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## WEEK AHEAD

### Friday, Dec. 30

All municipal offices are closed, except for Grosse Pointe Park. Grosse Pointe News offices close at noon.

Marti Bufalini's "It's a Wonderful Life, The Radio Show" is presented at 8:30 and 8:30 p.m. in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial in Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are a minimum donation of \$15; \$10 for seniors or students with a valid ID. Call (313) 881-4004.

### Saturday, Dec. 31

The 36th annual New Year's Eve Family Fun Run/Walk on Belle Isle in Detroit begins at 3 p.m. Events include a four-mile run, a four-mile racewalk/fitness walk, a one-mile children's fun run/walk and an open fun run/walk. Everything starts and ends next to the Belle Isle Casino. For details, call race director Jeanne Bocci at (313) 886-5560.

### Sunday, Jan. 1

Happy New Year!

### Monday, Jan. 2

Grosse Pointe News and all municipal offices are closed.

### Tuesday, Jan. 3

Obituaries and Letters to the Editor are due by 10 a.m.

### Wednesday, Jan. 4

Coffee and conversation with Grosse Pointe School Superintendent Suzanne Klein runs from 9 to 10 a.m. at 389 St. Clair.

### Thursday, Jan. 5

"Parenting on Purpose," a class for parents and grandparents, begins and runs every Thursday for eight weeks. The time is 8 to 9:30 p.m. The place is First English Ev. Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods. The cost is \$10. Call (313) 884-5040.

Parents and fifth-graders who will attend Pierce Middle School next year are invited to the school's annual Coney Island Night from 6 to 8 p.m. Students and staff will be on hand to answer questions about the school, the curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

## Village is central to City's busy 2005

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

They saw it all last year in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Although the City's one-square-mile makes it the smallest of the Pointes, hardly a month passed during 2005 when it didn't generate big news.

In January the finance director resigned.

In February a council member said the vacant

Jacobson's building could be renovated at far less cost than proposed by businessman Cullan F. Meathe of the Farms.

In March public safety officers switched from 24 to 12-hour shifts. The change put an extra officer on the street to deal with such things as what would become a nearly tenfold increase in armed robberies.

During the normally calm summer, when the talk of the town is typically the Norbs municipal swim team and roadwork, police went into overdrive investigating the City's first murder — an apparent contract killing — in memory.

The year would end with long-time employee Karen Johnson taking the finance job, but City Manager Mike Overton resigned to head Cheboygan

County. Meathe scaled-down his Jacobson's plan.

Sanders reopened a soda fountain in the Village. Two restaurants also prepared to open in the Village.

Police made two arrests for the murder.

First-time city council candidates Christopher Walton and Kris Pfeahler were elected to office, making four-year incumbent Jean Wiepert the ranking member of the council.

And incumbent Mayor Dale Scrace won a second term in the City's first contested mayoral race in more than a decade.

"Where do I begin?" said Scrace, asked to recount the City's top issues of 2005.

Infrastructure, for one. Last summer workers totally reconstructed Washington between Gothe and Chalfonte, and Neff from Kercheval to Waterloo.

"Nobody can recall the last time we totally replaced a street," Scrace said. "We've always more or less done a patch and repair. The end result is spectacular."

Recreation programs continued expansion under full-time director

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Photos by Brad Lindberg

Give me a "J." Down comes "J-a-c-o-b-s-o-n's." Michele O'Connell and daughter Gillian of Grosse Pointe Park walk Kercheval in the shadow of the vacant Jacobson's building.

## Mayoral race splits Woods during 2005

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Things got down and dirty in Grosse Pointe Woods in 2005, but the city ended the year with financial security.

Residents did, however, endure its first-ever grudge match when it came to electing city officials, and those people in the north quad of the city had to put up with consecu-

tive brownouts in August.

Despite the political rollercoaster ride, incumbents prevailed, and the city continued its run through black tape.

Mayor Robert Novitke played a major role in helping the city stay strong, even during the state's stringent economic times.

Below is a look back at

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60 Lakeshore joins other lakeside houses in Grosse Pointe Farms that disappeared into history.

## 60 Lakeshore razed

Historic good intentions could not save 60 Lakeshore from the wrecking ball.

Under an agreement between the Grosse Pointe Farms Historic District Commission and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial established during the Oct. 17 Grosse Pointe Farms council meeting, plans for a lakeside condominium project approved by a super-majority vote of the Farms council may now move forward.

The agreement gave the commission and War Memorial a Dec. 1 deadline to procure a signed agreement with a private citizen to accept and relocate the 60 Lakeshore structure by Dec. 31. Despite exhaustive efforts by both organizations to effect a contract with two different private citizens, neither contract came to fruition

through no fault of either organization.

"With a long-standing commitment to historic preservation vis-à-vis the state and nationally dedicated Alger House, we are disappointed that, in spite of all of our diligence, a private citizen could not be found to accept the structure," said War Memorial President Mark Weber.

Prior to demolition, the War Memorial removed significant components and materials from the house to be incorporated into its new facility at 40 Lakeshore.

"We are deeply grateful for the tireless efforts of Michael Farley, Andrea Sullivan and the Historic District Commission," Weber said. "We look forward to working with them in the future on other historically significant projects."

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## yesterday's headlines

## 50 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe school officials seek final details from Lansing about the new driver training program resulting from a special session of the Legislature.

■ In another 10 days, one of Grosse Pointe's best-know landmarks, Christ Episcopal Church, will celebrate its 25th anniversary.

Seeds for Christ Church Grosse Pointe were sown as early as 1923 when Sunday school classes for Grosse Pointe children were held in the basement of the Henry Sanger home. This was a missionary project of the mother parish, Old Christ Church on Jefferson in Detroit.

■ An apparently well-organized gang of thieves swiftly strip costly door wreaths from a number of houses in the Touraine-Vendome-Ridge area of Grosse Pointe Farms two nights before Christmas.

Police believe thieves undoubtedly took the wreaths to resell them.

## 25 years ago this week

■ Budget problems strike the three-year-old Grosse Pointe Volunteer Probation Program, which only has enough funds to operate for another three to six months.

Cutbacks in state and federal revenue sharing, plus an already overspent budget for 1980-81, make it hard for Grosse Pointe Woods to contribute its share to keep the program afloat.

■ A Wayne County Circuit Court order temporarily bars construction of a municipal parking lot at Mack and Hollywood in Grosse Pointe Woods.

A judge makes the order on behalf of residents who say the lot is unnecessary and would reduce their property values.

■ The "Preppie Handbook" is a top seller at local bookstores.

Gwen Samuel, owner of Book Village, says the guide

is her biggest seller along with "Cosmos," based on Carl Sagan's public broadcasting company television show.

At the Book Shelf, owner Frank Sladen says he's sold about 400 copies of the prepie book.

## 10 years ago this week

■ Representatives of all five Grosse Pointe governments approve spending a combined \$25,000 to retain a Lansing lobbyist to promote the cities' interests in protecting municipal courts.

■ A crosstown basketball rivalry between the Grosse Pointes' two public high schools has a lot of everything except scoring.

South's Blue Devils hold off numerous Norsemen rallies to win 40-36.

"This proves that you don't have to score a lot of points to make a high school basketball game exciting," says South coach George Petrouleas.

■ Troy Bergman's four goals lead Grosse Pointe North High School's boy's hockey team to beat Southgate Anderson 5-2 in

the Michigan Metro Hockey League.

## 5 years ago this week

■ The eastside is nearly united in a nearly county-wide version of the Grosse Pointes' decades-old mutual aid agreement.

Unification of the Wayne County Emergency Management Program moves one step closer with the signing-on of Grosse Pointe Woods, the last of the county's eastside cities to do so.

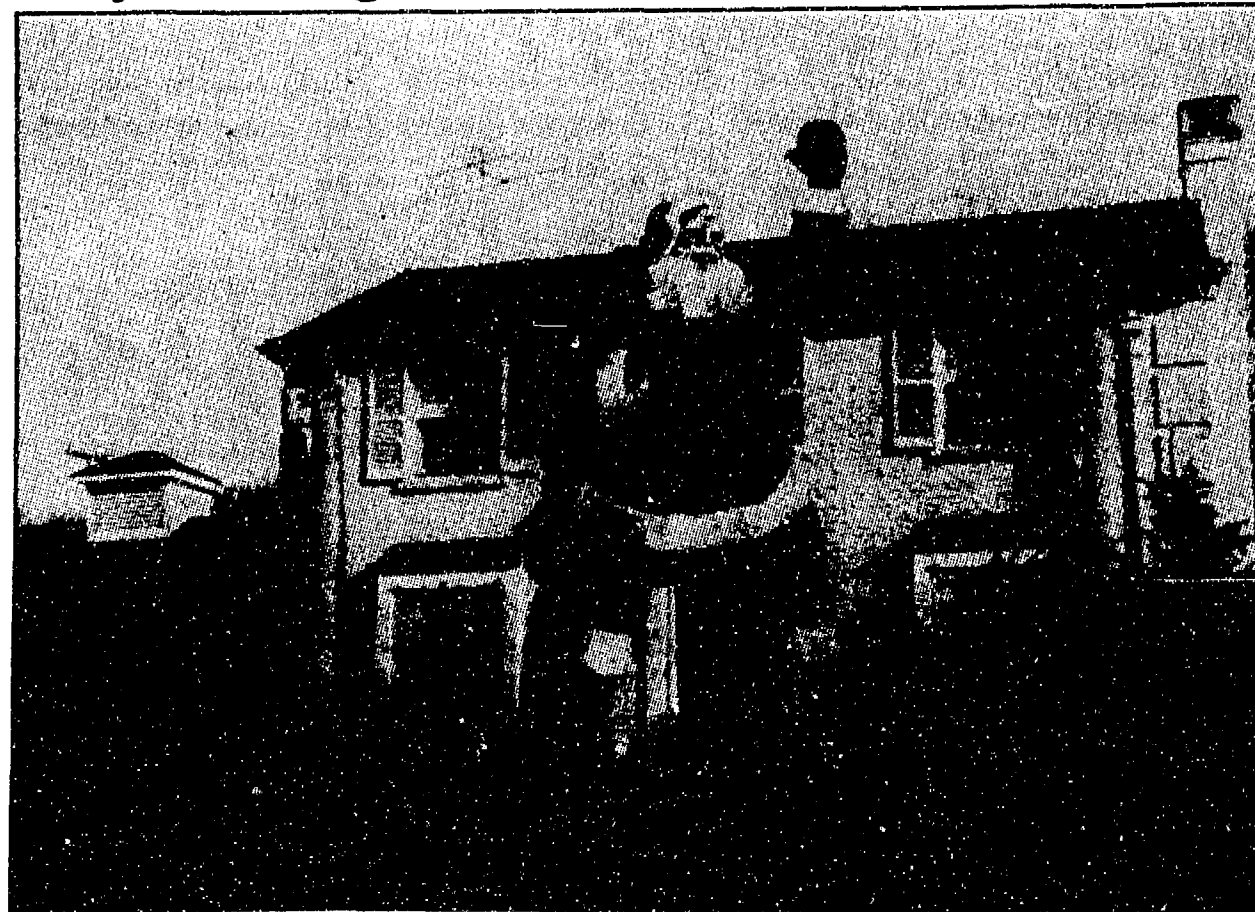
■ A recent statement issued by the State Tax Commission declares that municipalities having residents-only parks have to pay property taxes on those parks.

Since the Pointes have residents-only parks, they might have to start taxing their own land.

■ Based on advice from traffic experts, Kerby Elementary School officials seek permission to construct a curb-cut in front of the school on Kerby Road to allow parents to drop off and pick up their children.

— Brad Lindberg

## 50 years ago this week



## Outstanding Christmas decoration

Unusual Yuletide displays are numerous throughout the community again this year. One eye-catcher is this Santa Claus, 30 feet tall, standing astride the entrance to the George Johnson residence at 1034 Whittier in Grosse Pointe Park. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the Dec. 29, 1955 Grosse Pointe News.)

## City 2005

From page 1A

Chris Hardenbrook.

"We had another record breaking summer with new programs and transition to year-round activity at Neff Park," Scrace said.

With financial help from the Grosse Pointe Foundation, the City installed a refrigerated ice skating rink at Neff Park. Another year-round activity, platform tennis, has proved more popular than expected at Elworthy Field.

Most news in the City this year involved downtown development in the Village, particularly Kercheval Place, the name Meathe gave his proposed development of Jacobson's into a

mixture of retail, office and condominium space.

"That is the priority of the council, merchants, landlords and citizens," Scrace said. "I heard that clearly in the election. The issue that has to get resolved is Kercheval Place."

The plan faced united opposition from the council earlier in the year. Meathe and his business partners have revised the proposal and are requesting less financial help from the city.

"They are working toward site plan approval at a public hearing in January," Scrace said.

Meanwhile, Sunrise Development agreed to pay the city nearly \$2 million in currency and services to

acquire municipal property on St. Clair south of Kercheval. Sunrise has spent more than a year designing a 79-unit condominium complex reserved for senior citizens.

"We expect them to finalize their presentation in the first quarter of next year," Scrace said.

Also, three development companies are competing to win a contract to transform municipal parking lot No. 2, located north of Kercheval between Notre Dame and St. Clair, into a multi-use facility along the lines of Kercheval Place.

Scrace sees another busy agenda in 2006.

"All indications are a year from now we're going to be



2005 photo by Brad Lindberg

What's to become of the former Jacobson's building. Perhaps 2006 will bring the answer.

talking about the significant impact Kercheval Place is having on the Village," Scrace said. "They hope to have part of the retail component in operation by the holiday season of 2006. I see Sunrise under construction next fall. It's possible there might be work on Lot 2."

Timing is key.

"We can't take all of our parking out of service at one time," Scrace said. "We have to properly sequence all of this work so we can support our existing merchants with

parking and accessibility to delivery. We need to do things in the right order, the right sequence. It's going to be a challenge, but a fun challenge."

## Recycling extended 3 years at same cost

All of the Grosse Pointes except Grosse Pointe Woods have renewed a curbside recycling program at the same price as last year.

Tringali Sanitation received approval for a contract extension through June 2009.

"The price of the contract is 53 cents per stop," said Brett Smith, head of public works in Grosse Pointe Shores. "It's the same price we had in the previous contract."

The current contract was due to expire in June 2006. Tringali Sanitation collects household items for recycling in the Shores, City, Farms, Park and Harper Woods.

The extension also includes the household hazardous waste drop off program once a year.

"Overall, we have been very pleased with the level of service provided by Tringali and feel that locking in the current rate per stop over the next three years, particularly in lieu of rising fuel and other costs, is in the best interest of our respective communities," said Shane Reeside, Farms manager.

Tringali proposed the deal in October, which was contingent upon agreement by all five communities.

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## Woods 2005

From page 1A

2005 and what happened that took center stage in the Grosse Pointes' largest city.

"I would say we had a very positive 2005, and it looks as if we're going strong right into 2006," Novitke said.

In May, the city council unanimously adopted its annual city budget of 8.2828 mills, which extended toward the general operating costs and .9984 mills for concrete replacement.

"This community is in exceptionally good financial shape," Novitke said. "Many communities around us are struggling to maintain their budgets, but we are not. I'm proud to be the mayor of this city. The residents of Grosse Pointe Woods will be able to benefit from what our city budget will allow us to do in all facets of city government, public safety and parks and recreation."

At the end of May, Woods residents said "No" to a proposal that would turn a residential home into a parking lot. Beaufait residents, in particular, were against the proposal, and they voiced their opinion at a city council meeting.

The annual fireworks display at Parcels Field was another huge success at the end of June as an estimated attendance of between 60,000 and 70,000 viewed the panoramic display of patriotism.

The summer months meant the reappearance of the Woods' bicycle public safety patrol. However, this year police officers teamed up with local business owners to offer children free food during their Cops Care About Kids program.

"This program rewarded children for exhibiting proper bike safety," Woods director of public safety, Mike Makowski said. "It was a big success this year."

In August, Novitke spearheaded an effort to help Christ the King Lutheran Church and its parishioners, who were victimized by fellow parishioner Janis L. Ferworn, who embezzled \$1.3 million from the church, leaving it in finan-

cial dire straits.

The benefit was held Saturday, Oct. 6, at Robusto's, and it was a huge success, raising \$30,000.

"We were happy to work with the church and bring the lady to court," Makowski said. "We put a lot of time and effort into the case, which was quite emotional for the city's residents and parishioners. She got some jail time."

In another police matter, Woods detective Dan Koerber helped crack a case involving the making of fake identification cards.

The teens, who were being questioned about other matters, were found to have fake driver licenses and other "official" identification cards.

"They (the teens) told us they paid \$35 for each fake license, and they told us where they purchased them," Koerber said.

The building was located at 208 E. Grand River in Detroit and Woods Municipal Judge Lynne A. Pierce arraigned Robert Willie Parker, 77, and Joyce Marie McDaniel, 58, on two counts of selling, or possessing with the intent to deliver to another, a reproduced, altered, or duplicated negative of an operator's or chauffeur's license photograph.

"This is a very serious matter because we don't want our youngsters getting this kind of wrong information," Koerber said. "These individuals were making a lot of money off teenagers, and thankfully we were able to catch them and put them in jail so they can't do this again."

Mack businesses helped put together a first-ever Discover Mack Avenue Days during mid-September, and the event was a huge success for our community," Novitke said. "Event officials said around 3,000 people came through during the three-day period, and hopefully it will be even bigger in 2006."

More than 150 Woods res-

idents packed into the community center in the middle of September to hear Detroit Edison officials answer questions about the brownouts that disrupted their lives at the end of August.

Edison representative Joe Cazenove Jr. told the residents the problem in the north quadrant of the city would be fixed by November.

Currently, Edison crews have been working on the problem, and its completion is hopefully around the corner.

However, residents will not know until the summer-time if the problem is fixed.

"We're holding our breath," Novitke said.

State Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, sponsored legislation (House Bill 5281) to require inter-county drain boards (concerning the Milk River that flows between St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods) to include an appointed member from each county, who is an elected official from a local municipality that would be assessed in the drain project.

Under the current law, Milk River Inter-County Drain Board consists of the director for the State Department of Agriculture, the Macomb County drain commissioner and the Wayne County drain commissioner, which in Wayne County is actually the appointed director of the Department of Environment.

This year, the city of Grosse Pointe Woods had to pay \$1,130,212 to the Milk River operating cost.

The bill was passed by the Senate Committee and is now going for full approval.

The city received a highly favorable audit report for 2005, and in November, Novitke soundly defeated challenger Patricia Kukula-Chylinski for another term as mayor, while incumbents Vicki Granger and Al Dickinson were also elected. The final city council seat was soundly won by Pete Waldmeir.

The current city council consists of Granger, Dickinson, Waldmeir, Lisa Pinkos Howle, Dona DeSantis Reynolds and Darryl Spicher.



Pointes for Peace members, above, gathered Dec. 11 to share a holiday potluck supper in the annex of the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

Pictured right, Lois Rimbo, Richard Elementary school teacher and resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, left, with fellow Richard teacher Holly Bendure following a Nov. 7 Pointes for Peace public forum on Rimbo's experiences during her many trips to Tanzania.



## Pointes for Peace grows to more than 400 in 2005

By Lotus Page

Looking back at 2005, Pointes for Peace saw its participation grow to more than 400 area residents who attended various forums and events, as noted guest speakers addressed both the root causes of war and how average citizens can work for peace.

The nonpartisan volunteer organization was founded in March 2003 by Grosse Pointe Park residents Carol Bendure and the late Mary Read. Each Sunday evening since, Pointes for Peace members have gathered in the Village of Grosse Pointe for a quiet vigil and conversation on the week's events. "Peace Talk" forums hosted in local churches and other community locations draw an average audience of 100, and up to 300 attendees.

On Jan. 24, Jack Lessenberry, nationally published columnist and Wayne State University faculty member, captivated a standing-room-only crowd at the Children's Home of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Woods. He described the media's role in shaping public opinion, as well as effects of consolidated media ownership.

Three members of the Michigan Peace Team who recently had returned from the West Bank and Gaza Strip spoke March 3 at St. Clare of Montefalco Roman Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park. The Rev. Peter Dougherty, Kim Redigan, teacher and mother, and Sister Liz Walters reflected on Middle East negotiations from the standpoint of their own experience "on the ground" with the Israeli and Palestinian people.

On May 11, Patrick Resta, U.S. Army medic, described difficult conditions he observed while serving in the National Guard 1st Infantry Division in 2004. Before an audience of nearly 300 gathered at St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park, he vowed he would continue to speak out until the last U.S. soldier has left Iraq. Resta joined the military after high school, and lost an aunt and uncle on 9-11. Resta has appeared in documentary films as well as on radio, TV and in print.

Shereef Akeel, Sterling Heights resident and nationally known attorney, addressed a Sept. 21 Pointes for Peace meeting at Christ Church Grosse Pointe in Grosse Pointe Farms. Akeel recalled his undercover Baghdad interviews of former prison detainees and family members as the lead attorney in a class action suit alleging abuses at Abu Ghraib and other contractor-run U.S. detention sites. His account of being drawn from a comfortable legal practice to a dangerous

plunge into Iraq to verify his clients' charges, inspired great admiration from the audience of more than 100.

Marking the occasion of the 2,000th U.S. military death in Iraq, a solemn vigil with over 120 area residents was held on Oct. 26 at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair. This sad milestone

Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-13th District), offered an insider's view of citizen advocacy in his Dec. 5 presentation at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch in Grosse Pointe Park.

The Aug. 1 picnic and Dec. 11 holiday gathering offered lighter fare, highlighted by good food, good music and most of all, good company.

A deep personal sadness for all was the July 17 death of Pointes for Peace co-founder Mary Read. She left a legacy of lifelong quiet work for peace born of her experience as a young woman in London during World War II. Her quiet example continues to stand as an inspiration.

Plans are well under way for the coming year, with a number of excellent speakers committed for the early months. Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, who drew more than 400 when he spoke at a Pointes for Peace gathering in 2004, returns in February. Author and media specialist Norman Solomon will speak in May.

All events are free and open to the public. Sunday vigils will be held, indoors for the winter months, at 7 p.m. at Panera Bread, 17150 Kercheval. For more information, call Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732; e-mail, pointesforpeace@yahoo.com.

# 2005 in review

brought together members of Pointes for Peace, Moveon.org and the American Friends Service Committee.

Lois Rimbo, Richard Elementary school teacher and resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, has worked on education and women's rights issues during her many trips to Tanzania. Addressing Pointes for Peace members on Nov. 7 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, Rimbo reflected on the cultural qualities that have given Tanzania a relative state of peace although surrounded by other conflict-ridden countries.

Robert Clouston, administrative assistant to U.S.



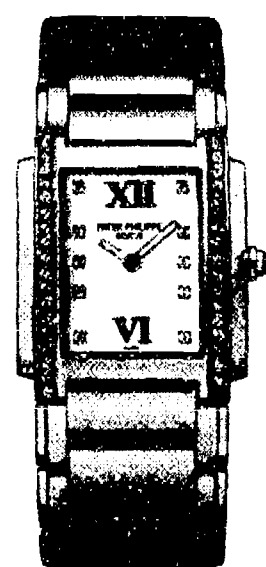
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Above, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, right, joins city council newcomer Pete Waldmeir, second from left, and council incumbents Al Dickinson, left, and Vicki Granger, second from right, during their swearing-in ceremony performed before the Nov. 14 city council meeting.

Below, Lynn and Jerry Wiszowaty of Grosse Pointe Woods dance to the music of Davey and the Diplomats during the kickoff of the inaugural Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue's "Discover Mack Avenue Days."



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# Belly dancing transcends the stage

## The traditional folk dance can change a life

By Ann L. Fouty  
Staff Writer

Close your eyes. Lean back in your chair. Envision a belly dancer.

The slim woman with long black hair is bedecked with chains and jeweled necklaces and bracelets. From her ear lobes dangle jewels and gold and silver coins. She wears a sheer pastel shirt floating to the ground covering her bare feet. A colorfully embroidered belt

accented with tassels, coins and thin chains surrounds her lower abdomen. A metallic click from her jewelry keeps the beat of a distance drum, slowly at first, more quickly as the performance continues.

Her arms glide smoothly in serpentine movements, and her hips rotate making the gauzy skirt sway as if touched by a cedar-scented breeze. The tribal dance is drawing you in, transport-

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ing you to another time and place. You watch as the dancer indulges your thoughts of flying carpets and night skies dotted with starlight.

"It's the only ritual dance and cultural tradition that has existed from prehistoric times," said Roxann Scotella of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Scotella is both a teacher and student of the traditional folk dance with its roots in Middle East and depicted in Egyptian hieroglyphics as part of ceremonial rituals. Belly dancing, properly known as raks sharki, descended from Middle Eastern folk dances and is performed by both men and women. Throughout the centuries it has picked up bits and pieces from Turkey, Egypt, India, the gypsies in Romania and a touch of flamenco dance. The religious community viewed the dance negatively when Oscar Wilde wrote a play about the many loves of Salome. Richard Strauss based his opera, "Salome" on Wilde's play and introduced the Western world to a dancing woman who peeled off veil after veil for King Herod.

Belly dancing, an American term, uses every part of the body, even the muscles you didn't know you had. It's good cardio vascular workout," she said. "As much as you think you are in shape and have exercised, belly dancing introduces you to muscles you didn't know you had. Belly dancing has graduated to exercise, to giving birth or chiropractic purposes."

It's touted to be practiced

by women in preparation for child birth, after child birth to tone abdominal muscles and to improve circulation. It is gaining popularity at spas to improve muscle tone and relieve stress, said Scotella who dances on her toes using the Egyptian style with a Turkish flare.

With the many roles a woman must fulfill in the 21st century from wife and mother to successful career woman, the stress builds up. Belly dancing in comfortable, nonrestrictive clothing is a good way to get a workout and unwind. Though not medically proven to reduce stress, it is nonetheless helpful to Scotella and her students, as well as her three daughters.

She was introduced to the dance form by her late first husband, who was Greek.

She and her daughters continued to dance after the death of her husband and their father. For Scotella, it was to relieve her bouts of vertigo.

"I did it for personal health. I have found vertigo comes from stress-related activities," she said.

Since then the activity has blossomed into an educational tool.

She teaches private lessons. She also has classes at the Clawson YWCA and the YMCA in Warren. She is also working on setting up a local studio to accommodate students from elementary-age to senior citizens.

Her students take their learned talents to various venues of night clubs, graduation parties, wedding receptions, birthday parties and bachelorette parties. But it is the affiliation with the non-profit PURE that she treasures.

PURE is the Public Urban Ritual Experiment and first performed in New York in the name of peace. She and her troupe danced in Detroit on July 17. In fact, PURE dancers in Florida, Illinois, New York, Rhode Island, Texas, Ohio,



Photos courtesy Roxann Scotella

Roxann Scotella, front left, dancing with her troupe of belly dancers in Detroit with PURE, Public Urban Ritual Experiment, to promote peace.

Oregon and Louisiana were all dancing that same day to promote peace.

According to PURE founder Kaeshi Chai of New York, "Throughout the ages and across cultures, dance and music have drawn people together both spiritually and physically. In our own city PURE participants aim to bring attention to the power of community ancient traditions of dance and ritual. The fluid blending of Middle Eastern, Chinese, Romani Gypsy, Israeli fold, flamenco and Indian dance movements is representative of the world solidarity we seek to affirm in the PURE experience."

Scotella picks up the explanation, "Dancing together becomes one another together. We must have peace within ourselves and love for ourselves before can spread out to the public."

Once that peace is achieved, it becomes addictive, she said. "It was a spiritual communal dance. We shared our spiritual self with other women who lack peace."

Scotella believes that the more she learns about herself through dance, the more she is able to teach others. And that's what it is all about, sharing, she said.

Sharing is an integral part of her busy life. In addition to her full life of dancing, she is part owner and vice president of Pat Scott Jewelers. She does the buying for the store and the marketing. When time is

available she is on the store's floor working with customers and her private clients and being an involved mother with four children; Rachel, 23, who is the store's main gemologist and also teaches belly dancing; Raquel, 17, who is in college; Riana, 10 and P.J. III, 8.

Most days after school will find her or her eldest daughter and the two youngest in the corner booth of Caribou doing homework and catching up with the day's events.

"I create teamwork. Just because I'm the mom, I don't rule the roost. There is ownership in what you are doing," she said.

Scotella's day could touch in any number of her business ventures or her volunteer life. She fills her days with her retail business of selling dance costumes, training, hosting out-of-town dancers or traveling out of the country on a jewelry-buying trip. She is involved in the Kidney Foundation, Children's Home of Detroit and the Festival of Trees.

While dancing is fun, Scotella sees it as another way to learn. Never judgmental she believes students and teachers are on the same level. From learning she teaches and from teaching she learns even more.

To learn more about Scotella's classes and her philosophy, go to her Web site, [www.bellyrox.com](http://www.bellyrox.com).



Roxann Scotella says belly dancing, a ritual and folk style dance, will relieve stress and at the same time give one a cardio workout and become a part of one's life.

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The Babies of 2005

~ Return no later than January 12, 2006 ~



Photo by Ann L. Fouty

Roxann Scotella in her home office where she manages her belly dancers, sets up dance classes and does marketing for Pat Scot Jewelers.

## Ice fishing hits a snag at Osius Park

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Jim Cooke had such a busy summer that he's already planning for next year.

Cooke runs parks and recreation programs in Grosse Pointe Shores, where during 2005, 163,298 people entered the gates of Osius Park.

Regular attendance, plus popular special events such as camp outs for children and cultural field trips for adults, has Cooke getting an early start setting the recreation department agenda well into 2006.

Plans are already made

for residents to attend the Aug. 16 performance of "South Pacific" in Stratford, Ontario.

Closer to home and of immediate interest, early snowfall means Vernier Hill is open for sledding and related activities.

Hours Monday through Friday are 2 p.m. to dusk, and weekends 10 a.m. to dusk.

Park employees are trying to keep the lakeside facility's promenades and boardwalks clear of ice and snow.

"People enjoy the park in winter," Cooke said. "It's nice to walk the walkways; so we keep them open for

residents."

The harbor has been winterized. Bubble machines are operational to keep ice from damaging finger dock pilings.

Ice fishing in the harbor, which is shared with the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, has been snagged.

"The yacht club does not allow or want ice fishermen in the harbor," Cooke said.

"We're going to think that over before we open the harbor for ice fishing. If we do, I think we're going to designate areas where we can fish and try to keep people away from the yacht club."



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# Great Lakes water issue for new year

If you are like us, you would assume that the Great Lakes are well protected from threats of diversion, both domestic and foreign. If so, then like us, your assumptions are incorrect.

As the U.S. population grows, particularly in the West, Southwest and Southeast, "Parchbelt" politicians and their constituents will covetously eye Great Lakes water as a means of sating their ever-growing thirsts and lubricating their economic booms.

Meanwhile, unemployed residents of the Great Lakes will have ample water but little economic opportunity.

Today's scenario is not unlike that of a quarter of a century ago when Michigan was again in an economic slump and the Sunbelt states were basking in jobs. Then, as today, pundits announced the death of the industrial Midwest and the rise of the New South.

Michigan and the other Great Lakes states could capitalize on their last great resource, water, by selling it to the highest bidders. But would that be the smart move?

Apparently, former Michigan Gov. John Engler thought so in 2001 when he allowed his Department of Environmental Quality to issue Nestle a permit to bottle 210 million gallons of water a year from wells in



Mecosta County.

A citizens' group won a halt in circuit court to Nestle's pumping, and the state appellate court agreed last month with the lower court that the state permit allowing 400 gallons per minute to be pumped was harming the nearby creek and water supply. However, the appellate court said Nestle should be allowed to pump a lesser amount and remanded the case back to the circuit court. Nestle, doing business as Ice Mountain, is allowed to pump half of the allowed amount — 200 gpm — in the interim.

The court action has now spread to the federal level with a suit filed by Nestle opposing the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 and 2000, which essentially prohibits water diversion from the Great Lakes without consent of all eight governors of the Great Lakes states.

Reportedly, then Gov. Engler ignored the advice of then state attorney general, Jennifer Granholm, and allowed Nestle to begin operations without regional review as required under the federal law.

It seems water bottlers have met with some friendly ears in Michigan, as opposed to Wisconsin, which spurned bottlers' overtures. Even during the heat of battle in the courts,

the city manager of Evart, a small town 90 miles north of Grand Rapids, offered Nestle exclusive use of one of its municipal wells — at a negotiated fee, of course.

Meanwhile, Gov. Granholm, conservation-minded lawmakers, such as the Pointes' own state representative, Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, and environmental groups, such as Clean Water Action and The Great Lakes, Great Michigan Coalition, are bailing feverishly to plug loopholes that threaten to swamp the state's control over its water resource.

It does not help that city managers and elected leaders are selling the state up a creek.

Remember in the spring of 1998 when the Ontario government granted a permit to export 50 tankers of Lake Superior water (156 million gallons) a year to Asia? Remember how outraged we were, even though the request was negligible for the world's seventh-largest lake and even though the water was badly needed elsewhere in the world?

The Lake Superior deal was a drop in the bucket compared to the Nestle deals combined with those of other Michigan bottlers, including Absolut Pure, Aquafina, Coca-Cola and Faygo. The deals with Nestle and the other

bottlers may be water over the dam, so to speak. They have been given permits by the state government. They either must be honored, or the state must make monetary restitution should it decide to revoke or restrict them, as Gov. Granholm has attempted to do with Nestle.

We are not a third-world nation. Our policies and promises do not change merely on who happens to rule at a given time. We do not nationalize or take away property rights (water pumping permits, in this case) of our corporate citizens without due process and due compensation.

In the meantime, Nestle will argue that it is merely doing what other bottlers, including apple juice companies and Coca-Cola, are doing: making a product, providing jobs, paying taxes and satisfying a consumer demand. What is wrong with that?

Granholm, Gaffney, The Great Lakes, Great Michigan Coalition, Clean Water Action and others will assert that water is not a commodity but rather a nonrenewable resource held by the state in the public trust. The state must protect the public resource, just as it does the Great Lakes bottomlands and fisheries.

We essentially agree that laws limiting Great Lakes water diversion need to be strengthened and loopholes plugged. We urge voters to contact

Gaffney (edwardgaffney@house.mi.gov) and support his bipartisan efforts to protect the Great Lakes.

More information can be found at [cleanwateraction.org/mi](http://cleanwateraction.org/mi) and [great-lakesgreatmichigan.org](http://great-lakesgreatmichigan.org).

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## 'Church lady' retires

A friend and colleague is leaving the Grosse Pointe News after nearly 20 years. Margie Smith, longtime Features editor and assistant editor, is retiring Dec. 30.

She will be deeply missed, not just by the staff and owners of the Grosse Pointe News, but also by the Questers, AAUW, SOC, Junior League, Historical Society and the myriad other clubs and organizations that regularly sent her news for her section of the newspaper. She is fondly known by Grosse Pointe News columnist Ben Burns as "the church lady" — as opposed to the "religious editor" — for her handling in past years of church news and the pastor's column.

Margie earned bachelor's and master's degrees in English at the University of Michigan. She was also a certified teacher. Her career in education ended when she married and raised three wonderful and successful daughters. She is now a grandmother of two.

Looking to get back into writing, Ms. Smith freelanced for the Detroit papers, Heritage magazine and the Grosse Pointe News. When an opening appeared in 1986 for an education

writer, Ms. Smith was an obvious choice for then editor Pat Paholsky.

After about five years of covering schools and writing obituaries, Ms. Smith replaced Features editor Peggy Andrzejczyk, now director of publications and public relations at University Liggett School.

It is with reluctance that Ms. Smith is leaving the Grosse Pointe News, but she likes to travel and spend time with her grandsons, and we are limited to how much vacation time we can offer! Also, this year, she found herself dusting off her reporting skills in order to figure out the quagmire of Medicare Part D, and she decided it was time to retire.

Incidentally, Ms. Smith ended her last week at the Grosse Pointe News doing what she did at the beginning — writing obituaries. We hope she will return on occasion to fill in for a vacationing staff member or to submit at freelance feature story or Pointer of Interest. That is in addition to her volunteering for the Detroit Institute of Arts speakers bureau. (She calls this retirement?)

At any rate, we wish Ms. Smith a long, healthy and much traveled retirement.



Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at [phands@grossepointenews.com](mailto:phands@grossepointenews.com) or go to [www.philtoons.com](http://www.philtoons.com)

## Letters

### Information first To the Editor:

There are always two sides to a story. I wanted to present the business office side to the letter to the editor, "Financial transparency" by Margot C. Parker, Grosse Pointes for Excellence in Education (Dec. 22 Grosse Pointe News).

First of all, over the years Mrs. Parker has requested information via the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and other means. In all cases we have complied and compiled the information for her as requested.

The case she was referring to did happen in July. Some of the information was on file and we complied in accordance with the FOIA. In particular I am referring to the athletic budget. However, she did not like the format or how the data was supplied, so we voluntarily gave her another ath-

letic schedule.

The extra pay for extra duty (EPED) data for clubs and activities was also not on file. We voluntarily compiled it for her. However, since the principals at North and South high schools were away on vacation, I had to wait for them to give me the information. She was informed of the reason for the delay.

To further complicate this request, many of the EPED clubs, while budgeted, are not posted or filled until school starts. In many cases, we do not even know if they will exist for the year until school opens.

Our intent was to give Mrs. Parker accurate information, not just budgets or plans. Again, all of these documents and schedules, outside of the athletic budget, were prepared specifically for her.

This is true of many of the requests from community

members: they are specifically prepared for them on a case-by-case basis. These are not documents we have on file that can be readily copied. We create these to give them the best information possible and fulfill or exceed their information requests.

Christian Fenton  
Assistant  
Superintendent  
of Business  
and Support Services  
Grosse Pointe Public  
School System

### Another look at Darwin

To the Editor:

The past year has seen an outpouring of articles defending Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution from publications as disparate as the National Geographic, university alumni periodicals (Princeton, Harvard,

Brown), the latest issue of The Economist, last Saturday's Wall Street Journal and now even the Grosse Pointe News ("Descent of Man in America," Dec. 15). Clearly something is up.

What's up is challenges in several jurisdictions to the teaching of evolution as our culture's sole story of creation. And the challengers are finding themselves vilified by the elite as "idiots" (G.P. News); victims of "honest confusion and ignorance" (Geographic); or "wholly unscientific" (WSJ).

However, a majority of people in this country continues to question the comprehensive perspective that Darwin's theory promotes — a theory that says all life is explained by natural causes, acting randomly, in which, as the postmodernists say, there is no transcendent truth.

A combination of religious faith, innate wisdom and, perhaps, some collective recollection of the dawn of the nuclear age a mere 60 years ago causes many in this country to continue to question this scientific enthusiasm. More importantly, most on both sides of the issue understand that much more is at stake here than

scientific theory.

How we are created and what we believe about that creation will determine our destiny, because it tells us who we are, why we are here, and how we should order our lives together in

scientific theory.

How we are created and what we believe about that creation will determine our destiny, because it tells us who we are, why we are here, and how we should order our lives together in society. Whether we start with the assumption that we are creatures of a personal God or that we are products of some mindless process, a whole network of consequences follow, and these consequences can diverge dramatically.

From what I've read, Darwin's theory has indeed proven quite valuable to many scientific disciplines and to an improved understanding of the natural world. Still, rational, valid questions, even about the core of today's neo-Darwinian theory, natural selection and random mutation, remain. What is surprising is that the "scientific" mind seems highly resistant even to considering these questions.

Regardless, our chief con-

cern should be about the broader implications of Darwinian theory — including especially how future generations will relate to each other. Yet, already the academic community trumpets its conclusions. One widely used college textbook, "Evolutionary Biology," states, "By coupling undirected, purposeless variations to the blind, uncaring process of natural selection, Darwin made theological or spiritual explanations of the life processes superfluous."

Before traveling that path, we may want to consider the words of the noted French agnostic Ernest Renan. He said, "If Rationalism wishes to govern the world without regard to the religious needs of the soul, the experience of the French Revolution is there to teach us the consequences of such a blunder." Renan did not live long enough to witness the Nazi and Soviet experiments.

The Economist, referred to earlier, in its discussion of genetic engineering and evolution, mentions eugenics and the Nazi death camps, and concludes, rather flip-

pantly, "With luck, the self-

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## H-wood Squares

Take a break from reading year-end wrap-ups and remember the old days and witticisms of "Hollywood Squares."

These old Squares jokes came to me from a coworker who spends an inordinate amount of time trading humorous e-mail messages with friends.

Peter Marshall was the show's host asking questions of showbiz pros who sharpened their wit on stage, radio and live television before the advent of taped broadcasts.

Knowing the personalities responding to questions adds to the humorous

answers.

Q. Do female frogs croak?  
A. Paul Lynde: If you hold their little heads under water long enough.

Q. If you're going to make a parachute jump, at least how high should you be?

A. Charley Weaver: Three days of steady drinking should do it.

Q. True or False, a pea can last as long as 5,000 years.

A. George Goebel: Boy, it sure seems that way sometimes.

Q. You've been having trouble going to sleep. Are you probably a man or a woman?

A. Don Knotts: That's what's been keeping me awake.

Q. In Hawaiian, does it take more than three words to say "I Love You"?



A. Vincent Price: No, you can say it with a pineapple and a twenty.

Q. What are "Do It," "I Can Help," and "I Can't Get Enough"?

A. George Goebel: I don't know, but it's coming from the next apartment.

Q. As you grow older, do you tend to gesture more or less with your hands while talking?

A. Rose Marie: You ask me

one more growing old question, Peter, and I'll give you a gesture you'll never forget.

Q. Why do Hell's Angels wear leather?

A. Paul Lynde: Because chiffon wrinkles too easily.

Q. In bowling, what's a perfect score?

A. Rose Marie: Ralph, the pin boy.

Q. It is considered in bad taste to discuss two subjects at nudist camps. One is pol-

itics, what is the other?

A. Paul Lynde: Tape measures.

Q. During a tornado, are you safer in the bedroom or in the closet?

A. Rose Marie: Unfortunately, Peter, I'm always safe in the bedroom.

Q. Can boys join the Camp Fire Girls?

A. Marty Allen: Only after lights out.

Q. When you pat a dog on its head he will wag his tail. What will a goose do?

A. Paul Lynde: Make him bark?

Q. If you were pregnant for two years, what would you give birth to?

A. Paul Lynde: Whatever it is, it would never be afraid of the dark.

Q. According to Ann Landers, is there anything wrong with getting into the

habit of kissing a lot of people?

A. Charley Weaver: It got me out of the army.

Q. While visiting China, your tour guide starts shouting "Pool! Pool! Pool!" What does this mean?

A. George Goebel: Cattle crossing.

Q. It is the most abused and neglected part of your body, what is it?

A. Paul Lynde: Mine may be abused but it certainly isn't neglected.

Q. Who stays pregnant for a longer period of time, your wife or your elephant?

A. Paul Lynde: Who told you about my elephant?

Q. When a couple have a baby, who is responsible for its sex?

A. Charley Weaver: I'll lend him the car, the rest is up to him.

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# The Op-Ed Page



## Hidden history

It is hard to picture **Ernest Ament** as a law-breaker, a vandal. After all, a good friend and neighbor in Grosse Pointe Park, who has known him for years, describes him as "a proper kind of a guy."

Ament, 76, is a retired college professor, an expert on the classics of Greek and Latin, and he looks the part. Born in a small town in Iowa, he got a Jesuit education from a Wisconsin boarding school, where they were quick to apply a paddle to the seat of learning. He went on to John Carroll University in Cleveland and to St. Louis University, where he completed his Ph.D.

After that, he taught at the University of Ottawa for two years and then at Southern Cal for five years. It was there he met his wife, **Beryl**, a Brit, who after graduating with a teaching degree decided to ditch London and apply to learn somewhere sunny, such as California. The pair then moved to the Detroit area when Ernie received an offer to join Wayne State.

But it can now be revealed since the statute of limitations has expired that Ernie has been on the lam for half a century from his home town in Anamosa, Iowa. It seems that the town of Anamosa, population 3,000, about halfway between Dubuque

## fyi

by Ben Burns



and Des Moines, is the birthplace of famed 20th century American painter Grant Wood.

Wood, you will remember, painted "American Gothic," that rendition of a stern Iowa farmer holding a pitch fork posed next to his wife — "one of the world's most parodied images," according to the Chicago Tribune. A Wood painting recently sold for \$6 million at auction.

Wood was born on a farm near Anamosa and later frequented Ernie's father's dry goods store, but nearby Cedar Rapids, where Wood lived in later years, always claimed him as one of theirs and this fall even staged an exhibit of the famed painting.

That claim of a native son galled Ernie. "It irked me," he said. "It was irritating." So the newly minted scholar at age 26 one hot summer night gathered a couple gallons of white paint and a ladder, loaded up his 14-year-old sister, **Mary Ann**, and another young woman he was seeing at the time and drove out to a chamber of commerce-style billboard on the outskirts of town on Highway 64.

Sponsored by the Iowa Electric Co., the billboard proclaimed in large letters: Anamosa, County Seat of Jones County, Home of Iowa State Reformatory and Wapsipinicon State Park.

While the two girls watched for cars, Ernie scaled the ladder and across the top of the billboard in rather neat letters printed: "Birthplace of Grant Wood." Whenever a car would come — which was not often — he would race down the ladder and hide in the bushes until it passed.

Then the trio waited for the hue and cry over the

changed inscription. But nothing happened. In fact, after several weeks, Ernie deviously asked someone if he had noticed the change and casually wondered who had done such a thing.

But the person he coached for a reaction said he hadn't noticed any change.

"I was no Rosa Parks," Ernie said recently. "It didn't set off any vibration."

The billboard stayed that way for several years and in due course was replaced without anyone ever mentioning the addendum. And a couple of decades later, the Anamosa city fathers actually put up their own sign claiming their native son.

Ernie's role in correcting the perception of where Grant Wood was born would have been lost to history except for that art exhibit in Cedar Rapids for "American Gothic," which drew sellout crowds and ended a few weeks ago.

The Chicago Tribune wrote a feature story in July that the farm couple in "American Gothic" was going to Woods' home town, Cedar Rapids, from the Art Institute of Chicago for the first time in 75 years.

That drew a confession in the form of a letter to the editor from Mary Ann,

now **Mary Ann McCluskey**, 64, who lives in Glen Ellyn, a Chicago suburb. She pointed out the Tribune's mistake in calling Cedar Rapids Woods' boyhood home and ratted out her older brother.

When the news of Ernie's past broke, Ernie and Beryl were living peacefully in their Park home on Barrington. Both had retired from WSU, Ernie in '96. They had raised five outstanding children — **Albert, Katie, Liz, Andrew and Lucy** — and sent them through the Grosse Pointe schools and a variety of colleges. They now boast 14 grandchildren.

Now friends threaten to sneak up behind him and say, "Here he is, officer." And he has been plagued by calls from the media — well, one call from the media.

When Ernie demanded to know the person who revealed his secret past to a Grosse Pointe News columnist, I told him I would go to jail before I would give up my source.

However, I will give him a hint in print, thus saving the expense of a grand jury investigation. Ernie, "a straitlaced type" with a twinkle in his eye, once showed this fellow a pink guitar that he had played. And if you start singing "Hail to the Victors," this guy might respond.

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## Streetwise

### Question of the Week:

"Have you ever made a New Year's resolution and kept it?"



Richard Hamill

"I've made resolutions, but I've rarely been successful with them."

**Richard Hamill**  
Grosse Pointe Farms

"I've made them and never kept them. I tend to make unrealistic resolutions."

**Cheri Reid**  
City of Grosse Pointe



Cheri Reid



Jack Berry

"No. I'll start (the year) with a clean slate, and then it gets dirty."

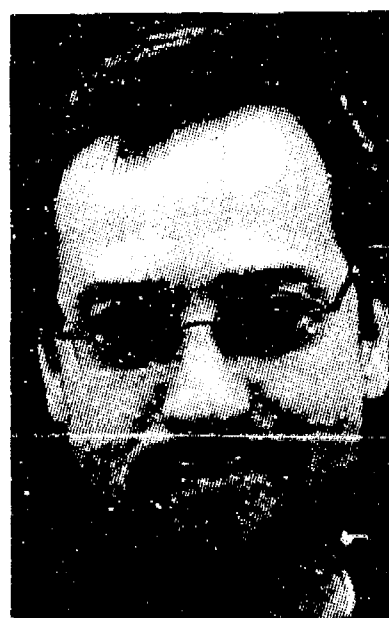
**Jack Berry**  
Detroit

"Yes. I resolved to take more vacations, and I've taken them."

**Kim Scanlan**  
St. Clair Shores



Kim Scanlan



Mark Bolton

"Yes. I smoked; I resolved to quit, and then quit."

**Mark Bolton**  
Grosse Pointe Park

"I never make resolutions just for the New Year. I wake up every morning with good intentions."

**Jane McFeely**  
City of Grosse Pointe



Jane McFeely

## Points about the Pointes

The School Board's fiduciary responsibility... is it to the parents, students or the taxpayers?



During one of our recent School Board Work Session meetings, a School Board member commented that we were there to do what's best for the children. Sounds pretty logical, doesn't it?

It was until the end of the meeting, when one member of the public commented that we as Board members should keep in mind that our fiduciary responsibility is not exclusively to parents or students, but is to the taxpayers, 80% of whom do not have children attending our schools. I have to agree, he did have a point.

John Carver, the guru of Board governance, defines fiduciary responsibility as one where someone has agreed to act in the capacity of a caretaker of another person's assets. Fiduciaries

are bound not to favor anyone's interests above those of the beneficiaries who have entrusted them with their assets.

In our case, the assets of the school system are the property of the taxpayers. We are responsible for producing the most favorable return on these assets, which, if invested properly should translate into the best education we can give our children.

Every appointment, hiring, lease or contract has to be scrutinized with this singular goal in mind. If we are not aggressively pursuing the best return on investment on each and every one of our assets that we can for our taxpayers, we are not living up to our fiduciary responsibility. According to Mr. Carver, it's that simple. I wholeheartedly agree.

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**Ruth C. Wegner**

Ruth C. Wegner, 85, of Detroit, died on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005, at St. John Hospital.

She was born on Jan. 17, 1920, to Joseph and Anna Roth, in Elkton, Mich., one of seven children in the family.

She married Alvin Wegner on Nov. 29, 1941, a week before Pearl Harbor was attacked.

Mrs. Wegner was dedicated to her family. She was a wonderful cook and homemaker who found joy in creating a home atmosphere that could be called a haven of love.

She was an avid reader and knitter. She didn't seek the spotlight and was content to take care of her family, friends and charitable organizations with little attention and a quiet, unassuming spirit.

Mrs. Wegner leaves a legacy of love for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Alvin Wegner; children, Dennis (Karen), Wayne (Susan) and Debra (Robert) Ihrie; 10 grandchildren, Kimberly, Kelly, Donald, Whitney, Meredith, Natalie, Thomas, Dawn, Mandy and Parker; four great-grandchildren, Tim, Katrina, Ethan and Brooke; and two sisters, Opal Duffy and Beatrice Hill.

A memorial service was held on Friday, Dec. 23, at Grosse Pointe Baptist

Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Interment is at Cadillac Memorial East Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grosse Pointe Baptist Church Memorial Fund, 21336 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

**Betty J. Thoma**

Betty J. Thoma, 87, of Grosse Pointe Farms died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at Bon Secours Hospital, after a brief illness.

She was born on Oct. 14, 1918, to Ivan and Erma Bearse of Gagetown, Mich. She moved to Detroit in 1934.

She met her future husband, Richard J. Thoma, and they were married in 1939. Richard J. Thoma died on Feb. 28, 2001.

Mrs. Thoma is survived by her son, Richard E. Thoma (Judith), and grandchildren Richard William and Amanda Ann.

A private family memorial service will take place at Oak Hill Cemetery in Battle Creek at a later date.

Memorial donations may be sent to the charity of one's choice.

**Von Douglas Logan**

Von Douglas Logan, 63, died on Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005, at his Grosse Pointe home. He was born May 9, 1942 to Wilma Logan Hall and the late Mac Logan, in Monroe, Mich.

Mr. Logan graduated from Monroe High School in 1960, and earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and two master's degrees from Wayne State University.

After retiring from the Michigan Employment Security Commission, he worked for two years in Kiev, Ukraine.

He is survived by his mother, Wilma Logan Hall; two sisters, Carol (Jeffrey) Carter of Ann Arbor and Mary Blackwell of Monroe; two nieces, Tara and Stacy; two nephews, Travis and Chad; and two great-nephews, Jackson and Cooper.

He will also be remembered by a special aunt, Donna Burt.

A funeral service was held on Dec. 28, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church and interment will be today, Dec. 29, at Roselawn Cemetery in Monroe.

Instead of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson Avenue Camp Scholarship Fund, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48214, or to the charity of one's choice.

**Cynthia Davis Carson**

Cynthia Davis Carson, 85, died on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005, at her home. She was born in Goshen, Ind., to May and Clyde Davis.

After graduating from the University of Michigan with



Ruth C. Wegner



Cynthia Davis Carson



Julien Joseph Meulebrouck

a degree in sociology, Mrs. Carson worked in Detroit at the Children's Aid Society and as a department store detective. Later, she moved to New York City and worked at the office of Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia during the time of the newspaper strike when the mayor began broadcasting news stories and comic strips on the radio.

She married Lt. Commander Harry Carson, whom she met on a blind date arranged by her college roommate.

The couple settled in Washington, D.C., where their daughter, Lisbeth, was born.

Shortly after his release from the Navy, the family moved back to Michigan, where Mr. Carson established his law practice and their son, Bill, was born. They moved to Grosse Pointe Farms in 1951.

Mrs. Carson's happiest hours were spent with her family and friends, especially out of doors.

She loved the Farms Pier Park, walks by the lake, dark chocolate and flowers. She became a Master Gardener at age 60.

She joined the Herb Society. She taught needlepoint and spent many years studying genealogy. Always active with her children's activities, Mrs. Carson served as a Brownie, Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader.

There were many "firsts" in her life.

She helped organize the very first Kerby Carnival at the "new" Kerby Elementary School.

She served as a choir mother at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. She helped implement and chaperone the first choir trip to England in 1964.

The Carsons loved to travel, and after many summer station wagon vacations from Maine to California, they began spending the autumn in Europe.

They especially liked Switzerland and The Algarve in Portugal.

They visited most countries, from Turkey to England. A highlight of their travel experiences was visiting former Grosse Pointe neighbors Bodil and Gunner Schuisky in Sweden.

Mrs. Carson so loved travel, that even at her death, her up-to-date passport was in her purse because, as she said, "You just never know."

After her husband's death in 1994, Mrs. Carson enjoyed spending more and more time in Naples, Fla., where she participated in a daily water aerobics class and studied nature from her lanai.

She always headed south as soon as the first leaf turned red.

She was predeceased by her husband, Harry A. Carson. A private funeral was held at Christ Church Grosse Pointe on Wednesday, Dec. 28, followed by interment at Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Habitat For Humanity.

**Julien Joseph Meulebrouck**

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Julien Joseph Meulebrouck, 103, died in his sleep on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005, at his home. He was active physically and mentally until the moment of his death.

Mr. Meulebrouck was born in France on Feb. 7, 1902, to Remi and Salina Meulebrouck. He was raised by his grandparents. His schooling ended when he was 12 years old because of the German occupation of France during World War I.

After the war, he became a carpenter.

In 1939, as another world war was erupting in Europe, he moved to the United States.

He worked as a carpenter and display builder for Fisher Boat Works during World War II, building PT boats and sub chasers. After the war he worked on displays and exhibits for the

General Motors Autorama Show, which toured the United States.

Mr. Meulebrouck was a member of the French Army, where he was a corporal and adjutant for the commanding colonel.

The center of his life was his family.

He also enjoyed gardening, carpentry and card games.

Mr. Meulebrouck is survived by his son, Roland; grandchildren, Neal and Brian; great-grandchildren, Chloe, Chase and Caden.

Mr. Meulebrouck was predeceased by his wife, Leontine, to whom he was married for 76 years; and sisters Jeanine, Simone and Andrienna.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment was in Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Franciscan Mission Associates in Mount Vernon, N.Y. 10551-0598.

**Russell John Cronenweth**

Russell John Cronenweth, 97, died peacefully at his daughter's home in Jupiter, Fla., on Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005.

Mr. Cronenweth most recently made his home in Port Austin, Mich. His parents were John D. and Aurelia Russell Cronenweth.

Survivors include two daughters, Ann C. Chandler and Dr. Joyce Fraser; grandchildren Scott R. (Dee) Chandler, Kristin Donaldson, Stefanie C. (Timothy) Rosa and Bennett (Roseann) Donaldson; and great-grandchildren, James Bennett Donaldson, Russell Donaldson, William Donaldson and Ryan Chandler.

He was predeceased by his wife, Grace Cronenweth.

The family will hold a private memorial ceremony.

## Waterfront news hogs 2005 agenda in the Farms

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Waterfront development, both public and private, was the marquee issue in Grosse Pointe Farms during 2005.

A two-story, residential-style community center replaced a one-room, cinder block meeting hall at Pier Park.

Workers began revamping the municipal harbor to improve slips, improve utility service and upgrade the small harbor with finger docks for each well.

Likewise, members of Crescent Sail Yacht Club voted to completely upgrade their harbor.

A nearly 100-year-old house owned by the Grosse Pointe War Memorial at 60 Lakeshore, was torn down to make way for the Pointes' first condominiums to overlook Lake St. Clair. The house, owned by the Farms' first mayor, was regarded as historic but was unable to be saved or moved.

"Once again we had an 1/8-mill tax cut, the third year in a row we've done that," said Mayor James Farquhar.

He credited the tax cut to frugal financial management.

"The finance committee and department heads really look over the budget," Farquhar said. "They don't come in with some big, inflated budget. They come in with something realistic. We look at line-item things. If a car has 60,000 miles on it, we question whether to replace it."

With Farquhar's reelection in November, he became the first Farms mayor chosen by direct vote of the people. Previously, members of the city council chose a mayor from within their ranks.

The Pier Park community center building at the park followed construction of a playscape and splash pad at

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the lakeside facility. Farquhar said park improvements are intended to make the community more attractive to current and prospective residents.

"One of the first things young families look for is recreation facilities," Farquhar said.

Meanwhile, a year-round multi-use building has opened near the baseball diamonds and ice skating rink at Kerby Field. The building serves as a warming hut in winter, gathering spot during warm weather and storage space throughout the year.

"Plus, it will be paid for through a lease with Nextel," Farquhar said.

In exchange for Nextel placing communication equipment in the field house attic, the company will pay enough rent through the years to pay for the building's construction. In addition, Nextel provided the Farms a backup generator to operate sewage pumps at the water department facility next to Kerby Field.

Other infrastructure improvements include work to upgrade the water filtration plant at Moross and Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

A study is taking place to determine how costly it would be for Grosse Pointe Shores and Woods to buy water from the Farms.

New sewage meters have been installed to accurately measure sewage sent to

Detroit for treatment. Previously, flow had been estimated and, Farms officials suspect, overstated, resulting in higher-than-justified sewage costs.

"Now, every cubic foot of sewage that goes through that pipe is measured," Farquhar said. "Hopefully, we'll have savings to our residents."

Farquhar said he's sorry to see demolition of 60 Lakeshore.

"The War Memorial, city, Farms historical society and two families interested in the house worked extremely hard to try to save it," Farquhar said. "It's going to be a new era with condos on the water. Let's try to see if we can make them the best condos we can have."

Regarding the central business district, Fifth-Third Bank opened a branch on the Hill.

Cafe Nini opened, then closed for renovation upon receiving a liquor license, and is slated to reopen.

Projects for 2006 include seeking permission from state regulators to reduce overgrown vegetation on accretion building up against the breakwall north of Pier Park.

"Hopefully we'll get a permit to at least cut down vegetation and put in vegetation that is natural to Michigan as opposed to invasive species," Farquhar said.

Next year will see renewed interest in vacant municipal property at Mack and Moross.

"The council had started to discuss Mack and Moross but got sideways a little with marina development and other things," Farquhar said.



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Sharyn Mannino, a lifelong Grosse Pointe Farms resident, and granddaughter Lilly Clelan enjoy the rear patio of the new community center at Pier Park.

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## U.S. Senate candidate to address the Eastside Republican Club

Jerry Zandstra, director of programs at the Acton Institute; holder of a bachelor's degree, two master's degrees and a doctorate; consultant on government policies in the United States and abroad; and professor, will address the Eastside Republican Club Forum on his candidacy for U. S. Senate on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"Jerry Zandstra says that the ideas that drive his campaign for the Senate foster hope for the future, faith in the people of the United States and a choice for bold new leadership," says Marti Miller, chairman of the Eastside Republican Club. "He says he will fight for what he feels matters most to America's future — economic strength, moral courage and protection of freedom. Jerry is waging a true grass-roots campaign. His qualifications are second to none."

The Acton Institute which Zandstra directed for the last five years is a conservative think tank on economics, public policy and ethics. He has worked all over the

United States and internationally, talking about how government policies affect economics, families and freedom.

Zandstra has also been a small-business man with several partners for the last 11 years and has investments in real estate throughout the state of Michigan. He has taught in colleges and graduate schools, focusing mostly on economics and leadership.

"Jerry is a leader, a man of ideas," says Miller. "Ideas energize our nation and frame our goals and values. Ideas guide policy, he says, and anchor our economic, cultural and political infrastructure. Come and hear Jerry's ideas firsthand."

Zandstra will address the economy, tax structure, the legal system, health care and education.

His degrees were conferred by Western Michigan University, Trinity University, Calvin Theological Seminary and Calvin College. Zandstra has been married for 20 years and is the father of three sons.

The Eastside Republican



Jerry Zandstra

Club Forum is held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month from September through June in the Alger House at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Admission to the forum is free. The public is welcome regardless of political affiliation.

For more information about the Eastside Republican Club programs or membership, call Marti Miller at (313) 886-3785.



# NYCE is dead; NCLF is born

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

My, my, my. Once bitten, twice shy.

Based on a history of legal action by a group of lakeside residents, wary Grosse Pointe Shores trustees won't help five homeowners obtain state and federal permission to dredge accretion on a section of shoreline behind houses north of Osius municipal park.

Despite numerous assurances by the residents not to file another lawsuit against the Shores or its representa-

tives, trustees have long memories of the group forcing some of them and their predecessors to federal court in 1998.

Trustees believe dredging advocates would use a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to do more than clear 160,000 cubic yards of washed-up sand, soil and rotting vegetation from Lake St. Clair's shoreline and shallows.

Shores President Dr. James Cooper virtually accused residents of seeking a permit to snooker the village back behind the defendant's table.

"It's pretty obvious we're opposed to the dredging permit," Cooper said.

For months, former litigants belonging to a group organized in 1998 to fight expansion of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club harbor have said they don't want another legal battle with the Shores.

Members announced last week they disbanded their old group, called Neighbors Concerned about Yacht Club Expansion (NYCE), to reorganize as Neighbors Concerned about the Lake Front (NCLF).

"We need to support each other," NCLF president Warren Wilkinson told trustees this month. Wilkinson, a City of Grosse Pointe resident, also headed NYCE.

"The lawsuit of seven years ago seems to keep this council on high alert," added Mary Anne LaHood, Shores resident, former litigant and NCLF member. "We have no desire to sue the village on this issue."

Cooper explained Shores' opposition to helping residents obtain a dredging permit.

"The issue of accretion north of Vernier was first

raised in a lawsuit filed against the village and individual council members in 1998," Cooper said. "The plaintiffs, a number of individuals in NYCE, sought among other things to hold the village responsible for the cost of dredging north of Vernier."

"The NYCE lawsuit was dismissed on grounds it would not be appropriate to grant damages for dredging when the state had not issued a permit to allow dredging," he said. "Thereafter, a group of lakefront residents who have been parties to or affiliated with the lawsuit, requested a dredging permit."

"In response, the village requested assurances that the group would not expect the village to finance the multi-million dollar expense of dredging should it be approved."

Cooper said group members refused to promise not to sue.

"Consequently," he said, "the village fully expects it will be sued for damages and expected to expend taxpayers funds to reimburse the cost of any dredging project that would ultimately be approved and completed."

Kay Felt, a Lakeshore resident who said accretion piling up along her breakwall is diminishing her property value, denies Cooper's statement that no assurances have been given not to sue the Shores.

"You've been told repeatedly, twice in writing, that the group who previously sued has no desire to file another lawsuit," Felt told trustees last month. "It's time for the council to stop being angry at a group of citizens who have been troublesome."

On Nov. 10, John and Becky Booth of Lakeshore wrote Shores officials: "We

reiterate to you that we have no desire to sue the Village. We also reiterate that we would very much like to work in a cooperative partnership with the Village to solve problems caused by accretion."

Of 33 property owners on Lakeshore north of Osius Park, five filed a joint application with the state for a dredging permit. Applicants have temporarily withdrawn the application to add more data supporting their effort — a standard action according to state environmental officials. Wilkinson expects the application will be resubmitted by March.

Dredging has been estimated to cost at least \$5 million.

"Not all the homeowners want it dredged," said Trustee Fred Minturn.

"Most of our residents do not live on the lake," Cooper said. "We would be shirking our duty to allow events to

move forward in such a way as we would spend their tax money to remedy a situation that our lawyers and experts tell us we did not cause and are not legally responsible for. We have instructed our attorneys and representatives to take all necessary action to prevent any position of liability for a multi-million dollar project upon our taxpayers."

People can sign away their right to sue.

"It's done all the time," said Mark McInerney, village attorney. "But here's the problem. (The dredging advocates') language is very careful."

In LaHood's address to trustees, she explained the 1998 suit: "The issue to prevent (yacht club) marina expansion dealt also with accretion. When the Village refused to discuss the matter, we resorted to the only thing left to do, which was the lawsuit."

"In other words," McInerney said, "we didn't want to sue, but you left us no choice. That's the concern. It's not as definite as they make it sound. I don't think they're looking for litigation, but they're not ruling it out."

Meanwhile, lawyers representing Lakeshore residents who don't belong to NCLF have started attending council meetings and addressing trustees about accretion. Resident Jack Caldwell said if his property values fall due to accretion behind his house, his tax bill better be lowered, or he'll sue.

LaHood said she and fellow members of NCLF are focused on clean waterways and community improvement, not legal trickery.

"Our lake is our prime feature," LaHood said. "We have to take care of it. There's been a lot of effort to remediate accretion. If the village would get behind us, it would help."

## Lakeside fenced in

A Grosse Pointe Farms homeowner on Lakeshore at Warner has fenced-in her lakeside property located across Lakeshore bordering Lake St. Clair.

Mayor James Farquhar doesn't like the precedent. He hopes other Lakeshore residents don't follow suit.

"That's going to be a topic of discussion," Farquhar said.

The homeowner had previously asked Farms officials to erase her tax obligation for the lakeside portion of her property. She said the area was of no use to her because it was open to public access. Farms officials denied her request.

She didn't need city permission to corral off the area with a short, wrought-iron style fence.

"It's four feet tall," Farquhar said. "She can put a fence on her property that's four feet. We just need to have access to (the area) to get in there for sewer cleaning."

— Brad Lindberg

## More real estate signs for Shores?

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Signs, signs everywhere a sign.

Except in Grosse Pointe Shores. Officials don't want signs blocking out the scenery.

Yet in an a new refrain, the ban might be lifted. Specifically, homeowners and their agents might be allowed to post "open house" signs on street corners to boost a soft real estate market.

"Right now, with all the homes we have for sale, anything we can do to help the cause brings in additional taxes," said Trustee Karl Kratz. "I was wondering if

we could have one (sign) at the corner and one at the front of the home."

Under current ordinance, homeowners can only place real estate signs on property being marketed.

"This ordinance has been on the books since I've been here (since 1971)," said Mike Kenyon, village manager. "They've never allowed 'open signs' (or) 'garage sale' signs."

A resident recently requested the ordinance be reconsidered.

"We'd run into problems if we say one group of signs is all right and one group of

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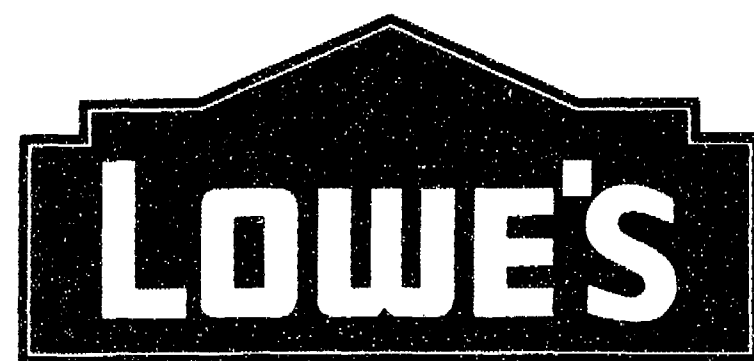
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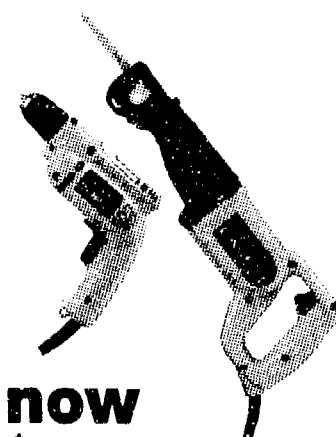


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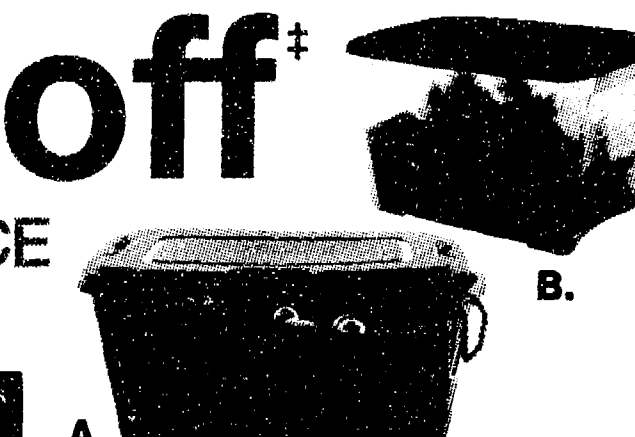
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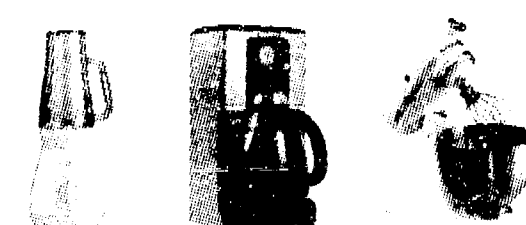
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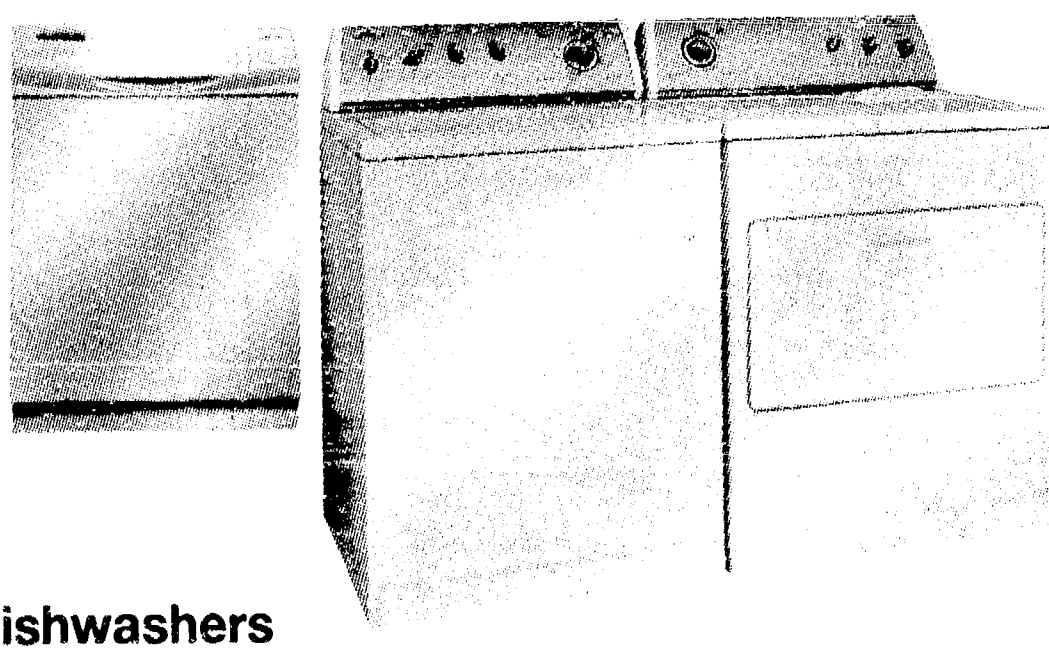


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## Letters

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knowledge that understanding humanity's evolution brings will help avert such perversions in the future."

Luck indeed! In such circumstances, reliance on God Almighty looks far preferable to seeking Dame Fortune. Thus, at a minimum, it seems wholly rational to entertain, in schools as anywhere else, any challenges to Darwin's theory of the evolution of species.

Lewis I. Dale  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## Get to the truth

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the I Say article, "Descent of man in America" (Dec. 15 Grosse Pointe News), that was posted, in the middle of the Advent season, which many of your subscribers honor as holy days.

While I appreciate the fact that Mr. Darwin is a hero to Mr. Minnis, do you

think it was wise of him to refer to what he called the majority of the American people (those who believe in God) as "IDIOTS?" I've been around for a while and learned enough from my own mistakes and misunderstandings to hesitate before pronouncing my opinions so harshly against others.

I would suggest that the editor reconsider his unfortunate choice of words, and apologize.

We can learn much if we only listen to one another. To me, it only makes sense that something as intricate as the life we see all around us was designed by Someone.

When I see things that happen by random, they usually look like a mess. I have never seen, nor studied in science or history, any example of things happening repeatedly by random and improving. Rather, the opposite happens. Things fall apart if no intentional corrective efforts are made. Every homeowner in Grosse Pointe knows that.

Sir Isaac Newton, a great scientist himself and a hero of mine, called this effect the Law of Entropy. Unlike Darwin's supposition of improvement by random chance, Newton's law is an observable phenomenon.

To me it would also take a lot of faith to believe in evolution since, after almost 200 years of searching, not one example has been found to demonstrate the existence of a "missing link." (True, there have been a few doctored fossils offered up by "scientists" who wanted to support Darwin's theory so badly that they resorted to fraud.)

Observing the macro and micro beauty around us, from seas to snowflakes, and recognizing the delicate balance of nature, seasons and physics necessary to sustain this life, it's just more logical to conclude that there is intent behind it all.

Most Americans agree. So did His Holiness Pope John Paul II, if anyone would care to read it.

Can I prove Intentional Design to Mr. Minnis' satisfac-

tion? Probably not. It's not observable except by logical inference, and some people have difficulty with that. But then there are a lot of things I know to exist, but which cannot be so "proven." Things like love. Or would the editor suggest love also to be mere superstition, as he characterized faith and religion?

We have a great community here. Maybe we could sit down together and have a respectful discussion of the topic, where educators, philosophers and scientists might be heard from various perspectives. We should try to get to the truth. I believe we can. Do you? Thanks for listening.

Gary Dettloff  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Evolution

To the Editor:

Regarding the Grosse Pointe News' Dec. 15 I Say column, "Descent of man in America," I must say that I'm amazed at how in today's age of tolerance, we still resort to name-calling

and insult to those who dare question the norm.

Such is the case in this article, whereby the writer calls out evolution as scientific fact, those who disagree as "IDIOTS," and aligning creation (including Intelligent Design) with religion only and mythology.

Nowhere in his article is there any research and analysis opposing evolution being taught to our children.

Consider the following:

- Evolution and the big-bang theory violate the first and second laws of thermodynamics.

- The probability of the body's proteins, amino acids, etc., lining up perfectly to create a living being is on the order of 10 to the 58th power — statistically impossible.

- Various dating systems cannot consistently date with accuracy the items analyzed. In some cases, the margin of error in a measurement is greater than the age of the item being measured, or more importantly, not consistently repeatable. The conclusions drawn from these analyses are only as valid as the data they are based on.

- Modern geological events (e.g., Mount St. Helens eruption) have yielded significant information in explaining the creation of various natural formations around the world.

- The missing link is still missing.

That's just a start — there's a lot more.

Our educational system isn't failing — it's trying to respond to concerned parents in today's politically correct society in the best way it can. Parents and others are using critical thinking skills rather than blind adherence to a concept when it comes to what's being taught to their children. Why does this topic draw such emotion? That question might make for another good editorial.

Perhaps, because if we admit that we were created rather than having just evolved, we are now accountable for our actions to a higher power rather than "Mother Earth."

David Raicevich  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Designed life

To the Editor:

As an honors graduate after 13 years in Grosse Pointe public schools, and a dean's-list student for 10 consecutive semesters while an undergraduate and graduate student at three

renowned institutions on two continents, I was surprised to read that the editor of my hometown newspaper considers me an "IDiot."

As a teacher who has successfully taught public and private schoolchildren in Massachusetts, Maryland and Michigan, I was also saddened at the suggestion that science somehow stops with something Mr. Darwin pronounced in the early 19th century ("Descent of man in America," Dec. 15).

I am sure Darwin was considered a visionary in his time, and he remains a hero to many, but a lot has happened since the 1800s in the world of real science. Darwin knew next to nothing about microbiology, elemental physics or genetics. He had no clue about DNA, which was not even considered for another hundred years. There were no computers to run statistical analyses.

His theories were based upon what today's science would consider a simplistic view of biology. Like others of his generation, Darwin believed cells were the basic blocks of life, and supposed that random changes, over enough years, would result in natural selection "improvements" (or what Mr. Minnis calls the "fact" of evolution).

What we have discovered since the 1800s is that within the cells themselves are countless millions more of such "building blocks." One tiny strand of DNA in one cell of one organism contains more distinctive data than that contained and categorized in our greatest libraries. This level of complexity, unknown to Darwin and his peers two centuries ago, changes the equation completely.

Random chance is a statistically significant event. How many hit-and-miss chances must take place to produce one improvement to one building block in one gene? How many chances would at the same time lead to the opposite way? Now go to the next gene strand. Given the amount of time science says has passed since the "big bang," it is not only statistically improbable for life to have evolved by random accident — it is statistically impossible. Do the math.

Though I don't claim to have all the answers, more logical to me is the likelihood that this complex, beautiful, intricate thing we call life was designed. If that makes me an IDiot, so be it.

Jennifer Gant  
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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

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## 2006/07 Proposed Estimated CDBG Budget

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b. Senior Citizens Coordinators	28,000
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3. Improved Handicapped Accessibility	4,000
4. Administration	8,000
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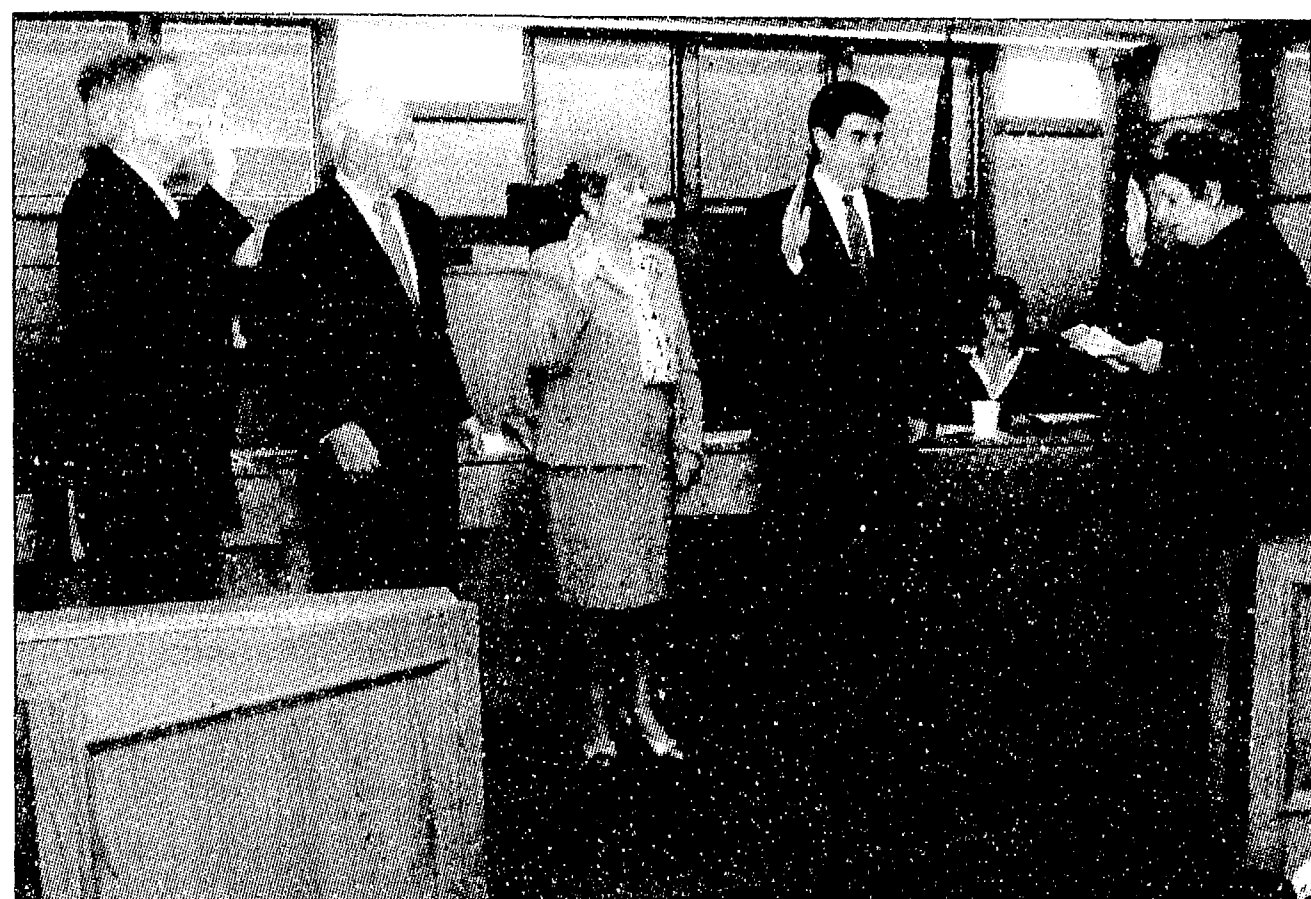
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Mark Wollenweber  
City Administrator



## 2005 was relatively quiet in Grosse Pointe Park



File photos

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

The City of Grosse Pointe Park slid through 2005 unscathed.

Long-time Mayor Palmer Heenan remains at the helm of the city's government, winning an uncontested election in November, along with nearly all of the city council members.

Sam Nouhan stepped down on the city council, and 23-year-old Dan Corrigan Grano won an uncontested election to win

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the vacant council seat. Shirley Kennedy and James Robson also ran uncontested to remain on the city council.

City manager Dale Krajniak said the city has accomplished some productive goals during 2005, including the second year of the Farmer's Market, the

## GPW Beauty awards

The city of Grosse Pointe Woods presented its 2005 Beautification certificates on Wednesday, Nov. 9, in a presentation by the Mayor's Beautification Advisory Commission and hosted by Lochmoor Club.

Mayor Robert Novitke; city council members Vicki A. Granger, Allen G.

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## Signs

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signs is not all right," said Mark McNerney, village attorney.

He said the sign change will be studied as part of an upcoming overall review of zoning issues.

"We will be looking at that probably the next quarter of next year," McNerney said. "That's an issue we can take up, but we'd have a hard time saying 'for sale' signs but not all signs."

"It's a legitimate request," said Trustee Linda Walton.

She doesn't support special effort to amend the sign ordinance "if the planing commission is looking at it in the next couple months anyway."

Before changing policies, Trustee Dr. Brian Hunt wants Shores representatives to study the effectiveness of real estate signs allowed in other communities.

"Are they selling more houses dramatically than we are?" Hunt said. "It is my understanding there's not many houses selling anywhere in general. To change the ordinance, you might not get the intended result."

Grosse Pointe Park's city council meeting on Monday, Nov. 14, above, began with the swearing in ceremony of long-time Mayor Palmer Heenan, second from left, and council members, from left, James E. Robson, Shirley J. Kennedy, and Dan Corrigan Grano by Grano's mother, Maura Corrigan, State Supreme Court chief justice. At right, West Park Farmer's Market was a huge success in its second year of operation on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park. The market ran each Saturday from May 7 to Sept. 24. Thousands of people attended the event.

upgrade of the outdoor ice rink at Patterson Park, and the construction of a warming hut at the same location.

The new Ewald Library had its dedication in January. The new library has been very popular with residents of all ages.

"The library is doing very well, and our Farmer's Market did even better this year than its first year, which is great news," Krajniak said.

The West Park Farmer's Market beat expectations as thousands of Grosse Pointers and people from several surrounding communities flocked to Kercheval each Saturday between May 7 and Sept. 24.

"There is a lot of work and detail that goes into preparing this farmers market, but it is worth it because everyone associated with it has a lot of fun," Grosse Pointe Park parks and recreation director Terry Solomon said. "It really brings everyone in the community together, and it showcases all of the businesses on Kercheval Avenue; so if people from other communities come to browse, they can get a feel for what kind of great shopping they can do here in Grosse Pointe Park."

Vendors were spread out along Kercheval between Beaconsfield and Lakepoint.

Throughout the summer months, the Farmer's Market sold all-natural soap, fruit, vegetables, purses, jewelry, home made clothes, organic foods, flats of several varieties of flowers, wreaths, candles, sauces, dips, baby clothes, and many other personalized items.

Council members unanimously voted in early May to adopt four budget resolutions.

"It's a relatively low-scale budget, but it will get the job done for the residents of Grosse Pointe Park," Krajniak said. "The budget will allow us to step-up

resurfacing and continue our efforts at upgrading the public safety equipment."

The millage rate for the general operating purposes for 2005 was \$11.68, which was the same as 2004. The total estimated revenue for the budget is \$9,731,636, and the total appropriations are \$9,728,654.

The budget allowed the city to replace five public safety vehicles and replace the city's chipper truck.

In June, a crew cut down a century-old elm tree in the front of a home in the 900 block of Lakepointe.

Home owner Maura McKeever said she was sad to see the tree come down since the family had been trying to treat it since they moved in three years ago.

The new Splash Pad at Three Mile Park was very popular, and hundreds of children used it daily during the summer months.

In mid-August, a Detroit man, 21-year-old Christopher Coleman, drowned in Lake St. Clair, approximately 30-feet from the Grosse Pointe Park shoreline.

The man was swimming in about eight feet of water and was asking several workers if they wanted to join him for a swim on the hot, humid day. This was around 3 p.m., according to police reports.

"The workers said they told the man they had work to do and declined his invitation to go swimming," Grosse Pointe Park director of public safety Dave Hiller said. "The men looked back at the man a couple of minutes later and could not see him."

The U.S. Coast Guard and the Grosse Pointe Farms dive team responded, and at 4:06 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10, the body of an unidentified male was located.

Construction on a warming hut at Patterson Park was completed just in time



for the official opening of the ice rink the week of Thanksgiving. The park also put in a new ice cooling system that keeps the ice uniform from temperatures as high as 50 degrees.

The \$225,000 project was entirely paid for by the Grosse Pointe Park Community Foundation Fund with not one cent being paid by the city's budget.

The warming hut is officially called the Lindell Lodge, in honor of long-time Park resident Carlton Lindell.

"So far the Lindell Lodge has been a huge success," Krajniak said. "The weather has been perfect for ice skating, and the rink and hut have been packed with residents since it opened."

During the Nov. 8 election, Park residents voted to reelect Municipal Judge Carl

Jarboe, who beat opponent Dean Valente 1,610 votes to 1,520.

"I thank the voters who have confidence in me to do a good job as their municipal judge," Jarboe said after his victory became official.

On the same ballot, Park residents voted "no" to a proposed 2.5-mill tax increase, 2,201 to 926.

Throughout 2005, Mayor Heenan and council members approved several variances which allowed residents to make home improvements.

"We're getting people to spend money to improve their houses instead of selling them and moving away," Heenan said. "We need to keep approving these variances in order to keep our residents in Grosse Pointe Park."

Mayor Heenan and council members Robson,

Kennedy, and Corrigan Grano were officially sworn in by Dan's mother, Maura Corrigan, who is the State Supreme Court chief justice, on Monday, Nov. 14.

The other members of the Park's city council are Gregory P. Theokas (Mayor Pro Tem), Robert W. Denner, and Daniel E. Clark.

Krajniak said, "We had a moderately busy year, and we think 2006 could be just as productive."

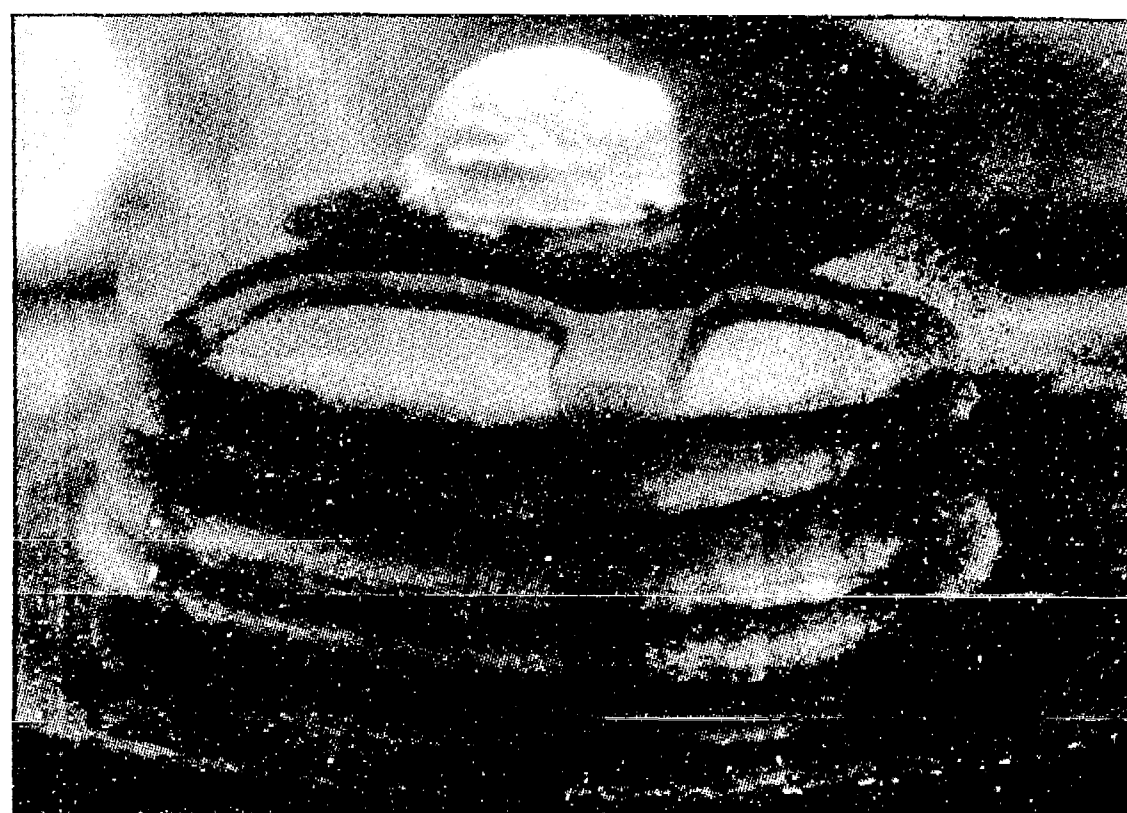


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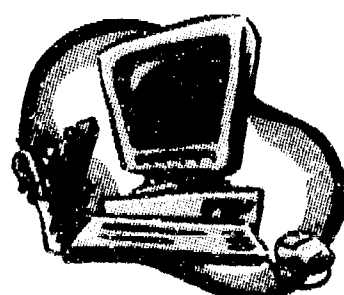
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# Retrospective on vehicles sampled in 2005

Our automotive feast for 2005 is coming to a close. The banquet over the past 12 months was sumptuous and highly satisfying. There are always a few features or even entire vehicles that cause some dyspepsia.

To be fair, all have many saving graces. And all, though they had few miles on them and were still under warranty, seemed to be well-built and ready for the long haul.

Please permit us to set before you a mini-smorgasbord with impressions of the many cars and trucks we were privileged to review.

Let's start with most-fun vehicles.

At the top of the list: BMW's MINI Cooper. A septuagenarian friend continues to pester that we trade in a currently owned vehicle for one of these endearing rascals. She says were she a little younger, she'd make her way to a dealership without hesitation and come home in a MINI. Easy to see where you are and where you are going, she adds.

The MINI is as fun to drive as it is to spot scooting along in traffic. Interior features are stylish and intriguing; there's plenty of front-seat room, and almost everyone smiles as you pass. We look forward to the proposed "wagon," with a little more cargo space.

The Toyota Scion xB, that cunning breadbox on wheels, also won favor with us. It was pleasant to drive, and a modest price range makes it a winner when it comes to monthly payments. Don't be dissuaded by marketing slogans indicating Scion is a youth-mobile. The rest of us can enjoy it, too.

Chevrolet's Cobalt SS, with its ground effects and tail, was pretty cool transportation. We liked its big brother Malibu Maxx a year



ago. He's obviously more practical but not as playful as this bright-blue coupe with its 2.0-liter super-charged engine. In spite of its spirited performance, the Cobalt promises 29 miles per gallon on the highway. Is this assuming you are staying at or below the limits with this speed demon?

## Beautiful

The Acura TL was one of many flawless sedans. The exterior styling is modestly breathtaking.

When we first saw Buick's LaCrosse in a colleague's driveway, we were disappointed, thinking the GM division had missed the opportunity to bypass bland with more advanced styling. But spending time in one and subsequently seeing other LaCrosse on local streets gave us a more favorable opinion of its looks and abilities.

Same goes for the new Ford Mustang. We decided not to search for any discards in the back of the closet to wear while cruising in the coupe, in spite of the fact that the 2005 Mustang sure looks like something from the past. It was a kick to drive — hard to climb in and out of, but trendy has its price.

Subaru's new Tribeca family-size SUV has top-notch exterior looks. We were irritated by its constantly locking us in. And its crunched third-row seating must be for Santa's elves.

The Infiniti G35 coupe is beautiful but suffers from ingress and egress-ability. The rear-drive luxury two-door has a huge tunnel running front-to-rear for the axle.

Infiniti's M45 sedan is another looker. A manageable size, it exudes elegance, has jewel-like taillights and a gorgeous interior with elegant, understated instrumentation.

The Toyota Camry Solara convertible is one of the most beautiful cars we drove. Its sleek, clean lines and streamlined, excellent fit and finish remind us of a luxury coupe. Sadly, our assigned days were in an autumnal period when it wasn't quite warm enough to drive open-air.

## Hybrids

We already are big-time fans of gasoline-electric-powered vehicles. So it was icing on the cake to partake of the Ford Escape, Toyota Highland and Lexus RX400h during the past year.

The Escape is a perfect size for most of us. It's easy to maneuver, has plenty of interior space, and has pleasing fuel pump manners. It and the slightly larger Toyota Highland hybrid sell for somewhere in the mid-\$30,000 range. True, the extra thousands that pay for the technology would buy a lot of gas for a less efficient vehicle. We think hybrids are an important step toward weaning ourselves from our gasoline habits.

Lexus made its very popu-



2006 Chevrolet Cobalt SS

lar RX400 available as a hybrid this past year. Size-wise, you'll get more bang for fewer bucks with a Highlander, but there is a certain elan with Lexus products, and they have good resale value. The roofline styling of the most recent RX does minimize capacity in the rear compartment.

## Most capable

The Land Rover LR3 is a beast in a business suit. This update of the company's Discovery nameplate is slicker and more expensive than its predecessor. One sits high enough to begin thinking about a rollover, but the LR3 engineering assures that is very unlikely indeed. All in all, a surprise — we liked it much more than we thought we would.

The Ford Freelandier isn't much to look at, but it has everything one needs for comfortably and capably getting around town and country: spacious seating, lots of interior room, good visibility, enough horsepower and torque. Good design, not much personality.

The Nissan X-Trail mid-size SUV we sampled in France was great, though it did not know the way back to its home base near Versailles and nearly made

us miss our return flight to Motown. We don't do navigation systems very well, in French or English. Thank goodness for cell phones. While this truck is large compared with a tiny SMART, it is not so oversized as one might imagine on the roads of Europe.

We revisited the smallest Volvo sedan, the S40, in 2005 and were happy to get acquainted again. This affordable import got lots of attention from admirers and was a very nice driver. We remembered its interior as a bit on the cheap side. While not exciting, the S40 is good value for the money.

Does capability include great ingress and egress? If so, the new Toyota Avalon gets very high marks. Hard to believe this flagship sedan is not a luxury car. Anyway, among its other attributes, climbing in and out of the back seat of the Avalon is a snap. Toyota says it had this in mind for buyers who like to travel with friends and family.

## Disappointments

In their desire to make light trucks more car-like, the auto makers have stripped them of personality, replacing it with comfort and convenience items. Nissan's

redo of its Pathfinder SUV is bloated. We liked the preceding model much better.

The Toyota Tacoma, with regular, access and 4-door cab models, is getting cushy and pricey (the access-cab 4X4 test vehicle was \$27,600). It can be ordered with 6-speed manual transmission to add some fun to the package. It's larger than preceding model years.

The restyled Volkswagen Jetta was, we thought, dull. We had been looking forward to an interesting sport sedan and did not find one with the 2.5-liter, 150-HP 2005 model. Jetta appears to have an identity crisis: bland, middle-of-the-road sedan or naughty performer?

We intensely dislike vehicles that lock you in without your permission. Somewhere in those bulging owners' manuals probably are instructions for how to disable this safety feature.

Side and rear visibility continue to be adversely affected by interior and exterior styling. With the current craze for swoopy and dove-tailing rooflines and/or high rear parcel shelves, one can often miss other vehicles in blind spots or grow paranoid at being followed when the latter is really those rear-seat headrests in the mirror.

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## Ransacked

A business in the 18200 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms was broken into last week and ransacked.

Sometime between Friday, Dec. 23, at 5:30 p.m. and 7 a.m. Saturday, someone smashed through the front 2-by-3-foot window. "Nothing (was) missing," police learned.

## Liberty taken

On Friday, Dec. 23, between 7:55 and 9 a.m., thieves stole a blue 2003 Jeep Liberty parked and locked in a residential driveway in the 400 block of Madison in Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Caravan stolen

Grosse Pointe Farms police said that a red 2000 Dodge Caravan was stolen while parked in the 200 block of Ridgemont between Sunday, Dec. 18, at 9 p.m. and 8 a.m., the next day.

## Store B&E

On Sunday, Dec. 25, at 12:39 a.m., a Grosse Pointe

Farms patrolman checking businesses in the 18800 block of Mack near Moross discovered the glass doors of a grocery store had been smashed open.

The officer called for backup and searched the property. No suspects were found in or around the store.

"The customer service desk was ransacked," he said. "Drawers appeared to have been pried open."

No trespassers were found, but detectives recorded evidence in the form of two partial footprints.

## Stolen SUV

A 35-year-old Detroit woman was arrested in Grosse Pointe Farms last week for possessing a sports utility vehicle reported stolen in Detroit.

On Friday, Dec. 23, at 12:39 a.m., a patrolman saw the woman on Kercheval driving a 2004 GMC Envoy outfitted with the license plate of a 1993 Ford Explorer.

The woman lacked paperwork for the vehicle. She reportedly answered "I don't know" when asked who the Envoy was registered to.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

### Smoke, no fire

A smoking dish washing machine prompted a fire run to a house on Renaud in Grosse Pointe Shores at 1:36 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24.

Five officers converged on the residence in a couple of patrol cars and the village's two fire trucks.

Officers said damage was limited to the appliance.

### Needs sweeper

Lucky for Santa Claus that Christmas Eve wasn't Sunday, Dec. 18. He would have had a hard time delivering presents to a house on Belle Meade in Grosse Pointe Shores.

At 4:38 p.m., a resident reported a short-lived chimney fire.

Officers advised the resident to have a chimney sweep clean the chimney of creosote.

— Brad Lindberg

### Larceny

On Thursday, Dec. 22, at 8:45 a.m., a 49-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man living in the 1900 block of Broadstone found the contents of his center console strewn throughout the front seat of his 2005 Chevrolet Impala.

On Friday, Dec. 23, the man reported he found some damage to the door handle of his driver-side door and a hole in the door's sheet metal.

The estimated amount of damage was \$353.

### Assistance

On Friday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m., Royal Oak police called the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department, reporting the arrest of a 24-year-old Royal Oak man who had a warrant out of the Woods for an expired plate.

He was transported to the Woods police department and processed.

### Fire run

On Saturday, Dec. 24, at 2:33 a.m., Grosse Pointe Park firefighters responded to an oven fire in a home in the 1400 block of Lakepointe.

The firefighters removed the stove from the house after the fire was extinguished. There was no reported damage to the kitchen, but the stove was damaged.

### Torched food

On Saturday, Dec. 24, at 3:19 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Park resident living in the 1100 block of Maryland called the public safety department after food left in the oven ignited.

Smoke alarms awoke others in the home who called 911. Responding units extinguished the fire and vented to allow the smoke to clear.

### Stolen CDs

Overnight on Wednesday, Dec. 21, a passenger door lock was pried open, and an attempt to remove the stereo of a 1993 Pontiac was unsuccessful.

The vehicle was parked in the street in front of a home in the 1300 block of Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park.

The unknown person did,

however, remove approximately 20 CDs from the vehicle.

### Larceny

Grosse Pointe Park police officers on routine patrol during the early morning hours of Friday, Dec. 23, observed the window of a 2001 Chevrolet van parked in front of a home in the 1400 block of Nottingham was broken out.

Several power tools were missing from the van.

### Truck found

Between 3 and 5 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21, a 2005 Dodge Ram truck was taken from the street in front of a home in the 900 block of Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park.

It was recovered the following day in a driveway on Cedargrove in Detroit, missing the tires.

### Liberty taken

Between midnight and 7:55 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22, a 2004 Jeep Liberty was taken from the driveway of a home in the 1400 block of Yorkshire in Grosse Pointe Park.

The Liberty was recovered on Puritan and Gilcrest in Detroit with the driver-side window and ignition punched out.

### Minivan stolen

Between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21, and Thursday, Dec. 22, a 2001 Chrysler Town and

Country was stolen from the driveway of a home in the 1400 block of Yorkshire in Grosse Pointe Park.

It was recovered on Lamont in Detroit on Saturday, Dec. 24. The driver-side door and ignition were punched out.

### Durango gone

On Friday, Dec. 23, it was discovered that between 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22, and 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 23, a 2005 Dodge Durango was taken from the driveway of a home in the 1400 block of Grayton in Grosse Pointe Park.

### Arrested

On Saturday, Dec. 24, Grosse Pointe Park police officers responded to a report of a disorderly patron in front of a business in the Kercheval and Wayburn area.

The subject, a 74-year-old Detroit man, was located and found to be carrying narcotic paraphernalia. In addition, he was wanted in Dearborn for his arrest.

The man was arrested.

### Busted

On Monday, Dec. 26, at 12:17 a.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers responded to a call to search for a 37-year-old Detroit resident who is wanted for breaking and entering a home in the area of Mack and Neff.

The man was located and arrested.

— Bob St. John

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## Beauty

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Dickinson, Lisa Pinkos Howle, Dona DeSantis Reynolds, Darryl A. Spicher, and Patricia Kukulka Chylinski; Mayor's Beautification Advisory Commission members Bill Allemon, Pam Barnwell, Angelo DiClemente, Jan Duster, Bonnie Fleming, Lisa Gaglio, Jerry Hilton, Dennis Hyduk, James Kedich, Marge Kingsley, Mary Beth Nicholson, Carol Sauter, Heather Simmet, and Diane Yordy; and Debbie Matthews of the city's Department of Public Works were in attendance.

Beatification certificates were awarded to Bucci

Ristorante, Faircourt Dental — Smile Enhancement Studio, David Secord, DDS & General Funding, Francis X. King (Law Office), George Koueiter & Sons Jewelers, Kusch & Raubolt, DDS, McDonald Financial Group, String Beads, Summit Oral Surgery, Sunrise Assisted Living of Grosse Pointe Woods, Somewhere in Time Gallery, and Uncle Paul's Pizza.

Ferrara Dermatology Clinic, PC, and Preva Hair Salon earned a Business Renovation Award, and Residential Renovation Awards were given to Richard and Corrine Ballew, Matt and Vanessa Crook, and Douglas and Margaret

Rahaim.

Residential awards were given to Michael and Jean Alway, Bruce and Pamela Anderson, Christine Briggs and Robert Grobowski, Kenneth and Paula Choike, Jeffrey and Nancy Darnell, Ronald and Judy DeCosmo, Michael and Betty Durkin, Douglas and Diane Friedel, Courtney Hirth and Ronna Gillis, William and Rebecca Kruas, Judith and Phillip Leo, Randal and Linda Moody, David and Lea Miller, Robert and Linda Retherford, Joseph and Linda Veillon, and Michael and Barbara Welsh.

Josef's French Pastry Shop made the cake.

Beautification Certificate Award honorees, below, are left to right Melissa Patterson and Rick Mamudovski, representing Bucci Ristorante; Jody Dickerman and Chris Briggs, representing Sunrise Assisted Living of Grosse Pointe Woods; George Koueiter, representing George Koueiter & Sons Jewelers; Lisa and Jerry Klida, representing String Beads; and Shelly and Francis King, representing Francis X. King Law Office. At bottom, Residential Renovation Award honorees above are from left, Richard and Corrine Ballew; Matt and Vanessa Crook; and Margaret Rahaim.





## Inclement weather slows 'Men's Night'

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Businesses on the Hill shopping district in Grosse Pointe Farms hosted a "Men's Night" on Dec. 15.

Business owners were opened longer hours so men could get their holiday shopping completed, while they ate some good food and washed the hors d'oeuvres down with a beverage or two.

However, the snowstorm that hit the tri-county area that dumped six to eight inches of snow accompanied by freezing rain slowed down the customer volume on the Hill.

"We had about half of the men I thought would come in, and it was the poor weather that caused that," Dan LaLonde of LaLonde

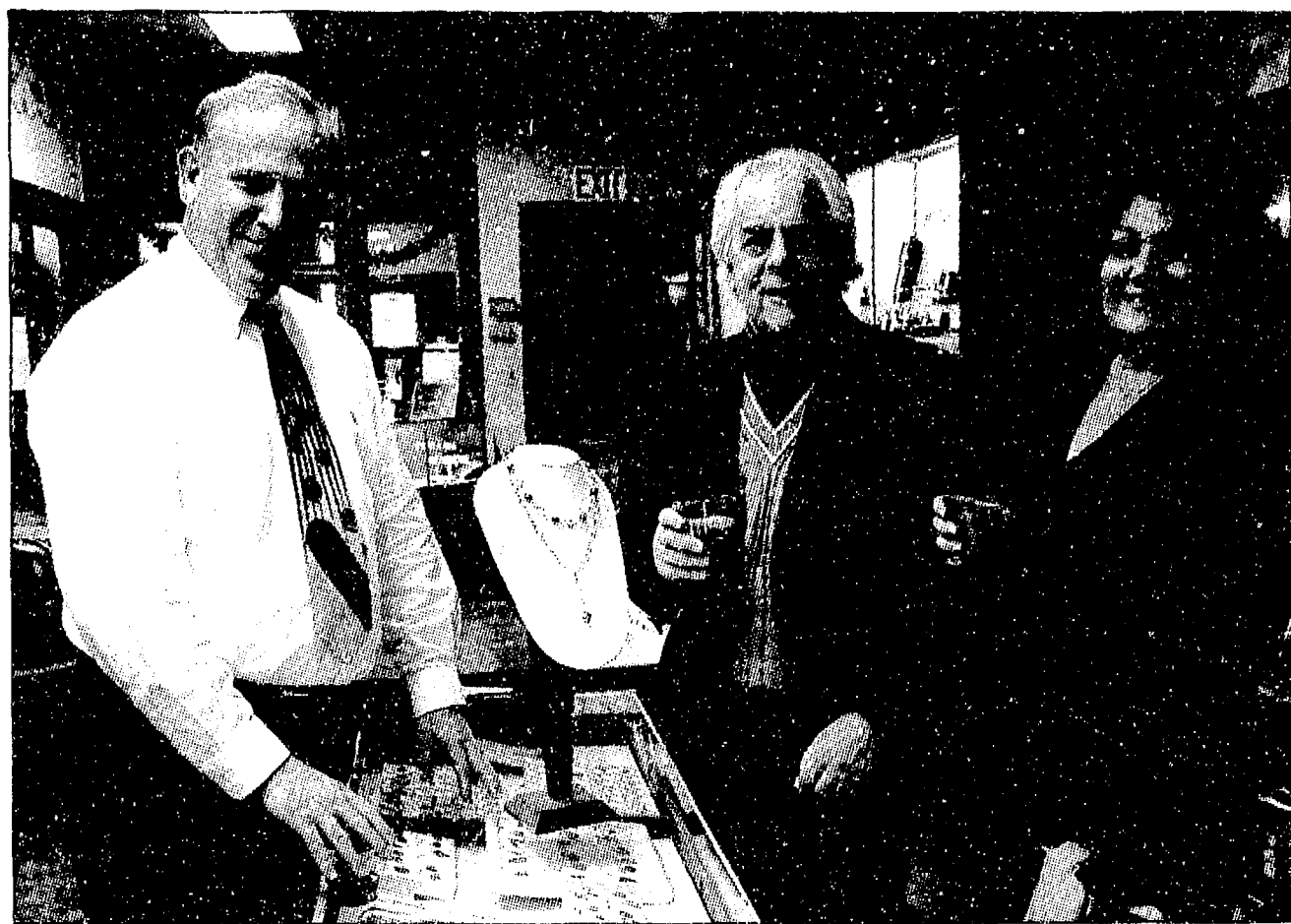


Photo by Robert McKean

Dan and Cindy LaLonde, right, owners of LaLonde Jewelers on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, discuss some Christmas purchases with customer George Short during the Hill's "Men's Night."

Jewelers and Gemologists said. "The television stations scared everybody away, telling them to stay home. We were expecting around 75 and maybe half of that total came by the store. We still had a lot of fun, and the guys bought some nice

items for their wives and girlfriends."

Pat Brinker, owner of The League Shop, said her customer volume was high, but her store was filled with women instead of men.

"It was nice to be busy, despite the weather, but we

had women in the store," Brinker said. "Many of the women took a shopping list card home to give to their husbands; so I would hope the men will come in before Christmas and use the card as a good guide as to what to get their wife or girlfriend."

## Keeping wireless connections secure

(NAPSI) — If you think wireless networks are convenient, you should ask a hacker how he feels about them.

Techies say wireless networks are especially prone to security problems — and that hackers have been known to drive through neighborhoods and business parks to see if they can access unprotected Wi-Fi networks.

If a hacker invades a network, he can use it to send spam, download illegal materials, view private data (financial statements, etc.) or commit identity theft.

Fortunately, there are ways to protect yourself. These answers to frequently asked questions may help.

**Q.** I share files and printers with other computers on my network. How can I protect myself?

**A.** If your wireless network is hacked, criminals could potentially access your shared files and printers. Prevent this by denying access to file and print sharing. Doing so will restrict those features from being used by computers outside your network. If you have to share files, only share specific ones — not the whole

computer. Also, use a strong password.

**Q.** How can I beef up my laptop's security?

**A.** Enable Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) encryption. WEP is designed to provide the same level of security as a wired network. Thieves usually seek the easiest victim and the least secure network; so the more security features you enable, the greater your chances are of staying safe. WEP can also be used for data authentication. Some products let you set the authentication method to "shared key" or "open system." The shared-key method allows you to use encryption that will authenticate your computer and its data.

**Q.** Is there a smart way to secure my router?

**A.** When setting the encryption key on the router, do not use a word that someone can guess. Use a combination of random letters and numbers.

**Q.** Are there any other security steps I can take?

**A.** If you do not want to take chances with your data, use a VPN tunnel over your wireless connection.

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Symantec Corp. (NASDAQ: SYMC), a world leader in providing solutions to help individuals and enterprises assure the security, availability, and integrity of their information, recently announced Symantec Critical System Protection 5.0, a proactive behavior-based intrusion prevention solution for multi-layered protection of servers and critical clients running on Windows, UNIX and Linux platforms.

Available in late December, Symantec Critical System Protection provides zero-day protection against application and operating system attacks, enhanced auditing and compliance enforcement, enterprise reporting capabilities, and improved manageability of heterogeneous environments from a single management console.

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To reduce the complexity of administration, Symantec Critical System Protection provides out-of-the-box configurable security policies to lock down the operating system, applications, and databases. These policies automatically adapt to the operating system and applications installed, including custom in-house applications, thereby eliminating the need to configure different policies based on the type of application or machine.

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For more information, visit the Web site [enterprisesecurity.symantec.com](http://enterprisesecurity.symantec.com).

## Business People

James C. Bruno, Robert G. Buydens, Andrea R. Dickson, John P. Hancock Jr., Robert A. Hudson, Justin G. Klimko, Jack D. Shumate, and James E. Wynne, attorneys with Butzel Long, have been chosen by their peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2006 edition.

Bruno, a City of Grosse Pointe resident, is involved with corporate law; Buydens, of Grosse Pointe Shores, is in employee benefits law; Dickson, of Grosse Pointe Farms, is in labor and employment law; Hancock Jr., of Grosse Pointe Park, is also involved with labor and employment law; Hudson, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, deals with corporate law and international trade and finance law; Klimko, of Grosse Pointe Woods, handles corporate law; Shumate, of Grosse Pointe Park, deals with environmental law; and Wynne, a Grosse Pointe Shores resident, deals with personal injury litigation.

Trauma Center in Duluth, Minn., and most recently, from Tatum CFO Partners, a consulting firm with operations in Minnesota.

A CPA, Empey holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Wisconsin — Oshkosh, and a master's degree in fiscal management from the University of Wisconsin — Madison.

Patrick Reid, CPA, joined Bon Secours Cottage Health Services (Grosse Pointe Park) several months ago and has been promoted from his position as director of finance for the Ambulatory Network to its executive director.

Reid's professional background includes experience working with PricewaterhouseCoopers, Ernst & Young, LLP, and Medical Business Consultants in Grand Rapids.

He holds a Master of Accountancy from the University of Tennessee.

Robert Crowley has joined Michigan Financial Associates as financial adviser financial services representative.

He is a graduate of Adrian College, and a registered representative, and is a member of the Society of Financial Service Professionals.

Crowley is a former Grosse Pointe Farms resident.

### Pierce has Coney Island Night, Jan. 5

Fifth-graders planning to attend Pierce Middle School in 2006-07, along with their families, are invited to the school's annual Coney Island Night on Thursday, Jan. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Students and staff representing extracurricular and elective activities will be on hand to answer questions.

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## New Year's key investment resolutions

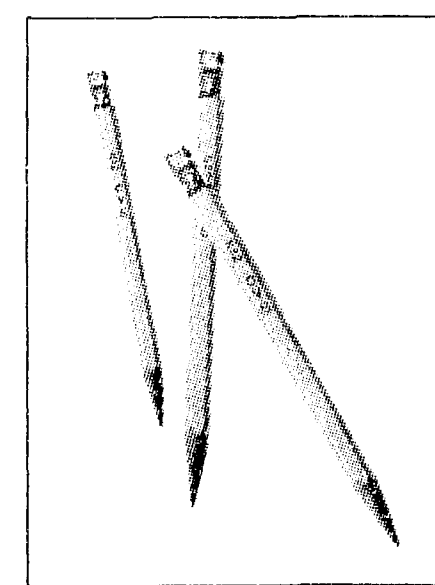
By Consuelo Mack

There are several successful investment strategies for this new year.

The only way to build wealth over time is to pay yourself first. Legendary investor Sir John Templeton, creator of the first global mutual fund, always saved 50 percent of his income as well as tithed. While most of us won't or can't forgo half of our income, we can follow the advice of best-selling, "Finish Rich," author David Bach and "pay ourselves first" by setting up an automatic savings plan with our bank that regularly takes money out of our paycheck and puts it in a savings account or mutual fund before we even see it. Pretend it doesn't even exist and let the money grow.

Called the safe and sure road to riches, the power of compounding interest turns small amounts of money invested early on into large amounts over time. The secret is to invest your money in interest-bearing securities — treasury bills or bonds are fine — and keep reinvesting the income year after year. Let your money grow and work for you.

Invest in dividend-paying stocks. Historically, stocks have been the best perform-



ing financial asset. But did you know that two-thirds of the nearly 11 percent average annualized returns of stocks over the past 80 years have come from dividends and their reinvestment? The best way to get the most out of the stock market is to buy dividend-paying stocks and keep reinvesting those dividends. Once again, the power of compounding at work.

Diversify your holdings. There's wisdom in the adage "don't put all your eggs in one basket." It applies to investments too. History is littered with periods of different types of investments going in and out of favor. Tech stocks soared in the late '90s, only to crash at the start of this century. Small-company stocks were dogs in

the six years between 1968 and 1974, but they have been stars in recent years. Bonds traditionally lag stocks, but over the past five years they have beaten stocks by a comfortable margin. How do you avoid these ups and downs? Do what the best pros do, spread your risks and performance among different kinds of securities and mutual funds. Get the most from your winners and don't lose your shirt with the losers.

Avoid the underperformance trap. It's shocking but true: The average individual investor does much worse than the average stock mutual fund. According to research done by mutual-fund pioneer Jack Bogle, individuals invested in stock mutual funds over the past 20 years have experienced average annualized returns of just more than 6 percent vs. the 10 percent delivered by the average stock mutual fund and the 13 percent by the market itself. How do you avoid this underperformance trap? Don't try to market-time your mutual-fund holdings, chasing hot funds and selling losing ones. Instead pick well-run, low-cost funds that have delivered market-beating results over the long term — and stay with them.

Watch those fees. Management fees, sales commissions and tax charges can take a big bite out of your investment results. Check the expenses and tax efficiency of your investments to make sure your money is being managed for you, not your manager. The Web site Morningstar.com tracks expenses of all mutual funds and many exchange-traded funds, or ETFs, the stock index funds that trade like stocks.

Give your investments a regularly scheduled once-over. Muriel "Mickie" Siebert, the first woman to own a seat on the New York Stock Exchange and CEO of her own national brokerage firm, makes herself sit down for about 15 minutes every Sunday to review and reprice her portfolio to make sure she didn't miss anything during the week. Do your own regular reviews to know what you own, and ensure it matches your long-term objectives and tolerance for risk.

Consuelo Mack was managing editor and anchor of the award-winning "The Wall Street Journal Report" for 17 years and now hosts "Consuelo Mack WealthTrack," aired weekdays on public television stations nationwide.

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## Grosse Pointe Moms Club answers the call

By Ann L. Fouty  
 Staff Writer

Susan Treder of Grosse Pointe Shores thought she would be hosting a Christmas Eve dinner for 30. She was in a quandary about how to feed her guests. When the number dropped to 20, she still felt she needed help with some expanding of the recipes. She turned to the online chat room that is offered by the Grosse Pointe Moms Club, Inc.

True to its informal motto, the group serves and evolves to meet the needs of the members, Treder received the help she needed.

Whether Moms need help with recipes, such as Treder did, or wonder how to handle a child's behavior incident, the Moms Club is there. If Moms need a night out away from the children, the Moms Club is their answer. For hobbies, for service projects, for lunch or for financial knowledge enhancement, the Moms Club is the answer to some 70 members from the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

As is stated on the club's Web site, these members are a support group for the at-home mother. Most have left professional jobs to be full-time or part-time stay-at-home moms. They meet during the day, when mothers need support.

Treder, past president Karen Eschebach, president Michelle Heimbuch and former knitting group teacher Janis Garan gathered on a snowy day to talk about how they have benefited from Moms Club. More importantly, they wanted to explain the arenas the mothers fill in each others



Enjoying the benefits of the Grosse Pointe Moms Club are standing from left, Michelle Heimbuch, Susan Treder, Karen Eschebach; seated are Tess Eschebach and Janis Garan.

lives and the community.

"The community angle is important," Treder said. "It is social, but it's a lot more than social. You feel good about the things you are doing for the community."

Through Garan's knitting group, chemo caps were made and donated. Gleaners Community Food Bank has benefited from Moms sorting food. Senior citizens are beneficiaries of Moms who have raked leaves and delivered food baskets. Members and their young children have collected books, cell phones, old eyeglasses and donated them to the appropriate organizations.

"We do monthly service projects," Eschebach said. "We adopted two families. From their wish list we sent over six bags to the first family, plus gift cards."

Witnessing and assisting their mothers, children are taught to give back to the community.

"It helps the child get involved and makes them a better citizen," she said.

A reward for the Moms who participate in this is that they get to know the community. Because about 70 percent of the members are not from the Grosse Pointes they don't know what services are available locally, nor do they have a built-in support group.

Garan said, "I moved here when Daniel (her son) was 4 months old. I didn't know how to meet people. I heard about a Moms Club in Macomb County but that's too far to drive."

Heimbuch grew up in western Michigan and her husband is from Oakland County so her familiarity with the area is limited, as

was Garan's. Heimbuch, like Eschebach, who grew up in Ohio, has found the Moms Club members are their own best resource. Answers to questions are just a click away on the club's chat room.

"One of the benefits is that if you need a doctor, or a roofer or a plumber there is someone in the group who can recommend a good one," Eschebach said.

While these women share their knowledge of the area, they also share their strengths because all are professional women who have put their careers on hold to raise children.

As Treder put it, "We are professional women taking a breather but through the club, using our skills."

Garan enjoyed knitting so she headed the knitting club. Amy Roy has a background in English and she is the coordinator for the book club. Treder has a financial background and she is heading the Money Matters club.

There are 19 coordinator positions in the club, ranging from advertising to the walking club which is in action May through October.

Children are welcome at any of the events, except Mom's Night Out. As the name suggests, the women get together for a variety of activities, whether it's a dinner or a show, away from children and husbands.

Husbands have been supportive of their wives taking time out from child care, said Eschebach. "It makes us a better spouse and parent," she said of being a member of the club.

And sometimes the hus-

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## Pastor's Corner

### Teetering between two worlds

By the Rev. John Corrado  
Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church

It was disconcerting, to say the least.

There I was sitting in a doctor's office waiting room that resembled the lobby of a second tier hotel, book in hand, amid strangers con-

nected only by an appointment book behind glass, and, mainly, varying levels of anxiety.

A polite silence would have filled the room had it not been for the television in one corner. From it, byte and pixel, came a household guru-ess and an actress of moderate repute, both coiffed and aproned, chatter-

ing along as they concocted some kind of sauce in a mock kitchen — all this to the "ooohs" and "aaahs" of an (obviously) easily enchanted audience.

"So this is how it ends," I thought to myself, "not with a bang but a whim!"

I thought of that line later. What I thought about then was visits to Intensive Care Units of hospitals, where people lie in beds near the edge of death. I thought of the ubiquitous televisions broadcasting trivial and unworthy backgrounds to the drama of real life and real death.

I whispered a prayer. "Oh

God, don't let me die in a hospital bed to the accompaniment of a talk-show host and a between-jobs actress discussing béchamel sauce!"

And then I realized I had uttered a Christmas prayer.

Actually, it was not a Christmas prayer, but a prayer that brought the Christmas story to mind. At least as fragile and vulnerable as a critically ill patient in an ICU is a newborn in a filthy, drafty stable on a cold night. As common and cacophonous as chatty television shows are the bleats and brays of beasts. The parallels between crèche and hospital go on: strangers walking in and out, the apprehension of the loved ones, and the ludi-

crous juxtaposition of the precious and the prosaic, the holy and the hollow.

Do these two scenes perhaps suggest that we ever precious, ever vulnerable creatures are ever teetering between two worlds: the sacred and the profane?

Perhaps. Indeed, life, death, and the chattering yenta — either on television or at the next dwelling — have always been at hand, sometimes even hand in hand. But there's more to it than that. What dominates is often what we look for.

People looking for a king on a throne miss the King of hearts in an ordinary manger. People allowing the drama of an actress's rich béchamel sauce to provide

any more than a momentary distraction miss the richer drama always at hand.

There is a phrase in the Christmas carol "O Holy Night" that goes, "a thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices."

The world has been weary, I suspect, for a long, long time. The wearying, I believe, has been the way humanity tends to keep its eye on the mundane. The "thrill of hope" comes when we see that just like television studio kitchens, chattering, and sauce, we can see the baby Jesus and all things holy — if we look.

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## Moms

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bands wonder out loud why there isn't a Dads Club. But the four agree that fathers get their stimulation from the workplace and being away from the house.

However, there are special outings during which the entire family is invited.

### History

When Tess Eschebach was 4 months old, her mother, Karen, put out fliers in a store frequented by parents inviting moms of young children to the Moms Club, an international organization. Two months later, with Garan's assistance, the first

meeting was held and instead of the hoped-for 10 women, nearly twice that number showed up. Indeed, there was a need for a higher level of conversation and interaction with other female adults.

Tess is now 5 and the club is going strong.

The Grosse Pointe Moms Club has since separated from its parent group. The local club's membership grew beyond the national organization's guidelines and was told to break into smaller clubs. Since the board and membership felt so strongly of keeping all the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods members together, they broke off and formed a 501c3 Moms Club.

"It's very diverse," Eschebach said of the mothers, whose children range in age from newborns to 7 years old. "We were professionals before we had children."

Heimbach picks up the story. "The club is continually evolving. There are so many great offerings."

"There was an open house (Dec. 8) and three or four joined on the spot. One of the original board members is back."

One factor to the club that these mothers enjoy is that they can be as active as they like; they can come and go as time permits. There is a business meeting on the second Thursday of the month at Grosse Pointe United

Methodist Church and annual dues of \$35 are used for printing and postage of the monthly letter and hiring a babysitter for meetings. And there are nine different activities in which to partake.

"There are some members who you don't see frequently, then all of a sudden they are there," Eschebach said.

"What keeps me are the women," Garan said of why she continues to attend the Grosse Pointe Moms Club and it is where she met her best friend, Eschebach.

Treder agreed. "I'm sorry I didn't join sooner."

For more information about the Grosse Pointe Moms Club, Inc. go to their Web site at [gpmoms.com](http://gpmoms.com).

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## Energy, good health can begin in the new year

Susanne Consiglio  
Special Writer

We talk about getting healthier with a fresh start in January. Strict dieting is often mentioned for getting those unwanted pounds off. It's a great idea to remove excess sugars, desserts and fats from your diet beginning in January. However, as a lifelong approach, statistics have shown that strict dieting won't be sustainable as a weight control plan.

Think about 2006 as your year to get into lifestyle changes with simple goals. First, figure out your own eating habits and which ones need changing. Know yourself as to when, where and why your issues with food occur.

- Do you go too long without food? Longer than five hours during the day is probably too long.
- Are you constantly snacking or nibbling on anything that is within your reach?
- Do you eat because of stress?
- Do you eat because you have the winter blahs?
- Do you snack all evening because you're bored?

No wonder we find ourselves without energy. To feel better and increase your energy, don't starve yourself. Skipping meals all day to reduce calories usually causes fatigue followed by a binge later in the day or evening. Choose foods that are filling, but with fewer calories.

Between-meal snacks such as fruit, vegetables, yogurt or unsalted nuts offer plenty of vitamins and minerals, the nutrients your immune system craves after all of the fats and sugars we consumed over the holidays. Let these foods become your snack choices instead of the office freebie foods, vending machine chips or cookies.

If you're at home during the day and find yourself constantly snacking, change your routine and habits by eating a breakfast and then establishing a schedule to keep you out of the kitchen. Avoid having food or candy throughout your home where it's easy to grab.

To continue feeling better, remove high sodium and refined carbohydrates or white flour foods from your diet. Think about the high sodium foods that you routinely eat: chips, pretzels, crackers, cheese, pizza, canned soups, fast food and, of course, salt from the salt shaker. Sound depressing? You don't have to eliminate all of them, but it's worth reducing most of them. Refined carbohydrates can lead to highs and lows of energy levels. The added sodium can cause problems with fluid retention and may affect your blood pressure, especially if you are overweight.

Want to feel better during the cold dreary months of January? Exercise. Start slowly with as little as 15 minutes a day, with a gradual increase to 30 minutes, then to 45 minutes. Find your best time and just do it. If you've got the equipment in your home, make a plan to use it after dinner instead of reaching for another snack.

It will be cold this winter, but don't let that stop you. Choose your indoor options: your own home, a gym or a personal trainer. Outdoor activities such as cross country skiing or snow shoeing can also be fun.

Losing weight is not just about losing pounds. To be successful, it takes time to make changes and get used to new habits. To keep weight off, losing five to 10 pounds per month is a realistic goal.

If you're not happy with the number on the scale, be patient, stick to changes one day at a time and don't give up. The results will follow as the year progresses.

Susanne Consiglio, RD, is a registered dietitian in private practice, counseling clients in her office. For more information call (586) 778-4877.

## Stumbling through Medicare Part D

There used to be a thing called KISS, which stood for "Keep It Simple, Stupid." The idea was that if you had a program that couldn't be explained in a simple way, easily understood by everyone, then you should go back to the drawing board.

Most people and organizations today never heard of KISS. That may be one of the reasons for the complaints many have that everything is so hard and it takes a long time to do what should be the simplest tasks.

A prime example: the new Medicare Prescription Drug Program, also known as Medicare Part D.

It shouldn't be mentioned in the same sentence with Medicare Parts A and B, which are easily explained and understood by practically everybody. For example, everybody under Parts A and B pays the same deductibles, copays and premiums, and the benefits are clearly defined. Any doctor can tell you immediately if a medical procedure is paid or not paid under Medicare.

You can go anywhere in the country and Medicare is available with identical benefits.

We were told that seniors asked for a prescription drug program, so don't complain.

Who could have imagined that its design would be so torturous that even college professors have trouble deciphering its variables.

Its complexity puts a strain on the few people who do understand the ins and outs of the program and who are donating their time to help seniors. It is estimated that Medicare volunteers would have to process 8,000 people a day to get the state's 1.5 million eligible Medicare recipients signed up by the May 15 deadline.

It takes about one hour to explain the program. Even with the explanations, the decision about the plan best for specific seniors can't be made until they have contacted each of the some 20 plans in this state who offer the benefit.

Only the plan knows what drugs it offers, its prices, the cost of copays, deductibles and premiums it will charge. Only the plan

knows whether you can get the drugs throughout the state or country — important if you go down south for the winter or up north for the summer.

When the bill was first introduced, the main concern in Congress was the \$750 billion cost over the next 10 years. Those figures are dependent on drug costs remaining the same.

Fat chance! The governmental agency charged with designing the program had two major requirements for plans accepted by Medicare. One was that the plan had an adequate network to provide benefits, and the second one was that the plan must include at least one drug in each of a number of specified classes of drugs.

Other than those specified drugs, plans could offer whatever drugs it chose. Also, the amount of charges, if any, for copays, deductibles and premiums was left up to each plan.

After Congress began hearing vociferous complaints from all over the nation, a Medicare Informed Choice Act has been introduced in Congress. Its major change would extend the enrollment period until the end of next year without penalty.

The current plan calls for a penalty of \$1 a month in premiums if seniors enroll after the May 15 deadline. If the bill is passed, it won't make Medicare Part D any

simpler.

One thing that would help is to require all plans offering Medicare prescription drugs to print lists (in large print) of all the drugs it offers, their prices, what it will charge for copays, premiums and deductibles, the geographic areas where the benefit will be available, and the use of generics.

Plans may say this would be terribly expensive. But it wouldn't. Even in large print, a description of the plans' offerings shouldn't take more than a few pages. If printed without frills for the estimated 1.5 million eligible seniors in Michigan, the cost should be reasonable. Plans could list it as a cost of doing business.

Remember, too, that seniors are paying not only for drugs but also the plans' profits, but plans will make money from the process.

The plans would send these descriptive pages to senior centers where they could be picked up by seniors, relatives or friends. Having concrete and essential information in hand would also make it easier for relatives and friends to help seniors in the decision-making process.

It would also save overwhelmed Medicare volunteers from huge amounts of stress.

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## Senior Scene

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## Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



Small, white-headed acne-like pimples that form around hair follicles may indicate a common condition known as folliculitis.

Folliculitis can appear on any hair bearing area of the body. Although folliculitis may itch, it is seldom painful and often clears by itself in a few days. Patients with deep or recurring folliculitis may need medical treatment as severe cases may cause permanent hair loss and scarring. And for some patients, even mild folliculitis can be uncomfortable and embarrassing, and seeing your doctor for treatment is appropriate.

Most folliculitis starts with damage to a hair follicle, whether due to rubbing or shaving, or ingrown hairs, along with exposure to a contagion such as bacteria, yeasts or viruses.

Common forms include *Pseudomonas* folliculitis where hair follicles become infected all over the body (also called "hot tub folliculitis" as it is usually caused by bacteria found in hot tubs); tinea barbae (fungal related) and pseudofolliculitis barbae (in-grown hair related) which impact the beard area for men; "barber's itch", a staph related folliculitis occurring where hair is shaved, affecting both men and women.

Treatment of folliculitis may include oral or topical antibiotics, anti fungal medications, retinoids or corticosteroids depending on the cause of the inflammation. Where it is a contributing factor, shaving may need to be excluded until the condition clears.

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# Engagements

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## Klotz-Capion

Katherine Klotz of Grosse Pointe Park has announced the engagement of her daughter, Ann Marie Klotz, to Erik Capion, son of Phil and Kate Capion of Flat Rock. A June wedding is planned.

Klotz earned a bachelor's

degree in political science and women and gender studies from Grand Valley State University and a master's degree in higher educational administration from Michigan State University. She is a residence hall director and a professor in the honors college at Ball State University.

Capion attended Eastern Michigan University. He is a sales and leasing consultant with Victory Honda.



Erik Capion and Ann Marie Klotz



Tracy MacLake and Dustin Nichols



Erin N. Drouillard and G. Matthew Topper

Battjes earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance from Michigan State University. He is a financial adviser with AG Edwards.



Clayton Robert Vanderpool and Dianna Elizabeth Anderson

## Anderson-Vanderpool

David and Janice Anderson of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dianna Elizabeth Anderson, to Clayton Robert Vanderpool, son of Robert and Kathleen Vanderpool of Grosse Pointe Shores. An October wedding is planned.

Anderson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physiology from Michigan State University. She is a student in the doctor of physical therapy program at Wayne State University.

Vanderpool earned a BBA degree in accounting from Western Michigan University. He is a commercial loan credit analyst with Comerica Bank.



Daniel Battjes and Maggie Katchmark

## Katchmark-Battjes

Tom and Mary Jo Katchmark of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Maggie Katchmark, to Daniel Battjes, son of Keith and Diane Battjes of Grosse Pointe Park. A June wedding is planned.

Katchmark earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in advertising from Michigan State University. She is employed as an account executive with McCann Erickson.



Anthony Valentine and Katie Blake

## Blake-Valentine

Peter and Louise Blake of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Katie Blake, to Anthony Valentine, son of Gene Valentine of Bloomfield Hills and Nancy Valentine, also of Bloomfield Hills. An August wedding is planned.

Blake earned a bachelor's degree in business administration/finance from the University of Notre Dame. She is a benefits analyst with Mesirow Financial in Chicago.

Valentine earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in organizational studies from the University of Michigan. He is a law school student at the University of Detroit.

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## MacLake-Nichols

Linda MacLake of Grosse Pointe Farms and Don Riddell of Macomb have announced the engagement of their daughter, Tracy MacLake, to Dustin Nichols, son of Mike and Peg Nichols of Rockford. A September wedding is planned.

MacLake earned a Bachelor of Science degree in math and business from Alma College. She is an actuary with Auto-Owners Insurance.

Nichols earned a Bachelor of Science degree in statistics from Michigan Technological University. He is also an actuary with Auto-Owners Insurance.



Sandra Shrake and James Kopacko

## Shrake-Kopacko

David and Sharon Shrake of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Shrake, to James Kopacko, son of Donald and Tish Kopacko of Northville. A September wedding is planned.

## Drouillard-Topper

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Loch of Grosse Pointe Woods and Martin Drouillard of Roseville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Erin N. Drouillard, to G. Matthew Topper, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Topper of Grosse Pointe Woods. An October wedding is planned.

Drouillard earned a Bachelor of Science degree in packaging from Michigan

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**Daniel Grano and Marianne Smith**

## Smith-Grano

Garry and Susan Smith of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marianne Smith, to Daniel Grano, son of Maura Corrigan of Grosse Pointe Park, and the late Joseph Grano. A 2007 wedding is planned.

Smith graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in history. She is a student at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Grano earned a degree in political science from the University of Michigan. He is a student at Wayne State University Law School, a clerk with Flood, Lanctot, Connor and Quandt PLLC, and a member of the Grosse Pointe Park City Council.



**Mr. and Mrs. David Andrew Rimkus**

## Strehler-Rimkus

Jordan Alexandra Strehler of Chicago, daughter of Leigh Strehler and Stanley VanTiem, former Grosse Pointers, married David Andrew Rimkus of Chicago, son of Robert T. and Mary Rimkus of Battle Creek, on Oct. 29, 2005, in Chicago. Strehler is also the daughter of the late Steven E. Strehler.

The Rev. Robert Donavan officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception in The Pump Room of the Ambassador East Hotel.

The bride wore an ivory satin strapless gown that featured a tuxedo pleating on the bodice, a dropped waistline and a chapel-length train. She carried a bouquet of calla lilies, roses, tulips and hypericum in autumn colors.

The matron of honor was Leslie Harrell Allen of Chicago.

Bridesmaids were Kelly Smythe of Royal Oak, Liz Sloane of Chicago, Lindsay Sandercott Cotton of the City of Grosse Pointe and Kristy Crawford of Bakersfield, Calif.

The groom's brother, Dan Rimkus of Portage, was the best man.

Groomsmen were the bride's brother, Steven Strehler of San Francisco; Jason Emerine and David Runyon, both of Royal Oak; and Michael Mallernee of Chicago.

Ushers were Bart Dowdle and Kyle Kraht, both of Battle Creek.

The mother of the bride wore a two-piece deep coral silk suit and a wrist corsage of orchids and hypericum.

The groom's mother wore a long beige silk dress and matching jacket and a wrist corsage of orchids and hypericum.

Scripture readers were Andrea Ogony and Adam Whitehead.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from Michigan State University. She is a project coordinator with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois.

The groom earned a degree in supply chain management from Michigan State University. He is a corporate commodity manager with Schneider Electric.

The newlyweds traveled to Hawaii. They live in Chicago.



**Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gentile**

## Tremonti-Gentile

Nadia Tremonti, daughter of Vanna Dedona of Grosse Pointe Park and Luigi and Gabriella Tremonti, also of Grosse Pointe Park, married Michael Gentile, son of Janet Gentile of Grosse Pointe Park and Chris Gentile of West Bloomfield, on Sept. 17, 2005, at Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park.

Phyllis Baker officiated at the ceremony, and the bride and groom traveled by Model T Ford to their reception at the Model T Ford Automotive Heritage Complex, which was the site of the original Model T plant on Piquette and Beaubien.

The bride wore a gown she designed of champagne satin with an embroidered tulle overlay. She wore green shoes and a veil trimmed with a ribbon of green. She carried a bouquet of cosmos and wore kiss-me-over-the-garden-gate flowers in her hair.

The maid of honor was Caroline Jeffs of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Bridesmaids were the bride's sister, Silvia Tremonti of Grosse Pointe Farms; and Heather Hanneman and Cecilia Puzzuoli, both also of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Attendants wore leaf green linen dresses that were also sewn by the bride. They carried bouquets of cockscomb, yellow daisies and kiss-me-over-the-garden-gates.

The best man was Jason Dougherty of Grosse Pointe Park.

Groomsmen were Brad Stocker of Grosse Pointe Farms, C. William Swanson of Detroit and Dr. Daniel Baker of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The mother of the bride wore a navy blue taffeta dress and carried a bouquet of fuchsia cockscomb and eucalyptus.

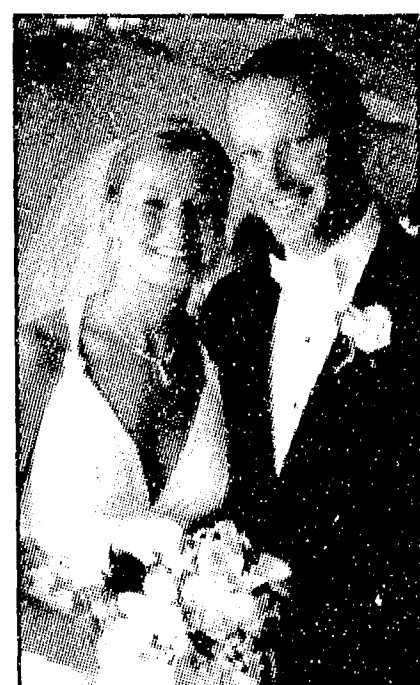
The groom's mother wore a turquoise suit and carried a bouquet of fuchsia cockscomb and eucalyptus.

James Kline played acoustic guitar as the bride walked toward the gazebo at Patterson Park.

The bride earned a MD degree from the Wayne State University School of Medicine. She is a pediatric chief resident at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers University.

The couple traveled to Fiji, New Zealand and Australia. They live in Detroit.



**Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jay Mestemaker**

## Forster-Mestemaker

Molly Christine Forster, daughter of Kathleen and Ronald Forster of the City of Grosse Pointe, married Peter Jay Mestemaker, son of Carole and Dr. Jerome Mestemaker of Sidney, Ohio, on Oct. 8, 2005, at the Tradewinds Pavilion of the Dayton Marriott in Dayton, Ohio.

The Rev. Bobbie Predmore, chaplain of the Children's Medical Center Dayton, officiated at the candlelight ceremony, which was followed immediately by a dinner reception in the grand ballroom of the Dayton Marriott.

The bride wore a floor-length white silk chiffon gown that featured an Empire waistline, an open back, a sash and a train. She carried a mixed bouquet of white calla lilies, orchids, stephanotis and bouvardia.

The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Barbara Peberdy of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Attendants were Julie Sparma of Sarasota, Fla., and Tara Nelson of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Attendants wore floor-length black chiffon dresses with Empire waistlines, cowl necklines and flutter sleeves. They carried hand-tied bouquets of red roses.

The best man was Marc Gilardi of Troy, Ohio.

Groomsmen were the groom's brothers, Eric

Mestemaker of Granville, Ohio, and Scott Mestemaker of Louisville, Ky.

Readers were the groom's sisters, Dr. Amy Mestemaker and Nancy Stiefel. Also participating in the ceremony in a special procession were the groom's sister, Sara Mestemaker; and Jordan, Kassandra, Carolyn and Daniel Mestemaker; Nathan, Seth and Maggie Stiefel; and James Peberdy, all nieces and nephews of the bride and groom.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in child development from the University of Dayton. She is a personal banker with Wells Fargo Bank in Breckenridge, Colo.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental geology from the University of Dayton. He is a senior survey trainer with Trimble in Denver, Colo.

The newlyweds traveled for three weeks in Africa. They live in Breckenridge, Colo.



**Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Thomas Gallagher**

## Newland-Gallagher

Diane Laura Newland, daughter of Madeline and Terry Clark of Tampa, Fla., married Gregory Thomas Gallagher, son of Jack and Betty Gallagher of Rochester Hills, on Oct. 29, 2005, in Tampa, Fla.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Florida. She is a flight attendant with Delta Airlines.

The groom is a graduate of Western Michigan University.

He is a business consultant with Barefoot, Cramer and Assoc.

The couple honeymooned in South America.

They are making their home in Grosse Pointe Farms and Tampa, Fla.

## Hammel-Peabody

Sandra Jane Hammel, daughter of Pamela and Godfrey Hammel of the City of Grosse Pointe, married John Bernard Peabody Jr., son of Margaret and John Peabody of Grosse Pointe Farms, on Dec. 19, 2003, at St. Paul Catholic Church.

Monsignor John Patrick Zenz officiated at the 6 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The bride wore a candlelight silk long-sleeved A-line gown embroidered with Chantilly lace and pearls and had been worn by the groom's mother. She wore her mother's cathedral-length veil and carried a bouquet of cream-colored roses with Christmas greens.

The maid and matron of honor were the bride's sisters, Mary Amanda Hammel of the City of Grosse Pointe and Holly Hammel Fitzsimons of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Bridesmaids were Amy Boohar of the City of Grosse Pointe; Kathryn Haydon of Clearwater, Fla.; Paige Peabody Yager of Philadelphia; Elizabeth Cantlin of San Francisco; Rachel Karchmer and Elizabeth Sturges, both of New York City; and Margaret Powell Peabody of Royal Oak.

The flower girl was Katherine Wallace Fitzsimons. Ring bearers were Patrick Sherman Fitzsimons and Sebastian Peabody Yager.

The best man was Thomas Stroble of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Groomsmen were Matthew Agnone of Grosse Pointe Farms, Joseph Kaiser V of the City of Grosse Pointe, Jonathan Mahoney of Minnesota, Matthew Summers of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michael Hill of Grosse Pointe Farms, Geoffrey Kimmel of Grosse Pointe Woods and Peter Messacar of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Scripture readers were Carolyn Jane Gorski, David King Fitzsimons Jr. and Jeffrey Yager. Eucharistic ministers were Catherine and Alvin Rutledge and Melody Scherer.

Musicians were the Choir of Men and Boys of Christ Church Grosse Pointe under the direction of Dr. Frederic DeHaven. Trumpeters were



**Mr. and Mrs. John Bernard Peabody Jr.**

Jeffrey Markwick and William Beger.

The bride is a graduate of Georgetown University. She earned a master's degree in urban education from Long Island University. She teaches Spanish at University Liggett Middle School.

The groom is a graduate of Babson College, where he earned a degree in finance and entrepreneurship. He is vice president of Peabody management and president of Boulder Development Corp.

The couple traveled to Mexico for their honeymoon. They live in Royal Oak.

## Hubbarth-Lepera

Virginia Hubbarth Reuter and Jack Reuter of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Maura Hubbarth, to Frank Lepera, son of Teresa Lepera of Windsor, Ontario, and the late Antonio Lepera. A 2006 wedding is planned.

Hubbarth earned a BSBM from the University of Phoenix. She is a histology technician at St. John Hospital.

Lepera earned a degree from St. Clair College. He is a tool and die maker at Valiant Machine and Tool.



**Jennifer Maura Hubbarth and Frank Lepera**

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## Lamm- Keuten

Mollie Elizabeth Lamm, daughter of Doug and Jane Lamm of Rochester Hills, married David Hogan Keuten, son of Chuck and Rita Keuten of Grosse Pointe Woods on Sept. 3, 2005, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Dr. Michael Meyer officiated at the outdoor morning ceremony, which was followed by a reception in the ballroom of the War Memorial.

The maid of honor was Hallie Oliver of Rochester.

Madeline Keuten of Bloomfield Township (with the bride's dog, Abbey) was the flower girl. She carried a bouquet of daisies.

The groom's brother, Tom Keuten of Bloomfield Township was the best man. Guitar music was played by Chris Hiltz and Steve Garcia.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Wayne State University.

The groom also earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Wayne State University.

The couple lives in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands.

## McCurdy- Dennome

Julie Marie McCurdy, daughter of Robert and Marie McCurdy of Grosse

Pointe Park, married William Dennome of the City of Grosse Pointe, son of William Dennome of Grosse Pointe Woods and Nancy Watkins of Salt Lake City, Utah, on June 11, 2005, in Bermuda.

The bride wore a white V-neck ballerina-length dress and carried a bouquet of white roses.

The bride graduated from Wayne State University with a degree in business administration. She is a CPA.



Mr. and Mrs. William  
Dennome

Dennome earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan Tech University. He works for Drivesol.

The couple honeymooned in Bermuda. They live in Grosse Pointe Woods.

## McCurdy- Scott

Lisa May McCurdy, daughter of Robert and Marie McCurdy of Grosse Pointe Park, married Arthur Upshur Scott, son of Bill and Jackie Scott of Grosse Pointe Farms, on Oct. 9, 2004, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

The Rev. William Yeager officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

The bride wore a white



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur  
Upshur Scott

organza Empire gown that featured a beaded and embroidered bodice and a three-layered chapel-length train. Her elbow-length tulle veil was held in place by a crystal tiara. She carried a bouquet of blue hydrangeas, white mini calla lilies and freesia and bells of Ireland.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Rebecca McCurdy of Grosse Pointe Park.

Bridesmaids were Jennifer Barber-Ruchti of Pocatello, Idaho, and Jennifer Miklajczak of Sterling Heights.

Attendants wore black knee-length dresses with spaghetti straps and blue satin ribbons at the waist.

## Babies

### Ally Eve Edwards

Jeff and Mary Edwards of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Ally Eve Edwards, born Sept. 23, 2005.

Maternal grandparents are Rich and Carol Marks of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Paternal grandparents are Bryan and Linda Edwards of Lapeer.

Great-grandparents are Chuck Beltz of the City of Grosse Pointe and Luella Hopson of Almont.

They carried bouquets of blue hydrangeas and white stephanotis.

The best man was the groom's brother, William J. Scott IV of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Groomsmen were the bride's brother, Rob McCurdy of Grosse Pointe Park and Matt Armstrong of Winston-Salem, N.C.

Ushers were Casey Behrendt of Charleston, S.C.; Jay Lytle and John Topacio, both of the City of Grosse Pointe; and Zeb Beasley of Jacksonville, N.C.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length light periwinkle dress and carried a single white hydrangea.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length pale aubergine three-piece ensemble and carried a single white hydrangea.

Readers were Mary Patterson and David Scott. The soloist was Kelly Dahlstrom.

The bride graduated from Michigan State University, where she majored in merchandising management.

The groom is a graduate of The Citadel, where he majored in international politics. He is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps in Hawaii.

The couple honeymooned in the Dominican Republic. They live in Hawaii.

## X-tra Special Advice

for parents of children with special needs

### Carli's life

By Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan  
Special Writers

Twenty-seven-year-old Carli is a woman with a full life. Nothing seems to hold her back.

She is part of a large family. She's number six of seven children. She lives with her parents, her younger brother and her 1-year-old Shih Tzu, Mae-Mae, in their Grosse Pointe Shores home.

Her list of hobbies and activities includes singing (including karaoke), dancing, bowling on a weekly league, aerobics, Tae-Bo and the F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Club at the Foundation for Exceptional Children.

Carli was a longtime volunteer at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe before beginning her duties at Barnes Early Childhood Center. She's in her third year of overseeing the Sodexo lunch program for the all-day kindergartners.

It's no surprise to most to hear she's noticed the number of lunches sold is at the highest when the menu includes pizza and cheese-filled breadsticks. When she's choosing a favorite restaurant after work, it's usually one with Italian or Chinese food.

While at Barnes, she also helps staff members in a variety of ways. She's obviously loved by her colleagues, most likely because of her can-do attitude and upbeat mood.

She's a lifetime Grosse Pointer. She began in Grosse Pointe public schools at age 3 and graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1997. Carli has remained friends with many people from school and some share one or more of her hobbies to visit.

She likes to travel. Her favorite places to her are California, Mexico and Pennsylvania.

Whether home or traveling, she loves to read. Harry Potter books and the Chicken Soup series are high on her list of favorite books, though she also tries to find time to keep up with the latest on fashion and the lives of young stars.

She loves going to the theater for musicals such as "The Lion King" and "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular" with the Rockettes. One of her dreams is to some day sing and dance on stage.

With all this action and movement in her life, it's hard to believe another of her hobbies is watching butterflies. She enjoys quietly standing in the butterfly house at the Detroit Zoo and letting the butterflies land on her.

With her winning personality and the energy to keep up with her full life, it's easy to believe Carli will never be lost in a crowd. And although some may say she has special needs, nothing holds her back.

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 questions to ag5046@wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.

## pointe counter points

by Kathleen Stevenson

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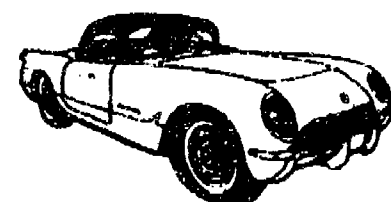
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## Bramos impresses Miami coach with foundation and future

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Ask most basketball coaches what they like in a player and they'll respond with "he's well-versed in the fundamentals," or "he has great moves to the basket," or some other description of his skills.

Ask Miami coach Charlie Coles what he likes about former Grosse Pointe North All-Stater Michael Bramos and Coles answers, "his dad."

Granted, Mike Bramos is a good guy. He's a respected detective in the Harper Woods police department and a solid member of the community.

But what makes Coles so impressed with the elder Bramos?

"He played basketball himself, so he has Michael well-grounded," Coles said. "As a former player, he understands the game and what a coach is trying to do. It always helps when a player's father has a background in the game. Michael has a great foundation in the game that allows him to focus on his improvement."

Mike Bramos played on some outstanding teams at old Detroit Servite High School, and he has coached his sons and daughters at

various levels.

Having a father who's knowledgeable in basketball isn't the only thing that Coles likes about Bramos, who led North to the state Class A semifinals last spring.

"I really like that he's a freshman," Coles said. "I think in two years he can be a very good player in this league (the Mid-American Conference). There are a few things he has to work on to get to that level, but he's a hard-working kid and he's willing to listen."

"I told him that it's going to be different than it was in high school. I'm going to yell at him. But that's because I think he can be an outstanding college player."

Bramos looked like that last week when the RedHawks visited Michigan. Miami lost 87-80 but Bramos was his team's leading scorer with 18 points and the Miami radio network named him its player of the game.

"That was his best game of the season," Coles said. "(Graham) Brown scored some points against him, but part of that is Michael playing out of position. He had to play the four (power forward) because we have some injuries. He's a natural

two (shooting guard) or three (small forward).

Brown did score 10 points against Miami, but Bramos nearly doubled that. Brown and Bramos each grabbed four rebounds.

"I thought it was my best game, too," Bramos said. "I didn't force anything tonight. I drove a little more to the basket because I thought I was a little quicker than Graham."

Bramos's drives to the basket are something that Coles is working on.

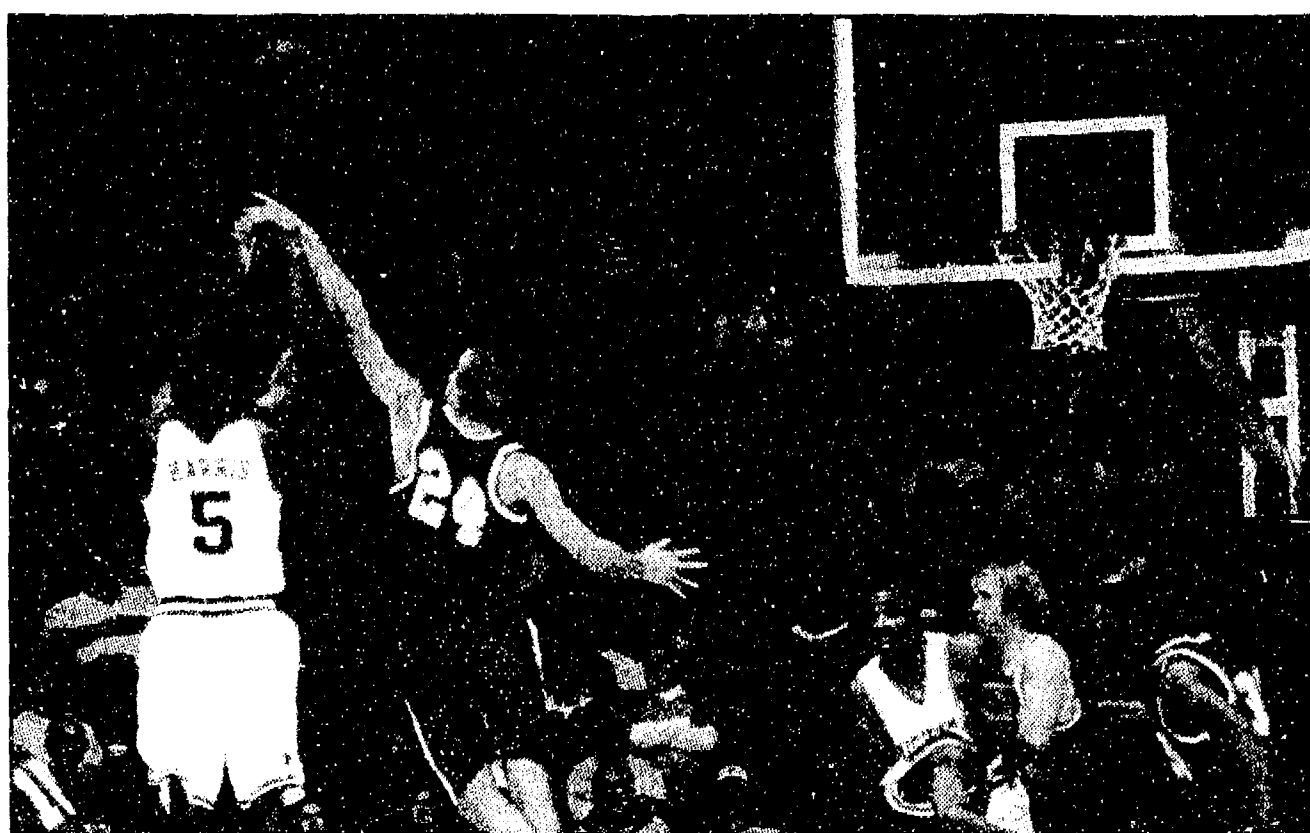
"I'd rather see him do the high jump than the long jump," Coles said. "He takes off like he's jumping into a swimming pool. When he does that, he has a tendency to get the charging foul. He had one of those tonight."

It was a perfect time for Bramos to come up with his best game so far. Many Grosse Pointers were in the stands, including several of Bramos's former North teammates.

"It's always good to come home," Bramos said. "There were a lot of people here that I hadn't seen for a while."

Bramos wasn't surprised that he had his best game.

"I'm getting more comfortable with the speed and everything else in the col-



Photos by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

In the photo above, Miami's Michael Bramos blocks a shot by Michigan's Dion Harris. Below left, Bramos finds his way blocked by the Wolverines' Lester Abram. Below right, Bramos drives past Michigan's Chris Hunter for a basket during the RedHawks' game last week at Crisler Arena.

lege game," he said. "I'm getting to know what I can and can't do."

Bramos has started Miami's last three games after coming off the bench in the first five. He got the starting assignment when Tim Pollitz, who leads the RedHawks in scoring, suffered a knee injury.

Bramos has scored in dou-

ble figures in two of his three starts. He had 14 points in a 75-65 loss to Xavier. In that game Bramos played all 40 minutes. He also hit double figures in Miami's opener with nationally-ranked Alabama.

"When I recruited him, I expected him to play," Coles said. "Now I didn't expect him to play 40 minutes in a

game, but that was because of injuries."

So far the college experience is just what Bramos had hoped for.

"It's been a lot of fun, but it was also a lot of work starting with practice in the fall," he said. "Now I just hope we can start winning again. We've lost three in a row and losing isn't fun."

## Norsemen notch second straight win

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's hockey team won't play another game until the weekend of Jan. 6-7, but the break will be a pleasant one for the Norsemen.

That's because they notched their second win in a row last week, holding off University of Detroit Jesuit 4-3 in a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League contest.

"That was a good win," said North coach Scott Lock. "Now we can sit back and enjoy the two wins we've had in the last week, and gear up for the second half of the season."

"We'll get some people back that we've been missing. We've weathered the storm pretty well. We're going to be a better team because some other people have got more playing time against good competition."

Two of those players have been freshman goalies Eric Rohrkemper and Michael Rahaim.

Rahaim recorded his first varsity win against U-D, and played well. Rohrkemper got his first win in North's previous game against Port Huron Northern.

"It's one thing for them to get a chance to play, and another for them to get a win," Lock said. "It can only help their confidence."

North takes a 3-4-1 record into the break. The defeats have been to Catholic

Central, Trenton and Cranbrook Kingwood, the top-ranked teams in Division I, II and III and Brother Rice, which was No. 2 in Division II when North played the Warriors.

The Norsemen came out strong against U-D and dominated the first 10 minutes of the game.

"We put on a lot of pressure, and the defense played well," Lock said. "We took a 2-0 lead and really looked good."

North stretched its lead to 3-0 early in the second period but the Cubs came back to score twice before the period ended.

"They got a goal on a crazy bounce and that seemed to change the momentum," Lock said. "They're a team that plays with a lot of emotion."

Julien Horrie scored his first goal of the season early in the third period to gave the Norsemen a two-goal advantage.

U-D scored in the final minute during a 6-on-4 advantage after the Cubs pulled their goalie, but North kept U-D from getting the equalizer.

Robbie Ireland scored two goals for North and now has four in the last two games. Mike Rourke and Horrie each had a goal and two assists. Jeff Rohrkemper had two assists.

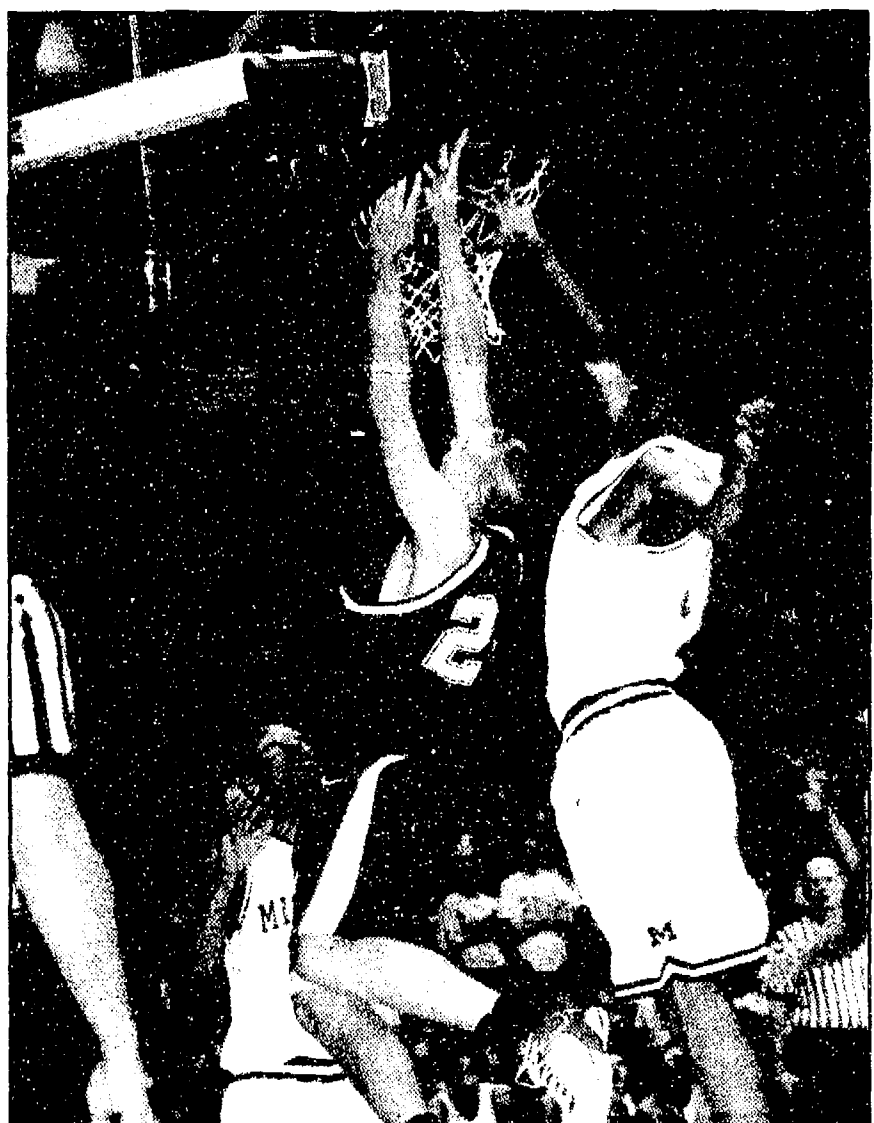
"Rourke really played a good game," Lock said. "He was a warrior. He had to leave the game for a while after getting hit in the jaw, but he came back and got nice assists and a power-play goal."

"Alex Davenport really stepped up, too, and made some nice plays."

The power-play goal U-D scored in the final minute was only the second allowed by North in 60 chances this year.

"We've been using eight forwards and all of our defensemen," Lock said. "It helps that the goalies have played well, too."

"We work on the penalty killing every day, although a lot of the work is on the chalkboard. It's sometimes hard to work on penalty killing on the ice because the guys we use to kill penalties are on the power play."



## Penalty parade mars South's victory

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South hockey coach Bob Bopp would like his team to make a New Year's resolution.

Stay out of the penalty box. Especially when a teammate is already there.

Four times in last week's 4-1 victory over Southgate Anderson in a Michigan Metro High School Hockey League game, South gave the Titans a 5-on-3 advantage.

Southgate didn't score on any of the opportunities, but that didn't make Bopp any happier.

"I'm glad to get the win but we have to stop getting penalties," he said. "We can't afford to do that when our schedule gets tougher after the first of the year."

"Our penalty killing has been outstanding, but we can't go on taking foolish penalties. It's going to catch up with us. We've probably had more 5-on-3s this year than we've had in six years."

South had five penalties in the first period, but Southgate's Anthony Giacchina scored the only goal of the period while the teams were at full strength, although the Titans did have a goal waved off because one of the Anderson players was in the crease.

Freshman goalie Trevor Sattelmeier made some excellent saves in the opening period — and throughout the game. One of his first-period stops came after a Blue Devils turnover.

The second period was a different story for South.

The Blue Devils scored three times to take a 3-1 lead into the final period.

"We really played well the first 10 minutes of the second period," Bopp said. "That was close to a great period. We skated like we should."

Some nifty passing set up South's first two goals. Geoff Osgood made a perfect feed to Taylor Flaska to tie the game at 1-1 at 5:13 of the second period.

A minute and 10 seconds later, the Blue Devils went ahead to stay on some rapid-fire passes from Lance Lucas and Frankie DeLaura to set up Jim Marshall for the goal.

Lucas knocked in a rebound at 10:48 for South's third goal of the period. Ryan Abraham and Tim Shield assisted.

South completed the scoring on a goal by DeLaura, who was set up by a perfect pass from Trevor John, at 2:30 of the third period.

"John does such a good job of controlling the game and giving people the opportunity to score," Bopp said. "He makes some great passes, but we'd like him to shoot more."

Sattelmeier turned away 16 shots in recording the victory.

"He's getting a baptism under fire," Bopp said. "He's seen a lot more action than I

## South swimmers third at Rice relays

Grosse Pointe South's boys swim team showed that it belongs among Michigan's elite high school squads by finishing third in the Warrior Relays hosted by Brother Rice.

The meet at Royal Oak Dondero traditionally includes many of the state's top teams.

"The team looks forward

to this relay meet every year because we get a chance to see some of the top teams in the state," said South coach Bill Thompson.

"It's a good chance to see what's out there in a more relaxed format."

As a result of its performance, South moved into

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Photo by Mark Yakamovich

Rob Ireland (89) has scored four goals in Grosse Pointe North's last two games.





Photo by Bob Bruce

University Liggett School forward **Elizabeth Palmer**, above, had quite a week, scoring five goals in the Lady Knights' games against Regina and Mercy.

## Palmer's 4 goals not enough in 7-5 defeat

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Head coach Laura Owczarski had the spark on the bench as her University Liggett School girls hockey team was tied 5-5 with only a couple of minutes left in the game.

The Lady Knights have spent the first month of the season doubting whether they would field a squad this season and playing without starting goaltender Alex Boll, who injured a shoulder on Dec. 3.

Through all of the adversity came this possible early Christmas present, a victory. "We were pumped when it was tied during the final few minutes," Owczarski said. "We were trying to get that winning goal because we could taste a win."

Visiting Farmington Hills Mercy didn't comply with Santa Claus, and instead the Marlins scored twice in the final 2:10 to pull out a 7-5 win.

"The girls and I were upbeat in the locker room after the game," Owczarski said. "We lost but I think the girls found out they are improving and can play this game."

Owczarski fields a team with only three experienced veterans and eight relative newcomers to the sport with either one year or no hockey experience.

"We will get a victory this season. I know it," she said.

The Lady Knights trailed 5-2 entering the final period, but in an instant forward Elizabeth Palmer scored three unassisted goals (14:51, 10:42 and 9:55 marks of the third period) to tie it 5-5.

Monique Squiers and Palmer each had excellent scoring chances in the final five minutes of regulation, but the shots were either stopped or missed the goal.

Freshman Janaya Gripper has filled in for Boll during her rehabilitation, and she made two saves on breakaways to keep the game tied.

"We nearly won our first game with a first-time goalie and one of our few skaters out with a concussion," Owczarski said. "I'm proud of the girls. They are playing their hearts out every game."

Palmer scored four goals, and Squiers had the other tally for the Lady Knights, who also lost 9-4 to host Regina on Saturday, Dec. 17.

Alex Houghtalin had two goals, while Squiers and Palmer had one apiece.

Owczarski's ULS team fell to 0-0-4 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League East Division and 0-7 overall.

Coming up for the Lady Knights is an away game on Saturday, Jan. 7, against Bloomfield at Hazel Park's Viking Arena. Game time is 4 p.m.

## Results, highlights from GPHA games

### BANTAM DIVISION

#### Storm 8, Hawkes 0

Adam LaFrance had four goals and an assist to lead the Storm, who also had two goals and an assist from Elia Romel. The Storm stunned the Hawkes with five first-period goals. The Hawkes played a strong game defensively in the second and third periods, led by Andy McCoy, Karl Brecht, Doug Johnston and Patrick Gushee.

#### Storm 5, Hawkes 2

Adam LaFrance led the Storm with a pair of goals. The Hawkes were a different team than in their first meeting with the Storm. Alex Tomovski had a goal and an assist. Kenny Harlan had the other goal, while Matt Peyser and Erik Roche collected assists for the Hawkes. Harlan, Tomovski and Peyser did a good job of controlling the puck, but once again early goals hurt the Hawkes.

#### SCS Ice Hawks 10, GPHA Hawkes 4

The GPHA Hawkes had two goals apiece from Alex Tomovski and Matt Peyser. Andy McCoy and Doug Johnston each collected two assists, while Tomovski and goalie Michael Andary each had one. Michael McCrackin and Jacob St. Louis played well for the Hawkes.

#### Spartans 6, Hawkes 4

Thomas Shields scored three goals for the Spartans. Matt Peyser, Billy McCaughey, Jacob St. Louis and Doug Johnston had the Hawkes' goals. Erik Roche had an assist. The game was close until late in the third period when breakaways gave the Spartans the

win. Matt Slavick and Michael Andary had excellent games for the Hawkes.

#### Hawkes 3, Team USA 2

Goals by Matt Peyser, Alex Tomovski and Doug Johnston carried the Hawkes to their first win of the season. Jacob St. Louis, Billy McCaughey and Troy Marowske picked up assists. Marowske had an outstanding game for the Hawkes.

#### ULS athletes help Denison sports teams

Two former University Liggett School athletes were key members of a pair of Denison University fall sports teams.

Senior forward Scott Vallee was a starting forward on the men's soccer team. He played in 16 games and scored four goals for the Big Red. Denison finished 8-9 overall.

Sophomore forward Brittany Paquette played in 15 games for Denison's field hockey team. She scored one goal and had one assist. The Big Red finished 8-11 but won four of its last six games.

## North girls skate by Ann Arbor at Yost

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Head coach Tim Van Eckoute guided his Grosse Pointe North girls hockey team to a 3-0 win over Ann Arbor Pioneer at University of Michigan's Yost Arena last week.

"It was great for us to be able to play a hockey game in such a wonderful hockey arena," Van Eckoute said. "It's something our girls can look back on and say it was a neat thing to do."

Senior Christina Sandmair, and juniors Emily Nelson and Marissa LaValley scored for the Norsemen. Goaltenders Angela Lee and Jaclyn Zarb each played half of the game and did not yield a goal.

Lee and Zarb once again posted a combined shutout in an 8-0 pasting of winless Bloomfield. However, the duo did not have to face an official shot on net.

The Norsemen scored seven goals on 12 shots in

the opening period.

Senior Meryl Masserang tallied twice, while junior Johanna Ventimiglia scored her first-ever goal with only 1:17 gone in the first period.

Masserang's first goal came 10 seconds into the game, and her second came at the 10:08 mark.

Other goal scorers were Nelson, LaValley, junior Kate Zemenick, senior Melissa Carron, and junior Phelicia VanOverbeke.

After building such a huge lead, Van Eckoute instructed his players to excessively pass the puck without trying to score. The Norsemen recorded only two more shots on net during the final two periods.

The Grosse Pointe North hockey team improved to 9-1 overall.

Next on the schedule for the Norsemen is a much-anticipated rematch against Grosse Pointe South on Saturday, Jan. 7. North beat South 6-5 on Dec. 17.



Photo by Bob Bruce

Grosse Pointe North goalie **Angela Lee** shared in a pair of shutouts the Norsemen posted last week.

## Red Barons North JV wins last three games

The Grosse Pointe Red Barons North junior varsity ended the East Suburban Football League season on a three-game winning streak with a 32-6 victory over the St. Clair Shores Green Hornets.

Jimmy Guest ran for two touchdowns in the first half. In the second half, quarterback Brian Cleary ran for another score and Jory Evans added a one-yard touchdown run.

### Varsity

The Red Barons North varsity gave up some big plays in the first half as St. Clair Shores built a 28-0 halftime lead and went on to a 36-6 victory.

The Green Hornets scored on an 80-yard interception return and a 50-yard reverse. They also had a 40-yard interception return to set up another touchdown.

In the second half, St. Clair Shores scored on a 40-yard pass play and a 50-yard interception return.

Marc Palazzolo scored the Barons' touchdown on a four-yard run during the final minute of the fourth quarter.

### Freshmen

St. Clair Shores' freshmen never trailed after a fumble recovery set up a 30-yard touchdown drive in the first half of a 13-6 Green Hornets victory.

The Red Barons cut the lead to 7-6 in the second half on a five-yard quarterback draw by Jack Stander, but the extra point attempt failed.

St. Clair Shores secured the win with a touchdown on a fourth-down play in the final quarter.

### South

Jack Doyle and Daniel Baird each ran for a pair of touchdowns in the first half to lead the Red Barons South freshmen to a 46-18 victory over Romeo.

In the second half, the Barons got touchdown runs

of 50 and 56 yards from Liam McElroy and a 23-yard touchdown run by Josh Gall.

### Varsity

Romeo jumped out to a 20-0 lead with a strong passing attack and held on for a 33-22 victory over the Red Barons varsity.

The Barons fought back with two touchdowns by Chris Shirar.

In the second half, Grosse Pointe was led by Alex Koski's running as he finished with 110 yards in 16 carries. Anthony Riashi scored the Barons' final touchdown.

### Junior varsity

Ben Fry ran behind a strong offensive line for a pair of touchdowns but it wasn't enough to save the Red Barons junior varsity from a 44-13 loss to Romeo.

Running backs Connor Ray, Cooper Hartman and Jon Parker contributed hard running and excellent blocking.

Cornerbacks

Mike

## Swim

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the top 10 in the state Division I rankings.

Top-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer finished first with 306 points. Brother Rice was second with 264 and South's third-place total was 226 points. Troy was fourth with 200.

The meet's unique format enabled the 11 teams to showcase their depth as each event featured four competitors swimming the same stroke.

The Blue Devils won the 800-yard freestyle relay and the team diving event.

In the 800 freestyle, the team of Jon Sax, Danny Basile, Riley Sherer and Casey Browning won one of the most exciting races of the meet, touching out Pioneer by eight-hundredths of a second.

South divers Ty Lattimore, Alex Oddo and Spencer MacGriff were first with a combined total of 380.15 points. Ann Arbor Huron was second and Bloomfield Hills Andover took third place.

Diving coach Chad Hepner was pleased with his group's solid performance.

"These three guys are fun to coach," Hepner said. "They have the ability to work hard and push each other — and also have fun doing it. I'm looking forward to seeing what they can accomplish this season."

South finished third in two events.

The 200 butterfly relay team of Sherer, Dan Pogue, Andrew Graham and Sax had a time of 1:44.68 to finish behind Pioneer and Grand Blanc.

In the 200 medley relay, Browning, Sax, Pogue and Alex Borydyukov touched just a second behind second-place Brother Rice. Pioneer won the event in 1:41.70.

The 850 freestyle relay team of Borydyukov, Alex Glendenning, Basile and Browning finished fourth in 8:09.66. The 850 relay consists of legs of 50, 100, 200 and 500 yards.

Jamie Handley, Beau Yavor, David Cockell and Michael Manos took another fourth place for the Blue Devils in the 200 breast-stroke relay.

The 400 freestyle relay team of Sherer, Borydyukov, Graham and Basile was sixth in 3:37.67.

Thompson was happy with the way his team swam.

"They didn't back down, despite the high level of competition," he said.

South's next meet is home against Fraser on Thursday, Jan. 5.



The VIP 15-and-under regional volleyball team won several tournaments during the season. In front is Jackie Labut. Standing, from left, are Christine Gavel, Kate Brennan, Emma VanPieteron, Nicole Shelton, Ashley Tu, Jenn Hackett, Sara Perry and coach Cherie Sopologia.

## Pointers help VIP squad post a successful volleyball season

Many Grosse Pointers were on the VIP 15-and-under regional volleyball travel team that recently completed a very successful and competitive season.

The team won several gold tournament championships, and also had several silver titles as it participated in events in Michigan and out of state.

The VIP team participated in both AAU and USAV travel divisions during the season. The squad competed in the state tournament, the Best of America tournament, the East Coast Championship at Penn State University and the Asics junior national volleyball tournament in Chicago.

Team members are

Christine Gavel, Jenn Hackett, Sara Perry, Emma VanPieteron, Ashley Tu, Jackie Labut, Kate Brennan and Nicole Shelton. The coach is Cherie Sopologia.

The VIP organization is headed by Kevin Nugent, the former Grosse Pointe South volleyball coach and Macomb Community College head coach.







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## Icicles indicate ice dams

Beautiful icicles draping off the gutters may be a sign of a disaster forming against your home.

If you see ice over an inch thick on top of your gutter you need to take action.

The ice you see is the beginning of an ice dam that can cause water damage to your ceilings and outside walls.

Ice dams form when snow on the roof melts during the day and refreezes at the gutters at night. After several nights, the ice can build up to a thick layer that will trap melting snow right over your outside wall.

Once a warm day arrives, the snow on the roof will melt, and the water will be trapped by the ice dam. The trapped water will "weep" up through the shingles and drip onto the attic, ruining ceilings and walls below.

Weather conditions have a lot to do with formation of ice dams. Warm days, cold nights and enough snow on the roof can set the stage for an ice dam.

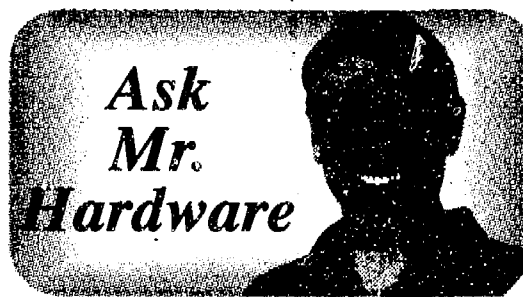
Last week we received our first calls about ice dams; so I am hoping this column comes in time for my readers to check their roofs. A few ounces of prevention can prevent gallons of damage.

If you have large icicles or the formation of an ice dam, first remove the snow from the lower three feet of the roof with a roof rake. It is a wide lightweight blade mounted to a 15-foot handle. You use it to scrape the snow off the roof from the ground. Stay off the roof.

Take extra care not to get close to the electrical lines connecting to your house. Contacting those wires with a metal handle could result in an injury or death. Locate them and start at a safe distance from there first.

Once the snow is removed from the ice dam, use a roof heat tape or ice melting crystals to cut the ice dam into 2- to 3-foot sections. The openings will drain off the water trapped above before it causes any more damage.

Once the ice dam is sectioned up and draining, you can take steps to prevent the formation of new ice dams. Heat rising from the living area below assists in the for-



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Hardware

By Blair Gilbert  
Gilbert's Pro Hardware

mation of an ice dam. Check the insulation in the attic and make sure there is at least 12 inches on the ceiling. With rising energy costs this can only be a win-win situation.

Keep the heat in the house with insulation; the roof stays cold, and the snow will not melt. Compare the roofs on your block, and you will see who needs insulation by the lack of snow.

Do it right the first time, and may all your roofs be white!

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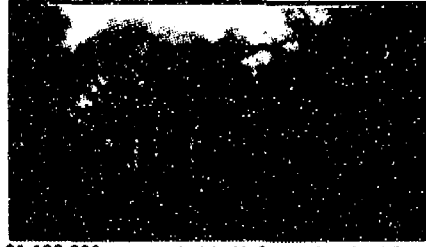
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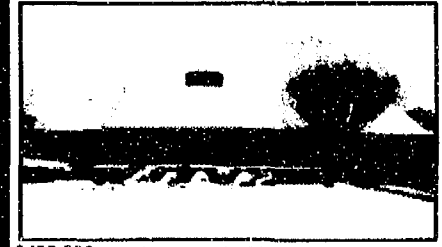
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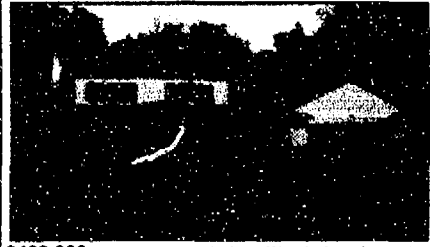
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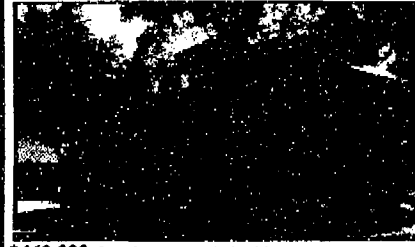
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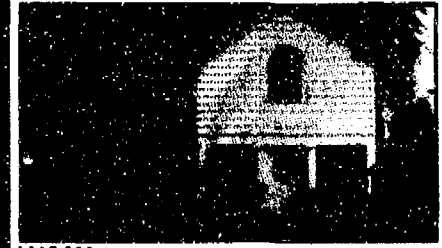
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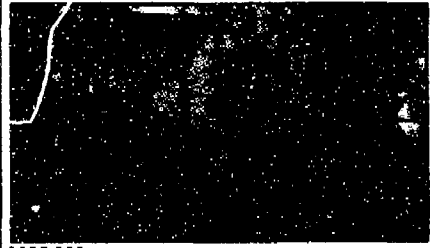
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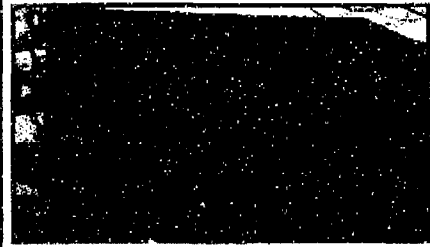
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# Less is best when deicers meet plants and concrete

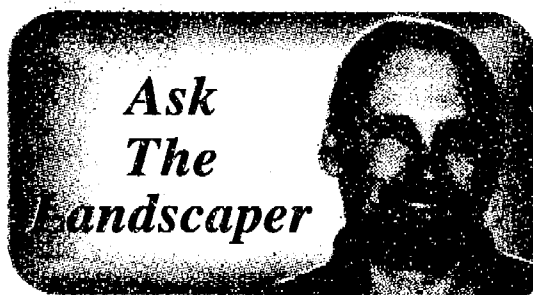
**Q.** Which deicers are the best to use to melt the ice but will not hurt my plants?

**A.** We have had more snow and ice so far this year than I can remember. Salt, ice melters and snow shovels have been selling strong. We still get many questions about which products are recommended for different situations.

Most blended deicers claiming to be "safer" contain salts. Some are more damaging to plants, and others are more damaging to concrete.

When buying a blended product, always ask what the percentage of salt is in the bag. Salt should only be used sparingly for plant and concrete protection. Moderation is the key to success when using deicers safely. Damage occurs when an excessive amount of salt builds up in the soil.

Damage can occur if you pile salty snow and slush melt near your plants. Try to disperse the ice and snow you are removing from your walks and drive. Avoid piling



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**By David Soulliere  
Soulliere Garden Center**

the snow on plants or in places that will drain toward those plants.

Salt-damage symptoms on your plants are similar to those of drought stress. These symptoms include browning of the branch tips, dieback and, under extreme circumstance, death of the plant. Damage to the plant has already occurred when you start seeing the symptoms.

Some plants are more tolerant to salt damage than others. If you are planting next to a road or walk that regularly has salts applied, you should choose salt tolerant plants.

Concrete damage occurs when moisture is absorbed into the concrete and then freezes, expanding and breaking the concrete.

Concrete brick-paver walks and patios can withstand the damaging effects of salts better than poured concrete because it is a compressed product. Concrete pavers absorb very little water into the brick, making it stronger than poured concrete.

Calcium chloride is the safest of all these ice melts. It is because the refreezing temperatures are down to minus 25 degrees Fahrenheit while the product is on the surface. Calcium chloride (Peladow) works great on ice since the round pellets melt through the ice to break the bond with the concrete. After the ice is loose you can shovel it away.

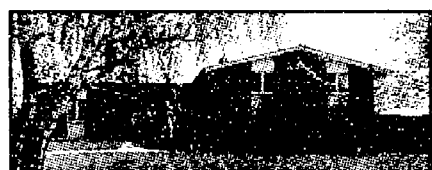
Potassium chloride is the product I recommend for removal of snow and ice on sidewalks and entrances with little or no damage to the concrete or plants. This

product will melt down to about 10 degrees Fahrenheit, the same as salt. One-hundred percent potassium chloride is potash in fertilizer. This product will not track into the house or business the way calcium does, making it cleaner to use.

Salt is the general purpose ice melter for streets and sidewalks which are older and cured and it is not a problem if any damage occurs. The price is cheap and it works. You do not want to use much around grass or plants since the build-up can burn. If you are careful to only use enough to melt the snow and ice, you should not have any problems.

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**By Steve Aiuto**

**Q.** Can you tell me what people generally do to ready their homes for the real estate market?

— Nigel of Grosse Pointe Shores.

**A.** Good question. With so many of us watching "HGTV," there is more than enough really good information out there to provide you with some sound principles on how to ready your home for a quick and successful sale.

My first suggestion is to get three objective/outside opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of your house. Invite three Realtors to look over your home and specify that you want them to be completely forthright as to how

the home would show to prospective buyers. Reassure them that you are open to doing whatever you can to increase the desirability of your house. Remember, real estate agents do not want to come over and insult you; so if they sense that a would-be seller might be defensive, they will only tell you what you want to hear. Be receptive to their insights, and you will greatly benefit.

But let me address some of the tried and true fundamentals on how to ready your home for sale.

Let's start from the curb. How does your home look from the outside? Is the lawn manicured or snow shoveled? Is the landscaping pleasing? Is the paint sound and attractive? Consider painting, staining or installing an attractive new front door as that can be the simplest, and most financially beneficial, first step to inviting a would be buyer into your home. Also, classic colors on a home's exterior can add a great deal of

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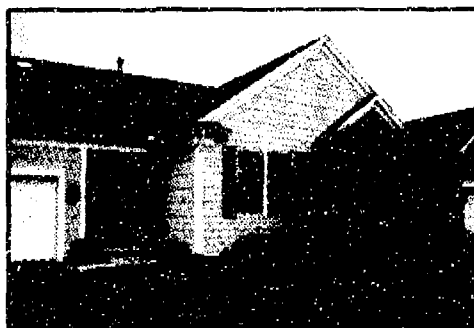
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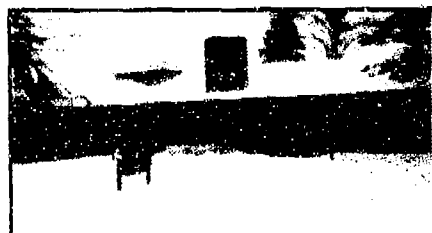
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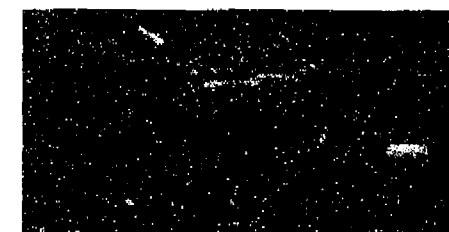
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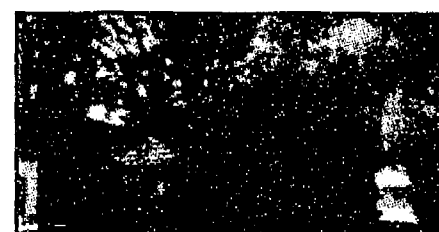
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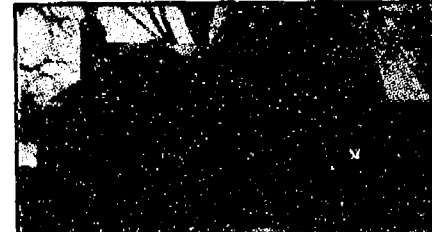
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Spacious three bedrooms, two and one-half baths, two car garage, two fireplaces, finished basement, library, Florida room, rear deck, air conditioning, fenced yard, corner lot, occupancy at closing. Home Warranty.  
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**GROSSE 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 area. A true gem!  
(LGP26LOC) 313-886-5040 \$239,000



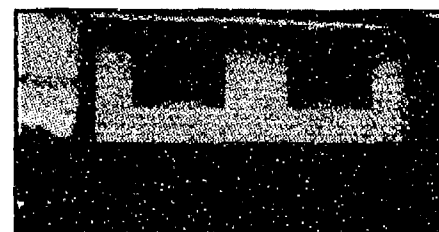
**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** Updated  
Adorable three bedroom brick ranch with updated kitchen, bath, windows, doors, roof, central air. Completely finished basement with ceramic tile floors, office or bedroom and updated lavatory. Hardwood floors and more!  
(LGP79STA) 313-886-5040 \$224,000



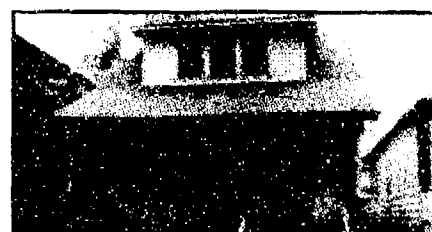
**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** Multi-Family  
Well maintained two-family brick dwelling with two bedrooms in each. Family room in lower, possible third bedroom. Fireplace in living room, eating space in kitchen, hardwood floors. Long term tenant in upper.  
(LGP17VER) 313-886-5040 \$219,900



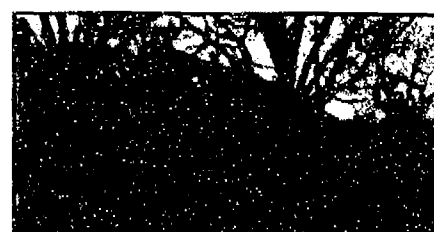
**GROSSE POINTE PARK** Charming  
Old world charm abound in this wonderfully updated Cape Cod. Three or four bedrooms, oak kitchen, natural fireplace, family room, finished basement. Newer: windows, heat and air, two full baths. Appliances included.  
(LGP31 LAK) 313-886-5040 \$199,900



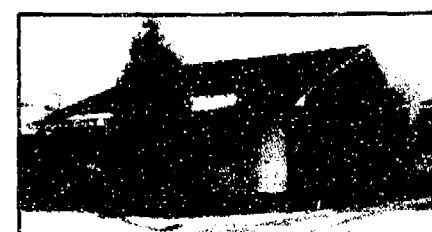
**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** Great Value  
Nice three bedroom Colonial has a large living room, dining room, family room with fireplace. Half bath on first floor, full bath on second. Full basement, two car garage. Freshly painted with new carpet throughout. Immediate occupancy.  
(LGP78RID) 313-886-5040 \$174,000



**GROSSE POINTE PARK** Charming  
Enjoy all the Grosse Pointe amenities including the private lakefront parks. Large deck perfect for entertaining. Natural fireplace in living room, formal dining room, hardwood floors. Kitchen appliances. Ready to move in.  
(LGP30WAY) 313-886-5040 \$158,000



**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** Ranch  
Major price reduction! Act fast! Grosse Pointe Woods two bedroom ranch. Large master bedroom with walk-in closet, gas fireplace and deck. Hardwood floors. Neutral decor. Two and one half car garage.  
(LGP41HAM) 313-886-5040 \$148,900



**GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS** 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.  
(LGP25 LEN) 313-886-5040 \$174,900



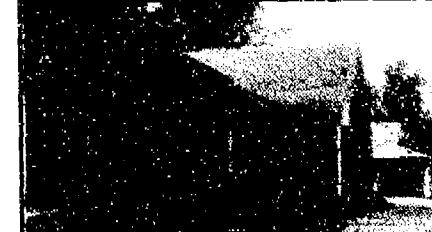
**GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS** Attention  
Attractive Harper Woods ranch. Hardwood floors, formal dining room. One and one half baths. Doorwall leads to rooftop patio with lights. Central air, alarm system, newer windows. Attached two car garage. Home warranty.  
(LGP67FLE) 313-886-5040 \$169,900



**GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS** Charming  
Three bedroom brick ranch. Grosse Pointe Schools, two car garage, updated kitchen. Finished basement with full kitchen and full bath. Hardwood floors, newer roof and windows. Patio, fenced yard, air, home warranty.  
(LGP91KEN) 313-886-5040 \$149,900



**GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS** Adorable  
Updated kitchen, large dining and living rooms, natural fireplace, central air, large deck, built-in BBQ grill. Large upstairs master can be divided to create a fourth bedroom. All appliances stay. Agent owned.  
(LGP44LAN) 313-886-5040 \$149,500



**GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS** Quality  
Original owner! Full brick. Natural fireplace, roof ten years old, formal dining room, vinyl windows new 2004. Finished basement, copper plumbing, washer, dryer and kitchen appliances. Walk to Mack Avenue shopping and Gesquire Park.  
(LGP47NOR) 313-886-5040 \$134,900



**GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS** Immaculate  
This three bedroom brick ranch is spotless. Newer kitchen, newer roof and newer windows. Refinished hardwood floors, central air conditioning, two car garage. Seller will help buyer with closing costs. Home warranty.  
(LGP12BEA) 313-886-5040 \$129,900



**GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS** Bungalow  
Three bedroom, one and one half bath. Open floor plan, eating space in kitchen. Two car garage, extra wide driveway. Some newer windows, newer hot water tank, updated bath. Stove, refrigerator and dishwasher included. Must see.  
(LGP11COU) 313-886-5040 \$123,900



**BIRMINGHAM** Outstanding  
Recently renovated condo, walking distance to downtown Birmingham. Two bedrooms, two full baths. Incredible gourmet kitchen with stainless appliances and granite countertops. Master bedroom has walk-in closet. See and buy!  
(LGP15OLD) 313-886-5040 \$479,000



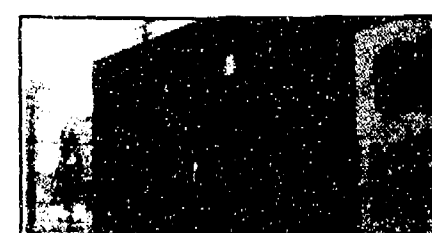
**ROSEVILLE** Luxury Living  
Four bedroom brick main home. Two bedroom apartment above six car garage. Full size indoor pool, sauna, locker room, huge deck. Huge master suite, multiple fireplaces, party kitchen in heated garage. Complete resort.  
(LGP58ELM) 313-886-5040 \$395,000



**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 \$344,500



**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



**DETROIT** Exceptional Loft  
Exceptional Detroit loft condo in Wayne State area. Two bedrooms and one and one half bath, attached garage. Beautiful hardwood floors and exposed brick walls, stainless steel appliances. Home warranty. Immediate occupancy.  
(LGP48ML) 313-886-5040 \$289,900



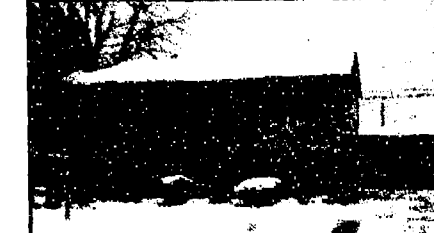
**ST. CLAIR SHORES** Gorgeous  
Beautifully updated four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial. Refinished hardwood floors, recessed lighting. Newer carpeting, roof and humidifier. Remodeled half bath with granite and undermount sink. Newer GE appliances stay.  
(LGP31NEW) 313-886-5040 \$274,900



**ROCHESTER HILLS** Spacious  
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



**DAVISBURG** Country Living  
This spacious home offers approx. 2,844 sq. ft., a gorgeous horse barn with pavers, an extensive corral and approx. 4.5 acres. Finished walkout basement with approximately 1,500 additional sq. ft. Two fireplaces - one is in master bedroom.  
(LGP21EAG) 313-886-5040 \$267,000



**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 \$149,900

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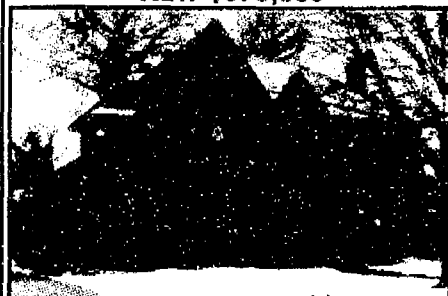
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NEW \$575,000



## GROSSE POINTE PARK

Gorgeous Tudor on Park like lot with exquisite detail and Woodmaster kitchen. Third floor has a bedroom, full ceramic bath and walk in attic with cedar closet. Finished basement with fireplace and half bath.

NEW \$149,900



## GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Charming bungalow in the heart of Grosse Pointe Farms just steps away from the "Hill" shopping district and Cottage Hospital. Enjoy the spacious kitchen with eating space, first floor master suite, first floor laundry and large living room. This new refurbished home boasts a new roof, new windows and fresh paint.

PRICE REDUCTION \$171,900



## GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Fantastic opportunity to live here. Backyard overlooks Ghesquire Park. This home features 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, new roof, sprinklers, and hardwood floors.

PRICE REDUCTION \$565,000



## GROSSE POINTE PARK

Gracious English Tudor with exquisite detailing. Newer kitchen, baths, furnace and central air. Wonderful room sizes, two and a half car attached garage. Finished third floor has 24 x 22 room—great for work-out room, playroom, home office or ???.

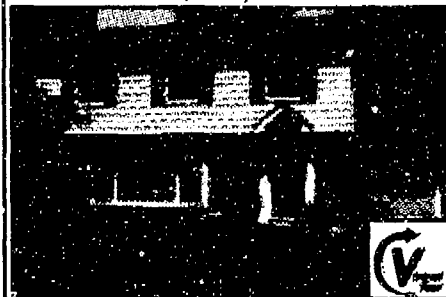
\$285,000



## GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Wonderful 2000 square foot professionally decorated cape cod. Newer custom kitchen with fabulous walk in pantry. Large master suite with dressing area and updated master bath with jetted tub and tiled shower stall. Beautifully finished basement with full bath and child's playroom.

\$399,000



## GROSSE POINTE

Beautiful open and bright colonial on quaintly desirable Lakeland Road. Newer windows. Updated gas forced air and central air conditioning. Refinished oak floors. Spacious bedroom sizes. Loads of closets.

NEW \$341,000



## GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Tremendous charm and detailed plaster work featured in this move-in condition English Colonial. Newer kitchen with granite counters and large eating area. Hardwood floors throughout. Great floor plan with generous room sizes. Finished basement and a large deck area.

NEW \$439,500



## GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Original family owned home. 2500 square feet! Ideal for the growing family or downsizer looking for a first floor master bedroom. Second floor with two bedrooms, study area and full bath. Priced to reflect updating needed.

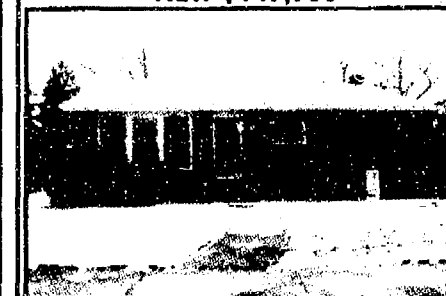
NEW \$575,000



## GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Wonderful center entrance Colonial in walking distance to Grosse Pointe Shores Park and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Extremely well maintained home. Spacious bedrooms, loads of closets. Extra wide lot, 2+car attached garage, circular driveway, large family room, living room with natural fireplace, loads of updates.

NEW \$149,900



## HARPER WOODS

This home has it all: new kitchen with ceramic tile floor, new roof on house and garage, new windows, new furnace, updated electrical, new garage door with opener, freshly painted throughout. Basement has been water proofed.

PRICE REDUCTION \$1,150,000



## GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Stately English Colonial on premier Farms location. Oversized family room overlooks private yard with patio and built-in pool. Newly decorated and refinished wood floors throughout. Paneled gum wood library with natural fireplace. Newer gourmet kitchen. New tear-off roof.

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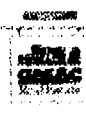
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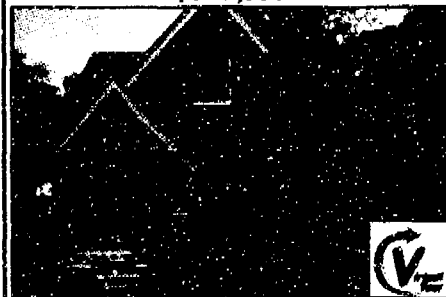
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## GROSSE POINTE

Nothing to do but move in to this great Tudor with nice architectural details. Large living room with limestone fireplace and plaster moldings. Updated kitchen with granite countertops. Large master bedroom with plenty of closet space.

\$599,000



## GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Spectacular custom ranch situated on park sized secluded lot. Entire house completely redone and redesigned. Large open one and half story great room/sun room and breakfast room. Third bedroom used as a den.

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Privacy Plus! Retreat from the hustle and bustle. Situated on a 120x220 lot in GP Farms, this gracious home has beautiful gardens and a magnificent swimming pool. 5 bedrms, 5 2/2 baths. First or second floor master suites.

**OPEN SUNDAY JANUARY 8 • 203 RIDGE**

Classic Colonial Charm! New gourmet kitchen, new mechanicals and gleaming hardwood floors. 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. Great curb appeal in a warm and friendly family neighborhood. \$585,000

**OPEN SUNDAY JANUARY 8 • 222 MORAN**

Immaculate and updated 5 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath colonial. New gourmet kitchen w/ granite counters, new master bath. Multiple fireplaces, paneled library, family room too. Lower level w/ kitchen, playrm and new laundry. Impeccable!

**3 STRATFORD**

Snuggle up next to multi-million dollar mansions and enjoy partial lake views too! Spectacular custom kitchen with granite counters, new professionally decorated interior. A first or second floor master bedroom.

**47 WILLOW TREE**

6 bedroom, 2 2/2 bath colonial on tree lined dead end street in GP Shores. Updated kitchen with adjacent family room. New first floor laundry and 2 newer full baths & 2/2. Tear off dimensional roof in '04.

**189 CLOVERLY**

Architecturally distinctive 9,000 sq ft home offers a dramatic central courtyard w/ 27 ft skylight ceiling, magnificent dining room and separate carriage house w/ kitchen, living rm, 2 bedrms and bath. For sale or lease.

**70 VENDOME**

The best address! Magnificent estate with elegance, sophistication & modern conveniences. Inlaid marble or wood herringbone floors, crisp hand carved moldings, master suite w/ fireplace & newer marble bath. \$2,295,000

**711 LAKESHORE**

Views, Views and Views! Dramatic contemporary 5 bedrm, 4 2/2 bath home w/ first floor master suite w/ fireplace & dressing rms. Spacious family room with soaring tray ceiling perfect for entertaining. 3 car garage.

**273 RIDGE**

Handsome chateau! The 17th century meets today with a newer gourmet kitchen with fireplace, new marble master bath, central air and professionally decorated interior. Extensive gardens include an additional lot. \$3,450,000.

**51 KENWOOD**

European elegance, charm and old world craftsmanship. Numerous fireplaces, paneled and coffered ceilings and gleaming hardwood floors. Kitchen w/ fireplace and 2 master suites with fireplaces in each. \$1,295,000

**35 FISHER**

Soaring ceilings, natural woodwork and gleaming hardwood floors in this Arts and Crafts style 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial. Spacious and sunny kitchen/ keeping room, master w/ vaulted ceiling & newer bath. 4 car garage! \$475,000.

**10 DONOVAN**

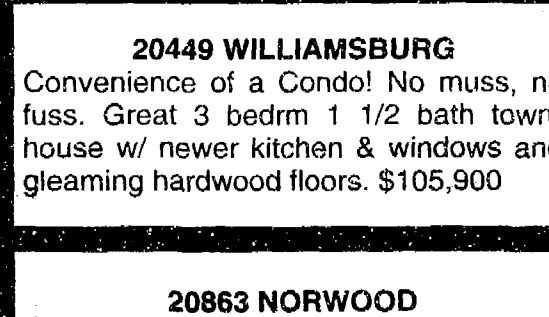
4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home in GP City on a private and secluded lane leading to Lake St. Clair. Private patios and gardens. Modern first floor master suite with new bath and extensive closets too! \$675,000.

**30 HARBOR HILL**

4 bedrooms, 3 2/2 bath colonial with newer gourmet kitchen with adjacent family room. Paneled library with fireplace. Elevator accesses all 3 floors. Membership in private lakefront park. \$995,000.

**29 WINDEMERE**

Immaculate custom built 2,800 sq ft ranch in exclusive GP Farms condominium complex near Lake St. Clair and CCD golf course. You won't believe the addtl 2,500 sq ft lower level w/ family rm, 2 bedrms, 2 baths and office.

**20449 WILLIAMSBURG**

Convenience of a Condo! No muss, no fuss. Great 3 bedrm 1 1/2 bath townhouse w/ newer kitchen & windows and gleaming hardwood floors. \$105,900

**20863 NORWOOD**

Pssst...Are you an anxious owner to be? Come and see the new home you thought you couldn't afford. 4 bedrms, 1 1/2 baths. \$152,900.



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## THE GOING RATE

### Mortgage Rates as of December 22, 2005

	Phone Number	30 Yr. Fixed	Points	15 Yr. Fixed	Points	1 Yr. ARM	Points	Other Progs
1st Choice Mortgage Lending	(734) 459-0782	5.875	0	5.5	0	3.75	0	JB
1st National Bank in Howell	(517) 545-2207	6	2	5.5	2	NR	NR	J
A Best Financial Corp.	(800) 839-8918	5.5	1.75	5	1.625	4.5	1.125	JB
AAVA Discount Mortgage	(877) 728-3559	5.875	0	5.5	0	NR	NR	JB
AFI Financial	(877) 234-0600	5.75	0.5	5.375	0.25	NR	NR	J
America's Premiere Mortgage	(800) 595-8730	5.875	0	5.5	0	6.125	0	JB/VF
Ameripus Mortgage Corp.	(248) 740-2323	5.99	0	5.5	0.125	5	0	JB
Bay Pointe Mortgage Corp.	(248) 652-3598	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	JB/V
Brighton Commerce Bank	(810) 220-8646	6	1	5.5	1	5	1	J
Brinks Goldstar Mortgage	(800) 785-4756	5.5	1.375	5.125	1.25	3.875	0.5	JB/VF
Capital Mortgage Funding	(248) LOW-RATE	5.875	2.25	5.625	1.5	NR	NR	JB/F
Capitol Group Mortgage Co.	(248) 682-8843	5.875	0	5.5	0	3.375	0	J
Centerbrook Mortgage	(248) 851-4150	5.875	0.25	5.625	0	NR	NR	JB
Charter One Bank	(800) 342-5336	6.375	0	6	0	NR	NR	J/VF
Cient Services by Golden Rule	(800) 569-5805	5.625	1.125	5.125	1.5	2.5	1	JB/VF
Co-op Services Credit Union	(734) 466-6113	5.875	2	5.625	2	4.75	0	J
Community Bank of Dearborn	(734) 981-0022	6.125	0	5.75	0	5.625	0.5	JB
Credit Union One	(800) 544-5567	6.25	0	5.875	0	5	0	JB
Dearborn Federal Savings	(313) 565-3100	6.125	0	5.75	0	3.625	2	J
DFCU Financial	(800) 739-2770	5.875	2	5.375	2	NR	NR	J
eREFI.com	www.eREFI.com	5.875	1	5.5	1	4.875	1	R
Fifth Third Bank	(800) 792-8830	6.25	0	5.75	0.375	5.125	0.375	V/F
First Alliance Mortgage Co.	(800) 292-7357	6.125	0	5.75	0	NR	NR	JB/VF
First International Mortgage	(248) 258-1584	5.875	0	5.5	0	NR	NR	JB
GMAC Mortgage Corp.	(800) 888-4622	5.75	3	5.75	1	4.375	1	JB/VF
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 991-9922	5.5	1.75	5	1.875	2.25	2	JB/VF
Goldstar Mortgage	(800) 784-1074	5.875	0.25	5.5	0.125	3.125	0	JB/VF
Group One Mortgage	(734) 953-4000	6	0	5.625	0	5.25	0	JB/VF
Home Finance of America	(800) 358-5626	5.875	0	5.375	0	5.125	0	JB
Horizon Financial Group	(888) 538-7887	5.625	2	5.125	2	NR	NR	J
JMC Mortgage Corp.	(248) 489-4020	5.625	3	5	3	NR	NR	JB
Keystone Mortgage	(866) KEY-FREE	5.5	2	5.25	1.5	3.75	1	JB
LaSalle Bank Midwest	(800) HOME-800	5.875	2	5.5	2	3.75	2	JB/VF
Lira Financial	(586) 228-0900	5.875	0	5.5	0	3.125	0	JB/VF
Macomb Schools & Gov. CU	(586) 263-8800	5.625	2	5.25	2	4.875	0	J
Mainstreet Mortgage	(586) 463-1603	6	0	5.625	0	NR	NR	JB/VF
Manufacturers	(586) 777-1000	5.75	1	5.375	1	NR	NR	JB
Mortgages By Golden Rule	(800) 991-9922	5.75	0.5	5.25	0.75	2.5	1	JB/VF
National City Bank	(586) 825-0825	5.875	1.625	5.375	1.75	5.375	1	JB/B
Northlawn Financial	(248) 988-8488	5.875	0	5.5	0	NR	NR	V/F
Pathway Financial LLC	(800) 726-2274	5.875	0	5.5	0	3.375	0	JF
Peoples Mortgage	(800) 730-5087	5.75	0.5	5.5	0.25	NR	NR	J
Premiere Mortgage Funding	(248) 358-2800	6	0	5.75	0	2.75	0	J
Prime Financial Group	(248) 203-7010	5.875	0	5.5	0	NR	NR	V/F
Shore Mortgage	(800) 678-9563	5.375	3	4.875	3	3.125	3	J/VF
Sterling Bank & Trust	(800) 926-LOAN	6.25	0	5.875	0	4.5	0	JF
United Mortgage Group	(586) 266-9500	5.875	0	5.5	0	5.25	0.25	JB/VF
York Financial Inc.	(888) 839-9675	6	0	5.625	0	4.625	0	JB
Average of Rates and Points		5.87	0.81	5.48	0.74	4.20	0.60	

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## Prepare

From page 4

value to your house and make a buyer want to see the inside.

Appraise your home from the eyes of a buyer and consider that if the outside reflects poorly, there is a reasonably good chance that buyers will not even want to go in. Consider such things as exterior painting or brick cleaning, simple landscape improvements, repairs to cracked cement, and outside lighting, and don't forget to clean the windows.

Now we walk in the front door. Here is my "top-5" list on how to simply and inexpensively get your home to stand out from the crowd:

No. 1: Remove any unnecessary furniture, personal pictures, accessories, and so forth. In other words, strip it down to the cozy basics. This will make your home look larger and less cluttered, and, truthfully, most buyers don't want to see 100 of your wedding pictures. I'm not saying to get rid of everything, but remember you want the layout, size, and the amenities of the home to stand out, not your personal things.

No. 2: Clean homes sell for more money. Why? It's a reflection of the level of care that you gave the house. If you are not all that obsessed over cleanliness, hire a cleaning company that is. Remember, clean and tidy homes look more expensive.

No. 3: It's the little things that often say the most about a home and tell the real story. Repair and tend to all the little things that need to be fixed or replaced. This costs you very little, but buyers will pay much in return. Why? If the doorbell doesn't work, has the basement had water damage? If the paint has a crack, does the roof leak? If light bulbs don't work in the basement, how can we see the walls? Buyers begin to free-associate when they see minor problems in a house. The point is, you need to make a buyer's job easy in picking your home above all others. Be meticulous on the little things, and it will pay big dividends at the closing. Therefore consider home improvements such as: the light bulbs work; install new door handles, light fixtures,

dimers; repair paint surfaces, sticky doors, carpets; new kitchen cabinet hardware, and so on. Don't give a buyer a reason to wonder if your home is really as nice as it seems. If it's broke, fix it.

No. 4: Paint neutral. Neutral means more than color. It sometimes means a plain old plaster wall painted well. Murals, faux finishes done in excess, and daring paint colors have cooled more than a few buyers; so keep in mind that your taste is exactly that — "yours." When marketing a house, what is traditional generally works best.

No. 5: Expose and refinish hardwood floors whenever possible. Homes with gleaming hardwood floors generally sell for more money. Why? Perhaps it's psychological or maybe they just look nicer than even a really good Berber — for whatever the reason; the research is there. Hardwood floors do showcase a home very well and give the perception of increased size. The thousand or two that you spend could get you twice that or more at the closing. Consider the hidden equity you have under that older carpeting and you could be putting money in your pocket.

Think about what you looked for when you were buying your home. Then you are off to a good start in understanding what buyers go through when they walk through house, after house, trying to make a decision.

The easier you make it for someone to say "yes," the likelier he or she is to say it. A sale, it can be argued, is merely the physical act of transferring something to someone else. The sale is the end result, the by-product. Conversely, marketing is about the process that is, actively soliciting and inspiring a person to want to buy. If your home inspires rather than hinders the view, then a profitable sale is likely in your future.

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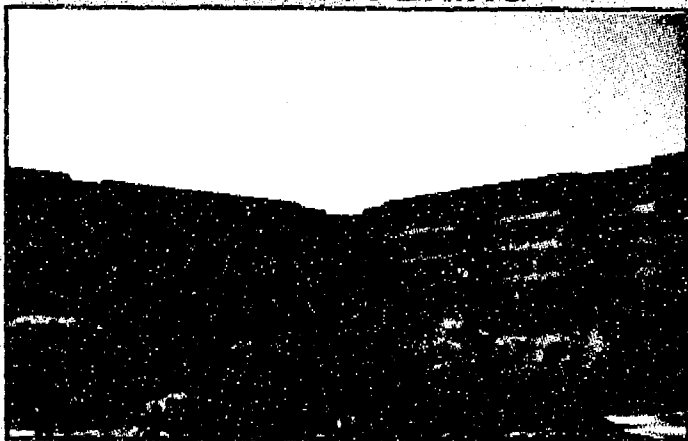
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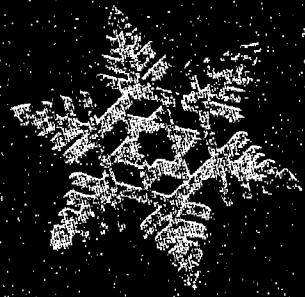


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