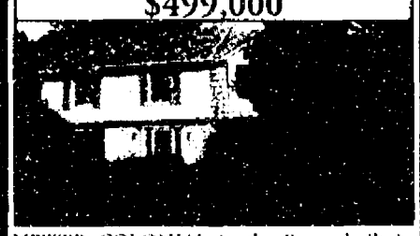
BEAUTIFUL center entrance Colonial in prime location near village. Four bedrooms, two and one half baths and 3,000 square feet. Spacious rooms. Much detail throughout. Large recreation room with parquet floors, bar and natural fireplace. Private master bath. Central air. Beautiful inground pool. #23

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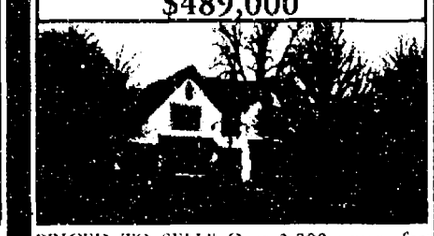
BEAUTIFUL TUDOR on popular Park street. Tremendous character, condition and function. Arched entry, Pewabic tiles, natural woodwork. Large family room overlooking rear deck and yard. Spacious eat-in kitchen. Central air, newer windows. #24

$499,000



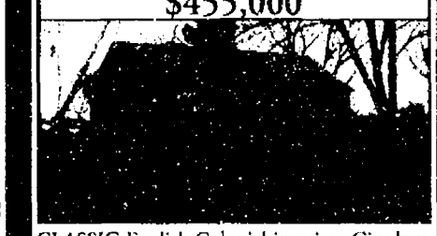
NEWER COLONIAL in the Farms built in 1984. Wonderful open layout - great for family or entertaining. Four bedrooms, two and one half baths. 3,100 square feet. Two and one half car attached garage. Outstanding master suite. New furnace and central air. Private yard. Ample storage space. Beautiful kitchen opens to great room. Priced to sell! #25

$489,000



PRICED TO SELL!! Over 3,000 square feet with four/five bedrooms, three and one half baths, updated kitchen with high end appliances, finished basement with wet bar, walk up attic, new roof, new furnace, master suite and attached garage. All of this in a prime location close to the Village. Hurry, this won't last. #26

$455,000



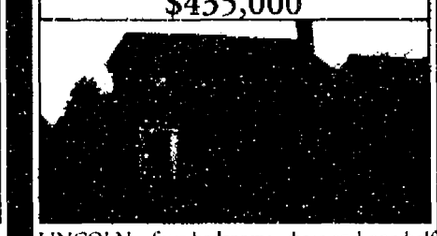
CLASSIC English Colonial in prime City location with state-of-the-art new updating and decor throughout. Pegged oak flooring. Many built-ins, updated Mutschler kitchen. Finished basement, new roof. Winner of Grosse Pointe Beautification Award. #27

$450,000



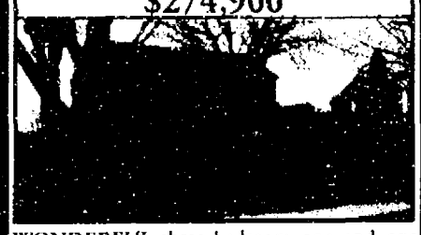
FABULOUS FAMILY HOME. Four bedrooms, two and one half baths, master bath with Jacuzzi tub, family room with doorwall to deck and garden, new kitchen, newer windows, newer roof and much more. #28

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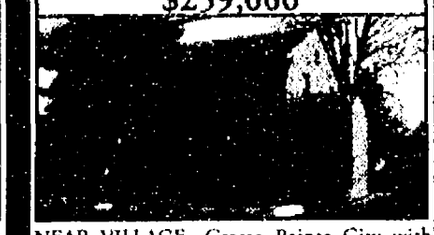
LINCOLN - four bedrooms, three and one half baths with plenty of character and FAMILY ROOM and DEN, hardwood floors, appealing floor plan and a fantastic location for young families. #29

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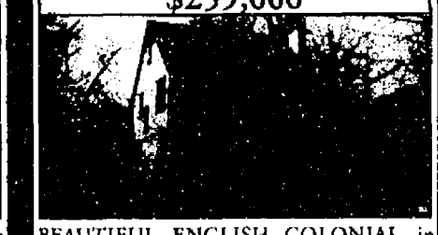
WONDERFUL three bedroom one and one half bath home with an attached garage, two family rooms, all new appliances, a new furnace and central air, a new roof, new sewer main and much more. #30

$259,000



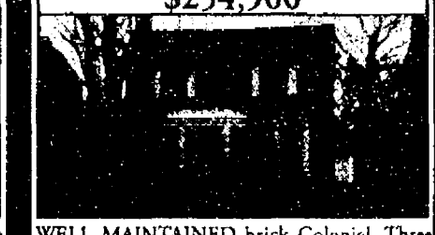
NEAR VILLAGE. Grosse Pointe City with three bedrooms and plenty of curb appeal and interior character. Features include finished hardwood floors. Family room, two car garage, central air and a great value opportunity at nearly 1,700 square feet. #31

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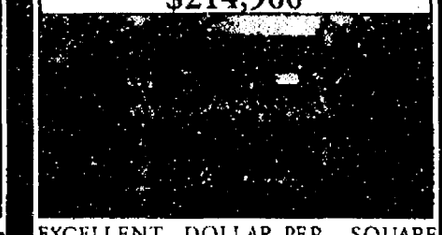
BEAUTIFUL ENGLISH COLONIAL in move-in condition. Very charming. Three bedrooms, one bath. New kitchen. New two and one half car garage. New gas forced air and central air. Beautifully decorated. Natural fireplace. Full walk-up attic storage. Must see. #32

$254,900



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. #33

$214,900



EXCELLENT DOLLAR PER SQUARE FOOT VALUE! Nicely maintained Colonial with large family room, updated kitchen and bath. Hardwood floors under carpet. Improvements include newer tear off roof, furnace and rebuilt front porch. #34

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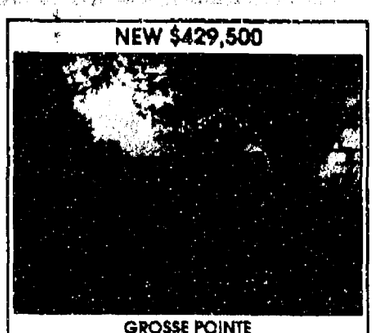
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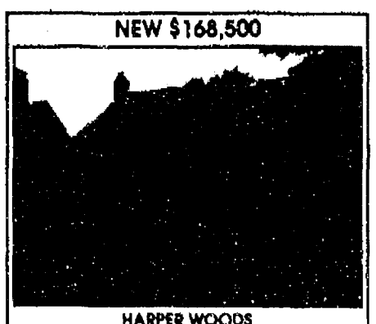
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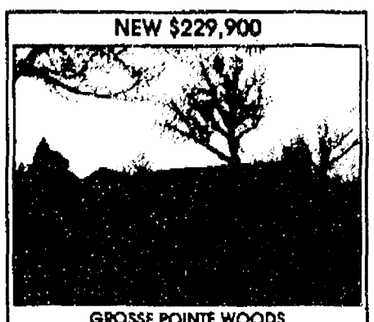
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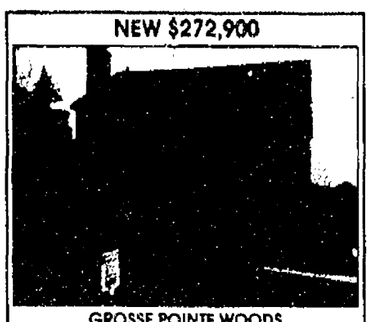
HARPER WOODS
New kitchen, new windows, refinished oak floors, new furnace, and new air. Beautiful move in condition. Bungalow with Grosse Pointe schools east of Harper.

NEW $229,900



GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Lovely brick ranch east of Marter Road with loads of upgrades! Newer furnace, air, windows, roof, professional landscaping, remodeled kitchen, first floor laundry. Finished basement with bedroom/office and full bath. Two car attached garage.

NEW $272,900



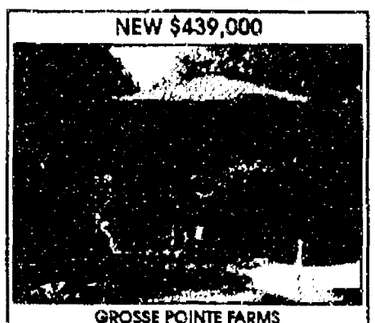
GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Charming 3 bedroom Colonial with spacious room sizes. New roof, windows, and copper plumbing. Updated kitchen with new flooring, ceramic backsplash and counters. Living room with natural fireplace and large formal dining room.

NEW $548,000



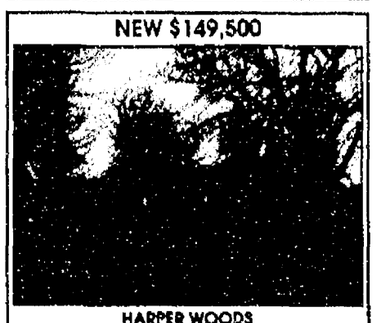
GROSSE POINTE SHORES
Beautiful home with large open floor plan. Lovely family room with fireplace. Gorgeous Florida room, nice sized bedrooms. Bonus bedroom and full bath in basement. Large patio and flower garden.

NEW $439,000



GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Beautiful Colonial redecorated throughout. Mast suite has a new bath with Jacuzzi tub and beautiful tile work. Large family room with game table area. Updated Mutschler kitchen. Small fourth bedroom ideal for office or nursery.

NEW $149,500



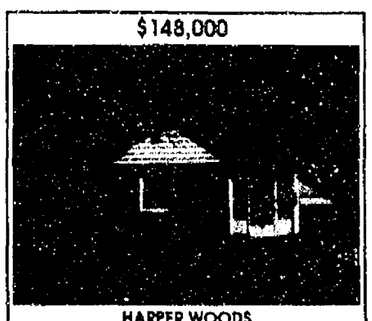
HARPER WOODS
This 3 bedroom ranch has been meticulously maintained. Neutral décor throughout. Living room with gas fireplace. New kitchen, all appliances included. Updated bath. Hardwood floors. Other improvements include roof, windows.

$194,900



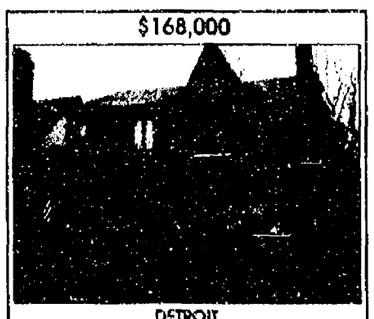
GROSSE POINTE PARK
Beautiful bungalow boasts newly renovated kitchen with open floor plan. Refinished hardwood floors and newly decorated throughout entire house. This home has two full baths and lots of storage space. Large yard.

$148,000



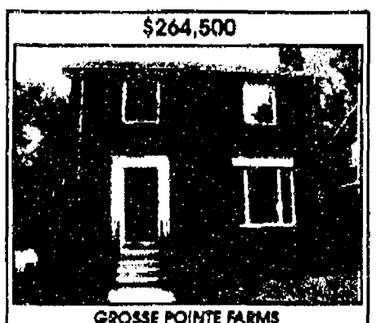
HARPER WOODS
Fully updated three bedroom bungalow. Everything has been updated; kitchen, bath, plumbing(partially), carpet roof, windows, wood blinds, Home Warranty offered.

$168,000



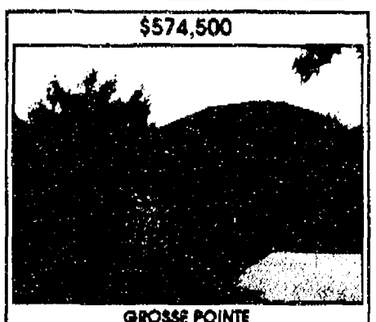
DETROIT
Handsome Tudor with lovely plaster detailing. Freshly painted; newer carpet and refinished hardwood floors. New kitchen cabinets and counter. Spacious open large rooms and two bonus rooms on second floor. One year home warranty.

$264,500



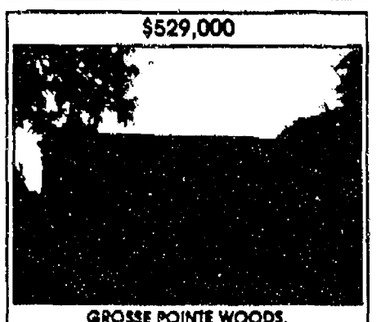
GROSSE POINTE FARMS
New kitchen with new microwave oven, granite countertops and ceramic tile floor, completely redecorated, beautifully refinished hardwood floors, family room, natural fireplace, central air. Almost new condition with immediate occupancy.

$574,500



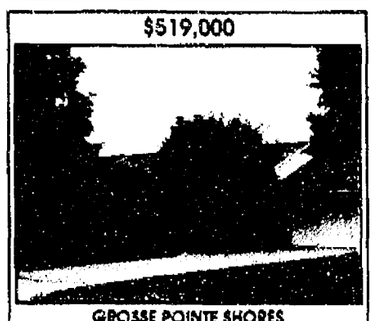
GROSSE POINTE
Opportunity awaits in this newer construction property in the "heart" of Grosse Pointe. Bright, open and spacious describe the floor plan and room layouts throughout. Walk to the Village, schools, churches, and shopping. Minutes to downtown.

$529,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS.
This beautiful well maintained four bedroom Colonial features two full and two half baths. Large family room with fireplace. First floor laundry. Newly finished wood floors. Finished basement with half bath. Great floor plan. New kitchen.

$519,000



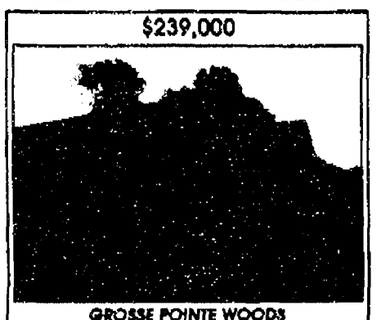
GROSSE POINTE SHORES
Wonderfully maintained spacious ranch in Yacht Club view subdivision. Great family room with pegged oak floors and natural fireplace. Living room also has a natural fireplace. Elegant marble entrance foyer. A short walk to Lake St. Clair.

$259,000



GROSSE POINTE
Freshly decorated in neutral colors. Could be converted to a single family home. Doorwall to private deck. Close to schools and village.

$239,000



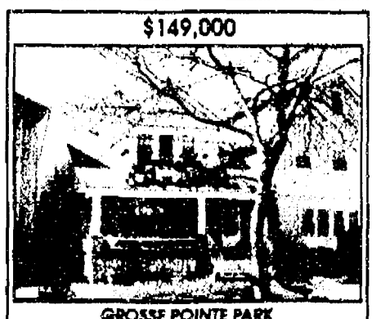
GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Many updates in this half duplex. Great view of Lochmoor's first green. Updated kitchen, windows, furnace and air conditioning. New deck, newer garage door. The attached duplex is also available.

$179,500



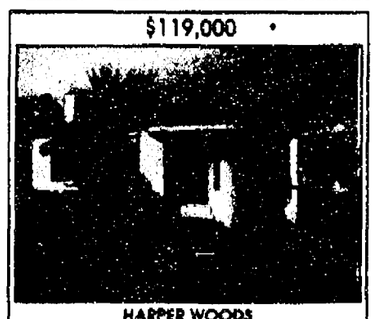
GROSSE POINTE PARK
Bungalow style two family that would easily be converted or used as a single family home. Newly decorated throughout. New windows. Side drive to two car garage. Full front covered porch. Updated kitchen in lower with all appliances.

$149,000



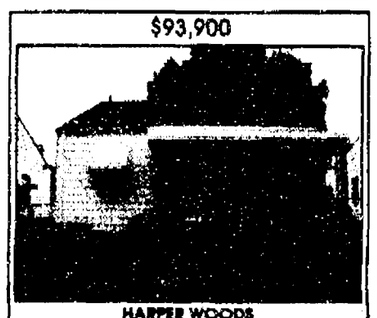
GROSSE POINTE PARK
Prime rental area of Park. Desirable two-family in good condition. Freshly painted throughout. New 3-D roof. Separate furnaces and hot water heaters. Updated electrical. Two car garage. Upper and lower units have identical room sizes.

$119,000



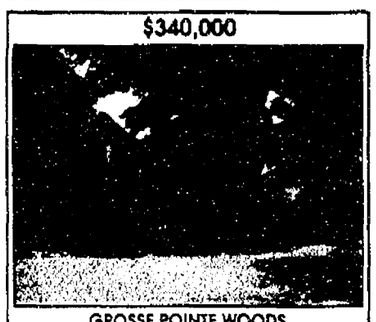
HARPER WOODS
Don't be fooled by its modest exterior, this home has it all. Fabulous Stucco/Masonry ranch in mint condition. This home boasts a formal living room with a natural fireplace and formal dining room, beautiful plaster detailing, newer kitchen.

$93,900



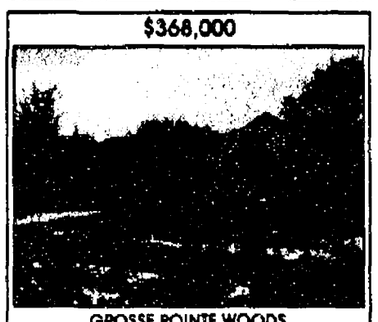
HARPER WOODS
Cozy ranch with many updates. All appliances included. Updates include; bathroom, air conditioning, carpet, kitchen floor and newly painted. Also offering home warranty.

$340,000



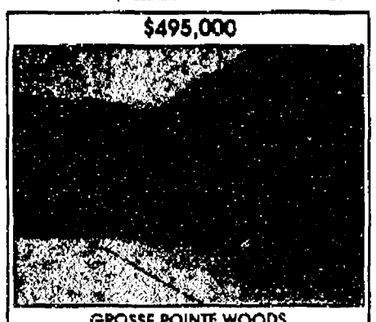
GROSSE POINTE WOODS
New house from top to bottom. Four bedrooms, two full baths, den, new dimensional roof, trim, landscaping, gutters, beautiful new kitchen with maple cabinets, granite counters, new windows, finished basement. Three car garage.

$368,000



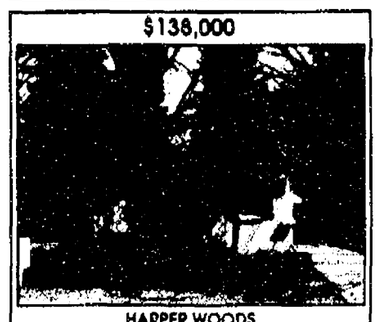
GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Four bedroom, two and half bath ranch on desirable Woods street. Kitchen with breakfast nook. Large living room with natural fireplace and good size dining room. Family room overlooking spacious backyard and patio. Master bedroom.

$495,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Spectacular 3 bedroom detached Condo with oversize master suite on 1st floor, located on cul-de-sac. This home has been meticulously maintained and offers beautiful hardwood floors, crown molding and upgraded lighting fixtures throughout.

$138,000



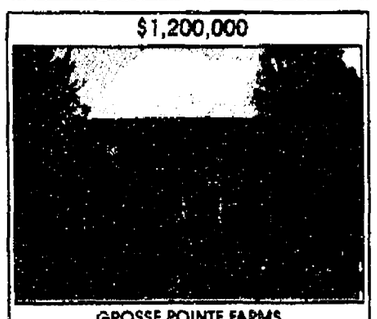
HARPER WOODS
Charming well maintained brick bungalow situated on a beautiful 100 x 170 treed lot. Newer kitchen with eating space. Hardwood floors, Master bedroom with walk-in closet and built in dresser. Updated bath. Lovely sitting room overlooking yard.

$218,500



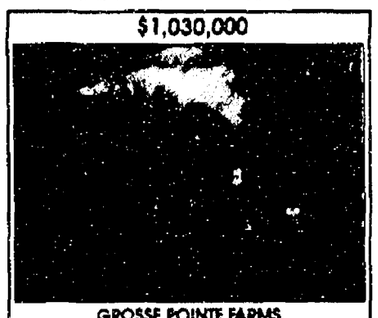
GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Totally remodeled half duplex with a view of Lochmoor's first green. Newer kitchen with recessed lights. Both bath and half bath remodeled. First floor hardwoods and crown moldings. Newer windows and two doorways to private deck.

$1,200,000



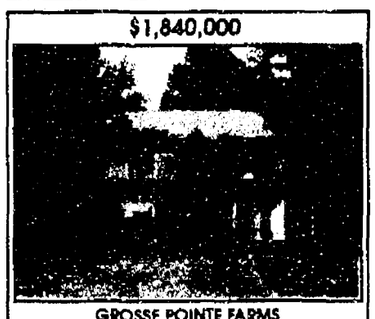
GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Featuring design and floor plan for today's families lifestyle. New custom built gourmet kitchen with island, eating area with natural fireplace open to large family room with natural fireplace and wet bar with beverage center, overlooking patio.

$1,030,000



GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Updated kitchen, granite counter tops and built in appliances. Open floor plan with hardwood floors. Family room with natural fireplace and wet bar. Living room with natural fireplace. Formal Dining room and Library. Master suite with walk-in.

$1,840,000



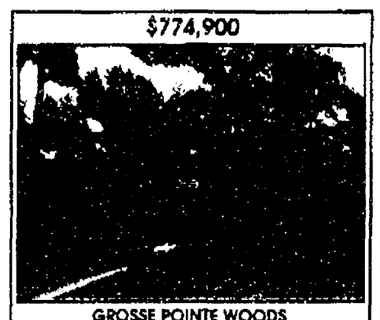
GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Gracious Micou built Colonial boasting grand entrance foyer, elevator, large room sizes, stunning views of the lake , multiple fireplaces, immaculate grounds, spacious renovated kitchen with granite counters and a master suite with dressing room.

$299,900



GROSSE POINTE PARK
Beautiful new construction. Two bedroom, two bath Condo, with first floor laundry. Large great room and kitchen with Cherry cabinets. Hardwood floors in kitchen and entry. Full basement. Association fee of $60 per month includes lawn and snow.

$774,900



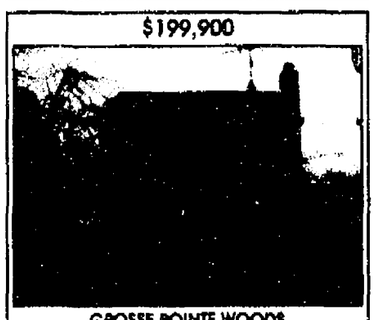
GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Prestigiously located Center Entrance Colonial situated on an 117 x 164 parcel of property. Close to the lake. This spacious family home has a Family room with fireplace. Library with fireplace, Florida Room, 4 bedrooms and 4 and one half baths.

$549,900



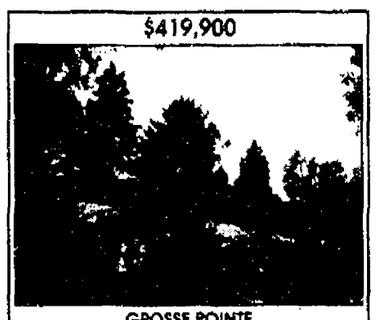
GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Fabulous center entrance French Colonial in the heart of the Woods. Exceptional family room with 10' ceilings, crown moldings, bay window and doorwall overlooking the deck and large back yard. Updated kitchen with breakfast nook.

$199,900



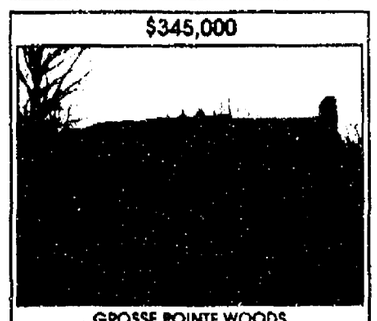
GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Nicely updated and maintained Woods Colonial, beautifully situated with in short walk of all public schools. New family room, new kitchen, new entry doors, new central air, newer replacement windows, glass block in basement.

$419,900



GROSSE POINTE
Stylish home with spacious rooms, nice detail and situated between the Village and Hill areas. There have been many updates to this property including a new "tear-off" roof, newer gas forced air, fresh paint throughout and updated kitchen.

$345,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Elegant ranch in move in condition. Large Living Room/Dining Room area with open floor plan and natural fireplace. Newer redesigned kitchen and family room with vaulted ceilings, sky lights and natural fireplace. French doors open to patio.

$359,900



GROSSE POINTE PARK
Attractive center entrance, 3 story clapboard front Colonial. Spacious footage, living room with built-in bookshelves and natural fireplace. Cozy family room, updated kitchen with appliances and eating area. Hardwood floors throughout.

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Charming Colonial located on one of Grosse Pointe Woods most popular streets with Ghesquire Park in the backyard. New tear off roof, new furnace and central air. Updated kitchen. Family room with door wall to large wrap around deck.

$293,000

GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Beautifully renovated 3 bedroom, 2 and a half bath home. New 2nd floor with gorgeous ceramic tile bath and stand-up shower. New kitchen, hardwood floors throughout 1st floor. All appliances stay. Two covered porches. Owner must sell.

$299,900

GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Center entrance Colonial. Newer kitchen with granite countertops, updated half bath on first floor, refinished hardwoods floors, newer driveway, tastefully decorated throughout, newer furnace, cozy den, Florida room and finished basement.

$319,900

GROSSSE POINTE
Contemporary style with traditional informal floor plan, situated on large oversized corner lot. Features include newer kitchen with built-in appliances, private BBQ deck, garden level family room with natural fireplace. Convenient location.

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES **$3,895,000**
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.



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 **$579,000**
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.



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.



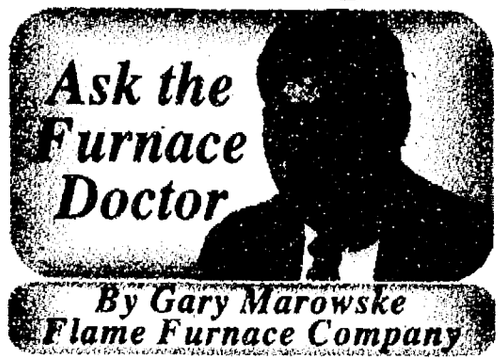
HARPER WOODS **$157,000**
One of a kind bungalow with hard to find Open Floor Plan and 1/2 bath up! Excellent cabinet space in newer bleached oak kitchen, large dining area with hardwood floors. Newer windows, doors, garage, CAC. 2004 roof, carpeted rec room, glass block windows. 200 sq. ft. three season 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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It's time to spring into summer cooling



Spring is in full swing, and summer is just around the corner. It is time to start thinking about your central air conditioner and getting it ready for those hot, muggy summer days. Over the 56-plus years Flame has been installing and servicing air conditioning systems, we have developed these easy spring tips to help you get ready for your summer cooling needs.

Have your air conditioning system inspected by a licensed and insured contractor's North American Technician Excellence (NATE) qualified service technician.

Remember to clean your air filters once a month all year round. Change them every three months if they are disposable.

When changing a filter, be sure to install a replacement that is the same size as the original. Also, make sure it is facing the right direction. Most filters have the air flow direction marked on them.

Check and make sure that both your inside and outside fuses/breakers are on and operating.

Make sure that the outdoor unit is free of debris. Trim or remove shrubs or obstructions within one foot of the outdoor unit.

Be careful when mowing the lawn near the outside unit, and make sure that grass clippings and leaves are not blown toward the unit.

Thoroughly wash the fin area of the outside condenser with a garden hose. Point the garden hose head straight down and shower gently.

Do not run a central air conditioner when the outside temperature is below 68 degrees. Operating a residential air conditioner in cool temperatures may cause premature compressor failure.

Never try to add refrigerant to an air conditioner yourself. Call a trained and NATE Certified Factory Authorized service technician who is licensed and has the knowledge and equipment to do this job properly.

If your air conditioner is over 10 years old, you may want to consider asking a certified contractor, like Flame to perform a free evaluation of your system. New air conditioning systems offer more efficiency, quieter operation and environmentally safe refrigerant (Puron versus Freon-22).

Did you know that Federal regulations require that your air conditioning unit be serviced in such a way that no refrigerant escapes into the air because it is harmful to the environment. That's why it is important to make sure your contractor is licensed, carries liability insurance and is certified in refrigerant handling and recovery. At this time of year companies often run specials for thorough air conditioner checks and cleaning such as Flame's for only $89.50 as well as replacement of your older systems.

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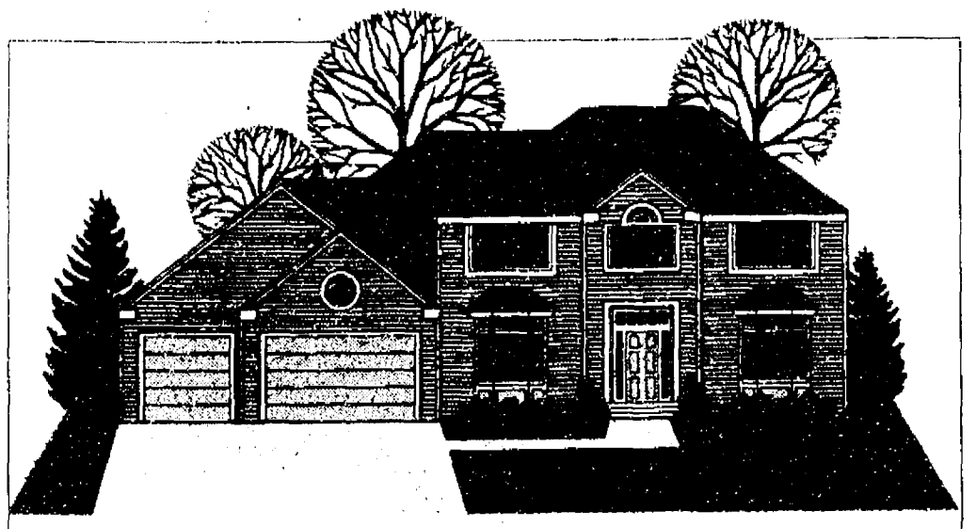




Contemporary Lakefront Home with many extras. Spectacular Lake views from most rooms; Outdoor lighting, extensive landscaping, four bedrooms, huge 525 x 82 lot, dock with hoist and jet ski davit, deck, three and one half car garage, inground sprinklers, central vacuum, finished basement. **$774,000.**



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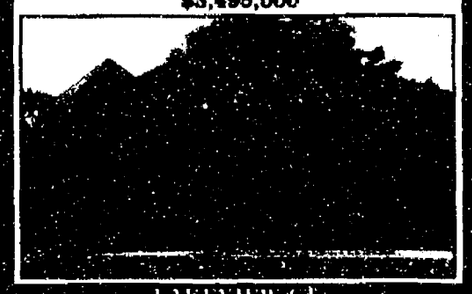
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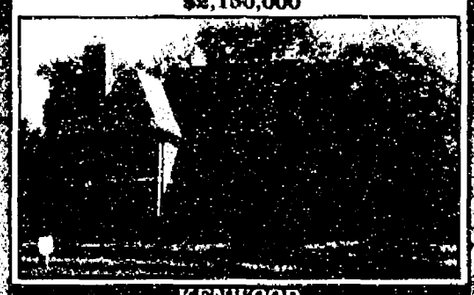
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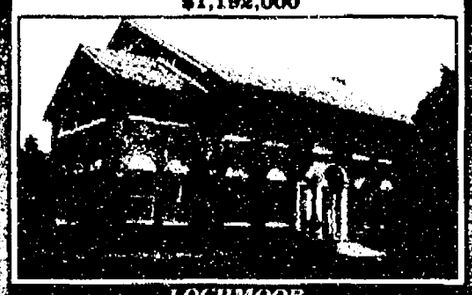
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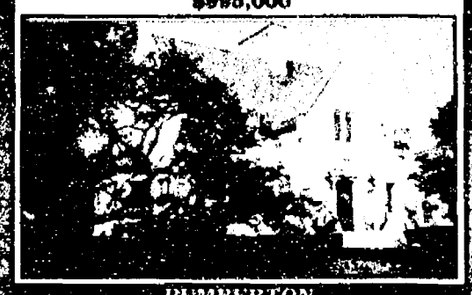
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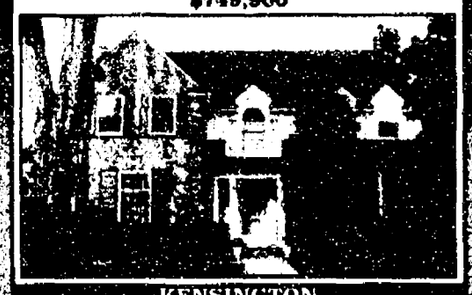
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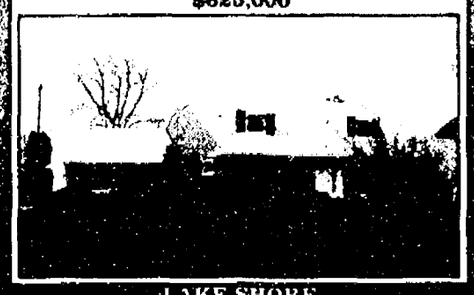
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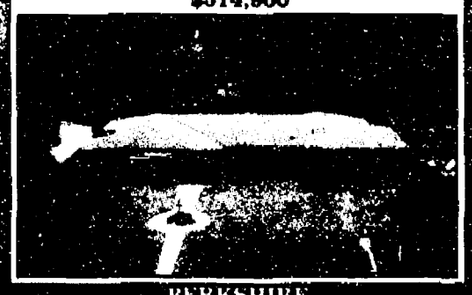
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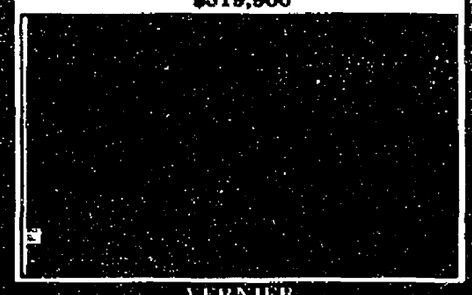
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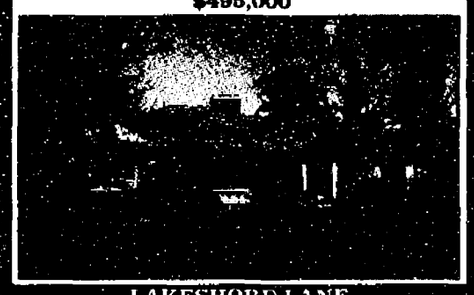
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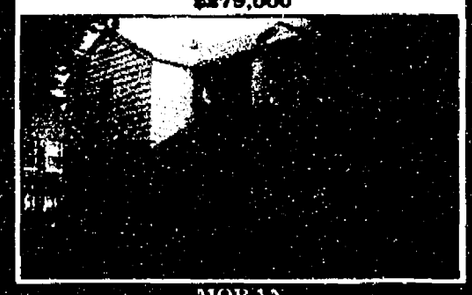
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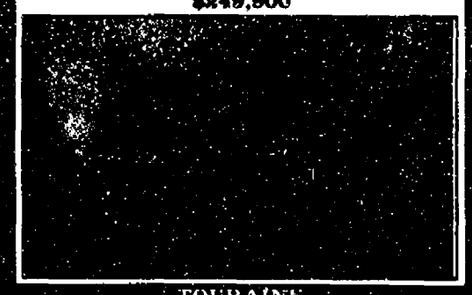
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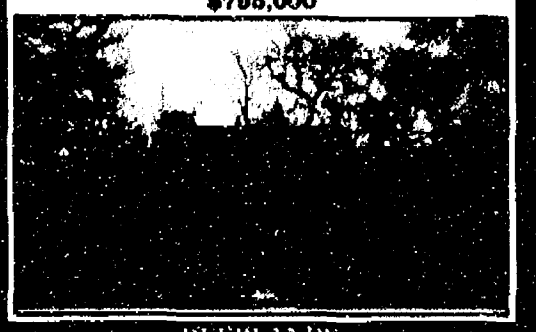
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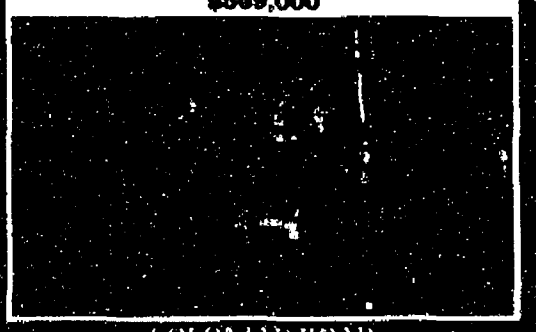
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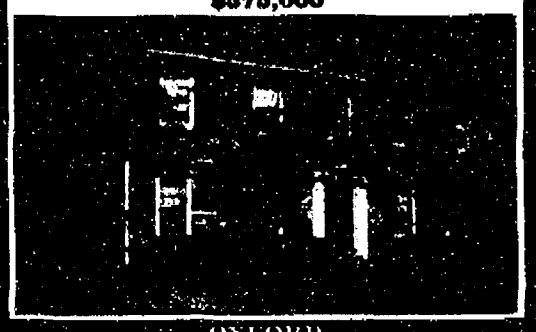
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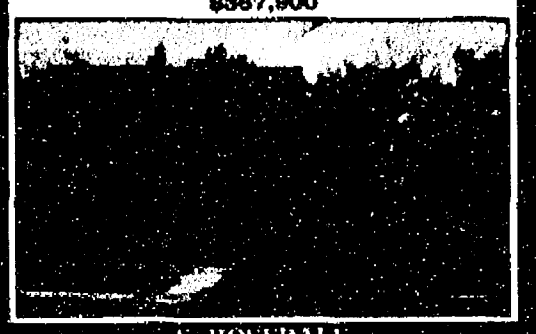
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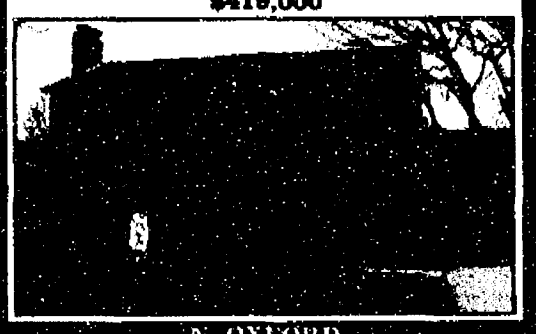
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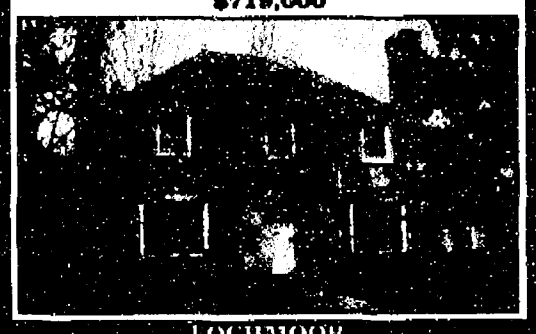
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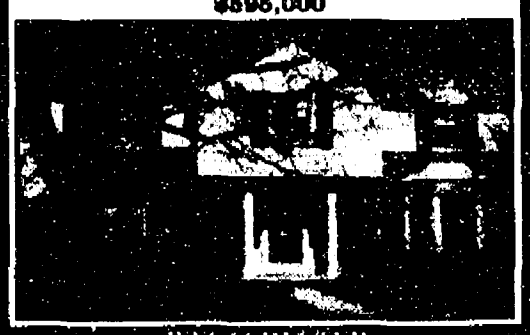
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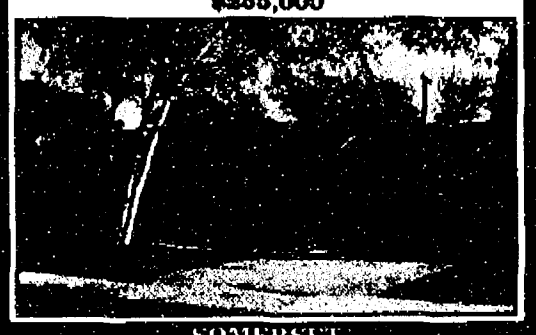
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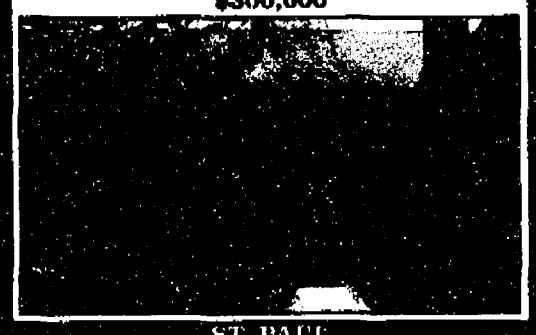
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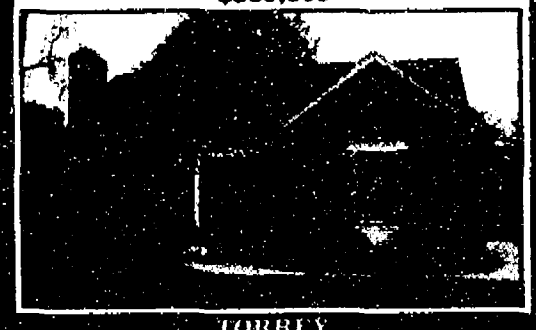
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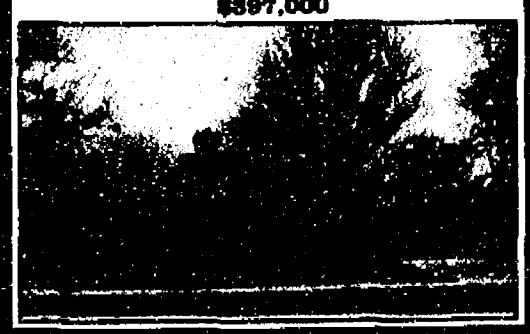
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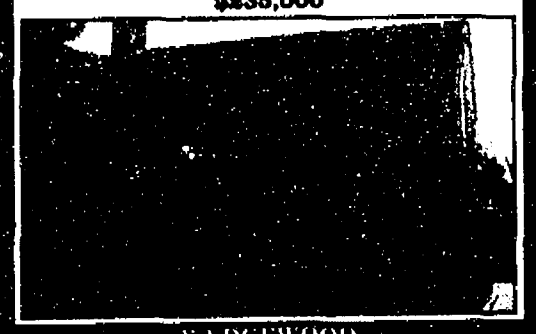
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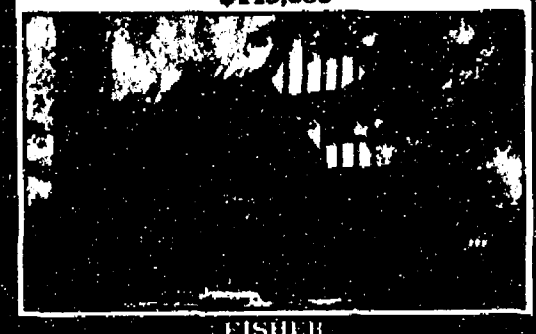
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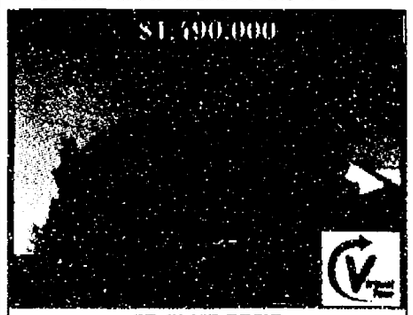
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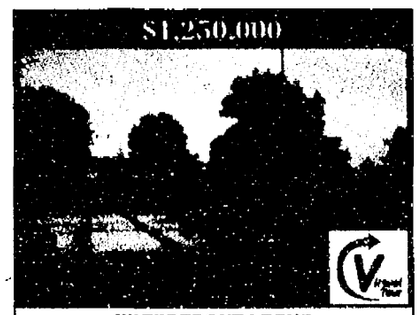
ST. CLAIR RIVER
Awesome home on the St. Clair river with township taxes. 7,400 square feet, three fireplaces, solarium, sunroom, deck and patio. Four car garage.

ML#30230206 **GP-3164**



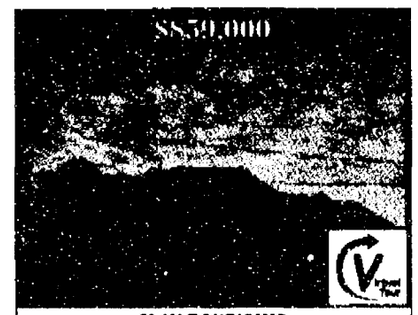
ST. CLAIR RIVERFRONT
Waterfront living is even better when so many rooms have a view of the St. Clair River. First floor master suite and guest bedroom, two upstairs guest rooms all have a view.

ML#30206949 **GP-3046**



WATERFRONT LIVING
Glorious views of the St. Clair River from almost every room. 4,100 square feet, updated Colonial with 110' of sandy beach. Custom kitchen with Grabil cabinets.

ML#30223247 **GP-2879**



CLAY TOWNSHIP
Inside & Out this St. Clair River home impresses you. Close to the river and freighter's, this brick beauty offers three bedrooms, three baths, balcony and patio on the river.

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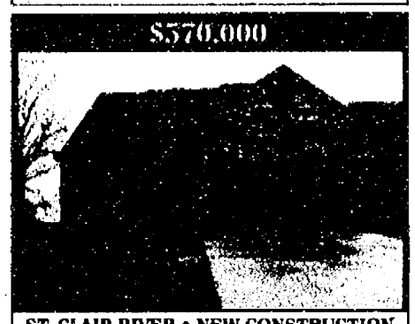
GENTLEMEN'S ESTATE
Horse farm, training/breeding facility. Gorgeous custom brick ranch home. 200 x 50 stable/arena. Paved road, 45 minutes to Macomb/Metamora, 60 minutes to Detroit/Flint.

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ST. CLAIR TWP
Run your business from this ideal location and live in this grand house. 3,082 square feet, three bedrooms, three and one half baths, almost new home filled with Brazilian cherry floors.

ML#30217018 **GP-3101**



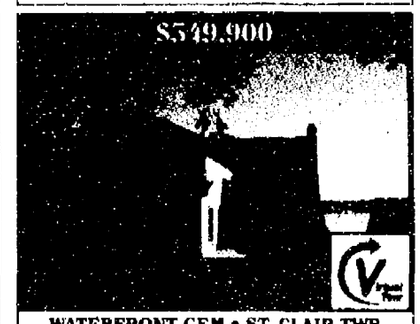
ST. CLAIR RIVER • NEW CONSTRUCTION
Beautiful all brick five bedroom home on the St. Clair River. Formal dining room, first floor master bedroom, three and one half baths, first floor laundry, walkout basement.

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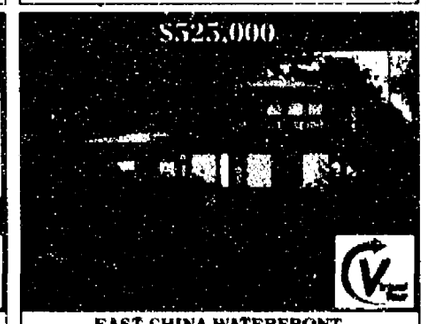
EAST CHINA WATERFRONT
NEW LISTING! Stunning, and breathtaking only partially describe this fabulous waterfront property. Four bedrooms, two and one half baths, and fabulous four car garage. Did I mention a dock and hoist? 5824 S. River Road.

ML#30277271 **GP-3347**



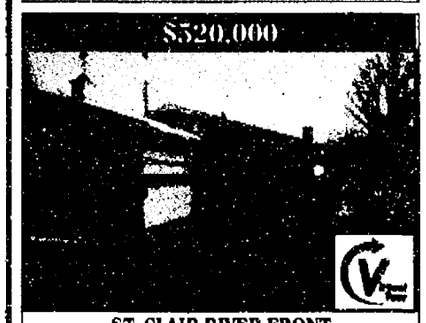
WATERFRONT GEM • ST. CLAIR TWP
Have coffee on your deck overlooking the St. Clair River each morning. This 2,475 square foot, three bedroom, two and one half bath home features hardwood floors and Andersen windows.

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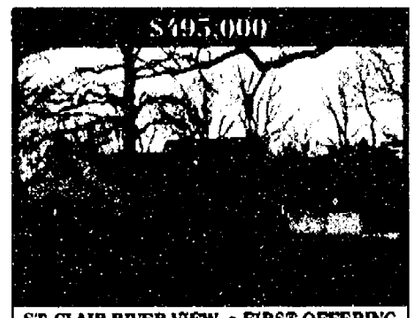
EAST CHINA WATERFRONT
Panoramic River View from this three bedroom, two and one half bath home on St. Clair River. Quality throughout plus a 700 square foot recreation building. Multi-level decks.

ML#30260339 **GP-3207**



ST. CLAIR RIVER FRONT
Nautical themed home in the city of St. Clair featuring 1,860 square feet, with additional in finished lower walkout. Three bedrooms, three bath. Covered hoist, deck and dock. Meticulously maintained.

ML#30255188 **GP-3267**



ST. CLAIR RIVER VIEW • FIRST OFFERING
BEAUTIFUL home in St. Clair across from the river features four bedrooms, three and one half baths, basement, garage with bath and workshop area. Main floor master suite opens to screen porch.

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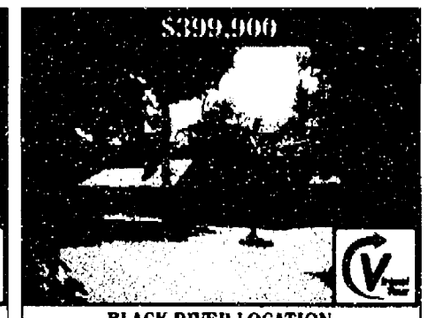
GOLFSIDE SUBDIVISION
Move to paradise! This four bedroom, two and one half bath home offers a large country kitchen, granite countertops, fireplace in great room, finished basement, three car attached garage. Quality throughout. Immediate occupancy! See it Today!

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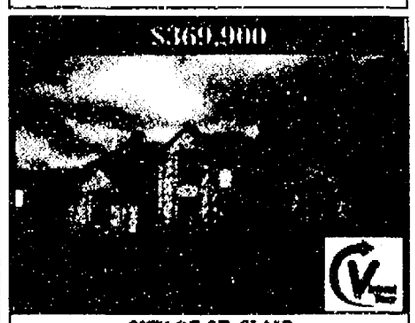
MARYSVILLE
3,250 square foot custom home with six panel solid oak doors, some hardwood, some ceramic floors, neutral décor, excellent floor plan and large spacious open rooms. On a half acre lot in Emerald Pond.

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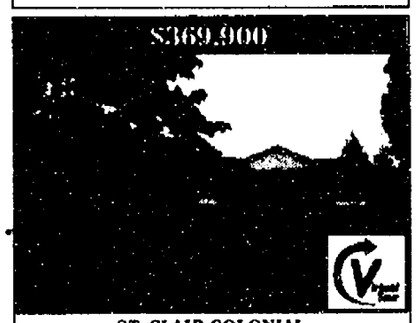
BLACK RIVER LOCATION
4 Acres on the Black River Ravine in Clyde Township. Three bedrooms with three full baths. Cathedral ceilings in kitchen and great room, walkout recreation room on the lower level.

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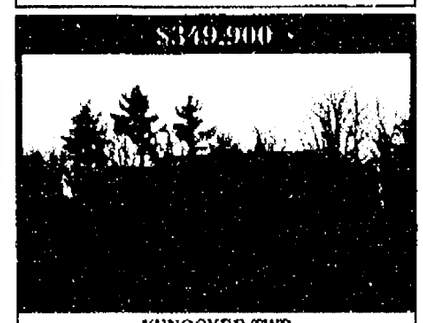
CITY OF ST. CLAIR
First floor master suite. Highlands brick two story offers large lot, 3,000 square feet, four bedrooms all with attached baths, hardwood floors and ceramic tile flooring, a large first floor laundry. Immediate Occupancy

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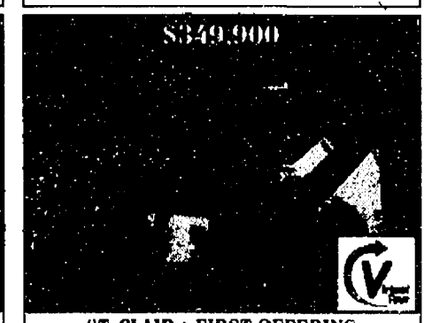
ST. CLAIR COLONIAL
This is not a plain Colonial, this four bedroom, three and one half bath home has had major upgrades throughout. Ceramic tile on the main floor and in the basement, hardwood floors up.

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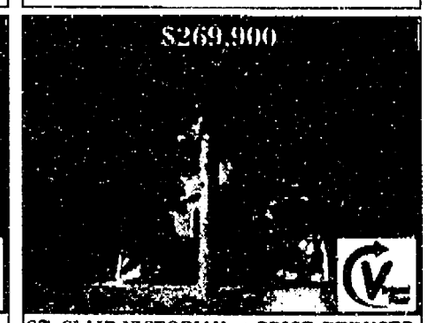
KENOCKEE TWP
Mill Creek frontage with this custom built all brick ranch style home with full walkout basement. Natural fireplace in sunken living room. 5 acres. Total of 66 acres available. Seller will split property.

ML#30267490 **GP-3315**



ST. CLAIR • FIRST OFFERING
2,100 square foot home built in 2001 has three/four bedrooms, two and one half baths, first floor master suite, fireplace, central air, sprinklers, security system, custom maple cabinets and much more.

ML#30277772 **GP-3348**



ST. CLAIR VICTORIAN • PRICE REDUCED
Classic Queen Anne Victorian built in 1840 across from St. Clair Inn with some river views. Many updates and renovations with original, natural woodwork. three/four bedrooms, two and one half baths, 2,500 square foot, newer kitchen and baths.

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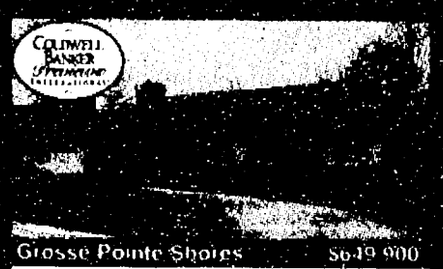
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Grosse Pointe Shores $799,000

Beautiful spacious Colonial with spectacular amenities. Five bedroom, three and a half baths, three fireplaces, library, and office. Half block from the lake and park. Second floor laundry. Huge kitchen.

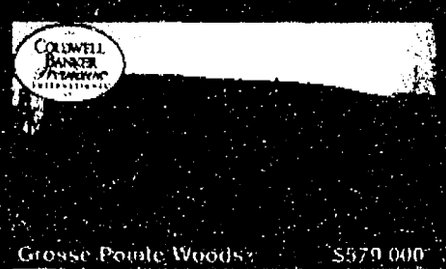
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Grosse Pointe Shores $649,900

Walk to the lake from this magnificent ranch with custom built-ins throughout! Granite foyer and hall lead to gourmet kitchen with granite island and countertops and top of the line appliances.

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Grosse Pointe Woods $579,000

Absolute Gem! New hardwood floors, new granite kitchen with octagonal island, dramatic entrance with circular staircase, first floor laundry, new four season room with marble fireplace, newer roof, and windows.

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Grosse Pointe Park $495,000

Fantastic four bedroom Colonial with many recent updates include a sharp remodeled kitchen in Fall '04 with all stainless steel appliances and eating area. Spacious living room with fireplace and bay windows.

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Grosse Pointe $314,900

Beautifully remodeled throughout! Owner/architect designed state of the art kitchen with maple cabinets, Corian counters, stainless appliances and pewabic tile. Hardwood floors, natural fireplace, finished basement.

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Grosse Pointe $268,500

Move right in and enjoy! Beautifully updated Colonial. New kitchen, new windows 2003, new two car garage, natural fireplace, hardwood floors, finished basement. Great lot! Great Grosse Pointe location!

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Grosse Pointe Farms $351,900

Updates Galore! Highly sought after limestone trimmed center entrance colonial with spacious rooms throughout. Many updates including new tear off roof, new windows, new furnace and landscaping.

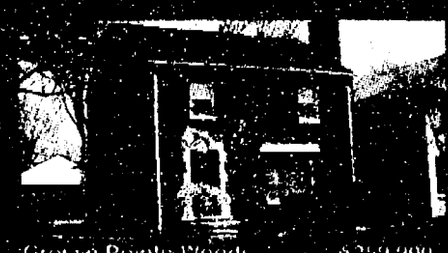
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Grosse Pointe Woods $278,900

Walk to Ghesquire Park. Four bedrooms, two full baths. Newer windows and hot water heater, tear off roof '97, hardwood floors, natural fireplace, updated landscaping, deck, patio, privacy fence, central air, two car garage.

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Grosse Pointe Woods $299,900

Family neighborhood! Charming home with foyer entry, newer windows throughout. Updated kitchen with ceramic floor, built-in dishwsher and microwave. Family room with doorwall to patio. Dining room with refinished hardwood floors.

(GPN-GW-08HAM) 313-886-4200



Grosse Pointe Woods $219,900

Adorable bungalow on Sweeney Park. Updates include kitchen with new solid wood cabinets and granite countertop; spacious living room with natural fireplace; new windows and refinished hardwood floors; finished basement with half bath.

(GPN-H-33HOL) 313-885-2000



Grosse Pointe Woods $239,900

Remodeled designer owned ranch. Updates include newer kitchen, windows, patio, roof, siding, gutters, and finished hardwood floors. Natural fireplace with gas starter, finished basement and attached garage.

(GPN-H-80WKI) 313-885-2000



Grosse Pointe Woods $182,000

Exceptionally maintained home. Updates include: vinyl windows, roof, furnace and central air, glass block windows, circuit breakers, carpet, storm doors. Finished basement with artificial fireplace. Half bath in upstairs bedroom.

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Harper Woods $159,900

A true 10! This beautiful brick bungalow with Grosse Pointe Schools, offers: fabulous finished basement with full bath and custom-built bar. Lovely fenced yard with paver patio. New roof and driveway (2004).

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Harper Woods $149,000

Priced to sell! Subject to Bank Foreclosure terms!! Updated brick ranch. Kitchen with maple cabinets, corian counters, ceramic floor, stove, refrigerator. Refinished hardwood floors. Newer drive.

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Harper Woods $[illegible]

Charming brick ranch. Natural fireplace in living room, new windows, carpet. Extra deep lot, large above ground pool. Excellent condition, central air. Well maintained. Just move in!

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Harper Woods $[illegible]

Outstanding brick bungalow in great condition! Kitchen with newer oak cabinetry, updated mechanics, central air, incredible finished basement has recessed lights and fourth bedroom.

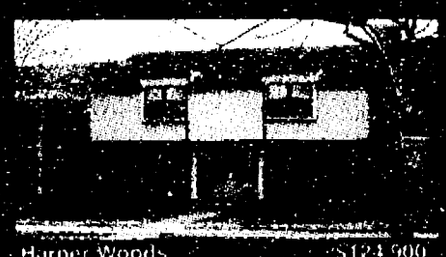
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Harper Woods $139,900

Just reduced three bedroom brick ranch with fourth bedroom in basement. Appliances included, newer roof. Deep lot. 2.7 car garage. Grosse Pointe Schools. Walk to Eastland. One Year Home Warranty Included. Call Sheila Aceti

(GPN-M-41ANI) 586-634-1725



Harper Woods $124,900

Two bedroom, one and one half bath townhouse condo. Grosse Pointe schools, two car carport, private patio off back door with built-in BBQ, and finished basement. New roof on complex, oak hardwood floors, newer hot water heater.

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Harper Woods $109,900

Immaculate three bedroom brick ranch. Windows, central air, and electrical all new in 2004. Newer roof, hot water heater, freshly painted. Grosse Pointe schools. Just move in, priced to sell!

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Detroit $[illegible]

What a home! Marble fountain, new copper plumbing, kitchen, garage roof and siding, some windows, paint, updated bathroom. Completely redone unbelievable third floor master suite with new everything.

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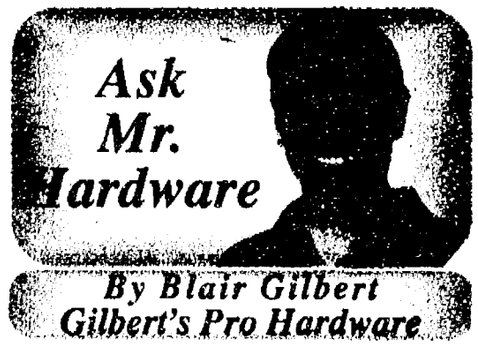
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Mortgage Rates as of April 29, 2005

	Phone Number	30 Yr. Fixed	Points	15 Yr. Fixed	Points	1 Yr. ARM	Points	Other Progs
1st Choice Mortgage Lending	(734) 459-0782	5.375	0	5	0	3.5	0	J
A Best Financial Corp.	(800) 555-8378	5.25	0.375	4.75	0.5	3.5	0	JB
A Family Mortgage	(800) 536-5947	5.375	0	5	0	4.5	0	J/B/V/F
A Financial Services Golden Rule	(800) 784-1874	5.375	0.125	5	0	2.875	0	JB/V/F
AFI Financial	(877) 234-0600	5.375	0	4.875	0.125	NR	NR	J
Ameriana's Premiere Mortgage	(800) 585-8730	5.375	0	5	0	4.75	0	JB/V/F
Ameriplus Mortgage Corp.	(248) 740-2323	5.5	0	4.99	0	3.625	0	J/V/F
Bay Pointe Mortgage Corp.	(248) 852-3538	5.25	2	4.75	2	3.75	0	J
Bretin Home Mortgage	(248) 650-4800	5.375	0.5	5	0.125	4.625	0.125	J/V/F
Brighton Commerce Bank	(810) 220-8646	5.75	0	5.375	0	4	0	J
Capital Mortgage Funding	(248) LOW-RATE	5.5	1.75	5.25	1.75	NR	NR	J
Captive Group Mortgage Co.	(248) 682-8643	5.375	0	5.125	0	3.5	0	J/V/F
Centerbrook Mortgage	(248) 851-4150	5.375	0.25	5.125	0.125	3.75	0	J/B
Charter One Bank	(800) 342-5336	5.875	0	5.375	0	NR	NR	J/V/F
Client Services by Golden Rule	(800) 569-5805	5.125	1	4.625	1.25	2.625	1.125	J/B/V/F
Co-op Services Credit Union	(734) 468-6113	5.375	2	5	2	NR	NR	J
Community Bank of Dearborn	(734) 981-0022	5.75	0	5.375	0	4.625	0	J/V/F
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	(313) 565-3100	5.75	0	5.375	0	3.25	2	J/B
DFCU Financial	(800) 739-2770	5.375	2	4.875	2	NR	NR	J
Fifth Third Bank	(800) 792-8830	5.75	0.25	5.375	0	NR	NR	V/F
First Alliance Mortgage Co.	(800) 292-7357	5.625	0	5.25	0	NR	NR	J/B/V/F
First Equity Residential Mortgage Inc.	(800) 357-0270	5.25	2	4.625	2	3.5	0	J/B/V
First International Inc.	(248) 258-1584	5.5	0	5	0	NR	NR	J/B
GMAC Mortgage Corp.	(800) 766-4622	5.25	3	5.125	1.5	3.875	0	J/B/V/F
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 785-4755	5	1.625	4.5	1.75	2.25	2	J/B/V/F
Goldstar Mortgage	(800) 469-8280	5.375	0.125	5	0.125	2.875	0.5	J/B/V/F
Group One Mortgage	(734) 953-4000	5.625	0	5.375	0	4.125	0	J/B/V/F
Home Federal Savings Bank	(313) 873-3310	5.5	1	5.25	1	NR	NR	J
Home Finance of America	(800) 358-5626	5.375	0	5	0	3	0	J/B
Horizon Financial Group	(866) 539-7867	5.25	2	5	2	NR	NR	J
JMC Mortgage Corp.	(248) 489-4020	5	3	4.75	2	NR	NR	J/B
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Lira Financial	(586) 997-2440	5.5	0	5	0	3.125	0	J/B/V/F
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Pathway Financial LLC	(800) 726-2274	5.5	0	5.125	0	3.75	0	J/F
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Average of Rates and Points		5.43	0.69	5.03	0.61	3.61	0.39	

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Leaky shower's the breaks



Q. Mr. Hardware, I have to move the drain to install a new basement shower. Can I raise the floor and sneak in a few elbows to relocate the drain? How much will that raise the floor if I do?

— John from Roseville.

A. John, I'm sorry to report that the elbow thing just is not right. The shower floor will have to be higher than you are planning, and connecting to the existing drain will be a nightmare.

Moving the drain is not all that difficult once you recognize that some cement will have to be broken. You will spend more time trying to avoid it than it will take.

First get a No. 10 or No. 12 sledge hammer and beat an eight-inch spot near the existing drain until you can see dirt. Then take a small shovel or garden trowel and dig underneath the cement a little. Now hit the cement next to that area with the sledge and the concrete will break easily.

Once you have a hole large enough, about 12-inches in diameter, you can dig down to the bottom of the trap and locate the direction the drain is running.

Once you have contact with the lateral run of pipe you can check the size of the pipe. It should be about 2 3/8 inches outside diameter. That would be called two-inch pipe because pipe is measured on the interior, not the exterior.

No matter what size the pipe is, you can cut it and using a Fernco rubber coupling, convert it to PVC pipe and locate the drain just about any where you need to.

Some problems you could encounter:

- If the distance from the trap to a vented line exceeded the code requirements you could have poor drainage.
- The pipe could be smaller than two-inches inside diameter and that could lead to drain problems, besides being undersized for both underground and shower requirements.

When in doubt, consult with the city plumbing inspector or a master plumber.

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Send your questions to: Mr. Hardware c/o Gilbert's Pro Hardware at 21912 Harper in St. Clair Shores 48080; call (586) 776-9532, e-mail staff@mrhardware.com, or visit www.mrhardware.com to view past columns.

Home building class offered

Grosse Pointe Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will offer a 16-hour seminar, How To Build Your Own Home on Tuesday/Thursday, May 24, 26, 31 and June 2, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Brownell School, 260 Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction as well as those who want to work with a builder, the course details each stage of construction as well as your rights and responsibilities.

The course covers home financing, the building process, builder's terms and contracts as well as building codes and much more. Many hand-outs and guidance will be given from an instructor who is also a builder.

The seminar costs $199 plus $30 for two textbooks and materials to the teacher. Preregistration with payment is required no later than Friday, May 20, to Grosse Pointe Community Education. For more information, call (313) 432-3880. There will be no phone registrations.

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#1



This Cape Cod is immaculate! Located on quiet street in the Woods, this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home offers custom kitchen with eating area, stunning first floor master suite with marble bath with Jacuzzi tub, shower and custom walk-in closet. Family room overlooks well tended landscaped rear yard, library with custom bookcases, first floor laundry and convenient attached garage.

#2



Thoughtfully designed family home offers charm, location and convenience. This 5 bedroom and 3 1/2 bath Colonial offers designer décor, spacious family room located adjacent to updated kitchen, and beautifully refinished hardwood floors. Step out of the family room onto the lovely wood deck which is perfect for summer entertaining. Situated on 1 1/2 lots, there is plenty of green space for the kids to romp. $549,900

1115 WHITTIER #3



Relieve your family's growing pains with this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial located in Grosse Pointe City. Formal living and dining rooms, family room adjacent to kitchen with a natural fireplace and doorwall leading to a lovely flagstone patio & large private backyard. Convenient first floor laundry room and hard to find attached 2 car garage. Immediate occupancy $479,000

#4



Three bedroom, two and a half bath center entrance brick colonial. Within walking distance to the Village shopping & schools, this home offers formal living and dining rooms, kitchen with eating area, family room and spacious master bedroom with private bath. Situated on a 100 foot lot, there is plenty of space to expand this home which is surrounded by much more expensive properties. $415,000

#5



PRICE REDUCED! SELLER MOTIVATED! You could be living in this Luxury Lakefront Community by summer. Relax on the deck and enjoy the view of Lake St. Clair. The gourmet kitchen features hardwood floor and snack bar. Great room has a gas fireplace. Fourth floor loft could be a third bedroom. Master bedroom boasts a luxury spa bathroom. $326,900

26014 FELICITY LANDING #6



Spacious Tudor style townhouse condo. Beautifully updated kitchen with granite countertops and island. 3,000 square feet with six bedrooms and three and one half baths. Living room with natural fireplace. Formal dining room. Great plaster detailing. Short walk to the City park. $375,500

#7



Spring into this Luxury Lakefront Community. Three bedrooms and three full baths with a fourth floor loft overlooking the master bedroom. Even the choosiest chefs will enjoy this kitchen, with top of the line appliances. Two car attached garage. First floor patio, second floor deck and lakefront common area. $379,900

#8



This Farms Colonial is loaded with attractive features. Updated kitchen w/pewabic accents, hardwood floors, newer boiler, electric and copper plumbing. Professionally decorated. Finished recreation room w/Pergo and recessed lighting. Updated powder room, custom closets. Beautiful perennial gardens. A must see!

#9



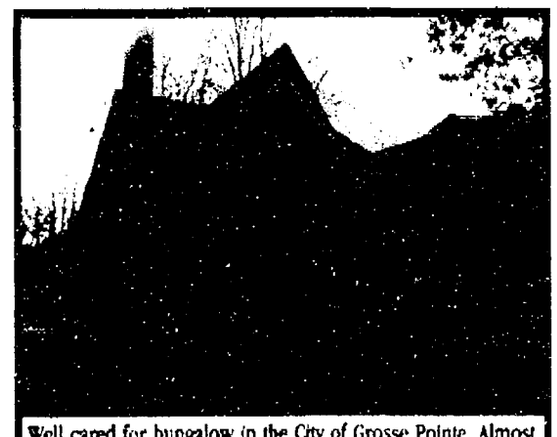
Seller says to bring us an offer on this cute three bedroom bungalow. Newer maple kitchen, refinished hardwoods, renovated lower level with bath and walk-in closet. Updated bath, newer furnace, air and hot water heater.

#10



HUGE PRICE REDUCTION! This one has it all! New kitchen, new furnace, hot water heater, windows, doors, siding, roof, gutters, attic fan & vents. Professionally landscaped front & rear with brick paver patio. Beautiful fireplace in living room, all freshly painted & carpeted. All hardwoods redone. $199,900

#11



Well cared for bungalow in the City of Grosse Pointe. Almost everything is newer including the HUGE garage. Newer kitchen (2005), tear-off roof, second floor bath, hot water heater, windows, aluminum trim, concrete drive. Top this off with two full baths and hardwoods.

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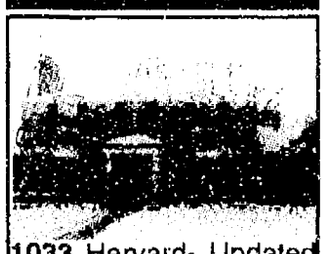
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1033 Harvard- Updated kitchen, granite countertops. Hardwood floors throughout. New: roof, gutters, sprinkler, brick pavers, fence, driveway. $559,000. (313)885-1661

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19816 East Ida Lane. Charming 2 bedroom ranch. One and 1/2 baths. Newer roof and appliances. Wallside windows. Finished basement etc... 586-321-7494

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CADIEUX/ Mack area, 3 bedroom bungalow. Completely renovated. $105,000/ negotiable. Owner will help with financing. (313)885-0877

DETROIT, 5318 Radnor, 1 1/2 story, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, family room with fireplace, newer modern country kitchen. Some new carpet, fenced yard. Coldwell Banker Schweitzer $69,900. (313)882-5886.

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GREAT family home, walking distance to all schools, master suite with Jacuzzi tub, walk-in closet. New roof, new Pella windows, finished basement, $359,900. Contact Richmond, ReMax Acclaim (313)732-5014

GROSSE Pointe Farms, Cox & Baker built ranch. 3 bedroom, finished basement, sunroom. Great expansion possibilities. Asking $249,500. Stieber Realty, (586)775-4900

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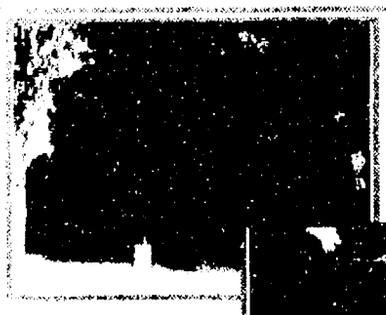
6 bedrooms, 4. 5 baths.
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Grosse Pointe Park
1374 Three Mile

Approximately 3,000 sq. ft., over $100,000 in improvements. Home has large, nicely decorated new kitchen, finished basement, library, second story walk-out deck. 4 bedrooms, 2 full, 2 half baths. 3 car garage with attached 2 story shed. New driveway. Architectural deck and elegant home office overlooking spectacular garden. 313-417-9027 $518,000. realtor.com MLS24133859

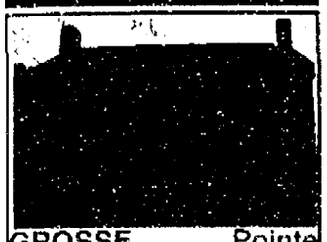
Grosse Pointe Woods,
1181 South Oxford



Offering Price: $525,000
By Owner (313)884-5313

Exceptional 4 bedrooms, 2 full & 2 half baths. On a favorite street. The home features an updated eat-in kitchen with appliances, spacious family room off kitchen, formal dining room, living room, den and partially finished basement with rec room, energy efficient furnace and central air conditioning. Three natural fireplaces with gas logs. Over size deep lot, new wood deck off the family room. Attached two car garage, hardwood floors, walk-in closets and lots of storage. Nicely decorated.

800 HOUSES FOR SALE



GROSSE Pointe Farms. Absolutely gorgeous center entrance colonial. Over 90K in updates! $399,999. www.361mcmillan.com (313)882-1847

GROSSE Pointe Woods Scott colonial. 4 bedrooms, 3 full, 2 half baths. Must see master suite with his/ her bath, fireplace, balcony, sauna, antique Hudson glass. Information, 517-394-4144

GROSSE Pointe Woods, 461 Saddle Lane. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Family room, 2 fireplaces. Attached garage. Sprinkler system. (313)882-7469

800 HOUSES FOR SALE

GROSSE Pointe Woods, 21605 River Road- must see! 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch. Finished basement. Hardwood floors. New roof. Large lot. $267,000. (313)881-2429, (810)327-2226 weekends.

GROSSE Pointe Woods, charming 3 bedroom, 1. 5 bath colonial. Newer kitchen, beautiful hardwood floors, natural fireplace, deck, central air, copper plumbing, updated electrical, $215,000. Call (313)886-3238

HARRISON Twp. on the lake, 80x 800, 3,000 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 3 decks. Reduced to $765,000. (586)791-9318

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1311 S. OXFORD

Many updates in this 3 bedroom colonial including a newer roof and furnace. The home features natural fireplaces in the living room and basement. The large family room features skylights and has door walls which lead to a paver patio. The beautifully landscaped yard makes this home a complete beauty, inside and out!

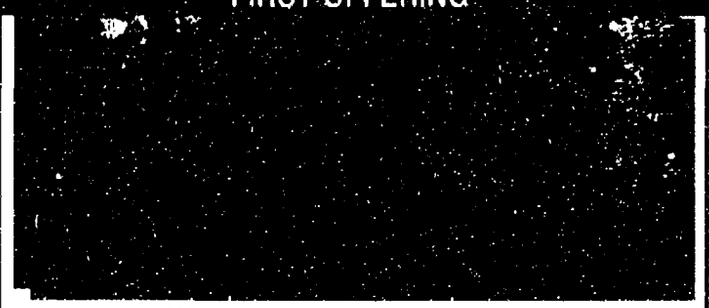


26001 HARBOUR POINTE, FOR LEASE

Incredible lease rate on this beautiful waterfront condo. Lease includes association fee and 40 foot boat well. 2 bedrooms and 2 full baths in this great 1820 sq. ft. condo with views of the lake from the living room, kitchen, and back deck. Master bedroom with plenty of closet space and full bath including Jacuzzi tub. Fireplace in the living room with door walls leading to the large deck.

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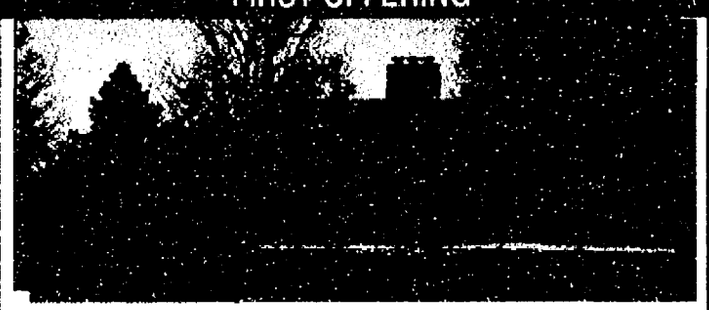
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OLDBROOK, GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Located on a secluded private lane on one of the Farm's most desirable streets. This classic Micou built home boasts spacious and elegant rooms with the finest finishing details and handsome hardwood floors. Amenities include multiple fireplaces, central air, inground sprinklers and heated garage. Sale includes adjoining 124 x 149 foot lot. $1,100,000.

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SUNNINGDALE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Immaculate picture book Cape Cod overlooks the golf course on one of Grosse Pointe's most prestigious streets. The exceptionally large kitchen features a center island and eating area. Great room with wet bar, wine cooler and custom wall unit. First floor master bedroom and additional four bedrooms and four full baths. $759,000.

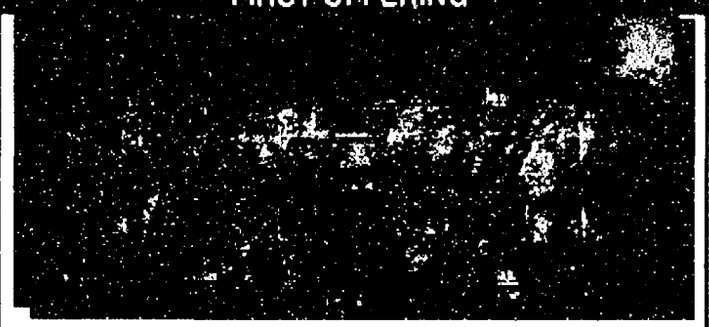
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GRAYTON, GROSSE POINTE PARK

The charm of yesteryear and the amenities of today combine in this elegant Tudor. Updates include a beautiful new kitchen, restored hardware, all new mechanics and newer landscaping. Pewabic tile throughout, five bedrooms, three full and two half baths. This outstanding home stands ready for those who demand the finest. $639,000

FIRST OFFERING



LINCOLN, GROSSE POINTE CITY

Looking for history and integrity? This home was owned by the Chalmers family and has kept its integrity intact! Spacious rooms, hardwood floors, traditional details. Exquisite Pewabic tile throughout. Kitchen only two years old. Five bedrooms, three and one half baths, family room and a great recreation room. $619, 000.

FIRST OFFERING



GRAND MARAIS, GROSSE POINTE PARK

Sophisticated décor throughout this impeccable home. Stylish new baths. Granite counters in gorgeous new kitchen with step down to family room with fireplace, vaulted ceiling and door wall to covered patio. Marble entry and gleaming new hardwood floor on first floor. $500,000.

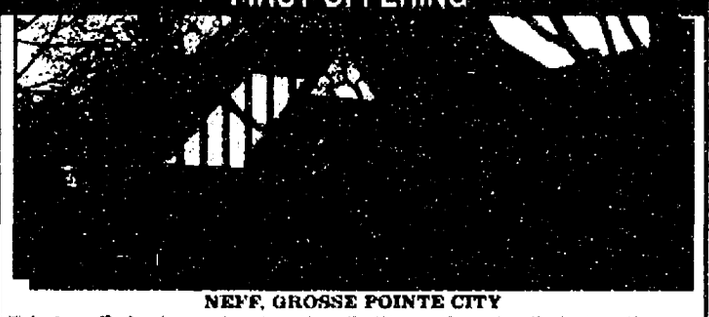
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RATHBONE, GROSSE POINTE CITY

Carriage house near the Lake offers great options! Renovate or build a wonderful home on the ample sized lot. Located on a private lane with gate to park. Two bedrooms, two full baths, butler's pantry with wet bar and laundry room. Six-car garage. $475,000.

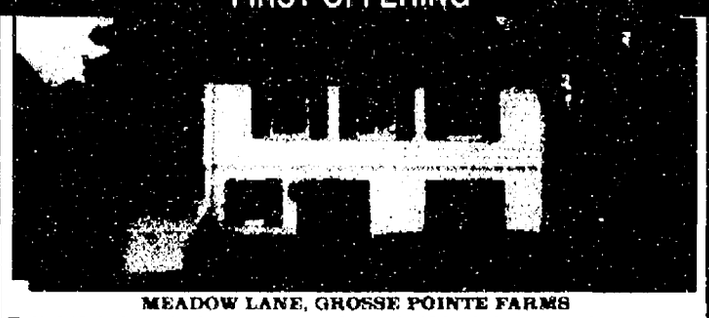
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NEFF, GROSSE POINTE CITY

Fabulous Tudor in a prime location. Built as a three family but easily converted to a single family. Spacious living area features carved plaster detailing and leaded glass throughout. Renovations in the past three years include a roof, driveway, sprinkler system, second floor bath, central air and refinished hardwood floors. $489,000.

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MEADOW LANE, GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Delightful three bedroom, two and one half bath home on favorite no-through street near The Hill. Elegant rooms, fabulous dining room with bay overlooking sophisticated walled gardens, light filled family room and master bedroom with dressing room. The best value in town! $375,000.

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FAIRWAY, GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Cul-de-sac setting provides peaceful living and yet the location is close to schools, shopping and transportation. Traditional brick ranch has a covered front porch for you to enjoy the view and the bright and sunny Florida room is perfect for enjoying the beautifully landscaped yard. Finished basement with full bath and sauna. $314,000.

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SPINNAKER, DETROIT

Totally renovated sixteenth floor unit overlooks Harbortown and the Detroit River. Hardwood floor entry, designer kitchen with new appliances. Live the good life in a secure twenty-four hour gated community with 35 acres of lushly landscaped waterfront. $260,000.

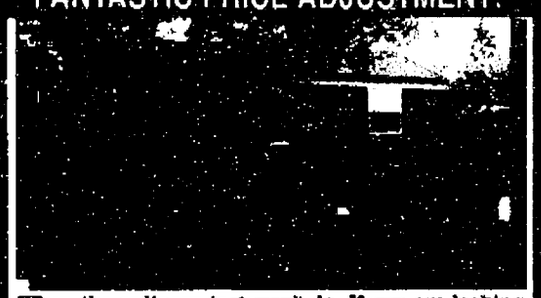
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CHAMPINE, ST. CLAIR SHORES

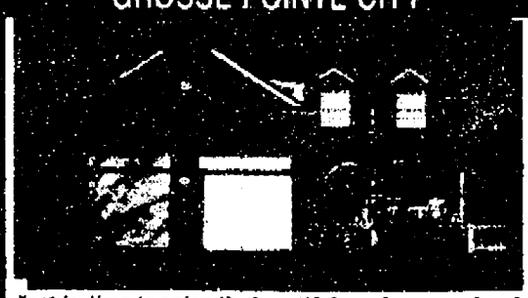
Desirable location for this three bedroom, one and one half bath brick ranch with a two car attached garage. Open kitchen, dinette and family room with fireplace. Full bath in basement. Updating needed, but home has great potential! Home Warranty. $149,900.

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GROSSE POINTE CITY



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