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Thursday, Nov. 17

Rabbi Sherwin Wine presents the second of three lectures on "The Papacy." This week's topic, "The Old Pope," is about the legacy of John Paul II. The talk begins at 7:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee in the City of Grosse Pointe. Cost is \$10. No preregistration is necessary.

In celebration of National Children's Book Week, the Grosse Pointe Public Library presents "Pop-Up Crafts," a chance for children 6 and older to learn how to create their own pop-up books and cards. The demonstration will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ewald branch in Grosse Pointe Park.

Friday, Nov. 18

Grosse Pointe South High School's bands and orchestras present their annual Pops & Pastries concert, "Invitation to the Dance," at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, in South's gymnasium. The audience is seated at tables, and snacks, desserts and drinks are available for purchase. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, and \$25 for a family. Tickets are available at Posterity in the Village.

The Bon Secours Assistance League holds its Christmas Open House from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the hospital's Connelly Auditorium.

Services for Older Citizens holds a flu shot clinic at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe. To make an appointment, call (313) 882-9600.

The Class A state district girls basketball championship begins at 7 p.m. at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Sunday, Nov. 20

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music presents a recital at 2:30 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 6 to 15. Call (313) 885-4633.

Chamber Music at the Scarab Club presents a concert at 4 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee in the City of Grosse Pointe. Tickets are \$18 at the door, \$16 in advance, and \$10 for students. Call (248) 647-0289.

Monday, Nov. 21

The council of Grosse Pointe Woods

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Do the math

Low MEAP scores just a blip?

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

The low Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) scores at both Grosse Pointe high schools is only a blip and not a trend.

"This caught our attention," said Al Diver, South's principal, as he and the board of education looked at the 2004-05 MEAP reading, writing, English language arts, math, science and social studies numbers drop, ranging from 4 to 12 percentage points.

"The staff and teachers are taking the MEAP more seriously.

We are looking at the areas where they fall short, but we are always above the state averages," he said.

Diver went on to say that staff at both schools were focusing on the scores, why they dropped and what would be done to improve the scores.

An increased struggling student population is one reason number for the drop, thus the need for problems to be caught at an earlier time in the course of the student's education, said Susan Allen, assistant superintendent for curriculum and testing.

G.P. High Schools' MEAP Scores

Area	2003	2004	2005
Science	82%	80%	75%
Social Studies	62%	63%	59%
Reading	94%	96%	88%
Writing	82%	84%	80%
English Language Arts	91%	93%	86%
Mathematics	76%	80%	68%

"What do we need to improve — teaching and learning? We need to catch (problems) sooner than juniors," she said.

The board was assured that a common assessment between the

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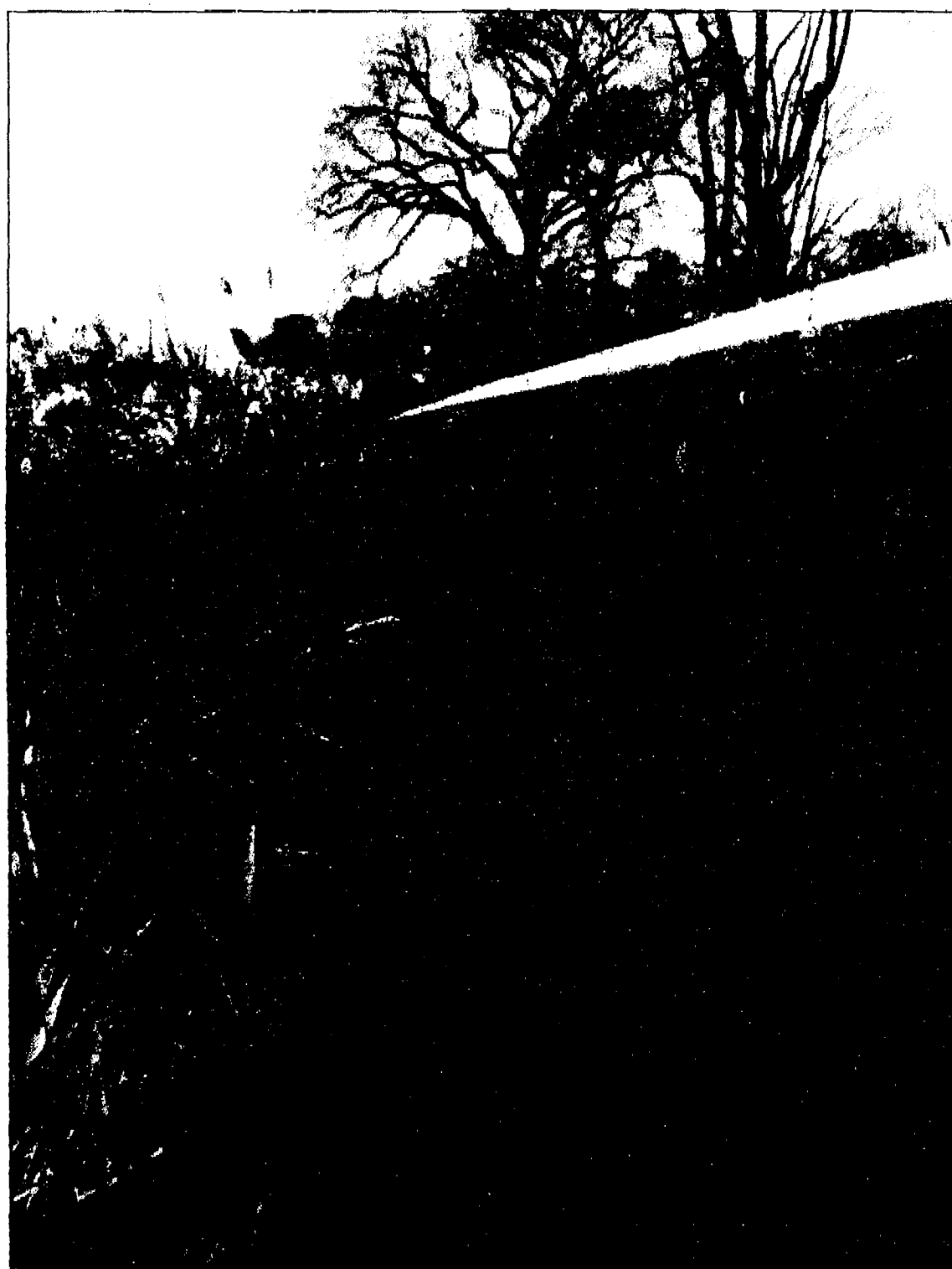


Photo by Brad Lindberg

Steel seawalls, such as this one at Kay Felt's lakefront home in Grosse Pointe Shores, used to keep the lake at bay, but now they merely act as landscaping edging due to accretion piling up.

Ever ready accretion keeps on growing

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Chalky whitecaps break without sound over sandbars far offshore behind Kay Felt's lakeside home.

It's warm for mid-November, warm enough for Felt to remove her shoes, sit in the sun on her backyard patio and take in the view.

Her 14-year-old golden retriever, Nicky, rescued years ago from abandonment and proof that cats aren't the only animals to land on their feet, is a few feet away rolling on her back in the grass, squirming back and forth like a sidewinder. Paws going everywhere at once.

It's an iconic scene of style of life in multi-million dollar houses that

wouldn't exist without the area's most important natural asset, Lake St. Clair.

"What else do we have in Grosse Pointe to rival the northern Oakland County lakes? We have the panorama of the lake," said Felt, an attorney with a firm in downtown Detroit. "We don't have great shopping. We don't have great entertainment."

She motioned with her right hand past Nicky's flailing paws and windswept puffs of shedding fur to Lake St. Clair beyond.

"This is what we have," Felt said. These days Felt and her neighbors have more than they bargained for.

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Teachers union stages walk out of Local One

Members of the Grosse Pointe Education Association (GPEA) Negotiating Team will defend the actions of their president to the Local One Board of Reference and are considering pulling out of the Local.

GPEA president Rosalie Bryk has been charged with using an improper ballot, not asking permission to hold bargaining sessions and withholding information from Local One officials.

The GPEA bargaining team settled a three-year contract with representatives of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education in January, and the contract was approved by 84 percent of the teachers.

Nevertheless, Local One was not happy with the terms of the contract; so they printed a ballot that included the phrase "Local One does not recommend this contract" and removed Bryk from her position as GPEA's president.

"Why would we use a ballot that said that 'Local One

does not approve the agreement?" said Dick Underwood, GPEA vice president. "The GPEA executive board decided to use a ballot without that wording, not Rosalie Bryk. We believed that it would have been ridiculous and illegal to use their ballot."

Vice president for negotiations Paul Booker said, "Local One believes that they have total control over our negotiations, that we have to ask permission to even meet and permission before we sign any agreements. This kind of thinking is stuck in the '70s when teaching units were still shell-shocked by the teacher dismissals in Crestwood. They obviously don't know or don't care that the current Michigan law prohibits any interference in negotiations between a teacher unit and its employer. Undaunted by the law, they seek to maintain a stranglehold on our negotiations process."

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe Farms officials ask counterparts in Grosse Pointe Shores to make other arrangements, presumably with Detroit, to satisfy needs for additional water.

Farms officials act due to high water demand created by the number of large houses being constructed in the Shores. Such houses are being designed with lawn irrigation systems that will use considerable water during periods of high demand beginning in June.

■ Salk anti-polio vaccine is now being produced in sufficient quantities to make it available to all children up to 14 years old.

■ With the opening game just eight days away, basketball practice at Grosse Pointe High School enters high gear as coach Howard MacAdam tries to find a winning combination from his 15-man squad.

25 years ago this week

■ Ground breaking is scheduled in December for a three-story office building and parking deck on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms.

An empty Standard Oil service station and two houses on Muir Road will be demolished to make way for construction.

■ Republicans will send 33 new Congressmen to Washington next year as a result of last week's election, but Grosse Pointe Shores resident Vic Caputo won't be

one of them.

Caputo, a former local television news reporter, is defeated by Democrat Dennis Hertel, a six-year veteran of the State House of Representatives.

■ Seventy percent of Grosse Pointe voters support Ronald Reagan's winning campaign for president.

Only 22.3 percent of Pointer voters support incumbent Jimmy Carter

10 years ago this week

■ John Danaher can take "pro tem" off his mayor pro tem title in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Danaher's colleagues on the Farms council elect him mayor to succeed departing Mayor Gregg Berendt. Edward Gaffney is named mayor pro tem.

Farms voters don't directly select their mayor. Council members make the choice from among themselves.

■ Claiming impending traffic problems, some residents of the 1000 block of Bishop go before the Grosse Pointe Park city council asking that the Junior League's Showhouse for 1996 be relocated.

■ Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair announces he will oppose Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Dalton Roberson's decision to retry two killers of Grosse Pointe Farms businessman Benjamin Gravel.

Gravel was shot in Detroit during what would become known as a carjacking while driving home from Bayview Yacht Club.

5 years ago this week

■ Andrew Richner, Grosse Pointe Park resident and incumbent Republican state representative, wins his 11th straight election and a third term in the House.

Richner, a former Park

councilman and Wayne County Commissioner, has never lost an election.

■ In the race for Wayne County Commissioner, Republican Eric Steiner wins the combined Grosse Pointe votes by a 2:1 margin but is defeated in Detroit precincts by incumbent and Democrat Christopher Cavanagh.

Cavanagh wins about 95 percent of the Detroit vote and carries a 1,000-vote lead in Harper Woods.

■ Grosse Pointe library officials retain architects to design two new 8,000- to 10,000-square-foot branches in the Park and Woods.

—Brad Lindberg

Union

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"This entire process has been ugly and expensive nightmare, already costing us thousands of dollars in legal fees to defend charges that should never have been made," according to Suzanne Jabara, a member of the GPEA negotiating team.

Officials at Local One in Clinton Township gave a "no comment" on the issue saying it was an internal matter.

The GPEA is circulating petitions to withdraw from Local One.

"We have been paying Local One dues since the 1970s, but those days are almost over. They don't provide any useful services to our members, and they recently suspended our president without a hearing. As soon as other teacher units realized that Local One is incompetent and outdated, other teacher units will follow us and depart from Local One. They didn't shoot themselves in the foot; they shot themselves in the head," said Mark Davids, a member of the negotiating team.

50 years ago this week



Distributing shrubs to beautify Pointe

Under auspices of the Garden Club Council, 727 flowering crabapple trees are distributed. Trees will be planted on private and public property all through the Pointe area and should increase in beauty with each passing year. From left are Mrs. Renville Wheat, Mrs. John McEachern and Council President Mrs. Bert L. Lindzay. (From the Nov. 17, 1955, Grosse Pointe News.)

MEAP

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two high schools is under way so content coverage and tests are the same at both high schools.

Another reason scores may have declined is that students did not take the tests seriously.

"Student effort on the MEAP tests is often in question," Allen said. "There was a great deal of confusion last spring regarding possible elimination of the Merit Award and the new requirement of 40 hours of community service," she said.

Students felt detached wondering if the \$2,500

attached to the test would be available when they needed it for college expenses. Students also believed that they would be unable to complete the 40 hours of community service by the time they graduated and not receive the merit award, she said. (The 40 hours have been eliminated.)

Additionally, students may be burned out. Juniors are taking tests back to back in about a four-week window. Students are grappling with advanced placement tests (AP), ACT and SATs around the time the MEAPs are given, Allen pointed out.

Incentives to increase MEAP motivation are also being explored by the staff, Diver said: things such as obtaining a parking permit being attached to earning a subject endorsement, or publicizing that MEAP

results and endorsements will appear on transcripts. Awards of free passes to be used to visit colleges or exam exemptions in the senior year are other ideas presented.

One of the largest drops was in math. Grosse Pointe students achieved an 80 percent in 2003-04. The 2004-05 score slid to 68 percent. Diver acknowledged it was a "big drop." Likewise, social studies scores dropped from 63 percent to 59 percent in the same time period, when scores had risen the previous two years (2001-02 and 2002-03).

Curbing the bad news of MEAP scores, board members noted that both the ACT and the SAT scores have improved for the class of 2006. More students at both North and South are enrolling in AP courses.

Farms incumbents face no challengers

"It's nice not to have any opposition," said James Farquhar Jr., mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Farquhar had just won Tuesday's uncontested election with 895 votes.

He was heading to the Hill Seafood & Chop House to celebrate his return to office.

Also winning uncontested races for city council were incumbents Peter Waldmeir (top vote-getter with 803), Louis Theros (787 votes)

and Terry Davis (750 votes). Our council is doing a great job as a whole," Farquhar said. "People are satisfied. We have a great council and administration. Things are rosy in the Farms."

Of the Farms' 7,847 total registered voters, 922 or 11.75 percent turned out on Nov. 8. Absentee voters accounted for 5.82 percent of the total.

—Brad Lindberg

Week Ahead

Monday, Nov. 21

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meets at 7:30 p.m. at Woods City Hall, 20025 Mack.

The Grosse Pointe Library board meets at 7 p.m. at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park.

Tuesday, Nov. 22

Grosse Pointe Farms residents 55 or older meet between noon and 4 p.m. at the Farms Pier Park Community Building for cards, board games, pool, pingpong and more.

Wednesday, Nov. 23

The Parade Company holds a black-tie fundraiser, the Hob Nobble Gobble, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Michigan State Fairgrounds in Detroit. To order tickets, call (313) 923-7400.



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Build it and they will come

Lot 2: G.P. Village's field of dreams?

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Developers have put their best ideas forward to transform a block-long Village parking lot into a vibrant combination of commercial space and condominiums.

Representatives of three separate partnerships — including architects, builders and even a traffic expert — had one hour each Monday night to pitch their plans and face questions

from the City of Grosse Pointe council about the future of municipal Lot 2, located behind stores north of Kercheval between Notre Dame and St. Clair.

No winner was announced or even contemplated openly at this early stage of review.

"The council is in a workshop format," said Mayor Dale Scrace. "There is no action to be taken. There will be numerous opportunities in the future for public

comment."

The Morningside Group has plans for a five-story building, including two bottom levels of parking. The overall structure would contain 7,000-square-feet of commercial space and 51 condominiums.

Morningside's terms include the city giving them Lot 2 and paying \$1,705,000 for construction of new parking spaces. City planners estimate the final product would be worth \$23 million and generate \$207,772 in property tax revenue per year.

Morningside's plan restricted vehicle access to Notre Dame.

Councilmember Jean Weipert questioned the resulting effect on traffic at nearby Mair Elementary School and Kroger grocery store.

"There's a lot of congestion already," Weipert said. "That could be a problem."

Developers said they will use such concerns to revise plans.

"The proposal is meant to be flexible," said Don Mucha, Morningside senior vice president.

The City would receive \$800,000 for Lot 2 under terms offered by Burton-Katzman.

The company's four-level structure, including one floor of parking underground with two more parking areas above grade, would be valued at \$25.9 million and generate \$234,129 in taxes.

Some 54 condos would sit above 17,000-square-feet of retail area.

A sticking point for Councilman John Stevens was the developer's request that the City pay \$3.6 million for a section of the parking structure.

"How can we reduce the cost?" Stevens said.

"We'd work with you to do that," said Charles DiMaggio, Burton-Katzman vice president and project manager.

Ronald Kneiser, former mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms, spoke for the Jonna Companies, a group that thought furthest outside the box.

"We paint with a much broader stroke than the other folks," Kneiser said.

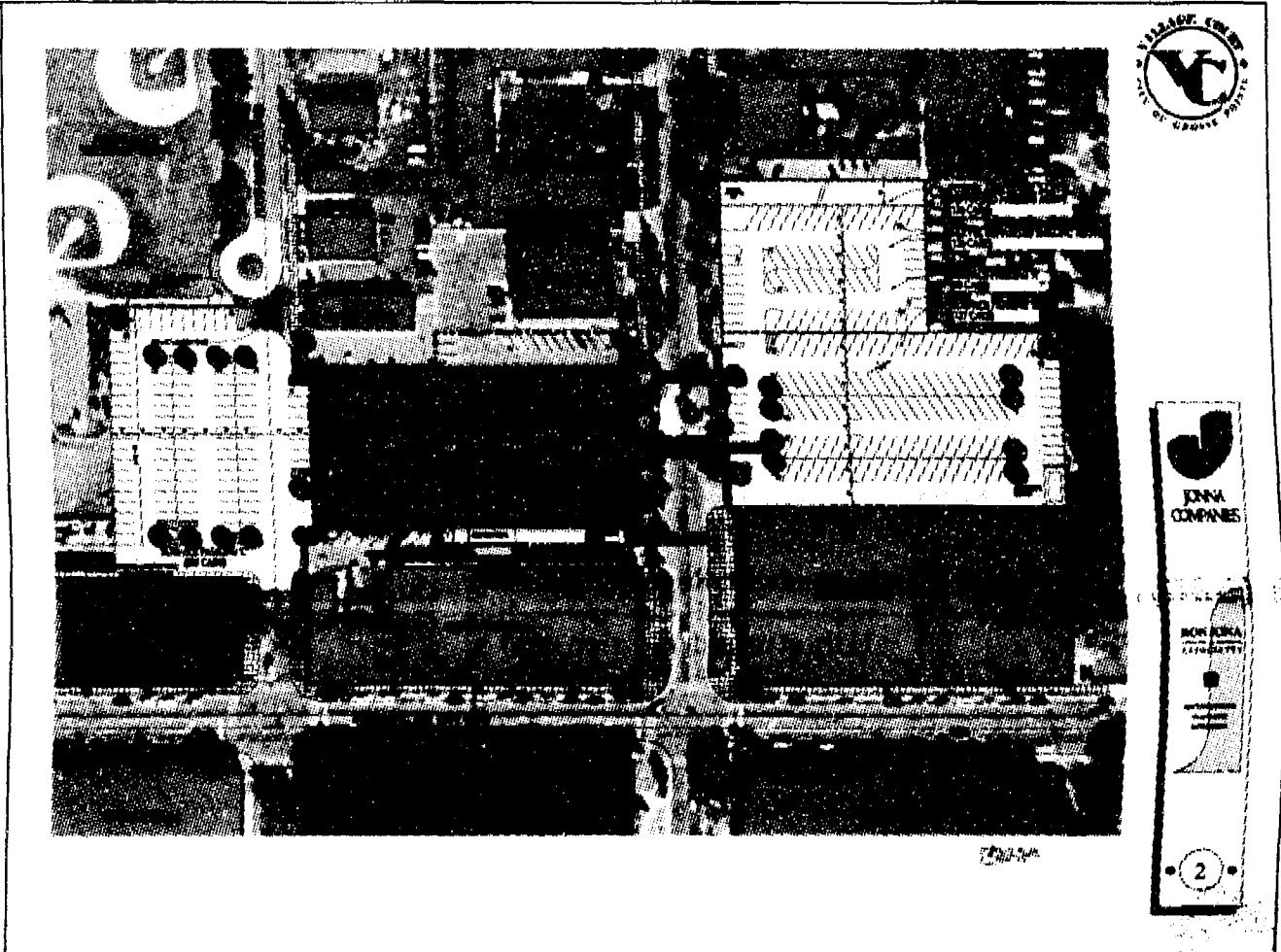
Jonna's four-story structure has 39,830-square-feet of ground level retail space. Forty-two condos occupy the top two levels with a central courtyard.

Ron Jona, architect, said the proposal addressed five issues for a "comprehensive downtown solution": parking; providing a safe vehicle drop off area for Mair students by creating a cul de sac on Notre Dame between Kercheval and Waterloo; improving the Village's overall pedestrian environment; relocating Kroger to Lot 2 which would open the grocery store's 14,000-square-foot building on Kercheval to more shopping-oriented retail and, lastly, minimizing the impact of construction on



Drawings courtesy Jonna Companies

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Accretion

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Property north of Vernier to the 900 block of Lakeshore is being set upon by a creeping mass of silt (accretion) piling upon the shoreline at a regular rate.

In places where the sediment has been accumulating for years, it has solidified into firm ground dotted by low spots filled with stagnant water. In newer spots, it's just a mucky combination of mud and decaying vegetation. Throughout the area grow small trees and tall weeds, including invasive purple loosestrife.

"(Accretion) grows northward by about 100 feet per year," Felt said.

It also grows outward into the lake. Those waves breaking out of earshot hundreds of yards offshore used to pound against Felt's steel breakwall.

Beneath the bottom rung of her breakwall ladder is a thick, black, stagnant goop crusted with grass and leaves.

During summer months, accretion generates a stench that, during onshore breezes, forces Felt indoors with windows shut.

"It's an overwhelming combination of rotten vegetables — if you've ever had a compost and opened it — and dead fish," she said.

Over the top edge of the breakwall there's the sound of an unseen animal wrestling through the scrub.

"A rat, probably," Felt said.

She and many of her neighbors blame accretion in the area on expansion of Shores Osius Park and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Construction at the facilities involved closing shoreline tunnels which used to let lakeside currents carry suspended particles of dirt downstream. Now currents get backed up and deposit

sediment.

Felt and others point to a 1990 study commissioned by the Shores that comes to the same conclusion.

As Shores officials consider plans to update their municipal harbor at Osius Park, Felt wants to make sure renovation includes an emphasis on replacing the former flow-throughs.

"In addition to cutting off the flow-throughs, they also put sheet metal piling on the north wall that deflects (waves) back," Felt said. "They need to reopen some major flow-throughs. Then they need to reconfigure that north wall."

She said deflected waves bounce back at an angle that adds to sediment deposits along the shoreline and buildup of sandbars offshore.

"If they made it a rock or rubble wall, depending on how they positioned it, waves would go out instead of up," Felt said.

Although the problem is piling up against her property, she said the issue has economic consequences for inland Shores property owners.

"It affects everyone's property values eventually," she said. "If these (lakeside) houses don't hold their value, then what is there across the way?"

Felt's accretion is hidden from public view. A visible version exists above Pier Park at the foot of Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"I'm shocked at how quickly it's been moving in the Farms," Felt said. "That was caused by something very similar — they enlarged their parking lot and cut off their flow-through. See how quickly that is growing? That's going to grow all the way to the yacht club if it's not stopped."

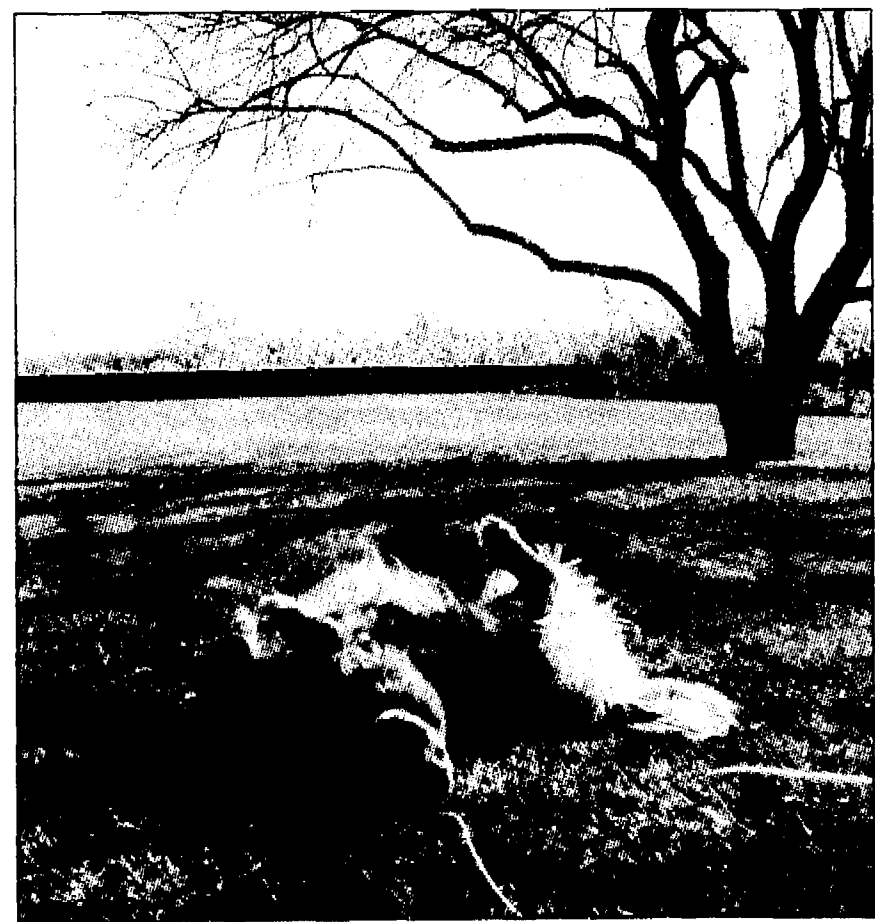


Photo by Brad Lindberg

Nicky doesn't mind the buildup of accretion along the shoreline north of Vernier in Grosse Pointe Shores, but her master, Kay Felt, does. "It's just going to get worse," Felt said. "It's time to do something about it."

GPF leaf pickup

Loose leaf collection has started in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Leaves are collected the weekday following normal rubbish pickup.

If rubbish is picked up Thursday, loose leaves are collected Friday. If rubbish

is picked up Friday, leaves are collected Monday.

"We ask people to remove their vehicles from the street the day of loose leaf pickup to help facilitate crews to do the best job possible," said Shane Reeside, city manager.

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There's a little Tom Sawyer in us all

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The way Bob Hackathorn tells it, growing up in Grosse Pointe Shores 60 years ago had more in common with Tom Sawyer in Hannibal than living in a highfalutin suburb.

So kick off yer shoes, if yer wearin' 'em, and git ready for a spit-lickin' good time.

"There were a lot more empty lots then," said

POINTER OF INTEREST

Hackathorn, 65.

There was Lottie the horse, and Mr. Holzer the farmer. Life was about adventure — uncovering a fallen tombstone in a grassy vacant lot along the Lake St. Clair shoreline; exploring the abandoned garage to a lakeside mansion never

completed due to economic fallout from the stock market crash.

"The police would pick us up and say get out of there," Hackathorn said.

Hackathorn grew up on Hawthorn, behind Michaux farm.

"They grew corn and vegetables," Hackathorn said. "It wasn't until I went off to college that I realized you didn't get pumpkin from a farm."

Michaux farmhouse still stands, with attached garage added in more recent times, on Vernier about 2/3 of the way between Lakeshore and the border of Grosse Pointe Woods. A pine tree grows near where the barn once stood.

Throughout the community, fields formerly sowed in spring and reaped in summer will forever sprout subdivisions.

North High School sits on the former Vanderbush farm, another Hackathorn prowling ground.

"A lot of the area beyond Oxford was farms," Hackathorn said. "We used to get caught by the police there, too. We were just curious. We weren't malicious."

Estates on Lakeshore had names in those days. The Spec family owned Fairholme, demolished in 1959. Dr. Harry Torrey had Clairview, razed in 1960. The Schotzman family had Stonehurst, gone in 1970.

"Our Lady Star of the Sea was fields and estates," Hackathorn said. "Willow Tree didn't exist. Hampton Road was here. Roslyn was here. That was it. There were some houses along the lakeside. Some have been torn down and replaced."

As a boy he mistook the stone gate house of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford estate for the estate itself.

The world was small for Hackathorn growing up in a borderline rural lifestyle braced on one side by frame houses and, on the other, marble and limestone manor homes anchoring estates encompassing multiple city blocks.

"We pretty much stayed in the Shores," Hackathorn said. "On occasion our par-



Bob Hackathorn, a lifelong Grosse Pointer who got a taste of the west during college in Texas, and Willie take a break riding a trail at Elkhorn Ranch under the big sky of Montana.



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Lottie's water trough near the entrance of Grosse Pointe Shores Village Hall used to stand on Vernier. The opening near the bottom of the pedestal was for dogs to take a drink.

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where Kroger's grocery store and Moy's Restaurant now stand opposite Lakeshore Village in St. Clair Shores.

Sometimes Uncle Jack or Martha hitched Lottie to a wagon and gave rides.

The route often included stopping at the water trough now located at the center of the circle drive to Shores Village Hall.

"That trough used to be on Vernier," Hackathorn said. "Vernier was a heck of a lot narrower then. The horse would sometimes take a huge drink."

Daily routine around the Hackathorn household included deliveries from Mr. Holzer.

"He dealt good butter, cheese and eggs from his farm," Hackathorn said. "I remember he had fabulous bacon."

Hackathorn graduated from the High and began a college career with more fits and starts than Lottie on a frosty morning.

He was expelled from three schools, the first being Albion College.

"I got thrown out of Albion even before classes began," Hackathorn said. "My roommate and a friend from Grosse Pointe had some odd-lot shotgun shells. We dug out the shot and filled them with talcum powder, sealed them back up, dropped them from the third floor and blew them off."

In the middle of the night the dormitory resident advisor, an ex-Marine, took prisoners.

"All right," he yelled. "Report to Dean Sprandel in the morning."

Hackathorn was headed home.

"That's how my college got off to a start," he said.

His last chance came when a friend convinced him to apply to Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, where the West begins.

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County fills voids to shore-up Farms seawall

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Even breakwalls break down once in a while.

The first of what could become major repairs to the breakwall protecting Grosse Pointe Farms is being made in the cove south of Crescent Sail Yacht Club.

A platoon of orange and white construction barrels about the size of R2D2 mark the spot where county road

crews are shoring-up a small section of breakwall.

Soil has eroded from behind the wall. The resulting void could undermine the concrete breakwall that for decades has kept Lake St. Clair from washing away Lakeshore Road.

"We're filling the dangerous voids Grosse Pointe brings to our attention," said James E. Boardman Jr., acting director of Wayne

County Division of Roads. "After that we're going to have an ongoing maintenance program."

About two weeks ago Farms officials were inspecting sewer outfalls when they noticed open spaces where soil should have been packed tight behind the breakwall. Soil helps support the wall against inward pressure from lake water and waves.

Areas needing repair were mainly hidden from casual view by thick concrete slabs laid about 25 years ago to guard against erosion between the breakwall and Lakeshore.

"Earth is undermined beneath the concrete walls and leaves a void," said Terry Brennan, Farms public works director. "The concrete can't hold itself up any more and falls in. It's a pret-

ty common repair."

Two areas needed immediate attention.

"One of about a 45-foot length at the foot of Winthrop," Brennan said. "There's another near the Crescent Sail Club."

Lakeshore is a county road, so Farms officials called the road commission.

"We got excellent response from the county," Brennan said. "They came out in less

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Pointer

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"He said the skies are always sunny and the women are so good looking," Hackathorn said. "I said, I don't think that's what my parents want to hear. But I put the application in. I got into TCU by the skin of my teeth."

Hackathorn was in his off-campus apartment writing an essay for history class the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas.

"A gal I was dating called and said, 'My God, President Kennedy has been shot,'" Hackathorn said. "I said, I'm trying to get this paper done. Don't joke with me. I thought she was pulling my leg."

He went to class. "The campus was numb," he said.

Hackathorn and his girlfriend went to Dallas the Sunday after Kennedy's death.

"We drove along the assassination route," Hackathorn said.

They drove down Main Street to Dealy Plaza, turned right at Houston Street, went one block to Elm Street where the Texas

Schoolbook Depository building stands on the outside corner.

They turned left onto Elm, descended past the grassy knoll on the right and disappeared beneath the Triple Underpass.

"It was pretty spooky," he said. "There was no traffic to speak of."

Hackathorn's life turned around when he took a history class taught by Ben Procter, a former University of Texas football star and leading receiver for future Detroit Lions quarterback Bobby Layne.

Procter earned a doctorate at Harvard and returned to Texas to teach at TCU. He's lived 40 years in a house bought from Lyndon Johnson's sister and is working on the second volume of a biography of William Randolph Hearst for Oxford University Press.

"Ben Procter was a hell of a motivator," Hackathorn said. "He'd work with students on papers. If something wasn't right, he'd tell you why."

Hackathorn graduated from TCU, earned a law degree from Detroit School of Law (now University of Detroit Mercy) and worked

34 years in the trust department of National Bank of Detroit. It all began with Procter.

A few years ago Hackathorn visited his favorite teacher to say thank you.

"I wanted to tell him that when things were difficult for me, he made a difference in my life," Hackathorn said. "Before either of us passes on, I wanted him to know that."

From precocious youth, unfocused teen, successful banker to appreciative adult, it's been a good ride.

A low spot came 14 years ago when his first wife and mother of three daughters, Tacha died, of cancer at age 47.

Hackathorn remarried Lynne DeGrande and lives in Grosse Pointe Woods.

He's slowed temporarily due to knee-replacement surgery last spring, but is active in the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club. He also is treasurer of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, the charitable giving arm of Grosse Pointe Rotary Club. He chairs the Rotary Foundation Committee of International Rotary.

"The Rotary Foundation is

independent of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International," Hackathorn said. "It is our local foundation. It funds club scholarships, student exchange and the tool collection at the public library."

Nearly three years ago the foundation established an Evergreen Fund.

"If you make a gift to the Evergreen Fund, that principle is never spent, just the earnings," Hackathorn said. "People who make a gift knows their principle will always be intact."

A while back Hackathorn was at the Central Branch library on Kercheval and Fisher. He looked south across the high school athletic field to the tower atop his alma mater. The High was here before him, outlasted all those farms and mansions, and will be here after he is gone.

"I never really expected to work the rest of my life in Grosse Pointe, but that's the way it ended up," he said. "I've had sad moments. You lose a spouse, you lose your parents, you lose anybody. Everyone has their moments, and everyone gets into a funk. But I've been a pretty lucky guy."



Goldens on parade

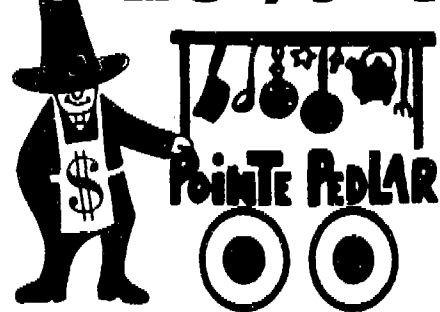
Mazie Miller of Grosse Pointe Farms has a nose for community events. That's why she and her puppy Blue, in background not jumping at the camera, want you to join them watching the Golden Retriever Rescue section of the 30th annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus parade on Friday, Nov. 25, at 10 a.m. This is the seventh year in a row the rescue group has had a place in the parade. The route begins on Kercheval at Lewiston in the Farms, heads down Kercheval through the Hill to the Village in the City of Grosse Pointe. Santa Claus will highlight this year's parade on his brand new float.



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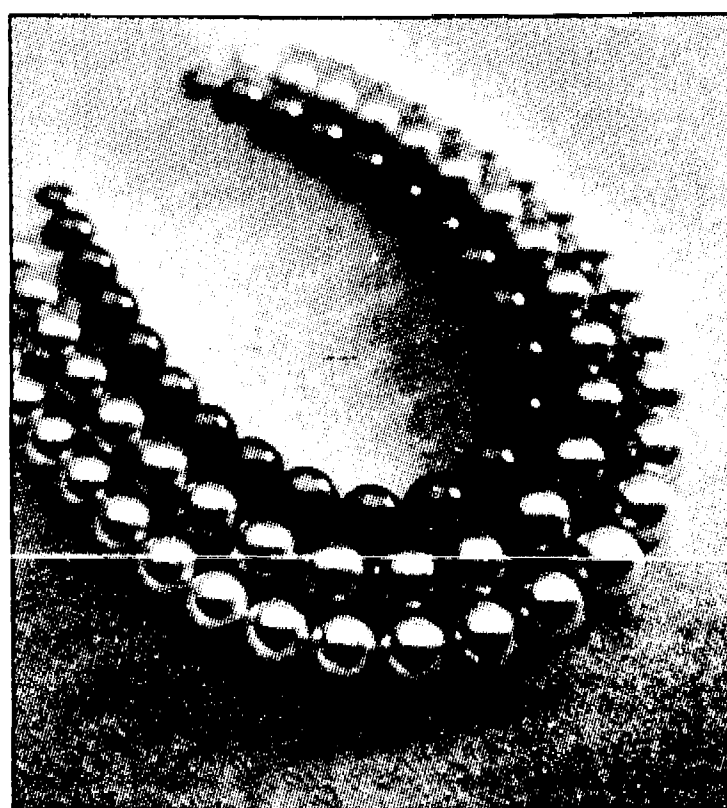
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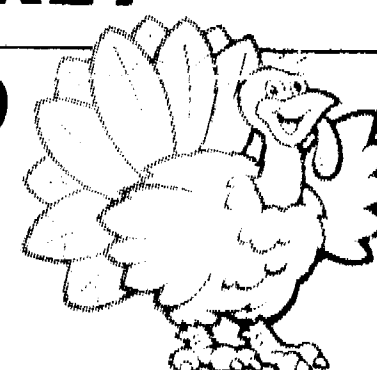
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Elections behind us, work ahead

There were no real surprises in last week's municipal elections in the Grosse Pointes.

Mayor Novitke was easily re-elected in Grosse Pointe Woods, defeating challenger Patricia Kukula Chylinski by 1,373 votes. Congratulations, Mayor Novitke.

Ms. Chylinski's decision to vacate her council seat by running for mayor left an opening for a newcomer. The void was easily filled by former Detroit News columnist Peter Waldmeir, who raked in 4,284 votes — more than any other single candidate in the Woods. Good work, Pete!

Winning re-election in the Woods were Al Dickison and Vicki Granger.

The new makeup of the council should eliminate the many 4-3 votes that have plagued the council for the past several years. True, there may still be a 4-3 division, with the majority on the other foot, but we doubt it. We believe all the council members should and will vote their own minds.

Some good work can get accomplished in the Woods.

In the City of Grosse Pointe, incumbent Mayor Dale Scrace won re-election, which was not a surprise given the power of incumbency. But we

must congratulate challenger Stephen Sholty for running a good race. He came within 36 votes of the incumbent mayor. That is quite an accomplishment given the shortened campaign season in the City.

The City will see two new faces on the council. One seat was open due to Mr. Sholty's decision to run for mayor. The other seat was opened by the defeat of incumbent Joseph Jennings by a mere seven votes over the third-place finisher, Kris Pfähler.

Newcomer Chris Walsh was the top vote-getter in the City, followed by incumbent Councilwoman Jean Weipert.

While we were not surprised by Mayor Scrace's re-election, we were nevertheless disappointed in that we had backed the challenger, Mr. Sholty.

But Mayor Scrace supporters were not deterred and were jubilant with their master's victory. In fact, they were so pleased with the outcome on election night that they littered the front of the Grosse Pointe News building on the Hill with their candidate's lawn signs.

Elections were crucial in the City.

Much work remains to be done in the Village. Decisions regarding the development of Lots 2 and 3 and the old Jacobson's site will need to be made. Possibly a new city manager will need to be hired.

The only other contests this election year were in the Park, which saw a challenge for municipal judge and a controversial tax proposal.

Veteran Judge Carl Jarboe retained the bench by a narrow margin of 90 votes. His challenger, Dean Valente, was able to wage a successful campaign by criticizing the incumbent's zero tolerance policy on red light offenders and the congestion of the court's monthly docket.

We supported Judge Jarboe and congratulate him on his victory. However, while we support his refusal to plea down red light infractions and would not be opposed to his doing the same with running stop signs, we do wonder if there may be some good reasons for holding court twice a month. We were also unable to confirm the allegation that Judge Jarboe is frequently unavailable for signing warrants. We hope that is not the case.

Fear, suspicion and misinformation led Park voters to reject a tax increase sought by the city administration.

The Park sought a nearly 2 1/2 mill tax cap increase; however, the city promised and the ballot question stated that only 1/2 a mill would be used immediately. The reasons for the tax increase were to balance the budget, remove dead ash trees, repave streets and make improvements in the northwest sector, commonly known as the Cabbage Patch.

However, a citizen campaign erroneously calling the measure a 21 percent tax increase, along with the city's failure to communicate the need, caused voters to overwhelmingly defeat the proposal.

It is interesting to note that the Park had, until last year, always refused to levy the full amount of taxes allowed under the charter. However, the state's Headlee Amendment kept lowering the tax cap until expenses finally reached the limit.

The Park and the other Grosse Pointes have always shown fiscal restraint in not levying any more taxes than necessary, but for some reason Park voters refused to take into account past behavior and feared the worst.

We dislike taxes as much as anybody, but we think the Park administration has been a good steward of public funds and had good reasons for lifting the tax cap. Maybe next time the need can be better explained.

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Hooray for them

I admit it. I am old-fashioned in some aspects of my life. I prefer to think of it as having respect and concern for others, but there are certain things that I am fairly rigid about. One of them is common courtesy and good manners. You can imagine my delight to learn that there are two young women who may share some of my views.

Some 35 years ago, my parents took our three oldest children to Jamaica on a vacation. My mother knew the youngsters would be meeting several of her proper British friends. One night Mom stopped by the house to give the kids a lesson in manners. The oldest boy, then 5, was shown how to open a door for his older sisters, 7 and 9. I heard giggling from the hall. My mother, not wanting to send the children outdoors, had our son march his sisters into a tiny hall closet, where he promptly shut the door. They still laugh about Gammy's etiquette lessons. I am relieved that someone has come up with an organized, sensible way to teach children today.

Thirteen years ago, two young mothers decided that something might be missing in the lives of their children. They wanted them to have some of the experiences they had known growing up. They watched as girls and boys shook their bodies in time to new and unfamiliar music where having a dance partner was not a prerequisite. The Grosse Pointe residents initiated a program to teach sixth-graders dance techniques and proper etiquette.

Each year, these two ladies send invitations to all the sixth-graders in the community. Fall and winter programs are offered, and the groups meet after school at a local private club. In addition to learning ballroom dancing from an Arthur Murray trained instructor, the youngsters learn lessons in etiquette. Through

role-playing and interaction with their friends, they hone skills in proper communication, table manners, invitation responses, phone manners and introductions. They learn to stand when an elder enters the room, how to proffer a strong handshake, open doors for ladies, etc.

The average age of a sixth-grader is 12. Any parent will attest that this is an awkward and often difficult time for children. Hormones rage. There are many emotional highs and lows, and very few in the middle range. These programs have been enormously helpful in building self-confidence.

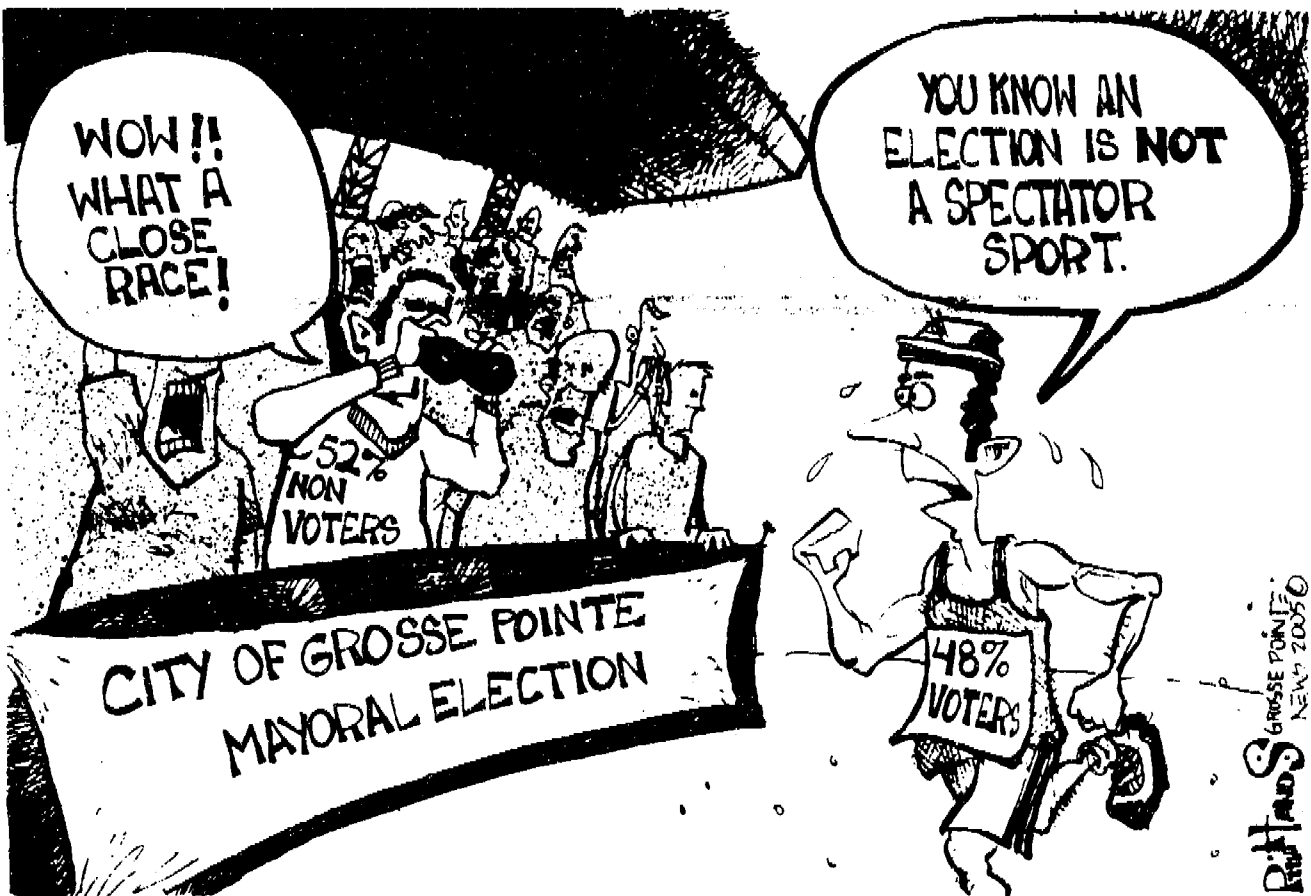
At the conclusion of the classes, a dinner dance is held where the children illustrate the success of lessons learned while enjoying themselves in the process.

Indeed, education takes many forms, and I salute the parents who make this investment in their young adults. It is especially gratifying when the fruits of your labors are evidenced in daily life. One of the mothers told me she was greeted on the street the other day by one of her previous students. He reintroduced himself to her while extending his hand with a warm greeting.

Do you think the mothers would mind if I offered the suggestion that "boys" of all ages might first look in the mirror before leaving the house in baseball caps? And, if they can't break the habit, at least remember to take them off when they enter a restaurant, elevator or home. And, please, if you must wear them, don't put 'em on backwards!

If there are any parents or children who would like an invitation to participate in the program, you may contact Ann Brink at (313) 884-9209 or Susan Goodnow at (313) 882-8266 and ask about the Dance Court program.

— Offering from the loft



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

This past October the league conducted candidate forums and published Voter Guides for the contested races in Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and the City of Grosse Pointe. Each of the forums was taped by War Memorial Cable TV and shown repeatedly on Channel 22. An important part of our mission is to explain ballot issues, and had we known there was a proposal on the ballot in Grosse Pointe Park with sufficient lead time, we would have been glad to publish a pro-con Voter Guide or organize a public event, such as a question and answer session or debate.

We urge everyone involved in the political process in our community to remember that LWVGP is committed to open government and that we are here to help citizens make informed and thoughtful choices at the polls.

Candidates and officials should participate in candidate forums; advise us of issues to be put on the ballot at the earliest opportunity, and let us help them put their case before the public. It's what we do, and we've been doing it in Grosse Pointe for 55 years.

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(the ideal is two trees in front of each home) and conserving healthy ones will contribute to the beauty of our city and to the well-being of its citizens.

Gina A. Granger
Grosse Pointe Park

Park millage

To the Editor:

Hopefully, the results of the millage defeat in Grosse Pointe Park will send a very clear message to the Park's mayor, city council and city manager — do not insult your constituents.

It may not have been their intent, but this is precisely what these city leaders did by placing a millage request on the ballot in an off-election year, with virtually no dialogue with the community.

As the Grosse Pointe News pointed out in its endorsement, "Park tax request justifiable" (Oct. 27), this current request may have had merit.

I would suggest in the future that the Park's leadership be more forthcoming with your constituents as to the need — and do a better job setting it.

Getting a millage passed in the current economy will be impossible without proper discourse.

Michael Trudel
Grosse Pointe Park

Deadline for Letters is 5 p.m. Friday

Park millage proposal surprise

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe Park millage proposal on the Nov. 8 election ballot was a surprise to many voters. In the last two weeks quite a few of them have asked the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe (LWVGP) why our

organization did not provide information about that proposal — a realistic expectation given that the primary mission of the league is to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government.

This, of course, requires the cooperation of parties involved in the election in letting us know there is to be a proposal on the ballot and/or accepting LWVGP's invitation to take part in a

public event.

When incumbents, who enjoy many advantages, refuse to face a challenger in a candidate forum, they do a disservice to the public. And while league involvement might not have changed the result (given the widespread resistance to tax increases of any kind), it would have enabled voters to make a decision based on full information rather than a gut reaction.

Dogs & cats

I received this quiz in an e-mail. Enjoy.

Q: Match the dog breed and characterization below with the question: How many dogs does it take to change a light bulb?

- Breed**
1. Golden Retriever
 2. Border Collie
 3. Dachshund
 4. Rottweiler
 5. Boxer
 6. Lab
 7. German Shepherd
 8. Jack Russell Terrier

9. Old English Sheep Dog
10. Cocker Spaniel
11. Chihuahua
12. Greyhound
13. Australian Shepherd
14. Poodle

Characteristic response

- A. Make me.
- B. First, I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle...
- C. Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.
- D. Oh, me, me!!!! Pleeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Huh? Can I? Pleeeeeze, please, please, please!
- E. I'll change it as soon as I've led these people from

the dark, check to make sure I haven't missed any, and make just one more perimeter patrol to see that no one has tried to take advantage of the situation.

F. The sun is shining; the day is young; we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about

a burned out bulb?

G. Yo quiero Taco Bulb. Or "We don't need no stinking light bulb."

H. Light bulb? I'm sorry, but I don't see a light bulb!

I. Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.

J. I'll just blow in the

Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.

K. You know I can't reach that stupid lamp!

L. Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.

M. It isn't moving. Who cares?

N. I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture.

Answers

1. F. Golden retriever
2. L. Border collie
3. K. Dachshund
4. A. Rottweiler
5. C. Boxer
6. D. Lab
7. E. German Shepherd

8. N. Jack Russell Terrier
9. H. Old English Sheep Dog

10. I. Cocker Spaniel
11. G. Chihuahua
12. M. Greyhound
13. B. Australian Shepherd
14. J. Poodle

Q. How many cats does it take to change a light bulb? Cats do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So the real question is:

"How long will it be before I can expect some light, some dinner and a massage?"

All of which proves, once again, that while dogs have masters, cats have a staff.



I Say

Brad Lindberg

The Op-Ed Page

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Confessions

If you have a face made for radio, you don't think much about cosmetic plastic surgery. But there are obviously thousands of folks who do as it is a booming business. **Dr. Carroll Lesesne**, son of **Dr. John Lesesne**, of the Farms, the author of the recently published "Confessions of a Park Avenue Plastic Surgeon," is one who takes such work seriously.

"Cap," as he is called, is one of the top plastic surgeons in the nation, and he operates from quarters on Park Avenue in New York between 64th and 72nd Streets, which one critic said "is the pinnacle for a plastic surgeon — if you can make it here, you're at the top of your game... It takes immense training and sacrifice to be successful on Park Avenue."

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Raised in the Grosse Pointes, Cap, now 50, attended Phillips Academy-Andover, Princeton and then his father's alma mater, Duke University Medical School. His mother is a granddaughter of Detroit architect **Louis Kamper**, who designed the French Renaissance Revival 49-room Frank J. Hecker mansion on Woodward near Wayne State that now houses the Charfoos and Christensen law firm and for years was Smiley Bros. Piano headquarters. Kamper also designed the Book-Cadillac and the Book

Tower.

Cap writes that after passing his medical boards, he opened a clinic in the Grosse Pointes before realizing that Michigan wasn't his dream; so he headed for Manhattan. There he has performed more than 15,000 procedures in the past two decades.

After building a clientele, he dated TV personality Katie Couric, was flown to a "secret location" to operate on a queen and her lady in waiting, performed liposuction on a model three days before she posed in a fashion shoot and was threat-

ened with death by a Venezuelan businessman who didn't like the results after he ignored post-operative instructions.

Cap says he watches little or no TV, spends evenings at cocktail parties, flies around the world for consultations and dines with the famous and influential.

He told writer Melissa Whitworth he is up at 5 a.m. each day, rarely drinks, leaves parties early and is in bed by 10 p.m. He said he spends his week-ends reading medical reports.

"You'd better own a good tuxedo and know the right way to hold the stem of a Champagne flute. And you'd be well served to speak another language," he wrote in the book. He told Whitworth he speaks French, German, Italian, Spanish, Turkish and Japanese.

"If you love to read delicious tidbits about the rich and famous and you don't mind wading through some healthy doses of braggadocio, pick up a copy," writes Terri Schlichenmeyer in her bookwormsez@yahoo.com review.

While the 271-page book rests at 9,543 on the Amazon.com list of top selling books, it is fair to predict it will climb as more folks and television talk show hosts discover it. Cap also has solid advice for folks contemplating a nip or a tuck. Check out your prospective surgeon first with the appropriate governmental agencies. His book is available at local book stores.

Photo op

If you would like a professional photographer to shoot a "Santa Paws" photo of you and your best pet, you should head for the Children's Home of Detroit on Cook Road from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, **Corinne Martin**, president of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society (GPAAS) advises.

The cost is \$28, and you get an 8x10, two 5x7s and a sheet of wallet-sized photos. You are welcome to get in the picture with your critter. Proceeds go to GPAAS.

Bird walk

Rosann Kovalcik reports the first bird walk of the fall at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate was a success with 31 species spotted, including a sharp-shinned hawk that startled 100 goldfinches out of the grasses and wildflowers as it looked for breakfast. The hawk later perched where the birders could watch it through a scope as it consumed its prey.

If you are interested in bird walks, contact Rosann at Wild Birds Unlimited at (313) 881-1410 for future treks.

O'Neil play

If you enjoy the theater, check out the Pointe Players of South High School performance of "Ah, Wilderness" that the students will put on tonight (Thursday), Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

The atypical O'Neil play — because it is about a happy family — is directed by **Lois Bendler** and will be performed at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday in the auditorium at South. Tickets are \$10 general admission; \$8 for students and seniors and are available at the Posterity Gallery in the Village or by calling (313) 331-9626.

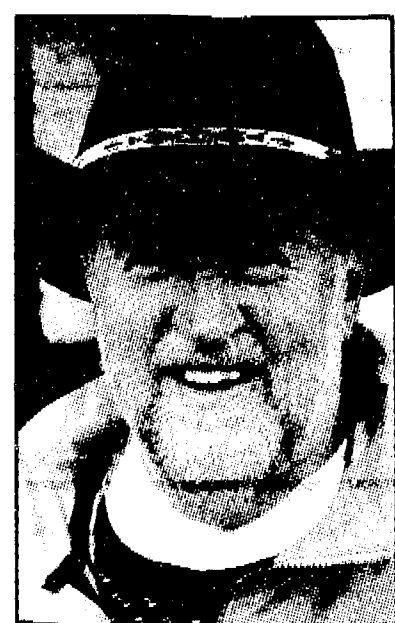
The student players are a remarkably talented bunch who should put on an excellent show under Ms. Bendler's direction. Who knows? You might catch a future Broadway star in his or her early days on the boards.

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

Streetwise

Question of the Week:

Have you done your Christmas shopping yet?



Peter Schwetzer

"No, but we've started our Hanukkah shopping."

Peter Schwetzer
City of Grosse Pointe

"I've started it, but I usually take it up to the last minute. Hopefully we'll have covered it one week in advance."

Linda Abar
Grosse Pointe Park



Linda Abar

"I started quite awhile ago. Whenever I see sales, I pick up what I think my family wants. Like games for my grandchildren's Game Boys."

Jean Forton
Grosse Pointe Park



Jean Forton

"No, I usually start it later than before Thanksgiving."

Rita Collins
Grosse Pointe Farms



Rita Collins

"Yes I have. I try to finish before Thanksgiving. I usually shop on the Hill."

Luella Verstraete
Grosse Pointe Farms



Luella Verstraete

"Yes, I've started, and it's a long process."

Andy Sullivan
Grosse Pointe Farms



Andy Sullivan

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

Park OK's covered porch

The Grosse Pointe Park Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously in favor of a variance for Richard Colletta living in the 800 block of Whittier.

Colletta wants to erect a 5-foot by 12-foot covered porch in the front of his home.

The Zoning Ordinance permits "open, unenclosed, and uncovered" porches which may project for a distance not exceeding 10 feet.

The erection of this covered porch would exceed the parameters of the ordinance.

The Zoning Board of

Appeals has passed similar variances during the past several months, which it says will "enhance the home's outer appearance, add value to the home and add value to the homes in the area."

Colletta said on his application that visitors must stand in negative weather when arriving, which is the reason why he wants the covered porch.

"We have passed this particular variance several times because the closed porches do add to a house," city manager Dale Krajniak said.

Points about the Pointes

With 61% of digital images being lost, how do we preserve the special moments in our lives?

Noted psychologist Kenneth Condrell has been researching the impact of the digital photography on our families for the past few years. He has concluded that while digital photography offers us the instant gratification we crave, it is creating a serious void in our lives that was previously filled by our family photo albums.

Think about it. Our family photo albums have served us as the record of our relationships and our lives. For the past 100 years, photos printed on archival paper have provided a positive way

to keep special memories and foster a sense of identity and emotional well-being in our children and our families.

A recently completed Harris poll revealed that a staggering 61% of digital camera owners have lost their digital images in one way or another.

The solution? Avoid being one of the 61% by sending us your images on line, or stop in and use our new DigiPrint Cafe. For pennies a print, why risk being one of the 61%? It's just not worth it.

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

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Library board approves strategic plan contract

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

At its October meeting, the Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees approved Plante & Moran as facilitators for the library's strategic planning process.

Plante & Moran beat out three competitors: Extra Edge, Library Training Network and W.J. Shorer. The three firms presented their proposals to and were interviewed by the board's planning committee members David Bergeron, Edwin Frederickson and Harvey Weaver.

"The representative of Plante & Moran demonstrated willingness in cooperation to focus more on public, patron and staff input and less on mission statement language development," the committee wrote in its proposal to fellow board members.

The library has hired Plante & Moran to do a baseline analysis by conducting a patron survey and

by facilitating up to five focus groups of various constituencies, including staff members, and users and non-users of the library. Upon completing the analysis, Plante & Moran will facilitate approximately four to six half day meetings to develop a strategic plan. At the completions of the two previous phases, Plante & Moran will present a draft report summarizing the findings for the library's steering committee to review.

The library has obtained two grants totaling \$20,000 for use in developing a strategic plan. The four firms submitted bids in excess of the two grants with Plante & Moran estimating \$31,000 for the project. While Plante & Moran expressed a willingness to reduce that cost, the planning committee requested that the library budget an additional \$10,000 for the plan.

In its report to the board,

the planning committee noted, "we should not sacrifice a quality study just to stay within the amount of the grants. Therefore, the committee proposed a not-to-exceed budget for a modified strategic planning effort. There is sufficient money in the 'supplemental budget' to cover expenditures above the grant amounts."

Grosse Pointe Shores trustee Laura Bartell voiced concern that Plante & Moran has pulled "a bait & switch" in past projects it has done for the library. She referred to one project in which the firm "misrepresented" in the project's proposal who was going to work on the project.

"They must make it exactly clear who will be doing the work," Bartell said.

She also voiced concern over Plante & Moran's lack of experience developing a strategic plan for library. However, both Weaver and Frederickson expressed con-

fidence in the firm's ability to deliver a quality product.

"What struck me during our detail session with Plante & Moran was that they are very comfortable with developing strategic plans. They know what it takes to do it right," Weaver said.

Since Plante & Moran currently serves as the library's auditor and planning advisor, there is a question of its having a conflict of interest in serving as the library's strategic planner. The planning committee's report answered this concern by stating that the

"activities are quite different and do not present an obvious conflict of interest."

The library's director, Vickey Bloom, will work with Plante & Moran to prepare a specific "Modified Approach" for review by the trustees prior to executing a contract.



Photos by Beth Quinn

Go fish!

Here's another reason to visit the Ewald Branch of the Grosse Pointe Library: It's the new 300 gallon fish tank located in the children's room. The tank is home for 20 saltwater fish of four varieties: Sebae Clowns, Pink Speckled Goby, Royal Dot-tystick and assorted Damselfish.

The total price for the hexagon-shaped tank and the fish was \$11,700 which was provided by area children and the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation. The children put their spare change in a huge jar which was located at the library's check-out desk and colored hundreds of pictures which hang on the room's wall.

For their effort, the young donors raised \$385. The foundation received a few unexpected and unrestricted donations which it used to cover the balance of the cost. The maintenance of the tank is already built into the library's budget.

A Sebae Clown is one of the four varieties of fish that has a new home at the library.



GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY WOODS BRANCH (RFP-MOVING SERVICES PROCUREMENT NOTICE) NOVEMBER 14, 2005

Moving Services Procurement for the Woods Branch Library

Proposals are due by 10:00 a.m. on November 22, 2005

Proposals are to be returned to the Grosse Pointe Public Library - Main Office located at 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Bids will be opened and read aloud in the Main Office at 11:00 a.m. on November 22, 2005

Copies of RFP paperwork may be obtained by contacting Joshua Every of Plante & Moran CRESA, LLC at (248) 223-3479

There will be a non-mandatory vendor's Pre-bid meeting at 11:30 a.m. on November 18, 2005 at the new Woods Branch Library 20680 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Proposals should be hand-delivered or mailed to the following:

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2005

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held October 3, 2005, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held September 28, 2005.
- To add to the agenda the awarding of a Bid for the Kelly Road Island Improvements.
- To adjourn to the Conference Room for the 2006 Budget Workshop.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 75236 through 75352 in the amount of \$719,648.89 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$8,619.50 for professional services during the month of September 2005 for the following projects: Kelly Road Project, #180-073; 2005 Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-088; 2005 Pavement Joint & Crack Sealing Project, #180-089; 2005 General, #180-090 and the High School Project, #180-091. (3) Approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$5,110.00 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of August 2005. (4) Accept the low bid submitted by Sparkman Landscaping in the amount of \$17,892.00 for the installation of landscaping at the library, as well as installation of the brick pavers and an irrigation system. (5) Approve payment to Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of \$5,080.50 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department.
- To approve payment in the amount of \$50,561.49 to Wayne County for the Milk River Drain interest payment on the 1999 Series Bond.
- To approve the transfer of \$28,368.48 in delinquent Water and Sewer Bills, \$22,525.00 in delinquent Grass Cutting/Snow Removal Bills, \$50.00 in delinquent Special Pick up Bills, \$14,895.00 in Property Transfer Penalties, \$900.00 in Clean-up, \$215.00 in permit fees and \$1,868.95 in delinquent Commercial Refuse Bills, (total of \$68,822.43) to the 2005 Winter Tax Roll as proposed and submitted by the City Treasurer.
- To approve payments to JP Morgan Institutional Trust Services in the amount of \$418,375.00 for the annual principal and interest payment on the 1995 Series Bond, interest in the amount of \$102,750.00 on the 1999 Series Bond, interest in the amount of \$27,125.00 on the 2001 Series Bond and interest in the amount of \$64,737.50 on the Library Improvement Bond.
- To accept the low bid submitted by Tom's Landscape & Nursery in the amount of \$30,416.00 for irrigation and planting area to the far north Kelly Road island adjacent to Vernier.

Kenneth A. Poynter,
Mayor

Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk

GPN: 11/17/2005

To e-mail or not to e-mail; now that's a good one

"Greetings Mike! I have a tech question — go ahead print response!"

Cheerful, isn't he?

"The wife and I are seniors and PLOGS (not very computer-literate) that is we PLOD ALONG!"

Got it! I had never heard the term before. But I digress.

"The question: We each have our own e-mail address. I correspond with just a few people, and she corresponds with a few more than I do. Why would she get as many as a couple dozen e-mails a day (mostly 'unknown senders'), while I rarely get spam (she doesn't open the #0%&\$.). I tell her to report it as spam and believe she always does.)

"She mostly plays disc games on our HP — while I check a few accounts periodically, read the news regularly and use the 'Notepad' for letters and lists. We do not do personal stuff because basically we don't trust too much out there what with the identity theft thing.

"We do have virus protection which our son installed for us. What is she doing that causes all her bad e-mail. Hit 'pop-ups' by mis-

take maybe - or????"

The e-mail was signed "Tom in G.P. Woods."

Tom, I have good news and bad news. The folks who generate spam are just as smart as those trying to stop it. The winner is still over the horizon. The good news is that the last part was the bad news, so it's not so bad. Let's look at the good news. (You may want to read that last part twice.)

There are a lot of things you can do to defeat spam, or at least hold it at bay.

Keep your PC's anti-virus software up to date and install a firewall. If you don't know what a firewall is, Google the words "computer terminology." By not keeping your PC secure, you may unwittingly even be a courier for spam.

Give your primary e-mail address to friends and family only. Give a different e-mail to others on the Internet. Although this second address will likely receive unwanted e-mails, it is more disposable and can allow you to better control the e-mails you receive.

Comcast, for example, offers you six additional e-mail addresses. Take advantage of them! (I actually have



several e-mail addresses — family and best friends, business, the Grosse Pointe News and skullduggery.)

Next, do not post your primary e-mail address in newsgroups, bulletin boards or chat rooms. Spammers use software programs, often referred to as spiders or bots (robots), to search for and harvest e-mail addresses on public forums. To prevent this, use a secondary e-mail address or alter the primary address so that it is not deliverable in that format. For example, if your e-mail address is test_account@comcast.net, you could post it as test_account@NO.SPAM.comcast.net or "test_account@comcast dot net".

Do not post your primary e-mail address on a Web site. Spiders also scan Web

sites for e-mail addresses. You can alter your e-mail address to help protect it, but remember that e-mail harvesting software can read HTML code; so be sure to remove the "mailto:" tag.

Do not reply to unsolicited e-mails — EVER! If the e-mail does not appear to be from a trustworthy or legitimate source, delete it without replying. A federal anti-spam law called The Can Spam Act went into effect Jan. 1, 2004, requiring a functioning "opt out" link or a legitimate "reply to unsubscribe" e-mail address. Some unscrupulous spammers (bad guys) have ignored this law and continue to trick recipients into unwittingly responding to a fake "opt out" link, which actually verifies their e-mail address as a valid one. Therefore, it is still

strongly recommended that recipients of unsolicited e-mail carefully consider whether an "opt out" or "reply to unsubscribe" seems legitimate and act accordingly.

Consider creating and using an alternate e-mail address when signing up for services, filling out forms, taking surveys on the Internet or buying something. Read the privacy policy of these sites. Keep in mind, if the service is "free," it often needs to generate revenue in some manner and advertising is often used to do this.

When signing up for a mailing list, read the terms and policies. Signing up should result in wanted or solicited e-mail, but the list provider should disclose whether signing up will result in the sale or trade of your e-mail address to other parties (more bad guys).

Let friends and family know that you do not wish to have them share your e-mail address.

Make sure your e-mail address is difficult to guess. Don't use a common name or common words. It is not uncommon for spammers to use software programs to

generate random user names based on common names and words in the dictionary. In addition, common e-mail addresses may have been used previously and may still be on old mailing lists. They can do this in milliseconds.

OK, lecture over; it's time for recess and this week's fun.

Remember when you were a kid and you asked mom or dad if you dug a hole deep enough, where would you wind up? They said China, right? How long did you dig before you gave up, left the Chinese alone and went in for Kool-Aid?

Well, China was not the correct answer, but I can help you find where you would wind up if you dug a hole straight through the Earth from anywhere.

The Web site is called www.digtoothside.cjb.net. And I'll give you one hint if you start in the Pointes. Take a deep breath.

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

Shop Grosse Pointe! Live Grosse Pointe!

These are the initial goals of the newly formed Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. We all know what a wonderful community Grosse Pointe is, and we are supporting our local businesses, non-profit and cultural institutions!

Shop Grosse Pointe!

The chamber is developing a Web site to help us showcase the great offerings of our local merchants. Our Web site will have a comprehensive listing of members to help everyone shop without leaving Grosse Pointe.

While our Web site is in development, we welcome you to call our offices at (313) 881-GPCC (4722) so we can direct you to local stores that can help you complete your holiday shopping.

Live Grosse Pointe!

We all know the housing market in southeast Michigan is currently a buyer's market. Many com-

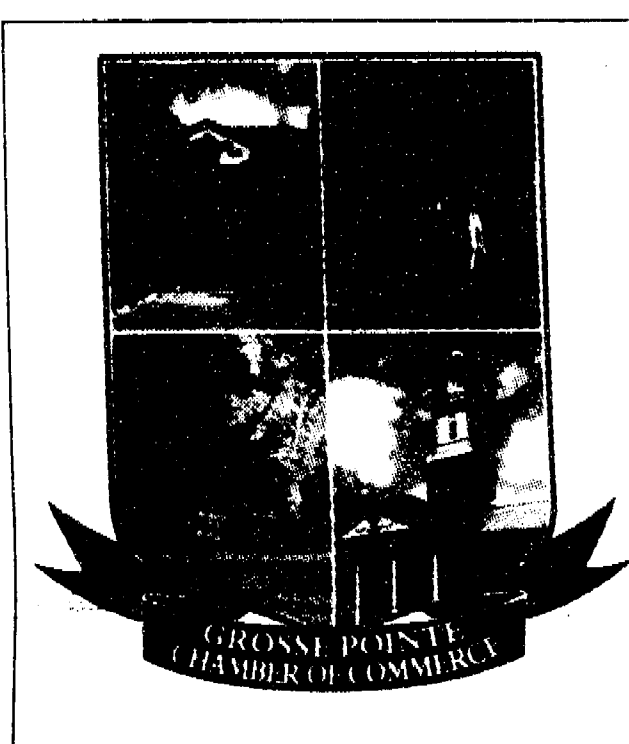
panies do not have information about Grosse Pointe to share with their employees who are moving to the area.

We are developing relocation packages so potential buyers can see all we have to offer. If you'd like to meet with us as we decide how to develop the relocation packet, join us at the Grosse Pointe Shores village hall at 795 Lakeshore, second floor conference room on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 9 a.m.

Enjoy Grosse Pointe!

The chamber will sponsor community events throughout the year that will help showcase our members. Our

Web site will have a community calendar so we all can access what is going on in the five Pointes. You can help in our efforts by donating time and talent by becoming a Friend of the Chamber. Call us at 881-GPCC (4722) to become involved.



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Pointe Plaza celebrates

Pointe Plaza is hosting a holiday celebration on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fun activities for the children include a craft station and cookie decorating. Also on hand will be one of Santa's elves and a strolling magician.

Spreading holiday cheer with its musical talent will be the Wayne State University Gospel Chorale. Barnes and Noble bookstore will also feature story telling from 1 to 2 p.m. with favorite holiday tales.

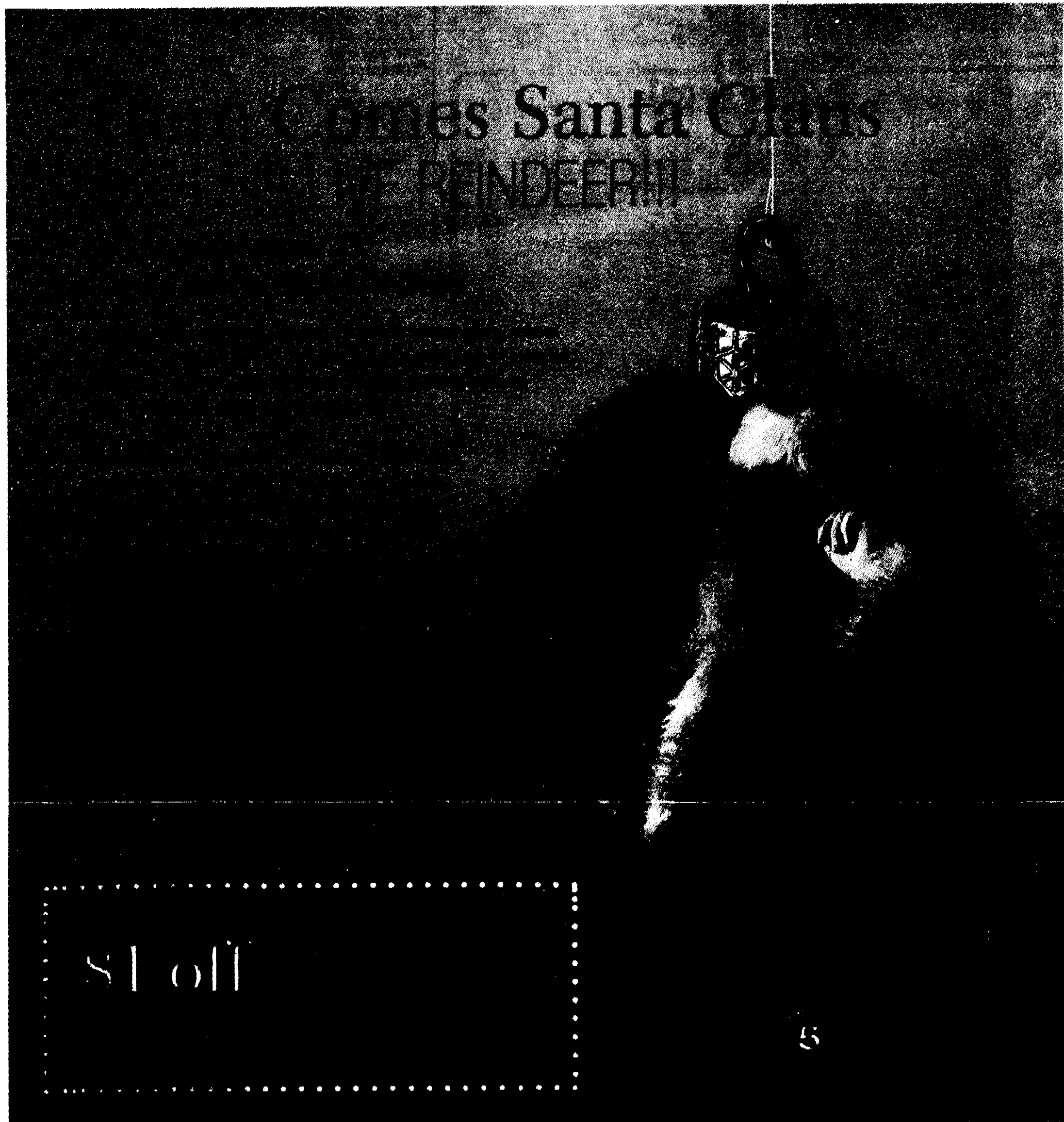
Pointe Plaza is located at the corner of Mack and Moross, next to St. John Hospital.

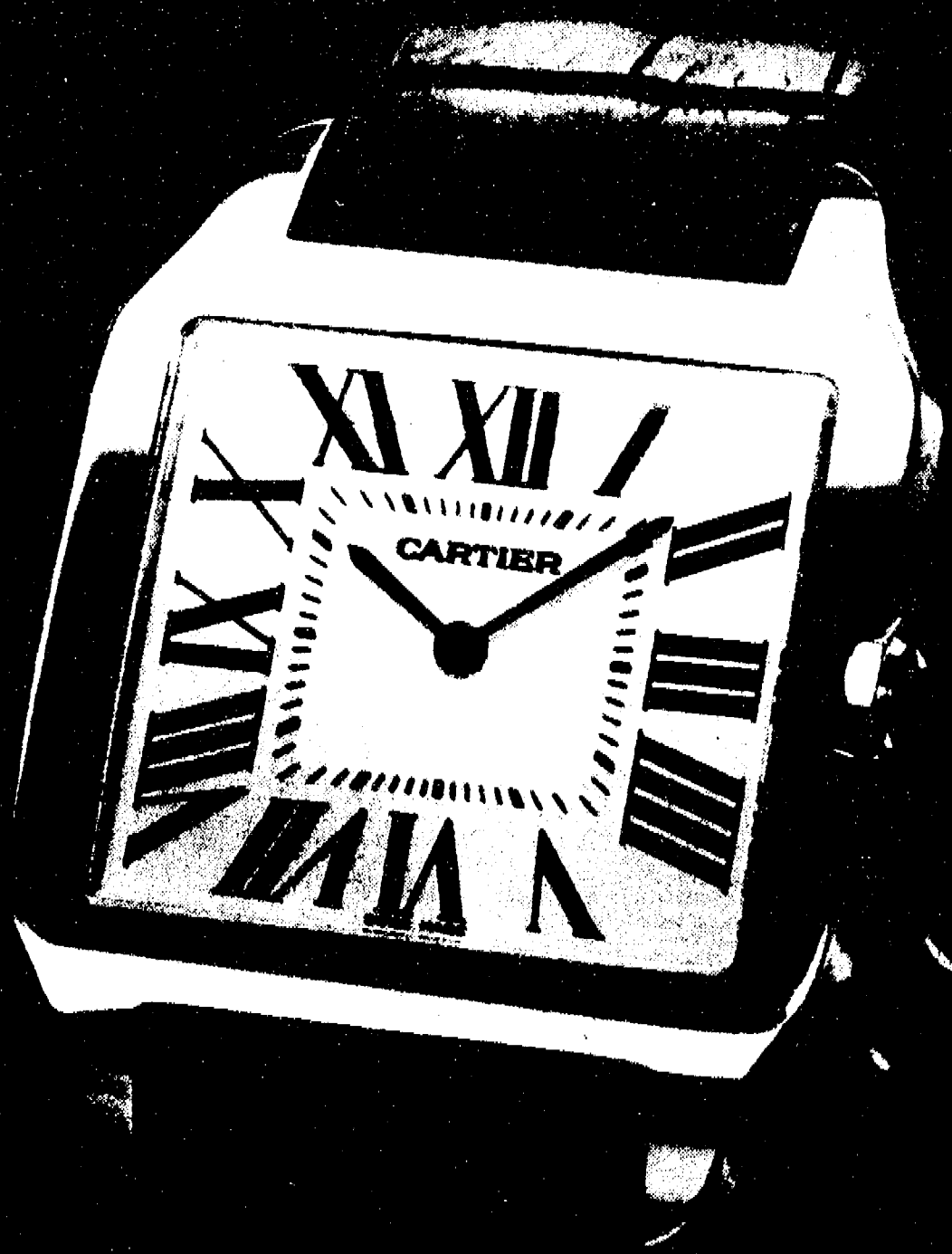
Correction

A mistake cropped into last week's Let's Talk Stocks column in the editing process. The numer "1" was inadvertently dropped from a percentage figure. The paragraph should have read:

"Mutual fund income and capital gains are not taxed at the fund level, but are passed through to the shareholders for taxation. Most, but not all, dividends now are taxed at the 15 percent level, even if the dividend cash is reinvested into additional fund shares."

We apologize for the error.





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North graduate begins study in theory

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

John Lucido. Remember that name. One day he could make your life easier; or possibly find the answer to reducing the cost of electricity.

The 2001 Grosse Pointe North graduate is attending Rutgers University physics and astronomy Ph.D. program studying condensed matter theory, focusing on complex materials.

Translation: "I try and predict or explain the behavior of such interesting materials such as high temperature superconductors," he said via e-mail.

Lucido continued his explanation from his New

temperatures above the boiling point of liquid nitrogen."

That's all well and good, but what does it have to do with us and our every day life of traveling to and fro and getting things done?

He answered, "This research is of great practical importance. The revolution in our understanding of materials in the last century has been the only major difference in the technology we have today and that which we had 150 years ago."

"Understanding how silicon crystals behaved enabled us to have computers, and our

better understanding of metals enables us to build reliable

enough engines that cars became practical. Among the projects here at Rutgers, people

are studying materials that may be used in future hard drives, as well as trying to find superconductors that work at room temperature.

This would mean we could build meglev trains and transport large amounts of electricity very inexpensively. All of these things are important in our day-to-day life."

Most people are happy with the outcome of such scientific studies. Lucido is happy before the practical application is established.

"I really enjoy the whole



Photo courtesy Joe Lucido

Graduating from University of Michigan in 2005, John Lucido, center, is flanked by his parents, Joe, on left, and Jane. Lucido is now studying condensed matter at the Rutgers University.

process of getting to understand the materials. I love taking the complicated problem and trying to make sense of it; and the creativity required to turn those thoughts into an experiment. When you get the data back from the experiment, you have learned something, and it is a great feeling," he said.

Interest in science came early to Lucido joining the Odyssey of the Mind for three years. Lucido gives credit to Susan Speirs' AP biology for giving him the opportunity "to get a feel for what being a scientist was really about."

Another teacher, Mary Jean Chan, has also been given kudos by Lucido for being "the first person who

thought I could succeed in math, specially considering the fact that I am classified as an applied mathematician now," he said.

After Lucido graduated from North, he went on to the University of Michigan and earned a degree in engineering physics and this summer accepted a Grant in Aid in Areas of National Need from the Department of Education, which will require that he teach undergraduate physics courses.

Teaching may be in his genes since his mother, Jane, is at North. His father, Joe, is a General Electric salesman. His younger brother, Tom, a 2003 North grad, is attending University of Michigan, studying film.

Both parents are naturally proud of their son, and point to the Grosse Pointe

School System as preparing him for the academic world.

The school system can also be proud of another 2001 graduate. South graduate Corrigan Nadon-Nichols also wound up at Rutgers. He, too, is in the physics department, working on a Ph.D. and declined to be interviewed.

Neither Lucido nor Nadon-Nichols knew each other in high school.

Lucido explained the chance meeting. "A few days before classes started, we both played some pick up soccer. After the game, he introduced himself as originally coming from the Eastside of Detroit. Since only Grosse Pointers do that, I realized just how small the world is."

Making the world even smaller is that his cousin is also attending Rutgers.

"My cousin, Geoff Buh, is a National Science

Foundation post-doctoral researcher in mathematics. Since I first came to investigate the campus, before I decided to come here, he helped me get in touch with people and get the perspective from several other grad students here; so he helped me get a lot of the information I needed to get my life settled."

Now that he is settled on the East Coast and has found his niche, he looks back to Grosse Pointe providing some words of wisdom for seniors.

"Try to be creative when it comes to your life decisions. Don't make choices just because others say it is a safe choice or a fruitful one. Look into the details of what you are doing and see what is the best decision for you."

The best decision could be looking forward to theoretical homework, as Lucido does.

Comment needed on possible middle school changes

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is hosting a public forum at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 29, in the gym at Brownell Middle School.

The middle school program is currently being studied, particularly as it relates to the structure of the school day.

All three principals — Michael Dib of Brownell, Mark Mulholland of Parcels, and Gary Buslepp of Pierce — will provide a brief presentation listing options the Board of Education is considering due to budget constraints.

Parents and community members are invited to see the six options the board is currently exploring. The presentation will be followed by time for community questions and comments.

Options range from maintaining the current schedule to going to a six-period day. Block scheduling is another option, as is increasing the size of the classes.

Each option has a dollar figure attached.

The board of education will consider the options and may vote on a change in December.

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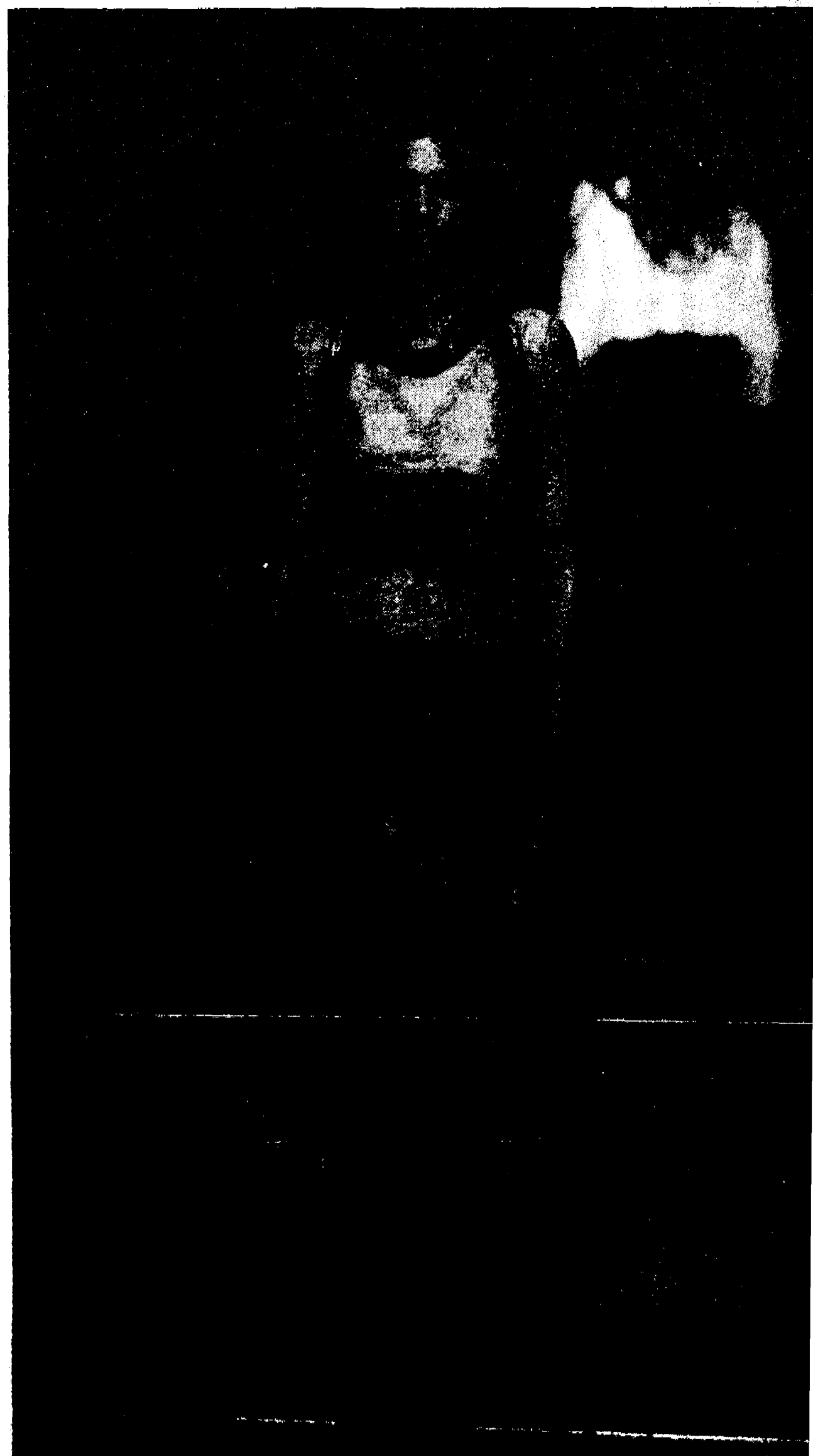
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Academy counselor leads book group discussion for parent, student

"Has anyone here ever felt like a loser?" asked Sean Hogan-Downey, A.C.S.W.

Hands went up around the room. Present were parents and students in Wendy Demartini's fifth-grade classroom. They were participating in a book group discussion facilitated by Hogan-Downey, who is a licensed marriage and family therapist and the Academy's school counselor and staff consultant.

The book being discussed was "Loser," by Jerry Spinelli. Parents read the books with their children and attended a breakfast/book discussion on Thursday, Oct. 27. The central theme of the book involved social issues surrounding friendship.

"I need to draw a lesson for these fifth-graders in this room," Hogan-Downey said. "You are past the stage that everything is sunshine. There is a way you can be



Sean Hogan-Downey, a licensed marriage and family therapist and the Grosse Pointe Academy's school counselor, shows the universal sign for "loser" to students and parents in Wendy Demartini's fifth-grade classroom during the discussion of the book "Loser," by Jerry Spinelli. Pictured, from left, are Mary Kosmalski, Jeffrey Wollstrum, Steven Ragland, Jackie Somes, Barb Somes, Pam and Alexa Yates and Sean Hogan-Downey.

like Zinkoff (the protagonist of the novel). You don't have to let people get to you."

Hogan-Downey cited her favorite line in the book as follows: "Big-kid eyes replace little-kid eyes."

A discussion followed to clarify what that means. "You need big eyes to see the meaning of behind things," she explained. "That's what we're doing today, looking at the meaning behind this book. Big eyes also often make us critical and when you get critical, you start to separate yourself from people. For example, name calling starts when you get 'big eyes.'"

The students talked about what it means to be accepted socially and how it feels to be bullied or not picked for a game. Strategies were discussed for how to deal with

those moments when one does feel like a "loser."

"Sometimes I cry," said fifth-grader Giovanna Posselius.

"You have to step back and define whether you really lost or whether you can get back up and keep trying," added Jeff Smith, parent of Gerard Smith.

Other suggestions included learning to use your "big eyes" to look at the big picture and learning how to laugh at yourself.

"You may never call someone a loser yourself," said Hogan-Downey to the students, "but I sure hope you'd be active if you heard someone else called a loser. I would hope you wouldn't be what I call a bystander. Why should someone have to cry without arms around him or her? Why would you turn

down someone who wants to play? There's no reason in fifth grade why big eyes have to be only critical. They should also see beyond themselves. Little kids with little eyes see and think about themselves. You're at the age when you should start to consider other people."

Hogan-Downey also had a message for the parents present.

"We tend to put our kids in a box, but sometimes the box doesn't fit."

Michelle Schaller, parent of Lauren Schaller, agreed.

"The character (Zinkoff) was odd, but so true to himself that the bully ended up respecting him."

The students made the point that it is important to stand up for yourself as well as others. The final message of the book was that by remaining true to himself and not changing who he was, Zinkoff changed the people around him.

"Zinkoff may not have had a best friend," pointed out Marsha Goan, Parent of Conor Tily, "but he sure knew how to be one."



Photo courtesy Our Lady Star of the Sea

Starring spiders

Preschoolers at our Lady Star of the Sea in Grosse Pointe Woods completed their study of spiders by building a giant spider web from yarn. Having fun reacting to a not-so-scary arachnid from left are Giuliana Cavaliere of Grosse Pointe Shores, Kathryn Bessert, Michaela Cosgrove and Alexander White, all of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Christopher Boesiger of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Nutritionist visits Academy classrooms

Nutritional oncologist Dr. Cynthia Browne, M.D., Ph.D., gave a presentation to Grosse Pointe Academy's fourth- and fifth-grade students on Nov. 1, on practicing good nutrition.

Dr. Browne discussed nutrition in our world today, the importance of nutrition in the children's development, connections between pesticides and cancer, the benefits of eating organic food, and nutritional supplements for a healthy immune system.

Visiting the day after Halloween, Dr. Browne gave the children concrete reasons why they should avoid consuming too much sugar.

"Your brain doesn't feed on Milky Ways," she said. "Your brain feeds on the sugar in your blood — it's called glucose."

In addition, she made the statement that a can of pop decreases the immune system's ability to fight infection for up to six hours. Pop — or rather the phosphoric acid put in it — is also the leading cause of what Dr. Browne referred to as epidemic among teenage athletes. These athletes suffer from

stress fractures due to the fact that the phosphoric acid leeches calcium from their bones. "So drink your milk," Dr. Browne advised.

She brought in organic apples to share with the students and conducted an experiment in which sliced apples that were sprinkled with vitamin C turned less brown than those left unprotected in the air, illustrating the importance of this vitamin in helping repair damage from oxidation.

"If you left a Twinkie under your bed for two years, what would happen to it?" Dr. Browne asked the students.

"Everyone agreed that it would remain exactly the same due to chemicals and preservatives. One the other hand, Dr. Browne pointed out, an apple left under a bed would eventually rot due to the bacteria that would feed on it. "If the bacteria don't want it, you shouldn't want it either," she said.

The fourth- and fifth-grade unit on nutrition is an integral part of the science curriculum. Dr. Browne's visit will be followed up by the grades nutrition fair on Dec. 13.

Grosse Pointe Academy honors Native Americans

Flute player and storyteller David Nigteagle will give a special presentation to Grosse Pointe Academy students on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 9:30 a.m. in the Tracy Fieldhouse. During this all-school tribute to Native

Americans, Academy students from Early School through grade 8 will perform a Cherokee Lullaby and a Native Dance of the Kiowa.

Nigteagle combines his Lakota knowledge of flute making, playing and sto-

ries to engage audiences. With more than 10 years of experience working with elementary, middle and high schools, he is skilled in integrating oral traditions with social studies curricula. Nigteagle teaches students the importance of flutes in Native American cultures. He shows them the parts of the flute and explains the physics principles that create the sound.

A unique aspect to Nigteagle's performance is that students are given the opportunity to play music. Students create a song with percussive instruments and Nigteagle plays his flute to their beat.

Punt, pass and kick winners

St. Clare of Montefalco's students received medals at the National Football League Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick section held in October in Warren.

This is the first year that four of the school's first place winners received medals at sectional competition.

Those who won included: Jason Robar took third place in the 14- and 15-year-old category.

Meilani Wilder placed second in the 12- and 13-year-old girls category.

Kaelen Cole took a second place in the 10- and 11-year-old boys division.

Brooke Quinn placed third in the eight- and nine-year-old category.

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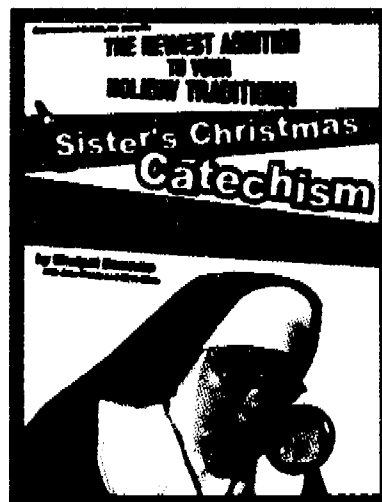
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Tri-M

Ten students were inducted into Tri-M in October, under the guidance of Grosse Pointe South chapter vice president Meg Hoban. The inductees were John Malefyt, Shami Entenman, Alex McCoy, Sammy Barbour, Wynneth Daywalt, Annie Sorge, Gillian Markwick, Elise Amoto, Chelsea Seavitt, and Lauren Schultes. Tri-M is a National Honorary Association and an affiliate of the Music Educational National Association representing music education, kindergarten through high school seniors, as well as college and university affiliation. Chapter 4005-GPS High School Tri-M Music Honor Society provides a means of national recognition and rewards for students based on achievements and service activities, strengthening the music program by increasing its visibility and prestige on a national level. Participation in Tri-M builds awareness of music's importance in our schools and community through service and outreach, increasing teamwork among all members of the music program, including instrumental and vocal students and faculty. It provides leadership opportunities for music students and faculty.

High school students honored by local Optimist Club

The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe honored 16 high school seniors from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South, Harper Woods and University Liggett during the 24th annual "Youth Appreciation Awards Program" at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial held Nov. 10.

The students were celebrated for their volunteer commitments to school and community activities, as well as excellence in scholastics, athletics and the arts. The honorees of the 2005-06 Lakeshore Optimist Youth Appreciation Awards are as follows:

North— Caitlin Bennett, Laurence Briski, Meghan Potthoff and Michael Unger. South — Anne DeFour, Alexander Graham, John Konen and Emily Walton.

Harper Woods — Colin Dalstra, Tim Folmar, James Schmidt and Ann Vaught.

University Liggett School — Lindsay Brownell, Stefania Ford, Ashley Jovanovski and Ebony Williams.

In memory of a former comrade, the Optimist club, in conjunction with Big Boy Restaurants International, LLC, will award the \$500 George Kappaz Memorial College Scholarships to four of this year's honorees. Kappaz was a longtime member of the club who epitomized optimism through his positive attitude and love for people, and he is remembered as the owner/manager of Big Boy Restaurant at Nine Mile and Jefferson several years ago when it was the top performing restaurant in the franchise.

The Optimist Club has served the east side for more than 20 years as a local branch of the non-profit Optimist International organization whose motto is "Friend of Youth."

Club members volunteer their time and fund raising efforts to contribute to vari-

ous youth related activities such as the Foundation for Exceptional Children, Old Newsboys' Goodfellows Fund, the Family Center of Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe, the Grosse Pointe Farms Fishing Rodeo, the Lakeshore YMCA, and the St. Clair Shores Handicapped Kids' Fishing Derby.

The Optimists also sponsor youth athletic teams at the Neighborhood Club, award scholarships, hold the "Coats for the Cold" clothing collection program in early December, and honor local public safety departments during "Respect for Law Week" each May.

Guests are welcome at the regular meetings held the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For more information, call the Optimist president Dave Fries at

Grosse Pointe community joins Project Welcome Home

The Grosse Pointe Public School System, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Detroit and other Grosse Pointe civic groups and businesses, is helping to bring relief to families victimized by the recent Gulf Coast hurricanes.

Student and community groups will be invited to participate in a series of projects to raise funding and secure materials needed to build a "Home in a Box" for a family in need.

Once funding is secured, the home will be framed locally by volunteers, then packaged and shipped to a permanent location where it will be constructed by Gulf Coast volunteers.

The home will be a single story ranch, with three or four bedrooms and about 1,100 square feet.

Project Welcome Home

will be implemented this school year with the hope of providing a home for a family in need, while developing a spirit of volunteerism and social responsibility locally.

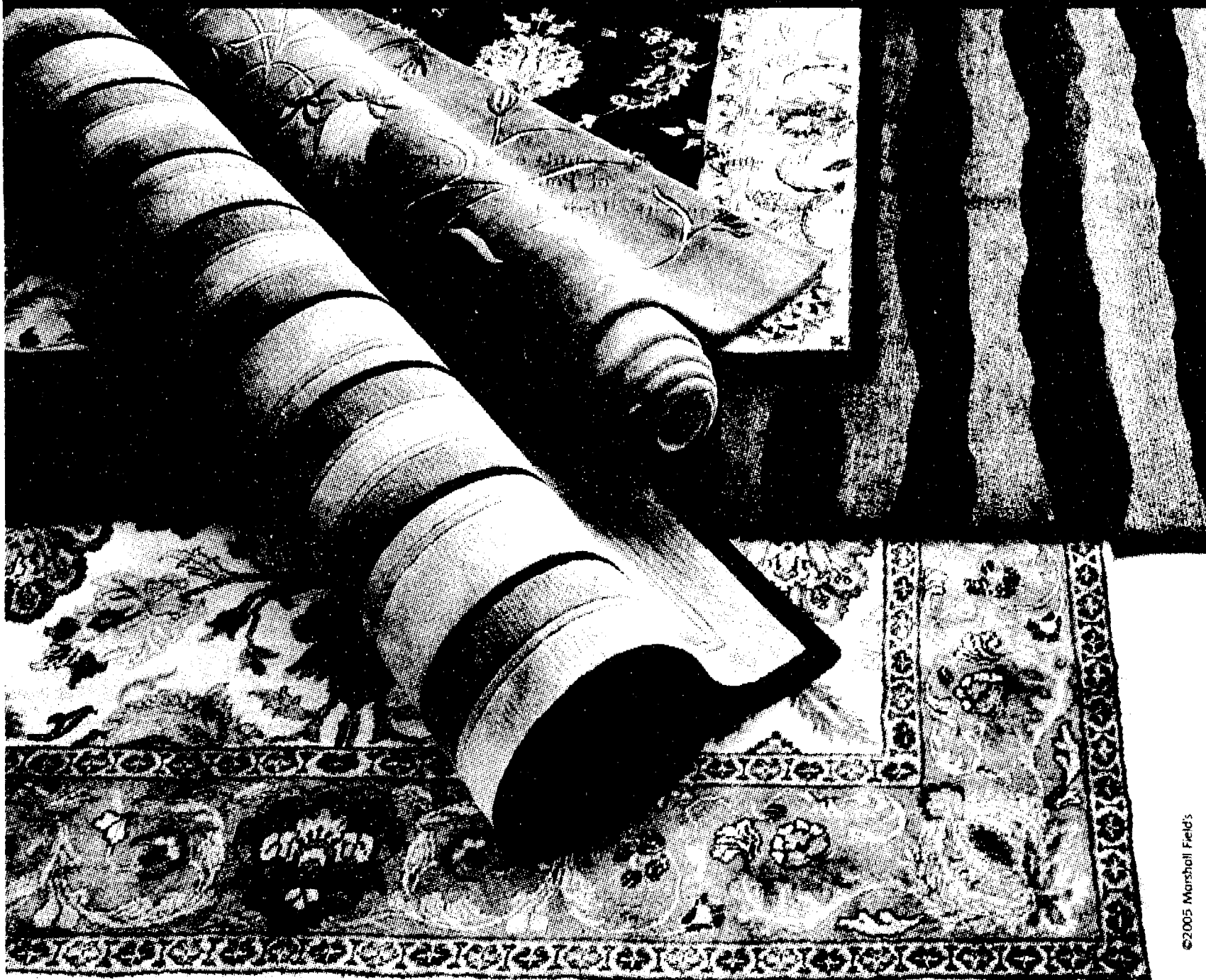
A steering committee is being formed to guide this project.

Information will be introduced to students in the coming months, with home assembly targeted for spring 2006.

If interested in joining this effort, please call parent coordinator Alicia Carlisle at (313) 530-7111.

For more information regarding Habitat for Humanity Detroit, contact director Tim Hudson at development@habitatdetroit.org or call (313) 521-6691, ext.109 or visit the Web site at www.habitatdetroit.org.

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Safety lesson

When it comes to safety, Mason Elementary School Cub Scout Pack 290 had the opportunity to get an important lesson from Michigan State Trooper Joshua Henry, a Grosse Pointe South graduate and a Harper Woods resident. October is noted as National Fire and Safety Month, and Pack 290 had the opportunity to hear Henry discuss personal and community safety. The pack also had the opportunity to have an up front look at a Michigan State Police Car.

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Brigida Bianco

John David Bayne Jr

John David Bayne Jr., 69, formerly of Grosse Pointe, died on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2005, at his home in Harbor Springs.

He was born Nov. 5, 1936, in Detroit to John David and Angie Alice (Davis) Bayne. He grew up in Grosse Pointe where he attended school, graduating from Grosse Pointe High School in 1956.

Following graduation, he worked at his father's business, Bayne Optical, in Grosse Pointe and became the owner in 1987.

Mr. Bayne served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was honorably discharged in 1962.

In December of 1978, he married the former Margaret Pott and the couple made their home in Grosse Pointe until retiring in 2000 and moving to Harbor Springs.

Mr. Bayne enjoyed hunting at the Turtle Lake Club. He was a member of the Marine Corps League Northern Michigan Detachment No. 690 and the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe.

He is survived by his wife Margaret "Kitty"; son, John D. Bayne III of Littleton, Colo.; daughter, Christine Brady and her son, James F. Brady of Eastpointe; brother, James E. Bayne of Dallas, Texas; sister, Angie Walsh of Weare, N.H.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents and a brother, Peter.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

Brigida Bianco

Brigida LaSala Bianco of Grosse Pointe died on Monday, Nov. 7, 2005, at her home.

She was born in Detroit and was a Realtor who owned the Allen Park Plaza.

As philanthropist, she supported many civic organizations and charities. She was active with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Institute of Arts and the P.I.M.E. Guild.

Mrs. Bianco was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club; the A.M.I.T., an Italian women's professional club; and a longtime member of St. Paul Catholic Church. In 1998, she was named the "Woman of the Year" by the Boystown of Italy organization.

She is survived by her siblings, Katherine Silvestri, Joseph (Ida) LaSala and Paula (William) Myers; nieces and nephews, Vito, Ina, Lede, Peter, Cheryl, Ronald, Peter, Jack, Leona, Rosanne and Matthew; and many grandnieces and grandnephews.

She is predeceased by her husband, Fedele; brother, Albert (Bette) LaSala; brother-in-law, Antonio Silvestri; nieces, Maria and Leona; and nephew, William Jr.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, Nov. 12, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Entombment is at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

William J. Kahlich

William J. Kahlich, 85, former longtime resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, died Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2005, in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Kahlich was born on May 3, 1920, in Zagreb,



William J. Kahlich

Yugoslavia, and later immigrated with his parents to Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

During World War II, he served as a warrant officer in the Canadian Armed Forces and there developed the first art department for the Canadian military.

He married Mary Jeanne Lothian on New Year's Eve 1942 and together they had five children.

Mr. Kahlich was a gifted artist and was recognized as such from his early years in school. He chose commercial art for his career while still in high school and apprenticed with a local art studio in Windsor.

Later, he formed his own art studio in Detroit and specialized in automotive photographic retouching.

During his retirement years in Florida, he returned to painting with oils and painted many fine landscapes.

Mr. Kahlich is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Jeanne; his five children, Katherine (Gerald) Garvan, Frank Kahlich, Candice (Thomas) Sylvester, Francine (John) Halvorsen, Sandra (Robert) Biluk; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and his sister, Nada (John) Brumer.

Ruth Ann Knapp

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Ruth Ann Knapp, 99, died on Monday, Nov. 7, 2005.

A lifelong resident of the area, Mrs. Knapp was born in Detroit on July 9, 1906, to William and Bessie Kumerow.

She attended Eastern High School and graduated in 1930 from the University of Michigan where she was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

She was a library science teacher at Carleton School in Detroit.

She is survived by her twin sister, Helen Smith; her sons, Robert (Diane), William (Susan) and Richard (Sheelagh); and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Knapp was predeceased by her husband, Harry M. Knapp.

Francis D. Mealey

Grosse Pointe Park resident Francis D. Mealey, 86, died on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005.

He is survived by his children, Jan (Rob) Schoenherr and Bill (Vivian) Mealey; grandchildren, Amber, Justin, Ashley and Taylor; and great-grandchild, Ryan.

He was predeceased by his wife, Joan Mealey and son, Dale John Mealey.

Arrangements were by the Cremation Society of Michigan.

Thomas M. North

Thomas M. North, 91, died on Friday, Nov. 11, 2005, after failing health due to congestive heart failure and lung aspiration.

He had a long and varied career as soldier, athlete, production scheduler, purchasing agent, sports coach, Realtor and most of all, loving and devoted father.

Mr. North was born in Louisville, Ky., on May 19, 1914, to William North and Stella McGrath.

His strong faith came from his mother who was an



Ruth Ann Knapp

Irish Catholic and passed her faith on to her family.

In 1932, his family moved to England, where he attended University. He played at Wimbledon in the 1930s in the mixed doubles competition.

He traveled with a friend through Romania and Austria when the clouds of war were on the horizon and returned home to be drafted into the U.S. Army in 1941. He was severely injured in officer training, almost losing his left arm, and retired as a second lieutenant.

Mr. North had a long career with Briggs and following its incorporation into Chrysler Corp., he worked at the missile plant.

After leaving Chrysler, he became a purchasing agent working for Oak Park Products Corp. in Oak Park. He developed a new inventory system while with Canvas Products and retired from there in 1976.

He was active in softball, bowling, golf and tennis at various times in his life and avidly followed tennis.

He attended the U. S. Open in New York each year from the 1950s until 1999 and got to know New York better than many of the natives.

In 1984, Mr. North came out of retirement and earned his realtor license. He was a real estate agent until 2001, retiring at age 87 after breaking his leg. He earned many Realtor of the Month awards for his efforts.

He traveled to all 50 states, all of the Canadian provinces, and much of Europe. He also went on cruises to the Caribbean and Alaska.

Most recently, he brought together more than 80 people, consisting of family and friends, to celebrate his 90th birthday in 2004. Mr. North was able to make the difficult adjustment from active and independent to less active and partially dependent with grace and peace.

He was devoted to his sons and enjoyed their company. They lived together and shared many activities. Just before his death, Mr. North was able to share in the joy of the engagement of his son, Sean.

When a college professor asked Mr. North as to what wisdom he could impart to others over his then 90 years, he thought for a moment and said, "Don't procrastinate."

Mr. North is survived by his sons, Terry and Sean.

Eugene "Gene" M. Porch

Eugene "Gene" M. Porch, 73, of St. Clair Shores, died on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2005, due to complications from bacterial pneumonia at Bon Secours Hospital.

As a 1950 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School, Mr. Porch joined the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne. Upon his return to the Detroit area, he resumed the landscape business he had started while still in high school.

Mr. Porch was the longtime business owner of Gene's Landscape Service Company of Detroit. He and the company were profiled in articles in both The Detroit News and the Wall Street Journal.

Ironically, one of his attending physicians at Bon Secours was one of Mr.



Thomas M. North

Porch's former summer employees. He sold the business to a longtime employee in 1999 and the company still bears his name.

Mr. Porch was a devout Christian who loved spending time traveling, golfing and dining with many of those he befriended in his eventful 73-year life.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine "Gerry" and her sons, Robert and Matthew Beatty; his lifelong friends, the "Beaconsfield Boys," and several loyal employees from Gene's Landscape Service.

Edward D. Schumacher Sr.

Former Grosse Pointe resident Edward "Ted" D. Schumacher, 77, died on Friday, Nov. 11, 2005, after suffering four years from dementia and Parkinson's disease.

He was born on Oct. 16, 1928, in Detroit and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School. He was the son of Hazen J. Schumacher and Julia Schumacher of Grosse Pointe.

Mr. Schumacher spent his retirement years in St. Clair where living near the St. Clair River was his great joy. He was greatly interested in boating, fishing and freighters, and he knew the name and dimensions of every freighter that traveled the river.

He was a family man with a large heart. He treasured family and holiday gatherings when his wife, children, grandchildren, and other relatives and friends could be in his home.

He was ready to lend a helping hand where needed and his generous giving was always evident. He was well liked in the community of St. Clair where he attended church most days of the week and regularly attended exercise class. His helpfulness, good natured greetings and smiles were missed by his family and the community when his condition deteriorated.

In 1950, Mr. Schumacher married Marie P. Smith and they raised their large family in Grosse Pointe where one of his favorite loves was family boating trips on the Great Lakes in the cabin cruiser, Chapter XI.

He succeeded his father to become president and owner of Gardner and Schumacher, a furniture wholesaler. In the 1960s and 1970s, Mr. and Mrs. Schumacher made trips to Italy, Spain and other European countries to import unique items to sell in the furniture store. At various times, his wife and several of his children worked at Gardner and Schumacher.

He was a member of CBDA in Detroit, the Washington Boulevard Building Owner's Association and the Detroit Rotary. He was very active in downtown associations until he sold the building and closed his business at 1420 Washington Boulevard in Detroit, after 53 years.

He is survived by his wife, Marie; eight children, E. David (Jill), Paul, Robert (Sue), Jane (Larry) Sirignano, Carole Burton, Stanley, Ellen, and Hazen; brother, Hazen (Rusty) Jr.; sisters, Nancy O'Shea and Julie Bird Montgomery; and six grandchildren, Abram, Krystyna, Carl, Nathan, Laura and Sarah.

A memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Church in St. Clair, on Monday, Nov. 14.



Edward D. Schumacher Sr.

Memorial contributions may be made to the renovation project for St. Mary's Catholic Church, 415 N. 6th, St. Clair, MI 48079.

Henry H. Sobson

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Henry H. Sobson, 76, of Harrison Township, died on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005.

Mr. Sobson graduated from St. Mary Preparatory of Orchard Lake in 1947 and attended the University of Detroit until he was called to serve in the Korean War as a psychiatric social worker. He continued his education at Wayne State University, University of Michigan and received his MBA from Harvard University.

During his career, he was employed as vice president of Liberty State Bank in Hamtramck, president of Michigan National Bank of Macomb and president of Financial Finders and Funders.

He served on the board of directors of Holy Cross Hospital, St. John Hospital, Northshore and Michigan National Bank, Detroit. He was a member of Our Lady of Orchard Lake Ambassadors Club, Catholic Social Services, Polish Century Club, Polish National Alliance, Fraternal Order of Police, Macomb County and a representative of Polish delegation to the United States (Polish Embassy). He formerly was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Detroit Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Rotary and Players Club.

In 1955, he married Sophia I. Chodubski and they proudly celebrated 50 wonderful years of marriage on Aug. 13, 2005. He was compassionate, loved being with people very loving, and exceptionally quick-witted.

He is survived by his wife, Sophia; children, Susan (Joseph) Memminger and Lawrence Sobson; grandchildren, Curtis J., L. Payne and Kylan S.; siblings, Eddie Sobocinski, Wanda Marhevko and Lillian Lubinski; brother-in-law,



Henry H. Sobson

James Sesnie; and many nieces, nephews and godchildren.

He was predeceased by his sister, Helen Pawlowski. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, Nov. 14, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms with Monsignor Stanley Milewski officiating. The Monsignor was a classmate and fellow alumnus with Mr. Sobson from St. Mary Preparatory of Orchard Lake.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Preparatory of Orchard Lake.

Share memories with the family at their "OnLine Guest Book" at www.WujekCalcaterra.com.

Correction

The Nov. 10 Grosse Pointe News erroneously listed information in the obituary for Patricia Maquire Young. We noted that visitation at A.H. Peters Funeral Home was to be held on Thursday, Nov. 10 and Friday, Nov. 11, followed by a memorial Mass on Saturday, Nov. 12. The correct dates were Thursday, Nov. 3 and Friday, Nov. 4 for the visitation and Saturday, Nov. 5 for the memorial Mass.

We apologize for any inconveniences this misinformation might have caused.

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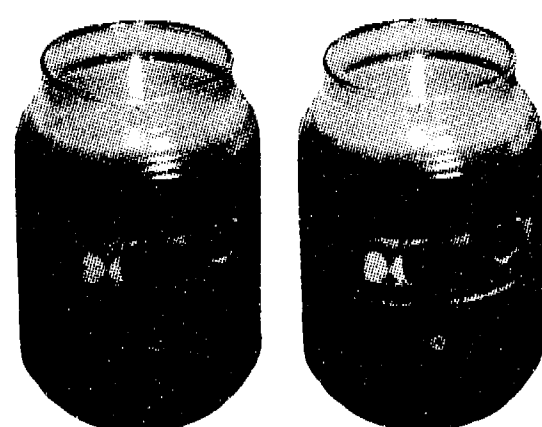
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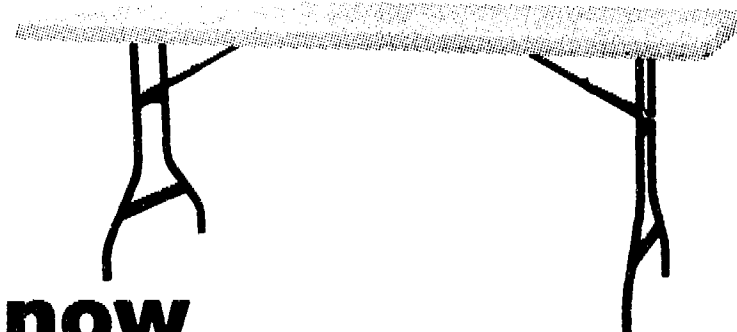
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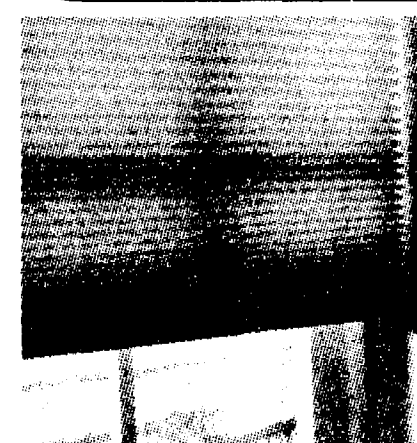
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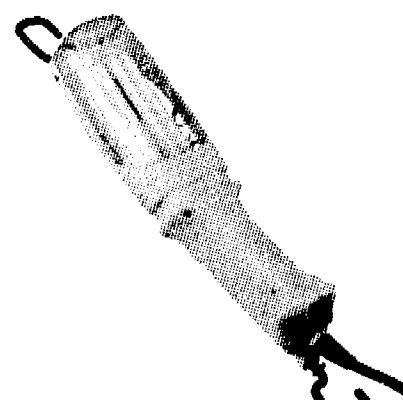
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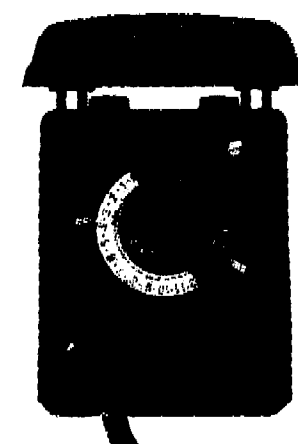
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Marijuana

On Saturday, Nov. 12, at 1:13 a.m., City of Grosse Pointe police found drugs on a 21-year-old male resident who had been pulled over for a traffic stop in a Mack alley.

Officers recovered marijuana in the man's pant pocket. Police also found two 40-ounce bottles of beer behind the driver seat of his tan 1986 Mercury Marquis.

He reportedly told police the beer bottles were "my passengers."

A patrolman had seen the man driving without headlights on Rivard toward Mack.

Car B&E

A purse, a woman's wallet and Verizon cell phone are among items stolen from a Chrysler Pacifica parked overnight Thursday, Nov. 10, in the driveway of a house in 600 block of Fisher.

City of Grosse Pointe police said the vehicle's right rear window had been smashed.

Trike taken

A blue-colored adult tri-cycle was stolen from a garage in the 800 block of Grosse Pointe Court in the City of Grosse Pointe on Monday, Nov. 7, between 12:30 and 1 p.m.

Shoplift

On Sunday, Nov. 6, at 1:38 p.m., a 33-year-old Detroit man was arrested for stealing less than \$22 worth of AA batteries from a store in the 17100 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Grosse Pointe Park police helped find and arrest the suspect as he rode a bicycle on northbound Cadieux from Mack into Detroit and then fled on foot between houses in the area of Rosewood and Bishop.

Police recovered batteries in the man's jacket pocket.

Taken home

On Sunday, Nov. 13, at 1:28 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Farms patrolman saw a teenage man and woman walking along Grosse Pointe Boulevard wearing clothing that he considered too light for weather conditions.

"(I) stopped and spoke with (them) to check if all was well," said the officer.

He detected an alcohol odor coming from the Farms woman and Park man, both 18.

"(I) asked (them) three times if they consumed alcohol to which they replied no."

Preliminary breath tests indicated otherwise. The man's and woman's blood alcohol levels registered .165 and .124 percent, respectively.

Both were cited for being minors in possession of alcohol. Due to the weather, police drove them home.

Purse taken

A 26-year-old Warren woman told Grosse Pointe Farms police that while shopping Thursday, Nov. 10, between 1:15 and 2 p.m., at a store in the 18800 block of Mack, someone took her brown suede purse from her shopping cart.

The woman said she searched the store for her purse before informing police.

Drugs

On Thursday, Nov. 10, at 1:30 a.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police confiscated two ecstasy tablets and 3.7 grams of marijuana from a 33-year-old Detroit man pulled over for driving erratically on eastbound Mack near Hillcrest.

Police said the license plate on his 1997 Chevrolet Lumina had been stolen off a car in Detroit.

The man reportedly tried to pull away from officers while being handcuffed. At headquarters he allegedly became "difficult" during booking.

"He stated if he ever came back to Grosse Pointe he would shoot the police," said an officer.

Records showed the man to have absconded from parole on an unidentified offense.

Farms officers charged the man with drug possession and giving false identification to police.

Confession

Grosse Pointe Farms police on Monday, Nov. 7, arrested a 47-year-old homeless man believed responsible for car thefts in the area of Mack and Moross.

Police took the man into custody as he sat on a retaining wall near the corner.

"I'm waiting to confess to the car I stole," he reportedly told police.

Officers arrested the man for the Oct. 29 theft of a Honda Accord. The victim had left the car running while shopping in the lobby of a service station in the 19100 block of Mack.

Cash from car

Thieves got away with \$400 cash taken from a 1999 Ford Mustang parked and locked overnight Thursday, Nov. 3, in the 400 block of Allard in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The 25-year-old male victim from the Farms reported the crime on Monday, Nov. 7.

Thieves entered the vehicle by jimmying the driver-side door lock.

Same evidence

Two vehicles appeared to have been broken into by the same method last week in Grosse Pointe Shores.

On the morning of Sunday, Nov. 6, a woman living on Sunningdale noticed someone had broken into her 2003 Ford Windstar.

She said the incident could have occurred while the vehicle was parked outside her house or during the previous evening at Somerset Mall in Troy. Police discovered pry marks on a passenger door.

"Pry marks appear to have been from a straight-head screw driver," said officer Ron Coste.

The victim reported her black leather Mary Kay purse missing from the vehicle.

Coste would report similar damage on another vehicle later that week.

While patrolling Briarcliff the morning of Thursday, Nov. 10, Coste was flagged down by a 17-year-old male resident who reported his car had been broken into the night before.

A subwoofer speaker box was missing from behind the back seat. The victim's wallet, radar detector, stereo and duffel bag were untouched.

Thieves entered the vehicle by breaking a side window.

"Framing around the window had been damaged (by) prying with what appeared to be a straight-style screw driver," Coste said.

—Brad Lindberg

Retail fraud

On Saturday, Nov. 12, at 12:28 p.m., a 35-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was arrested for stealing five boxes of Tylenol and a Kodak camera from a business in the 20400 block of Mack.

Grosse Pointe Woods police were called by an employee after the man was seen taking the Tylenol and leaving the building.

The man and a passenger were trying to flee the business in a maroon Mercury Cougar when police pulled them over.

Police also found a small metal pipe and a drill bit that were seized and placed into evidence.

The two were placed under arrest and taken into custody.

Robbery

At 10:11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12, a 100-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman was robbed as she was getting into her vehicle in the parking lot of a business in the 20400 block of Mack.

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When police arrived, the woman was on the ground next to her car. She stated to police that she opened her driver-side car door and placed her purse and the items she purchased on the passenger seat when she heard a loud bang.

That was the last thing she remembered as the suspect knocked her down and took her purse and the items.

The thief got away with credit cards, a Social Security card, a driver license, the woman's check book, and money.

A witness saw a light or white color SUV leave the parking lot at a high rate of speed, but did not want to formally give a police report. The victim was OK.

Stealing

Early in the afternoon on Saturday, Nov. 12, a 44-year-old Oak Park woman and a 32-year-old Mount Clemens man were arrested for stealing \$240.71 worth of baby formula and a 20-pound bag of dog food from a business in the 20400 block of Mack.

A store employee saw the woman put a lot of cans of baby formula in her cart and then place a big bag of dog food over them.

The employee said in the police report that baby formula is being sold on the "black market" and is used for a "cutting agent" in the drug trade.

The woman was going to leave the store without paying for the items, but she

was approached before she could leave the store.

The Mount Clemens man was also arrested for being involved with the plan to steal the items.

Gone

A 53-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man reported to Grosse Pointe Woods police that at 5:10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12, an unknown person stole the Centurion 10-speed bicycle that was sitting unlocked on the porch of a residence in the 1700 block of Vernier.

Flag swiped

On Friday, Nov. 11, at 6:42 p.m., a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, who only gave police her name, reported that she saw someone steal an American flag from a holder in front of a business in the 20900 block of Mack.

Busted

On Friday, Nov. 11, at 12:53 a.m., a 33-year-old Detroit man was pulled over for disregarding a red light

at the intersection of Mack and Vernier.

A Grosse Pointe Woods police officer performed a LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check on the driver that revealed the man had a suspended driver license and a warrant out for his arrest by the Eastpointe police department.

The driver was arrested. He eventually posted bond, paid for his warrant and was released.

Get your own

On Thursday, Nov. 10, at 4:14 p.m., a 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man reported to police that he saw a man remove his half-consumed cup of coffee from his vehicle parked in front of a residence in the 1500 block of Hollywood.

Police came to question the man, who was found to be homeless and was told to discontinue his loitering in the neighborhood just a few days prior to this incident.

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Group fight crosses Mack into Farms

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A knife fight last week between Detroit teenagers crossed Mack onto Kerby in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Minutes after police learned of the attack shortly before 4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, two suspects fled into the Farms.

An officer saw a suspect jump a fence near houses in the area of Williams and Merriweather. Another officer recovered a bloody knife under a pine tree on church property in the 300 block of Lothrop at Chalfonte.

A 16-year-old male was arrested for assault and sent to the Wayne County Youth Home pending charges.

"We anticipate the prosecutor's office will charge the suspect within the next few days," said Farms Detective Mike McCarthy. "Officers recovered the suspect's jacket, which is believed to have blood on it from the victim."

McCarthy said the second suspect, a 13-year-old male,

was released to a parent pending charges.

The 17-year-old male victim was released the next day from St. John Hospital with four stab wounds to his face, head and one to the "center of his back," police said.

A 14-year-old male friend of the victim wasn't wounded.

"This appears to be a group rivalry," McCarthy said.

He said the youths have been fighting over the past couple of weeks.


"There was a confrontation earlier at Baldock Park in Detroit," McCarthy said. "Two youths chased the other two youths to the area of Kerby and Mack where they confronted each other."

McCarthy was surprised the alleged assailants tried to hide in the Farms rather than return to Detroit.

"I'm not sure if they just got turned around or what, but they ran toward Chalfonte," McCarthy said.

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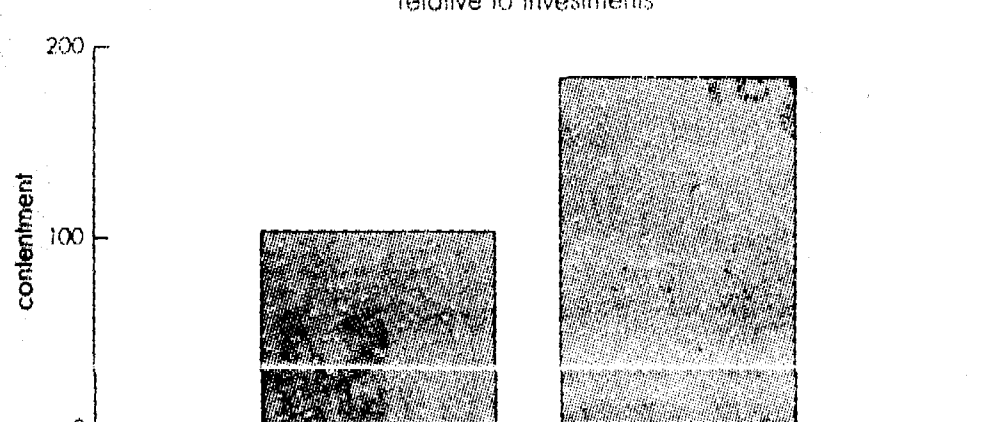


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and other automotive fun which is enhanced by possession of a special-interest car suitable for cruising.

A bright spot in the Midwest's gray November was provided by Kruse International with its Third Annual November Classic Car Auction held Nov. 4 through 6 in Auburn, Ind.

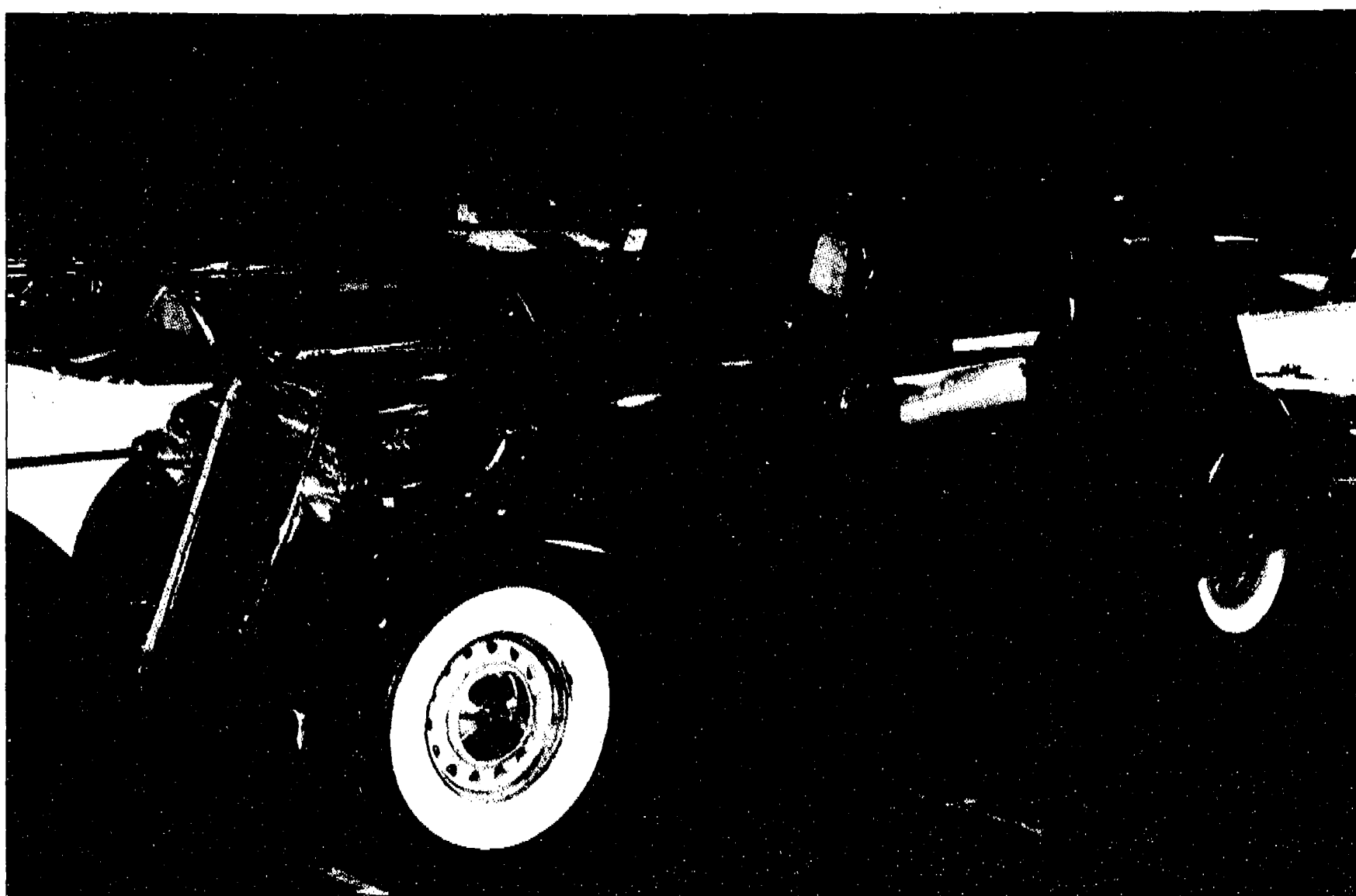
It was indeed the third November classic car sale. The first two, in 2003 and 2004, were no-reserve sales. In auction parlance, a

often don't attract the same level of cars in consignments.

This year's sale did have more upscale cars offered than the last two no-reserve November sales. Some 309 cars and trucks were offered, up substantially, and 97 were sold, not really comparable to a no-reserve sale.

The sales percentage of 31 percent is about average for a classic car auction.

A feature of the auction was the sale of the first



Art deco 1934 Hupmobile Aero sedan drew a high bid of \$16,500, but that did not meet reserve and there was no sale.

Pontiac Solstice to be sold at an auction. It was the

2006 Pontiac Solstice featured on "The Apprentice" television show. It was sold for \$32,000.

The biggest sale of the three-day auction was a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible, which changed hands for \$50,500. Next biggest was a 1983 Rolls-Royce Corniche convertible which sold for \$49,000.

A 1957 Ford Thunderbird was sold for \$47,500, and a 1938 Rolls-Royce V-12 Phantom III formal sedan was sold for \$46,000.

You'd be looking good if you got caught in any of these high sellers next summer.

Highest bid of the sale was \$110,000 for a 1966 Ford Galaxie Sideoiler prototype and the same for a 1990 Porsche RUF CTR

Yellowbird Coupe.

At the other end of the price scale were some bargains for buyers seeking a cruiser for next summer, including a 1979 Chrysler Cordoba which was sold for \$200; a 1982 Jaguar XJS two-door which was sold for \$500; another Jaguar XJ6, a 1989 model, which was sold for \$1,100; a 1985 BMW 318i which was sold for \$2,000; a 1985 Jaguar XJ6 four-door sedan which was sold for \$2,500; and a 1988 Mercury two-door which was sold for \$2,600.

For sports car fans looking for a bargain, there were a 1983 Pontiac Firebird for \$2,500; a 1928 Ford Model A roadster for \$3,300; a 1921 Ford Model T convertible for \$3,300; a 1971 Chevrolet Corvette

Sting Ray for \$5,300; and a 1967 Chevrolet Corvair convertible for \$6,100.

A 1959 Edsel Corsair was sold for \$3,300, and a 1980 Datsun ZX once owned by Jerry Lewis was sold for \$5,800.

A 1954 Lincoln Capri changed hands for \$3,000; a 1981 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz was sold for \$3,100; a 1984 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz was sold for \$3,400; and a 1967 Plymouth Sport Fury III convertible was sold for \$3,600.

A 1981 Ford Thunderbird was sold for \$1,100, and a 1967 Chevrolet Step Side pickup truck was sold for \$350.

This sale had something for everyone except the very high rollers.



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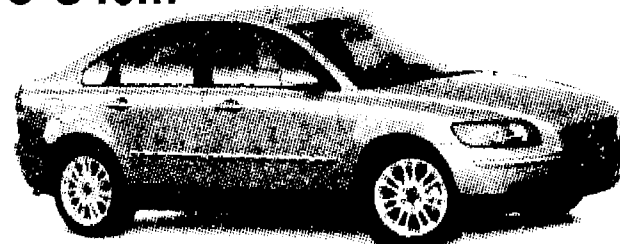
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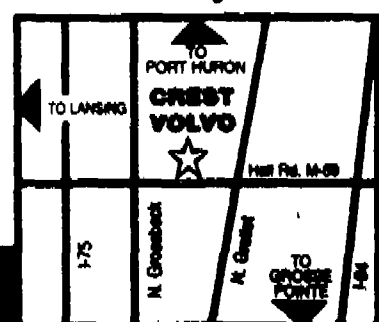
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Safety

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The man was taken into custody where the police took his mug shot and finger printed him before he was released.

Pickup

Grosse Pointe Woods police were notified by the Wayne County Jail in Detroit that they had arrested a 25-year-old Detroit man who had a warrant out of the Woods.

Woods police took the prisoner to the station where he was processed and put into a cell.

Broken

On Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 7:30 a.m., a 62-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man living in the 1700 block of Hollywood reported to police that an unknown person broke the window of his 2005 Malibu and stole the gym bag he had in the vehicle.

Seized

At 8:33 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9, a 41-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man living in the 700 block of Hampton told police that an unknown person stole \$20 in cash and a \$200 radar detector from his 2005 tan Jeep Wrangler Rubicon. No damage to the Jeep was reported.

Taken

Overnight on Saturday, Nov. 12, a Sony Explode in dash CD and two Sony speaker boxes were removed from a 1995 Chevrolet Monte Carlo parked at a home in the 1000 block of Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park.

Stolen drill

On Friday, Nov. 11, between 3 and 5 p.m., a

Milwaukee 18-volt drill driver in a red case was taken from a 1998 Dodge Caravan parked at a home in the 1100 block of Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park.

Bike stolen

On Monday, Nov. 7, at 4:39 p.m., a yellow Hotrock specialized bike was taken from the bike rack at Trombley School in Grosse Pointe Park. The bike was unlocked.

Ripped off

Overnight on Monday, Nov. 7, staplers, a compressor, a circular saw, and a framing nailer were taken from a construction site in the 1400 block of Hampton in Grosse Pointe Park.

Home invasion

On Saturday, Oct. 30, between 12:30 and 7:45 p.m., a home in the 1000 block of Kensington was entered, and diamond earrings, a woman's gold wedding band and several coins were removed.

Grosse Pointe Park police are investigating.

Car theft

Overnight on Monday, Nov. 7, a 2003 Chrysler Sebring was removed from the street in front of a home in the 1400 block of Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park.

The vehicle was recovered on Tuesday, Nov. 8, in the 16500 block of Collinson in Eastpointe.

Hearing is believing

On Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 5 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Park resident living in the 1200 block of Devonshire heard his 2003 Chrysler van being started.

Police officers located the vehicle moving and pursued the suspect, but lost sight of the van at Gratiot and Outer

Drive.

No payment

On Friday, Nov. 4, at 12:26 p.m., a 40-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman employed at a business in the 20300 block of Mack reported to police that her client walked out of the business without paying the \$88 she owed.

The client, who lives in the 700 block of Lakeshore, refused to pay the \$88 because it was "too much" for the service she received.

Arrested

On Saturday, Nov. 12, at 2:50 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park residents responded to an intoxicated female forcing entry to a front window of a home in the 1000 block of Beaconsfield.

Officers located the suspect inside the lower unit and arrested the Detroit woman.

Busted

At 8:55 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 4, a 20-year-old Detroit man was pulled over on Mack at Huntington for a routine traffic stop.

A LEIN check revealed the man had a suspended license; so he was arrested and taken into custody.

Fraud

On Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 8:25 p.m., a 38-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman reported to police that an unknown person stole several items from the business she was working at in the 20400 block of Mack.

The employee saw the person drive away in a Volvo station wagon but could not give a description of the suspect for Grosse Pointe Woods police.

Taken

On Monday, Oct. 31, between 7:30 and 9 a.m., a Sony Playstation and a Sony camcorder were taken from a home in the 1400 block of Buckingham in Grosse Pointe Park.

Arrested

On Sunday, Nov. 6, at 3:35 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers pursued two suspects running from the area of a reported auto larceny in the 1300 block of Nottingham.

The two Detroit juveniles were detained and taken into custody.

Busted window

On Friday, Nov. 4, at 10:46 p.m., a 39-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman living in the 900 block of Woods Lane Court heard a loud

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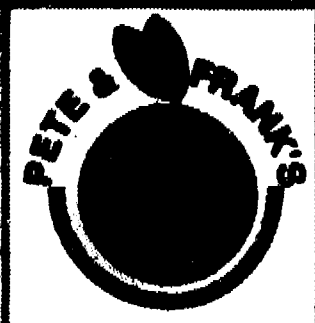
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November 17, 2005

Here comes Santa Claus' sleigh

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Eight not-so-tiny reindeer will fly silently above Kercheval next week whisking Santa Claus into town.

St. Nick arrives at the end of his namesake Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade starting at 10 a.m., Friday, Nov. 25.

Marching bands, community groups and costumed characters precede the guest of honor commencing holiday festivities and wishes of Merry Christmas to all who line the parade route from Kercheval at Lewiston in Grosse Pointe Farms, down through the Hill commercial district to the Village shopping center in downtown City of Grosse Pointe.

Mayors of the five Pointes and Harper Woods will greet Santa and present him a key to the Pointes.

The parade is produced by the Grosse Pointe Village Association in cooperation with the Hill Association.

This year's parade not only marks its 30-year anniversary, it establishes a new tradition.

For the first time, Santa is to arrive in the Pointes riding his own custom float.

The red and gold Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Sleigh is complete with eight wide-eyed reindeer.

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, et al., pull a sleigh big enough to hold Santa, Mrs. Claus, Christmas Carol and a huge green velvet bag overflowing with wrapped

packages, stuffed animals and toys.

The float is 34 feet long, nearly 20 feet wide and just under 14 feet tall.

Dimensions leave space to pass under the Valente Clock spanning Kercheval midway through the Village.

Each stage of creating the float was a collaboration among numerous Pointe residents who added their own special talent.

Members worked as a team to envision, custom fabricate, construct and help fund a showpiece designed to represent the collective Pointe community, to symbolize unity and common purpose during the season of togetherness.

John Stevens, City councilman, recruited Dick Ruzzin, a retired General Motors automotive design director and Park resident, to design the float.

"We wanted to see the sleigh and float represent a traditional Christmas and also Grosse Pointe," Ruzzin said. "That drove the basic character and theme of the sleigh flying over the Hill and Village."

Ruzzin made a list of the

Pointes' better-known buildings, checked it twice and came up with a miniature winter landscape to fashion the base of the float.

"We only had so much space, so we focused on architectural icons: city halls, churches, schools, the Hill and Village," Ruzzin said. "We tried to place things in their geographically correct location, but in some cases it was impossible. It was more important to represent things than put them exactly where they are."

In one corner of the float stands the new library at Mack and Vernier in the Woods. In another corner is the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House and Ford Cove on the shores of Lake St. Clair

in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Here's Grosse Pointe Park City Hall. There's the lighthouse across Fox Creek in Detroit. Over there is Maire Elementary School.

"You'll recognize stores in the Village," Ruzzin said. "You'll see the toy store. On the Hill you'll see the Grosse Pointe News."

Styrofoam reindeer, the sleigh and buildings were made by artists and sculptors working under hands-on stewardship of Woods resident Mike Stapleton at his Prop Art studio on Detroit's east side.

Stapleton's company specializes in sculpting everything from miniature models to larger-than-life characters, including the purple octopus lowered from the

Joe Louis Arena ceiling before Detroit Red Wings games. (Spare tentacles are stashed among rafters at Prop Art.)

"There's no right or wrong way to do a parade float," Stapleton said. "The cool thing was doing these little buildings."

Gail Carpenter, a Prop Art artist from Eastpointe, helped sculpt the reindeer.

Work began with two basic patterns sketched onto

blocks of Styrofoam. Each reindeer was customized. Heads became slightly different, as did the legs.

"They each came out with a different expression," Carpenter said. "They're all cute. Some look a little more determined to pull the sleigh than others."

The float's plywood base was covered with foam and painted white to simulate snow. Everything exposed to weather was sprayed with urethane plastic to protect against rain and snow.

"The reindeer look like reindeer, the sleigh looks like a sleigh," Ruzzin said. "It's very convincing."

While the float's exterior features were being made,

Bruce Burton of the Farms utilized the production capacity of his defense industry company to build the chassis and drivetrain.

A driver hatch on the right side of the float leads under the landscape to a low-slung seat Ruzzin compares to sitting at the wheel of a Corvette.

"The driver's head is under a building on the Hill representing the Bank of Grosse Pointe," Ruzzin said.

A 12-by-6 inch window on the miniature bank's side serves as a viewing port overlooking a representation of Richard Elementary School.

Because the driver has a limited field of vision, parade attendants communicating with two-way radios will walk alongside the float to help direct the driver and keep things on course.

"The powertrain was intended to be electric, but we needed more power and chose a front-wheel drive Pontiac engine," Ruzzin said. "That allowed us to steer the vehicle with the rear wheel. You can approach a corner, swing the back end around and go straight down the street."

Designers also made 20 Christmas tree outfits and gift costumes for children to wear during the parade.

Ruzzin designed the float to be fanciful but credible.

"It isn't cartoony," he said. "It's realistic, but at the same time it has a child's-eye feeling about it."

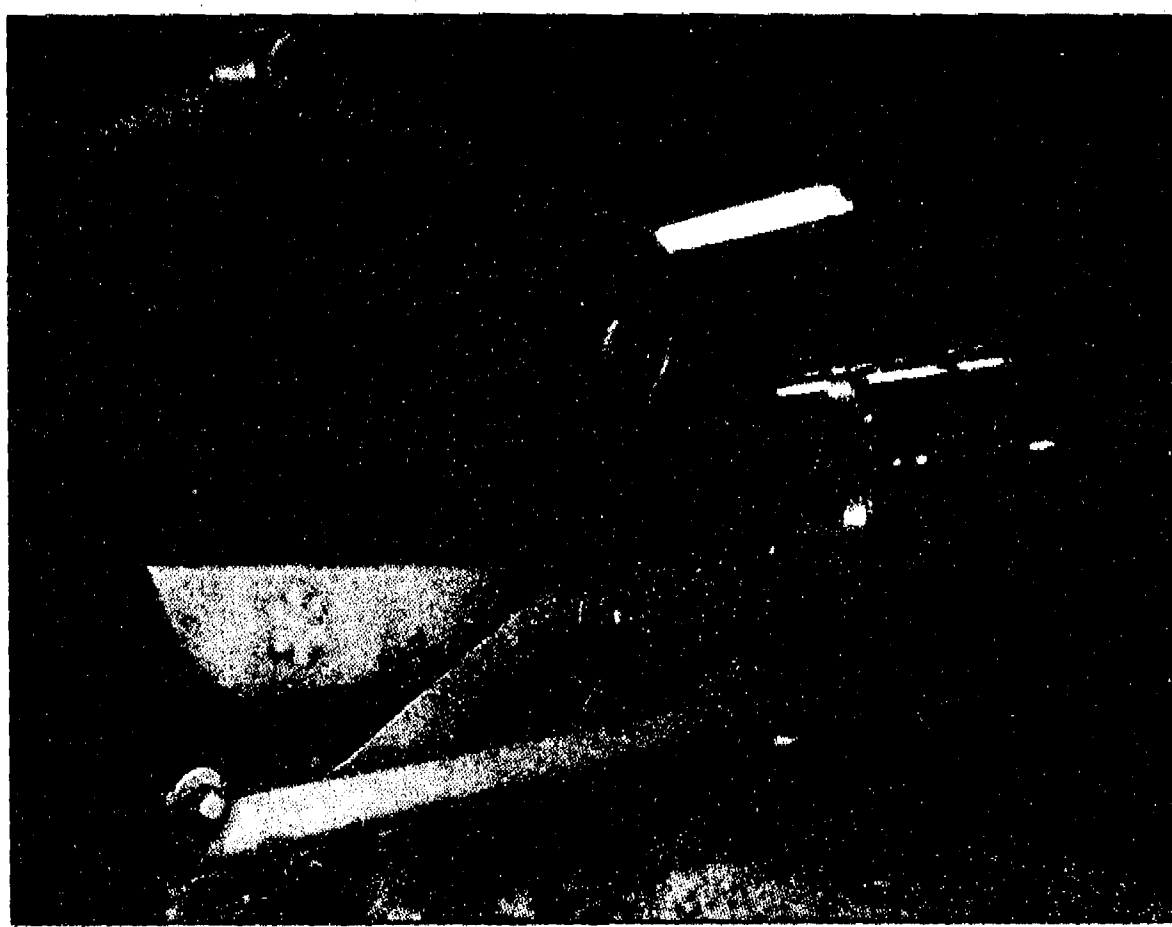


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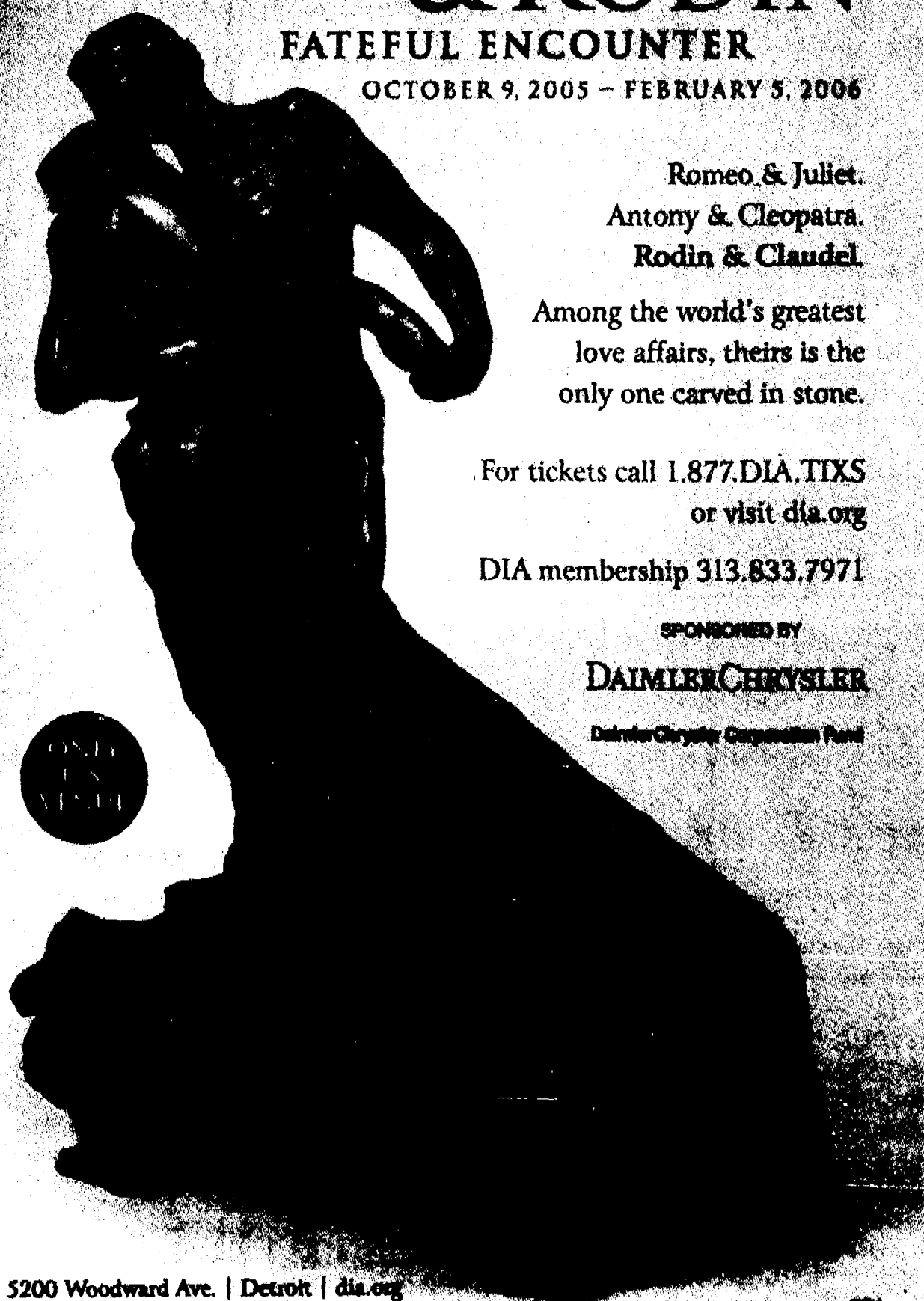
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Race Starts: 9:00 a.m.
Parade Starts: 10:00 a.m.

Race Route: Exit from the GP South High athletic field thru Kercheval gate, turn rt. or north to Muir Rd., turn 180 degrees, proceed to Cadieux on Kercheval and return to same gate on athletic field.

- In keeping with the Holiday spirit, all participants are asked to wear jingle bells! The walker or runner who wears the most bells will win a prize and will be in the parade!
- Other prizes will be given out in the Girl's Gym based on a random drawing of entry numbers at 10:00 a.m. You must be present to win!
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Fashion statement

Women of the Church at First English Ev. Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods recently featured Nancy Pacitto speaking on "Women's Issues and Fashions from the Victorian Era Through the Roaring '20s" at its annual meeting and installation of officers in The Luther Center. Shown, from left, are education director Marti Miller of Grosse Pointe Woods, speaker Pacitto and Beverly Johnson of St. Clair Shores, co-president of the Women of the Church. Betty Blohm is also co-chair.

Coming events

Heritage celebration

A colorful celebration of the Scottish origin of the Presbyterian Church takes place at 10:30 a.m. **Sunday, Nov. 20**, at the **Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church**.

The worship liturgy will be taken from the 300-year-old "Scottish Book of Common Worship." The Rev. Peter C. Smith will preach.

Participants in the service will include the St. Andrew's Honor Guard and Pipe Band, Graham's Company 42nd Royal Highland Regiment (The Black Watch), president of St. Andrew's Society Scott David and the society's past president Randall Cain. Members of the St. Andrew's Society and the Order of Scottish Clans and Daughters of Scotia will also be in attendance at the service.

There will be a Ceilidh (a

Scottish happening) following the service, with entertainment and refreshments.

The Presbyterian Church U.S.A. is rich in Scottish tradition since its roots go back to its founder John Knox in 16th century Scotland.

The church is located at 8625 E. Jefferson and Burns Avenue in Detroit.

Child care is available.

A secured parking lot is located behind the church and the UAW parking lot at the corner of Fischer is open.

For more information, call (313) 822-3456.

Friendship Sunday

Make plans now for the **Sunday, Nov. 20**, for Friendship Sunday at **St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The church service is at 9 a.m., followed by Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. and a lunch for the entire family

at 11 a.m.

Christmas concert

The 80-member Grosse Pointe Community Chorus returns to **First English Ev. Lutheran Church** to perform its 60th annual Christmas concert sponsored by the church's Open Door series.

The concert, directed by Anna Speck, will take place at **3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11**, in the sanctuary and will include G.F. Handel's "For Unto Us a Child is Born," Tchaikovsky's "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" and other new and traditional Christmas favorites.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$3 for children.

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Junior League of Detroit announces community assistance awards

The Junior League of Detroit has awarded a grant of \$3,000 for the first fiscal quarter of 2005 to the Reggie McKenzie Foundation. The grant will provide funding for Saturday tutorial services to approximately 250 children from preschool through 12th grade who are attending Highland Park Schools.

It is for a 10-month program that runs every Saturday morning for 4 hours, instructing students in the areas of reading, math, science, social studies, English, foreign languages, arts and crafts, culture and SAT/ACT and MEAP test preparation. Students are taught by certified teachers or college students and will have access to computers and participate in outside field trips.

It is the only weekend tutorial program in the area and is held at the Highland Park Career Academy. The grant will fund curriculum materials, computer software and program evaluations.

For more than 90 years, the Junior League of Detroit has contributed countless volunteer hours and mil-

lions of dollars developing creative, innovative and effective solutions for a variety of community needs in the City of Detroit. Since 1995, the JLD's focus has been on elevating the lives of children through our projects and programs which the League has either initiated or participated with other community-based collaborative partnerships. The League works to broaden the educational, cultural, recreational, and health opportunities for children in the City of Detroit.

In 2004, the League embarked on its new signature project: the Belle Isle Nature Zoo. In partnership with the Detroit Zoo, this project will offer year-round

educational, recreational and environmental conservation opportunities to Detroit families. It will include nature displays, planned programming, nature walks and crafts for Nature Days. The project is scheduled to last until the summer of 2006.

Some of the League's recent initiatives included the Children's Television Workshop, Emergency Child Care Assistance Fund, Cornerstone Schools Association Partnership Project, Detroit Police Athletic League Tutorial Project, Children's Hospital of Michigan Pediatric Mobile Team and the John C. Monteith branch of the Detroit Public Library.



New board members

The Grosse Pointe Social & Newcomers Club's new board members for the 2005-2006 season are: seated, from left, are Nicki Gersh, Amy Chesterton, Andrea Andrzejczak, Cheryl Pennings, Jen Bingaman, Eleanor Walsh and Cary Peskin

In the back, from left, are John Gersch, Mark Pennings, Michael Fellberg, Patrick Chesterton, Reed Bingaman, Stacy Spondike, Keith Spondike, Robb Peskin, Mark Bowers and Ryan Bowers.

The GPSNC is a nonprofit social club for married couples new to or living in the Pointes. The club plans social activities each month. For more information on the club, go to www.grossepointenewcomers.com

Two teas on SOC calendar

Services for Older Citizens will hold two tea parties in November.

In honor of National Caregiver Month, SOC will hold a tea for caregivers from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, at the Neighborhood Club. Gery Day of Bon Secours Health System will lead a discussion, "How to Rejuvenate the Caregiver."

To make a reservation, call Mary Rose at (313) 882-9600.

Villa Bella Independence Village Community will sponsor an afternoon tea from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the Neighborhood Club. The presentation by Nancy Naughton is "Destressing the Holidays." Tea, appetizers and desserts will be served. Tea is free, but donations are appreciated.

To make a reservation, call Barb at (313) 882-9600.

SOC presents weather talk

Services for Older Citizens will offer a talk at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, at the Neighborhood Club. Kenneth Bresnan, area emergency manager for the National Disaster Medical system, will cover the essentials of protecting oneself from winter disasters such as blizzards, ice storms and extreme cold.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

Thanksgiving lunch at SOC

Services for Older Citizens will offer a catered luncheon, including traditional Thanksgiving foods, on Monday, Nov. 21, at the Neighborhood Club.

Tickets are \$8 and reservations are required. Call Susan at (313) 882-9600.

Volunteers needed at SOC

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) is looking for volunteers to assist in answering phones in its office. Volunteers are needed for phone shifts between noon and 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Call Betsy Schulte at (313) 882-9600.

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Pay attention to what triggers your headaches

By Valerie Koczara
Special Writer

Almost everyone has had a headache at some point in his or her life. Be it the nagging headache that comes with the flu or from exposure to fumes, smoke



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or loud noise, most headaches are short-lived and often can be relieved with over-the-counter pain medication. But for many Americans, the misery of chronic, severe headaches affects work performance, relationships and the ability to enjoy life.

Not all headaches are alike. Most chronic headache sufferers, however, know of certain behaviors or events that trigger their headaches. Professionals who specialize in treating headaches can determine the type of headache you have and will help you identify your triggers so you can take steps to avoid them.

Primary types of headaches

Migraine — More than 28 million Americans live with migraine headaches. Migraines are three times more common in women than in men, peaking in severity between the ages of 20 and 40. Most of the time

there is a genetic link to migraines. If one parent experiences migraines, there is a 50 percent chance his or her child also will get them, and chances increase to 75 percent if both parents have migraines.

According to the International Headache Society (IHS), 56 percent of migraine sufferers miss an average of 2.2 workdays a month because of their headaches. And those who stay and work through their pain are 50 percent less productive. Classified as a chronic recurrent biological disease, migraines are a condition that clearly cannot be overlooked.

Common symptoms of migraines include:

- Visual auras for up to 60 minutes before the headache begins. Auras can take the form of distorted peripheral vision, appearance of zigzag lines or floating particles before the eyes.
- Mild to severe pain on one or both sides of the head that usually lasts fewer than 24 hours, but sometimes as many as 48 to 72 hours.

- Nausea and vomiting
- Sensitivity to light, sound and sometimes odors
- Intensified pain with movements of the head
- Desire to lie down in a dark, quiet place.

Analgesic overuse (rebound headaches) — When there is longstanding, daily use of either prescription or over-the-counter pain relievers, certain migraine sufferers stand the chance that the medicine they use for today's headache will rebound and cause tomorrow's headache. Each case is different, but typically, these patients must gradually be weaned off their pain medication and started on a new treatment plan.

Cluster — Described as the most severe type of headache, cluster headaches are four times more common in males than in females, with an average age onset from 27 to 31 years. The pain is described by many as a hot poker in or around one eye, and attacks tend to cluster in time. Other symptoms may include:

- Tendency to occur at

least once every 24 hours for a period of six to 12 weeks

- Commonly occur same time each day or night
- Pain lasts from 45 to 90 minutes
- Severe pain causes sufferer to pace, rock back and forth or become violent
- More common in persons with heavy facial features, hazel eyes, heavy alcohol or tobacco use, type A personalities, and those who are above average height by 3 inches or more.

Sinus — Sinus headaches are frequently overdiagnosed. The IHS states that to be termed a sinus headache it must also simultaneously occur with pus-like discharge and an abnormal sinus X-ray. Sinus headache pain typically is in the cheekbones, forehead or bridge of the nose.

Tension — These are the most common type of headaches among adults and adolescents. Pain is caused by tightening of muscles in the back of the neck and scalp and can be felt in the front, top or sides of the head. Tension

headaches can be episodic or can occur daily.

Primary care physician is first step

If headaches are affecting your quality of life, see your primary care physician for a physical examination and headache evaluation to determine if specific behaviors, environmental factors or emotional situations cause or trigger your headaches. Your physician may order further testing or recommend a treatment plan. If your headaches don't improve over time, your physician may refer you to a headache specialist.

Controlling chronic headaches involves a comprehensive treatment plan in which physician and patient are equal players. Identifying headache triggers may be a team effort, but changes in lifestyle are up to the patient. Just as persons with chronic conditions such as diabetes or hypertension can control symptoms if they follow certain lifestyle modifications, headache sufferers, too, may have more pain-free days if they balance and try to eliminate their headache triggers.

Give your baby a healthy start

(NUI) — Parents can influence their infant's health, including their infant's immune system development through nutrition.

The following are tips for parents to help support the development of an infant's immune system during pregnancy and the first year.

- During pregnancy: A mom should remember that what she eats affects her child before and after birth. A good source of vitamins and minerals and proper hydration will help a mom-to-be stay healthy.

To support an infant's immune system develop-

ment, experts recommend that pregnant women eat protein-rich foods such as soy, lean meats and legumes and foods rich in antioxidants like broccoli, red potatoes and blueberries.

- The first year: Before birth, a developing baby receives antibodies from its mother. Maternal antibodies provide initial immune protection to the developing infant, but rapidly decline after birth. A baby begins to develop its own antibodies as the mother's begin to wear off.

One reason why breastfeeding is recommended for at least the first year of life is that a mother's breast

milk is the only way she can pass immune-protecting antibodies to her infant after birth.

"These antibodies help keep an infant healthy," said Bridget Swinney, dietitian, mother of two and author of "Healthy Food for Healthy Kids: A Practical and Tasty Guide to Your Child's Nutrition."

"But if a mom chooses to feed infant formula or supplement, she should find an iron-fortified infant formula similar to breast milk, like Similac Advance."

For more information on keeping a baby healthy, visit the American Academy of Pediatrics Web site at aap.org.

Valerie Koczara is Director of Nursing for Bon Secours Cottage Health Services and has been a migraine sufferer for 24 years. In her previous position, she created a local health care systems migraine institute wearing three hats: patient, nurse and administrator. She was nominated for Crains Detroit Business Health Care Hero Award in 2004 for her headache work.

If you or someone you know suffers from chronic headaches, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at (800) 303-7815 to be referred to a physician specializing in the treatment of problem headaches.

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Rock the Runway

Rock the Runway, a fashion benefit held Aug. 15, raised \$17,100 for the Meade Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Friends Hair & Nails Salon in Grosse Pointe Woods and the Andrew Marke Salon in Macomb Township hosted the event, which was held at the Emerald Ballroom in Mount Clemens.

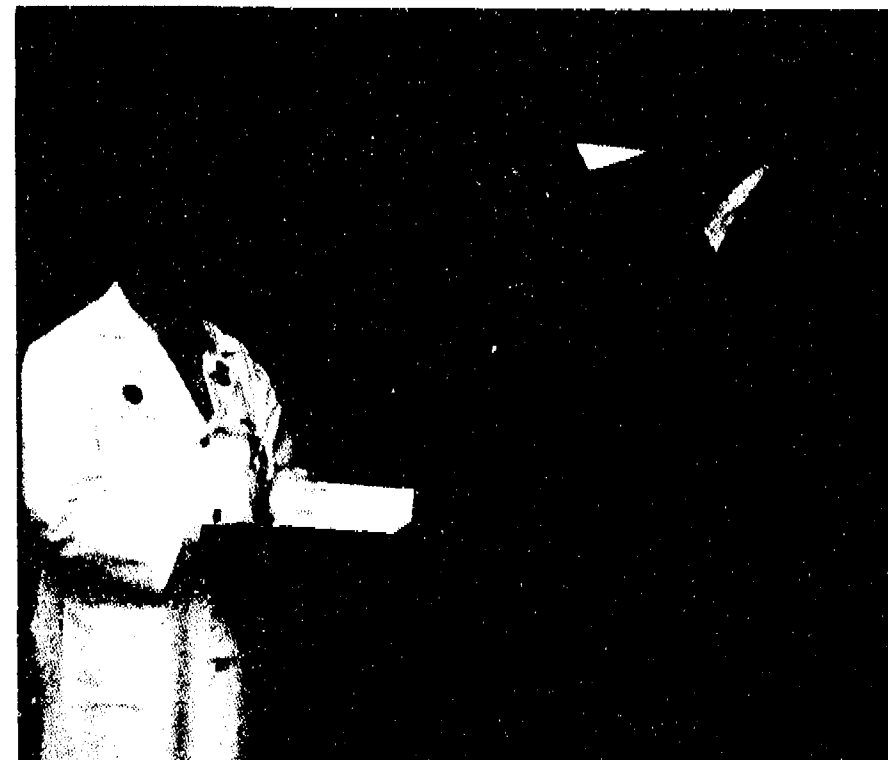
The evening featured fashions sponsored by the Somerset Collection, a freestyle fashion show featuring children from the Meade Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Center and salon staff, a tasteful and entertainment.

Angela Marke and Andrew Bernard, owners of the sponsoring salons, successfully spearheaded Rock the Runway and presented the check with the proceeds to Dr. Hadi Sawaf, director of pediatric hematology/oncology. St. John Health Foundation hosted a reception at the Meade Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Center on Oct. 3 to honor and thank Marke and Bernard.

"We are truly grateful for the efforts of Angela and Andrew to help support the Meade Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Center," said Donna Handley, administrative director of oncology services at the St. John Van Elslander Cancer Center, where the Meade Center is located.

"The funds will be used to help treat children who have cancer and will help provide support services for their families."

From left, are Sawaf, vice chairman and director of the Meade Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Center; Chantelle Shepley of Friends Hair & Nail Salon; Bernard; Marke; and Mark R. Taylor, president, St. John Hospital & Medical Center.



Holiday gifts promote awareness

By Mary Beth Langan and Theodore G. Coutilish
Special Writers

WNIC-FM started playing round-the-clock holiday music on Nov. 1 and retail outlets set up holiday displays weeks ago. Holiday boutiques, craft shows and vendor fairs have also begun.

You may find yourself wrestling over what to include on your holiday shopping list for family, friends, teachers, classroom assistants, therapists or consultants.

Consider a car magnet, tote bag or note cards. Raise visibility while giving a valuable gift. To get started, here are a few Web sites that sell various awareness items:

Disability is Natural
www.disabilityisnatural.com

Everyday Miracles
Autism Support Network
www.everydaymiracles.org

FRAXA Research Foundation
www.fraxa.org

National Down Syndrome Society
www.ndss.org

National Fragile X Foundation
www.fragilex.org

PEAK Parent Center — helping parents, helping children
www.peakparent.org

The Arc
www.thearc.org

Continuing with the holiday theme, our next two columns will be on two types of gifts. The first will be a list of resources where you can find fun but therapeutic gifts for your



child. The second will be a list of books for parents — both inspirational and educational.

If you have a favorite company for therapeutic materials or games and/or the perfect book you would like others to experience, please share the information with us so we can make sure it's on the list to share with others. Perhaps these suggestions

will help someone write the perfect holiday wish list.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X syndrome. Send your questions or comments to ag5045@wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.

Stop drinking in order to stop alcoholic liver disease

Though long-term alcohol abuse can damage almost every system in the human body, one of the most common casualties is the liver. Current research on alcoholic liver disease — reviewed in a January 2005 Alcohol Alert from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism — confirms that this condition is a key cause of alcohol-related death.

Liver function is essential to life and freedom from disease. This large, complex organ purifies the body by helping to remove toxins, including excess alcohol. The liver also has an unusual knack for self-repair. It can sometimes regenerate itself by replacing diseased areas with new tissue.

Yet one of the liver's primary duties is to metabolize alcohol, and an excess of this chemical quickly strains the organ's capacity. Even a relatively small amount of alcohol — three drinks in a row — can have toxic effects.

Though alcohol abuse is a key factor in alcoholic liver disease, there are other causes ranging from genetic to demographic to environmental.

Ethnic background, race, gender, age, education, income, and a family history of drinking problems can all play a role. Even so, abstinence from alcohol can be enough to reduce or even reverse alcoholic liver disease in its early stages.

Alcoholic liver disease is actually a broad term that includes three different conditions: fatty liver, alcoholic hepatitis and cirrhosis. Researchers have traditionally seen these as sequentially related, believing that long-term alcohol abusers usually progress from fatty liver to hepatitis to cirrhosis. Today we know that alcoholics can develop cirrhosis without passing through any signs of hepatitis.

Fatty liver, or steatosis, is the earliest stage of alcohol-induced liver disease.

Anyone who drinks heavily for a few days can develop the defining sign of this condition — liver cells that swell with fat globules and water. This condition can be arrested, however, when drinking stops.

Alcoholic hepatitis is a more severe — and potentially fatal — condition that occurs with heavy drinking over longer periods of time. Its hallmark symptom is inflammation of the liver. Other symptoms include

abdominal pain and tenderness, fever, jaundice, lack of appetite, mental confusion, nausea and vomiting.

Some people with alcoholic hepatitis who stop drinking can recover from the disease. Of those who keep drinking, up to 70 percent may progress to cirrhosis.

Liver cirrhosis is the twelfth leading cause of death in the United States and the fourth leading cause of death in people ages 45 to 54. It permanently damages liver cells, replacing those cells with scar tissue.

In this advanced stage of alcoholic liver disease, the organ cannot carry out its normal functions. For drinkers with cirrhosis who progress to liver failure, the only definitive treatment is a liver transplant.

Diagnosing alcoholic liver disease is tricky. Despite its name, the disease can develop in people who are not alcoholic. Diagnosis depends on running laboratory tests and taking a detailed medical history. Yet alcohol abusers often understate or deny their alcohol use.

Treatment for alcoholic liver disease at every stage begins with reducing or abstaining from alcohol. Also necessary for many people are lifestyle changes

such as:

- quitting tobacco
- changing diet and increasing physical activity to maintain a healthy weight
- taking medications such as pentoxifylline or prednisone for alcoholic hepatitis

According to the NIAAA, some people with alcoholic liver disease may benefit from complementary and alternative treatments for cirrhosis. An example is the dietary supplement S-adenosylmethionine, more widely known as SAME.

For additional information, you can access the full NIAAA report on alcoholic liver disease online at <http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/aa64/aa64.htm> or request a free copy from the NIAAA Publications Distribution Center, P.O. Box 10686, Rockville, MD 20849-0686.

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.

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Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



One of the conditions brought on by colder weather is itching known as "winter's itch" (dry skin and itching due to the drier air we are experiencing.) Yet there are many other potential causes for pruritus or

Beyond these normal dermatologic causes, itching can also indicate other conditions, including liver or renal disease, hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism, lymphomas or even HIV. This is why patients with chronic pruritus may be asked to complete lab work and other testing to help determine if any underlying problem is causing the itching.

itching. Allergies, insect bites, psoriasis, poison ivy (yes, in the fall patients can still get poison ivy, as the oil causing its discomfort survives even as the leaves fall off), and just normal dry skin are some of the most common causes of itching. Treatment in most cases is usually provided using topical medications such as steroids and immune modulators, as well as oral antihistamines. Severe cases of pruritus may also require systemic (oral or injected) corticosteroids.

To help determine the best treatment options for patients presenting with severe itching, your physician will try to determine if an itch is being generated at the skin level, or if it is emanating from the peripheral or central nervous systems, or if the symptom is possibly psychogenic.

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Prep Time: 45 minutes
Total Time: 5 hours 30 minutes
Makes 16 servings (6 ounces turkey and 1/2 cup stuffing each)

- PAM Original No-Stick Cooking Spray**
1 loaf (16 ounces) sour dough bread, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1/3 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup slivered almonds
3 medium onions, chopped (about 1-1/2 cups)
1-1/2 cups chopped celery
4 teaspoons poultry seasoning
1 teaspoon salt
2-1/2 cups coarsely chopped chestnuts*
1-1/2 cups chopped dried apricots
1/2 cup dried currants or raisins
2 cups Butterball Chicken Broth
1 Butterball Turkey (16 pounds), thawed if frozen

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray large shallow baking pan with no-stick cooking spray;

spread bread cubes onto bottom of pan. Bake 15 minutes, or until lightly toasted, stirring once. Set aside.

2. Melt butter in large skillet over medium heat. Add almonds; cook and stir 3 minutes, or until lightly browned. Remove with slotted spoon; set aside. Add onions and celery to remaining butter; cook and stir 5 minutes, or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Stir in poultry seasoning and salt.
3. Place bread cubes, vegetables, chestnuts, apricots, currants and almonds in large bowl; mix lightly. Add broth; mix well.

4. Reduce oven to 325°F. Remove neck and giblets from body and neck cavities of turkey; refrigerate for another use or discard. Drain juices from turkey; dry turkey with paper towels. Fill neck cavity with some stuffing. Turn wings back to hold neck skin against back of turkey. Fill body cavity with remaining stuffing. Spray flat roasting rack in shallow roasting pan with cooking spray. Place turkey, breast up, on roasting rack. Spray turkey with cooking spray. Place small pieces of aluminum foil over

skin of neck cavity and over stuffing at body cavity opening to prevent overbrowning during roasting.

Note: Place extra stuffing (if any remains) in casserole dish sprayed with cooking spray; stir in an additional 1/4 cup broth. Cover and refrigerate until ready to bake. Bake covered at 325°F 30 minutes or until hot.

5. Roast turkey 4-1/2 hours, or until meat thermometer reaches 160°F when inserted in center of stuffing and reaches 180°F when inserted in deep in thigh, covering breast and top of drumsticks with aluminum foil after 3 hours to prevent overcooking breast. Let turkey stand 15 minutes before removing stuffing and carving.

*If using fresh chestnuts, one pound will yield about 2-1/2 cups of peeled nuts. To roast fresh chestnuts, cut an X with the tip of a knife on the flat side. Heat oven to 425°F. Place nuts in a shallow pan and roast 20 minutes. When just cool enough to handle, peel off shell and dark skin covering nut. If using canned chestnuts, a 15-ounce can or jar will yield 2-1/2 cups peeled nuts.

Easy preparation steps for your turkey

- **Cut Down Cleanup:** Prepare for easy cleanup later by spraying your turkey pan with PAM No-Stick Cooking Spray before you start cooking.
- **Chill Out:** Make sure the turkey is thawed completely. Allow one day of refrigerator thawing for every four pounds of turkey.
- **Keep Safety First:** For optimal food safety, cook raw ingredients for the stuffing and place stuffing in the turkey just before roasting.

Quick and Easy Pumpkin Cake

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Total Time: 2 hours
Makes 12 servings (1 piece each)

- PAM for Baking No-Stick Cooking Spray**
1 package (18.5 ounces) yellow cake mix with pudding
1 cup canned pumpkin

- 3/4 cup (6 ounces) Egg Beaters Egg Product**
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup nonfat sour cream
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
3/4 teaspoon ground ginger
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Whipped Light Cream
Ground cinnamon (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray 13 x 9-inch baking pan with no-stick baking spray.
2. Combine cake mix, pumpkin, Egg Beaters, water, sour cream, 1 tablespoon cinnamon, the nutmeg and ginger in large bowl. Beat with electric mixer on low speed just until moistened. Beat on high speed 2 minutes. Pour into prepared pan.
3. Bake 40 minutes, or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool. Cut into 12 pieces. Top each piece with whipped topping just before serving and sprinkle with additional cinnamon, if desired.

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families over the last 25 years, we have heard every turkey question imaginable," said Mary Clingman, director of the Talk-Line. "Through the Talk-Line, we have shown people how easy it is to cook a tender, juicy turkey. It's a great feeling to know we've improved their holidays."

This season, the Talk-Line will be back in action on November 1. For more information on the Talk-Line, great time-saving turkey tips and holiday recipes, or to e-mail a question to the experts, visit

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South Mothers' Club holds annual Holiday Walk

The Grosse Pointe South High School Mothers' Club invites the community to kick off the holiday season by touring seven of Grosse Pointe's most beautiful homes, all decked out in holiday splendor.

The annual fundraiser for the Mothers' Club will take place from noon to 4 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 4.

Donna Smiley and Becky Davenport, Holiday Walk co-chairmen, are excited about the spectacular homes on the tour this year. The homes will be decorated for the holidays with an inspiring array of trees and trimmings.

This year's tour features:

- A Grosse Pointe lake-front home with incredible views of Lake St. Clair, owned by a local designer.
- A sprawling New England style Windmill Pointe home featuring a fabulous new kitchen and family room addition.
- A classic and impeccably decorated French Normandy home in Grosse Pointe Park with an expansive kitchen, media room, new family room and a stunning new lower level.
- An inviting home in Grosse Pointe Farms with a dazzling new Mutschler kitchen and a dream laundry room.
- Three distinguished homes, all recently renovated, on the same classically charming Grosse Pointe Farms street, each reflecting the grandeur of its 1930s heritage with new additions that embrace today's family lifestyles.

Special features include original fruitwood paneling, antique crystal and pewter chandeliers, a very special keeping room and gourmet kitchens ready for holiday entertaining.

Entertainment will be provided by Grosse Pointe South student ensembles.

Cooking demonstrations by professional pastry chef Michelle Bommarito will be offered from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Middlesex home in Grosse Pointe Park.

Local merchants have donated five fabulous items for the 2005 Holiday Walk raffle. They include a private cooking class with Chef Chuck Kaess at The Pointe Pedlar for 8 to 10 people, an original framed watercolor painting by Patty Marantette, four Waterford limited edition champagne glasses from The League Shop, an estate

platinum emerald and diamond band from Joseph DuMouchelle Fine & Estate Jewelers and a custom-decorated tabletop artificial evergreen tree with lights, donated by Lyn Petit of Petite Fleur.

Raffle tickets are available in advance by calling Didi DeBoer at (313) 886-6338. They'll also be available on the day of the show. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Tickets for the Holiday Walk are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets may be purchased in the Village in the City of Grosse Pointe at Cavanaugh's, Hickey's Walton Pierce and Rennell & Co., on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms at Pointe Pedlar and The League Shop; and on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods at Friends Hair & Nails. They're also available at the Grosse Pointe South High School Store and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

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The Holiday Walk takes place every other year to raise funds for the Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South.

The money is used for the school's scholarships, enrichment and preservation efforts.

To request tickets, call Didi DeBoer at (313) 886-6338.

Hobnobbers: The Parade Company will hold its 16th annual Hob Nobble Gobble, a fundraiser for America's Thanksgiving Parade, from 6 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds in Detroit.

The black-tie celebration will feature pop-rock singer-songwriter Ryan Cabrera, who will also appear on the "Sounds of Detroit Party Bus" float in the Thanksgiving Day parade. The Hob Nobble Gobble event includes a buffet, live entertainment, carnival rides and games and armful of giveaways.

Tickets are available in four price ranges. SuperStar reservations are \$1,000, which gives the guest access to a Cabrera private meet-and-greet;

patron reservations are \$500; benefit reservations are \$350; and child reservations for kids 6 and under are \$200. To order tickets, call (313) 923-7400.

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The Parade Company is dedicated to creating, funding and sustaining civic events that generate community pride, among them America's Thanksgiving Parade.

Charitable projects: Local businessman **James R. Fikany** of the City of Grosse Pointe is dedicated to many causes in the community. So is the rest of the Fikany family. Jim and his brother **Joe**, assistant **Mary Choiniere-Orth** and a collection of other friends and family members have made it their mission to get involved in many causes together.

The most recent project was the eighth annual **James R. Fikany Invitational Golf Outing** which took place in September. The event was successful and proceeds are helping in the community in a number of ways:

- The Jim and Jeanette Fikany School Book Scholarship is a scholarship awarded to purchase books that go to a deserving Grosse Pointe eighth-grader who demonstrates superior



Donna Smiley and Becky Davenport are co-chairmen of the Grosse Pointe South Mothers' Club's annual Holiday Walk from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4.

grades, as well as participation in sports and community activities.

- Wigs4Kids is a nonprofit organization that assists children and young adults with hair loss. Wigs4Kids provides wigs at no cost.
- Services for Older Citizens' Meals on Wheels, a program that delivers hot meals to homebound seniors.

The Fikany family and their friends have also committed to delivering Meals on Wheels on Thanksgiving Day for the last several years.

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Admission is on a graduated scale. For an early bird ticket (admission at 9 a.m.) tickets are \$4. General admission tickets (for entry at 10 a.m.) are \$3. Early bird tickets are available through advance sales only. General admission tickets are for sale in advance or at the door.

Advance sale tickets are for sale at the school from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, through Friday, Dec. 2, and from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Parcells Holiday Bazaar crafters will all be on one floor for this year's bazaar. From left, are co-chairmen Anne Coates, Peggy Andrzejczyk and Diane Richards.

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Detroiters welcome DSO Director Emeritus

Conducting the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for the first time in his new retirement status last weekend, Neeme Järvi added a little emphasis to the last two words of his revised title: Music Director Emeritus FOR LIFE.

If this reflects a touch of vanity, it became far more than excusable when he stepped on the podium and waved his baton. The opening phrases filled the hall with a quality of music that promised at once this would be a great concert. The magic was as powerful as ever. One concertgoer was heard to say, "It's still Neeme's orchestra."

Actually, it was just what everyone in the packed hall seemed to expect.

But there was a bonus — piano soloist Antti Siirala, who offered an exquisitely beautiful approach to Mozart's concerto No. 27, the fabled composer's last work in that form and possibly his most sublime composition.

Yet the weekend had one more treat in store. In a special collaboration between Pro Musica and the DSO, Siirala gave a solo recital for the 79-year-old concert society on Friday evening, in between his orchestral appearances. Performing in the Music Box Recital Hall next door to Orchestra Hall at the MAX, he revealed more intimate facets of his musical personality to Pro Musica's dedicated cadre of music lovers.

What is more, his program encompassed a fascinating array of styles ranging from late classical Beethoven and romantic era Schumann and Janacek, to the cascades of notes and startling, contemporary harmonies of Karol Szymanowski that added richly to the range of musical styles he presented. The weekend became a feast of delectable diversity.

There was rich variety in the orchestral program as well. Opening with Ravel's "La Valse," the maestro gave it a piquant flavor and engaging lilt. He sustained the rhythmic pace, capturing his listeners in the carefree spirit of the popular Viennese dance while gradually intensifying the drama as the mood of Ravel's score began to express ominous notes.

It ends, of course, in a frenzied suggestion of the decay and collapse of the Austrian monarchy in the first World War. Järvi's reading was a superbly relentless interpretation of the concept to give the work the dramatic impact intended, a result not always achieved in other performances.

What a change of mood it was, then, to revert to the elegant Vienna of 100 years earlier with Mozart's poetic concerto. The contrast was emphasized by the tender and sensitive performance of Siirala. He projected the delicate classical filigree of the composer's masterful classical style.

State of the Arts

By
Alex
Suzcek



While much of the work is statement by orchestra and response by piano, there are also beautiful ensemble sections where conductor, pianist and orchestra achieved near perfection in meshing moods and phrases.

Among Siirala's solos, the cadenzas in the first and last movements were unique in the delicacy and grace of his playing.

It was a rare treat to hear Mozart so exquisitely performed and accompanied by conductor and orchestra in such complete sympathy with the soloist's interpretation.

The mood turned exotic after intermission with Ibert's "Ports of Call" evoking images of such mysteries of the East as Hindu snake charmers and sensuous dancers in diaphanous veils dotted with glinting sequins and beads.

The sinuous tones of Don Baker's oboe led in setting

the mood. It became even more exotic and hypnotic as the maestro, true to form, gave Ravel's familiar "Bolero" a driving force with plenty of room for the various instruments of the orchestra to cut loose with their solos. Each repeated the music's famous theme with increasing intensity until the crashing finale.

As the past 15 years have taught us to expect, Järvi's penchant is for a joyous approach to making great music. It was immensely satisfying to be reminded of that once again.

At Siirala's recital, on the other hand, the mood was more introspective, penetrating the soul of the music. It is superfluous to say that his technique is impeccable. That has to be a given for the kind of subtle shading, clarity and insightful expression he brings to his performance.

Moreover, it was a revelation after the delicacy and tenderness of the Mozart concerto we had heard the evening before, to discover the depths of power with which he could produce a big, rich and truly beautiful tone on the piano, enhanced by — but not dependent upon — the outstanding acoustics of the only recently completed recital hall at the MAX.

Delicacy had little to do with the way he produced the rich sonorities and

melodious themes of Leos Janacek's late romantic sonata, yet even his powerful tones were never strident. Passion — sometimes fervent, sometimes tender — glowed in his performance of Schumann's romances.

He was equally eloquent with the contemporary torrents of notes in the three poems by Karol Szymanowski. It was astonishing to recognize that his playing was brilliant and sensitive at the same time. Siirala is truly a connoisseur's pianist.

Yet that was only half the discovery of this remarkable artist's scope. For his second half, he performed three of Beethoven's most interesting sonatas: No. 24, Therese; No. 27, which ends in a perfectly beautiful song-like movement; and No. 26, Les Adieux.

The last one ends with a super-fast tempo indication (vivacissimamente) in which this remarkable young Finnish virtuoso displayed the ultimate capability in the structure of his technique and his sensitive artistry. It was a display of velocity that sacrificed nothing in clarity and power of expression.

One can only reflect on the appropriateness of his having taken first prize in the latest Vienna Beethoven competition. Nor was it lost on members of the audience

who were on their feet shouting "Bravo."

They were rewarded with a sparkling rendition of a deceptively simple little Beethoven sonatina, played as though it were a masterpiece.

Pro Musica's next concert on Friday, Feb. 10, brings one of America's brightest young composers, Aaron Jay Kernis with the Contrasts Quartet (piano, strings and clarinet). Kernis' works will be prefaced by commentary by the composer and a Kernis work will be featured on the symphony program that weekend.

For more about Pro Musica, call (313) 945-9892 or visit www.promusicadetroit.com and inquire about a special discount on tickets for both performances.

At Orchestra Hall this weekend, Maestro Järvi and the DSO offer a program billed as "Nordic Legends." By Grieg, there are selections from "Peer Gynt" and a group of "Lieder for Voice and Orchestra" with soprano Barbara Bonney. By Sibelius, the orchestra will present "Lemminkäinen Suite" with English horn virtuoso Treva Womble to play the famous Swan of Tuonela episode.

For tickets or more information, call (313) 576-5111.

G.P. Chamber Music concert in Crystal Ballroom Nov. 20

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music will present a recital of music for woodwinds, strings and piano at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 20, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Performers will include Robin Leong and Neena Roumel, flutists; Sylvain Bouwman, cellist; Roberta Brown, oboe; Jean Demeulemeester, piano; Gerda Bielitz and Jamie Dabrowski, violinists; Karen Wingert, cellist; and Ellis Rifkin, pianist.

The program will include works by Haydn, Faure and Brahms. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 6 to 15.

An annual membership to GPCM is \$21 and includes admission to all concerts. For more information, call (313) 885-4633.

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association sponsors the series of GPCM concerts throughout the year.

Remaining concerts will be on Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 26, April 30 and May 21.

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I'm determined not to gain weight this holiday season. I refuse to compromise flavor in my efforts.

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Roasted

Sweet Potatoes

1/4 cup chicken or vegetable broth
3 tablespoons olive oil

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 pounds red-skinned sweet potatoes (yams), peeled and cut into 1 inch chunks

10 large shallots, peeled and halved through the root end
4 fresh bay leaves
2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon chopped fresh marjoram
Salt and pepper to taste

8 oz. fresh shiitake mushroom caps, quartered

3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
Preheat oven to 400 degrees and prep the sweet potatoes and shallots for roasting and place them in a large bowl with the bay leaves and 1 tablespoon of the chopped marjoram.

In a small bowl, whisk together the broth with the olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Pour half of the broth mixture over the potatoes and toss. Season with salt and pepper and spread on a rimmed baking sheet that has been coated with nonstick spray. Roast in the oven at 400 degrees for 30 to

À LA ANNIE

By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



35 minutes, tossing occasionally.

Meanwhile, prep the mushroom caps and place in the large bowl with another tablespoon of the chopped marjoram and toss with the remaining broth mixture. Season with salt and pepper.

Add the mushrooms to the baking sheet (after 30 minutes of roasting) and roast for another 30 to 35 minutes, tossing occasionally.

Transfer the roasted veggies to a serving bowl and toss with the remaining 1 teaspoon of marjoram and the fresh chopped parsley.

The fresh marjoram turns the yams from sweet to savory in this side dish that is not only tasty, but is a colorful, appetizing presentation. I used a 3.5-oz. package of shiitake mushrooms with a 6-oz. package of cremini mushrooms to add a little variety. A wild mushroom mix would also do.

Roast your veggies a day in advance and reheat them in a low oven or carefully in the microwave oven. Then toss with remaining marjoram and parsley.

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Women's Bible study sets up enduring relationships

Bonds between God and women grow through weekly sessions

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

More than 100 women gather weekly in Grace Community Church at the corner of Moross and I-94 to build relationships. It's a receptive and inviting atmosphere. Each woman has accepted God into her life, making the Bible study a facilitator of that faith. Without question, every woman understands where she is sitting across from and by are Christian. They feel immediately at ease and free to share, knowing the listeners will not judge.

They have chosen to take two hours once a week to strengthen their understanding of the Bible and God and build a relationship with other women. The alliances built during either the Tuesday morning or Wednesday evening sessions are new and some are old. Some women have been coming for 15 years and others for a few months in sessions that run from September through May.

"So many women are looking for a place to belong, to

be accepted, with no pretense. They talk about struggles, marriage, older parents, wayward children," said Meg Kempton, one of two leaders. "Here women learn about God, have support, though we are not a support group, and count on encouragement from other women."

And women agree with Kempton's assessment using words of how they feel such as "encouraged," "renewed," "supported," "happy," "loved," "blessed," "uplifted," and "accepted."

While each woman has come from a different background and different religious upbringing and are at different stages in their lives, they come to facilitate their relationship with God through one of three tracks.

An intense 11-week session (which began Nov. 8) entitled "The Patriarch, Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" involves a round-table discussion of the previous week's lesson before a 55-minute video. Prior to the following Tuesday, they will have completed a minimum of 90 minutes of homework. It explores God's pursuit of relationship with man, and His plan to bless all people.

Two in this class are enthused about what they

are learning because of how it relates to today.

"It's about Iraq," said Tawn Otrhalek of Grosse Pointe Shores, who has been attending this portion of the Bible study for five years. "We look at the Old and the New Testament. God's word is living and pertains to what is going on," she said.

Denise Andris of Grosse Pointe Park notes that through this study she will learn how both of Abraham's sons were the fathers of two religions — Christianity and Islam. "The area we are studying is all about what is happening today. It's about Iraq."

The second track offers a study requiring about half an hour of homework five days a week. Entitled "What Happens when Women Walk in Faith," Stacy Gekiere anticipates that her continued education of the Bible will also help her grow in her walk with God.

Table mate Mary Chaney has found from her attendance in the Bible study sessions that being a Christian means "I can trust God no matter what."

The third track is for a small group of up to 10 women. For five weeks, women bring a Bible and a notebook and explore meth-

ods of studying the Bible.

Kempton notes that the three offerings have something for the beginning student and for the scholar; the Bible study can address a woman of faith who has known God for a few months or for decades.

"This is a safe environment where you can

translation, and if able, buy the study guides. Book scholarships are available. For the new mothers, Tuesday Morning Children's Program is available for children, infant to 6-year-olds.

"We have an open door policy," she said. New participants are welcome at any time.

Kempton has no formal spiritual training but has been the leader for seven years. When she left her position in General Motors public relations to become a stay-at-home mom, she found her personal relationship with God and became involved with the Bible study. Through a mentoring program, Kempton learned how to become a facilitator and how to choose the curriculum.

What lessons have been covered in the past, she said, play a part in what is chosen for future lessons, but they always retain Christian integrity. "It must line up with the word of God," she said.

"This anchors us," said Cathy Bergman of Grosse Pointe Woods. "In stormy times, this is our anchor."

For more information, call Grace Community Church at (313) 882-3000. The church is located at 21001 Moross Road, Detroit. Tuesday morning sessions run from 9 to 11.



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relationship with Jesus Christ, and one another," she said.

Noel Ludo of Harper Woods, who has been in the group for only a few months, would normally shy away from an all-female group because she feels women are "nitpicky." But "these ladies are wonderful. I like these women. They pray for different things."

Chrissy Minotke attributes the women's behavior to being "sisters in the Lord. We stay in the word. The most important is thing setting a good example to Christ."

Background

The only requirement to attend the Bible study is to be female. And they come and have been coming for more than 15 years from as close as a half mile to as far away as 10 miles. They are members of Grace. There are Catholics, Lutherans and Baptists. Advertisement is accomplished through a data base and word of mouth. Participants can bring their own Bibles, no matter the



Photo by Ann L. Fouty

During the first session of the Women's Bible study held at Grace Community Church, the eight women at each table get to know each other through photographs of their family. All at different stages in their lives, the women are Christian, and they say that's the most important common thread.

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Fox Creek Questers celebrate 40 years

Fox Creek Chapter No. 216 of Questers recently celebrated its 40th anniversary at an exhibit of members' collections at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Questers is an international organization with headquarters in Philadelphia. The purpose of Questers is to study, preserve and educate about

antiques and to raise funds for the preservation and restoration of existing memorials, historic buildings and landmarks. There are seven chapters

of Questers in the Grosse Pointes.

The Fox Creek chapter was chartered by Lillian Pear in 1965. At the time, she was the first vice president of the international organization.

Today's Fox Creek membership includes two charter members, Helen Priest of the City of Grosse Pointe, and Rita Brennan of Grosse Pointe Shores. Brennan served as president of the international organization from 1986-88.



Committee members who planned the 40th anniversary celebration of the Fox Creek Questers are, from left, Doris Adler, Marlene Harle and Virginia Durand, chairman.

Meetings

G.P. Audubon

Grosse Pointe Audubon will present "The Art of Audubon" at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21, in the Community Room of the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods.

University of Michigan art professor Sherri Smith will discuss how John James Audubon changed both art and science through his paintings of the birds of America.

The event is free and the community is invited. For more, call (313) 885-6502.

Parkinson's support group

Dr. James Voci of the Michigan Neurology Associates will give an informative talk about Parkinson's disease at a meeting of the Eastside Parkinson's Support Group on Thursday, Nov. 17. The Support Group meets from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale, in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Republican Club

The Rev. Keith Butler spoke to the Eastside Republican Club Forum held recently at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Butler is a candidate for the United States Senate. Butler is shown with Marti Miller, chairman of the ERC, at the left; and Jim Miller, treasurer of the ERC, in the center.

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South sets five pool records in winning MAC Red swim title

Grosse Pointe South's girls swimming team brought home the Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship from Romeo but the Blue Devils also left some things behind.

South's swimmers, coached by Todd Briggs, Kim Truza and Eric Gunderson, left behind five Romeo pool records as they dominated the meet with 395 points to 254 for runner-up Grosse Pointe North.

Fraser was third with 195 points, edging Romeo by a single point. L'Anse Creuse was fifth with 150 points.

South's 200-yard medley relay team of Sarah Jenzen, Jennifer Dunaway, Stephanie Johnson and Kim Grady opened the meet with a first place and a pool record of 1:55.81.

The Blue Devils' other two relay teams also set pool records. The 200 freestyle team of Leeann Mocer,

Johnson, Kendall Effinger and Grady won in 1:45.34, while the first place time for the 400 freestyle team of Mocer, Johnson, Kate Muelle and Effinger was 3:52.41.

Johnson swam a pool record time of 1:01.71 to win the 100 butterfly, touching ahead of teammates Effinger, Zoe Berkery and Amanda Palffy in the championship heat.

South's second-strongest

event was the 100 breaststroke, which resulted in a pool record win for Dunaway (1:10.89). Melissa Oddo was second and freshman Michelle Champagne was sixth. Another South freshman, Kathryn Carey, won the consolation heat.

North's outstanding freshman sprinter, Jenny Rusch, won the 50 and 100 freestyle races in pool-record times. Her 25.35 in the 50 erased the old mark set by South's Molly O'Loughlin in 2002. Her record time in the 100 was 56.62.

South's Grady was second in both sprints, while Mocer touched third in the 100 and fourth in the 50. South's Becca Scholtes was sixth in the 50 and Muelle won the consolation heat of the 100 freestyle.

L'Anse Creuse's Maria Johnston easily won the 200 individual medley. North's Lauren Hanna was second and South's Jenzen, Carly Czajka and Effinger collected third-, fifth- and sixth-place medals, respectively.

Johnston nipped Fraser's Kaitlin Weeks in the 100 backstroke, with Jenzen taking third in a season-best performance.

Fraser's Marie Stuve was swimmer of the meet after winning the 200 and 500 freestyle races. North's Juliana Schmidt was a strong second in each of the distance races, finishing well ahead of the third-place swimmers in each event.

South's divers, coached by Tom Mulhern, made an excellent showing. Olivia Vandenbussche was second, one place ahead of teammate Regan Wedenoja.

Freshman Hayley Satterlund rounded out the top 10.

Several North swimmers, including Rusch in the 50 freestyle, posted season-best times at the MAC Red meet.

Others were Martha Everett, Lindsey Rader and Alexis John, 50 freestyle; Samantha Obell, 100 freestyle; Michelle Carolan and Erin Thorton, 100 backstroke; Courtney Kohler and Jesse Stevens, 100 breaststroke; and Heather Poole and Neely Sullivan, 100 butterfly.

Following are the winners of each event and the North and South swimmers who placed:

200 medley relay: 1, Grosse Pointe South (Sarah Jenzen, Jennifer Dunaway, Stephanie Johnson, Kim Grady), 1:55.81. 3, Grosse Pointe North (Michelle Carolan, Lauren Hanna, Lauren Nixon, Martha Everett), 2:03.13.

200 freestyle: 1, Marie Stuve, Fraser, 1:58.23 (state cut). 2, Juliana Schmidt, North, 2:04.57. 4, Morgan Laney, South, 2:09.54. 6, Sarah Auk, South, 2:15.07. 7, Caitlin Mathews, North, 2:12.12. 8, Michelle Martinelli, South, 2:12.21. 10, Julianna Zarb, North, 2:12.71. 11, Dana Grimm, North, 2:13.90. 12, Kathryn Carey, South, 2:15.19.

200 individual medley: 1, Maria Johnston, L'Anse Creuse, 2:19.41. 2, Lauren Hanna, North, 2:23.65. 3, Sarah Jenzen, South, 2:23.77. 5, Carly Czajka, South, 2:25.78. 6, Kendall Effinger, South, 2:26.11. 7, Sarah Cullen, North,

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Grosse Pointe South's girls swimming team celebrates its championship at the Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet. In front, from left, are Kim Grady, Morgan Laney, Stephanie Vella, Carly Czajka, Kim Stevens, Stephanie Johnson, Leeann Mocer and Alex Henning. In the second row, from left, are Jackie Stevens, Zoe Berkery, Michelle Martinelli, Sarah Jenzen, Kathryn Hoffmann, Michelle Champagne, Kendall Effinger, Jeanne Frisby-Zedan, Molly Berg and Emma Baker. In the third row, from left, are Sarah Auk, Katy Strek, Jen Dunaway, Kathryn Carey, Melissa Oddo, Sarah Gregory and Kelsey Stanton. In back, from left, are coaches Eric Gunderson, Todd Briggs and Kim Truza and Libbey Roach.



Photo by Bob Bruce

South's Molly Berg swims the breaststroke leg of the 200-yard individual medley.

North coasts; South nipped in state basketball tourney openers

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

It was a new season but a familiar story for Grosse Pointe South's girls basketball team.

Shooting woes and turnovers plagued the Blue Devils in their Class A state district tournament opener Monday as they lost 38-36 to Detroit Southeastern.

In the other half of the first-round doubleheader, host Grosse Pointe North had little trouble disposing of Roseville, 60-19.

"It was the same old thing — too many missed shots," said South coach Peggy Van Eckoute. "The kids played hard and we had a chance to win, but we've had trouble finishing all year."

Many of the Blue Devils' missed shots came from the paint area, and several of them were in transition as South forced Southeastern into several turnovers of its own.

South led for most of the game. The Jungaleers didn't take their first lead of the contest until Keyandra Linebarger made a steal and went in for a layup to put Southeastern ahead 35-33 with 3:43 remaining.

After a free throw by Chasidy Harrell gave the Jungaleers a three-point advantage, South's Julie Zaranek made it 36-35 with 2:25 to go. Another free throw by Harrell boosted Southeastern's lead back to two, but Zaranek countered

with a free throw of her own with 18.3 seconds left.

South was forced to foul and Linebarger made one of two free throws with 16.6 seconds remaining. The Blue Devils failed to get a shot away on their final possession.

South led 7-5 after the first quarter, but Southeastern got baskets from Harrell and Linebarger in the final minute of the second quarter to pull into a 21-all halftime tie.

The Blue Devils jumped ahead quickly at the start of the second half on baskets by Kara Trowell and Sara Crandall and South took a 29-28 lead into the fourth

quarter.

Trowell led the Blue Devils with 11 points. She also had five rebounds and six steals. Zaranek finished with nine points and 10 rebounds. Katie Petz had seven assists.

Linebarger led Southeastern with nine points and Bianca Blalock finished with eight points and seven rebounds.

Southeastern took an 11-6 record into its district semifinal game against Detroit Public School League rival Finney.

South finished 4-17.

Things figured to get a lot tougher for North in its semifinal when the Norsemen had to play

Detroit Denby.

"It never seems like we can just skate through the district," said North coach Gary Bennett. "We always have to play at least one tough team. Sometimes it's South. Regina used to be in our district. This year Denby is very good."

The Norsemen did have an easy time with Roseville. North's tenacious defense forced the Panthers into 18 first-quarter turnovers and the Norsemen built a 19-1 lead before Roseville scored the final two points of the opening period.

North led 32-8 at halftime and even though the North starters played less than half the game, the Norsemen led by 41 points

early in the fourth quarter.

"We played OK," Bennett said. "But we'll have to play a lot better against Denby."

Caitlin Bennett led North with 15 points and Andrea Bedway added 10. Bennett and Bedway combined for 13 of the Norsemen's 19 points in the first quarter.

Carrie Kaufmann came off the bench to score nine points. Jasmine Kennedy also had a solid performance off the bench with six points and a team-high eight rebounds.

Kelly Defauw had five steals and three assists and Olivia Stander collected four steals and three assists.

North took a 15-6 record into its game with Denby. Roseville finished 4-17.

Norsemen finish in a tie for first in MAC Red basketball race

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls basketball team might have a chip on their shoulders going into the state tournament this week.

The Norsemen lost two of their last three regular season games and had to settle for a share of the Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship.

In fact, North had to win its final game of the MAC Red season against Port Huron Northern to finish in a first-place tie with Fraser.

"I like the kids and the job they've done all season, but we've just hit a bad spell right now," said coach Gary Bennett.

North's 62-34 victory over PHN didn't even make Bennett feel good about the way the Norsemen played.

"We led all the way, but it wasn't a vintage North game," Bennett said. "I guess the best thing about it was that everyone got a chance to play."

Bennett was pleased with the performance of senior guard Kelly Rusko in her final MAC Red contest.

Rusko collected 14 points, six steals, four assists and five rebounds.

"That was one of her better games," Bennett said. "She was a major factor in our winning the game."

Kelly Defauw, who was scoreless and took only one shot in North's 41-39 loss to Stevenson earlier in the week, bounced back strong with 18 points and five

steals.

Andrea Bedway scored eight points and Carrie Kaufmann added six for the Norsemen. Christine Klein pulled down six rebounds.

The loss to Stevenson was a stunning setback because the Norsemen beat the Titans by 33 points when they met earlier this season.

North's shooting was off. The Norsemen shot 33 per-

cent from the field, far from North's season average of 46 percent.

North took 51 shots to Stevenson's 35 and the Norsemen had only six turnovers while the Titans gave the ball away 18 times.

"We didn't get the stops when we needed them," Bennett said. "But we still could have won — and we usually do find a way to win games like that."

"The whole night we just couldn't seem to pull away."

North held an 11-5 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Norsemen ended the quarter on a 9-2 run with Klein and Bedway combining for all nine points.

Stevenson battled back in the second quarter and closed to 19-18 at halftime.

North scored the first eight points of the second half to open its biggest lead of the game, 27-18, but by the end of the quarter, the Titans had closed the gap again to 29-26.

A 7-0 spurt midway through the fourth quarter put Stevenson ahead for the first time since early in the first quarter. Molly Dwyer,

who signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Western Michigan University, triggered the run with a three-point play.

She also scored on a layup and Erica Miller capped the surge with a putback basket.

Stevenson led 38-32 with 2:05 to play but Caitlin Bennett hit two jump shots — one a three-pointer — to cut the lead to 39-37 with 1:09 left.

After a missed free throw by the Titans, Bedway, who led all scorers with 22 points, hit a pair of free throws with 27.1 seconds to play to tie the game at 39-

South bows to Pioneer in field hockey final

Grosse Pointe South's field hockey team made a second straight trip to the state finals, but the ending wasn't as happy as it was a year ago.

Ann Arbor Pioneer handed the Blue Devils their second defeat of the season 3-0 in the championship game.

Pioneer opened the scor-

ing late in the first half after it successfully defended a barrage of attacks by the South forwards.

Margi Scholtes continued to set up several scoring opportunities for the Blue Devils but the first half ended with the Pioneers

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Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

North's Kelly Rusko, right, battles Port Huron Northern's Abby Schlaegel for a loose ball.

South beats Anchor Bay in final MAC White contest



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
Ford II's players Emily Joseph (10) and Kelsey Paczak are heeding coach Matt Joseph's command to play hands-up defense against Grosse Pointe South's Mackenzie Whims.

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

This has been a rough season in terms of victories for Grosse Pointe South's girls basketball team, but coach Peggy Van Eckoute has no complaints about the Blue Devils' work habits.

"I'm very pleased with the way we've played during the second half of the league season," Van Eckoute said after South closed out the regular season with a 50-26 victory over Anchor Bay.

"I can see the improvement. The kids have worked hard. It's easy to give up when things aren't going well, and it's harder to keep working to improve. These kids have never stopped working. That's why I'm so glad to see them end with a victory."

The win over the Tars was a consistent effort by the Blue Devils, who scored 14 points in the first quarter and 12 in each of the next three.

South led 26-15 at half-time.

Julie Zaranek had an outstanding game with a career-high 24 points. She also collected seven rebounds and three steals.

"The ball was going inside a lot and Julie was converting," Van Eckoute said.

Kara Trowell had eight points, four assists and two steals. Sara Crandall finished with seven points, while Emma Tocco handed

out six assists and Katie Petz grabbed seven rebounds.

Earlier, South played a solid game but lost 39-31 to Utica Ford II.

The Falcons led by eight points at halftime, but pulled away in the third quarter to go ahead 35-17.

"We had a bad third quarter again, but we played a strong fourth quarter and held (Ford) to only four points," Van Eckoute said.

"Turnovers are what killed us. We had been cutting down on them, but in this game we had 25."

Zaranek led South with 10 points and she and Crandall each had seven rebounds. Trowell finished with six points, four steals and three assists.

South finished 2-10 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 4-16 overall.

North runner makes all-state

Grosse Pointe North's Betsy Graney got faster, but so did the rest of the field at the state Division I girls cross country championships.

Graney finished 25th to earn all-state honors for the second straight season.

The North junior was 13th last year, but her time this season was 23 seconds faster.

"Next year we are hoping for three in a row and perhaps a top 10 finish," said North coach Scott Cooper.

As a team, the Norsemen finished 24th.

Following Graney were Sarah Gryniwicz, Cara Miserendino, Hannah Clor, Angela Lee, Melissa

Ciaravino and Quinn Wulf. "Angela Lee ran a PR (personal record), which is what we want in the final race," Cooper said. "The other girls were all very close to PR's. Many of them ran their second-best time of the season."

"This was frustrating because we did run well and

had a great group of nine girls at the final race (Jennie Brescoll and Alex Filippelli were alternates), and yet we only moved up in the standings by one place. We ran about a minute better on average than last year."

Gryniwicz was about 15 seconds off her PR, while Clor and Miserendino ran together and were less than 10 seconds off their best times.

Lee made the final race of her career the fastest, while Ciaravino was only seconds off her best time.

"This was most likely the finest race of her career," Cooper said of Ciaravino. "She was focused and made her final race a great one."

The best part was at the end when she was walking through the finish chute. She went back to help a teammate through the chute. It was Melissa's final act as a team leader and nurturer.

"Quinn Wulf held her own and gained some great experience for the next two years. I was disappointed coming home, not in the runners but for the runners. They worked hard and ran great races but their efforts fell short of their top 20 finish goal."



Photo by Bob Bruce

North's Betsy Graney won the regional and finished 25th in the state cross country meet.

Rowers win gold in Philadelphia

The Detroit Boat Club's varsity boys and girls brought home gold medals from the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta in Philadelphia.

The women's scholastic eight finished first in a fleet of 83 boats with a time of 14:06.64.

Rowers were coxswain Margaret Deinek, Caroline Sweeny, Lauren Shook, Olivia Knodt, Kristen Rosteck, Brook Largay, Megan Peters, Taylor Dodson and Mckenzie Largay.

The men's scholastic four was first among 48 boats with a time of 14:02.09. Chris Cullen, Rob Bashara,

Hunter Freeman, Eric Jorgenson and coxswain Dan Cyr made up the crew.

DBC's Jason Koch was first in the men's scholastic singles with a winning time of 16:24.11. Twenty-one boats were in the fleet, including teammate Alexi Dodson Dachyshyn, who was eighth in 17:05.50.

The varsity girls also raced in the women's varsity fours and finished 18th with a crew of coxswain Emma Peck, Laura Kovack, Whitney Couzens, Kathryn Switalski and Clare Hubbard. Placing 20th in the same event was the boat of coxswain Kelsea Hartung, Chrissy Turner, Clara

Barriere, Jessica Bartel and Molly Brown.

The men's varsity raced two boats in the men's scholastic eights. Crew members were coxswain Alex Duncan, Duncan Neuchterline, John Silva, Andrew Kastner, A.J. Domz, Jeff Johnston, John McCutcheon, Joe Adams and Charlie Sullivan on one boat and coxswain Mark Heide, Brett Torgler, Tim Craig, Aaron Hynes, John Farr, Chris Steiler, John Austin, Thomas Janiak and Andrew Snella on the other.

The Detroit Boat Club team is sponsored by Friends of Detroit Rowing.



The Detroit Boat Club's varsity crews made a strong showing at the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta. In front, from left, are Taylor Dodson, Olivia Knodt, Megan Peters, Lauren Shook and Caroline Sweeny. In back, from left, are Brooke Largay, Kristen Rosteck, Margaret Deinek, Mackenzie Largay, Dan Cyr, Chris Cullen, Eric Jorgenson, Hunter Freeman, Rob Bashara and Jason Koch.

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2:27.86. 8, Heather Poole, North, 2:35.27. 12, Mollie Berg, South, 2:38.61.

50 freestyle: 1, Jenny Rusch, North, 25:35 (state cut). 2, Kim Grady, South, 26:09. 4, Leeann Mocer, South, 26:18. 6, Becca Scholtes, South, 27:07. 7, Martha Everett, North, 27:58. 8, Lindsay Rader, North, 27:34. 9, Kate Muelle, South, 27:37.

One-meter diving: 1, Melissa VanAssche, L'Anse Creuse, 308.35 points. 2, Olivia Vandembussche, South, 281.95. 3, Regan Wedonoja, South, 277.85. 10, Hayley Satterlund, South, 228.00.

100 butterfly: 1, Stephanie Johnson, South, 1:01.71 (state cut). 2, Kendall Effinger, South, 1:04.01. 3, Sarah Cullen, North, 1:06.37. 5, Zoe Berkery, South, 1:06.71. 6, Amanda Palfy, South, 1:07.76. 7, Heather Poole, North, 1:08.92. 9, Neely Sullivan, North, 1:13.45.

100 freestyle: 1, Jenny Rusch, North, 56.62. 2, Kim Grady, South, 56.64. 3, Leeann Mocer, South, 57.68. 7, Kate Muelle, South, 58.83. 8, Caitlin Mathews, North, 59.64. 9, Lauren Nixon, North, 1:00.41. 10, Samantha Obell, North, 1:00.74. 12, Katy Strek, South, 1:01.61.

500 freestyle: 1, Marie Stuve, Fraser, 5:15.15 (state cut). 2, Juliana Schmidt, North, 5:21.34 (state cut). 3, Morgan Lane, South, 5:49.02. 4, Julianna Zarb, North, 5:55.85. 5, Megan Moore, North, 5:58.58. 6, Sarah Auk, South, 6:01.91. 8, Dana Grimm, North, 6:03.24. 10, Alex Henning, South, 6:12.55. 11, Kathryn Hoffman, South, 6:18.35.

200 freestyle relay: 1, Grosse Pointe South (Leeann Mocer, Stephanie Johnson, Kendall Effinger, Kim Grady), 1:45.34. 2, Grosse Pointe North (Jenny Rusch, Martha Everett, Sarah Cullen, Juliana Schmidt), 1:45.59.

100 backstroke: 1, Maria Johnston, L'Anse Creuse, 1:04.44. 3, Sarah Jenzen, South, 1:06.36. 6, Michelle Carolan, North, 1:09.74. 7, Zoe Berkery, South, 1:09.64. 8, Libby Roach, South, 1:11.88. 9, Erin Thornton, North, 1:12.25. 10, Ellie Vigliotti, North, 1:13.53.

100 breaststroke: 1, Jennifer Dunaway, South, 1:10.89 (state cut). 2, Melissa Oddo, South, 1:11.55 (state cut). 4, Lauren Hanna, North, 1:13.90. 6, Michelle Champagne, South, 1:17.27. 7, Kathryn Carey, South, 1:16.96. 8, Courtney Kohler, North, 1:18.96. 9, Jesse Stevens, North, 1:20.27.

400 freestyle relay: 1, Grosse Pointe South (Leeann Mocer, Stephanie Johnson, Kate Muelle, Kendall Effinger), 3:52.41.

Local shooter gets second

Lauren Sullivan, a senior at Grosse Pointe South who is dual enrolled at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, competed for U-M at the Boilermaker Invitational rifle tournament at Purdue University.

Sullivan finished second in air rifle with a score of 581 out of a possible 600 points.

Her score tied that of Ohio State All-American Ryan Kohatsu but Sullivan was awarded second place on the basis of 35 center shots to Kohatsu's 32.

Michigan's Marybeth Brewer won the event with a 583 and 31 centers.

Future bright for ULS

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

The future looks bright for the field hockey team at University Liggett School.

"We had only four seniors and four juniors, but 12 sophomores and nine freshman," said coach Tamara Fobare, who guided the Knights to a 6-9-1 record this season.

"We improved a lot as the season went on. Our passing improved and so did our

South

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leading 1-0.

Pioneer, which lost to South in last year's final, added two more goals in the second half.

South reached the final game with a 4-0 semifinal victory against Detroit Country Day.

Ali Morawski scored twice in the first half to give the Blue Devils a commanding lead at the midway point.

Kelly Hughes made it 3-0 with a slap shot from the top of the scoring circle into the lower left corner of the net.

With 6:26 remaining in the match, Elizabeth Alber completed the scoring. Morawski set up the play. She carried the ball down the left side of the field and backhanded it into the goal crease where Alber picked it out of midair and deflected it past the Yellowjackets' goalie.

There were three consecutive penalty corners called against South, but Country Day was unable to spoil the shutout by Blue Devils goalie Jenna Lankford.

In four years, South coach Monica Dennis has brought the field hockey program from infancy to two straight appearances in the state championship game.

Although the Blue Devils will lose seniors like co-captains Morawski and Scholtes, the school has a strong junior varsity team and several underclassmen who are ready to move into more prominent roles.

transition game."

While ULS won't lose a lot of players through graduation, two that will graduate will be difficult to replace.

Goalie Krista Murray made 123 saves, including 26 in a 1-0 loss to Ottawa Hills (Ohio).

"Krista was the backbone of our defense," Fobare said. "She was a solid player and a vocal leader."

Sweeper Erin Fleck is another senior who played a key role on the team.

"Erin worked well with Krista in preventing breakaways by the opposition," Fobare said.

A pair of key juniors were midfielder Elizabeth Palmer and left halfback Demitra Leheta.

"Elizabeth did a good job of getting the ball from the defense to the attack," Fobare said.

Leheta also did a fine job of helping get the ball out of the Knights' defensive end.

Sophomore right wing Rachel Goldberg used her speed to get the ball downfield. She had three assists. Another sophomore, Luisa Myavac, played the other midfield position, and showed fine passing skills.

ULS was led in scoring by Julie Stockmann.

Among the season highlights for the Knights were a come-from-behind 3-1 victory over Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart.

"We were down 1-0 at halftime, even though we outplayed them, but we had a strong second half and scored three goals," Fobare said.

"Last year when we played Ottawa Hills we lost 7-1 but this year it was only 1-0, so that was a morale boost for the girls."

ULS also had victories against Cranbrook Kingswood, Farmington Hills Mercy, Dearborn and Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Murray and Palmer both made the Division II all-state first team, while Goldberg received honorable mention.

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U17 & U18	November 20th	4:30 - 6:00 PM	Sandbaggers	U17-Will Beierwaltes 313-331-3072 U18-Tom Corsentino 313-882-1383

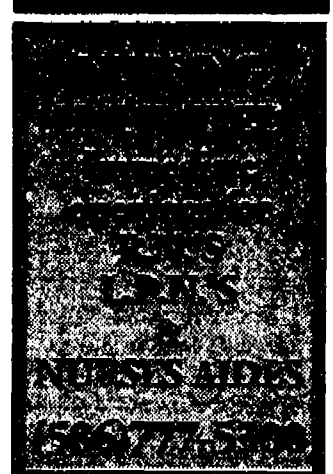
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Fri., Nov. 18th 9:00am to 3:00pm

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HUGE SALE in a meticulously cared-for home, a "must stop" for holiday entertaining and gifts.

Furniture includes: plaid Heritage sofa, down sofa and love seat in earth tones, 2 down custom chairs, 2 peach slipper chairs, 2 peach striped chairs with an ottoman.

HARD GOODS INCLUDE: Thomasville 5 piece pecan lighted entertainment wall unit with curio sides with matching glass top, built-in walnut/ glass square cocktail table with matching side and sofa tables, Oriental burnt-red crackled finish curio cabinet by American Martinsville, mirrored credenza with matching mirror, brass/ mirror curio server, large round glass/ white washed oak rattan table with 6 chairs, Bakers rack, brass floor lamp with glass table, small wood/ glass curio credenza, glass/ walnut coffee table. Also included is a like new king Adjusta-Magic bed, Thomasville king headboard, dresser and night stand in white wash oak.

DECORATIVE ITEMS INCLUDE: Lenox stemware, serving pieces and decorative, Waterford includes inkwell, vases, decanters, baskets & ornaments. Assorted Lladro, Waterford, Orrefors and Limoges, stemware, bar ware, boxed serving platters galore, framed art work including Hibel prints, framed silk panels, Oriental, vintage jewelry.

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ESTATE sale by Above

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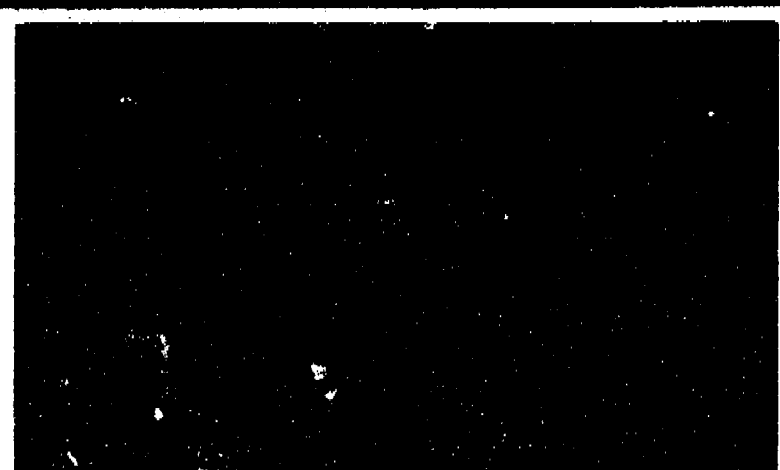
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Prepare the guest room for the holidays

Q. I cleaned my guest room and bath the last time it was used, but that was six months ago. What do I need to do to prepare them for the holidays?

— B.R., via e-mail.

A. The leaves have fallen; the air has turned crisp, and pretty soon a thankful Jimmy Stewart will flood the airways. The holidays are right around the corner, and for many people this means overnight guests. It may seem a bit early but now is the perfect time to revive your spare rooms.

When a room is cleaned and then shut off, you only need to freshen up a few things as opposed to doing another deep cleaning.

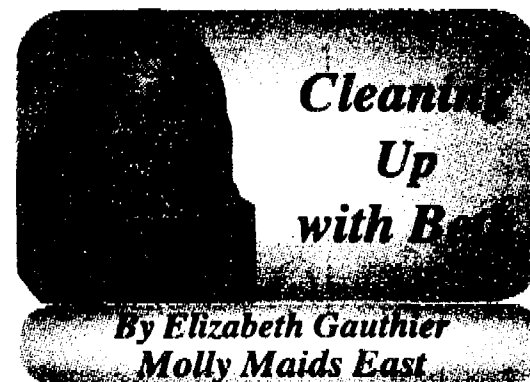
The bedroom

Any room will develop a stale smell when left dormant for an extended period of time. So before the harsh winter breeze sets in, open the windows and let some fresh air circulate.

Even if no one has slept in it, strip the bed completely including the mattress pad. Put on fresh sheets and wash the blankets and comforter; use a perfume and dye-free detergent just in case anyone has sensitive skin. Check the pillows by putting your head on them as if you are sleeping. If they have lost their fluff or have an odor, they need to be changed. Consider getting pillow protectors; they zip around the pillow and can be washed easily between guests.

The bathroom

Since the bathroom hasn't been used, only the toilet requires recleaning, while everything else just needs a good polish. Wipe down the tile with window cleaner and a soft cloth; this will get off any dust and leave behind a nice shine. Do a quick inspection of the shower curtain liner; if it looks bad change it. Although no one will object to using your half empty shampoo and body wash, it's a nice gesture to give guests their own toiletries. Purchase a small shampoo and conditioner along with a body wash and a sponge or puff. Be sure to leave them in the bedroom so they know they're intend-



ed for their use. Put on a new roll of toilet paper and lay out a fresh set of towels. Lastly, take a moment and run the water: The first water out of unused faucets is often discolored, not something you want on your toothbrush.

Don't forget the little ones: Not all children enjoy being away from home, and some find it particularly hard during the holidays. So take a moment and make their room child friendly. Place a night light in the bathroom, and leave one on the nightstand; mom or dad can decide whether to use it or not. A teddy bear or stuffed animal left on the bed can make an unfamiliar place seem more like home.

Unlike regular company, overnight guests require a little more preparation than just cleaning. By having their rooms ready ahead of time you can eliminate much of your stress and enjoy the fun activities the season brings.

Elizabeth Gauthier is president of Molly Maids East.

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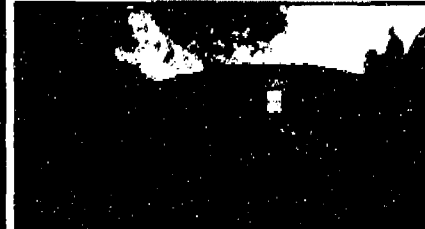
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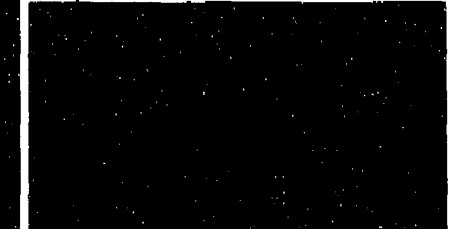
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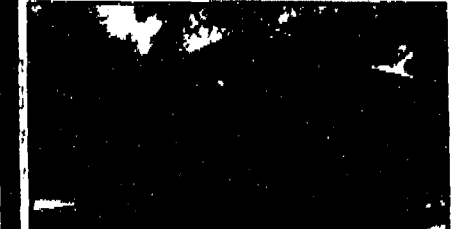
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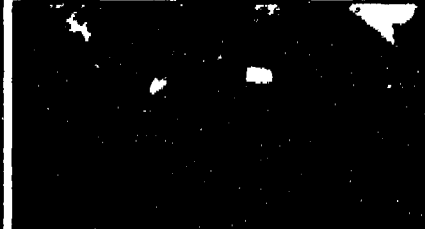
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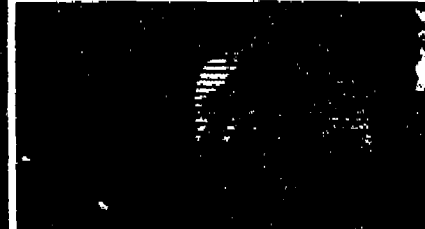
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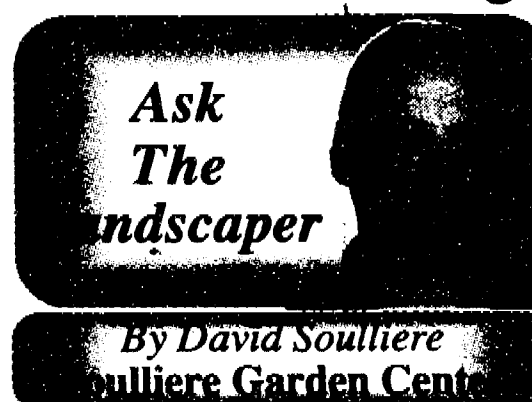
Here is my landscape to do list so your yard is prepared for winter.

1. Start a compost pile. Now is the perfect time to start composting. Leaves, grass, weeds, vegetables and annuals can be recycled into valuable compost instead of being bagged and hauled away. A simple pile behind the garage can be your compost site. For those people who like things looking more orderly, there are plastic containers or wire bins made for composting.

Composting is not hard, and it does not create bad smells or become a nuisance. Add material to your pile in layers of about 3 inches. Spread a layer of soil or compost between the layers of fresh materials. Your pile will compost faster if there is just enough moisture to keep it damp; then, every three to four weeks, turn the material. You could have some beneficial compost by late spring for next year's garden.

2. Put the lawn to bed. Don't put the lawn mower away if the lawn is still growing. Michigan weather can be crazy, as we have seen this year. The grass should be cut between 1 inch to 2 inches in order to avoid winter lawn diseases. By cutting it shorter you will be increasing the airflow between the grass blades. Clean up any of those late-falling leaves and blowing debris too. Automatic sprinkler systems need to be winterized to prevent freeze damage. Turn off the water supply and then blow out the water lines with compressed air.

3. Prep your perennials. Remove



any weeds and trim back most of the perennials to 3 to 4 inches. There are a few plants, like grasses, that look nice against the winter snow. You may want to leave these plants standing. If you don't have shrubs planted with your perennials, you may want to add some winter interest in your garden next year. I leave the purple coneflowers in my yard standing because they attract finches that eat seed heads all winter. A layer of mulch such as shredded bark, cocoa shell or peat moss will protect your plants from winter injury. Water the plants once a week if we do not get any rainfall.

4. Care for the tender shrubs before winter. Holly, azaleas, rhododendron, boxwood and Alberta spruce are some of the plants that would benefit from a layer of mulch around the plant. Mulching your plants helps keep the ground frozen during the winter. It is the freeze-thaw-freeze cycles that do injury to these plants. Trim off any broken branches you may find on the plants. Broken branches on the deciduous shrubs will be a lot easier to find this time of year.

Cleaning out the beds of fallen

leaves will help reduce the spread of diseases next year. Spray tender plants with Wilt Pruf to reduce moisture loss during the winter. Many evergreens, like rhododendrons and Alberta spruce, lose a lot of moisture from their leaves or needles when exposed to the sun during the winter. This occurs when the sun warms the plant during the day, and then it quickly gets cold at night. Wilt Pruf coats the plant leaves, reducing the moisture loss during the day. You may want to put up a burlap barrier for plants severely exposed to wind and sun.

5. Set up your bird-feeding stations for winter. It's fun to watch our feathered friends during the winter. Now is the time to clean out any dirty bird feeders or replace the broken ones with new. If you want to attract specific species of birds, there are special feeders made just for certain

birds. Cardinals, for example, do not like to feed off a swinging bird feeder. Buying the better quality seed without a lot of milo or cracked corn will reduce the mess around your feeder as well as attract more species of birds. Don't forget the suet feeder and suet too.

Water in your garden attracts many birds. There are birdbath heaters available for your bath or small ponds. If you have open water during the winter, you will attract wildlife during the winter.

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Holiday care for your pets

As you get your home ready for the holidays, take a moment to consider safety issues for your pets with these tips:

- Use caution in giving pets as gifts. Responsible pet-giving involves adult commitment to the pet's overall health and well-being. Don't leave responsibility for the pet's care solely up to children; you must be prepared to nurture it with the best your household has to offer.

- No holiday chocolate for pets. For pets, chocolate is a tasty toxin that causes serious health problems.

- Be careful festooning your pets with bows. Much preferred are snap-away collars, which detach under pressure greater than that

exerted by a straining dog on a leash and are available in holiday colors at upscale pet stores. If you can't resist the idea of putting antlers on your Great Dane or a Santa hat on your guinea pig, do it quickly, take a snapshot for the holiday card, and take off the top-per right away.

- Use pet-friendly trimmings. Some cats will ignore the holiday tree, while others will treat it like their own gift from Santa. To find out which variety you have, bring in the tree a day before you decorate it. Should a feline approach it with playful intent, slip four or five pennies inside an empty soft drink can and shake it. The noise is likely to startle the cat, and it should get the message: Paws off.

- Feed your pet before the feasting begins to prevent overfeeding and begging. To combat begging, consistency is the key. If you are consistent about both the amount of pet food you give your pet and when you give it, you'll greatly lessen the chances that it will beg or scavenge for food. Another tip is to feed your animal pet food, not people food.

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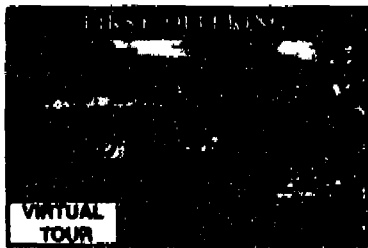
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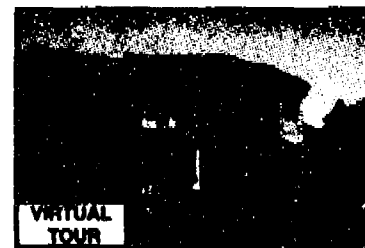
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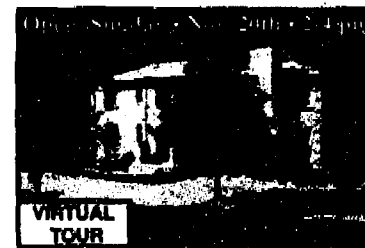
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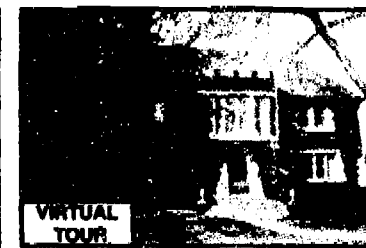
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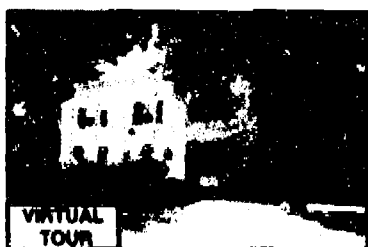
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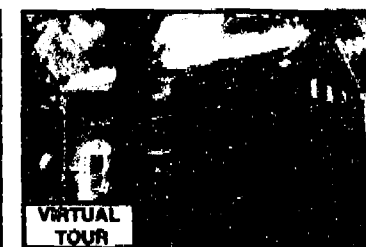
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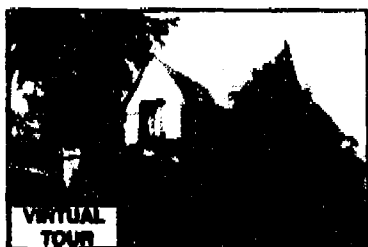
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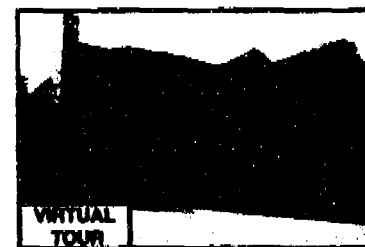
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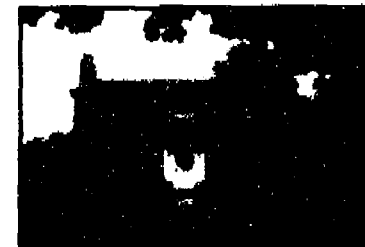
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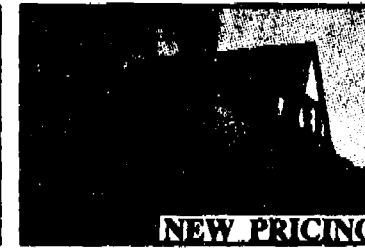
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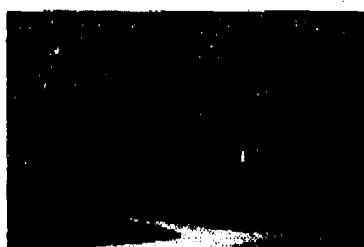
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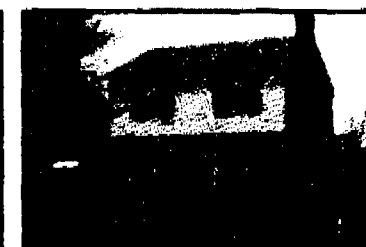
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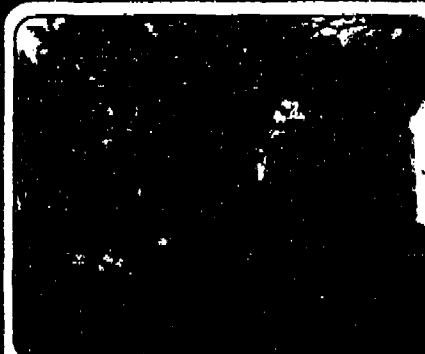
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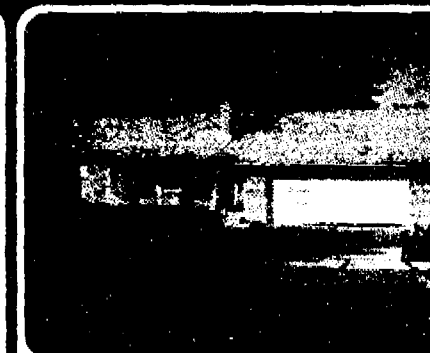
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Extremely rare opportunity to own Grosse Pointe Farms most enchanting estate home. Meticulously rebuilt in its entirety to its original grandeur over a 5 year period by a team of renowned architects & builders.
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Fabulous home with long list of renovations. Gourmet kitchen opens to beautiful family room. Newer roof, many new windows, central air. Lovely redesigned master suite has walk-in closet, master bath with Jacuzzi.
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Beautifully updated Colonial. New kitchen, new windows 03, new two car garage, natural fireplace, hardwood floors, finished basement. Great lot! Great Grosse Pointe location!
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Best buy in Grosse Pointe City! Great investment opportunity in ideal location - just steps to Village shopping, transportation and schools. Two family home with many updates: newer boiler, carpeting, windows and paint.
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Location! Location! Hard to find first floor ranch condo, corner unit. Walk to Village, park and lake. Enjoy the beautifully updated kitchen and bath. Newly refinished hardwood floors, first floor laundry.
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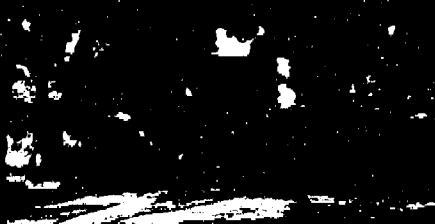
Great price and location! Affordable first floor unit. Newer windows, and roof. Grosse Pointe Schools. Rents for \$870.00 monthly. Make an offer!
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Four bedroom two full bath home features: new white kitchen with eating area, tear-off roof, gutters, front porch, driveway, furnace air conditioning, hot water heater. Close to schools. Immediate occupancy. Don't miss this one!
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Incredibly Charming Colonial. Fieldstone exterior with bay windows front and back, great floor plan with spacious rooms thru-out, natural fireplace, hardwood floors, beautiful yard, newer furnace and roof.
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Wonderful Colonial on a park like lot. Great location on this beautiful street. This home is well cared for and offers your buyer a roomy family room with fireplace. Corian countertops accent this updated kitchen.
MLS# 38386913 313-885-2000



Custom built French Colonial. Three bedrooms and two and a half baths. Family room 14x24 with natural fireplace overlooking private patio. New driveway, garage floor, and landscaping.
MLS# 38382823 313-885-4200



Beautiful ranch nestled on a wonderful street in the Shores. Awesome curb appeal with a circular drive and just finished landscaping. The interior decor is very nice with too many upgrades to mention.
MLS# 38324878 313-885-2000



Beautiful Colonial totally redone! First and second floor master suites. First and second floor laundry. New everything- roof, windows, kitchen with granite and island, master suite, and stainless steel appliances.
MLS# 38382167 313-885-4200



Great curb appeal on this four bedroom two and one half bath Colonial. Large family room with fireplace leads to Florida room and inground heated gunite pool. Most windows replaced. New tear-off roof in 2003.
MLS# 38272940 313-885-4200



Largest lot in Farms for the price. Spectacular Cox & Baker Colonial. Spacious family room (20x14), redone hardwood floors throughout home. Enjoy the finished basement with additional half bath, bar and tons of storage.
MLS# 38323900 313-885-2000



Updates galore! Grosse Pointe Woods, three bedroom Colonial, clean, many updates kitchen cabinets, flooring, basement, two car garage. Quick occupancy!
MLS# 38326789 313-885-2000



Charming four bedroom Colonial. This cozy home features unique arched doorways, lots of updates including: tear off roof, oak kitchen cabinets, a finished lower level family room, and a bathroom on every level!
MLS# 38324832 313-885-4200



Attractive Colonial on a quiet street! Ready to move-in. Hardwood floors and woodwork throughout. Central air, newer windows, roof, and furnace. Stove, fridge, dishwasher, washer, dryer stay. Home warranty.
MLS# 38311992 313-885-2000



Best value in Grosse Pointe! Three bedroom, two bath remodeled Colonial with spacious updated kitchen and baths. First floor den and laundry room. New appliances included. Quick occupancy possible. Call today for showing.
MLS# 38323568 313-885-4200



Great location! Spacious living room with fireplace, first floor laundry room, updated kitchen and all appliances stay! Convenient walking distance to Grosse Pointe restaurants and shopping!
MLS# 38325182 313-885-4200



Stunning first floor ranch condo with lake views from great room and master bedroom. Great room with fireplace, dining area, and doorways to deck. Huge master bedroom with walk-in closet, jacuzzi tub. Full basement with plenty of storage.
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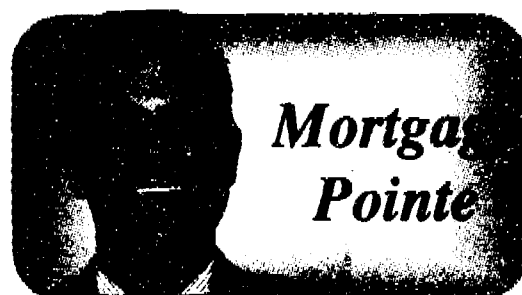
Conforming mortgage loan limits rise for 2006

Borrowers can get larger loans in 2006 without paying higher interest rates for jumbo mortgages. Mortgage-funding titans Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have raised their 2006 conforming limit to \$400,000, up from the 2005 limit of \$359,650.

Conforming loans are mortgages that comply with the rules set by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, government-sponsored enterprises that keep mortgage money flowing to consumers by buying mortgages from lenders, bundling them and selling the packaged securities to investors.

The conforming limit specifies the maximum loan that can be bought by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. A mortgage that exceeds the conforming limit is considered a jumbo loan and generally carries a rate that is a quarter- to a half-basis point higher.

Each year, Fannie and Freddie update the limits for conforming loans based on changes in the



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average home price as calculated by the Federal Housing Finance Board. The median existing-home price was \$218,000 in July, according to the National Association of Realtors. That's a 14.1 percent increase from the previous July.

Many home buyers don't need a \$400,000 mortgage, but in some parts of the country \$400,000 isn't enough. There is a lot of variation across the country in the rate homes appreciate. Certain regions have seen growth in excess of 20 percent while

other areas, such as the Midwest, have seen growth in the 4-percent to 5-percent range.

How does this affect you as a consumer in the real estate market? If you're a buyer, it gives you the opportunity to put less money down and still stay within the parameters of a conforming loan. For example, on a home purchase of \$420,000 you could put 5 percent down — \$21,000 — and maintain a conforming loan under the limit of \$400,000.

At this loan amount with a 30-year fixed-rate and an interest rate of 6.25 percent, your monthly principal and interest payment would be \$2,456.71. That's versus a jumbo rate in 2005 of 6.75 percent with a monthly principal and interest payment of \$2,587.91, based on the same loan amount.

The higher conforming loan limit saves you \$131.20 a month and expands the number of homes available to you without increasing your financial obligations.

A higher conforming loan limit also helps you if you have a mortgage between \$359,650 and \$400,000. You may be able to refinance into a conforming loan, thus lowering your interest rate and reducing the monthly payment.

Consider a 30-year fixed jumbo rate of 6.75 percent: At this rate, based on a loan amount of \$385,000, you are paying \$2,497.10 in principal and interest monthly. At the new conforming limit, you may be able to lower your rate to 6.25 percent, thus reducing the monthly principal and interest payment to \$2,370.51. This is a savings of \$126.59 a month — money that could be used to pay down the principal or for other savings or investments.

A third option involves a first and second mortgage. Assume you purchased a home a year ago for \$420,000 with a 10 percent down payment. You currently have a first mortgage for \$336,000 at a rate of 6.25 percent with a payment of \$2,068.81/month. You also have a second mortgage for the remain-

ing \$42,000 at a slightly higher rate of 7.25 percent and a payment of \$286.51. Your total payment is \$2,355.32.

Assume that you opted for two mortgages to avoid both principal mortgage insurance and the higher interest rates associated with a jumbo loan at the time. With the increase of the conforming loan limit and appreciation of your home, you may be at an advantage to refinance both loans into one mortgage.

Based on a loan amount of \$378,000 at a 30-year fixed-rate of 6.25 percent, your monthly payment would be \$2,327.41. In this case, on a monthly basis the savings seem slight; however, over 30 years you would be saving \$10,047.60 in interest.

Jumbo loans carry higher interest rates for several reasons: Conforming loans meeting certain credit standards can be bought, packaged and sold by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. By standardizing conforming mortgages, Fannie and Freddie have the ability to keep the rates down. Presumably, it takes more work to sell jumbo loans to investors.

As the real estate market and economy continue to change, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac strive to make home purchases more affordable. It's important to consult with both your real estate agent as well as your mortgage loan officer to secure the most appropriate loan when you are purchasing or refinancing your home.

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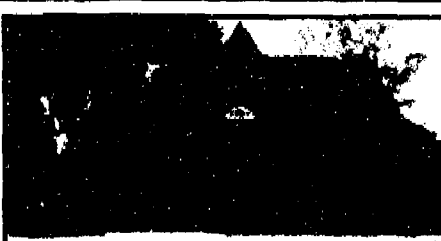
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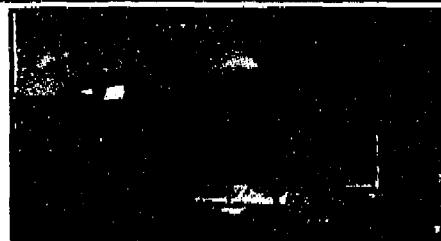
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS *Elegant*
Are you the lucky one? Redesigned spacious Cape Cod with four bedrooms, four baths, three fireplaces. Open concept for entertaining. Graciously manicured lawn. Three car garage. Additional bonus finished lower level.
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GROSSE POINTE PARK *Elegant*
All the right updates, including dimensional tear off roof '04, gutters/downspouts '04. Professionally landscaped, in ground sprinklers, attached garage. Newer baths, kitchen floor and countertops. Blown-in insulation, central air.
(LGP45THR) 313-886-5040 \$690,000



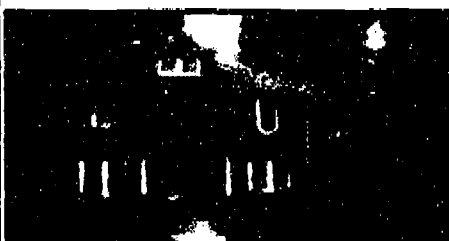
GROSSE POINTE WOODS *Cape Cod*
Lovely location and condition. Beautiful pecan kitchen with built-ins, wonderful glassed family room with built-in bar. Park-like lot, freshly painted, newer furnace, windows, carpet, library, master suite with full bath and adjacent sitting room.
(LGP60REN) 313-886-5040 \$459,900



GROSSE POINTE WOODS *Spacious*
Custom built home for original owner. Four large bedrooms, three full baths, three fireplaces, first floor laundry, hardwood floors throughout. Newer roof. Your personal touches will reward you endlessly!
(LGP28MOO) 313-886-5040 \$379,000



LATHRUP VILLAGE *Surprise*
Beautiful estates area, designer's home. Use of hardwood, granite, high end materials abound. Euro kitchen has very unique cabinetry and all stainless steel appliances. Four bedrooms, two fireplaces and two full baths.
(LGP00SAN) 313-886-5040 \$350,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK *Spacious*
Four bedrooms, two full baths. Master with private sitting room. Gourmet kitchen, butler's pantry, family room, formal dining, living room with fireplace. Recreation room, enclosed porch, patio, hot tub. Prime location.
(LGP58LAK) 313-886-5040 \$340,000



DETROIT *Indian Village*
Multi-family. Unique opportunity. Believed to be the only two-family in historic Indian Village. Natural fireplace in both units, separate utilities, two car garage. Old world charm. Family room, master bedroom with private bath.
(LGP17SEM) 313-886-5040 \$297,500



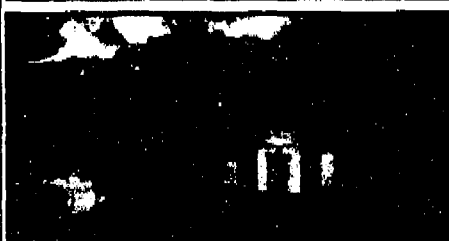
GROSSE POINTE PARK *Two Family*
New condominium conversion located South of Jefferson. Entire building can be purchased or condominiums can be sold separately. Each unit has two bedrooms, fireplace, central air, one and one half baths.
(LGP13HAR) 313-886-5040 \$280,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK *Opportunity*
Just off Kercheval and just a few hundred yards from the Village! With a little painting and tweaking this home will be outstanding. Lots of character and detailing throughout. Appliances included. Great investment.
(LGP64BIS) 313-886-5040 \$274,900



ROCHESTER HILLS *1st Offering*
This spacious family home offers four bedrooms and two and one half baths. Large corner lot in a beautiful sub. Master bedroom offers private full bath and walk-in closet. Doorways to deck from both kitchen and family room. Fireplace.
(LGP35FAI) 313-886-5040 \$273,900



GROSSE POINTE FARMS *Cape Cod*
Beautiful three bedroom Cape Cod. Hardwood floors refinished. Newer carpeting in all bedrooms. Alarm system, freshly painted, natural fireplace. Central air. Wiring updated. Ceramic tile in kitchen. Loads of updates. A must see.
(LGP49MOR) 313-886-5040 \$269,900



GROSSE POINTE WOODS *Custom*
Built in 1999. Oak kitchen with island, breakfast counter and oak floors. Vaulted ceiling in family room. Neutral decor throughout. Finished basement. Central air. Copper plumbing. One year warranty.
(LGP04RID) 313-886-5040 \$249,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS *Outstanding*
In everyway possible this four bedroom, two bath has been extensively updated, not to mention a large family room with cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors throughout, fireplace and recreation room. A true gem!
(LGP26LOC) 313-886-5040 \$244,900



GROSSE POINTE WOODS *Spacious*
Three bedroom brick ranch with two full baths. Short walk to Ferry School. Newer driveway and refinished hardwoods throughout. Finished basement with half bath plus, two car garage. Priced below market value. Warranty.
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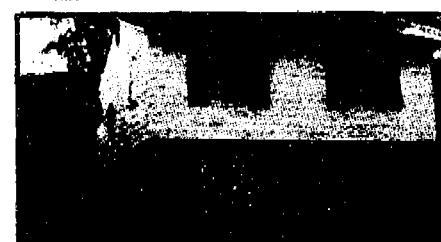
GROSSE POINTE WOODS *Immaculate*
Newer kitchen with custom cabinets, granite counters. Newer bath with white cabinets, marble counter. Newer tear-off roof. Newer garage, cement drive and patio. Vinyl windows. Brick paver walkway and porch. Multiple fireplaces.
(LGP13ALI) 313-886-5040 \$204,900



GROSSE POINTE WOODS *Updates Galore*
Enjoy the fine parks and schools Grosse Pointe has to offer by moving into this three bedroom Colonial located east of Marter. Numerous updates include roof, windows, garage and driveway. Central air, gas fireplace.
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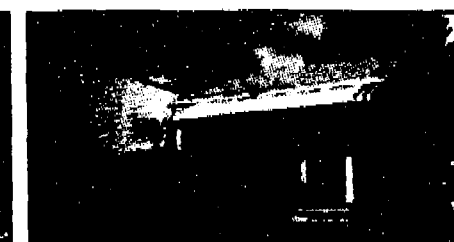
GROSSE POINTE WOODS *Spacious*
Wonderful Harper Woods home with Grosse Pointe Schools. Three bedrooms, possibly four. Two full baths. Including master bath. Finished basement with half bath. Updates include furnace, central air and more.
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS *Great Value*
Nice three bedroom Colonial has a large living room, dining room, family room with fireplace. Half bath on first floor, full bath on second. Full basement, two car garage. Freshly painted with new carpet throughout. Immediate occupancy.
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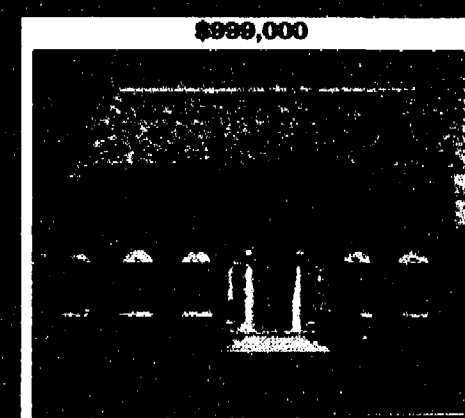


STERLING HEIGHTS *Unique*
Nice home in desirable area with Utica Schools. Carpet in bedrooms is new. Sitting area with hardwood floors. Roomy kitchen. Great landscape gives home curb appeal. Above ground pool, sprinklers and two and one half car garage with electric.
(LGP83WAR) 313-886-5040 \$154,900



HARPER WOODS *1st Offering*
Updated three bedroom ranch on cul-de-sac. Fenced yard with access to large park. Recent tear-off roof, furnace/central air unit with humidifier. Newer windows, carpet, bath. Spacious knotty pine basement family room.
(LGP55WOO) 313-886-5040 \$135,000

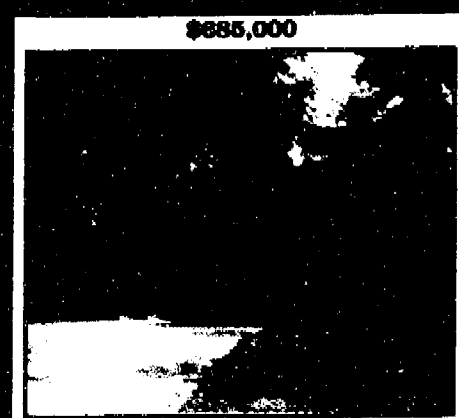




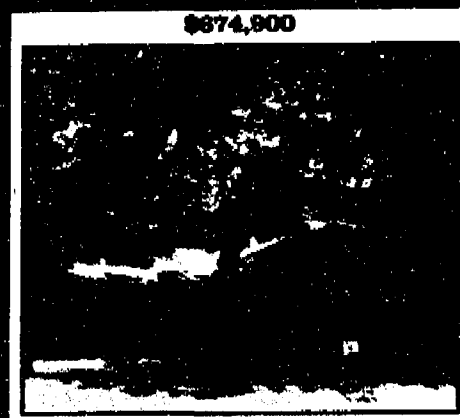
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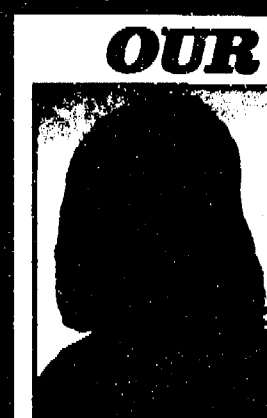
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YORKSHIRE GROSSE POINTE PARK
6 Bedrooms, 3 Full, 2 Half Baths



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TOURAINE GROSSE POINTE FARMS
4 Bedrooms, 3 Full, 2 Half Baths



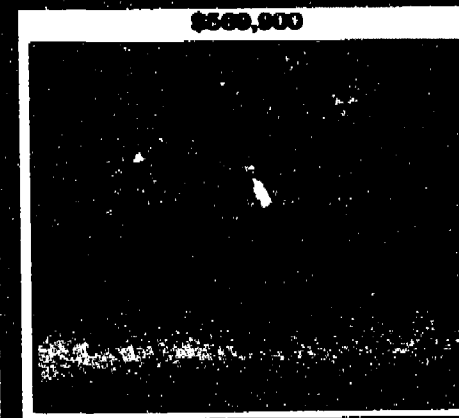
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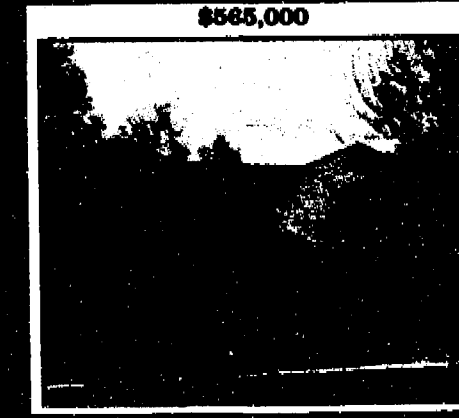
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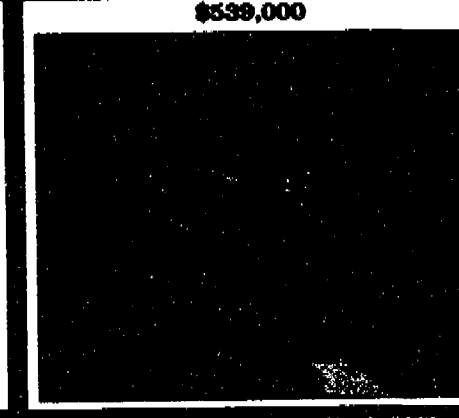
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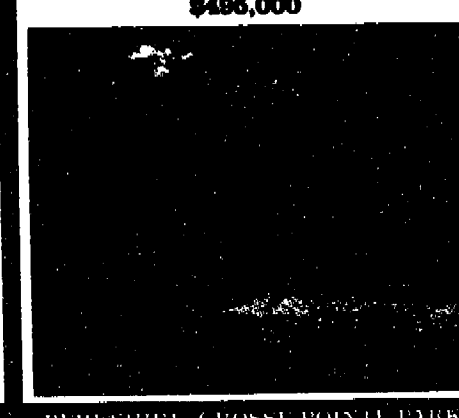
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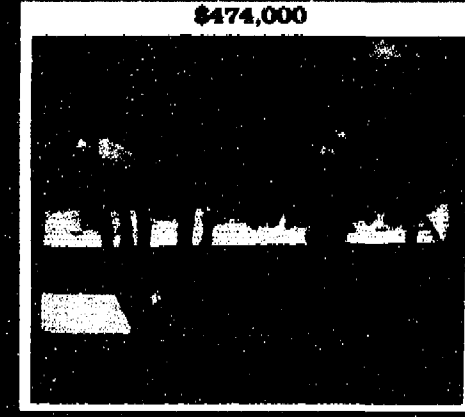
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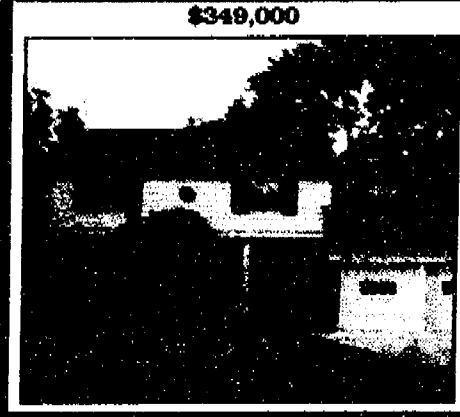
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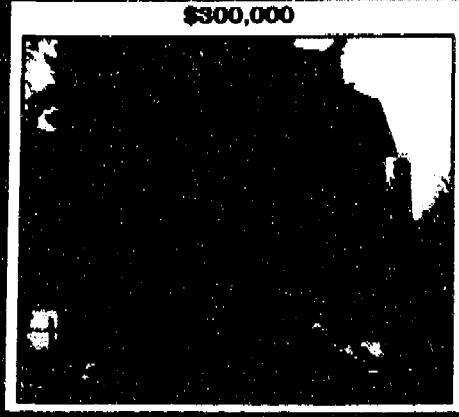
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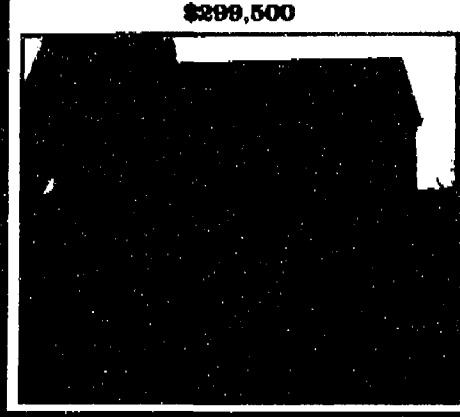
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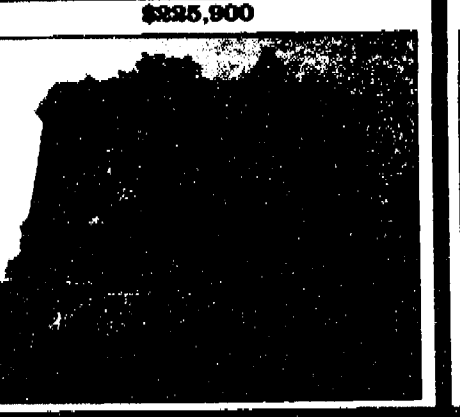
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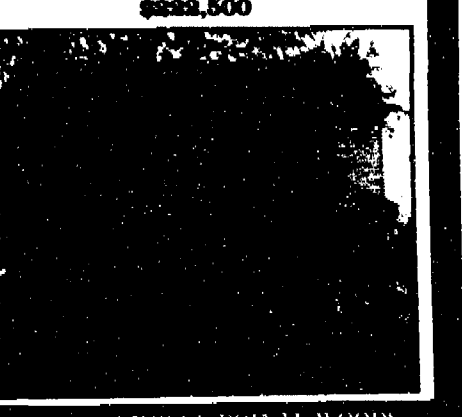
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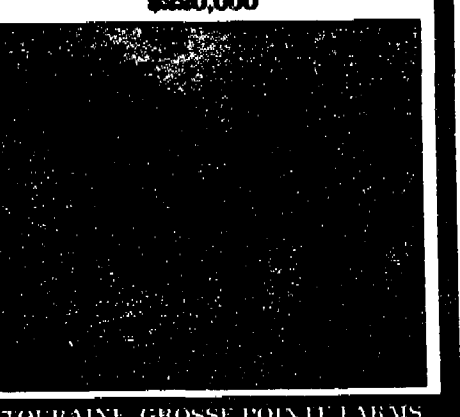
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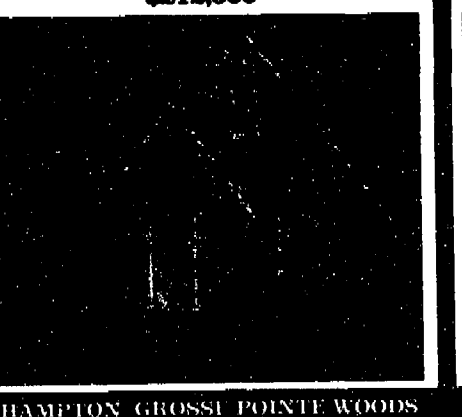
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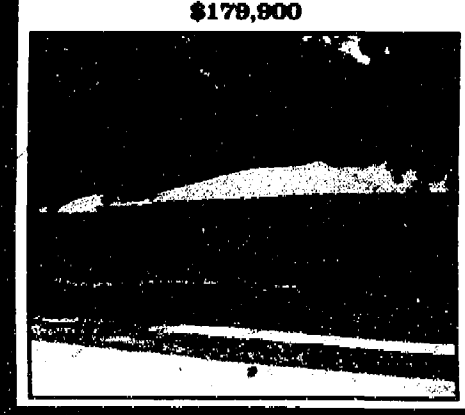
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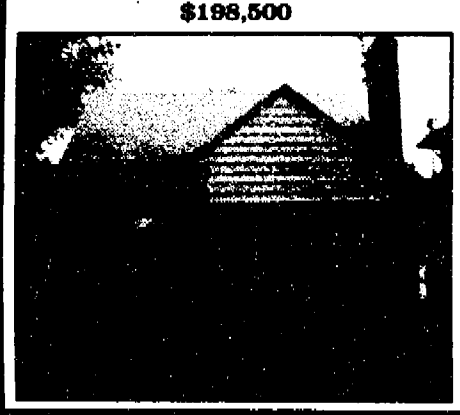
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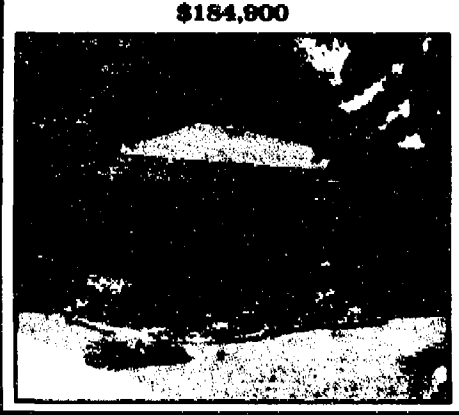
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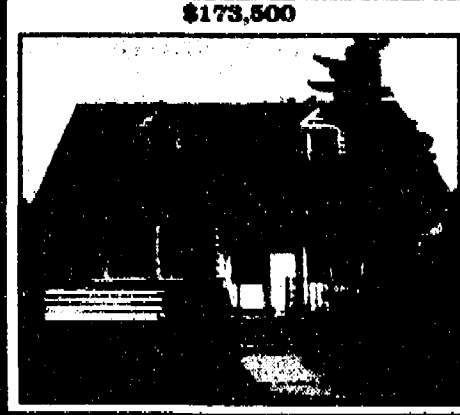
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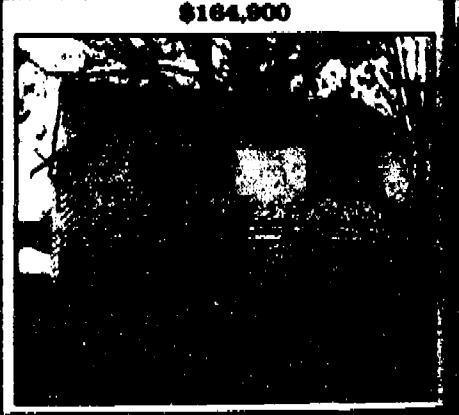
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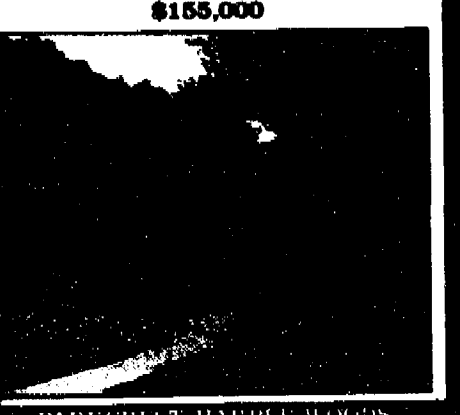
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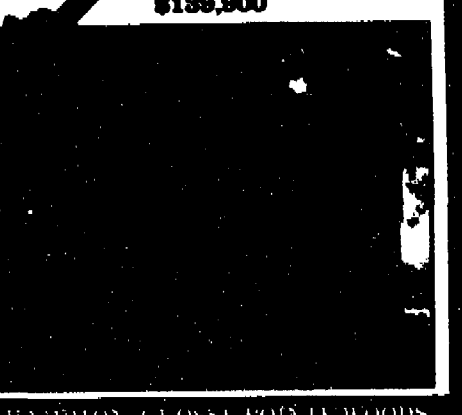
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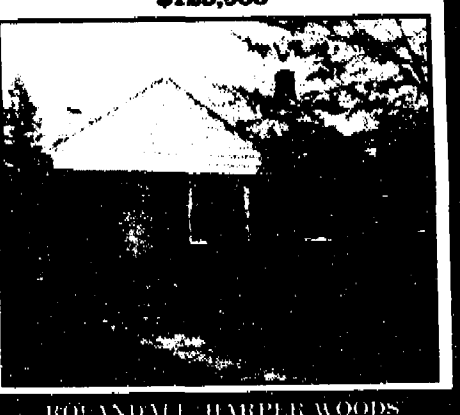
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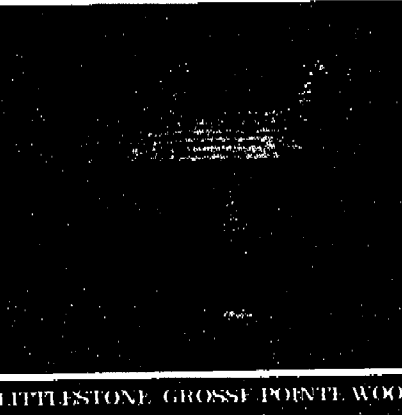
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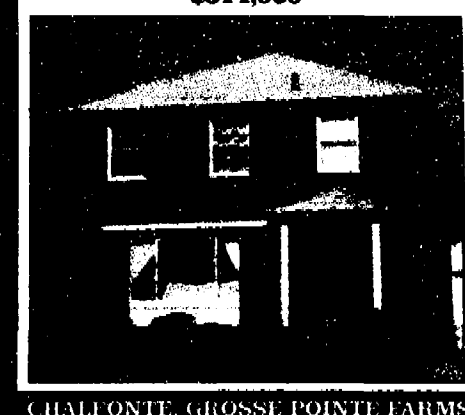
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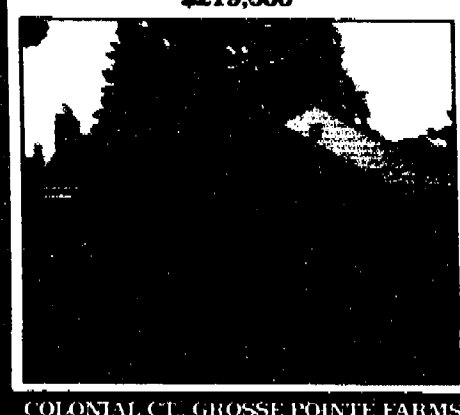
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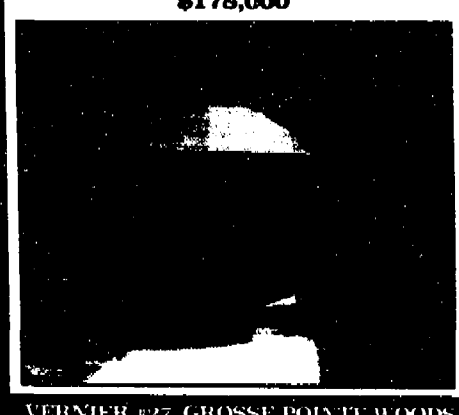
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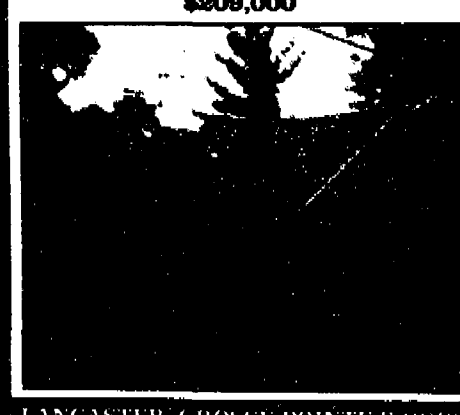
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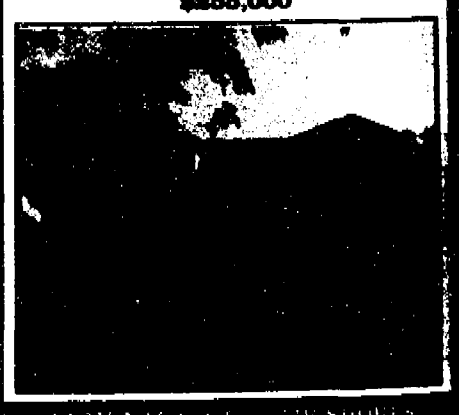
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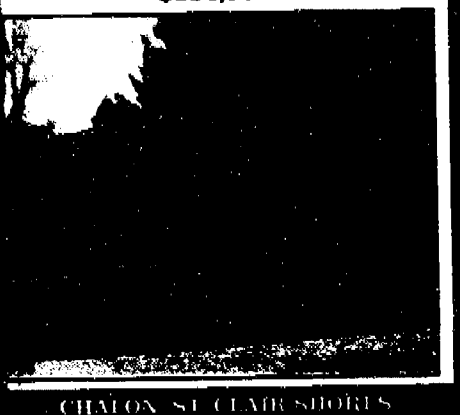
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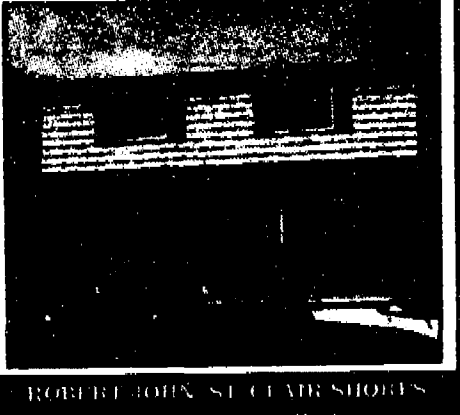
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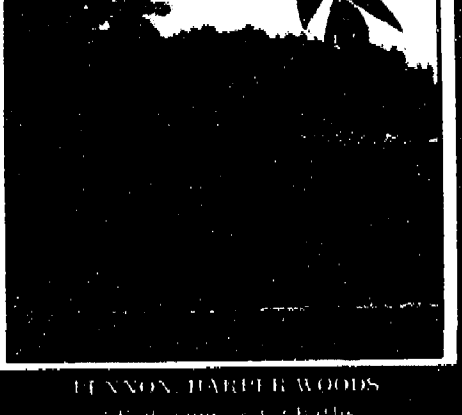
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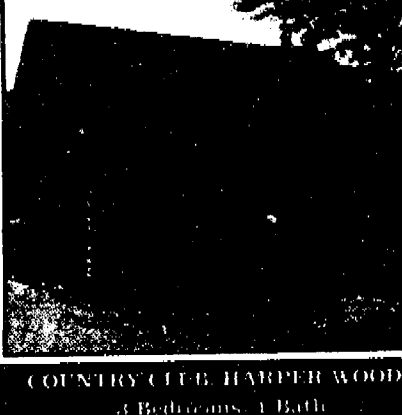
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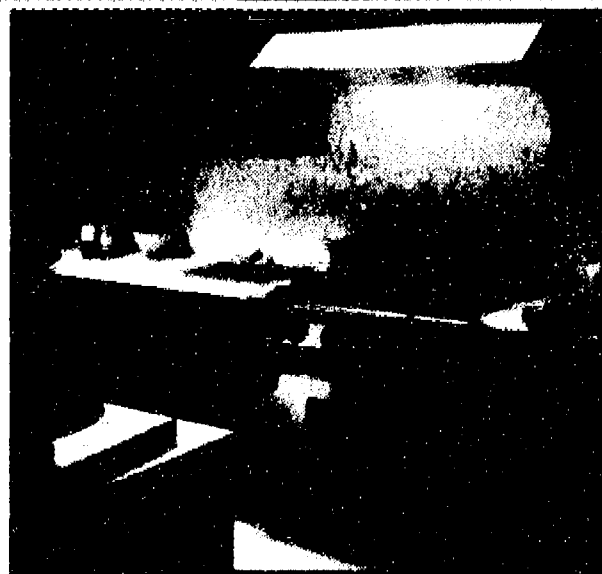
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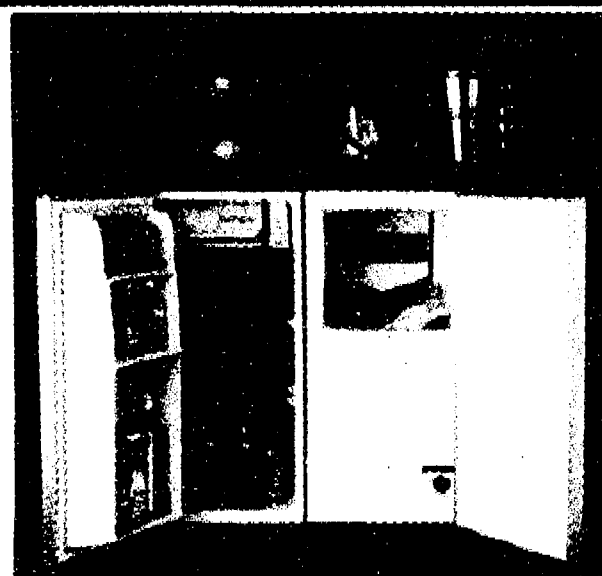
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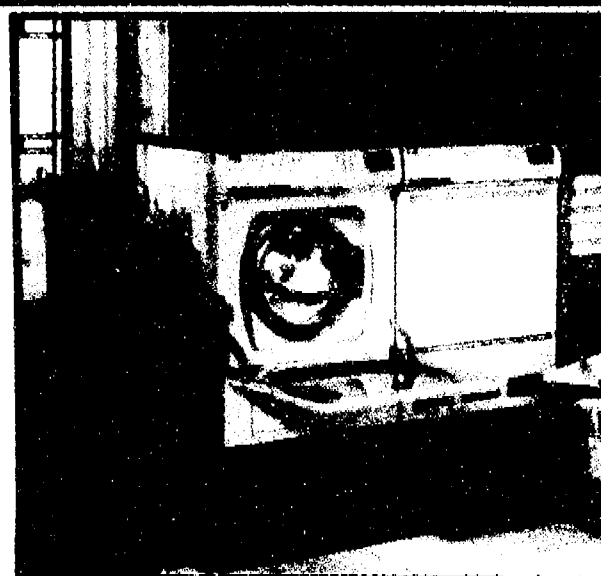
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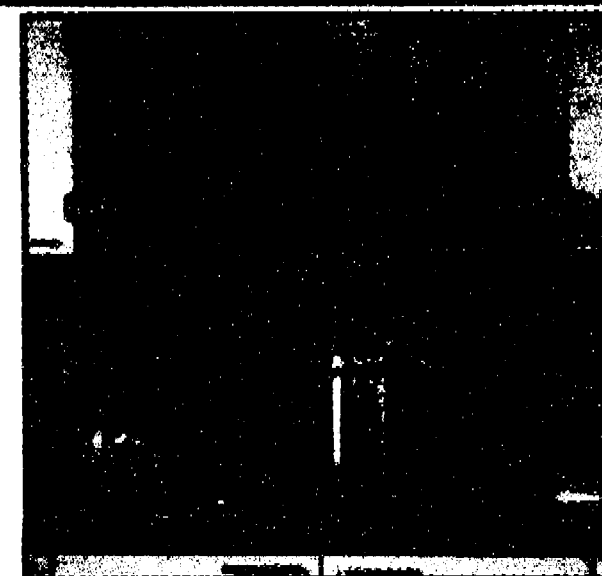
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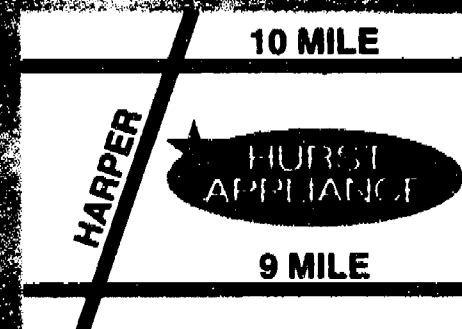
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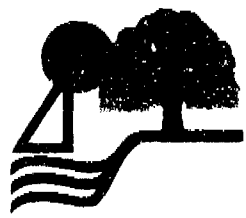
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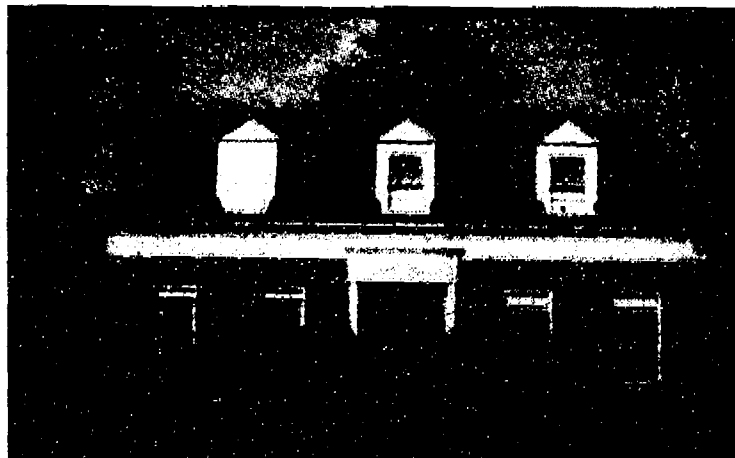
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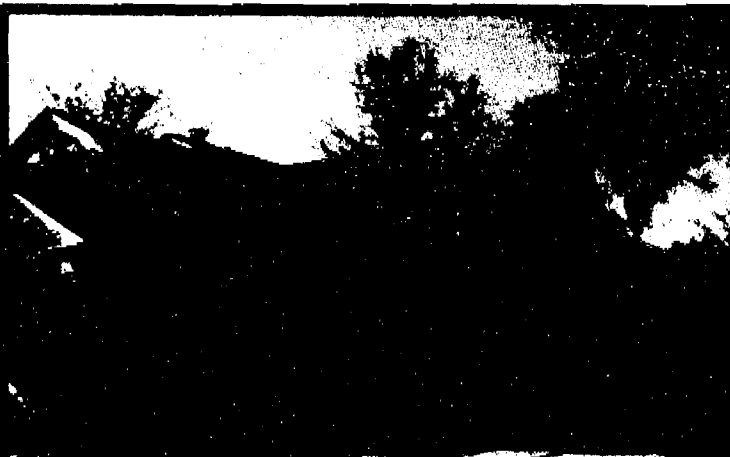
LOOKING TO DOWNSIZE IN STYLE? Snuggle up next to million dollar mansions in this award winning home with lake views. Stunning custom kitchen with granite countertops opens to a breakfast room with skylights and adjacent family room. Choose a first floor or second floor master suite with new bath.

#2



LARGE PRICE REDUCTION! Situated on a private lane one house from Lake St. Clair, this home boasts 4,000 square feet of living area. Featuring a spacious kitchen & family room with a natural fireplace overlooking a private yard. Panelled library, master suite with a fireplace & an attached garage. \$795,000.

#3



CLASSIC ARCHITECTURE in quiet setting in Grosse Pointe Shores. This handsome four bedroom, four and one half bath residence provides a gracious floor plan with careful updates. Fabulous master bedroom with fireplace, luxurious bath and exceptionally large closet. Private yard. \$994,900

#4



EXTENSIVELY REMODELED, this beautiful four bedroom, four and one half bath colonial offers style, condition and location. Views of Lake St. Clair are available from your front lawn in this convenient Grosse Pointe Farms location. Fabulous kitchen/family room, library and three car garage. \$980,000

#5



LOCATED ON A QUIET CUL DE SAC leading to the lake, this beautifully renovated home offers casual living with an open floor plan. Four bedrooms, three and a half baths, and a four car garage. Over 3,200 square feet on a spacious lot. First floor laundry & professionally finished basement are good reasons to call today. \$699,000

#6



STUNNING ENGLISH in favorite Park location offers a cheerful, kitchen with island and eating area. There is also a den and screened terrace. The master bedroom suite has a private bath and sitting room/fifth bedroom. New roof and central air. \$497,500

#7



STUNNING COLONIAL situated on a rolling lot in a prime area of Grosse Pointe Farms. Huge kitchen/gathering room with center island & wet bar. Charming paneled library with fireplace and a glorious sunny family room overlooking the terraced yard. \$519,000

#8



TRANQUIL LOCATION IN THE FARMS for the construction of your dream home. Two lots are available, each are approximately three quarters of an acre, in the fabulous wooded, hilltop setting. Choose your own builder and enjoy a brand new home in 2005! \$550,000 per lot.

#9



SPECIAL COLONIAL on Meadow Lane offers quiet cul-de-sac setting for this darling 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home with a great floor plan. Wonderful terrace with awning, master bedroom with fireplace and updated kitchen are just a few highlights.

#10

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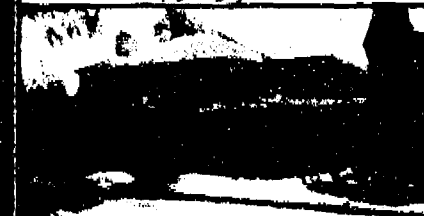
DESIRABLE FARMS COLONIAL on quiet cul-de-sac steps from Lake St. Clair. Five bedrooms, three and one half baths, large updated kitchen opens to family room overlooking tumbled paver patio and beautifully landscaped yard. Plantation shutters, crown moldings, security system, sprinklers, finished basement, hardwood floors and more. #2

\$654,000



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. #3

\$525,000



FARMS - HILL AREA. A must see Colonial with many updates. Master bedroom features a 12 x 10 walk-in closet. Second floor laundry. Office/bonus room. Modern kitchen with granite and stainless steel appliances. Attached garage. Great family home. #4

\$490,000



GREAT WOODS LOCATION. Overlooking Lochmoor Country Club in a neighborhood of very expensive homes (See the houses next door). House needing work on 100 x 248 lot to be sold as is. Perfect opportunity for remodeling or tear down/new home construction. #5

\$469,000



BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED four bedroom, two and one half bath home NEAR THE VILLAGE. Gorgeous new kitchen with granite custom cabinetry and high-end appliances. Spacious rooms. Fabulous new master bath. Hardwood floors. Finished basement. New roof, central air and hot water heater. #6

\$449,900



COMPLETELY UPDATED four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial on North Oxford. New open concept kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Updated baths, new windows, newer roof, master suite with steam shower, and large finished basement. Attached garage, paver patio and hardwood floors. Truly a "10"! #7

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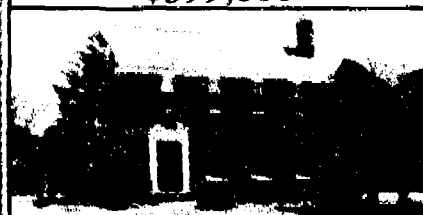
GREAT FAMILY HOME! Charming Colonial on cul-de-sac with many updates, kitchen with appliances, bath, new paint, all hardwood floors, newly finished basement with bath. Move-in condition. #8

\$424,900



GREAT hard to find town house style multi-family property. Good location for leasing which is convenient to the Village and Nell park. Third floor can be built out. Great for owner-occupant or condo conversion. Shows nicely. #9

\$399,000



LINCOLN - four bedrooms, three and one half baths with plenty of character and FAMILY ROOM and DEN, hardwood floors, appealing floor plan and a fantastic location for young families. #10

\$384,000



BEAUTIFUL center entrance Colonial just one block from Windmill Pointe Park. Newer white kitchen, family room, enclosed porch, large yard, finished basement recreation room and a three car garage. Clean with neutral decor and ready for immediate occupancy. Call for your appointment. #11

\$349,000



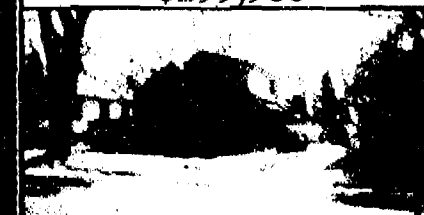
BEST VALUE in Grosse Pointe. Beautiful five bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial in the Farms. 2,300 square feet. Move-in condition. New kitchen with Sub Zero and Pewabic tile. New Pella windows. Three car garage (1999) with finished work shop. Outdoor hot tub/spa. Family room. Immediate occupancy. #12

\$335,000



2000 SQUARE FEET with spacious rooms. FAMILY ROOM with fireplace, all new windows, finished hardwood, three bedrooms and a short walk to Elworthy Field, Schools and Village. GP CITY. #13

\$299,900



NEWER CONSTRUCTION near the Village. Kitchen with granite new 2003, all stainless appliances, hardwood floors, family room with fireplace and cathedral ceiling opens to deck first floor master bedroom and baths, two story foyer. #14

\$299,000



VERY CHARMING Cape Cod in prime location of Grosse Pointe Farms. 1,750 square feet. Four bedrooms and two full baths. Family room with natural fireplace (18 x 13). Florida Room (10 x 16). Refinished hardwood floors. Gas forced air/central air. Walk to schools and shopping. Clean. Immediate Occupancy. #15

\$249,900



WONDERFUL three bedroom one and one half bath home with an attached garage, two family rooms, all new appliances, a new furnace and central air, a new roof, new sewer main and much more. #16

\$249,900



FABULOUS PARK HOME with wonderful plaster work, high ceilings, surprising closet space and a nicely finished basement. Second floor sunroom can be fourth bedroom. Many updates including new roof, landscaping, decor, hardwood floors and more. #17

\$249,000



ATTRACTIVE FOUR BEDROOM, two full bath bungalow in the Farms. Open and airy, ready for you to move right in! Some of the special features include: newer furnace and AC - 2004, new bathroom, glass block basement windows, Wallside windows and so much more. #18

\$239,000



ATTRACTIVE THREE BEDROOM, one and one half bath Colonial with a natural fireplace, den, sun room and two car garage. Updated roof, windows, furnace, central air, refinished hardwood floors, baths and kitchen with custom appliances. priced "under" \$250,000. #19

\$239,000



OUTSTANDING COLONIAL located near Village featuring three large bedrooms, kitchen with eating space, newer windows and tear off roof, hardwood floors, family room, updated bath, finished basement. #20

\$199,000



BRICK COLONIAL with rear porch overlooking large private yard. Updated eat-in kitchen and formal dining room. Bath updated as well. Move-in condition. #21

\$189,900



CLASSIC COLONIAL featuring three bedrooms, one and one half baths, huge family room (22 x 20) with cathedral ceiling and fireplace, new kitchen with appliances, new two and one half garage, updated baths, formal dining room, and finished basement. Priced to sell - great value. #22

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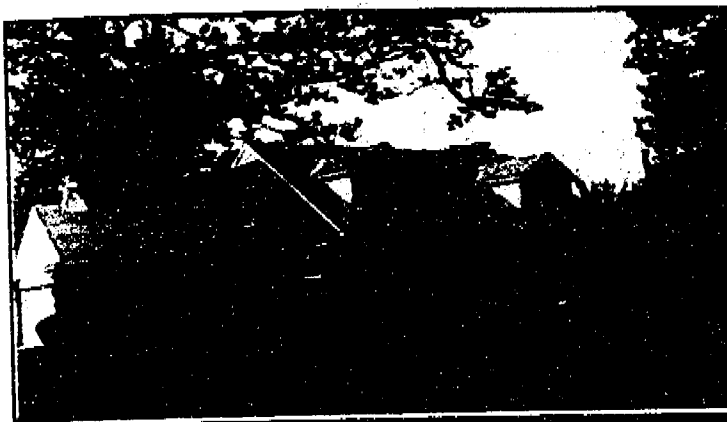


WONDERFULLY MAINTAINED brick ranch on quiet tree lined street in Grosse Pointe Woods. New windows throughout. Newer kitchen, driveway, furnace/central air. Open floor plan with spacious living room with natural fireplace. Neutral decor and hardwood floors. Deck for outside living. Finished basement. #23

\$169,000



CHARMING three bedroom bungalow with hardwood floors and leaded glass windows. Many updates include: new windows, furnace, air conditioning and driveway. New oversized garage on a spacious lot. Beautiful natural woodwork. Natural fireplace. #24



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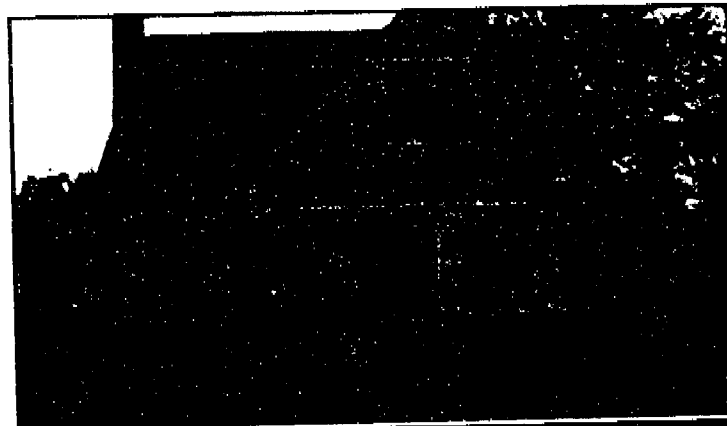
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Time flies like the wind; fruit flies like the banana

Q. Mr. Hardware, since returning from northern Michigan, our house has been swamped with fruit flies. We stored all our fruit in the refrigerator and moved the beer and pop cans out to the garage; yet our house is still lousy with fruit flies. What can we do?

— Fruitless in St. Clair Shores.

A. Dear Fruitless, fruit flies are best controlled by locating and eliminating the source of the infiltration. Long-term presence of fruit flies indicates the larvae are breeding nearby.

Breeding areas are usually in decaying organic material. The most obvious is in fruits left out in the open. From here on out the search broadens to all damp areas:

- Sink drains, garbage disposals, damp cabinets from leaky drains, floor drains.
- Mops and mop buckets with old water.
- Behind and under the oven and refrigerator.

Ask Mr. Hardware

By Blair Gilbert
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- Recycle bins, garbage cans, empty bottles and cans.
- Over-watered house plants.

Adult fruit flies can be controlled with flying-insect killer and bug bombs; but to eliminate the problem, the breeding ground must be sterilized.

Treating drains with bleach or ammonia does not work.

Use an enzyme drain cleaner in the drains by mixing a 16-ounce treatment and pouring around the perimeter of the drain. Mix a double dose and pour into a running disposal shutting off the disposal just as you finish pouring.

(Use caution not to get overspray on yourself when pouring).

Repair any leaks under cabinets and use a fan to dry the area quickly.

Clean mops and buckets with a disinfectant and store in the garage to dry.

Spring clean behind the oven and refrigerator with a disinfectant and dry completely.

Rinse cans and bottles and store in sealed container.

Let the house plants dry between watering.

Flytraps can be used to capture

adults without pesticides. Baited with red wine, red cider vinegar or fruit in a small amount of water works well in many instances.

Surround fruit out in the open with fresh basil.

Fruit flies like the banana.

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.

Cold weather concreting

Q. Our new home is nearing completion, but the concrete driveway and walkways have not yet been poured. Is it too late in the year to have them placed now? What are the risks of placing new concrete in cold weather?

A. Since the greatest majority of driveway failures result from placing concrete too early or too late in the year, we typically recommend not placing concrete after Oct. 15. However, if you do not have the luxury of waiting until spring, here are some guidelines for cold weather concreting (when the temperature drops below 40 degrees Fahrenheit) that your contractor should follow:

To overcome delayed strength and setting caused by cold weather, your contractor should make one or more of the following mix adjustments:

- substitute Type III for Type I cement
- add calcium chloride admixtures
- add non-chloride accelerators
- increase the Type I cement content by 100-200 pounds

Do not place concrete on a frozen subgrade, since uneven settlement and cracking are likely to occur when it thaws.

The minimum concrete temperature when placed and maintained must exceed 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

The curing period must extend a minimum of seven days while

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maintaining the 55 degrees Fahrenheit temperature.

Do not seal freshly placed concrete. Sealing retains water in the concrete thereby keeping it saturated during freeze/thaw conditions.

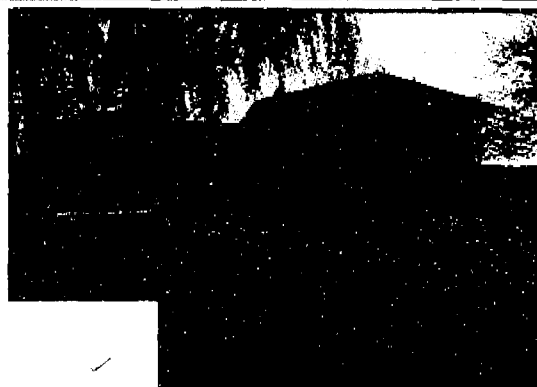
Cold weather protection is best provided through insulating blankets or loose straw (minimum of 12 inches thick) sandwiched between a waterproof cover.

Do not allow snow and ice to accumulate, but avoid using deicing salts (use sand instead).

Following these guidelines will prevent the concrete from freezing at an early age and ensure its long-term durability.

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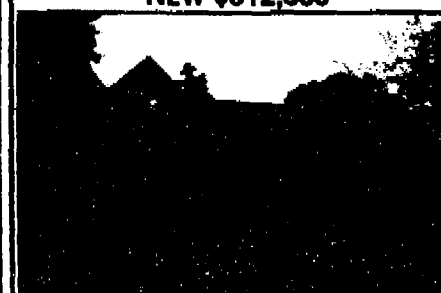
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Beautiful Cape Cod in move in condition. New kitchen with custom cabinets, island, built in appliances and granite counter tops. Huge Family Room off of kitchen with stone fireplace. Nicely landscaped and private backyard with brick paver patio. Beautifully finished basement.

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Completely updated. New Maple kitchen with granite, new roof, windows, finished basement and a 3 1/2 car garage. Owners must sell. Immediate occupancy.

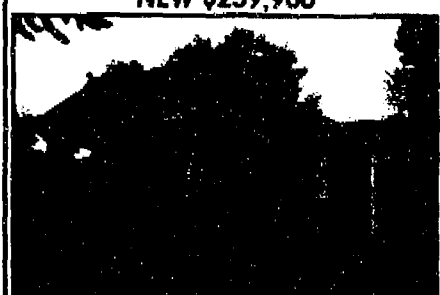
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Beautiful bungalow with larger master suite with full bath. New furnace, landscape and copper plumbing. Updated kitchen with eating space. Newer roof, siding, refinished hardwood floors and carpet. Neutral décor throughout.

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Spacious family room used as third bedroom. Striking architecturally enhanced facade. Large kitchen featuring a vaulted ceiling with sky light. Kitchen also features a sizable, natural light filled breakfast nook that leads to the deck. Pella windows and doorways. Formal living room.

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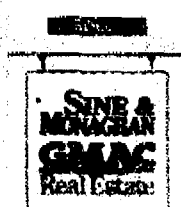
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PRICE REDUCTION \$248,000



GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Lovely Tudor in great neighborhood in the Farms. Two bedroom, one bath, wood details on windows, hardwood floors and patio. Great master bedroom. Home warranty included.

PRICE REDUCTION \$239,800



GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Beautiful brick Colonial in lovely area of Grosse Pointe Woods. Newly renovated kitchen and bath, refinished hardwood floors, newer family room, windows replaced throughout, and a finished basement. Ready for a family to move in.

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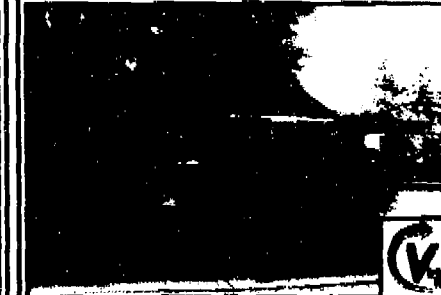
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1039 Audubon	\$569,900	2-4pm	Connie Dunlap/Bolton Johnston	313-570-7515
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35 Shoreham	\$599,000	2-4pm	Mark Monaghan/Sine & Monaghan GMAC	313-884-7000
50 Fontana	\$450,000	2-4pm	Higbie Maxon Agney	313-886-3400
951 Lakeshore	\$549,000	2-4pm	Higbie Maxon Agney	313-886-3400

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2056 Beaufait	\$220,000	2-4pm	Majestic Realty Group	313-640-7900
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1829 Kenmore	\$200,000	2-4pm	Higbie Maxon Agney	313-886-3400
1995 Littlestone	\$259,000	2-4pm	Paris DiSanto/Johnstone & Johnstone	313-884-0600
1710 Manchester	\$219,500	2-4m	Loraine Muccioli/Johnstone & Johnstone	313-378-7999
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911 North Brys		12-5pm		586-295-5640
760 Pear Tree Lane	\$519,000	2-4pm	By Owner	313-884-8514
1750 Vernier Road, Unit 27	\$178,000	2-4pm	Enid Brahms/Johnstone & Johnstone	313-884-0600
20127 West Ballantyne Court	\$429,000	1-4pm	By Owner	586-944-8849

ROYAL OAK

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21910 Alice	\$179,900	1-4pm	Cyndi Ferrier/Century 21 Town & Country	248-515-7897
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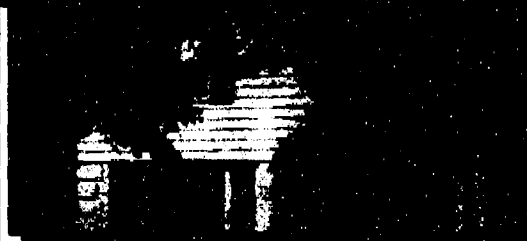
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS



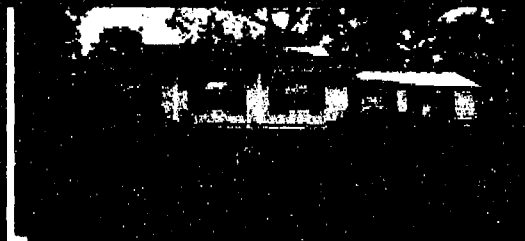
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GROSSE POINTE CITY



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GROSSE POINTE WOODS



A WORLD OF LIVING can be yours in this exceptional Colonial. The fantastic addition is a "must see" and features a Mutschler kitchen with granite island, two story family room with loft, mudroom PLUS three car garage. \$519,900.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS



STAY COMFY COZY this winter in front of the fireplace in the living room and family room of this out story and one half home. Three bedrooms, new kitchen and updated bathroom. Take a look you won't be disappointed! \$340,000.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS



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- Michigan University Lions Hearing Program
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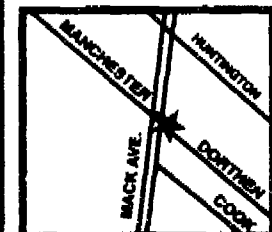


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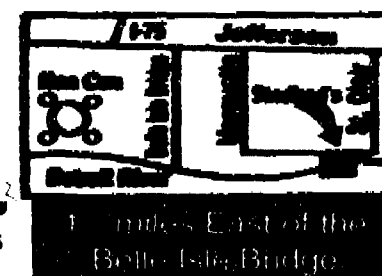
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September 28, 2005

Grosse Pointe Lions
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Dear Grosse Pointe Lions:

I am writing you to share with you some of the wonderful things that have happened at Penrickton Center for Blind Children this past year.

The Expansion and Renovation of our existing building completed four years ago has had an enormous impact on our program and services. One of the major goals in this ambitious project was to expand our building so we could serve more children. To that end, this project has been a resounding success. Prior to the renovation we averaged 19 children in our programs. Today, we are serving over 30 children and families with our newly enhanced programs and equipment. The total construction cost was just over 2.1 million dollars and today, thanks to our many generous contributors, we only owe \$235,000.

What this really means is that we have been able to help even more children and families from around the country. These conferences provide other professionals with valuable information, and teach the necessary skills and tools to help their children they serve learn and grow. The letters and e-mails received from teachers and parents express their appreciation of Penrickton Center for helping all children with special needs.

Recently, we installed a new track system throughout our multi-purpose room. This track allows our children the opportunity to bear weight on their legs, and even learn to walk. This unique system is the first to be installed in a childcare agency in the United States and we are excited about the potential for our children now and in the future.

As always, if you are ever in the area, please feel free to stop in and visit to see how you have made difference in lives of our children. You can also visit us on the web at www.penrickton.com. Again, thank you so much for your help in taking Penrickton Center to a new level of success.

Sincerely,

Kurt M. Sebaly

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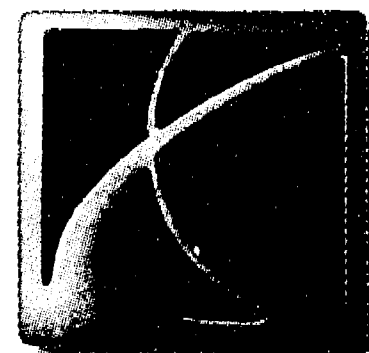
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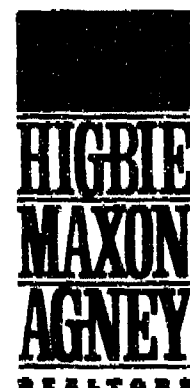
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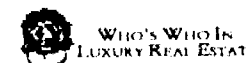
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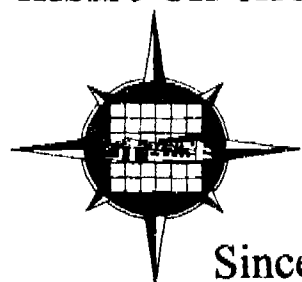
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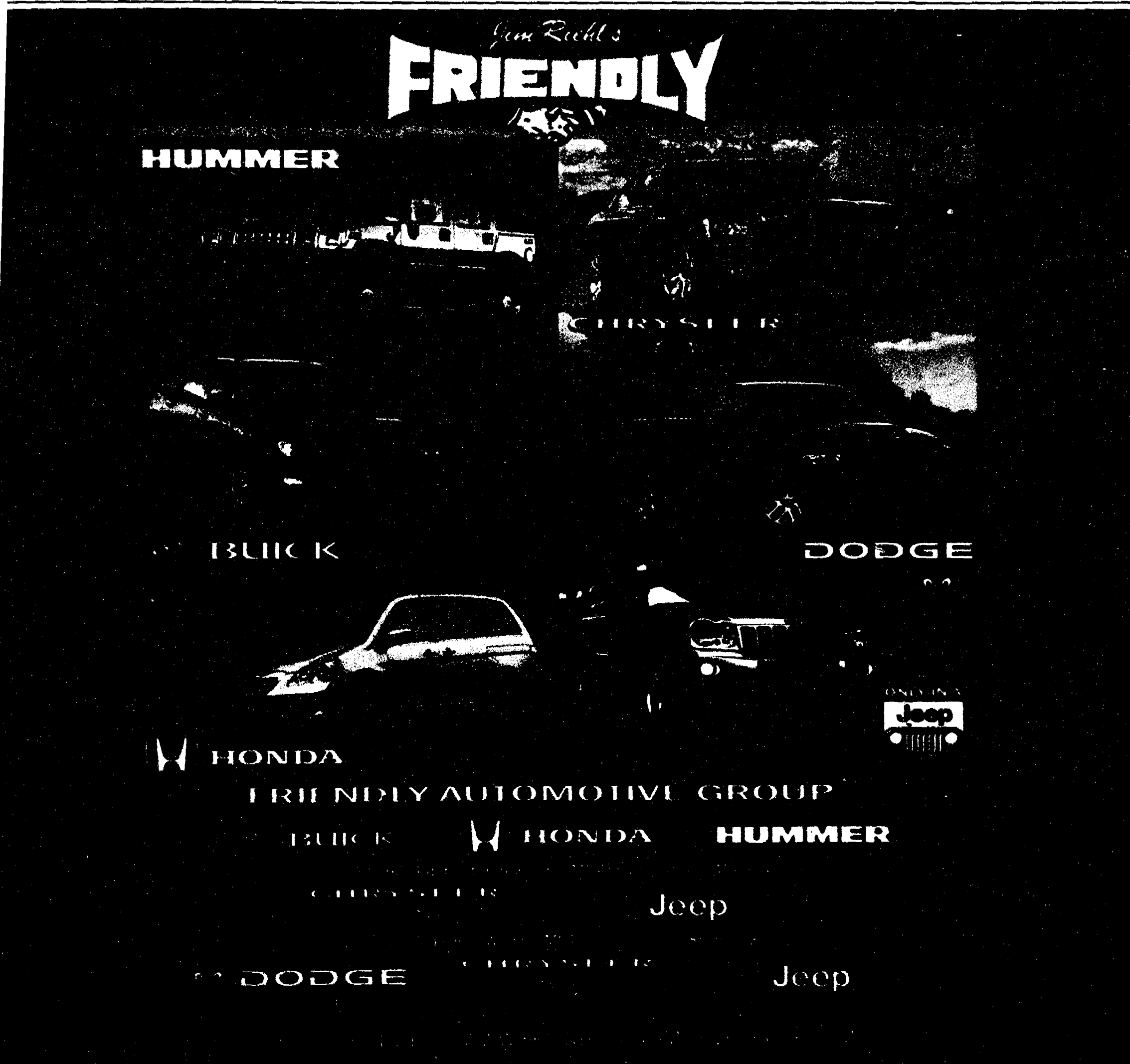
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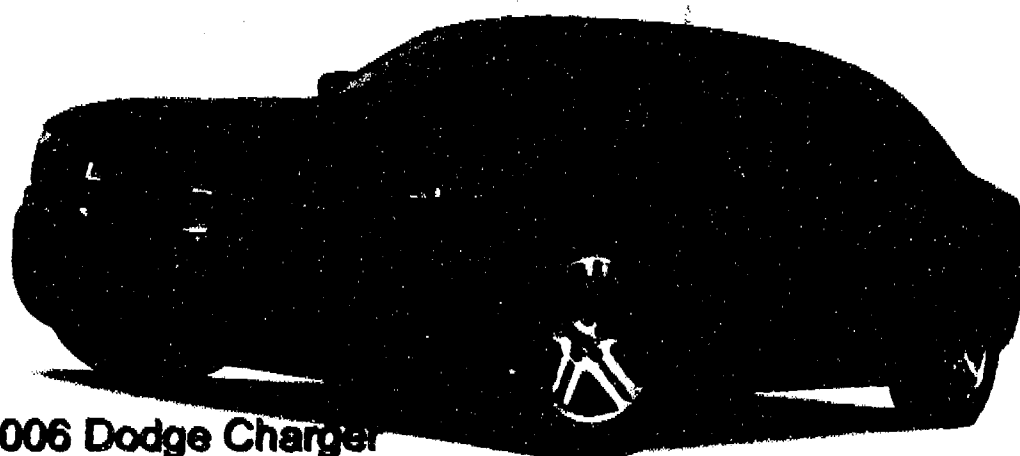
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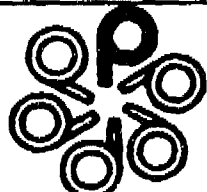
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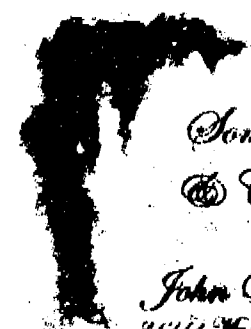
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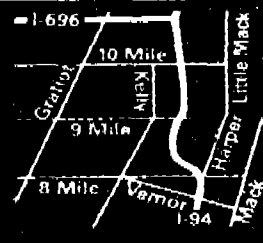
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Parade Starts: 10:00 a.m.

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