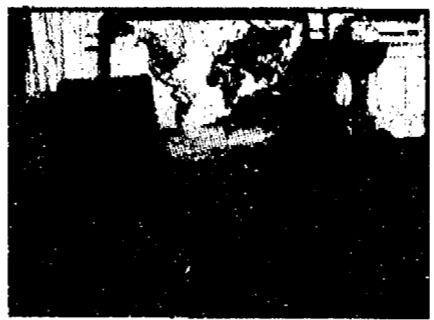


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Village window painting May 7

Paint the window contest in the City of Grosse Pointe is just around the corner. On Saturday, May 7, organizers anticipate more than 250 local elementary school children will be in the Village shopping district creating wonderful works of art by painting images on store windows.

Prizes will be awarded for the best

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WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, April 28

A lecture on William Faulkner's "The Sound and the Fury" by Dr. John Whittier-Ferguson of the University of Michigan begins at 7:30 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School's auditorium. The talk is part of the Grosse Pointe library's 2005 Classic Books Lecture Series. Cost is \$5 for non-members. Call (313) 343-2074, ext. 204.

Friday, April 29

A "Save Notre Dame" Walkathon runs (walks?) from 3 to 7 p.m., beginning and ending at the Grosse Pointe Shores Park, at Lakeshore and Vernier. For a pledge form or more information, call (313) 371-8965.

Saturday, April 30

Pierce Middle School hosts its first sports card and memorabilia show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free.

Wednesday, May 4

Grosse Pointe Academy's Preview Action Auction runs from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Academy, 171 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$75 in advance; \$90 at the door. Call (313) 886-1221, ext. 182. Tickets for the Preview and Saturday evening's Action Auction are \$150 in advance; \$175 at the door.

The Lakeshore Optimist Club's annual Respect for Law program runs from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Lochmoor Club. Macomb County Sheriff Mark Hackel is the keynote speaker. Reservations are necessary. Call (586) 445-6760 by Monday, May 2.

Services for Older Citizens' Executive Director Sharon Maier speaks at the fifth annual Grosse Pointe Public Library Senior Symposium at 1:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Her topic is "Making the Most of Your Senior Years in Grosse Pointe." Free. For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 220.



Photo by Larry Peplin

South's musical extravaganza

Grosse Pointe South High School's musical, "Into the Woods" — Thursday, April 28, through Sunday, May 1 — portrays the familiar fairy tales with what lies beyond the happily-ever-after conclusion. Featuring 21 songs sung predominantly by the senior choir students, the all-school musical can be seen at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28; at 8 p.m. Friday, April 29; 3 p.m. Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1. A gala will follow the opening night performance for \$25 Director's Circle ticket holders. Otherwise, tickets are \$18 for the main floor, \$12 for balcony, and \$10 for seniors and students in the balcony. Gold Cards are welcome at all shows held in the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Preparing to entertain audiences are from left, Sara Chavey, Austin Chranowski, Jimmy Manganello (kneeling), Danielle Elskens and Erika Peplin as Milky White the Cow, Jackie Vesey (kneeling), Andrea Deck, Davis Smith and Ann Marie Nouhan.

Park's farmers market opens Saturday, May 7

By Bob St. John
 Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park is putting its best foot forward as it prepares for the second annual West Park Farmers Market.

The farmers market runs each and every Saturday, starting with May 7, and ends 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 will be spread out along Kercheval Avenue between Beaconsfield and Lakepoint, and the distance might be extended to Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park.

Customers will get an opportunity to buy 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 several other items.

"The vendors do a great job of show casing their items for everyone to see," Solomon said. "They sell a little bit of everything, which is why our farmers market is such a great thing

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Last year's West Park Farmers Market packed in the people as pictured above. Customers are welcome to stroll down Kercheval Avenue in Grosse Pointe Park and pick from the many items sold by vendors that set up shop each Saturday from May 7 through Sept. 24.

School board considers cuts, fee increases

By Ann L. Fouty
 Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe school's elementary music program may be kept for another year, but plans to privatize a portion of the janitorial and all cafeteria services are still on the board of education table.

Facing an estimated \$2 million shortfall in the 2005-06 budget, central office administration had suggested to the board of education and the public these three items as cost cutting measures to help balance the budget.

Along with cutting the budget, board members are faced with the idea of increasing areas which are a source of revenue. Listed as possible revenue sources are high school parking, extended day kindergarten, preschool, Kids Club, printing, high school child care and facilities use/charges. Increasing fees to athletics has also been proposed and renting instruments which are now stored in an attic.

According to Superintendent Suzanne Klein, in the past years, cuts have already been made to the custodial staff, teachers, administration, secretaries, support staff, reading support staff and purchasing.

"We've looked under a variety of stones," she told an audience of 100 last week who turned out for an informational meeting on the future of budget.

Board members reconsidered cutting the elementary instrumental music program after hearing pleas from parents. Audience members also pointed how music builds the upper schools' programs. During a workshop meeting Monday, April 25, board members were of the consensus to keep the elementary music program. Supporting funds will come from either the fund equity or will be made up through other cuts.

School election Tuesday

By Ann L. Fouty
 Staff Writer

Three women are running for two seats on the Grosse Pointe Board of Education at the Tuesday, May 3, election.

Incumbent Joan Dindoffer is seeking her third term on the board. Alice Kosinski and Margaret Beck are also on the ticket for a four-year seat.

This will be the second election in which the municipalities have run school elections, and according to Chris Fenton, the district's assistant superintendent for business, it's costing Grosse Pointe schools far more than if the district was handling the actual election.

A voteless to nearly three times what it would cost the district to run the traditionally low voter turn-out election.

Fenton said the cost assessed to the district will be more than \$62,000. If the district were running the election, it would typically cost \$24,000. A millage election, run by the district, would be around \$32,000.

While the cities set up 23 precincts, the school had six precincts to accommodate voters, Fenton explained. The additional precincts need to be staffed, and those precinct inspectors are paid more than the school district paid, he said. The final cost increase is that municipalities mail absentee applications to all those 60 years and older, as well as those who have requested to be on the absentee list.

The school district did not send out absentee applica-

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Lisa Schafer-Amori

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
Age: 47
Family: Husband, Bob; daughter, Julia
Occupation: Illustrator and owner of Rainy Day Art Supply
Quote: "Throughout life we find ourselves doing things for everyone around us, ignoring our own interests. Then one day we look behind and the window is closed."



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Linda Schafer-Amori

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ The Hollywood duo of Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher participate in dedication ceremonies for the new auditorium-gymnasium at Grosse Pointe High School.

The star and starlet thrill a packed audience with a spirited performance of the song, "A boy chases a girl until SHE catches him."

■ The Neighborhood Club's "Get Acquainted Open House" is a big success, according to Club Director George Elworthy.

More than 1,200 people tour the club's facilities. Because of the number of people who arrive early, the event begins at 2:30 p.m. rather than the scheduled 3 p.m.

■ Unjust accusations by an irate Maryland Avenue resident arouse the anger of Grosse Pointe Park city councilmembers and a verbal slapdown by Mayor Homer Fritsch.

The resident implies Park leaders have financial interests in allowing municipal buses to operate on Maryland.

25 years ago this week

■ Efforts by one of the Pointe's most elegant restaurants to obtain a beer and wine license stays alive when a Wayne County Circuit Judge rules that a Grosse Pointe Woods ordinance is "poorly worded" and does not clearly reflect the city's policy for granting tavern licenses.

The judgment answers a suit filed by owners of Le Cafe Francais contending that its application for a liquor license should be considered by the Woods council.

Councilmembers had interpreted their ordinance to mean they were authorized to issue only one

license, which has already been awarded to another restaurant on Mack.

■ There's not much doubt in anyone's mind that a district court is coming soon to the Grosse Pointes.

"The handwriting is on the wall. We can't save our municipal courts," says Farms Councilman Lloyd Semple.

But many questions remain: How many judges will sit on the Pointe's first court of record? In which city will it be located? Who will pay for construction?

■ You know its spring when you come to work early one morning and are greeted by a pudgy, grinning kid wearing checkered overalls holding a giant hamburger above his head.

That's what happens this Friday morning to the custodian at Grosse Pointe High School who sees the bigger-than-life statue of "Big Boy" grinning down at him from the school roof.

A check with St. Clair Shores police shows that the Big Boy on Jefferson at Nine Mile reports its statue missing. Police say Big Boy figures are favorite targets of pranksters around high school graduation time.

10 years ago this week

■ Seven of 14 Grosse Pointe public schools earn top rating in the statewide Michigan Accreditation Program.

Achieving a summary — or highest — rating, are: Brownell, Parcels and Pierce middle schools; and Maire, Monteith, Richard and Trombly elementary schools.

"To put this in perspective, there are 3,234 public schools in Michigan and 4.5 percent of those schools received a summary accreditation," says Marjorie Parsons, assistant superin-

tendent for curriculum and evaluation.

■ Plans are put off to open a Staples office supply store on Kercheval near Hall Place on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"It's pretty clear the preliminary site plan is unacceptable," says Mayor John Danaher.

Store representatives face steady opposition from residents. Had the proposal been accepted, Hall Place would have been closed at Kercheval to provide more parking space.

■ Maggie Durant and Nicole MacDonald are named co-winners of the Grosse Pointe South High School Mothers' Club art festival poster contest.

5 years ago this week

■ Heavy rains falling within a two-hour span knock out electricity to parts of the City of Grosse Pointe, including city hall and public safety buildings.

Detroit Edison crews trace the problem to water shorting out two underground cables.

■ Local members of a nationwide gun safety movement make final plans for next month's march on Washington D.C.

Approximately 50 Grosse Pointe residents will join thousands more members of the Million Mom March in the nation's capital on Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day.

■ Leaders of the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods library boards formally agree to look into combining the separate library districts into one unit.

If the two systems were to consolidate, the Harper Woods Public Library would merge with the Grosse Pointe Library and its board.

— Brad Lindberg

50 years ago this week



Exchangites man gas pumps for Youth Fund

For the next two weeks members of the Grosse Pointe Exchange Club will serve as pump attendants, windshield wipers, car washers and grease monkeys at Slusher's Sunoco Service Station on Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park. By special arrangement with the station's owner, 15 percent of income from sales resulting directly from efforts by Club members will be retained by the Club. Proceeds of the fund raising drive go to finance youth activities, including Little League baseball and basketball teams. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the April 28, 1955 Grosse Pointe News.)

Grosse Pointe Shores

Training never ends for PSOs

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Amy Ellison, the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officer honored this year by Mothers Against Drunk Driving for taking intoxicated motorists off the road, is being trained to show less experienced PSOs the ropes.

Ellison recently completed a 40-hour class in field training at Macomb Community College.

"When we get a new officer hired, she would be the training officer and take them out in the field," said Stephen Poloni, Shores public safety director.

Poloni said the department's Sgt. Jim Wardowski will supervise the program.

"Wardowski will be attending class in the next month for that," Poloni said.

Last year Shores officers trained a combined 907.5 hours.

During March of this year, the latest month for which figures are available, officers trained more than 113 hours. The total for the first three months of 2005 reached 365.5 hours.

Part of March's total included the work of Lt. David Yonky, who heads the department's training pro-

gram. Yonk attended an advanced class in using non-lethal Taser stun guns.

"The class dealt with changes in the use of the Taser and reviewed aspects associated with recent incidents involved with using the Taser," Poloni said.

This month officers Tony Spina and Ron Coste, who serve as the department fire instructors, attended a three-day class in Indianapolis.

"They gained knowledge about how to come back and instruct our officers in better use of fire suppression systems," Poloni said.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Developers to pick up site plan fees

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Developers needing site plan review in the City of Grosse Pointe will be able to hammer out issues with a preplanning review committee before subjecting matters to official judgment.

According to an ordinance being drafted with support from city council members, a pre-site plan review committee will provide a forum for developers and city officials to discuss proposals prior to formal examination by members of the planning commission, which in the City is comprised of council members.

The arrangement is intended to get an early handle on a project's feasibility and potential problems.

"(The committee will) lay out issues so applicants know what to expect," said John Jackson, the City's commercial planning consultant. "Hopefully, that will eliminate a lot of issues before it even gets to the council acting at the planning commission level so (council members) don't spend a lot of time nitpicking the plan."

Jackson said the arrangement isn't meant to take council members out of the loop.

Rather, pre-meetings will allow basic issues to be resolved, thereby allowing the council to "focus on the important issues," Jackson said.

The committee will include the city manager, planner and engineer, up to three members of the planning commission (council members), and other municipal staff or consultants city officials see fit to appoint.

The committee's main role is to review site plan proposals and offer guidance to land developers.

A fee to be determined must accompany a request to meet with the pre-site plan review committee.

Pre-meetings aren't for everyone.

"Pre-site plan review shall be required for all site plans except those determined by the city manager or designated representative to be generally minor in scope, complete and in compliance with zoning regulations, free of any impact on surrounding property, and not requiring a discretionary decision

by the planning commission," according to the proposed ordinance.

"The City has reference to site plan review process in the (existing) ordinance, but it's not very well spelled out," Jackson said. "This tries to beef up and explain the purpose of the site plan review process to make sure we get consistent review of projects in all non-single family zoning districts."

He said the proposed measure "basically brings our ordinance up to speed in terms of what's current state of the art practice for these review procedures."

He foresees preliminary discussions having additional advantages.

"You can get a site plan proposal that meets all zoning ordinances, but there might be a better way to lay the plan out that is more consistent with objectives of the master plan," Jackson said.

The proposed ordinance also itemizes the basis for planning commission decisions involving special land use and other discretionary decisions.

"We want to make sure we have consistent reviews and a consistent process," Jackson said.

According to the standards, an acceptable site plan shall:

- Be compatible with adjacent uses and zoning of land in terms of location, size and intensity.

- Be consistent with existing and future capabilities of municipal services and facilities affected by the proposed use.

- Not be in conflict with convenient, safe and normal neighborhood vehicular and pedestrian traffic routes and general character of neighborhood development.

- Be a harmonious part of the district in which it is situated, taking into account the physical and economic relationship of one type of use to another and characteristic grouping of uses in a district.

- Not be objectionable to nearby dwellings or uses in terms of reason of noise, fumes, glare, flash of lights or other similar conditions.

"These are the general requirements you look for in any use designated as a special use because of the potential impact on surrounding lots," Jackson said.



Photo by Bill Rapai

It's a hoot at Neff Park!

A family of Eastern-screech owls is apparently using Neff Park as a maternity ward this spring. Bill Rapai, president of the Grosse Pointe Audubon Society and resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, spied two adults and six fledglings at Neff park during the afternoon of April 21. An adult, left, snoozes while a fuzzy fledgling, right, wonders how much damage he can do to the camera (or the person behind it).

City of Grosse Pointe

New sign rules to fit the times

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Work is nearly finished on a new sign ordinance for the City of Grosse Pointe.

City leaders are reviewing a draft of updated standards.

"It will be refined over the next month," said Mike Overton, city manager.

"Over the last couple of years there have been issues come up in terms of how the existing ordinance applies to new types of signs," said John Jackson, a City resident and vice president of the City's commercial planning consultants, McKenna Assoc.

The draft contains an expanded section defining nearly 40 types of sign and related items, up from about five definitions in the current ordinance.

"We're trying to keep up with what's happening in the sign industry," Jackson said.

Examples include:

- Appendage sign, intended to draw attention to various services, such as items for sale or other things or events. Such signs are attached as an appendage to accessory signs (a sign pertaining to the principal use of the premises upon which it is located), sign support or part of a sign structure.

- Marquee sign, which is attached from a marquee,

canopy or other covered structure projecting from a building.

- Wall sign, which is attached to, painted on, inscribed or otherwise set upon the outside wall or surface of a building.

- Blade signs, which until recently had been banned in the City, are defined within the category of projecting signs: a sign so constructed and erected as to be attached at one end to a building, metal pole or other structure and projecting therefrom.

City officials have dealt within the last year with such things as awning signs and illuminated signs at service stations.

"The attempt is to bring this (ordinance) up to speed with the current state of zoning and sign regulation, not to mention trying to get up to speed with what the design committee is putting together for the Village area primarily," Jackson said.

Another section of the ordinance lists prohibited signs:

- Signs "illuminated by any flashing or moving lights."

- Exterior banners, pennants, strings of flags, spinners and streamers.
- "Any sign which has any visible motion, moving or animated parts or image, whether movement is caused by machinery, electronics, wind or otherwise, except for minor elements of clocks or thermometers."

- Roof signs projecting more than one foot above the roof line.

- Any freestanding exterior sign not permanently anchored or secured to either a building or the ground, including sandwich boards and the like.

- Backlit awnings.
- Telephone numbers of e-mail addresses on signs, except on temporary For Sale and For Lease signs.

Real estate and directional signs are exempt from new regulations.

"Things we wouldn't want to see are string light signs and banners," Jackson said. "Those signs might be OK on a temporary basis, but as a permanent means of business identification, they are not consistent with the image we have identified in the master plan."

Jackson said the objective is maintaining continuity and consistency in reviewing signs. City officials want to make sure all new signs meet objectives of the community expressed in the master plan and other documents.

The ordinance details the maximum allowable sizes of various types of signs. The following are some of the rules applying to the C-1 and C-2 central business districts:

- Wall signs are limited to 15 percent, or 24 square feet, of the building facade.

- Window signs can't exceed 10 percent of window area. The goal is to maintain uncluttered windows so visibility is not "obscured."

- Lettering and logos on awnings can be no larger than 20 percent, or 10 square feet, of the total exterior surface of an awning or canopy.

Another section outlines how to compute sign area:

- The total area of single-face signs is computed by square feet together with

any frame or other material forming an integral part of the display.

- For double-faced signs, which have messages back-to-back, sign area is computed as half the total area of the two faces.

- A three-dimensional sign, such as a sphere or cube, shall have an area computed as half the total surface area of the geometric form.

- Signs constructed of at least 90 percent natural material will be allowed to be 125 percent greater than otherwise permitted by the ordinance.

In the RO-1 office district, signs are limited to 15 square feet.

"That might change," Jackson said. "On Mack Avenue, 24-square-foot is probably acceptable."

Village gas station to be razed

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Construction crews are expected to arrive soon to replace another Kercheval gasoline station with a branch bank.

"In about two or three weeks you should start seeing something," said Paul Weitzel, head of public service in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"They told us last fall they weren't going to start until spring."

Paul Weitzel
City of Grosse Pointe

For the past few months the vacant Marathon service station on the north side of Kercheval at Cadieux in the

Village has been blocked from view by a tall fence made of green tarp.

The property is owned by Flagstar Bank, which plans to replace the station with a branch office.

Weitzel, who doubles as building inspector, said bank representatives have awarded a demolition contract to raze the station.

"They told us last fall they weren't going to start until spring," Weitzel said. "They didn't want to tear it down and have a hole and mess. They want to do it all at one time."

He said bank representatives are two or three weeks away from requesting a building permit for the replacement structure.

"Once they start demolition, they want to make sure they have the building permit in hand so they can proceed right on in with construction of the bank," Weitzel said.

Last year Standard service station at Kercheval and McMillan on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms closed to make way for a branch of Fifth Third Bank.

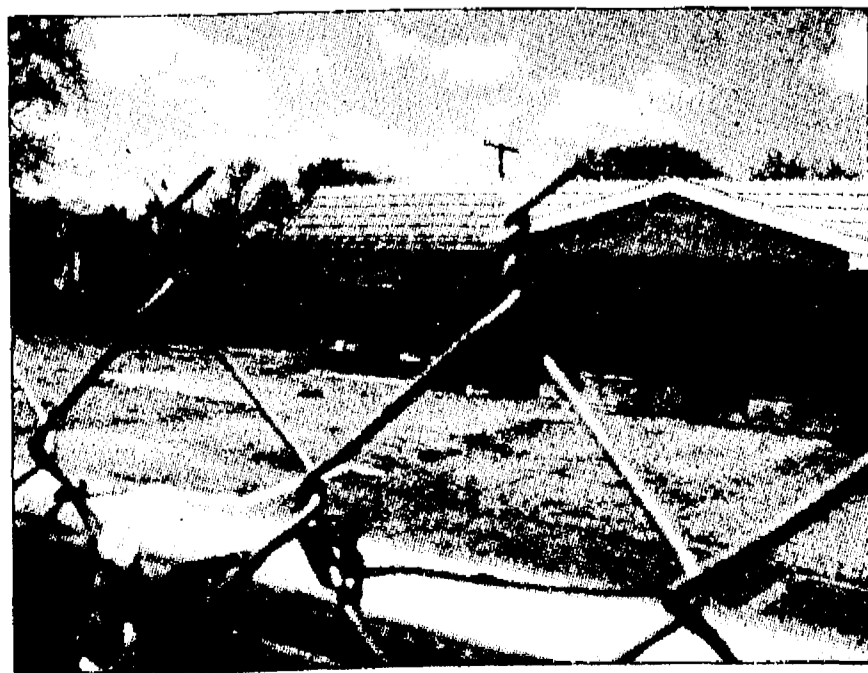


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A bank will replace this gasoline station due for demolition soon on Kercheval and Cadieux in the Village.

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This artist's inspiration comes from home

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Just the thought of "home" conjures a warm fuzzy feeling. A self-prescribed homebody Lisa Schafer-Amori keeps those sentimental feelings alive by capturing a home in pen and ink with a touch of color.

"Houses mean a lot to people. Everyone has a fond memory of the house they lived in," she said. "When someone moves away, it (a picture of home) reminds them of happier times, a childhood."

Schafer-Amori's childhood was spent in the Grosse Pointes, attending Parcels Middle School and North High School. Even for college, she didn't stray far, attending the Center (now College) for Creative Studies studying illustration and advertising.

"Originally I didn't have the intention to go into illustration. I was going into fashion design. But I didn't see myself in New York. So I enrolled in advertising."

Pursuing advertising in Troy was something she discovered very much to her liking but had to set aside. When she and her husband, Bob, whom she had met at Diamond Lil's, started a family, advertising fell by the wayside. "Advertising is not conducive to family life."

The day she brought their daughter, Julia, home from the hospital is the day her fondest memory of the house on Emory Court was made.

"My husband hung a sheet (with the words) — welcome home," she said. And it didn't matter that he used a perfectly good sheet, Schafer-Amori declared.

"I've always been a homebody. Home is very important to me," Schafer-Amori said. She grew up on Sunningdale and lived on Emory Court for 23 years. Eighteen months ago, the couple built a house a short six blocks away.

It's a replica of the Emory

POINTER OF INTEREST



Photo by Ann L. Fouty

Lisa Schafer-Amori makes herself at home in the Rainy Day Art Supply Co. The new owner of the established Mack Avenue business took over on April 1.

Court house, she admitted, only bigger. Bigger to accommodate her love of cooking and, someday, grandchildren.

"I love to cook, Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, have friends over," she said. There guests would enjoy her specialties of Italian or German food from a range with six burners and a grill. Chilled items are kept in a 48-inch refrigerator.

Her cooking skills brought Schafer-Amori the title of runner-up in a Martha Stewart wanna-be contest, run by a local daily.

She has been written up in the Detroit News Kitchen Talk, Homestyle Section of the Detroit News and Auto Magazine and took four prizes at the Michigan State Fair in wildlife illustration.

"I have a painting hanging in Jay Leno's garage," she

mentioned.

Schafer-Amori laughed. "A garage."

"I did it years ago. A car

collecting magazine fea-

tured his cars, and I sent a painting of it (a green Packard) to him. His manager had brought the painting to him."



A house on Kensington is one of the many homes Schafer-Amori has captured with pen and ink.

Calling from California, Leno told her he was having his garage remodeled and as soon as it was done, the picture would be installed on a garage wall. By the way, he asked, "Do you live near Pine Knob?" And if she did, would she like tickets to his upcoming show?

The appearance was just before he took over Johnny Carson's chair.

Schafer-Amori pronounced Leno a good man after meeting him backstage prior to that show.

Painting the Packard was done on a whim, but drawing houses is something she enjoys taking between two days and two weeks to complete. One of her favorites is a home in Kentucky. It was dilapidated, green and one-story with a tin roof and low porch. Schafer-Amori looks at it and realizes it's not much to brag about, but it was someone's home and must have fond memories attached to it, just as the neat brick Grosse Pointe homes she has penned also have. She has also done the Peabody Mansion, a Victorian multi-storied home. There are a number of Grosse Pointe homes she has done. While her work is framed, it is also used on stationery and Christmas cards.

"Art is an expression of self. So much that goes into it is reflective of my upbringing, feelings, thoughts, how you view things," she explains her passion, with somewhat of a sad note. She received her talent from her father, who died at the age of 52. "He didn't live to see my creativity."

Schafer-Amori can be found creating her work at her newest venture, the ownership of Rainy Day Art Supply on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Her friends tell her it is a perfect fit.

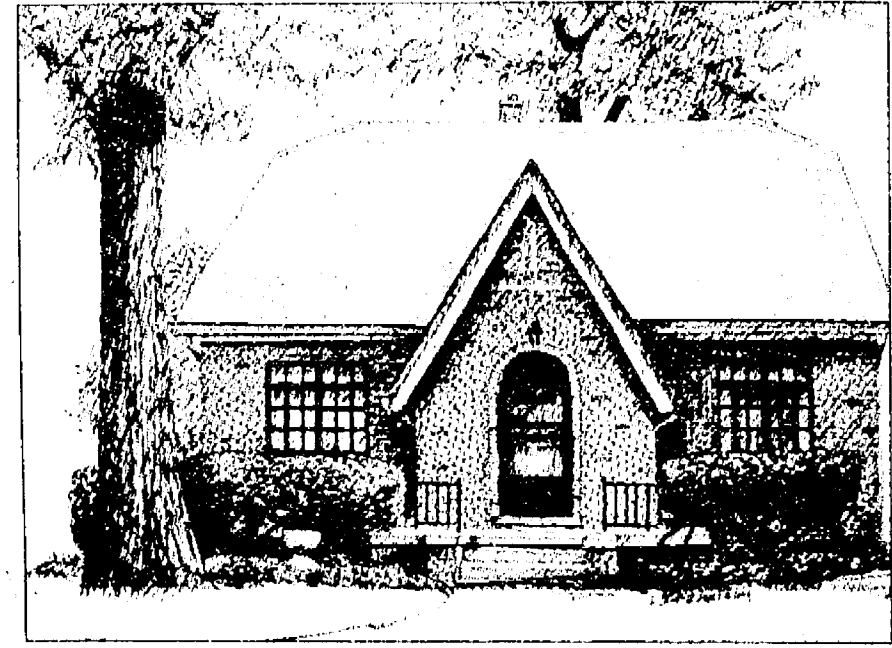
She describes it as her open window.

"Throughout life we find ourselves doing things for everyone around us ignoring our own interests then one day we look behind and the window is closed. I don't want to look back and say 'I wish I had...' I was almost to that point."

"I love to come to work. It's changed my life for the better. I'm doing something I enjoy — being around creative people."

The store will be a mini-art gallery, displaying the work of her employees and local talent, featuring wearable art and home enhancement art.

Home and art: It's a combination to inspire.



Schafer-Amori captured this home's long walkway and well manicured lawn as one way to hold onto memories.



Photo courtesy Mary Fran Higginbotham

Clean-up

Wolf Den from Pack 34 Cub Scouts, Ferry Elementary School, and Grosse Pointe Woods, organized a clean-up day on the Ferry School grounds. The Wolf Den was completing its requirements for the World Conservation Award. Participating in the Saturday, April 9, event were Nick Cusmano, Danny and John Higginbotham, Tori Lawrence, Summer Lawrence, Paul and Ryan Waggoner, Robert Cusmano and Den Leader Barry Higginbotham.

Two PTOs make donations

Ferry and Defer elementary PTOs made cool donations to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education during the Monday, April 11, meeting.

Both PTOs raised considerable funds to help offset the cost of air conditioning for their respective schools.

Thinking it might take two years to raise thousands of dollars, Defer will give \$60,000 and Ferry \$70,000 to complete the projects in their schools.

Board member Joan Dindoffer told the parents, "You are leaders in the dis-

trict. Keep showing us how it's done."

With this gift, eight rooms on the second floor of the building can be equipped for air conditioning.

"This is a significant and major contribution," said board member Joseph Brennan before the board formally accepted Ferry's monetary gift. "It's truly an embarrassment of the riches when it comes to parent commitment. Thank you."

Ferry PTO's contribution will be used to cover the incremental cost of supplying air conditioning for 12 rooms.

Meningitis vaccines available

Bacterial meningitis has become the silent killer on college campuses. To combat this deadly disease, a clinic

will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, in the cafeteria at Grosse Pointe North High School.

College freshmen living in residence halls are six times more likely to contract the disease, reported the Centers on Disease Control and Prevention.

In an effort to curb the problem, the Visiting Nurse Association Home Support Services (VNAHSS) is providing this clinic.

Students may be vaccinated against four types of the bacteria that cause meningitis in the United States: types A, C, Y and W, 135 at this time.

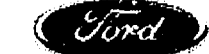
Students need to turn in a completed consent form along with a check for \$105 made payable to VNAHSS by Friday, May 13, to the counseling center at North High School, attention: Jill Davenport.

VNA's consent form and privacy policy are available on-line at www.vna.org (click on news and privacy policy in the bottom left corner) or are available in the Grosse Pointe North Counseling Center.

Students 15 to 17 must have a parent/guardian signature.

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4/28 DCDS*	5/24 G.P. North	6/9 State Semi-Final
5/3 Flint Powers		6/11 State Final

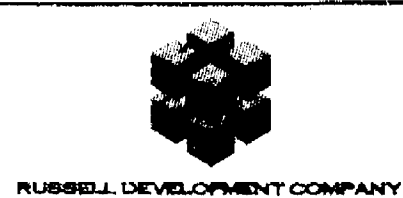
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Budget

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Board president Joan Richardson pointed out that this was the second year in a row elementary principals had recommended the elimination of instrumental music.

"They are coming to us with the wisest decision. Clearly, two years in a row they have come to eliminate or reduce" instrumental music, she said.

No matter what program the board considered, they all agreed, it would be affecting a subgroup and it would be vocal.

Retiring board member Joe Brennan said there needs to be an across the board, kindergarten through 12th grade, analysis.

"The whole thing must be looked at. What are the priorities going to be? You will

have to make a command decision, that will get the community mad at us," he told the board.

Likewise, Ahmed Ismail sees nothing as a "sacred cow" except the mandated state curriculum. "Everything needs to be looked at."

For the 2005-06 budget, privatization is a possibility. On Thursday, April 28, cleaning companies' bids will be opened. Eight companies have expressed an interest in cleaning the schools and done walk-throughs with administration and custodial union representatives.

A cafeteria bid request has been submitted to the state, explained Assistant Superintendent for Business Chris Fenton. After the state approves the request, ads can be placed.

However, no contracts have been approved.

Mary Fodell whose 24-year-old daughter is employed in the food service department at Parcels was upset as she related in a conversation prior to the community forum.

"This job has given her the chance to live independently. She is upset. She never misses a day of work. She is reliable," Fodell said.

Other parents relayed a similar sentiment, saying they wouldn't know from day to day who was serving their children because there is such a high turnover in employees.

"A private company has no quality employees hired. They come in with a low bid to entice you," said Darlene Ferguson.

Likewise, parents with interest in retaining the 25 high school athletic offerings didn't want to see them affected.

"It troubles me that ath-

letics are being cut 17 percent when others are being cut 2 to 5 percent," said Jim Saros. "The loss of athletics will lose a well rounded education. If you start cutting programs, families will move for better education, for

music, athletics, art, sciences. The number one asset of this community is our school, the quality of education. You can save money by turning down the heat and air."

Summing up, parent and

athletic booster Don DeLaura said, "How do you place a value on athletics, on music?"

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is Monday, May 2, in Wicking Library, South High School.

Market

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to come visit every Saturday."

Most of the fruits and vegetables will not be ready until the mid summer, but eventually they will make an appearance at the farmers market.

Shoppers have from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday to peruse the farmers market, which is an hour later than a year ago.

"We decided to push the start back an hour to give our vendors more time to get here and set up," Solomon said. "Some of our vendors have a lengthy drive; so this way they don't have to rush too early in the morning in order to make it here."

In addition to all of the displays, a band will be playing from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and a caricature artist will be on hand to create humorous portraits of family members and friends.

"We have a nice selection of things for people to see, and we have food to eat," Solomon said. "We're looking forward to this since last year's market went so well."

Customers will get a market bag on a first-come, first-serve basis so they can carry all of the items they purchase.

Grosse Pointe Park's market manager is Jennifer Meldrum, who is the city's landscape architect. She will have two associates helping her get the weekend festivities ready each week.

"We have a lot of support from the community, and that is a tremendous help," Solomon said. "The farmers market allows us a few hours each weekend to take it easy and walk up and down the street, looking at

beautiful things and buying when we are interested."

Master Gardeners will also be on hand to sell flowers and plants as well as answer any questions customers have.

Solomon mentioned the market wants to name some item as a theme for the month, such as corn or strawberries.

"We can use corn as our theme for a month, and customers would be able to get dozens of recipes using that fruit or vegetable," Solomon said. "It's something else we want to do to attract more people to our farmers market."

Pete and Franks is the anchor to the market as it will send several employees down to Kercheval to help sell fruits and vegetables, and other gardening items, as well as help customers with any questions they have.

"Everything is coming together quite nicely," Solomon said.

Moosejaw expands

Moosejaw Mountaineering today announced the opening of its new location in the Village in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The store is in the 17000 block of Kercheval between Caribou Coffee and Boutique Bellissima. The space was formerly occupied by Dennison's clothing.

The move nearly doubles the outdoor adventure retailer's presence to 4,000 square feet. The additional space allows customers a more hands-on approach to shopping for kayaks.

"The interests of our Grosse Pointe customers

Vote

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tions.

Precincts in Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Farms, the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park and Harper Woods will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3.

Paint

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interpretation of this year's theme: "On the go." Judges consider composition, color and creativity.

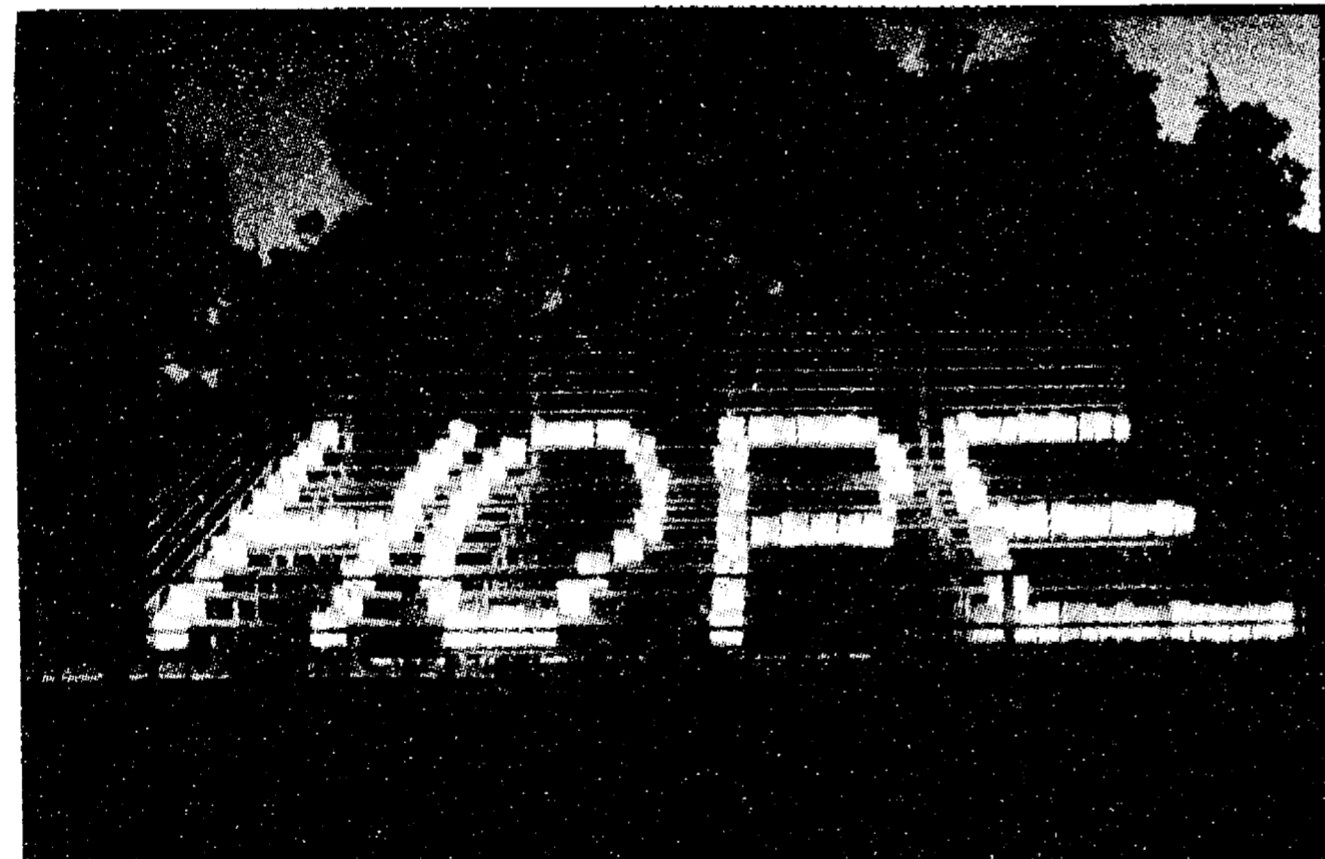
"On the go" refers to anything having to do with transportation: roller skates, hot air balloons, cars, fire trucks, trains, rocket ships, aircraft carriers and more.

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- Teach your children to make regular "deposits" into their bone banks by eating right and being physically active.

To obtain a free booklet on the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis or to speak to a physical therapist about bone health and exercise, call:

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G.P. Shores welcomed as a Tree City USA

The Grosse Pointes are now five-for-five as Tree Cities

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

It's one year down and an unlimited number to go for people celebrating Grosse Pointe Shores' new status as a Tree City USA.

For the first time during tomorrow's annual Arbor Day observance, the Shores can join its fellow Grosse Pointes and thousands of communities nationwide as a place honored for commitment to its community forest.

Brett Marshall, head of the Shores' newly-formed tree board, called it a "big day for the Shores."

"Hopefully, this will be the first of many times we recognize the community's efforts in caring for trees," said Kevin Sayers, in charge of the urban and community forestry program for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

"Being a Tree City shows a sense of civic pride and vision," said Gary Brienzo,



Photo by Brad Lindberg
Dr. James Cooper, right in photo, president of Grosse Pointe Shores, receives his community's first-ever Tree City USA award from Kevin Sayers, of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, on behalf of the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Grosse Pointe Shores was one of 100 communities in Michigan this year to be certified with the designation, an increase of 13 communities in the state over last year. The Shores was one of seven first-time designates in Michigan.

"Once a community becomes a Tree City, it finds it's worth preserving that momentum," Brienzo said.

Grosse Pointe Woods is the grand dame of Pointes when it comes to being a Tree City USA.

The program began nationally in 1976. The Woods qualified in 1978. Its 26-year string of Tree City designations is second in Michigan only to Adrian, at 27 years.

Grosse Pointe Park has been a tree city for 22 years. Grosse Pointe City and Farms are tied at 18 years.

"Your community sounds really progressive," Brienzo said. "Tree Cities see trees as part of the infrastructure of a community."

"There are many benefits to being a Tree City USA, including building a sense of community pride, improving public image, and providing education about how to care for community tree resources," Sayers said.

To qualify, a community must meet four standards established by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Communities must have:

- a tree board or department to advise on the care of trees,
- a local tree ordinance, which oversees such issues as trees to be planted in the public domain as well as rights and regulations for trees on private property relating to condemnation when trees are dying,
- an annual work plan and expenditure of at least \$2 per capita on tree care activities within the community, and

• an Arbor Day proclamation and Arbor Day celebration each year on the last Friday of April.

"Without this program, many communities would struggle to have a (tree) program and struggle to have standards to care for trees," Sayers said. "In fact, many communities would not have any organized approach to managing their trees at all. Grosse Pointe Shores meets these standards and has demonstrated a strong commitment to caring for trees."

Shores Arbor Day Fun Run on May 1

National Arbor Day will be celebrated this year for the first time in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Shores officials have scheduled an encore to the event's official observance April 29.

On Sunday, May 1, an Arbor Day Fun Run for residents will complement additional festivities at Osius Park.

"We have always had our fun run on the first Sunday in May," Cooke said.

Arbor Day activities in the Shores were scheduled to coincide with the fun run so more residents could attend who might otherwise be busy at work or school on National Arbor Day, this Friday.

Starting at 9 a.m. this Sunday at Osius Park, there will be a petting zoo, pony rides and lots of hand-outs for children and adults, in addition to a celebration tree planting.

The Fun Run (or walk) begins at Osius Park and heads to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate and back.

Jim Cooke, park director, said a "good number" of people have signed up for the fun run.

"We're also going to bring in a petting zoo and pony rides (at Osius Park) which some kids missed on Easter Sunday (because of bad weather)," Cooke said.

An Arbor Day tent will be set up at the park for residents to ask Brett Marshall, head of the village tree board, questions about trees. Members of the tree board worked with village officials to help the Shores win its first ever designation as a Tree City USA.

"We're attempting to get as many festivities together at once to get a great turnout," Marshall said.

— Brad Lindberg

communications manager for the National Arbor Day Foundation in Lincoln, Neb. "Often the first step is the

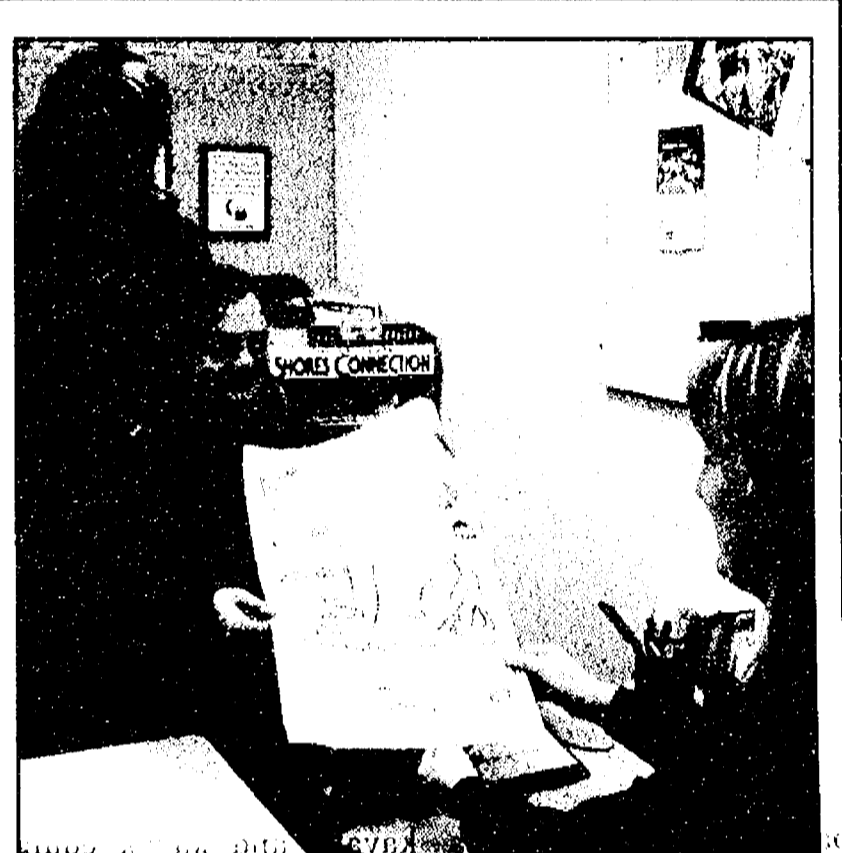
hardest. It takes drive and initiative. The people of Grosse Pointe Shores, especially in an age when community budgets are strained, show real distinction. They should be congratulated."

Shores officials have been working about two years to qualify as a Tree City USA.

The program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation with help from the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Sayers last week presented Shores President Dr. James Cooper the Tree City USA award. Two street signs and a flag displaying the designation are forthcoming.

"The program recognizes communities that demonstrate a commitment to quality tree care and to improving environmental quality of neighborhoods," Sayers said.



Tons of friendly frogs

Photo by Brad Lindberg

Elise Bolton is one of 142 Grosse Pointe children ages 6 to 12 who designed a frog for the Frogs Fur Friends coloring competition. The children competed to see whose design would be chosen for a frog sculpture the Grosse Pointe News, La Londe Jewelers, Something Special, Bon Secours Cottage Health Services and Andrus Realty Group are sponsoring to raise money for charity. Winner of the competition, announced April 16, was Patrick Flanagan, of the City. Runner-up Lindsey Mestdagh is from the Park. Bolton, 9, colored her frog green and decorated it with little animals: ladybugs, turtles and things. She said her drawing is the same shade as Charlie, one of her two pet frogs. "Green is one of my favorite colors," said Bolton, a Park resident and a third-grader at Maire Elementary School. "Frogs are green." Her other frog is named Spotty. "He has spots," explained Bolton, shown with her mother, Susan, submitting the entry to Karla Altevogt, News circulation manager.

Hazardous waste dropoff May 7

It's time to get ready for Hazardous Waste Dropoff Day.

This year's annual event for Pointe residents takes place Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Grosse Pointe Farms is hosting the dropoff at Pier Park, on Lakeshore at the foot of Moross.

Acceptable materials include garden chemicals, bleach and disinfectants, expired medicine, floor-care products, nail polish, paint (oil-base only), glue, varnish, antifreeze, brake fluid and

more. Unacceptable items include smoke alarms, radioactive material, explosives, commercially-generated waste and unknown or unlabeled materials.

Grosse Pointe Shores residents can drop off motor oil, latex paint and household batteries at the Shores public works department, 795 Lakeshore, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays. Proof of residency is required.

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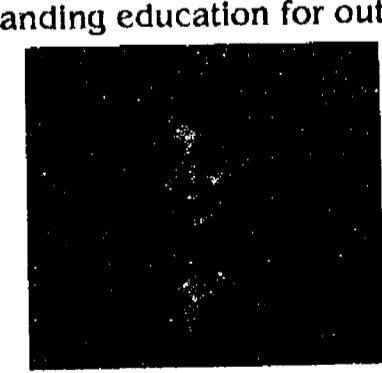
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Editor's note: The following letter was hand-delivered to the Grosse Pointe News by Julie Corbet of Surtsey Productions, a firm representing Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates, managed by Cullan Meathe of Grosse Pointe Farms. Though we were not asked to run the letter, we have done so here as a public service free of charge. (Italics and bolding in the letter are those of the letter writer.)

Dear Resident,
I am Cullan Meathe, a Grosse Pointe and the managing member of Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates, LLC. As you may know, in March we submitted to the City of Grosse Pointe a proposal to redevelop the Jacobson's site as an exciting, dynamic, mixed-use project called Kercheval Place. It will not only restore the Jacobson's store to its former glory, it also will require new accommodations, create additional jobs by adding residential condominiums, create a 24/7 residential presence to the Village, replace the function of a parking structure, and add needed tax base. Please review this exciting project at the Web site kerchevalplace.com.

The City Council has designated a committee to review the proposal. We have engaged with this committee and an earnest exchange is occurring in an effort to finalize a development agreement. Our most recent proposal has reduced parking costs from over \$9 million to \$6 million net to the City, and the condominium developer will pay for its own parking.

Unfortunately, a lot of misinformation has been circulated about this project. I realize that any project having this level of importance to a community may raise objections. But the importance of the proposal means it deserves careful and unbiased consideration based on facts; people should put aside personalities and focus on the merits of the proposal.

In this spirit, we offer the following information to set the record straight:

- The bottom line of the proposal is very straightforward: The City is being asked to provide the parking spaces required for the redevelopment. This is what the City did over 30 years ago for Jacobson's when it built the existing parking structure, and this is what municipalities often do as part of their core municipal function. At this very

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

- Under the proposal, the new parking structure would be owned and operated by the City, a municipal asset that will generate revenues to support the City's overall parking system and pay for the structure. Our parking consultant showed how this could be done, although we respect the fact that it is the City's prerogative as to how the City operates the structure.

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

- Timely redevelopment of the site is critical. The Jacobson's store has been shuttered for three years. Our proposal is not the first; a number of developers have looked at the site and haven't been able to make it work. Any developer will face the same financial realities; any developer will face the fact that quality department stores (Nordstrom's, Saks, Von Maur) won't enter the Grosse Pointe market, and any developer will face the fact that the more desirable retailers don't want the existing parking structure.

- The Village is struggling. The Village lost its "heart" three years ago, retail vacancy is at 30 percent-plus; a number of historic tenants are out of business, and sales of current tenants are way down. This is a reason why the retailers in the Village have been begging for the Jacobson's site to be brought back on line, and why they are solidly behind our proposal.

- The City's investment in a municipal parking structure will not serve as the developer's "equity." To anyone with even the slightest financial sophistication, this claim is absurd on its face. The parking structure is a City asset, not a developer asset, and we will have to finance the private portion of the project the same way any other private development is financed.

- Some argue that the existing parking structure is worth a lot of money. This claim flies in the face of the facts that

both practically and legally the structure must be used for parking, and in its current condition it is losing money. As such it has negative value.

- The existing parking structure is beyond its design life and requires significant investment. According to Wise, Janney, Elstner Associates Inc., a group of engineers, architects and materials scientists that the City hired to survey the structure, the deck is functionally obsolete, will cost \$1 million to restore and an additional \$100,000 per year to maintain. The structure is a liability that the City must deal with one way or the other.

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

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

- The layout and specifications for the parking structure are subject to the approval of the City.

- Contrary to some claims, the proposal calls for the developer to pay for the podium that will support the residential units on top of the parking structure.

- The developer will be "at risk," while the City's investment will be defined upfront.

- Deliveries to the St. Clair side was a requirement imposed by the City. We are very confident that traffic can be readily managed.

- The opponents have questioned who the members of the development team are. The members, (Frank Torre, Dan Ret and I) were identified in the proposal. We are working with a local developer and

are ready to begin building.

We understand that the projected cost to the City is a concern, but when viewed with perspective it is an investment that will bring huge returns to the City. Furthermore, we have presented to the City alternatives that could reduce the cost to the City of providing parking.

It is unfortunate that a few opponents are attempting to defeat the project before the final terms and conditions of the transaction have even been negotiated or defined. It is unfortunate that the opponents appear to suggest that CVS will sell the property for millions of dollars less than its market value, when CVS has recently confirmed in writing that it will not do so. It is unfortunate that a few opponents, through lack of understanding or other motive, want the proposal to be judged on distortions of the proposal rather than on the substance of the proposal.

This having been said, no one should let this degenerate into a personality contest or a name-calling contest. The proposal deserves to be judged on its merits. Fortunately, we believe that the City Council of Grosse Pointe is prepared to judge the proposal based on its merits. Redevelopment projects such as this require vision. It is always easy to be a naysayer, to be content with the status quo, and to claim something better will come along if the City just waits a while longer. **It takes vision for the City to appreciate that it has an opportunity to make an investment in the future of the Village, the City and the community, and that by doing so it can create a "win-win" for everyone.** It is our hope that the City Council will have the vision to do for this project what the City did for Jacobson's over 30+ years ago.

We are sending this letter to the Grosse Pointe News with the request that it be published, and we are taking the liberty of also sending this to you.

Please contact your local city representatives, and let your voice be heard. Call the City offices at (313) 885-5800 or e-mail at citygov@grossepointemi.us.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and I hope that you will support this crucial redevelopment project. Let's together revitalize the Village.

Most Sincerely,
Cullan

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Before sports became organized

Guess it's true when they say the older we get, the more we sound like our grandparents, and that's not always a bad thing. My concern of the week has to do with "organized" sports.

There were four children in our family, all born within five years. We lived in a neighborhood full of playmates, and our days and evenings always included sports. Each night after dinner, we would play scrub baseball on the vacant lot attached to our property and would choose up sides without many problems, alternating positions played and captains appointed. I don't remember anyone being upset or any parents or coaches monitoring our games. We just played. We had bats, balls and mitts, no fancy gear. It was great fun.

I don't recall when Little League actually started, but our boys were most certainly involved in baseball, soccer and hockey. We had good coaches and not so good ones. One could argue what determines a good coach, but being the one with the most wins is not necessarily the best criteria.

We had coaches who would only play the best athletes, and those who felt each boy should have his fair time on the field or ice. The punishments were sometime subtly meted out with more bench time served and little communication, both confusing and depressing for a youngster. The parents of baseball players were vociferous yet supportive. The hockey fans louder and tougher.

Most of the time it was fun, and our teams took home their share of trophies. My husband coached hockey for several years, and he and our boys loved the experience. It was time consuming, but low key and played in local arenas. There were no rigorous travel schedules.

Somehow the sports spectacle has evolved into a highly programmed and competitive use of a child's leisure time. Our daughters call us from the sidelines of soccer fields, hockey rinks, baseball diamonds, basketball and tennis courts

and swim meets.

Games and tournaments are often scheduled for 6 a.m. on weekends, and sometimes there are several events each day. Some of the participants thrive on this frantic pace, while their siblings protest being yanked from their beds while it is still dark.

The norm has changed. Sports take precedence over slumber and birthday parties. Those routine childhood events now revolve around the sports calendars. If it is a single-parent family, the chauffeuring duties are often fraught with conflict, frustration and jealousy, as choices must be made on which events rank most important.

I don't know what the solution is, but I can offer a few observations. What ever happened to balance? Maybe it's time to set guidelines and remind parents and children about making choices. We don't have to play every sport offered, as well as take piano and clarinet and still attempt to maintain a good grade point average.

In the past, without a tremendous outlay of cash, we could entertain ourselves for hours by kicking a can and hiding. Our minor losses didn't follow us home and haunt us with replays or self-doubts.

I love sports and believe all children should partake to experience lessons that will translate to other areas of their lives. Healthy competition is great; activity is terrific, both physically and mentally. I just don't think sports should be all-consuming.

Children need time to lie in the grass, look up at the clouds, smell the earth and explore the questions in their own heads. Too much programming doesn't allow our young to know the true meaning of play. As always there are exceptional athletes who live to compete; let us be certain that they are wanting to excel for themselves and not to please us.

— Offering from the loft

Letters

Two seats to be filled

To the Editor:

Thank you for taking the time to interview and publish articles about each of the three women seeking election to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education: "Board candidate wants to retain quality education," "Board candidate (Beck) Dindoffer says she's up to challenge," and "Board candidate Kosinski to put education first" (April 21 Grosse Pointe News). My congratulations to your writer for successfully capturing the essence of these three individuals.

I am concerned, however, that your endorsement editorial, "Kosinski for school board," which appeared in the same issue, leaves the impression that there is only one seat open on the board. There actually are two seats that will be filled in the May 3 election.

Although Joe Brennan decided not to seek another term on the board, I am grateful that our colleague, Joan Dindoffer, has decided to pursue re-election.

I hope that all voters will exercise their right to make two selections when they go to the polls on May 3.

Joan Richardson
President, Grosse Pointe Board of Education

Exercise your right to vote

To the Editor:

Those of you who sit back and do not exercise their right to vote are forgetting that many Americans have

given their lives for our country and many more were maimed and living in veterans hospitals and homes.

Please remember the veterans from all our wars who were facing bullets. You can express your opinion with ballots.

Please mark it down to vote Tuesday, May 3, and remember, it's free.

Jim Perry
WWII Veteran
Special Forces
Grosse Pointe Woods

Property tactics

To the Editor:

As a Grosse Pointe resident and a law professor teaching courses in property law and real estate financing, I have watched with interest the debate over tax subsidies for the development of the Jacobson's property in the Village.

It is a mistake — bad policy and unfair — to use scarce public funds or any public funds to enhance the prospects of real estate speculators or developers.

Speculators are tempted to let property sit to the dissatisfaction of residents and neighboring merchants in the hope that the neighbors and residents will tire of a building like the empty Jacobson's building and will prevail on the City to bail the speculators out of a bad investment or make a good investment superior by allocating tax or bond revenues to private parties or by altering building and zoning restrictions. A speculator can wait a long time for a tax subsidy exceeding \$9 million.

It is never good policy to let such tactics succeed. Grosse Pointe has to demonstrate patience and a willingness to wait-out those who look to the City or the tax man to solve their problems or enhance their profits.

Nor is it ever fair to use tax dollars from residents for the private gain of others, and it is demonstrably unjust to force residents on St. Clair and Notre Dame and adjacent blocks to pay for condominiums, whose owners will be looking into the back yards of those same taxpayers.

There is profit to be made in the Village. Economic development there should stand on its own and not look to tax dollars for support.

John F. Dolan
City of Grosse Pointe

'No deal'

To the Editor:

I read with interest your April 21 article (discussing the delays, etc., surrounding the Jake's project "Delays, Cost Trouble Spots in Jake's Plan").

Like so many other citizens, I am concerned that the facility has been vacant going on three years, but I am not convinced the plan put forth by the Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates is in the best interest of the citizens.

One of the arguments put forth was that the City paid for the parking deck 30 years ago as part of the deal with Jacobson's. While this is true, it has no bearing on today's decisions. The \$9.6

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Pulling out the stops

The introductory crescendo of Camille Saint-Saens' Symphony No. 3 inspires a sense of awakening. Not in the overt sense of dawning revelation as in Richard Strauss' "Thus Spake Zarathustra," the theme to "2001: A Space Odyssey."

Not with the drama of serene daybreak contrasted later by an orchestral Alpine tempest in Gioacchino Rossini's "Overture to William Tell."

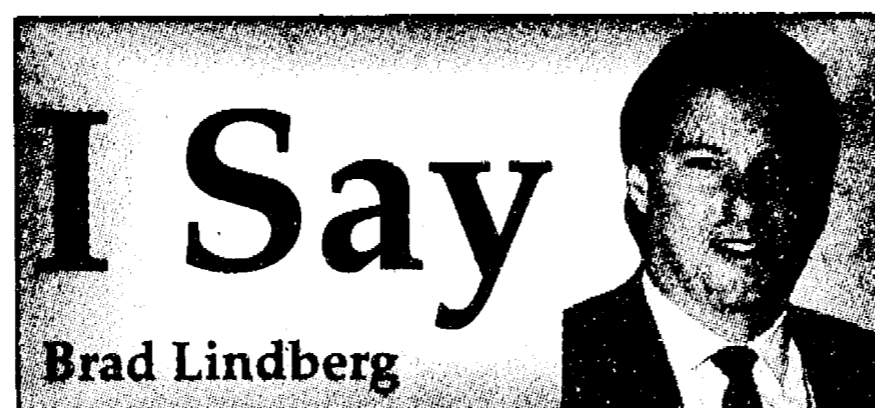
With Saint-Saens, we are awakened more subtly. Less dramatically. Strings stir quietly in a single, quivering note, as though welcoming new adventures in anticipation

of everything good that comes with discovery. The introductory note recedes. A sigh? Only with imagination. Saint-Saens was a romantic composer, but his third symphony isn't program music.

The symphony's notes weren't written to spell out the musical equivalent of stage directions or captions, as with zoological caricatures of elephants, fish, birds and donkeys which make the composer's "Carnival of the Animals," (also written during the productive year of 1886) so fascinating to children and endearing to adults.

Saint-Saens has been called the greatest classical composer who wasn't a genius. His third symphony is actually his fifth.

A child prodigy, Saint-Saens' first symphony was debuted at age 18. It and another youthful work of the same nature were designated only by key signatures,



I Say

Brad Lindberg

not numbers. As with the dozen wonderfully alive string symphonies of Felix Mendelssohn's boyhood, Saint-Saens' two early journeys into orchestral composition have been regarded as juvenilia and unjustly kissed off.

Back to the introduction. Strings swell, flutes roust. As the theme dawns throughout the orchestra, a rustling comes from the lower register. Life resumes anew.

Saint-Saens' titled his third mature symphony the "Organ Symphony." But you'd never know it from the

first movement.

"With the symphony Saint-Saens does a brilliant thing," said Chelsea Tipton II, resident conductor of the Toledo Symphony.

The first movement has no organ part at all.

"He waits and waits and waits until the second movement," Tipton said. "It is an absolutely magical moment. I've got to tell you — that sound. It blends together."

Tipton capitalized on Saint-Saens' dramatic orchestration last Friday night to unveil a vintage 1926 Skinner organ that was commissioned in memo-

ry of Edward Drummond Libbey, founder of the Toledo Museum of Art, but had sat unused, silent and deteriorating since 1978.

A nearly two-year restoration undertaken with assistance of TMA conservator Suzanne Hargrove brought the organ back to thunderous life before a sold-out audience at the museum's 1,700-seat Peristyle.

The circular room recreates the setting of an open-air Greek courtyard enclosed by 28 marble columns. (Peri means "around." Style means "column.") A peristyle is a place ringed by columns.) The ceiling is made of mottled paper mache colored various shades of off-white to represent a cloudy and cool Mediterranean sky.

The "Organ Symphony" moved on apace.

Organist Aaron David Miller, director of music at the Monroe Street Methodist Church in Toledo,

formed a beautiful bed of sound for the orchestra to lie upon.

"Man, oh man," Tipton said. "Oh, it's just so great. We had such a wonderful time putting this concert together. This is such a special night."

With 59 stops, 48 ranks and 3,201 pipes returned to full working order, the Skinner organ hit notes that made the room vibrate.

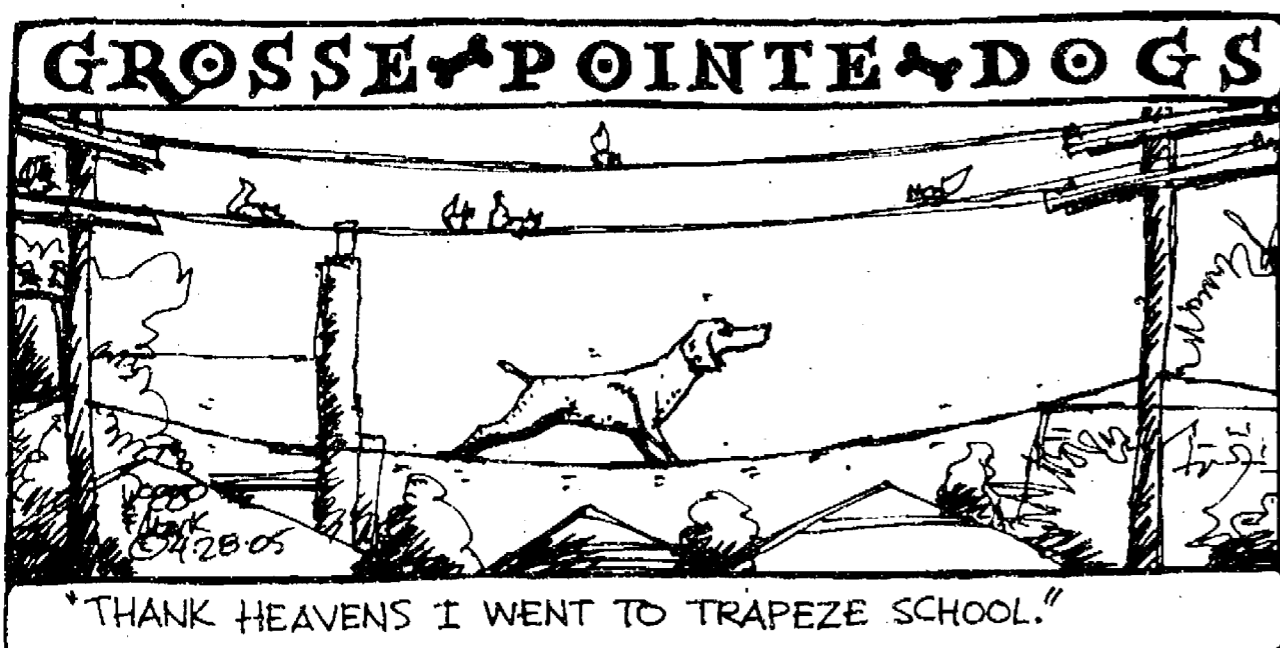
"It's a lot of pipes and it can be a lot of sound," Tipton said.

Miller hammered on the keyboard and foot pedals, literally dancing on electro-pneumatic controls that activated air bellows to the piping. Members of the audience looked to the instrument's twin chambers at the left and right of the stage. Behind screens, pipes ranging in length from two to 16 feet fashioned a wall of sound.

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

Streetwise

Question of the Week:

How often do you eat out?



Karen Pratt

"We don't go much at all. Maybe twice a month."
— Karen Pratt
Grosse Pointe Park



Annmarie Gay

"About once a week."
— Annmarie Gay
Grosse Pointe Park



Irene Webb

"I eat out twice a week at the bagel place."
— Irene Webb
Detroit



Antonio Pharms

"Once a week."
— Antonio Pharms
Detroit



Elizabeth Preston

"Almost every day."
— Elizabeth Preston
Detroit

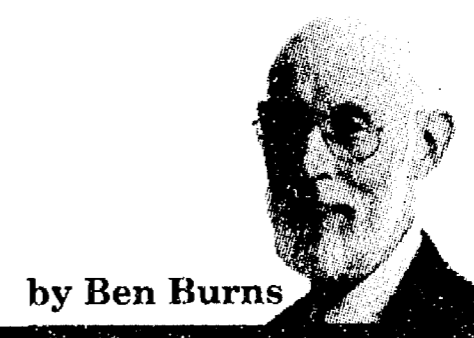


Cathy Lutz

"An average of once a day."
— Cathy Lutz
Grosse Pointe Farms

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

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by Ben Burns

Bistro closing

The folks who love the ground sirloin with grilled bananas and horseradish sauce — a menu staple at the Vintage Bistro on Mack in the Farms — are either going to have to go without or drive a little farther to get it after Saturday.

That's the last day the 12-year-old restaurant will be open until October, according to owner/chef Jon Louis Seavitt, better known to the regulars as "Louie."

Last summer Seavitt opened Mary's Bistro on Main Street on Mackinac Island and reportedly found the stress of trying to keep both venues open and running at the same quality level too much. While he told ubiquitous restaurant reviewer Molly Abraham last year that the bistro "makes hay in the winter," he said last Wednesday the bistro was only making money two of the five days a week it was open last summer.

The regulars — and there are some who dine at Vintage Bistro three or four nights a week — are in mourning, and the wait staff and sous chef, who learned last week the place would be closed, are in shock.

Seavitt said there are plans to refurbish the bistro that specializes in excellent and sometimes quirky French cuisine, accompanied by a great wine list, but the staff seemed unsure that would be the case.

For a sense of what some of the fans of the bistro have to say, here are a couple of reviews from the Internet:

"Being a great cook myself, I am very picky and pretty hard to please when it comes to great dining experiences. I must say that to my delight I had the most fabulous white fish dish here, that I even had a dream about it. Great atmosphere and service, and the chef has a wonderful ability to combine flavors for recreating the usual meal..."

And, "Outstanding food and service. As close as you can get to dinner in Paris without leaving Detroit. The scallops were fantastic."

Some of my favorites are the rack of lamb, the veal chop and the grilled oysters in horseradish sauce with homemade potato chips. And there are always two or three interesting specials designed to make you indecisive in making a selection. Those of us who have cel-

ebrated memorable family milestones at the bistro over the past decade can only hope Louie keeps that fall reopening date.

Frog nap



Fruity the Frog, a member of the 50-member public art display coming to the Pointes this summer, somehow hopped the fence and got loose last week. Luckily, he was caught before he made it to the lake!

There it was at Kercheval in the Park, a Plexiglas frog chained to a street lamp. It was slightly nicked and scratched, but it continued to sport that inscrutable frog-like gaze. No one wants to discuss how "Fruity the Frog," one of more than 50 artistically decorated critters set to invade the Pointes in mid-June, got out this early, but it was quickly

rescued by city officials before the great weekend snow storm.

Fruity is part of the "Frogs Fur Friends" public art program designed to raise money for the Children's Home of Detroit and the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

The Park incident caused program official Donna Brian to issue this tongue-in-cheek warning:

"Please do not allow your frogs to talk to strangers or, worse yet, get into a stranger's car. If you are done bonding/decorating your frog, please contact me directly either by e-mail or phone to arrange for a safe transport of him or her. We do not want our frogs to be lonely; so no Frog should be allowed out and around town until early June."

"Fruity appears to be unharmed and in good spirits."

So if you spot a Plexiglas frog in your neighborhood, contact Brian at donna@donnabrian.com, or you can call their "Hop Line" at (313) 417-3588 and she will "hop to it."

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

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- Student Discipline

Active School Volunteer, 18 years:

- Former Defer PTO President
- Former PTO Council Vice President
- Room Mother, 10 years straight

Professional Experience:

- Banker and Attorney, 28 years
- B.A. University of Michigan
- J.D. Wayne State Law School

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COLLABORATION- The Board, parents, teachers, administrators, students and taxpayers must work together as a community for the benefit of all our children. Open communication is essential.

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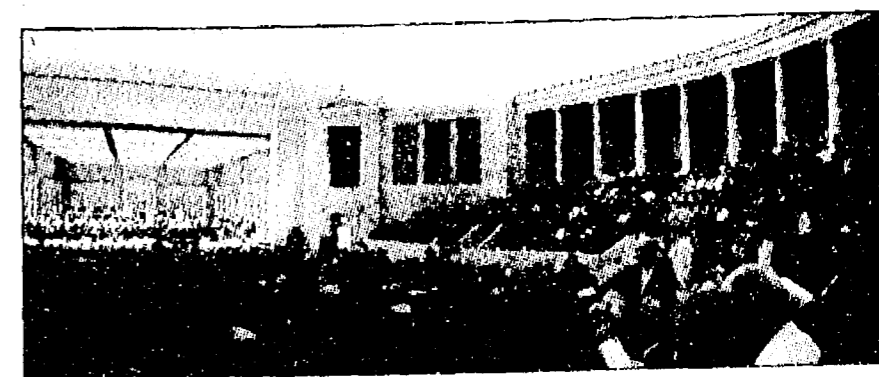


Photo by Brad Lindberg
The Toledo Symphony prepares to perform in a classical setting provided by the Toledo Art Museum's Peristyle.

I Say

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At times the symphony progressed at a geologic tempo. Other times it galloped. The orchestra built layer upon layer of sound and texture: strings, brass, woodwinds and percussion. Everything was grounded by Miller's colorful chords which spoke the same harmonic language as the orchestra.

Miller played an instrument whose restoration was conducted by Nicholas Thompson-Allen and Joseph Dzeda of the A. Thompson-Allen Co. in New Haven, Conn.

The company was chosen in part because of its experience curating 15 pipe organs at Yale University.

All 3,201 pipes of the Toledo organ were carefully shipped back to New

England for restoration.

"We've awakened sleeping beauty," Dzeda said. "She's as beautiful as ever."

"The organ has been restored exactly as built," Thompson-Allen said. "What you have is what you had when the organ was (originally) dedicated. It should be ready for decades to come."

The Toledo Symphony's season runs through May. A highlight soon to be had takes place the weekend of May 13-15. Medalists from the 11th Van Cliburn Piano Competition arrive for a Rachmaninoff festival. All four piano concertos, the "Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini," suites and other works of the great Russian composer are on the bill.

For more information, call (800) 348-1253.

Letters

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million price tag for the parking structure proposal is simply too much for the citizens to bear.

Regarding the building of condominiums atop the parking structure: If today's parking structure, at 30 years, is in such a deplorable state, is it possible to build a deck that will last 50 or more years? I'm not sure I'd want to buy a condominium where the underlying support was only going to last 30 to 50 years. It doesn't appear to be a wise investment.

I believe the publicity and scare tactics presented by the developer are designed to raise emotions to a level where the council and citizens will think there is a crisis. I understand that shortly all the storefronts in the Village will be occupied, and CVS and Kroger are expanding. Well, there doesn't seem

to be a crisis.

Is Mr. Meathe trying to bully the citizens and city council with this crisis talk and with statements like, "No deck, no deal?" Then the City should say, "No deal."

Lastly, the composition of the due diligence committee (city manager, municipal attorney, commercial planning consultant) does not appear to have the independence or background to assess all of the financial and operational assumptions and implications surrounding this project and develop a thorough and unbiased recommendation.

While these are just a few of my concerns, I urge the city council not to panic and to decline this proposal as packaged. This is not the only option that will come forward.

Richard Benz
City of Grosse Pointe

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Coping with financial anxiety

By Gary Cortner

If the financial news has your blood pressure up, you may be suffering from financial anxiety. Anxiety is part of nature's "fight or flight" mechanism for self-preservation, exhibited physically by increased pulse, faster breathing, increased adrenalin and sweating.

But prolonged states of anxiety can cause physical as well as emotional problems. In short, your mother was right — you can make yourself sick with worry.

With the wounds from the market downturn of the late 1990s still fresh, those worries may seem abundant. Here are a few tips for reducing your financial anxiety.

1) Recognize what you can and cannot control. For the most part, world events like war, terrorism or changes in government or leadership are out of your hands. The same is true for issues like corporate malfeasance; you couldn't have known, because those involved didn't want you — or anyone else — to know. Hindsight is 20/20 but not particularly useful.

2) Know that not every decision you make will, in the end, be the best decision. We all make mistakes. If you use your best judgment at the time, that's all



Gary Cortner

you can do. The only other option is to do nothing — and you may regret that decision even more. Don't chastise yourself for missing the latest "big thing." By

the time most people knew about it, the opportunity had passed.

Remember, past performance is not a guarantee of future results!

3) Stick to your plan. Many investors make wrong decisions at the wrong time based solely on emotion. When uncertainty and anxiety run high, that's the time to get professional, trusted and objective advice. Often trends that seem poised to change the face of investing as we know it wind up being just another blip in history.

4) Modify your plan as needed. OK, that seems contrary to No. 3 above, but even the best plan should be periodically re-evaluated. Your life may change. Your cash flow may change. The fundamentals that led to your initial

investment choices may change. Modifications should be thought out with the same care you took in devising your initial plan.

5) Separate your financial situation from your self-esteem. Your value as a person doesn't depend on the success of your portfolio. Your portfolio provides the means for you to become the person you want to be, whether that's more time with your family, donations to charities or having new experiences. But even without more time, donations or new experiences, your family and peers will love and value you just the same.

The flip side of fear, of course, is that sometimes it actually means something. Fear that your investments won't provide adequate income in your retirement years may signal the need for a more conservative approach. A well thought-out investment plan put together and executed with the help of a professional can alleviate some of that anxiety.

Gary Cortner is president of The Bank of Grosse Pointe, a division of The Private Bank. This content is for informational purposes only. Always consult with your tax and investment advisers before making any investment decisions.

Business People

Rhonda Welsh, an administrator with many years of health care experience, has been named to the newly created position of Communications/Community Relations director at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Welsh was the director of communication for University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods.

David Stoyka was promoted from account executive to senior account executive at Marx Layne and Company.

He has extensive expertise in the area of event coordination and planning. Prior to joining Marx Layne and Company, he served as a sports producer with WDIV-TV.

He holds a bachelor of arts degree in communications from Wayne State University.

Stoyka resides in Grosse Pointe.

Gail Warden has been appointed to Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science Board of Trustees.

He is President Emeritus of Henry Ford Health

System in Detroit and previously served as president and chief executive officer of the company.

Before joining Henry Ford Health System, he served as president and CEO of Group Health Cooperative in Puget Sound in Seattle.

Prior to that, he was chairman of the American Hospital Association Board of Trustees and executive vice president and chief operating officer of Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago.

Warden is a graduate of Dartmouth College and holds a master's degree in health care management from the University of Michigan. He has an honorary doctorate from CMU.

Warden is a Grosse Pointe resident.

Daniel B. Shumaker, MD, was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Radiology at a formal convocation ceremony on April 10, during the ACR 82nd annual meeting and Chapter Leadership Conference in Washington, DC.

Dr. Shumaker is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.



Welsh



Warden

Use your personal computer to rid housework — on a permanent basis

Are we allowed to open with something silly once in a while? Sure we are.

I found the perfect way to eliminate housework using your computer. Here is how you do it. Open a new file in your PC and name it "housework." Send it to the recycle bin and then empty the recycle bin. Your PC will ask you, "Are you sure you want to delete housework permanently?" Click the mouse button on "Yes." Feel better?

One additional note: The person who sent this to me has the initials FB and also sent a legitimate PC question, which I am working on. His only stipulation was I didn't identify him. I think it is because he doesn't help with the housework at home as I always do.

I have a total of three of your inquiries pending with my geek squad this week and should have answers to those problems for next week, but I can always use more — questions, that is. Confused? Got a problem? Send them to me at the e-mail address at the end of this column. You may not make it into the column, but I promise an answer. "I haven't got a clue" is an answer, right?

Do you know anyone who lives near you who has a heat pump? If so, let me know. When I walk the dog at night, I sometimes hear what sounds like the hum of an outside air conditioner — even in January. Having worked for Detroit Edison some years ago, I recognize it as a geothermal heat pump.

In summer, the system removes heat from the building and transfers it through pipes into the Earth. In the winter, underground warmth is absorbed and transferred back to the building. Detroit Edison sold them as an alternative to having both a heating and air conditioning system.

The technology must have changed for the better by this time. If you have one, or know someone who does, drop me an e-mail.

I only mention this because I found out recently that Lansing Community College's 270,000-square-foot Michigan Technical Education Center is 60 percent heated and cooled by

Pointers on Technology

By Mike Maurer

geothermal heat pumps. That is a lot of BTUs.

Shades of Walt Disney. It seems as if everybody is working with digital photographs and video these days. Could animation be far behind? Yep, the kids are into it big time. If I piqued your interest, you should know that the third Kalamazoo Animation Festival International is May 13-15.

The event will include seminars and screenings of both classic and contempo-

rary cartoons. Many events are free and open to the public.

I went to a computer animation presentation at the Detroit Institute of Arts, and the work shown was amazing. One warning: It takes a lot of free time and a cutting-edge PC to do a semi-decent job.

Still talking about cartoons, I still miss Dick Tracy and the "wrist radio" he wore in the Sunday comics. And, as usual today, somebody has made electronic fantasy real, and

even one step better.

Israeli troops are now sporting gear that Dick Tracy would be proud of: tiny video screens, worn on the wrist, which display live video shot by unmanned airplanes.

Similar screens have been in use for close to a year in the Israeli military's attack helicopters, helping pilots identify and strike targets within seconds, rather than the minutes it took before.

That covers it. Now walk over to your computer and send me the question or problem that has been driving you nuts. At the very least, you'll get your initials in the paper.

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

RHR helpful in developing effective work leaders

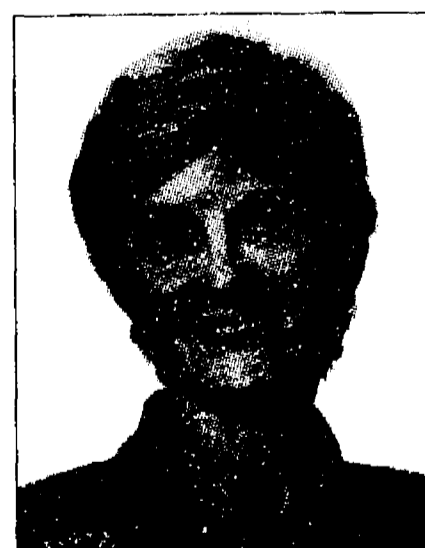
Measuring the value of leadership development programs has always been difficult.

RHR International, a leading executive and organizational development consultancy, lays out practical steps for ensuring that you have a simple, yet credible process in place.

"There is tremendous pressure on HR departments to place a value on effective leadership development programs," Jeff Durocher, vice president of market development, said. "The questions are no longer around 'what should we be doing to develop our people', rather the CEO is asking, 'what is the return on our investment.' It's a very different way to look at the issue."

The latest edition of Executive Insights — a publication of RHR International Company — offers sound advice around how to embed the measurement of ROI into the design of leadership development programs. We outline five different levels of evaluation:

1. Satisfaction — were participants happy with the coach or workshop?



Bev Burns, above, is a Grosse Pointe resident and an effective leader.

2. Learning — were there any increases in knowledge as a result of the effort?

3. Application — did the participant's on-the-job behavior change?

4. Business Impact — were there any changes in the business outcome?

5. Return on Investment — what were the financial benefits compared to program costs?

Within each level you are measuring very different things. The key is to find out what is important to your organization and build a credible process in which key members agree to what captures the value of the

program.

"When our clients ask us how we measure the effectiveness of our leadership development programs, the answer is always the same — it depends on what is important to you," Durocher said. "Some organizations value lower turnover the most while others may value customer satisfaction. It really varies."

Forcing senior management to go through the process of determining what gets measured is often an eye-opening experience. It is a necessary exercise and always worth doing.

When you can get all accountable parties to agree on what a good investment looks like, leadership development has a much better chance of surviving the next round of budget cuts.

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Small businesses anxious to get break on tax liability

Small business owner Noelle Clark, vice president of Hasselbring-Clark Company of Lansing and a member of the small-business NFIB/Michigan's Leadership Council, reacted to a proposal by House Republican leaders to end the current policy of taxing health insurance benefits provided to workers by Michigan employers.

Clark voiced her support for leg-

islation that would completely remove health-care costs from Single Business Tax liability in 2006.

"The SBT has not been what many small businesses would consider a fair tax.

In fact, having to pay it whether or not I make a profit is an example of its unfairness," Clark said.

"In the fiscal year 2002, during a down economy, I paid no dollars in

Federal Income Tax but had a \$49,000 bill to the state of Michigan for the SBT. This makes absolutely no sense."

Clark also said, "To make matters worse, adding benefits to the taxable base, such as health-care premiums, is a disincentive to those businesses that offer those benefits."

Charles Owens, NFIB/Michigan state director, also voiced support

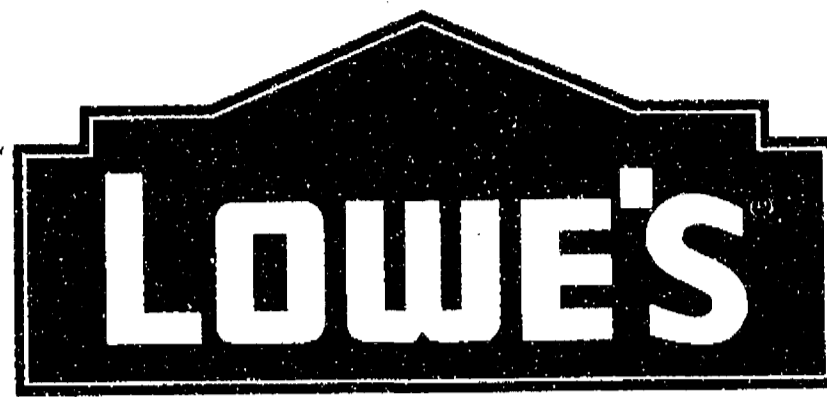
of the proposal, saying that changes such as this to the SBT would improve Michigan's business climate.

"Michigan is the only state with a tax such as the SBT," Owens said. "The business community has often voiced a number of concerns about the SBT relating to its impact on profitability, job creation and economic development. From an economic development perspec-

tive, the tax has been cited as a reason why companies choose not to locate operations in Michigan. This proposal would help many businesses in the state without hurting others, an important consideration as we examine how to help Michigan's economy create jobs. Removing the cost of health insurance from the SBT base is a step in the right direction."

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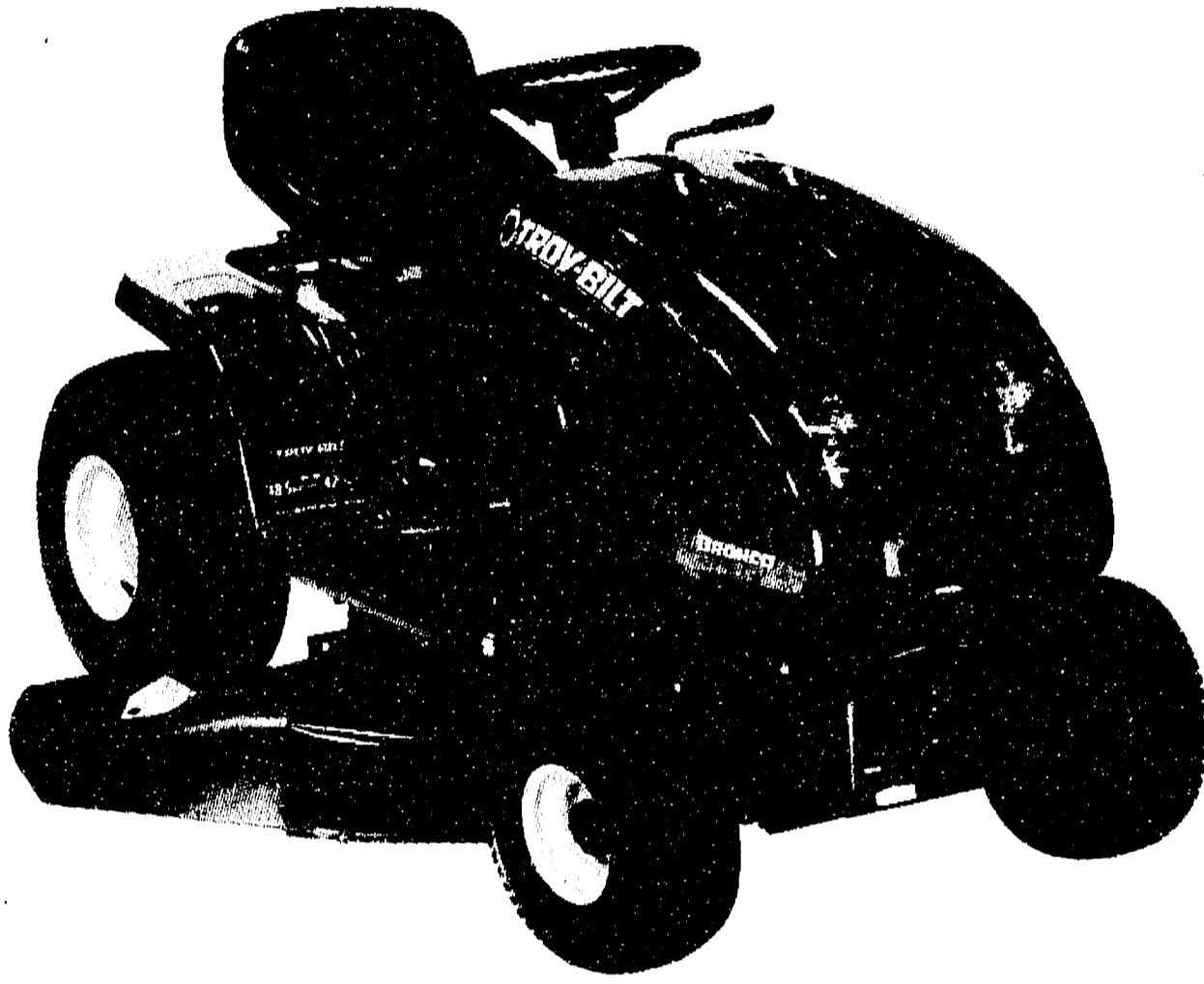
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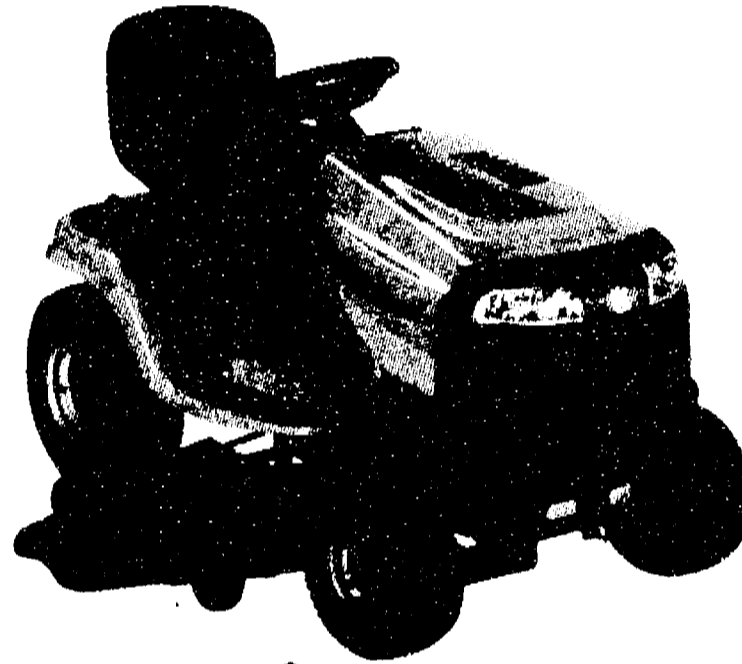
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Waiting for your refund check?

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) now offers a safe and easy way to trace refund checks and update a flawed mailing address.

These enhancements allow taxpayers to start a trace for lost or missing refund checks and notify the IRS of an address change when a refund check goes undelivered.

"This new feature lets taxpayers take quick and easy steps to track down a lost refund," IRS Michigan spokesperson Sarah Wreford said. "It can reduce headaches for more than 1,500 Michigan taxpayers (88,000 nationwide) who wind up with undelivered refund checks each year."

Wreford said that taxpayers securely access their personal refund information through IRS.gov, the agency's Website.

They enter their Social Security Number, filing status and the exact amount of their refund.

"These shared secrets — date known only to the taxpayer and IRS — verify the person is authorized to access the account and make it possible to avoid delays in tracing refunds and changing an address," Wreford said.

Taxpayers used the IRS program "Where is my refund?" nearly 24 million times last year and have used it more than 16 million times so far this year.

"The new features offer step-by-step instructions to allow taxpayers to trace their lost checks and change or correct their mailing addresses when their refund checks have been returned to the IRS as undeliverable," Wreford said. "When the taxpayer makes the change online, it automatically updates the IRS database and provides a date when the refund check should be received."

Wreford added that the new services are specialized so only those taxpayers who actually need the services will see them online.

The refund trace can be started 28 days after the date the IRS says the refund check was mailed.

Taxpayers who are married and filing joint tax returns must also complete and fax or mail a copy of Form 3911, Taxpayer Statement Regarding Refund.

Signatures of both taxpayers must be on the form.

The form is only required for those whose filing status is married, filing joint returns.

"I want to remind taxpayers that they can avoid undelivered refund checks by having their refunds directly deposited into a personal checking or savings account," Wreford said.

"Direct deposit also guards against theft or lost refund checks. The option is available for both paper and electronically filed returns," Wreford added.

Almost 36 million taxpayers have used direct deposit for \$94 billion in refunds this year. The number of direct deposit refunds is up nearly 12 percent from last year.

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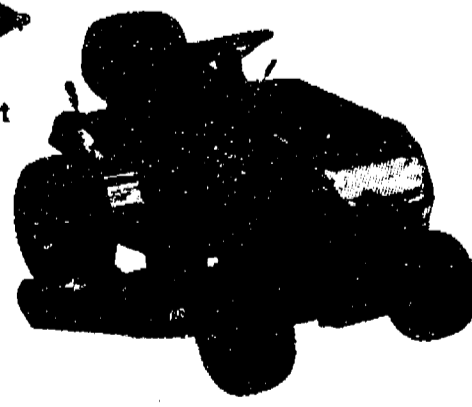
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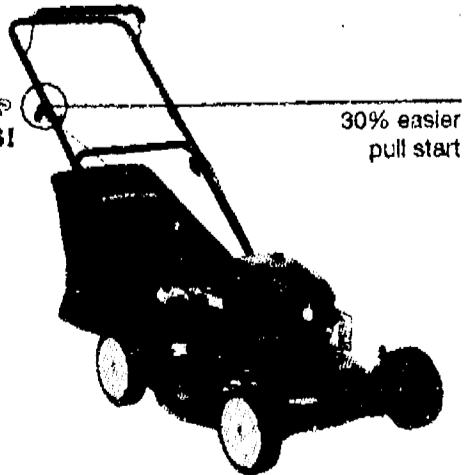
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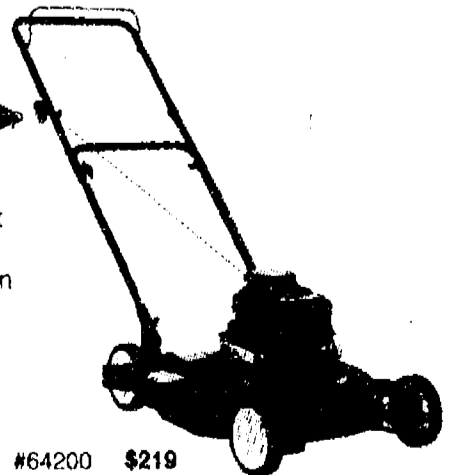
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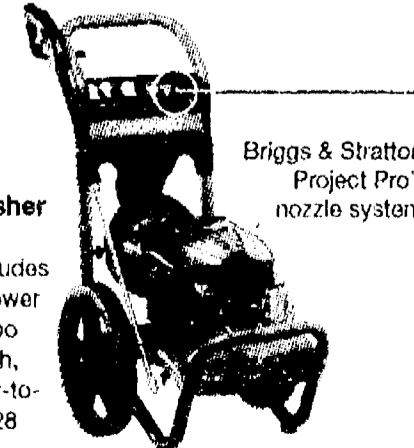
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Earth Day brings out Pierce students concerns

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Taking care of the Earth is a life-long commitment and the job begins at a young age. Pierce Middle School Student Council decided it was time to encourage its peers to take a look around during the week of April 18.

The student council, with the assistance of advisor Andrew Taylor, sponsored a poster contest.

Some 100 posters featuring saving wild animals, to recycling, reducing pollution and picking up litter were produced by sixth through eighth-graders for judging on Earth Day, April 22.

Taylor was pleased with the number of posters, saying it was the first time in years that this type of activity had been undertaken.

Completing a hands-on project would bring the mission of Earth Day more into focus than having a fund raiser, he said.

"They (the students) are doing something important. The Environment is easy. They think about the future," Taylor pointed out.

Gift certificates were awarded to the top three winners in each grade.

Sixth grade

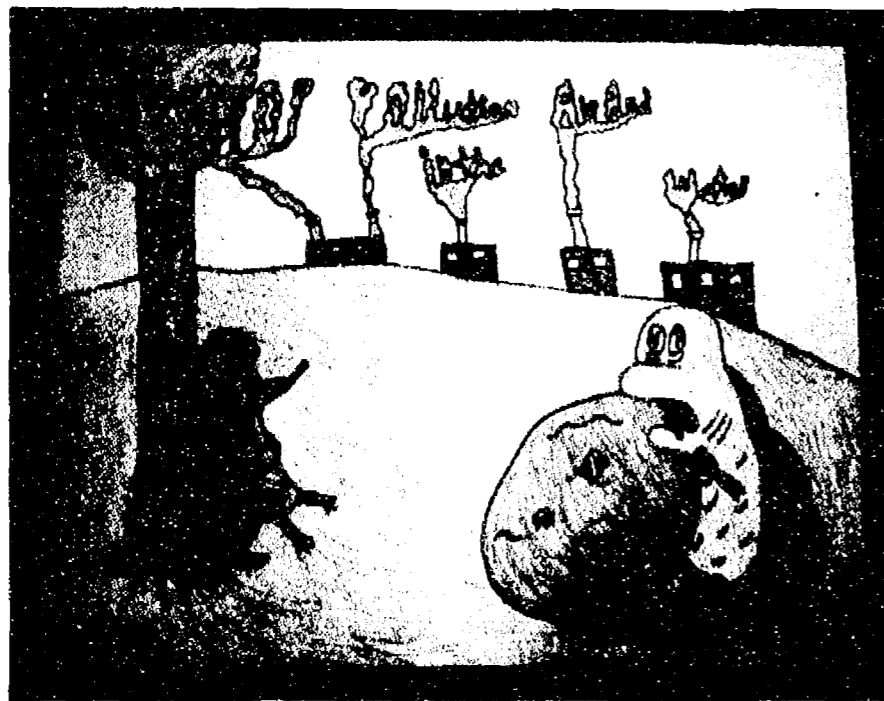
Artist and animal lover Alexandra Kern was given first place for her poster asking people "Do you really want us gone?" She sketched and then water colored a bald eagle, an elephant, seal and rhinoceroses. Her poster was an advertisement to not pollute.

Patrick Mulier was



Photos by Ann L. Fouty

In front from left, Sarah Siwak, Patrick Muller and Alexandra Kern. In back from left to right are Tori Krumpka, Diana Dodge, Julia Solecki, Quinn Scillan, Julie Steiber, Elizabeth Kennedy, and Ann Gough.



A cartoon by sixth-grader Ann Gough was also given second place. She illustrated a distressed bird and fish. Their illness was caused by pollution.

awarded second place for his poster of recycle, reduce and reuse.

He said that this poster made him think more about the earth, just as Taylor had predicted.

Ann Gough was also given second place for her cartoon

poster with a sick bird and a distressed fish.

"I like drawing cartoons," said the sixth-grader.

From her social studies class, she said she had learned that Canada has some environmental issues which need addressing, and Gough would like to see factories discard their wastes

some other place than the water.

"What if someone poured mud on your house? You would get sick. (Pollution) equates to dumping in water," Gough pointed out.

Cars and factories are, in her estimation, the worst polluters. Rather than taking cars on short trips, walk-

ing and riding bikes should be encouraged, Gough said.

Seventh grade

Julia Solecki was the first place winner for her poster which was covered with the recycling symbol. She said her family recycles newspa-

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For singing out loud

Richard Elementary School was an extra stop in a three week tour for the 30-member American Boychoir from Princeton, N.J.

The audience of first through fifth graders was most appreciative of being included as noted by how quiet they were during the songs and the standing ovation given at the conclusion of the concert. After the 45-minute concert in a warm gym on April 20, boys stripped off their burgundy sweaters while Richard students rushed up to ask typical youthful questions, "What's your favorite movie?"

The touring choir consists of boys from ages 11 to 14 with the director Spaniard Fernando Malvar-Ruiz, accompanist Kerry

Heimann and a tour manager, who claims none of the boys has lost a toothbrush yet.

The choir performed in Bloomfield Hills the previous night and was on its way to London, Ontario. With an opening in its schedule, and waiving the \$1,000 fee, Richard music teacher Barb Whistler jumped at the chance to have the choir come in for a performance.

"I'd like them (her students) to receive an appreciation for classical music and see good choral technique," she said before the boys took over her classroom in a warm-up session. "It's an exciting program and a motivation to learn."

In fact, after the performance, a few students were allowed to audition for the Boychoir, which was founded in 1937 in Columbus, Ohio. It moved to Princeton in 1950. The choir on stage represented 18 states and two countries, Columbia, South America, and Switzerland.

They sang Handel's "Messiah, Hallelujah Chorus," an Italian Renaissance song about animals and the gospel song "Praise His Holy Name." They also performed "Look to Your Own Path," a selection from the movie "The Chorus." The song of "The Chorus" was a number they performed with Beyonce at the Academy Awards. Concluding with an a Capella lively South African number, the Boychoir got the Richard students clapping.

These boys not only sing, Heimann and Malvar-Ruiz explained, but they are also provided with academics and extra curricular sporting options. In the morning, time is devoted to academics. After lunch, they sing for three hours. One is spent in music theory, another in sectional and a third in rehearsal.



Accompanist Kerry Heimann clapped along and encouraged the Richard Elementary audience to do the same. The American Boychoir from New Jersey made a special stop in Grosse Pointe Farms.

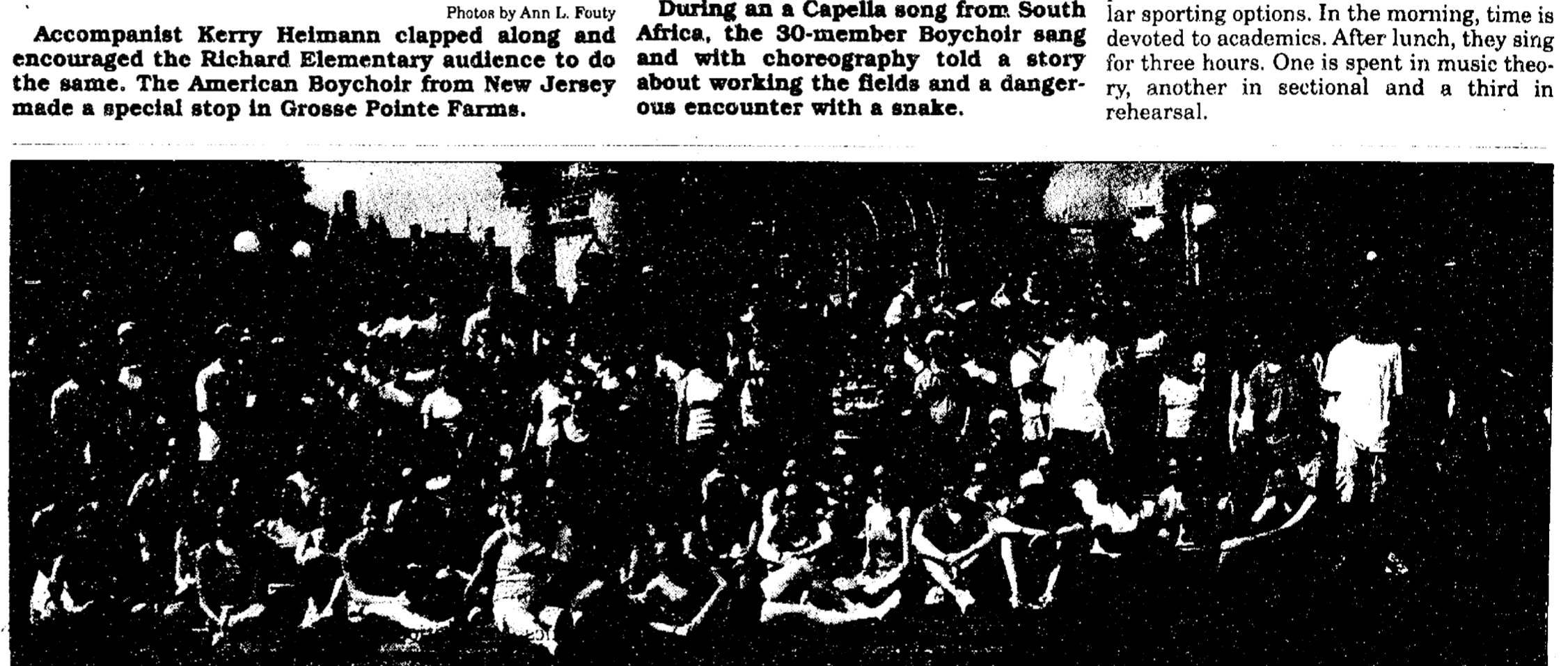
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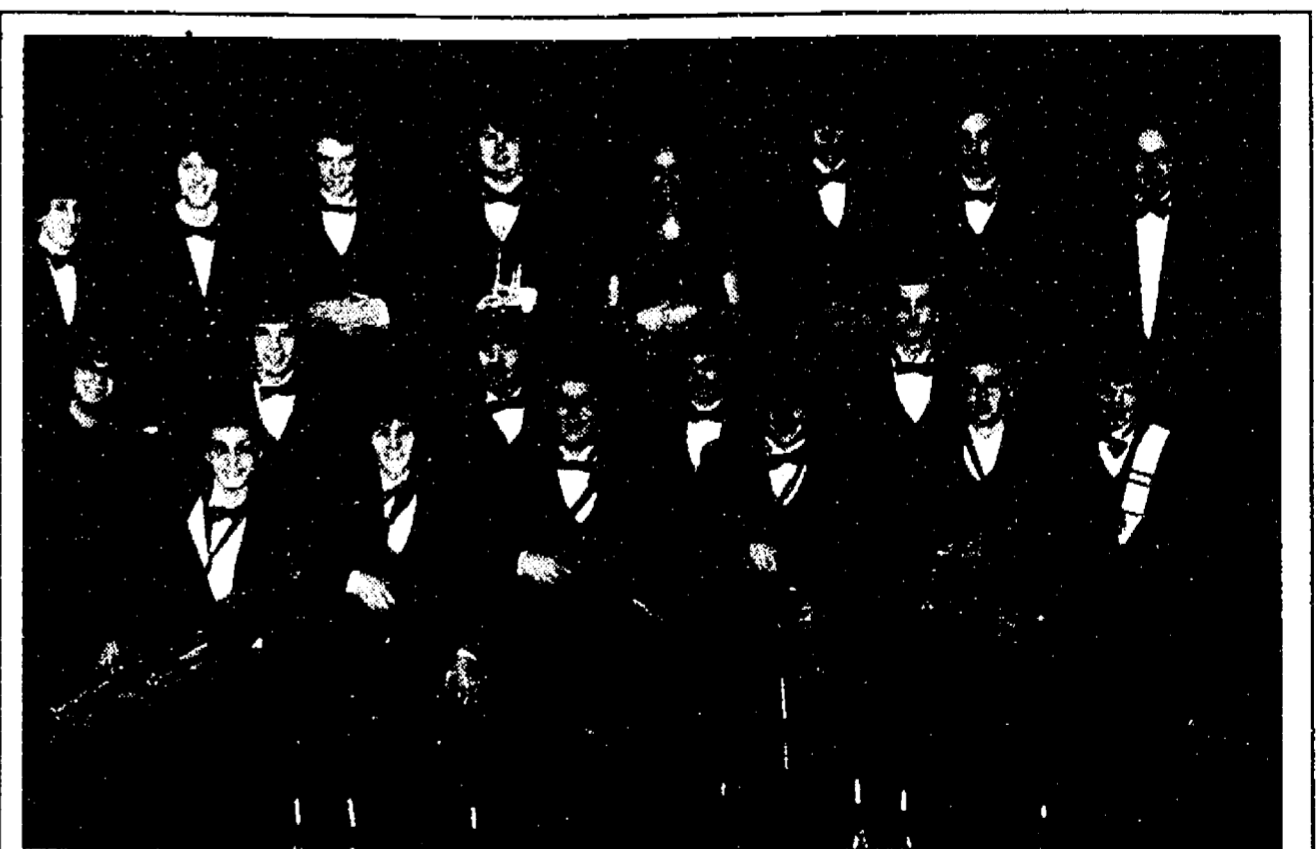
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High marks

The 165-member Grosse Pointe North bands and orchestra performed a total of six concerts at Disney Magic Music Days, held at Epcot and Disney World in Florida April 8-11, returning home with high marks. The bands and orchestra received three of the four highest scores given out at the first national music festival sponsored by Disney, "Festival Disney." The North Concert Band received an excellent rating and the second highest score of its division (fourth highest score overall); the North Symphony Orchestra garnered an excellent rating and was awarded the highest score out of all the orchestras at the festival.

The North Symphony Band captured a superior rating (one of only two such given out for bands and orchestras) and received the highest numerical score out of all the instrumental concert groups. This was North's second trip to Disney World in the past four years. Travel funds are raised by the students.



Jazzy

The Grosse Pointe South High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Dan White, received a first division rating during the March 7 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Jazz Festival. The unclassified festival provides adjudication for both traditional Big Band ensembles and combos. Big band style groups are adjudicated by a panel of three judges, and a fourth judge evaluates sight reading. The groups have free choice of music although it is recommended that one selection come from a basic music list. In sight reading, the director selects a piece of music, rehearses it with the group for 10 minutes and performs the number. The judge clinics and rehearses the group for another 10 minutes. The sight reading session is not part of the final rating. The combos are now a part of the State Solo and Ensemble Festival. Each combo is adjudicated by a single judge and must play a minimum of two selections of contrasting style. Improvisation is an integral part of the performance. Listen to the sounds of the winning jazz band at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12, in the Grosse Pointe Auditorium or at an outdoor concert at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, at Grosse Pointe North. This group will tentatively provide the 7 p.m. Thursday, June 2, music for Music on the Plaza, Kercheval at St. Clair in the Village. A freewill offering will be accepted. The jazz band has also been invited to participate in the Detroit Jazz Festival in Hart Plaza during Labor Day festivities.

Technology creativity showcased

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Pierce seventh- and eighth-grade students know not only how to build a house, but also how to decorate it. They know how to program computers to control the temperature and lighting in a greenhouse. And with the knowledge gained from their computer classes, these students have been able to design and program a robot.

To showcase this knowledge, the students attended a conference for technology teachers from across the state at the Michigan Education Association/Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MEA/MACUL) Student Technology Showcase in Cobo Center. Pierce was one of 26 schools, and Pierce students showed how computer integration can be used in the real world.

Pierce students demonstrated how to use a LEGO computer-controlled product in industrial automation. The first was an automatic control system for a greenhouse.

The greenhouse monitored the temperature of the air. It opened a vent to release overheated air and closed the vent to maintain a correct range of temperature for flowers. The students were also able to program a lighting control system.

Humidity control was something they were still working on, noted Pierce technology teacher Bonnie Middeldorf.

The second project involved the use of a robotic arm to pick up ice cream packages and place them into the appropriate shipping bins. Some of the ice cream packages were to be delivered locally and others were

to be shipped to a distant location. A light sensor was used to determine which package is placed in which bin. Bailey Powell, Jennifer Battles and Charles Wyman were responsible for the robotics demonstrations.

Industrial technology students also showcased their knowledge in the area of CAD and architectural design.

"The showcase gives our students a chance to demonstrate how the latest technology is enhancing and assisting their education," said Ric Wiltse, MACUL executive director.

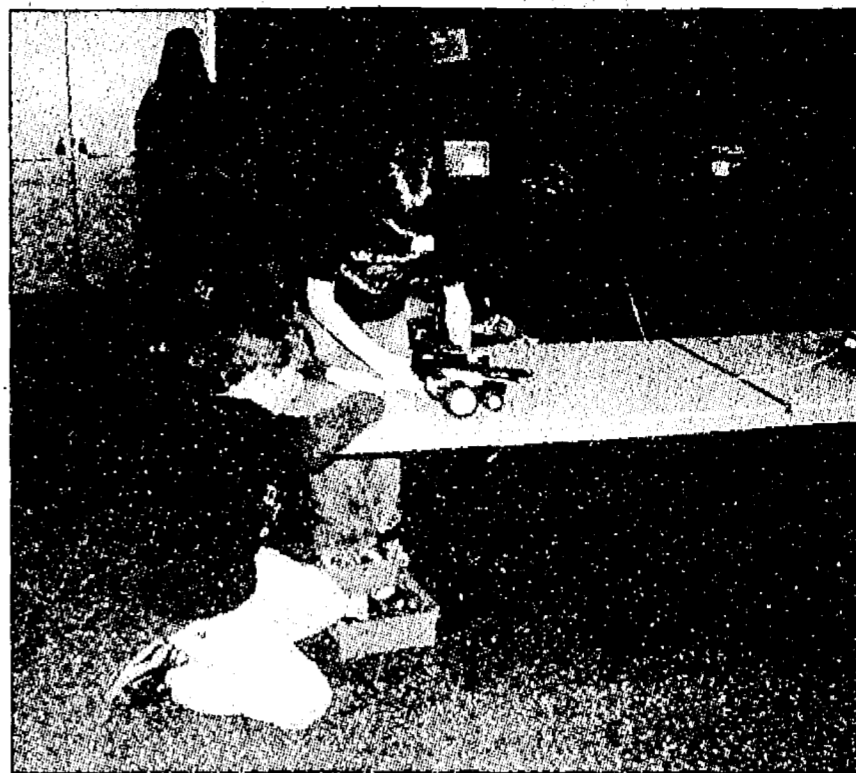
Students who attended the one-day conference were those who showed interest in computer technology beyond the classroom curriculum, Middeldorf said. These are real-world situations, she said, of the temperature controlled greenhouse and of packaging and shipping.

CAD or computer aided design teacher Rex Marshall, introduced his students to residential development.

With a new and free program from Better Homes and Gardens, students were able to choose a plot of land and set up a budget for their residential structure. Each selected a footprint for the house, dealt with elevation, plumbing, electrical and heating issues under the constraints of a predetermined budget built into the program. Once the house was up, the new homeowners were able to furnish the house, right down to the wallpaper and pictures on the wall, Marshall said.

Jeremy Munsterman and Chloe Srebernak demonstrated this for the conference participants.

In addition to the demonstrations, three teams of students were involved in the conference's first autonomous robotics competition. The teams were to be presented with



Photos courtesy Bonnie Middeldorf
Josh Creighton and Collin Nugent entered the MARC (MACUL Autonomous Robotics Competition) during a recent Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning conference.



Bottom left to right, Chloe Srebernak and Bailey Powell. Standing from left, Rex Marshall, Jeremy Munsterman, Jennifer Battles and Charles Wyman.

problems upon their arrival at Cobo. The morning was devoted to building, practicing and recalibrating their designs to accomplish a real-life task.

They came armed with a LEGO MindStorms Robotic Invention set, a light sensor, AA batteries and a sack of lunch so they could work up

until it was time for the afternoon competition. Teams made some type of vehicle to compete in a tug-of-war contest and a sprint race to determine the fastest vehicle. The LEGO hockey athlete was equipped with an appendage to shoot a puck into the net. One Pierce team came in seventh place overall.



Photos courtesy Our Lady Star of the Sea

Science Olympics

Ping pong balls sailed through the air; foil barges floated pennies and coffee cans rolled across the floor as everyday items tested scientific principles in Our Lady Star of the Sea School's annual Science Olympics on March 15. Nearly three dozen students worked during lunch hours and after school to participate in the friendly competition, organized by science teachers Ann Plotzke and Melissa Walter. Above, Sixth-graders, left, Carmel Liburdi of Harper Woods, and Melanie Carolan of Grosse Pointe Woods teamed up to build a straw tower to hold a cup of pennies.

A raw egg survived a drop of several feet having been encased in a straw structure fashioned by fifth-grader Brian Crombez of Harper Woods.



Poster

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pers, bottles and cans. "I think people should recycle more," she said.

Diana Dodge took a second place in the Earth Day poster contest. She, too, is against pollution and depicted it by creating a picture of a happy girl in a tire swing beneath a green tree. Too much pollution, as she also illustrated, resulted with dead trees, an empty tire swing and landscape littered with trash.

She said one of her biggest complaints is that there is garbage everywhere, as well as too much air pollution.

"I stop to pick up litter," she said.

Another second-place winner was Tori Krumpka for her poster of endangered animals.

"No matter how big. No matter how small. Every animal counts," her poster pointed out.

"I've always liked animals. I'd like to raise money to save the rain forest, areas where the animals live."

E.A. Kennedy was another second place winner with her outer space picture of the earth. It is surrounded by life on the planet — people, flowers, animals, birds,

and water.

Eighth grade

Sarah Siwak said she had observed Earth Day in elementary school by planting a sapling in her yard. Her 2005 recognition of Earth Day with a poster of the earth was honored as the winner of the eighth-grade entries.

Decrying pollution, her poster said, "Every little bit hurts."

"We need oxygen to live," said Julie Stieber, who was given a second place. She also coined the acronym PAT, plant a tree, on her poster so people would realize what a tree means to the life of the planet.

Quinn Scillian also took second place with her school oriented poster.

"I was doing it in school and wanted a school theme," she said. On the left side she gave the grade of an F for forests which have been eliminated and an "A" for sunshine and birds flying above a forest.

Earth Day to be continued

Observing Earth Day at Pierce Middle School is a warm-up for a trial run at recycling aluminum cans in the lunch room.

Student Council advisor Andrew Taylor said he has a sixth-grade Senator who is pushing to take on a recycling project.

A cost-prohibitive project for the Grosse Pointe School District, Taylor said, his student would take it on for a limited time and limited scope.

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iPod creator talks to South High students about focus

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

"Tony would take apart anything and everything. His room was filled with anything," said Tony Fadell's mother, Patricia. She was beaming as her son, the creator of the iPod and a 1987 graduate of Grosse Pointe South, talked to South students. "He would always tell me, 'Mom, I don't need the directions. I can do it.'"

Fadell's engineering ability combined with his love of music merged as he followed his passion to Silicon Valley after graduation from the University of Michigan Engineering School in 1991. It led him to begin his own company, Fuse, which failed because he was unable to get financing.

"I learned more from my start-up company what my strengths and weaknesses were. There is never a guarantee of success. My career was marginal success, but I kept going," he told the high schoolers who filled nearly every seat in the auditorium.

Fadell, who sits on the U of M's engineering department advisory board, didn't give up and maintained his focus. Coming to Apple via smaller companies, General Magic, Inc., Philips Consumer electronics and as an independent contractor for Apple. In April 2001 Fadell became the senior director of iPod. Also, during that time, he has received five patents issued at General Magic, two as principal author and three others as co-author.

The iPod is the merging of music and technology, Fadell explained. "The dif-



Photo by Robert McKean

Tony Fadell talked to students of Grosse Pointe South, his alma mater, about following his heart. Fadell is passionate about his work, which led him to creating the iPod. This was his first visit back to South since his graduation in 1987 and found it comfortable and the students friendly.

ference is it's cool and fun. You enjoy it because it is so easy to use."

An iPod user downloads music from a personal computer into it and is able to carry music wherever the user goes.

With no team and a few months, instead of a year, Fadell created the handheld music machine. He said he was still dazed and confused about his invention but emphasized his reward is that the public likes his work. "That is the most fulfillment I can get."

"We always knew Tony would be huge in something. Tony was our paper boy but he was also the one

who would rebuild anything. He was always dynamite," said former neighbor Sarah Mebus-Holder, who lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Success

Enthusiastically reiterating his theme to the young audience, Fadell's advice was, "It's important to do something with a passion, and you will be a success."

Fadell attributes success to his grandfather, John Tishuck, a former Hamtramck superintendent. Fadell said he believes he got the best of two worlds, thanks to his grandfather who was both an edu-

cator and a craftsman.

"When I was young, three or four, he gave me a hammer to teach me. The hands-on learning taught me to be an engineer. He taught me how to build stuff and (that) empowered me."

It was also his grandfather who saw to it, the boy who, at various times, sold eggs, worked in a bowling alley, and was a paper boy and a dj, got his first computer in 1979. His second in 1980 was an Apple II.

Just as his grandfather gave him an insight into how to look at parts to make a whole, Fadell explained that his team at Apple looks all over the world for the right building blocks which are assembled into new technology.

Yet, he cautioned his audience not to get consumed by technology. "We always need people and each other. We are saturated with ads and technology. We need to find a balance. Focus on what needs to be done."

He has found a combination that works for him by rising early to check his e-mail and discover what has happened over night in other parts of the world, followed by a five-mile run, breakfast and work. A typical work day ends at 6 p.m. and dinner with his wife, also an Apple employee, and a final check of his e-mail.

Checking his e-mail now will have a hometown bend. Attired in a South tee shirt, sipping coffee from a South mug, he will run his busy mouse over a South mouse pad, as always, passionately focused on the future which he said will "surprise and delight."



Photo courtesy Charles Sabino

Sound of music

Grosse Pointe South sophomores Gillian Markwick, left, with her bass and clarinetist Peter Sabino will be playing with the Michigan Schools Band and Orchestra Association's (MSBOA) All State Honors Orchestra and Band. Markwick began playing the bass at age 11 and is a member of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony. She studies with John Kennedy. Sabino began playing clarinet at the age of nine and is a member of the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra and the Michigan Youth Symphony Orchestra. He studies with Ted Oien, principal clarinetist of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Invitations to play in the all-state band and orchestra are extended to students who receive the highest scores on solo performance and proficiency tests at the recent solo and ensemble competition.

Student publication honored

Pierce Middle School's student newspaper, The Trojan Times, was honored with a Gold Crown Award by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association at Columbia University. A crown award is widely considered the highest honor a student publication can receive.

The Trojan Times earned its sixth crown, a national middle school record. This year's award was one of three given out. The senior editors were Kate Brennan, Jordan Browne and Hannah Srebernak. Andrew Taylor is the advisor. Junior editors were Jenna Huitsing, Alyssa Carr, Kaitlin Arnold, Daniel Dickson, Marielle Heidebrink, Alex Rentz and John Sullivan. The newspaper is published every three weeks for a circulation of 700.

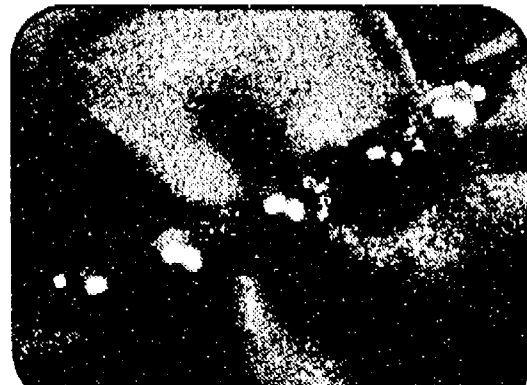
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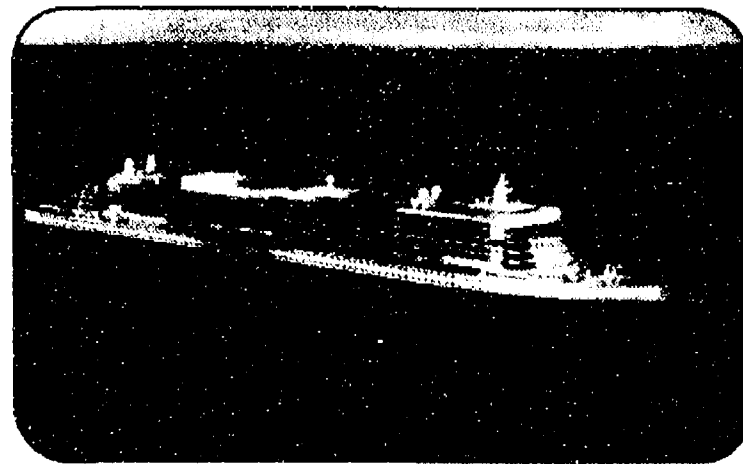
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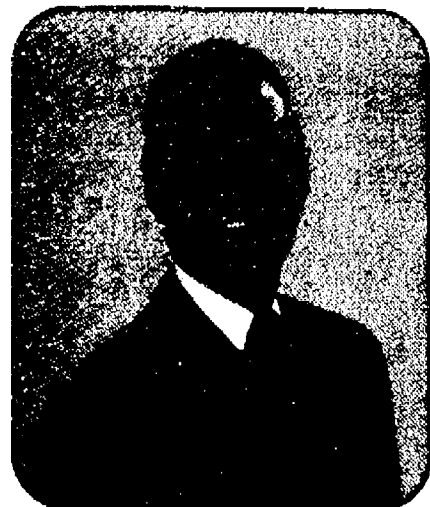
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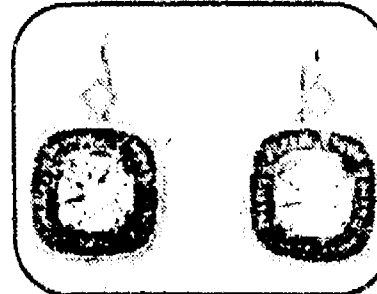
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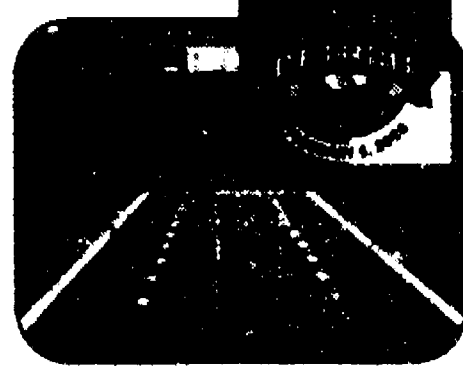
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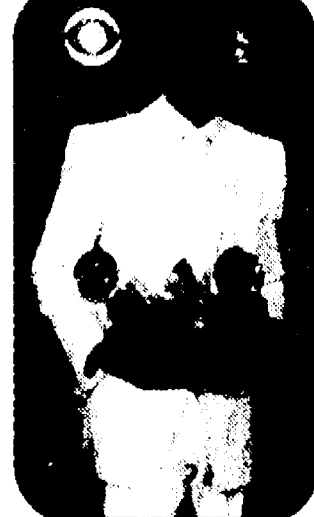
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Golden tones

Pierce Middle School choir, under the direction of Heather Albrecht, and the Pierce string orchestra, under the direction of James Gross, traveled to Toronto on April 23, where both groups participated in the Heritage Festivals of Music and received a gold medal rating. Gold medal ratings earn a composite score of 90 or more.

The strings orchestra was also honored with Best Orchestra Overall Award, leading a field that contained several high school orchestras, and an adjudication trophy that is accompanied by an invitation to participate in the 2006 festival held in Boston. They were also invited to work with Keith Lockhart, conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra.

The choir students attending were the following: Stephanie Aboukasm, Lily Altavena, Roseanne Atsalakis, Emma Baker, Jesse Baker, Danielle Brand, Sean Buckley, Kathryn Carey, Robin Cook, Claire Dennehy, Madeline Dombi, Alexander Edwards, Sean Foley, Jacqueline Fontaine, Adele Freeman, Victoria Grant, Elizabeth Grosset, Chase Hall, Sara Hess, Deirdre Izant, Lauren Jacob, Christine Jarboe, Angel Jarema, Claire Jones, Christopher Khoury, David Krueger, Kaitlyn Krupka, Jordan Long, Jonathan Manganello, Kayla Manown, Kelly Marantette, Erin Monahan, Madison Morgan, Megan Muer, Emily Munsterman, Jade Nehra, Caleb Neumeyer, Adriana Notarangelo, Grace Piche, Hannah Reimer, Nichole Rottach, Alexandra Sabella, Julia Schneider, Quinn Scillian, Anneliese Sparks, Sara Stanzler, Jacqueline Stevens, Rachel Teets, Emily Trexler and Alexis White.

The strings orchestra students attending included the following: Alex Acton, John Beckius, Nick Blanz, Haley Carpenter, Chris Danel, Andrew Denier, Alexia Diamond, Hilary Doherty, Zach Franchett, Ana Frost, Chelsea Gilbert, Curtis Gough, Leo Hall, Matt Halso, Mike Harrison, Patrick Kaiser, William Kim, Chris Langenburg, Bridgett McDevitt, Abigail Miller, Oswald Milo, Colin Nugent, Jaclyn Onstwedder, Nina Pieroni, Hannah Plechl, Darien Paone, Myah Ray, Mark Rozny, Brendon Wilson and Jasper Zientek.



Moliere lives!

Actor and writer Timothy Mooney portrayed the French playwright Moliere, who died 300 years ago, during a recent program at Grosse Pointe South High School. French students said they found the 75-minute, one-man show informative and entertaining. The event was funded by the Grosse Pointe South Mother's Club.

Outsourcing technology support study requested

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Being proactive on saving the Grosse Pointe school district money, the board of education is considering outsourcing the district's technical support.

Before a final decision is made, the board will hire Wright & Hunter to develop a report on the feasibility of outsourcing the 11-member technology department. The study's cost is \$11,500.

This is proactive on cost saving, said board member Ahmed Ismail, during the Monday, March 14, meeting. Jeffrey Broderick added that he thought this would be money well spent, as did Joan Dindoffer.

"It's an investment we have to make," she said.

The company will complete a preliminary research study to determine the willingness of outsourcing com-

panies to enter into an agreement with the school district and maintaining its information technology set-up. Wright & Hunter will work with the district to define the scope of hardware, software, services, maintenance, locations and staff to be included in a managed service. Finally, the company will help the district in evaluation of the responses from interested companies.

It is the job of the district's technology staff to maintain the network, keep more than 3,600 computers in working order, manage the help desk and provide technical support to the staff.

According to assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction Susan D. Allan, the board's budget committee has indicated this study was a priority.

Sports memorabilia show

Calling all sports buffs. Pierce Middle School is hosting its first sports card and memorabilia show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 30.

After watching the Grosse Pointe Little League Baseball parade travel Kercheval to signify it's time to play ball, carry that enthusiasm to the gym of Pierce.

There guests will find vendors to buy, sell and trade baseball, basketball and hockey collectables. A different item of sports collectables and Tiger game tickets will take place every hour.

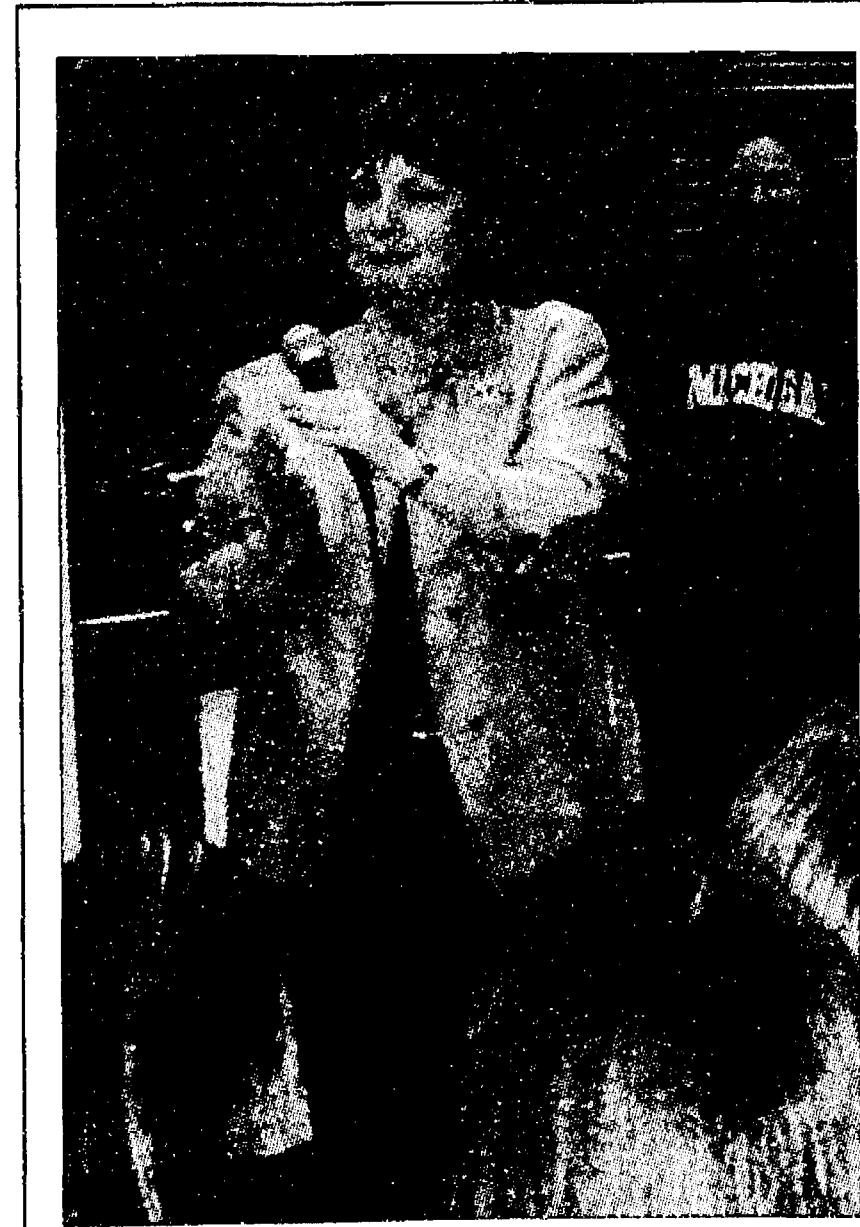
Autograph guests will be available to sign your sports

collectable including Dave Bergman, member of the Detroit Tigers 1984 World Series Champs. He will be on hand from 10 a.m. to noon signing autographs for \$5. For \$10, he will sign a special 1984 wave card.

A Lou Whitaker 1983 game used, uncracked bat will be available. The bat which saw 213 hits will be accompanied by an authenticated letter.

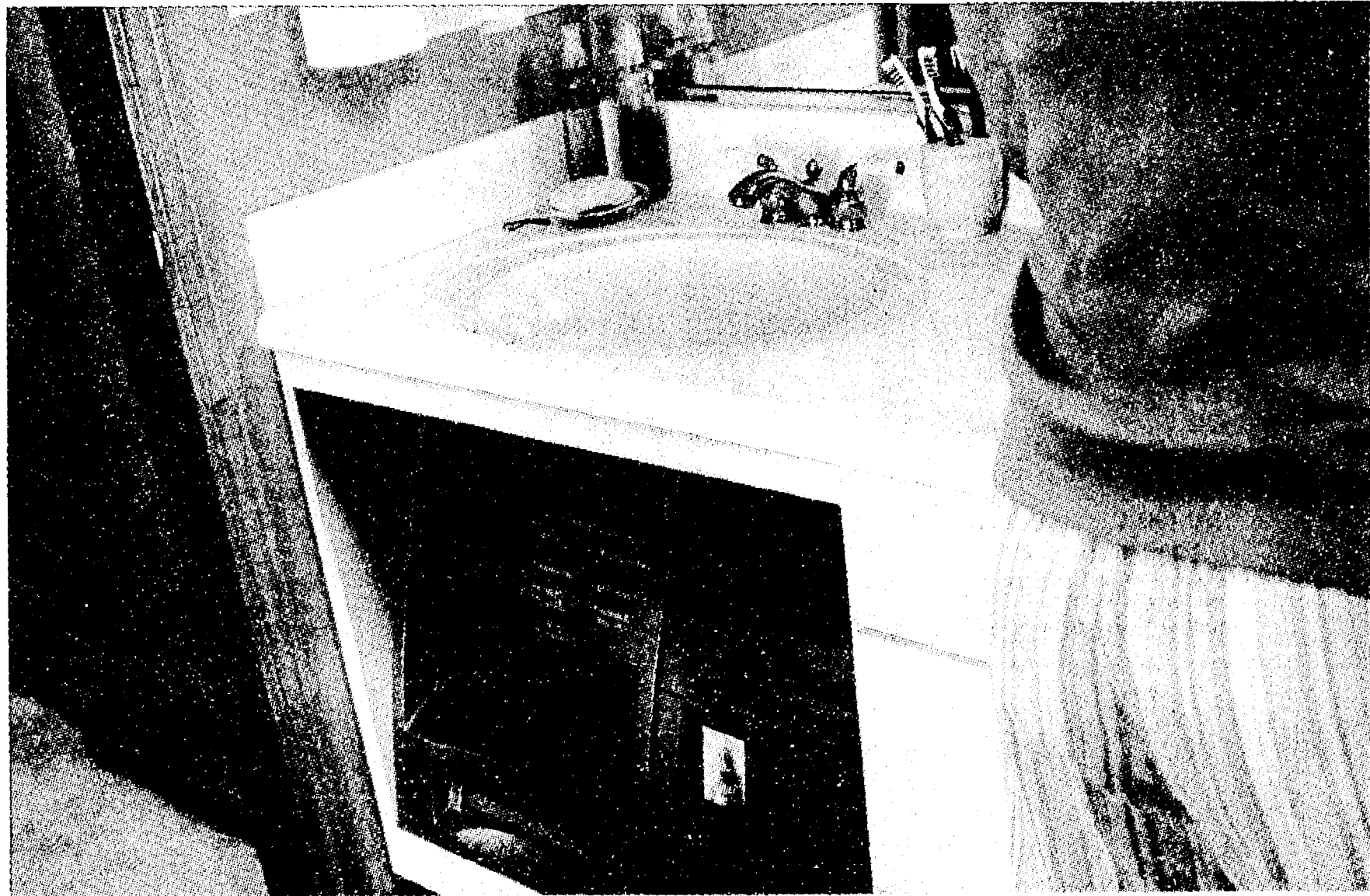
All proceeds for the event will benefit the Pierce athletic and activity program. Vendor tables are still available; call (313) 432-4704 for more information. Rent one table for \$30 or two for \$50.

Baked goods and hot dogs will be on sale.



Tell me a story

Nationally recognized storyteller Yvonne Healy performed for Parcels and Brownell middle school students on March 2 and 3. She used a multicultural approach to original stories based on extensive research in folklore, mythology and history and exposed the students to the spoken art of storytelling. Also during her performances, students were active participants in the interpretation of the stories. Both national and state language arts curriculum standards include oral language as an integral part of academic and literacy development, which made her presentations valuable to the broader education of Grosse Pointe students.



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Eyes on Design Car Show focuses on designers

"There's more to automotive design than meets the eye," said Ralph Gilles, director of exterior/interior product design and specialty vehicles at

ers are seeking training in fields in addition to automotive design, such as marketing and sociology, to better do their jobs.

"For example, people ask



DaimlerChrysler Corp., in kicking off a discussion by a panel of automotive designers at an Automotive Press Association lunch at the Detroit Athletic Club.

'why four doors?' The original Charger was a two-door, but a four-door configuration will give it a broader potential market," he said. "Instead of thinking of it

Gilles, who was lead designer of the new 2005 Charger, said many design-

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John Marsh's painting for this year's Eyes on Design Show poster pays homage to great international automotive designers. Starting at the left of the top row and proceeding clockwise are Raymond Loewy, with his Studebaker coupe; Werner Gubitz of Packard Motor Car Co.; Andrew F. Johnson, who operated a design school in New York and trained many designers at Cass Technical High School in Detroit; Luigi Segre of Ghia, Italy; Virgil Exner, who worked at General Motors, with Raymond Loewy and became Chrysler Corp.'s first vice-president of styling and author of the corporation's famous "Forward Look" in the late '50s; Harley Earl, Hollywood designer of custom Cadillacs who became the industry's first styling chief at General Motors in 1927 and changed the course of the auto industry; Pinin Farina, Italian designer; Giogietto Giugiaro of Italdesign; George Jergenson, former Art Center transportation chair; Count Alexis de Sakhnoffsky, designer of classic special-body Packards, Cadillacs and other cars and designer of the American Austin and Bantam production cars; Sue Vanderbilt, one of the earliest women designers at General Motors; Tom Matano (lower left) of Mazda and presently director of Industrial Design at Academy of Art College in San Francisco; Ed Welburn, vice president design for GM North America; and the central figure in the painting, holding a model of a concept car, is Strother MacMinn, longtime stylist and instructor in industrial design at Art Center College.



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Here's a Jag that will love you back: S-Type

By Steve Schaefer

The Jaguar S-Type feels like a favorite thing. Whether you are admiring it while it's parked in your dri-

ment, are meant to make it all flow together more attractively. Larger standard wheels, in five new alloy designs, add presence,

For a luxury sedan that will love you back, you really should consider the new, now even more delightful, 2005 Jaguar S-Type.

veaway or cruising down any road, it is a welcome place for the mind and the body. Evoking its more than 70 years of Jaguar history, the S-Type offers a comforting alternative to its German, Scandinavian and American rivals.

The S-Type fits cleanly into the midsize luxury segment, neither too big nor too small. Its classic Jaguar proportions make for a cozy fit inside, where thick carpets and sensuously curved surfaces calm your tensions. Outside, it is every inch a Jaguar, with numerous familiar styling cues, from the narrow grille to the round quad headlamps that merge sensuously into the hood to the window greenhouse to the tapered tail with its arching chrome finisher.

The S-Type arrived in 1999, and although the 2005 closely resembles that original car, many of its features have been enhanced for 2005. The undulating hood is now made of aluminum, and integrates more neatly with the subtly revised grille. Panel fit has been tightened up all around. Some character lines were refined or even deleted, and other touches, like the sparkling taillamp and expanded chrome tail orna-

and you can order 12 different paint colors too.

The S-Type's interior didn't really need improvement, but Jaguar did it anyway. My tester had the new aluminum fascia in place of real wood, the first time S-Type buyers have had the chance to save a tree. It had a visible texture but was smooth to the touch. The jewelry-like instrument panel displays more information than before. The other interior materials were treated to an upgrade too.

There are no slugs in the S-Type garage. My Quartz colored test unit was the least potent S-Type, yet it had a 3.0-liter 235 horsepower V6 under the hood. Connected to a six-speed automatic, the first in the midprice luxury field, my S-Type never felt less than vigorous on the highway, and it purred like a kitten in town. The V6 is plenty sophisticated, with four overhead camshafts (not just two), four valves per cylinder, continuously variable cam phasing, and variable geometry air intakes. EPA fuel numbers are 18 city, 26 highway. I averaged 19.4 miles per gallon.

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The 2005 Jaguar S-Type

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303 pound-feet of torque. Adding only 55 pounds, it shaves 1.3 seconds off the V6's perfectly decent 7.5-second zero to 60 times. If that doesn't satisfy your craving for more zoom, try the supercharged version of the V8, with an eye-popping 390 horsepower and 399 pound-feet of torque. Now you're talking 5.3 seconds from zero to 60, and you'll start seeing some serious sports cars disappearing in your rearview mirrors.

The S-Type bristles with safety equipment for your complete peace of mind. Front, side, and front and rear side-curtain air bags are a given. Jaguar's cleverly named A.R.T.S., or Adaptive Restraint Technology System, uses ultrasonic sensors for the front passenger. This means the air bags may inflate quickly in a severe crash, more slowly in a milder collision, and maybe not at all in case of a minor incident. This helps avoid unnecessary injury from the air bags and also saves the substan-

tial cost of replacing the spent air bag after a low-speed crash.

For avoiding an accident altogether, the S-Type uses Dynamic Stability Control to electronically compensate when the car gets off track, reducing engine torque or selectively braking one or more wheels, all without driver intervention. Emergency Brake Assist delivers maximum brake response in case of emergency by electronically stomping on the pedal when the driver has not applied enough pressure to stop the car quickly.

As a Jaguar, the S-Type

has plenty of standard features, such as power windows, locks and mirrors. Of course there are dual controls for the automatic climate control, leather-covered power driver and passenger seats, and more. I was surprised that the front seats were not heated, it's an option.

My tester had the sport package (\$1,700), which includes 18-inch alloy wheels, a sport tuned suspension, larger front brake rotors, the aforementioned aluminum interior trim, sport style seats that gripped my torso for all they're worth, and leather

on the steering wheel and shift knob. It also sported an optional sunroof (\$1,100). The bottom line for my test unit was \$47,695, including transportation charges.

If you want to step up to the V8, they start at \$51,995, and you'll still have to order the heated seats as an option. The supercharged car will set you back \$58,995, with a navigation system the only item left out.

For a luxury sedan that will love you back, you really should consider the new, now even more delightful, 2005 Jaguar S-Type.

What to do if you find yourself involved in an auto accident

(ARA) — Knowing what to do and being prepared will help you deal with an auto accident.

Prevention is the easiest way to avoid an accident. Make sure your car is in good working order so that you don't stall out on the highway going 60 miles per hour. Check your brakes regularly so you know you can stop when you need to, and make sure your tires are in good shape — worn down treads give you less control, especially in wet driving conditions. Drive defensively — don't eat, talk on the phone, or do anything else that will distract you from the road while driving. Always wear your seat belt, and make sure kids are buckled into appropriate car seats.

Before you hit the road, make sure you have adequate insurance coverage. Be sure to keep proof of insurance, along with the phone number of your agent or insurance company, in your car. Farmers Insurance Group has a new service

called Farmers HelpPoint that not only speeds up the claims process but also assists customers who have just been through a crisis.

If you're involved in an accident, the first consideration is safety. If you're on the highway, it could be dangerous to leave the car until law enforcement personnel can block traffic. You should call the police any time you are involved in an auto accident.

If it's safe to get out of the car, check for injuries among your passengers and among other drivers and their passengers. Make sure everyone involved in the accident is OK. A person's well-being is much more important than damage to the vehicles. In the event of a minor fender bender, emergency medical care may not be necessary. But if there's any doubt, call 911 for medical help at once. A cell phone makes it easy to get the help you need quickly.

Write down the names, addresses, phone numbers and license numbers of everyone involved in the

accident. Keep a pad of paper and a pen or pencil in your glove box for emergencies. You'll also want to get the names and phone numbers of any passenger in the vehicles, as well as anyone who witnessed the accident.

Write down a description of the other vehicles involved in the accident, as well as specifics regarding the damage to each vehicle. It is a good idea to keep a disposable camera in your car so you can photograph the exterior and interior of the vehicles involved in the accident. Try to get all angles — front, back and sides.

Record details about the accident, such as the location; note any special circumstances such as bad weather conditions or low visibility.

Notify your insurance company as soon as possible after the accident. They will give you instructions on how to file a claim and any further steps you should take to deal with the accident.

Design

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as a two-door, we approached it as a sedan with an attitude," said Gilles. "This is not the 'next Charger'; this is a car with a Charger attitude."

Dr. Philip C. Hessburg, president of the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, sponsor of the annual Eyes on Design Car Show, unveiled the official 2005 Eyes of Design artwork, created by John Marsh.

The painting features key automotive designers who have influenced design around the world, including Harley Earl, who established the auto industry's first design studio at General Motors, and such design luminaries as Virgil Exner, Raymond Loewy and Pinin Farina.

Marsh's career began when he was 14, painting, designing and modeling cars for the Fisher Body Craftsmen Guild, winning numerous prizes and scholarships. Marsh is an alumnus of The Art Center School, a veteran of GM's Design Center and owner of his Industrial Design Office

for the past 40 years.

Hessburg also announced that this year's 18th annual Eyes on Design Show will be held on Sunday, June 26, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. The 2005 theme is "International Vehicle Design."

The Eye and the Auto 2005, he said, will focus on light. This is an international congress which will discuss the interplay of driver's vision, automotive lighting, headlamp technology and the milieu in which the operator and vehicle perform.

Marsh's artwork will be the official poster of the 2005 event.

A Michelin spokesman said that the 2006 Michelin Design Challenge to be featured at next year's North American International Auto Show will be "Designs for California." Brian Nielander, design manager, aerodynamics, at DaimlerChrysler Corp., discussed some of the sophisticated technology being used to determine how well a body moves through the air. Tom Peters, director of

design-mid-size trucks, at General Motors (recently vehicle chief designer for the C6 Corvette), also discussed aerodynamics factors which must be weighed by designers.

He stressed that "lift" and "drag" are important variables to assure that high-performance vehicles stay on the road and do not become airborne.

The Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology is a charitable organization whose mission is to assist and educate the visually impaired, help preserve vision by public and professional education and conduct research related to the eye.

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Rooftop rescue

A 25-year-old man from the eastside of Detroit flipped out on drugs early Sunday morning and wound up on the roof of a house in the 800 block of Washington in the City of Grosse Pointe. Officers arrived at the scene on Sunday, April 25, at 5:12 a.m.

They found the man crouching behind an air conditioning unit. Officers used a fire truck to search the rest of the roof.

"He said he was high on a combination of cocaine, marijuana and alcohol," said Detective Ron Wiczorek. "He was paranoid and thought someone was after him."

Records showed the man called 911 for help 16 times during the ordeal.

The ruckus awoke the resident and her daughter, plus numerous neighbors who heard the man yelling for help.

"He didn't cause any damage other than scaring the devil out of our residents and disrupting our 911 service," Wiczorek said.

Police suspect the man may be responsible for a broken window a block away on Rivard.

Although charges haven't been settled, police said they don't want the man in their city again. They said they wouldn't mind if he's fired from his 2-week-old job at a restaurant in the Village.

Teen & drugs

City of Grosse Pointe police found marijuana and drug paraphernalia in the car of an 18-year-old Farms man pulled over on Mack near Rivard on Friday, April 22, at 12:47 p.m.

Police said the man's green 1995 Honda Accord four-door was outfitted with a license plate for a 2000 Jeep.

"I approached (the) driver and detected a strong odor of marijuana," said the arresting officer. "(His) eyes

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were red."

When the man stepped from his vehicle officers noticed a small plastic bag in the driver-door compartment.

"He admitted the bag had marijuana," police said.

Officers found rolling papers under the passenger seat and in one of the driver's pant pockets.

\$100,000 gone

The female caregiver of a City of Grosse Pointe man is being investigated in connection with approximately \$100,000 the man reports began missing incrementally from his bank account during the last four months of the woman's nearly 10 years of employment.

The man will provide police bank statements and other documents regarding the matter.

Phantom found

On Friday, April 22, at about 7 a.m., a City of Grosse Pointe patrolman was dispatched to a house on Village Lane to retrieve an abandoned Schwinn Phantom boys bicycle.

A resident of the dwelling found the bike in her front bushes.

Officers took it to headquarters for storage.

Gotcha

On Thursday, April 21, at about 2:45 p.m., a Village clothing store clerk trailed a suspected shoplifter from the clerk's place of employment in the 17000 block of Kercheval and confronted the suspect at another store across the street.

"(The clerk) states that (the) defendant was shopping in (the clothing) store when (the clerk) noticed there were price tags hanging out of (the suspect's) purse," police said.

Upon catching the suspect, the clerk convinced her to return to the clothing store where six stolen items worth a total \$159 were retrieved.

Police said the suspect, a 57-year-old Rochester resident, had a record of arrest for larceny in Warren.

Cashed out

On Tuesday, April 19, at about 3:45 p.m., a woman stole \$80 from the open cash register of an office supply store in the 17400 block of Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe. The clerk wasn't looking.

The woman took the money in denominations of \$5s and \$10s.

"(She) came to (the police) station and returned (the) money, which was returned to (the) store," police said.

Car damaged

Sometime between Sunday, April 17, at noon and 8 a.m. the next day, someone vandalized a black 2005 Chevrolet parked in a driveway on Grosse Pointe Court.

City of Grosse Pointe police described the damage as a broken driver-side mirror and dented passenger-side door.

Damage was estimated at \$1,000.

10 suspensions, 3 warrants

On Sunday, April 17, at 3:40 p.m., City of Grosse Pointe police impounded the white 1990 Oldsmobile Tornado Trofeo that an unlicensed 29-year-old Harper Woods man was caught driving on eastbound Mack near St. Clair.

An officer had pulled over the man because the Oldsmobile didn't have a muffler.

Police said the man had 10 current license suspensions and two prior suspensions.

Records showed him wanted on two \$100 warrants from 36th District Court.

City police arrested the man and released him to Center Line authorities on an unspecified \$3,000 warrant.

Unlicensed

Records showed that a 26-year-old Detroit man caught driving a car in the parking lane of eastbound Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms was wanted on two traffic warrants in Detroit.

On Sunday, April 17, at 11:16 a.m., an officer stopped the man driving a white four-door 1993 Oldsmobile near Madison. The man's driver license had been suspended four times.

Unlicensed but suspended

On Friday, April 22, at 11:25 a.m., a 22-year-old Detroit man admitted to Grosse Pointe Farms police he shouldn't have been behind the wheel of a silver 1996 Mercury Sable on westbound Ridge near Fisher.

"He admitted he had never acquired a Michigan driver license and has several suspensions for unpaid tickets," police said.

The man's license had been suspended six times. He was wanted on two \$100 warrants from Grosse Pointe Woods for failing to appear in court.

A 28-year-old male passenger from Detroit was turned over to Troy police on a \$25,000 warrant for failure to appear in court on charges of assault and battery.

Neglectful

On Friday, April 22, at

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Photo by Brad Lindberg

G.P. Shores' Murphy awarded for heroism

From the time Steven Murphy knew he wanted to be a police officer, he looked forward to serving in special operations.

"I enjoy the excitement," said Murphy, a six-year public safety officer with the Grosse Pointe Shores and volunteer member of the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods Special Response Team.

Murphy got all the excitement he needed a few months ago when responding to a gunman holed up in a house in Grosse Pointe Park. The man was threatening suicide with a rifle.

As a stand-off dragged on, Murphy sneaked up on the man and disabled him with a jolt from a Taser pistol. Tasers shoot electricity, not bullets, stunning dangerous people into submission without injury.

"I had nothing to lose," Murphy said. "It was either that, or we would have had to shoot him. Or he could have hurt one of us."

This week Murphy received the John H. Cover Medal for Non-Lethal Heroism in saving the man's life.

Murphy, left, received the honor from Stephen Poloni, right, Shores public safety director.

"We're proud of Officer Murphy for his fine job in the use of non-lethal force and the fine job he does for our department," said Poloni.

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Safety

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11:15 a.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police stopped a 32-year-old Detroit man driving a black 2001 Dodge pickup with a license plate that expired in January.

During a roadside investigation on Kerby near Mack, police learned the man's driver license had been sus-

pended in Farms Municipal Court.

"He had a (\$500) warrant out of Macomb County for neglecting child support," police said.

The man posted bond and was released at 12:30 p.m.

Car B&E

A car was broken into while parked Thursday, April 21, from 5 to 9:59 p.m., behind a business in the 18600 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The vehicle's female owner from Detroit said thieves broke out a passenger window and stole a \$200 Pioneer car stereo and 80 compact discs worth an estimated \$1,600.

A screwdriver found on the passenger floor was recovered and dusted for fingerprints. Police said results require further study by evidence technicians.

Shoplifting

On Thursday, April 21, at

4:44 p.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police caught a 43-year-old Detroit man shortly after he allegedly tried to shoplift three bottles of liquor from a store on the Hill.

When a clerk confronted the man in the store, he reportedly surrendered the alcohol. Police said he left the store and ran down an alley to the Richard Elementary school playground.

"(I) was able to grab him

from behind and take him to the ground," said an officer.

"(The) store manager stated she observed (the man) in the store multiple times shoplifting prior to this incident," police said.

The man was wanted on three unspecified warrants from Detroit with no bond. Detroit officers arrived at Farms headquarters to take him into custody.

Witnesses think the suspect had a female accomplice waiting for him behind

the wheel of a white older model Pontiac Grand Am that left the area.

Bronco busted

A 16-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms male was arrested on drug charges Wednesday, April 20, at 5:40 p.m., after being stopped for a traffic violation.

Police said the teenager made an illegal U-turn in a blue 1998 Ford Bronco on Grosse Pointe Boulevard near a high school and the corner of Fisher.

"Officers observed an air freshener hanging from the rearview mirror which is known by officers to cover up the smell of marijuana," police said.

A search of the Bronco turned up a plastic bag containing 1.6 grams of suspected marijuana in the ash tray. Police asked detectives to seek charges for having drugs in a school zone.

Officers released the juvenile to his father.

"A hold has been placed on (his) vehicle until it can be determined if the vehicle will be seized," police said.

Attempted car theft in Farms

A car belonging to a St. Clair Shores woman was almost stolen while parked Tuesday, April 19, from 5 to 9:38 p.m., in a lot behind a grocery store in the 18000 block of Mack near Moross.

The woman said she returned to her 1995 Chevrolet Caprice to find the passenger-side door lock and steering column damaged.

"(She said) the vehicle was probably not taken due to the fact that it was equipped with a kill switch," police said.

Slow down

Last weekend's snowstorm revealed that a 56-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man might want to trade in his pony car for something with less horsepower and better traction.

He spun out his black 2004 Ford Mustang and ran off South Deeplands shortly after 6 p.m. Saturday, April 23.

The Mustang left the roadway, damaging the fence and lawn of a dwelling. The driver blamed the gaff on icy conditions, not speed.

Drunk speeds

A 34-year-old Troy man registered a .138 percent blood alcohol level upon being investigated last weekend for drunken driving in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Police said the man was weaving at 56 mph in a red 2004 Dodge Durango at speeds reaching 56 mph on northbound Lakeshore near Lochmoor.

"The vehicle struck the curb near Willison," police said. "The driver's speech was slurred. He seemed easily distracted."

The man "swayed and staggered" his way through failing a balance test before being arrested.

Smoky wire

On Friday, April 22, at 6:07 p.m., a Grosse Pointe Shores resident told police of smoke coming from the power line leading to his house in the 900 block of Ballantyne. An officer investigated the line but found nothing wrong.

Burning bushes

A small fire broke out Tuesday, April 19, at about 5:30 p.m., on the grounds of a private yacht club in the 700 block of Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"Upon arrival, officers were led to the south side of the pool where five small shrubs (and) mulch near the sidewalk were burning," said Shores fire fighters. "The fire was mostly extinguished by security at the scene."



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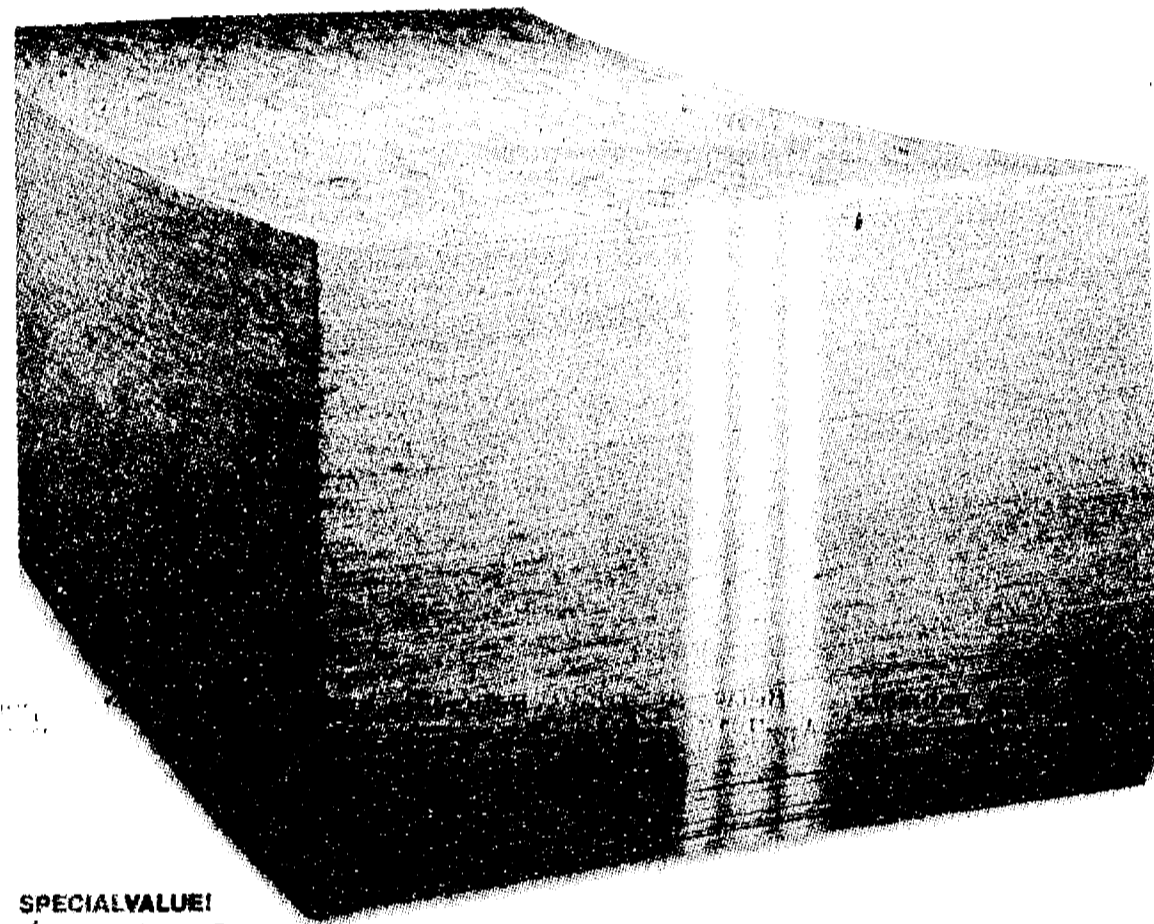
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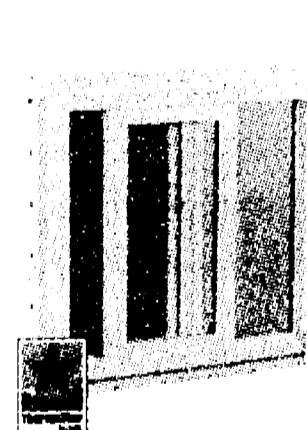
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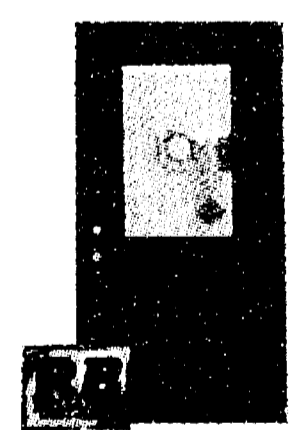
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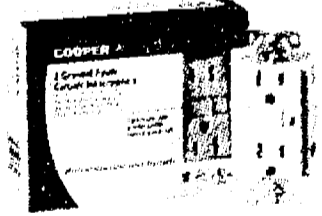
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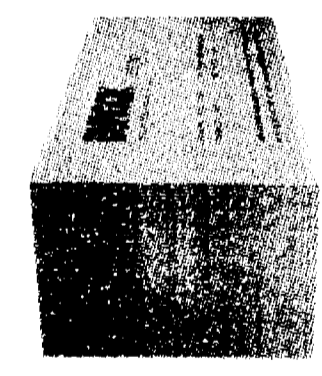
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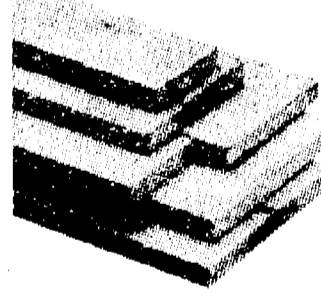
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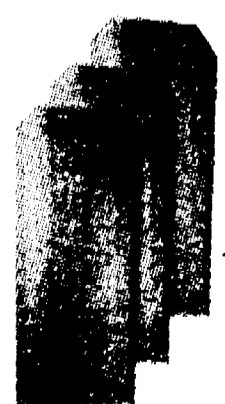
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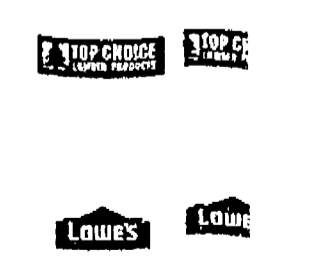
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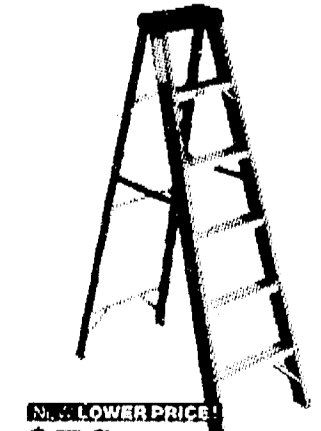
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Safety

A public safety officer used a hose from the marina to extinguish fire that remained.

Electrical power was shut off to low-voltage sidewalk lights in the area.

Propane taken

A 20-pound tank of propane has been reported stolen from behind a house on Fordcroft in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"The item has not been seen since last fall," police said.

Stray kittens

On Sunday, April 17, at 3:25 p.m., a man living on Shorecrest in Grosse Pointe Shores told police he found three stray kittens in his back yard.

"(He) stated this has been an ongoing problem and believes the police department should be doing something to resolve this matter," said an officer.

Police wanted to take the kittens to an area animal clinic, but a clinic employee refused delivery.

"(The) officer released the kittens in the field behind the DPW garage," police said.

No brainer

On Monday, April 18, a few minutes before 4:30 a.m., a woman living on Putnam in Grosse Pointe Shores was concerned about a vehicle being driven up and down the street and into various driveways.

A public safety dispatcher explained the vehicle was likely being driven to deliver newspapers. An officer confirmed the assumption.

--- Brad Lindberg

Suspended license

At 11 p.m. on Sunday, April 24, a 36-year-old Detroit man and his two passengers were stopped on southbound Harper and Woodside for having a brake light out and failing to signal a left turn.

The officer observed obvious furtive gestures made by the occupant. The officer noticed a substance on the rear seat, behind the driver and next to the rear seat passenger. The occupants were asked if they had any illegal substances in the car, and all were mute.

The officer then asked the driver to exit the vehicle, handcuffed him and had him sit on the curb away from the car. The other two passengers were also asked to exit the car and both obeyed without hesitation. It was at this time when the driver admitted to attempting to roll a joint when the car was stopped.

The officer gathered as much of the substance as possible, placing it into a cellophane bag that originally held it in order to take it back to the station for field tests.

Further evaluation into the occupants revealed the driver has a suspended license, two outstanding warrants and is a convicted sex offender, while the front seat passenger, a 45-year-old

Hamtramck man, has four outstanding warrants.

The driver was arrested, while the other two occupants were allowed to leave.

No license

On Friday, April 22, at 3:17 a.m., Grosse Pointe Woods police pulled up to a car sitting on the side of the road, which was driven by a 17-year-old Detroit man. The driver claimed he was waiting for a relative to arrive to pick him up, but after the officer performed a LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) on the man, it was revealed that he had no driver's license. The man was taken into custody and later released after he posted the \$100 bond.

Lawn job

A Grosse Pointe Woods woman reported to police at 8:26 a.m. on the morning of Sunday, April 24, that someone drove over her lawn. A police officer noted that there were two tire tracks starting from the driveway and ending at the curb.

Too many beers

At 3:16 a.m. on Sunday, April 24, a 23-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman was stopped for having only one quarter headlamp operational. The officer noted an odor of intoxicants, and the woman was asked to provide a PBT after she said she had consumed a couple of beers earlier that evening with some friends. Tests revealed her blood alcohol content was above that of the legal limit, so she was taken into custody.

Credit fraud

A Grosse Pointe Woods woman went to the police station to report that on Thursday, April 21, at 4 p.m., she received a statement in the mail from Calvary Portfolio Services. The statement showed an overdue balance from AT&T Wireless/Cingular for \$3,553.88.

She has never owned an AT&T or Cingular phone before, nor has she opened an account with the aforementioned company. The woman contacted the collection agency, which informed her that between Aug. 30, 2001 and April 10, 2002 someone using her name and Social Security Number opened an account with AT&T.

The address they used to open the account was for a house in Detroit. The officer advised the woman to put "flags" on her accounts to detect any abnormal activity.

The woman wants police detectives to look into the matter.

Helping hand

On Friday, April 22, at 7:48 p.m., Grosse Pointe Woods police officers helped the Harper Woods Police Department catch two Detroit teenagers who were running away from a wreck at Broadstone and Chester.

Assisting

Grosse Pointe Woods police arrested a 19-year-old Detroit man who was

stopped at 3:18 a.m. on Friday, April 22. The man had three outstanding warrants that totaled \$250.

Suspended license

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, a 22-year-old Detroit man was pulled over for traffic violations on eastbound Vernier. He told police his driver license was suspended. He was arrested and later released after posting the \$100 bond.

Another suspended license

On northbound Harper at Allard at 12:07 a.m. on Friday, April 22, Grosse Pointe Woods police pulled over a 31-year-old Detroit man for operating a car with only one brake light working. A routine check revealed the man had a suspended license, a misdemeanor warrant, and an expired temporary registration.

The man was arrested and eventually released after posting the bond for \$205 (the suspended license and the warrant).

Funny cigarettes

At 2:26 a.m. on Friday, April 22, Grosse Pointe Woods police questioned a 24-year-old Detroit man and two passengers who were parked on the northbound side of Harper at Stanhope.

The car had its four-way flashers activated. The police officer asked the motorist what the problem was, and he replied his car broke down, and they were waiting for a ride.

The officer smelled a strong odor of burnt marijuana from the driver.

The driver was asked if he had possession of any illegal substances and he said no. The officer asked all three to vacate the car and asked to check the vehicle.

Upon further review, the officer found two small clear plastic baggies and one clear plastic pill bottle.

The officer also found another clear plastic sandwich baggie containing two other smaller plastic sandwich baggies that contained marijuana that was tucked down between the back seat and the seat cushion.

The two in the front seat were arrested (the passenger was a 20-year-old Detroit man), while the passenger in the back seat was allowed to walk to the Harper Woods Police Department in order to use a phone to call for someone to pick him up.

The driver had four \$100 bills, and he said he had no job when the officer asked about the money.

The man said he only babysits for a living and could not account for the money, which was confiscated and taken into evidence.

Stolen car

On Friday, April 22, at 11 p.m. a woman reported to Grosse Pointe Woods police that her 1987 four-door off-white Chevrolet Caprice was stolen out of a lot at Mack near Moross between 3:45 and 5:50 p.m. that afternoon.

She also reported several items that were in the car, including a cell phone, her driver license, her Social Security/medical card, her cream colored purse valued at \$400, and a black leather jacket valued at \$700.

The officer entered the car as stolen.

Wacky tabacky

At 10:04 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, two Harper Woods men (19 and 21 years old) were stopped for driving without the headlights on. When approached, the officer noted the driver was extremely nervous, and the passenger would not make eye contact.

The officer asked them if they had anything illegal in the car and they responded no.

After the officer asked the men to exit the car, a body search of the driver revealed a concealed bag of marijuana.

The driver was arrested and later released after he said he would appear at his court hearing on the matter.

Drug-induced sleep

On Wednesday, April 20, at 10:30 p.m., Grosse Pointe Woods police responded to a call of a man who was passed out at the wheel of his car on eastbound Vernier at Mack.

When the officer approached the man, sitting in his running car, he appeared confused and had slurred speech but did not smell of intoxicants. The man failed three sobriety tests and was taken into custody.

A small bag of suspected marijuana was found in his coat pocket.

Stolen bike

On April 18 between midnight and 8:30 a.m., a Vertical PK-7 blue/silver bike was removed from the front porch of a home in Grosse Pointe Park. The bike was unlocked.

Tireless

Between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18, the rear tire was taken off a BMX Dyno 20-inch bike. The front tire was locked to the rack.

Bike thief

On the night of April 17, a 24-inch Roadmaster MTN Fury black/red bike was taken from the back yard in Grosse Pointe Park.

Multiple theft

On the night of Tuesday, April 19, two 20-inch bikes were removed from the back

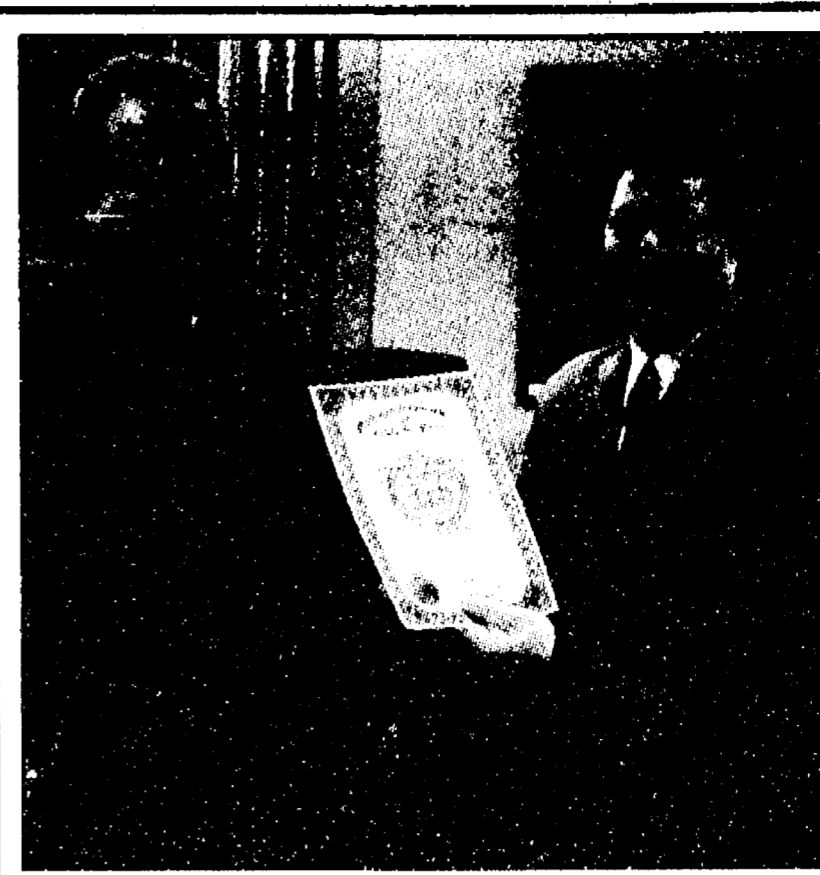


Photo by Brad Lindberg

GPS' Yonk commended

Public safety officers in Grosse Pointe Shores put high value on training. Last year training among all officers totaled more than 900 hours.

For the last decade, Lt. David Yonk has headed the department's training program.

"Lt. Yonk has been enthusiastic (about) what ever needs to be done," said Stephen Poloni, public safety director. "David is always on the job. He's done a fine job."

Yonk, left, last week received a department commendation from Poloni, right.

"It's always a privilege for me to talk about the good job our officers are doing," Poloni said.

yard of a Grosse Pointe Park home. glove box.

Put it out

A Grosse Pointe Park resident observed four juveniles discharge a fire extinguisher into a 2002 Chevrolet Venture at 12:26 p.m. on Saturday, April 23. The investigation resulted in three Grosse Pointe Park youths and one City of Grosse Pointe youth being detained.

Attempted theft

Between 10:30 p.m. on April 17 and 10:46 a.m. on April 18, a 1996 Plymouth Neon was entered, and the ignition was damaged in Grosse Pointe Park. Several items were taken from the

Liberty stolen

On Friday, April 22, between 6:15 and 10:00 p.m., a 2004 Jeep Liberty 4D was removed from the street of a home in Grosse Pointe Park. Harper Woods police recovered the vehicle soon afterward.

Arrest made

On Tuesday, April 19, at 10:15 p.m., a person was soliciting. The person was investigated and found to be in possession of narcotics and wanted by Detroit police on warrants. Grosse Pointe Park police arrested the individual.

--- Bob St. John

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

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

Or
Faxed to 630/792-5636

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

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

Date Posted: April 28, 2005

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

NOTICE OF LAST DAY FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR CITY OFFICES

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

ONE (1) MAYOR

THREE (3) COUNCIL MEMBERS

ONE (1) MUNICIPAL JUDGE

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

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

Shane L. Reeside,
City Clerk

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

OFFICIAL ELECTION NOTICE

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

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

Member of the Board of Education - one year term ending June 30, 2006
Vote For not more than 1: Charles W. Garman III
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For additional information - please call (313) 343-2510.

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Let the journey begin

Academy sets up for 38th annual Action Auction

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Three of watercolorist Richard Wolfgang's grandchildren attend Grosse Pointe Academy (GPA). In recognition of them, a framed watercolor of the main Academy's building will be on sale during the 38th annual Academy's Action Auction, held on the academy's campus, 171 Lakeshore Road.

The 20-inch by 26-inch watercolor is one of 1,000 items available during the 38th annual Grosse Pointe Academy Action Auction 2005, *Let the Journey Begin*, beginning on Wednesday, May 4. The event continues on Saturday, May 7, with a buffet dinner and silent and live auctions of jewelry, trips, china, home furniture, a playhouse, a Persian Oriental rug, and children's creations.

"This is the largest independent school auction," said co-chair Laura Krueger. Evolving from a one-day event, held under a tent, the annual Action Auction raises money for the school which overlooks Lake St. Clair and is shaded by stately trees. The auction is attended by many outside the academy community. "It was once a fund-raiser. It has become an eastside event."

"There is something for everybody, from autos to trips, jewelry, home furnishings and children's items," she said.

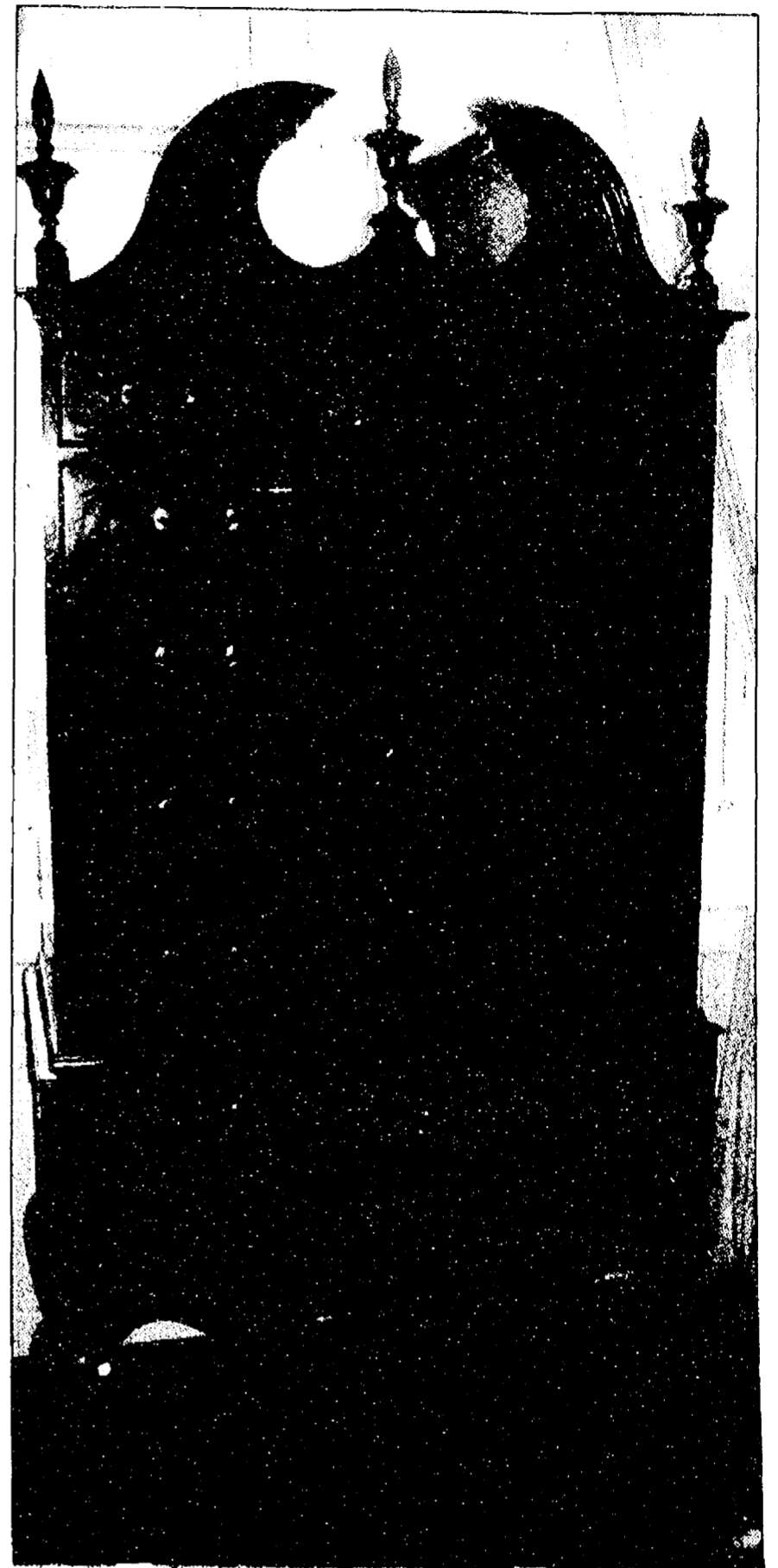
More than 100 volunteers are involved in the auction which has been in the planning stages for a year. There are more than 30 corporate See AUCTION, page 9B



While adults will bid on a summer lease of a Mustang convertible or the Volvo XC90 SUV, others will want this Baby Bugatti replica, also suitable for summer motoring.



Two hand-painted Ashmondick chairs declare the owners "have gone fishing." A rainbow trout and a brook trout have been painted on the arms of the chairs by Nance Atchison.



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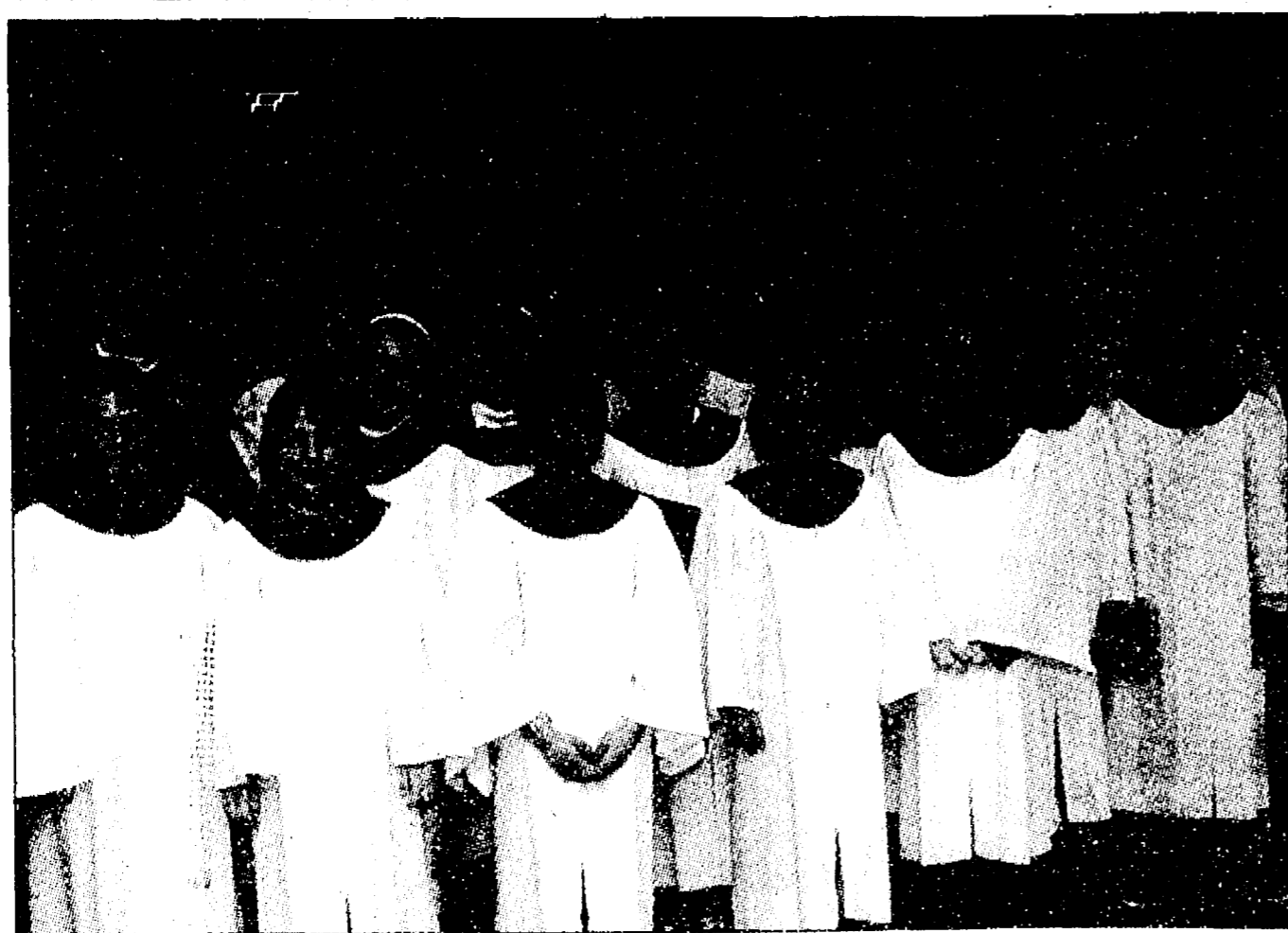


Photo courtesy M. Ann Wallace

Angel choir

The Children's Choir of St. Paul on the Lake, or Angels of the Lord, performed a program entitled "Remembering Through the Eyes of a Child" at the Bon Secours Nursing Home in St. Clair Shores on March 12. Organist and music director, Lawrence R. Przybysz, back right, collaborated with Brian Potter, back center, the father of one of the choir members. As part of Potter's involvement in the Landmark Education Corporation he conceived the project of a children's choir performance to touch those Bon Secours residents who are suffering from Alzheimer's disease and dementia. The choir performed musical selections by John Rutter, as well as several favorite spirituals and other liturgical music, some of which were performed in American Sign Language. Choir manager M. Ann Wallace, back left, also accompanied the children.

Pastor's Corner

A prayer

By: the Rev. John Corrado
Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church

Dear God,

We want to save the world but we can't even save ourselves from embarrassment;

Can't keep our eye on the ball,
Can't keep our ear to the ground,

Can't keep our hands off the bottle or the person next to us.

We want to save the world, but we can hardly save our kids.

One blows his nose on the drapes; the other says, "Whatever," about whatever to whomever whenever.

And they listen to us less than we want but behave like us more than we want.

We want to save the world, but we can't save those within earshot of our hotshot judgments or petty prejudices (even though we're right — of course).

So give us a break,
A break in the action,
In the action of thinking,

of thinking of the wide world of sports, instead of the wild world that's short—and at hand.

(Jesus said, "Love your neighbor.")

He also said, "Love your enemies."

That's no coincidence. He got the picture.

Jesus also said, "A man's enemies shall be of his household."

Put that in the feminine gender, too, and you've got the whole picture.

It's all here, all now — just like the news: 24/7, fast, first, factual, with developing stories all the time.

Even before cable, Jesus said it was all at hand.

He had the picture before Kodak.

But it ain't no snap, which is why we'd rather save the world.

So help us think small. Please!

Amen.

Coming events

Theology on tap

Father Ken Kaueck hosts Theology on Tap at Andiamo's Lakefront Bistro from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3.

His topic will be "Theology of the Body." This theology was developed by Pope John Paul II and in his memory, the gathering will spend two sessions on this topic.

The program reaches a segment of people outside the confines of a traditional church setting and gives them the opportunity to openly discuss faith issues in their lives. Kaueck presents the topic and opens up the microphone to dialogue. It is free and open to all ages.

The reverend is pastor at Our Lady Star of the Sea. There is a river

Robert Burns spent 20 years in marine construction projects in the Great Lakes states. A member of the Friends of the Detroit River, he is the river's first Riverkeeper and will present "There is a River: A Riverkeeper's Presentation" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, at the Jefferson Ave. Presbyterian Church, 8625 Jefferson Ave., Detroit.

This is part of the Lay Theological Academy presentations. The River of Life Watershed Projects were established to bring environmental information to people of all faiths. Burns will give a historical, ecological and geographical tour of the shorelines and islands of the Detroit River from Lake St. Clair to the mouth of Lake Erie.

Geometry in stained glass

There's a lesson to be learned from the world around us. The seventh- and eighth-graders of St. Paul Catholic School found that out when they traveled to Detroit's historic Catholic churches.

The lesson was in conjunction with an interdisciplinary project using stained glass to study geometric shapes. Sponsored by the math and art departments, and led by Father Patrick Halfpenny, the parish's pastor, the field trips visited Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church on St. Antoine, St. Mary on Monroe at St. Antoine and Ste. Anne Catholic Church on West Lafayette. While at Ste. Anne's, students visited the tomb of Fr. Gabriel Richard.

The students also learned the role these particular churches played in the development of the city of Detroit and the Catholic church in southeast Michigan.

The tour was an outgrowth of a project initiated by math teacher Betsy Berg. Students were taught to recognize and define certain geometric terms, and then asked to incorporate each element in a design.

In art class, this design was translated into "stained glass" by the way of transparent film and acetate overlays.

Father Kenneth R. Kaueck to speak on Annulments All Are Welcome

Father Kenneth R. Kaueck, J.D., J.C.D., Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Vicar of the Renaissance Vicariate, and Judge of the Second Instance of the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Detroit, will give a presentation on Annulments on Wednesday, May 4th at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Parish Center, 467 Fairford Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236, telephone: 313-884-5554.

The purpose of an annulment is to determine the status of the parties in the eyes of the Roman Catholic Church, and their freedom to enter into a marriage which could be recognized by the Church. It is the Church's intent that the proceedings not be an adversary encounter, but a healing experience conducted in a spirit of compassion.

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Comedian Sinbad kicks off St. John Guild dinner

The St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) Guild has pledged \$1.25 million toward the hospital's expansion and renovation project that began this spring. The guild will kick off fundraising efforts with its 45th annual Guild Dinner on Wednesday, June 8. The entertainment for the evening will feature nationally known comedian Sinbad.

The dinner and comedy show will take place at Penna's of Sterling in Sterling Heights. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a multi-course dinner at 7 p.m. and the comedy show by Sinbad at 9 p.m.

Born in Michigan, Sinbad began his journey of becoming one of America's top comedians in 1983. He got his break on "Star Search," which led to a TV movie and a role on the "New Redd Foxx Show."

His next break came when Bill Cosby cast him in "A Different World." Sinbad has hosted and produced a number of TV specials. His HBO special, "Brain Damaged," became the second highest "Comedy Hour" ever. The entertainer moved into acting in feature films, including "Necessary Roughness," "Houseguest" and "Jingle All the Way."

The evening will feature a raffle. Some items to be raffled include a Rolex watch donated by Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers, and three trips. In addition, Grosse Pointe Farms resident Dr. Anthony Southall, chief of emergency medicine, will receive the Guild's physician of the year award, and Grosse Pointe Shores resident James Giftos, founder of National Coney Island, will be honored with a lifetime achievement award.

Established in 1948, the Guild is a volunteer organization that played a critical role in the fundraising to open St. John Hospital in 1952, and it continues to support SJH&MC programs today. Since its founding, the Guild has raised \$15 million for the hospital, helping a multitude of patients with the medical equipment, technology and services that have been provided by the funds.

With the Guild Dinner as the group's major fundraising event of the year, proceeds are directed to a key project or service. This year's proceeds will go toward the hospital expansion, which has a total cost of \$156 million.

While much of the project's funding will be generated from St. John Hospital's retained earnings and a bond offering through its parent company, Ascension Health, \$25 mil-

lion will be raised in philanthropic donations through a capital campaign. The Guild's \$1.25 million commitment is the first major pledge to the campaign.

"We believe in the importance of St. John to our community, and we are glad to dedicate our efforts in helping with this historic project," said Anthony Ferlito, Guild president.

The hospital's renovation and expansion will add a

new pavilion with 144 private patient rooms, doubling the size of the emergency department and consolidating cardiovascular services and many outpatient services. The Guild's pledge will support the emergency department expansion, which will increase the space for private treatment areas and ensure a more pleasant patient experience.

Guild Dinner chairman

Paul Mattes of Grosse Pointe Woods, and vice chairman John Adamo of Harrison Township have been working for months to plan the 2005 Guild Dinner to support the hospital.

They are assisted by the following committee members from Grosse Pointe: Kenneth Adler; Michael Azar; Benjamin Capp; Clifford Carpenter; Michael Curis; John DeWald, DDS; Dr. James

Fox, Guild vice president; James Giftos; Anthony Giorgio; Noel Haberek; Theodore Hadgis, DDS; Leo Kalyvas Jr.; David Kesner; Alex Lucido, Guild secretary; Donald Mattes; Gerald Miserendino; Joseph Paluzzi III; Bill Raffoul; Daniel Roma; Dr. Alphonse Santino; Charles Stumb Jr.; John Templeton; Tymon Totte, DDS; Paul Treder; Robert Valice, DDS; Paul Van Wallegghem, DDS; and Bill Viviano.

Other committee mem-

bers include: Edward Deeb of Bloomfield Hills; Dr. Brian Guz of Franklin; Anthony Ferlito and Joseph Vicari of Clinton Township; James Scott of St. Clair Shores; Lawrence Scott of Harrison Township; and Patrick Connelly, Mark Kavka and Robert Moore of Troy.

Tickets for the Guild Dinner are \$225; advertising and sponsorship opportunities are also available. For information, call Kathy Taranto at (313) 343-3674.

—Margie Reins Smith



Golf and Golf Ball

Whether dining and dancing or playing golf, everyone will have a ball Sunday and Monday, June 12 and 13, at the Country Club of Detroit. This year, the Bon Secours Cottage Health Services Foundation is combining its two major fundraisers into one exciting two-day event. Proceeds benefit the Bon Secours Hospital ICU/Critical Care unit expansion and renovation project.

Honorary chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Alandt.

The fun begins with the Classic Ball on Sunday, June 12. Dinner will feature classic club cuisine, followed by dancing to Skyline & the Backstreet Horns. Live and silent auctions round out the fun as many anticipate the next day's Golf Classic.

Monday's "Classic" includes morning and afternoon tee times for 18 holes of golf, a continental breakfast, casual lunch and refreshments throughout the day. The event culminates with an early evening reception where awards will be presented, cash raffle winners selected, and Sunday's silent auction is concluded.

For details, visit the Bon Secours Cottage Web site at bschealth.com or call the Foundation office at (313) 640-2540.

Committee members, from left, include: Mary Ghanem, Gayle Boutrous, Tony Colucci, D.O., Bill Brownscombe, DDS, Co-chairmen Dr. Tom Mertz and Mary Beth Ryan, Don Ulrich, JoEllen Ulrich, John Stevens, Dr. Roger McNeill, Mona Gualtieri and Joe Tolari.

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Meetings Pettipointe Questers

Pettipointe Questers No. 243 will meet at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 5, in the Program Room of the newly opened Ewald branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library in Grosse Pointe Park. Hostess Anne Bleich and co-hostesses Maud Lewis and Marjorie Longo have made arrangements for a program, "Maypoles by Diane McConaghy." New officers will be installed; lunch will follow. Those who plan to attend should call Anne by Monday, May 2.

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Autism awareness

By Mary Beth Langan and Theodore G. Couttish
Special Writers

April and Autism Awareness Month are coming to a close.

You may have noticed autism mentioned more often this month. Perhaps you heard information about the numbers surrounding autism.

At the current rate, one in 166 children will be diagnosed with autism, a lifelong developmental disability and the fastest growing one.

The number of those with autism is increasing by 10 to 17 percent each year.

Our son, Andrew, has autism due to his genetic make-up, specifically because he has Fragile X Syndrome. But FXers with a dual diagnosis of autism may only account for 2 to 10 percent of those with autism.

There are not yet concrete, agreed-upon reasons why autism has become the epidemic that affects so many children.

Vaccine injury, food allergies, genetic predisposition, environmental hazards, a combination of many of these and other reasons are some of the theories of the cause of autism.

The cause of "generic autism" is Mary Beth Lingo, as in autism-not-due-to-a-genetic-syndrome.

It continues to be a big deal to find the reason the epidemic exists. We need answers so the tides can be turned, and the number of those being diagnosed with autism can finally level off and then drop. We hope it drops to zero so there will be a time in the future when there is no one diagnosed with "generic autism."

For those who are currently affected by the epidemic called autism, as much as most of them care about the epidemic being stopped in its tracks, the most important thing is how we can help our loved ones who have autism.

For information about autism, contact the Autism

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Society of America at autism-society.org or call (800) 3-AUTISM or the Autism Society of Michigan at autism-mi.org or (800) 223-6722.

Visit everydaymiracles.org for information on Everyday Miracles, a nonprofit, parent-led, community-based support network designed to strengthen, empower and inform families and communities about children with autism.

EDM has a wonderful online group and support group meetings held in Royal Oak and Dearborn, as well as other events and programs.

Earlier, we wrote: "FXers with a dual diagnosis of autism may only account for 2 to 10 percent of those with autism." One reason for "may" being in the sentence is some are diagnosed with autism without having the correct

Fragile X DNA test.

A generic chromosomal panel does not always show FX, and that's the only test many children are given. Andrew's chromosomal panel showed he did not have FX, but the more accurate Fragile X DNA (Southern Blot Analysis) test showed he did have it.

For more information on the FX-Autism connection, click on the "Autism and Fragile X" link at frag-ilex.org.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Couttish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X syndrome (frag-ilex.org.)

Send your questions or comments to tcouttish@dmac.wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.

Targeted treatments improve breast cancer outcomes

By Dr. Amr Aref
Special Writer

Receiving a diagnosis of cancer can be a devastating experience. It's not uncommon for patients to experience the five stages of grief (denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance) in the process of coming to terms with the diagnosis.

It's also not unusual for patients to be concerned about the impact a lifesaving procedure may have on both their lives and their physical appearance.

As with any surgery, the potential for scarring exists as a result of cancer treatment. Some treatments can make you feel ill or cause your hair to fall out. And although the consequences of cancer treatment truly are unimportant when compared to the triumph of a cure, it's still natural to worry about how you'll feel and look during and after treatment.

Radiation oncologists are sensitive to these concerns, too. Over the years, techniques have been devised to allow them to treat cancer in a more minimally invasive way.

These techniques are as effective as the older, more traditional methods and are possible because surgical instruments are smaller and more precise; diagnostic equipment is more sophisticated, and surgeons themselves are more skilled than ever in the use of new technology.

At the Van Elslander Cancer Center, we offer numerous breast cancer treatment options and use various diagnostic tools that are both less invasive and very effective. One such tool is 3D conformal radiation therapy, which is a kind of tumor imaging therapy that can be used on tumors throughout the body.

This technique is used routinely at the Van Elslander Cancer Center to treat all patients with breast cancer because it provides maximum protection for normal tissue and an optimal distribution of the radiation dose within the breast. The treatment is also less invasive, which helps us achieve a more pleasing cosmetic appearance for the patient.

We also use an effective partial breast irradiation technique known as MammoSite Radiation Therapy. The MammoSite device, which is a type of balloon catheter, is inserted into the site of the surgically removed tumor by the surgeon who does the lumpectomy and in collaboration with the radiation oncologist.

If the pathology results indicate that the tumor is cancerous and the patient is considered to be a good candidate for MammoSite treatment, she is transferred to the Radiation Department where the MammoSite catheter is connected to a High Dose Radiation (HDR) machine. A radiation source is then inserted into the center of the MammoSite balloon to deliver a precisely measured dose of radiation directly to the lumpectomy site. This also prevents irradiation of the healthy tissue around the site. What makes this procedure especially useful is that patients complete their course of radiation in just one week rather than in 6-7 weeks, as is the norm with traditional radiation therapy.

In addition, partial breast irradiation has far fewer complications and none of the fatigue normally associated with traditional radiation therapy. Finally, the procedure allows more women to have a breast-saving lumpectomy without compromising survival instead of more radical treatments like mastectomy.

Another type of radiation therapy similar to MammoSite uses HDR interstitial implants. Instead of using the MammoSite balloon, plastic tubes are inserted into the lumpectomy cavity, then are connected to the HDR machine. The radioactive source is inserted into the tubes, and after a short period of time — usually only a few minutes — the tubes are removed.

There's a minimum amount of discomfort, and only a few tiny puncture wounds are visible after treatment.

Finally, we recently acquired a state-of-the-art technology called the Active Breathing Control (ABC) System, which allows us to coordinate radiation treatment with respiratory movement in patients with left-sided breast cancer. During the inhalation phase of the respiratory cycle, the greatest separation of the left breast from the heart occurs. By using the ABC technique, we are able to synchronize the delivery of radiation at the moment when the smallest

volume of the heart is actually in the radiation field. This spares healthy tissue from irradiation.

While these procedures can help many women, they're not appropriate for all patients. For example, the MammoSite procedure is effective only for post-menopausal women with early stage ductal breast cancer. The location of the cancer, the size of the tumor, and the presence of cancer cells in the lymph nodes also may affect whether or not a woman is a suitable candidate.

Your physician is the best judge of which treatment method is best for you. But it's good to know that after a diagnosis of breast cancer, you may have a variety of options available that could improve your chances for a long life.

Dr. Amr Aref is chief of Radiation Oncology at the Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



Fungal infections of the nails, referred to as tinea unguium or onychomycosis, are characterized by nails that look white and opaque, thickened and brittle. These infections more commonly affect toenails, though finger nails can be infected as well.

Patients with an increased risk of onychomycosis include people with diabetes or diseases of the small blood vessels (peripheral vascular disease), patients with chronic athlete's foot (tinea pedis), older adults and patients of any age who wear artificial nails (acrylic or "wraps").

Artificial nails increase the risk for onychomycosis because when an artificial nail is applied, the nail surface is usually abraded with an emery board damaging the nail surface. This provides an entry point from nail instruments that

may carry infection. Also, water trapped under an artificial nail can create a moist, warm environment favorable for fungal growth.

Fungal nails are difficult to treat and take significant time to heal. The most common treatment options include medicated nail polish or oral antifungal medications. In very severe cases it may be necessary to remove the nail surgically.

Nail hygiene is very important for patients with fungal infections. Nail clippers and other instruments used on the nails need to be carefully cleaned to insure the infection is not spread to other nails or to other persons.

To learn more about treatment of fungal infections, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates. Eastside Dermatology has offices in New Baltimore and Grosse Pointe. You can reach them at (313) 884-3380.

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Lung cancer study needs volunteers

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is seeking volunteers for a clinical research study on the prevention of lung cancer. Current and former smokers may participate in this study to determine whether a drug formerly used for asthma, Zileuton, can change precancerous tissue in the lungs back to normal. Current or former smokers age 35 or older are eligible for the study. Those who have had a prior head, neck, or lung cancer, regardless of smoking history or age, are eligible.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in both men and women. It is estimated that 173,770 new cases of the disease will be diagnosed, and 160,440 deaths will occur from the disease in the United States in the year 2005.

For more information, call (800) 527-6266 or Terry Stevens at (313) 966-7283, or Dr. Omer Kucuk at (313) 745-2748.

Sandcastles seeks volunteers

SandCastles, a grief support program for children and teens, is seeking volunteers. The program is sponsored by the Hospices of Henry Ford Health System. Meetings are held biweekly.

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How to rig a poll

For years I've heard from experts that polls can be manipulated to achieve whatever result the pollster wants. I've believed that, but never saw any examples that would illustrate that idea. Now I have.

In the April 18 issue of U.S. News and World Report, this question included in one poll was cited by the columnist who writes The National Interest page.

"If a disabled person is not terminally ill, not in a coma and not being kept alive on life support, and he or she has no written directive, should or should he not be denied food and water?"

The poll is recent and could only have been developed in connection with the Terri Schiavo fiasco. The question posed used words that were not compatible with her condition, and in fact were blatantly untrue.

For one, Schiavo was not disabled. The term was never used to describe her condition. The medical experts who had examined her and studied her medical records have always used the diagnosis of "persistent vegetative state." The only persons who argued against this were members of her family who lived in hope that somehow she would suddenly become the daughter they had known before the events in her life 15 years ago brought her to this terrible state.

Schiavo had, for years, been kept alive by a feeding tube, which in her case was a life support. That seems to have been proved by the fact that removing the feeding tube resulted in her death in less than two weeks.

For the many whose patient advocate directive asks only that they not be kept alive by life support may want to add a phrase about this, "including use of a feeding tube."

I looked at my form and it did contain such language.

Some polls, especially on political issues, have made me believe they were asking the wrong question. I realize that they were not asking the question I thought they should because it would have resulted in a different answer from the one they were seeking.

An issue that had been the focus of many polls, hopefully more unbiased, is whether people want the choice of putting some of their Social Security contributions into a private account that is invested in stocks and bonds.

Most of these polls found that the proposition is favored by those in the 19 to 29 age bracket. As the age brackets get higher, most are against the proposal.

Those in the youngest bracket (23 or younger) are in college, subsidized by their parents, or they're building up onerous student loans. Those not attending college are in jobs that in many cases won't pay much more than their living expenses. Their contributions to Social Security won't be enough to give them the promised riches. Like the lottery, however, it gives them a chance at real wealth.

Those in the youngest age bracket have had little or no experience in the stock market and don't realize what a downturn in the market can do to a portfolio.

One couple I know who are in their mid-50s were thrilled in 2000 when their 401K plan reached \$300,000. With 10 years more to put money into the plan, they felt pretty secure about their retirement. In 2003, their 401K account had dropped down to \$200,000. They don't feel quite so secure.

The accepted belief that putting money into stocks and bonds will earn about a 6 percent return — certainly more than the 3 percent earnings for Social Security funds — assumes that the money will be invested in the right stocks and bonds. A few people either have the knack for that or they have a really good financial planner.

Social Security has never lost a penny; so the 3 percent is assured. Who knows what may happen to the companies or bonds or the economy over extended years?

In line with that, a survey by the consulting firm Dalbar shows that those investing in mutual funds over the last decade earned 6.2 percent, about half what the S&P 500 delivered during that period.

Over the last 20 years, these fund investors did much worse, producing gains of 3.7 percent a year when stocks returned 13.2 percent annually.

The survey indicated that investors have a habit of chasing hot funds just as they're turning cold and leaving cold funds just as they're heating up.

But the survey found they are slowly learning because stock fund investors in 2004 hung on to their funds longer than usual and beat the S&P by 1.7 percentage points. Or they may have been fearful of selling funds because of the uncertainty of the market.

Let's hope that these youngsters don't take 20 years to learn a valuable lesson.

If you have a comment or question for Cain, you can reach her at ruthcain@comcast.net.

Senior Scene

By Ruth Cain



Seniors are often targets for identity theft

By Mary Rose Nelson
Special Writer

The Federal Trade Commission lists identity theft as the fastest growing white collar crime in America. More than 11 million people were victimized by identity theft last year. On average, identity thieves stole nearly \$7,000 per victim in 2003.

Despite the best efforts to manage the flow of your personal information or to keep it to yourself, skilled identity thieves may use a variety of methods to gain access to your data.

Identity theft is a serious crime. People whose identi-

ties have been stolen can spend months or years and thousands of dollars cleaning up the mess the thieves have made of a good name and credit record.

While dealing with problems resulting from identity theft can be time consuming and frustrating, most victims can resolve their cases by being assertive, organized and knowledgeable about their legal rights. Some laws require you to notify companies within specific time periods. Don't delay in contacting any companies to deal with these problems, and ask for supervisors if you need

more help than you're getting.

Although identity thieves can wreak havoc on your personal finances, there are some things you can do to take control of the situation.

If someone has stolen your identity, the Federal Trade Commission recommends that you take three actions immediately.

- First, contact the fraud department of each of the three major credit bureaus.
- Second, contact the creditors for any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.
- Third, file a report with

your local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place.

Keep a copy in case your creditors need proof of the crime.

For more information on how to protect yourself against identity theft, plan to attend the bimonthly legal seminars at Services for Older Citizens on Wednesday, May 11. Services for Older Citizens is located inside the Neighborhood Club at 17150 Waterloo, in the City of Grosse Pointe.

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

Longtime Pointer celebrates her 100th birthday

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Winnifred Prince celebrated her 100th birthday on Wednesday, April 20.

She was born on April 20, 1905 in Sarnia, Ontario.

She attended Toronto Normal School where she learned to be a teacher by

age 20. She taught in an elementary school near Toronto for 10 years.

She met her future husband, Stanley Prince, at the Fireman's ball in 1934. They married in 1935 and moved first to Flint, then to Elizabeth, N.J., then back to Detroit, then to Redford.

The couple built a house in Grosse Pointe Woods in 1950 where they lived for 46 years. During that time Mrs. Prince taught school in the Grosse Pointe Public School System and worked in her husband's construction company, doing the bookkeeping. They have two children, J. Robert Prince of Naples, Fla., and McLean, Va., and Marilyn Lister, a teacher in the Grosse Pointe School System.

"We congratulate Winnifred," Lister said, "on what has been — and still is — an extremely colorful life."



Winnifred Prince

Grosse Pointe Symphony spotlights trombonist

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra has announced that John Rutherford, one of Detroit's leading trombonists and Grosse Pointe native, will be the guest artist. The concert begins at 7 p.m., Sunday, May 1, in Parcels Auditorium.

Conducted by Charles Greenwell, the concert will include music by Grieg, Vaughn-Williams, Rimsky-Korsakov, and Sir William Walton.

Rutherford earned a bachelor's degree in music from The University of Michigan after two years of study at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. He spends part of the winter as a trombonist with the Sarasota Opera Orchestra in Florida. In the summer, he performs and teaches at the Bay View Music Festival near Petoskey.

Rutherford has performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Michigan Opera Theatre and the Toledo Symphony on numerous occasions. He has served as guest principal trombonist of the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra and has performed abroad with the Jerusalem International Symphony, the Philharmonic Orchestra of Palermo, Sicily, and the Singapore Symphony Orchestra.

'Joint pain' talk

"Joint Pain and New Surgery Technology" will be addressed by Dr. Christopher Lee, on Monday, May 2, in Suite 35 of the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack. Lunch is \$4 for Carelink members; \$5 for nonmembers. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. The lecture begins at noon.

"A Most Vital Gift: The Gift of Life" will be given by St. John Hospital transplant surgeon Dr. Darla Granger from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, May 12, in St. John Hospital's Lower Level Conference Room. The lecture is free.

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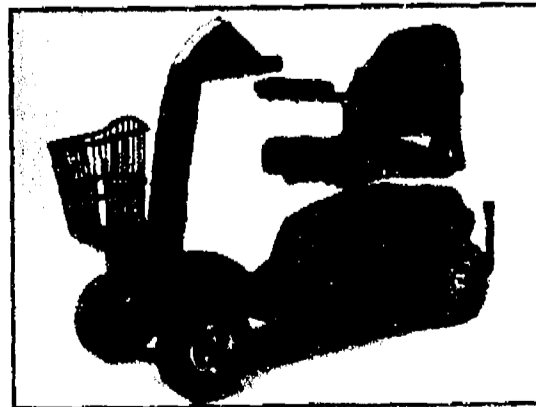
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SOC honors 'senior friendly' businesses, volunteers

Services for Older Citizens honored 25 Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods businesses and five employees for being "senior friendly." The awards were announced at SOC's annual Senior Celebration, held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on April 3.

Businesses were selected by a committee from more than 250 candidates. They were evaluated based on actions and demonstrated commitment to treating seniors with the respect they deserve.

"Senior citizens have special needs as customers," said Sharon Maier, executive director of SOC. "As an agency, we feel that it is important to recognize outstanding service to seniors from businesses in our community. We hope to raise the standards and inspire more and more businesses to see what they can do to be senior friendly."

SOC also honored six senior volunteers for giving generously of their time, talent and energy to benefit others and thereby enriching the communities of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

Businesses in the City of Grosse Pointe that received the "senior friendly" designation include Clairpointe restaurant, CVS Drugs, Einstein Brothers Bagels, James D. Black, DPM, Kroger and Pointe Care Services. "Senior friendly" employees honored were Molly Claeys, a registered nurse at Bon Secours Cottage Health Services and Tim VandenBoom.

In Grosse Pointe Farms, SOC honored the Grosse Pointe Symphony, the Irish Coffee Bar & Grill, Jumps restaurant, Pointe Family Dentistry, the Hill Seafood & Chop House and Yeskey Brothers Landscaping.

In Grosse Pointe Park, The Movie Store was designated a "senior friendly" business and Terry Solomon was a senior friendly employee.

Businesses honored in Grosse Pointe Woods included CVS Drugs, Einstein Brothers Bagels, Grosse Pointe Coiffures, Grosse Pointe Foot & Ankle Center, Healy's Health Hut, George Koueiter & Sons Jewelers,

La Moda Salon, Manor Pharmacy and Surgical Supply, The Dried Flower and Duane S. Weed, Attorney. Eugene Strobel was honored as a "senior friendly" employee.

Eastland Center and Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Service (PAATS) were designated Harper Woods "senior friendly" businesses.

Denise Koehler of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club was honored as a "senior friendly employee."

SOC honors six senior volunteers

Services for Older Citizens honored six Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods senior volunteers for giving generously of their time, talent and energy to benefit others, thereby enriching the communities in which they live.

Angelo Di Clemente, Lynn Gorey Carpenter, Dorothy Hartemayer, Dolores Shaheen and Darlene and Rodger Sulad were selected by a committee from a pool of applicants who were nominated by leaders of their churches, clubs and civic groups.

"Judging was a difficult task, but we are proud of the incredible seniors who have been selected as our 2005 All-Star volunteers," said Sharon Maier, SOC executive director.

Winners were presented with their awards at the 15th annual Senior Celebration, a reception held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on April 3.

Angelo Di Clemente, owner of The Dried Flower (which also earned a Senior Friendly business award from SOC) is a volunteer with the St. Peter the Apostle Seniors group at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Harper Woods.

He is the group's current vice president, chairman of the Worship Commission, a lector, Eucharistic minister and president of St. Peter's parish council.

For the last 25 years, Di Clemente has been a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission.

He is currently chairman

of the awards program, which recognizes businesses and homeowners for beautification efforts. He was also appointed Games Chairman for the Woods' 50th anniversary celebration.

Di Clemente and his wife, Antoinette, have four children and seven grandchildren. "I have no plans for retirement," he said. "As long as I am healthy, I will continue to work and volunteer my time."

Lynn Gorey Carpenter is active in the Children's Home of Detroit and the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. She's a member of the CHD board and she started a Canine Companion program there, which pairs emotionally impaired children with animals. Carpenter also volunteers at the Grosse Pointe Central Library's Reading Dog program, where children improve their skills by reading to dogs. She also takes pets to Cottage Hospital's patients and families and serves on the boards of the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology and the Neighborhood Club.

Carpenter lives in Grosse Pointe Farms, has raised two children and is an avid gardener.

Dorothy Hartemayer, an artist, volunteers as an art instructor for many organizations. She teaches watercolor classes at St. John Senior Community and conducts an art class for senior women on Tuesdays at Perfecto Gelato and Cafe in St. Clair Shores.

The cafe also holds an annual art show for her students.

Hartemayer also plays golf and enjoys mall walking with her husband. Her son is also a successful artist.

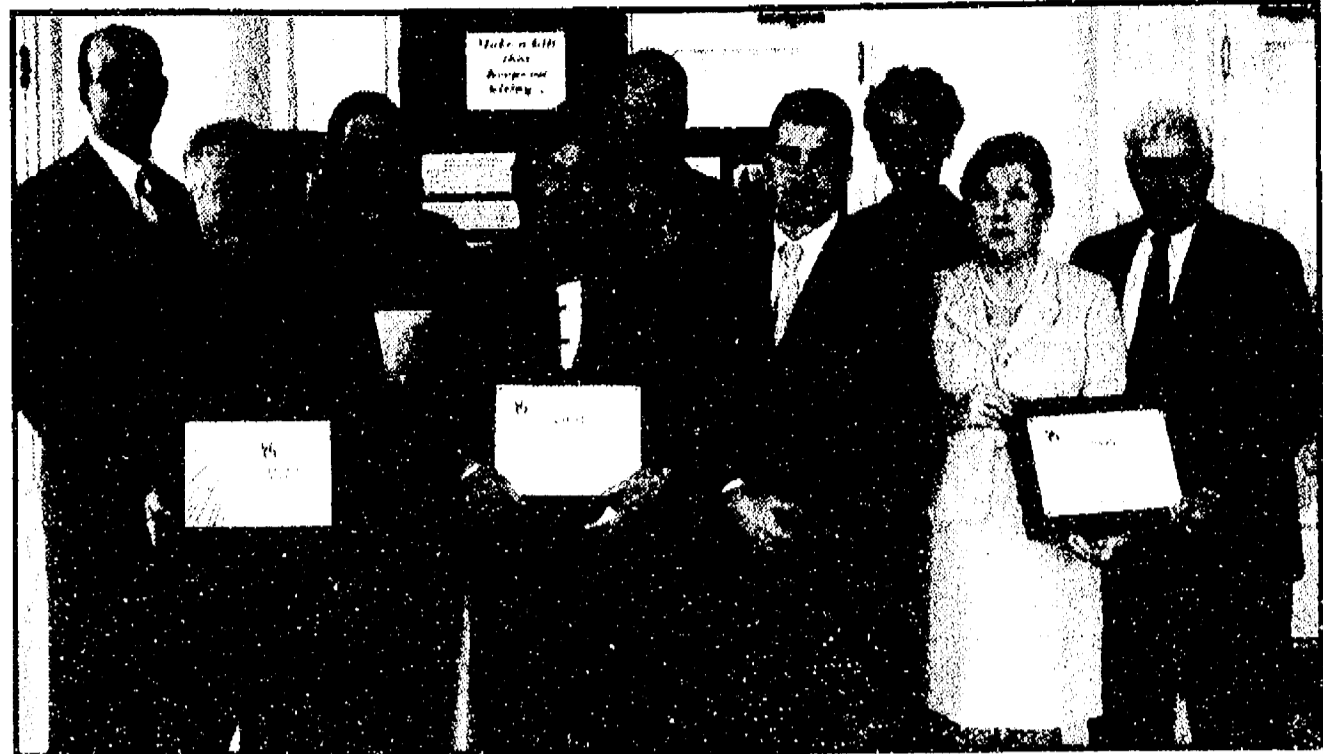
Dolores Shaheen is involved with many organizations connected to the theater and music.

She is a volunteer for the Tuesday Music Hall, the Detroit Symphony, the Grosse Pointe Theatre and Michigan Opera Theatre. She also volunteers at Bon Secours Hospital's gift shop and information center.

Darlene and Rodger Sulad, both former school principals, are active with the Grosse Pointe United Church.

He serves on the collection committee and she is treasurer of the women's committee.

Both are also involved with the Friends of Vision at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology. He is an escort at Bon Secours Hospital and is secretary of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club. She is on the hospital's Assistance League.



Representatives of Grosse Pointe Farms businesses that received a "senior friendly" rating from Services for Older Citizens, and recipients of Senior Volunteer Awards are shown with their awards. From left, are Nick Graczyk of The Hill Seafood & Chop House, John Kennedy of the Irish Coffee Bar & Grill, Laurie Strachan of the Grosse Pointe Symphony, Lynn Gorey Carpenter (senior volunteer), Dr. Patrick Latham of Pointe Family Dentistry, Mayor Jim Farquhar, Mary Ghesquiere of Pointe Care Services and Darlene and Rodger Sulad (senior volunteers).



SOC awards were presented to businesses and employees of Grosse Pointe Woods. From left, are Mike Cremen of CVS Drugs, Dorothy Hartemayer (senior volunteer), Duane Weed, attorney, Terri Millitello of Grosse Pointe Coiffures Inc., Angelo Di Clemente (senior volunteer), Mayor Robert Novitke, Diane Turney of Einstein Brothers Bagels, Olga Tecos and Josephine Carducci, both of La Moda International Hair Design.



City of Grosse Pointe residents and individuals who earned SOC awards are, from left, Jennifer Hein of Einstein Brothers Bagels, Robert Brozo of CVS Drugs, Molly Claeys of Bon Secours Cottage Health Services, Mayor Dale Scrace, Tim VandenBoom (senior volunteer) and Dr. James Black.

The Sulads have two grown children and they enjoy playing tennis and traveling with the Nomads, a travel club.



Four Harper Woods businesses received "senior friendly" designations. From left, are Mark and Paul Yeskey of Yeskey Brothers Landscaping, Mayor Ken Poynter, Rita Nelson of Eastland Center and Sally Graham of PAATS.



Grosse Pointe Shores President Jim Cooper is shown presenting a "senior friendly" award to Denise Koehler of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.



Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer Heenan presents a "senior friendly" award to Terry Solomon of The Movie Store.

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Grosse Pointe Theatre concludes season with classic 'Show Boat'



From left, are Beverly Dickinson as Parthy, Nick Dara as Cap'n Andy, John Forlini as Gaylord Ravenal and Annie Reinholz as Magnolia in the musical "Show Boat," which is being presented by Grosse Pointe Theatre in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The Grosse Pointe Theatre's final production of the season, Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II's musical "Show Boat," opens at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 1, in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

On-site parking is free and a dinner buffet is available at the War Memorial prior to most performances. Tickets are \$19 a person; special prices are available for groups of 20 or more. Special student tickets are also available at the door for \$10, but may not be

reserved in advance. Ticket hotline is (313) 881-4004.

The dinner buffet is a separate charge and reservations are required. Call (313) 881-7511.

"Show Boat" will be presented on Sunday, May 1; from Wednesday through Sunday, May 4 through 8 and Wednesday through Saturday, May 11 through 14. Sunday shows begin at 2 p.m.; all other performances begin at 8 p.m.

The musical "Show Boat" is Kern and Hammerstein's adaptation of Edna Ferber's bittersweet love story of the same name.

It follows life on the Mississippi and the love affair between a riverboat gambler and the captain's daughter.

The score includes memorable songs such as "Old Man River," "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man" and "Make Believe."

In addition to the major roles, many Grosse Pointers appear in the large cast of singers, dancers and actors.

Director is Dennis Wickline; producer is Jon Lechner. Stage managers are Emmajean Evans and Dennis McGiness.

Junior League's 5K 'Spring Stampede' will raise funds for the Belle Isle Zoo

On the heels of the closure of the 101-year-old Belle Isle Aquarium, the Junior League of Detroit is stepping up its efforts to bring the great outdoors to the children of Detroit and the surrounding communities.

The Junior League of Detroit will host Spring Stampede, a five kilometer Fun Run & Walk, on Saturday, April 30, beginning at 10 a.m. The event will kick off at the future site of the Belle Isle Nature Zoo and all proceeds from the event will benefit the zoo.

The price is \$25 for adults and families (two adults, two children).

The price for each additional child is \$5.

For more information, call the Junior League of Detroit office at (313) 881-0040.

The new Belle Isle Nature Zoo will encompass 20 acres of forest on Belle Isle, utilizing some elements of the existing infrastructure of the Belle Isle Nature Center and the surrounding natural landscape, including nature trails, numerous outdoor and indoor live animal exhibits, and an Exploration Lodge.

The existing Nature Center will be transformed with several native wildlife species living in naturalistic outdoor habitats.

The Belle Isle Nature Zoo is the Junior League of Detroit's new signature project. In partnership with the Detroit Zoo, this project will offer year-round educational, recreational and environmental conservation opportunities to Detroit families. It will include nature displays, planned programming, nature walks and crafts for Nature Days. The project is scheduled to

last until 2006.

Since 2001, the Junior League of Detroit's signature project has been a partnership with the John C. Monteith Regional Branch of the Detroit Public Library. Over a three-year period, the Junior League of Detroit invested thousands of volunteer hours and over \$150,000 in physical upgrades and monthly enrichment programs. The project is currently focused on providing special Saturday and weekday afternoon educational programs to area children. The project is scheduled to conclude in 2005.

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Library Friends present talk on Faulkner's 'Sound and Fury'

William Faulkner calls "The Sound and the Fury" his most moving novel. This month the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library hope to untangle some of its difficulties, and also help you appreciate its astonishing emotional power in the fifth edition of the 2005 Classics Books Lecture Series.

The lecture will be given by Dr. John Whittier-Ferguson of the University of Michigan on Thursday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Friends members, students and teachers are admitted free. It will cost guests and non-members just \$5. You can preregister by calling (313) 343-2074, extension 204. Advanced registration is not required.

Dr. John Whittier-Ferguson is associate profes-

sor of English and literature at the University of Michigan. He received his B.A. from Kenyon College and his Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1990. He came to U-M in 1990 and has been happily teaching and writing there ever since.

Mark your calendar: The sixth and final lecture in the 2005 Classics Books Lecture Series features Samuel Beckett's play "Waiting for Godot." It will be given by Dr. Enoch Brater at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 12.

For more information about the Classics Books Lecture Series or to become a member of the Friends, visit www.gpfriends.org.

Recycle

Liven up some vegetables

Perk up your vegetables this spring by adding a few things that make everything taste better: butter, milk and cheese. When it comes to flavor, sometimes you have to look the other way, even when counting calories.

This Bon Appetit recipe calls for fresh-cooked spinach but feel free to cut a corner and use frozen spinach that has been thawed.

Vegetable Flan with Spinach Bechamel

- 5 cups cauliflower florets
- 5 cups broccoli florets
- 5 6-oz. bags baby spinach leaves
- 1 1/2 sticks butter
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 1/3 cups whole milk
- 1 1/3 cups Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cook the cauliflower and broccoli in a large pot of salted boiling water until crisp-tender. Drain the vegetables, reserving 1 1/3 cups of the cooking water. Set vegetables aside to cool.

Cook down the spinach in a large nonstick skillet,

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By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



over medium-high heat, until it is just wilted.

Drain, cool and squeeze out as much excess water as you can. Chop the spinach and set aside.

In the same skillet, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the flour and cook and whisk until smooth, just a minute or two.

Whisk in the milk and the reserved cooking water. Stir until the mixture begins to bubble, about 2 minutes.

Stir in the spinach and the cheese. Remove from heat.

Using your fingers, tear the cauliflower and broccoli florets into small pieces and place in a large mixing bowl.

Season with salt and pepper. Pour the spinach mixture over the torn veggies and toss and stir until everything is well-

blended. Turn the mixture into a greased 9-inch by 13-inch glass baking dish (or other 3 quart baking dish). Bake the flan in a preheated 350 degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes, until heated throughout.

If you like, turn the oven to broil and crisp the top of the flan before removing from oven.

Serve vegetable flan with any meat or poultry. The rich and creamy texture of the spinach bechamel is a perfect match for the al dente cooked cauliflower and broccoli.

Each bite promises a mouthful of flavor.

Prepare the flan the night before you wish to serve it to save time. Bake the next day, but be sure to allow more baking time for a chilled flan.


Substitute 3 10-oz. boxes or 2 16-oz. bags of frozen spinach instead of fresh. (Fresh tastes better.)

Thaw and drain before adding to the recipe.

Vegetable flan with spinach bechamel will sit nicely on a brunch buffet or at an upcoming graduation party or shower. The recipe can easily be doubled or tripled.

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Smith-Weitzmon

Erin Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Mary and Greg Smith of the City of Grosse Pointe, married David Alan Weitzmon, son of Nicky and Craig Weitzmon of Naperville, Ill., on May 22, 2004, at St. Paul Catholic Church.

The Rev. Peter Lentine of St. Philomena Church officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception in the garden of the bride's family.

The bride wore a white organza gown that featured a bodice decorated with sequins and beads and a cathedral-length train. She carried a tear-drop bouquet of white, pink and yellow stargazer lilies, white sweet peas and white Anna roses.

The maids of honor were the bride's sister, Eva Smith of the City of Grosse Pointe, and Elena Bryleva of Moscow, Russia.

Bridesmaids were Heather Miller of Fairfield, Iowa; Megan and Karuna Glomb of Santa Barbara, Calif.; Ananda Prohs of Riverside, Calif.; Katja Magus of Bothell, Wash.; and Simone Griffith of Melbourne, Australia.

Flower girls were Emma Wright of Midlothian, Va., and Lisa and Laura Wright, both of Herndon, Va.

Attendants wore floor-length periwinkle organza dresses and carried white calla lilies. The maids of honor carried pink calla lilies.

The groom's brother, Dan Weitzmon of Naperville, Ill., was the best man.

Groomsmen were the groom's brother, Ken Weitzmon of Naperville, Ill.; and the bride's brothers, David, Mark and Alec Smith, all of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The mother of the bride and the mother of the groom wore floral dresses and corsages of purple and pink roses.

Readers were Nancy Sherrard, Carey Hillegonds and Michelle Borland. Music was by Louise Veltri.

The offering of gifts was by Steven Smith, Kirby Brink, Anna Sherrard and Amy Zeller.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education, with a minor in

management, from Maharishi University of Management in Fairfield, Iowa. She is a substitute teacher at Lakes Area and Bloomfield Maple Montessori schools near West Bloomfield.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and chemistry from Maharishi University of Management. He is a systems/network administrator with FTE Automotive.

The couple traveled to Spain. They live in Grosse Pointe.



Andrew David Fortna and Alexandra Marie Wehmeier

Wehmeier-Fortna

Mrs. Hugh E. Gommel of Henderson, Nev., and Paul H. Wehmeier of Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., former Grosse Pointers, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alexandra Marie Wehmeier, to Andrew David Fortna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis G. Fortna of Castle Rock, Colo. An early summer wedding is planned.

Wehmeier earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in geography from the University of Vermont. She is working toward another degree.

Fortna earned a Bachelor of Science degree in molecular biology and mathematics from the University of Colorado. He is a research analyst at Return Path in Superior, Colo.



Raymond A. Regner Jr. and Heike Horstkamp

Horstkamp-Regner

Erika Horstkamp of Lodi, Wis., announced the engagement of her daughter, Heike Horstkamp, to Raymond A. Regner Jr., son of Rosie and the late Raymond Regner Sr. of Grosse Pointe Park.

Heike Horstkamp is also

the daughter of the late Klaus Horstkamp. A May wedding is planned.

Horstkamp earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin. She is a sales manager with Renaissance Hotel in Chicago.

Regner earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from James Madison College at Michigan State University and J.D. degree from Wayne State University. He is a general counsel with Inusco Group Ltd. in Chicago.



Katherine Keating and David Edsey

Keating-Edsey

Mary Lou and Michael Moore of Grosse Pointe Park and Edward Keating of Dallas, Texas, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Keating, to David Edsey, son of Caren and Steven Edsey of Park Ridge, Ill. A June 2006 wedding is planned.

Keating earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University. She is a foundation associate with the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry in Chicago.

Edsey earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University. He is a CPA, financial controller with the Dresner Companies in Chicago.



Lisa Christine Lillich and Phillip John Borders

Lillich-Borders

Helmut and Heidi Lillich of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lisa

Christine Lillich, to Phillip John Borders, son of Jon Quick and Terry Borders of Lawrence, Kan. An August wedding is planned.

Lillich earned a bachelor's degree in general studies from the University of Michigan.

She is a business analyst with EDS.

Borders earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Kansas.

He is a captain in the United States Army currently serving in Hohenfels, Germany.



Jodi Lyn Girodat and Paul R. Coyro

Girodat-Coyro

Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Girodat Jr. of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jodi Lyn Girodat, to Paul R. Coyro, son of Dr. and Mrs. William F. Coyro Jr. of Grosse Pointe Park. An August wedding is planned.

Girodat earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from the University of Dayton. She is a prekindergarten teacher at University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Coyro graduated from Boston University with a degree in business administration. He is a network analyst with Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

Butcher-DeLuca

Nancy and David Butcher of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alexis Jane Butcher, to Lawrence Michael DeLuca, son of Dr. Anthony and Marie DeLuca of Grosse Pointe Farms. An August wedding is planned.

Butcher earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in speech communication and history from Albion College. She works for Butcher Engineering Enterprises Ltd.

DeLuca earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication from Loyola University and a Master of Arts degree in teaching from Wayne State University. He is a language arts teacher at the Grosse Pointe Academy.



Lawrence Michael DeLuca and Alexis Jane Butcher

Kemmer-Turnbull

Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Kemmer of Ormond Beach, Fla., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Kemmer, to John F. Turnbull, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Turnbull of Harbor Springs, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms.

A March wedding is planned.

Kemmer graduated from the University of Florida.

Turnbull is a graduate of Georgetown University. Both are employed by Legacy Marketing Partners in Chicago.



John F. Turnbull and Amanda Kemmer

Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe celebrates its 35th anniversary

By Mimi Drennan
Special Writer

In order to remind the community of its French origins and to encourage the study of the French language, the Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe (part of an international organization) was established in June of 1970 by incorporators Nicole Stroh and Mireille and Warren Wilkinson, to name a few. They envisioned an organization that would focus on promoting the delights of French culture, language, art, music, literature, wine, and cuisine. "Our role in the community," explained Aphie Roumell, past president and spokesperson for the Alliance, "is to perpetuate the historically cultural French traditions of Michigan."

As the years progressed, the new Alliance chapter grew rapidly, profiting from the advice and support of the then Counsel General of France assigned to Detroit, Monsieur Jacques Dirks-Dilly and his wife Monique. Through the years, the major emphasis of the Alliance has been on education. It has conducted competitions among Grosse Pointe high school seniors, both public and parochial, for outstanding French language achievement.

One winner from each of the schools is awarded a scholarship to the college of his or her choice.

Meetings for the Alliance's 175 members are held monthly. Members are also

invited to attend a "salon de conversation" and a French literature discussion of both classical and modern novels — each is held monthly. French language lessons are available to the public on Tuesday nights at the Assumption Cultural Center.

At each of its meetings, members are presented with a French-related program; these include: lectures on French art by curators from the Detroit Institute of Arts, French cuisine cooking classes, salon concert members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and discussions of French literature and fashion design. "At our members meetings, we promote anything with a French connection," said Roumell.

"Each month we enjoy la crème de la crème and have

such a wonderful time." The organization also sponsors a number of fund-raising events throughout the year.

On Friday, May 6, the Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe will celebrate its 35th anniversary with a gala French cuisine dinner for all members at the Little Club. At that time, new board members will be nominated and elected.

"As a continuous nonprofit organization in Grosse Pointe," continued Roumell, "we have thrived and continue to flourish under effective leadership and an enthusiastic and active membership."

For more information about the Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe or to become a member, contact Aphie Roumell at (313) 881-8844 or e-mail to frenchlady00@aol.com.

JLD Garden Club flower show

The Junior League of Detroit Garden Club will present a standard flower show from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

The show will include 80 floral arrangements, horticultural exhibits and a photography contest. All will be judged by Federated Garden Club of America judges.

At 2 p.m. four flower arrangers will highlight nine arrangements.

A boutique will offer garden-related merchandise and displays from LocalMotion and the Nature

Conservancy.

Admission is free, but there is a \$15 charge for the program; \$20 with tea. Tea alone is \$10. Reservations are required for tea.

For tickets, send a check to the Junior League of Detroit, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, 48236; Attention: Gardeners.

The Ford House will be open for tours and the tea room will serve lunch. Reservations are suggested.

For more information, call Mrs. Hilary Micou at (313) 886-6999 or Bethine Whitney at (313) 881-4611.

Babies

Nicholas James Louisell

Joe and Michelle Louisell of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, Nicholas James Louisell, born March 14, 2005. Maternal grandparents are Caryl and Russ Anton of Oscoda and Bernie and Rita LeMieux of Macomb. Paternal grandparents are Martha Louisell of Grosse Pointe Farms and the late Joseph Louisell Jr. Great-grandfather is Hubert Skibbe of Midland.

Charles Robert Gmeiner

Stephen and Deborah Gmeiner of the City of Grosse Pointe are the parents of a son, Charles Robert Gmeiner, born Feb. 11, 2005. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Danielle DeFauw of Grosse Pointe

Park. Paternal grandparents are Linda Gmeiner of Grosse Pointe Farms and Frank "Skip" and Margaret Gmeiner of Harrison Township. Great-grandparents are Blanche Soubeyrand of Marseilles, France, and Jeanne Gmeiner of Hendersonville, N.C.

Riley Celeste Bramlage

Andrew and Colleen Bramlage of Northfield, Ill., are the parents of a daughter, Riley Celeste Bramlage, born Feb. 9, 2005. Paternal grandparents are Don and Donna Bramlage of Grosse Pointe Park. Maternal grandparents are Thomas O'Hallaren of Oak Brook, Ill., and Dorothy O'Hallaren of Fort Myers, Fla. Paternal great-grandparents are Paul and Virginia Brunner of Harper Woods.

Devin Mary Winsininski

Jennifer and Edwin Winsininski are the parents of a daughter, Devin Mary Winsininski, born Feb. 14, 2005. Maternal grandparents are Mary and Gary Ferrari of Grosse Pointe Woods. Paternal grandparents are Ed Winsininski of Oxford, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, and the late Janet Winsininski.

Mason Heath Tibbitts

Martin and Georgia Tibbitts of the City of Grosse Pointe are the parents of a son, Mason Heath Tibbitts, born Feb. 12, 2005. Maternal grandmother is Sandra Heath of Rochester. Paternal grandparents are Loren and Carole Tibbitts of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Auction

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sponsors, with main sponsors of Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer and Weiss P.C. and Stephen G. Schafer.

Those involved are excited about the offerings of four Super Bowl tickets, a cruise for two on the Queen Mary, two tickets to the Grammys, and a journey through the seasons. The winner of this special item will receive a new car every three months.

For the first time, Action Auction attendees will be able to bid on a turquoise Baby Bugatti.

Also offered is a bronze sculpture of a ballerina from Knox Galleries. It captures the innocence and poignancy of the young dancer. The sculpture was created by Reed Jensen, who is known internationally for his spirited sculptures and his talent for creating emotion and energy from bronze and other metals.

A stunning amethyst pendant necklace is based on the ancient jewelry-making tradition of mosaics and donated by George Koueiter & Sons Jewelers.

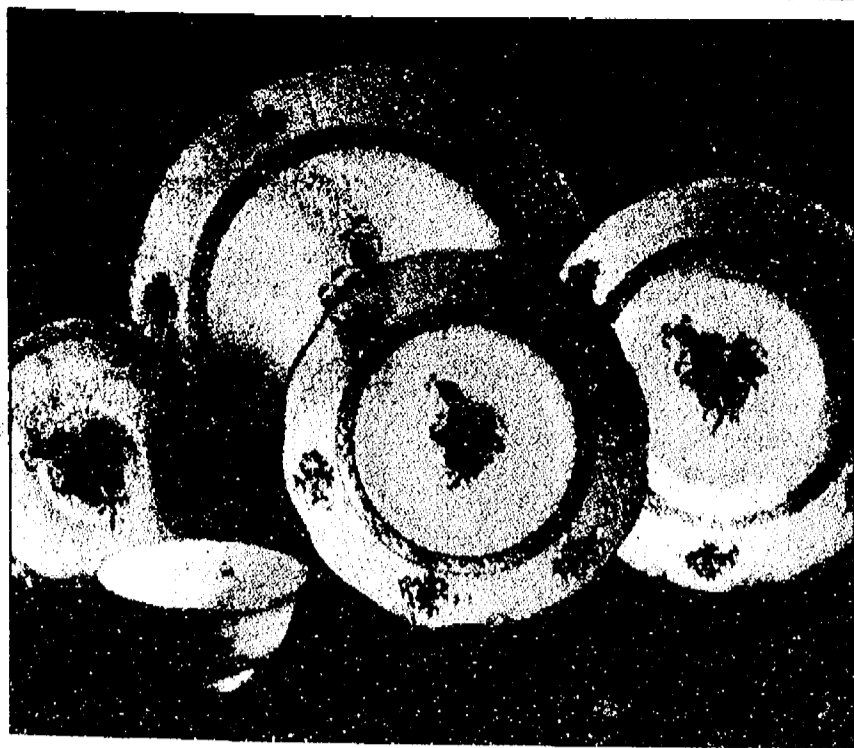
Wednesday's Preview Auction features a silent auction with strolling buffet and a sneak peek at Saturday's items. That evening, guests have a one in 300 chance to win one of three cash prizes, ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,000. Tickets are still available and may be purchased by calling GPA. New this year is an appearance from a well-known wine educator who will bring wines from around the world to taste and learn about.

Saturday's Action Auction promises a silent bidding, a sit-down buffet dinner catered by Thibault & Moore, and, of course, the live auction for the academy's community and the Grosse Pointe community.

The dinner will feature a special appearance by baseball legend Ernie Harwell, and actor Peter Carey will be master of ceremonies during the live auction, once again undertaken by DuMochelle.

The cost of admission for both nights, which includes cocktails and gourmet food, is \$150 per person, or \$75 for Wednesday night's Preview Action Auction from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday night's event is from 5 to 10 p.m.

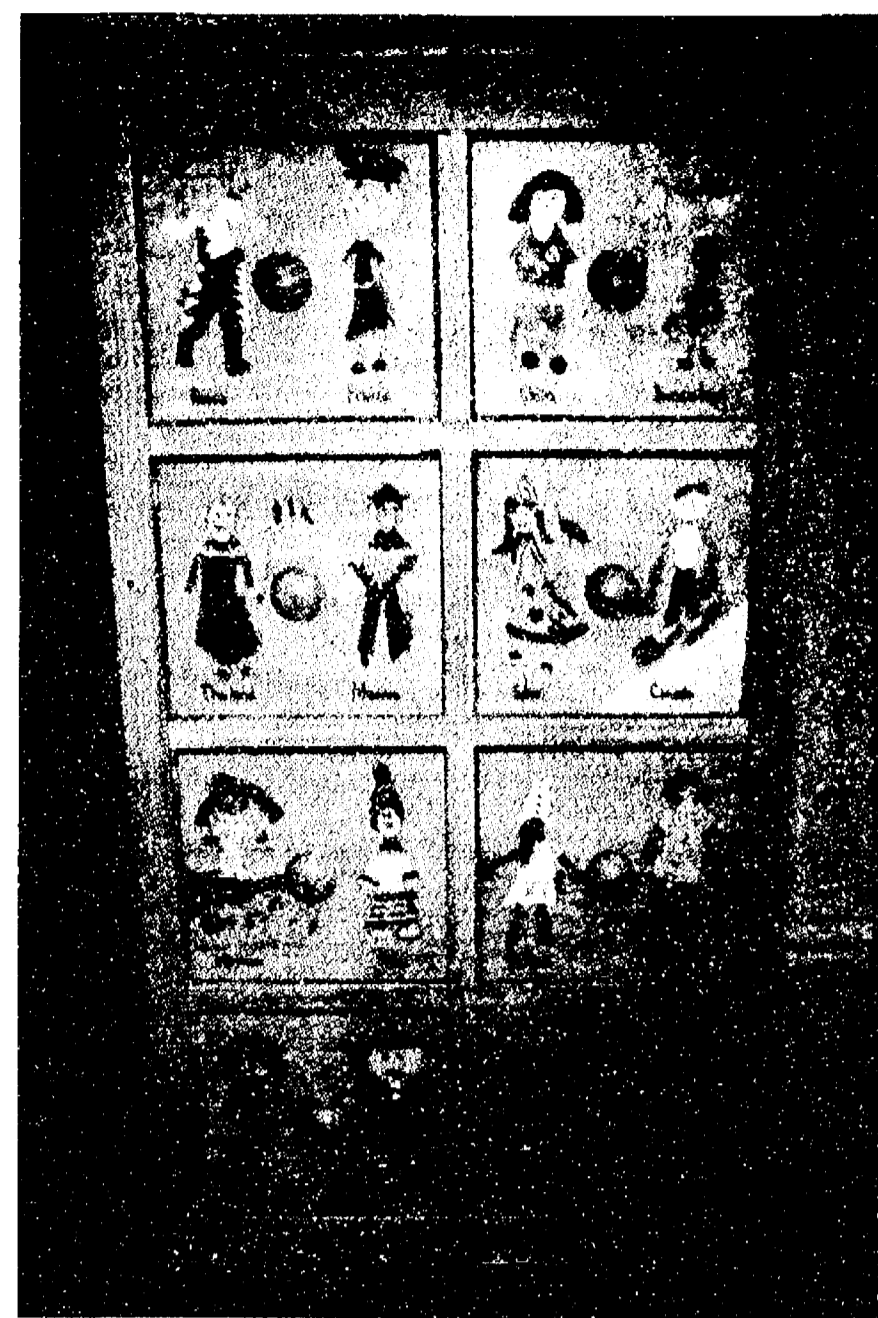
Reservations may be made by calling (313) 886-1221, ext. 182 and will be held at the door. Advance reservations are encouraged, in particular for reserved table seating, but tickets may be purchased at the door for \$175 for Wednesday night and Saturday and \$90 for Wednesday only.



Above, a five-piece place setting for 12 of Herend Chinese Bouquet in raspberry is just one of china offerings during the Action Auction.



Center, created by Reed Jensen, this bronze sculpture of a ballerina is from Knox Galleries and captures the innocence and poignancy of the young dancer.



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Local parish nurse responds to health disparities

By Mimi Drennan
Special Writer

As a young child, Kathleen Ruth never thought about being a nurse. Oh, yes, she loved animals and dreamed of becoming a veterinarian one day but as she progressed through her school years and her marriage, her thoughts were not about nursing. It wasn't until after she and her husband welcomed their first daughter that Ruth decided to enter the nursing profession.

"The birth of my daughter was my inspiration," she

said. "After seeing the concern and feeling the nurses had for the people in their care and because I loved serving people so much myself, I knew that nursing was something I could do — something I wanted to do."

Following several years of practice in critical care and a management position at Grace Hospital, Ruth followed God's call in 1997 to serve as a parish nurse at St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. She loved the work; yet her heart yearned to serve the poor and the homeless.

In 1999, she accepted a call to serve as parish nurse at St. Aloysius Church Downtown Detroit.

Today Ruth savors the opportunity of being with the homeless and the poor, helping them to make a vital connection to God, to themselves and to others through whole health advocacy. Parish nurses, together with other health care ministers and in union with faith communities, participate in healing and insightful outreach through visitation, advocacy, education, support and encouragement, refer-

als and faith sharing. Parish nursing had its beginning in 1985 in Chicago. Since that time, parish nursing has grown internationally. There are currently more than 600 parish nurses in Southeastern Michigan.

Ruth is president of The Parish Nurse Network of Southeast Michigan, Inc., (DPNN) a nonprofit organization.

"Health & Hope Summit 2005," which will take place on Thursday, May 5, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cobo Hall.

The summit is a partnership of the Health & Hope Coalition and the Detroit Wayne County Health Authority and is in conjunction with Cover the Uninsured Week 2005 and the National Interfaith Day of Prayer.

The purposes of the summit are to bring together faith and lay leaders from all parts of southeastern Michigan in order to build new networks for health information and referrals and to learn how to start or enhance a health ministry. Information on safety net and discount drug programs will also be available.

Just a few of the summit workshops will cover "Body and Soul: A Proven Program to get My Congregation 'Eating Right,'" "The Environment and Our Children: What We Need to Know," Diabetes and CVD (cardiovascular disease): Turn Around an Epidemic of

Disparate Proportions; The Gospel Against AIDS: Education, Awareness and Prevention; Depression: Recognizing the Signs, Getting Help.

Those encouraged to attend are faith and lay leaders from churches, synagogues, mosques and other faith communities throughout southeastern Michigan, parish nurses, hospital chaplains, educators, and others who hear and want to heed God's universal call for health and healing. There is no charge for this event.

Sponsors for the Health & Hope Summit 2005 include a number of health care benefactors including: Blue Cross/Blue Shield, St. John Health, Henry Ford Health System, Detroit Medical Center, Bon Secours Cottage Health Services, Oakwood Hospital, Health Care Partners Inc., HAP, Pfizer and DPNN, to name a few.

For more information about the summit, call (313) 874-0074; FAX (313) 874-0813 or e-mail: healthhope-summit@aol.com.

GPAA announces upcoming activities

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association Art Center, 1005 Maryland (at the corner of Maryland and Jefferson), in Grosse Pointe Park, will host an Attic Treasures Sale.

Shoppers will find furniture, collectibles, linens, jewelry, books, household items, attic treasures, art supplies, holiday gifts and rummage items. There will also be a bake sale.

The Preview Sale and party will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Thursday, April 28. The cost for the preview is \$10. The sale itself will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30. Admission is free. For more information, call (313) 821-1848.

The GPAA will host a show, "Experimental Painting," consisting of the current work by three of its members: Charmaine Kaptur, Elaine Schaitberger and Julie Strabel, from Wednesday, May 4, through

Saturday, May 28, at the center.

The opening reception will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 7. The show is open to the public. For more information, call (313) 821-1848.

The GPAA will host "Third Sunday Art Discussion Group" from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at the Center. The topic will be "Rhetoric of Painting" by Roy Macdonald. The presentation is open to the public. The cost is \$5 at the door. For more information, call (313) 821-1848.

The GPAA will host "Fourth Friday Literature/Poetry Discussion Group" from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 27, at the Center. The leader will be Mariela Griffor; the speaker, Eric Bucktael, will introduce poet Phyllis Reeves. The cost is \$5 at the door. For more information, call (313) 821-1848.

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South wins another tight one in crosstown soccer rivalry

When the girls soccer teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South get together one thing is for certain. The match is going to be close. The trend continued Monday when the Blue Devils beat North 1-0 in the Macomb Area Conference crossover game.



Megan Warren has been a strong midfield player for Grosse Pointe North. Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

It was the sixth time in the last nine meetings between the crosstown rivals that the outcome has been decided by one goal.

Stephanie Kostiuik scored the only goal of the match with 23:20 remaining in the first half when she booted home a rebound from the box area.

Both coaches utilized the strategy that has worked well for many seasons. North's Chip Stencil employed his "packed defense" strategy, which relies on long balls to break-away attackers for offense.

South's Gene Harkins has his players make short passes to the feet of teammates, looking for the open midfielder, thereby coaxing a defender to come out of the pack, which opens an attack path toward the goal.

South had the advantage in scoring opportunities with 13 shots on goal, and several others that were either high or wide.

The Blue Devils had one excellent header opportunity, but North goalie Betsy Schrage played another strong game.

She made 11 saves and kept the Norsemen in the match.

At the other end, South's Ali Morawski earned her second shutout as she made four saves, including a spectacular sliding backward heel tap of a loose ball near the far goal post.

Morawski also withstood a dangerous breakaway challenge by North freshman Chelsea Detrick, who had eluded South's defenders.

Midfielder Allison Everett is another freshman starter for North, and both promise to be solid players for four years.

A trio of North seniors, in addition to Schrage, played their usual good game. Megan Warren patrolled the midfield, frequently augmenting the offense, joined by Anna Staperfenne in midfield and Kelly Ritter on defense.

South's leading scorer, Anna Cunningham, was dangerous on offense, matching Kostiuik's three shots on goal.

Margi Scholtes joined Hilary Inger with an excellent midfield effort, while Lauren McLaughlin and Liz Galea led the defenders.

Jae March (midfielder/defender) and Lindsay Krall (forward) came off the bench with excellent performances for South.

Earlier, Stevenson defeated South 1-0 in the Blue Devils' first MAC Red Division match of the season.

The defeat showed the defending champion South squad that each of its division opponents will be "up" for the Blue Devils and will use the South game as a measure for their success.

Stevenson used three small, extremely fast forwards to lead the offensive attack from the opening kickoff, and the Titans had a fourth inserted as the first substitute.

The long-ball attack was successful due in large measure to last year's MAC Red MVP, Kelly Amormino, and her midfield associates, who dominated the center of the field.

Only Morawski's stellar play in goal kept the first half scoreless as the Blue Devils were outshot 9-4.

South grew more frustrated during the second half and committed 11 fouls to the Titans' four.

Morawski made five more saves, most of them spectacular, to the nine routine stops made by Stevenson's goalie.

With seven minutes left in the match, Harkins sent Morawski to the field in an attempt to score, but with 5:18 left, Stevenson's Breanna Bebernick tapped home a rebound from a goal mouth scrum for the only goal of the game.

Alyssa Carr, who replaced Morawski in the net, had no chance on the play.

Carr made three saves in the final minutes to keep the Titans from adding to their lead.

Galea played an excellent game for South, and Kelly Springborn was the only other Blue Devils player to play the entire 80 minutes.

In North's previous game, Anna Alschbach scored two goals and Warren chipped in one to lead the Norsemen to a 3-0 victory over Romeo.

It was the third consecutive win for North and the third straight shutout for Schrage.

North is 3-4 overall and 2-0 in the MAC White Division.

Good start, strong finish carry Norsemen past Blue Devils

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

A good start and an even better finish was all that Grosse Pointe North's baseball team needed last week in its victory over crosstown rival Grosse Pointe South.

The Norsemen scored seven runs in the first inning and nine in the sixth on the way to a 17-7 victory in the Macomb Area Conference White Division game.

It was the 12th straight win for the Norsemen, and second in as many games in the MAC White.

"We hit well, but so did they," said North coach Frank Sumbera. "South kept creeping back into it, so it was good to have that big sixth inning."

North's first inning was capped by Brad Herman's grand slam. Doubles by Adam Miller and Michael Kaiser started the scoring, and Zac Matthews also had a first-inning double.

Key hits in the sixth for the Norsemen were a two-run double by Jon Hinz, a two-run single by Miller, an RBI single by Herman and a run-scoring triple by Josh Lewis.

North scored its other run in the second on a single by Lewis, a stolen base and Matt Grassley's single.

South's offense contributed to both of the Norsemen's big innings.

"You can't give a team as good as North four or five outs in an inning," said Blue Devils coach Dan Griesbaum. "They capitalized on everything we did wrong."

South opened the scoring in the top of the first with a triple by Kyle Humphrey and Austin McClung's two-run homer.

Singles by Eddie Barclay and Humphrey and a double by Ryan Gunderson gave the Blue Devils a run in the third. They added two more in the fourth when Chad

Murphy was hit by a pitch, Frankie DeLaura singled, Barclay walked, Humphrey bounced into a fielder's choice to drive in a run, and Ryan Abraham hit an RBI single.

South scored twice in the fifth. Gunderson tripled and scored on Murphy's single. James Bertakis singled and Barclay hit an RBI triple.

"We're hitting the ball well," Sumbera said. "In our two league games, we've scored 19 and 17 runs."

Griesbaum can also see his team improving.

"We need to be more consistent," he said. "We played well for four innings, and we didn't give up when we were down 7-2."

"We're getting better. We're improving individually and as a team."

That was the only game for either team last week as the Friday and Monday contests were postponed because of bad weather.

South wins tough net battle

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

The final score of Grosse Pointe South's tennis match with Grosse Pointe North doesn't tell the whole story.

"The final score is deceiving," said South coach Tom Berschback after his team's 7-1 victory over the Norsemen in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division match.

"North has a very good team, and the score doesn't indicate how competitive many of the matches were."

Berschback was especially pleased with Brent Parshall's 6-2, 7-6 victory over North's Robbie Sessions at No. 3 singles.

"That's a breakout match for Brent, who played doubles last year," Berschback said. "He did a good job against an excellent player."

North's only win came at No. 4 singles where John Vinson outlasted Mike Stefani 7-6, 6-7, 7-5.

"Mike played well, but John was just a little better," Berschback said.

The only matches that weren't close were at No. 1 and No. 2 singles. South's Joe Vallee won 6-0, 6-0 at first singles and Ben Hartman posted a 6-1, 6-0 win at No. 2.

All four doubles matches were quite competitive.

Jimmy Dixon and Matt Prigorac won 6-1, 6-3 at first

doubles. Joe Halso and Andrew Miller gave South a 6-1, 1-6, 6-1 win at No. 2 doubles.

Eric Berschback and Sean O'Donnell-Daudlin won 6-4, 6-3 at No. 3, and Patrick Whelan and Andrew Buchholz came back from 4-

0 and 5-1 deficits in the first set to win 7-5, 6-3 at fourth doubles.

South played four non-league matches last week and won two and tied another.

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Rugged rugby

Ian Talbot carries the ball for Grosse Pointe South's newly-formed rugby team. See story on page 3C.



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Gators Swim Club does well against tough competition

Jessi Kaminski of the Grosse Pointe Gators Swim Club won the girls 10-and-under 50-yard butterfly at a Junior Olympics swimming meet at Holt High School.

Kaminski, who had a winning time of 35.07, also finished sixth in the 100 but-

terfly and 21st in the 50 freestyle.

Several members of the Grosse Pointe Gators Swim Club had fine performances at the Junior Olympics meet, the 12-and-under state championships at Rockford High School, and

the 13-and-over state championships at Eastern Michigan University.

Also in the Junior Olympics meet, Eliza Mott was second in the girls 10-and-under 100 backstroke and fifth in the 50 back-

Zach Powell had three top 10 finishes in the boys 11-12 age group. He was fourth in the 200 backstroke, seventh in the 50 butterfly and eighth in the 200 freestyle.

Mark Evan Auk was fourth in the boys 10-and-under 500 freestyle, 11th in the 50 freestyle and 12th in the 100 individual medley.

Erica Bruce was third in the girls 11-12 50 backstroke, fourth in the 100 backstroke, 13th in the 100 butterfly and 15th in the 200 backstroke.

Tori Bruce was second in the girls 13-18 100 backstroke.

Kendall Effinger was fifth in the girls 13-18 100 butterfly, while Sam Effinger was third in the boys 11-12 100 butterfly.

Jack Hessburg finished fourth in the boys 13-18 200 breaststroke, fifth in the 500 freestyle, and 13th in the 100 breaststroke. Joe Hessburg was fourth in the boys 11-12 500 freestyle, 11th in the 100 individual medley, 14th in the 200 freestyle, 15th in the 200 IM, and 19th in the 100 freestyle.

Ben Moss was fifth in the boys 10-and-under 50 butterfly and 11th in the 100 IM.

Megan Brooks was 18th in the girls 11-12 200 breaststroke, 19th in the 100 breaststroke, and 20th in the 200 backstroke.

Connor Dixon was 12th in the boys 11-12 200 breaststroke and 20th in the 50 breaststroke.

Luke Hessburg was 16th in the boys 11-12 200 breaststroke, and Brad Kaminski was 19th in the boys 11-12 100 IM.

Lindsey Phillips was 10th in the girls 11-12 200 freestyle, 17th in the 100 butterfly, 19th in the 100 freestyle and 20th in the 50 butterfly.

Other Gators swimmers who qualified for the Junior Olympics meet were Leah Baker, Wayne Brackett, Abby Constant, Michael Crowley, Brad Foster and Matt Schmidt.

Ella Pandy finished in the top 11 in five events at the 12-and-under state meet. She was sixth in the girls 10-and-under 50 butterfly, seventh in the 100 breaststroke, ninth in the 50 freestyle, 10th in the 100 freestyle, and 11th in the 50 breaststroke.

Bailey Powell was in the top 12 in six events in the girls 11-12 division. She was sixth in the 100 IM and 200

butterfly, eighth in the 100 freestyle and 400 IM, 10th in the 100 butterfly, and 12th in the 100 backstroke.

Mark Evan Auk was 12th in the boys 10-and-under 50 butterfly, and Joe Hessburg was 15th in the boys 11-12 200 breaststroke.

The girls 10-and-under 200 medley relay team of Jill Schumann, Jessi Kaminski, Ella Pandy and Eliza Mott was eighth, while the same four girls placed 10th in the 200 freestyle relay.

Brad Kaminski, Brad Foster, Zach Powell and Joe Hessburg finished 16th in the boys 11-12 200 freestyle relay, and they swam to a 17th place in the 200 medley relay.

Erica Bruce, Leah Baker, Bailey Powell and Lindsey Phillips finished 19th in the girls 11-12 200 freestyle relay, and Megan Brooks joined Powell, Phillips and Bruce on the 200 medley relay team that also finished 19th.

In the 13-and-over state meet, Kendall Effinger had the best finish by a Gators swimmer when she was 12th in the girls 13-14 100 butterfly. Jack Hessburg was 19th in the boys 13-14 500 freestyle.



The Grosse Pointe Gators Swim Club had several members qualify for the Junior Olympics meet and the state short course championships. In front, from left, are Wayne Brackett, Sam Effinger, Connor Dixon, Megan Brooks, Ben Moss, Ella Pandy and Lily Pandy. In the second row, from left, are Jill Schumann, Luke Hessburg, Zachary Powell, Joe Hessburg, Erica Bruce, Eliza Mott, Abby Constant and Jade Nehra. In back, from left, are Jack Hessburg, Matt Schmidt, Lindsey Phillips, Bradley Foster, Kendall Effinger, Victoria Bruce, Leah Baker and Bailey Powell. Not pictured are Mark Auk, Emma Baker, Michael Crowley, Jennifer Dunaway, Henry Fildes, Bradley Kaminski, Jessi Kaminski and Becky Welland.

South boys lacrosse gets best of rival

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe South's boys lacrosse team took it right at rival Grosse Pointe North in their annual battle last week, winning 5-2.

"It was a great lacrosse game," South head coach John Fowler said.

"Our unheralded players stepped up and really played well for us, and we were able to hold possession for long periods of time, and that is what we needed to do to win."

"I have to give South a lot of credit because it was the better team out there this time around," North head coach Rob Dameron said. "We got the job done defensively, but our offense didn't produce the results I thought we would, and I think that is why we lost to our rival."

The game was very physical and intense as each team wanted to get bragging rights.

However, it was South's ability to score the big goals when it needed them that was the difference.

"It was a little chippy at first, but the guys settled down and played a clean, intense rivalry game," Fowler said. "It's a big win for us, and hopefully we can

keep this momentum going." South led 2-1 at the half and put the game away, scoring three fourth-quarter goals.

North grabbed a 1-0 lead just 1:29 into the game when senior leader Dave Watson scored, assisted by Dan Gassel.

South got back on its feet to control the rest of the game as Ben Vandelinder, assisted by Bobby Diehl, brought the Blue Devils even at a goal apiece, scoring with 1:54 left in the opening period.

Danny Ratliff scored late in the second quarter, assisted by Pete Grimmer, to make it a 2-1 contest.

In the final period, the Blue Devils got goals from Tom MacEachern (unassisted), Vandelinder (assisted by Grimmer) and Vinnie Panizzi (unassisted).

Dane Fosse scored unassisted for the Norsemen.

In other action last week, South beat L'Anse Creuse North 6-2, while North lost 13-5 to Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"Our tough schedule will make us a better team, and the guys understand our philosophy," Dameron said. "It's tough to lose, but the guys are playing hard and playing to win."

"Now we have won a couple of games in a row, which is great for our team confidence," Fowler said. "Let's keep it going."

The Grosse Pointe South lacrosse team improved to 2-2 overall, while North dropped to 2-6.

North golfer shakes tough start

The qualities that make Grosse Pointe North's Caitlin Bennett a clutch performer on the basketball court are also apparent on the golf course.

In a couple of the Norsemen's recent meets, Bennett recovered from a poor start to easily pull away from the rest of the field.

"One of Caitlin's strengths is that she doesn't dwell on a bad shot or a bad hole," said her father, Gary. "She's able to look ahead to the next hole and focus on that one."

In last week's Regina Invitational at Gowanie Golf Club, Bennett had a triple bogey on the first hole of the 18-hole tournament, but recovered nicely to shoot a

78 and help North take first place with a team score of 362.

Farmington Mercy was second with 403, followed by Regina 415 and Grosse Pointe South 421.

North's other scorers were Mary Rose Sassin with a 92, Elizabeth Beals with a 94 and Christy Sandmair with a 98.

Regina's Dana Zak was second to Bennett with an 89.

Julie West shot 97 to lead South's golfers.

In North's 195-288 victory over Eisenhower in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet, Bennett had a double bogey on the first hole, but again recovered to shoot a 36 on the

Lochmoor course.

Rounding out the North scores were Melissa Cleary with a 50, Beals with a 52 and Sassin with a 57.

In the Norsemen's 179-213 victory over South, Bennett got off to a good start and shot a two-under-par 34 at Lochmoor.

"That was her best round ever," Gary Bennett said.

Sandmair also had an excellent round as she carded a 43. She was followed by Cleary with a 49, and Sassin and Beals with 53s.

West led South with a 43. North has a 5-0 record in dual meets.

This weekend, North and South will both compete in a tournament in Traverse City.

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF LAST DAY FOR FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS FOR CITY OFFICES

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

MAYOR
MUNICIPAL JUDGE
THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

Jane M. Blahut,
City Clerk

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

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

Members of the Board of Education
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Vote for not more than Two (2)

Margaret Beck
Joan R. Dindoff
Alice Koskinski

Each person voting in the Election must be:

a. A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age;
b. A registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides.

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

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS

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

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

PRECINCT	LOCATION
All Precincts	Maire School Gymnasium, 740 Cadieux

GROSSE POINTE PARK

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

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

PRECINCT	LOCATION
001	Ferry School, 748 Roslyn Road
002	Mason School, 1640 Vernier Road
003	First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier Road
004	City Hall Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza
005	Monteith School, 1276 Cook Road
006	Barnes School, 20090 Morningside

TOWNSHIP OF GROSSE POINTE

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

CITY OF HARPER WOODS

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

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GPN: 04/21/05 & 04/28/05

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

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

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

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

SHANE L. REESIDE City Clerk City of Grosse Pointe Farms 313-885-6600	JANE BLAHUT City Manager/City Clerk City of Grosse Pointe Park 313-822-6200
JULIE E. ARTHURS City Clerk City of Grosse Pointe 313-885-5800	LOUISE WARNKE City Clerk City of Grosse Pointe Woods 313-343-2440
ROBERT GRAZIANI Township Clerk Township of Grosse Pointe 313-884-0234	MICKEY TODD City Clerk City of Harper Woods 313-343-2510

GPN: 04/21/05 & 04/28/05

Players on South's new rugby club are quick learners

By Stefan Cross
Special Writer

As the players break out of the scrum, a forward pass-

es the ball to one of the backs, who moves down the field for a try! Sound like a foreign language? Well it's

not; I'm talking about Rugby.

Students at Grosse Pointe South have organized their own rugby team coached by Iain McKendrick, the men's match secretary at the Detroit Rugby Football Club (Detroit RFC). The team, aptly named the Barbarians, consists of 26 players while only 15 play at a time.

"We're called the Barbarians because while most players are from South we have four or five players from North," said McKendrick. "Everybody gets along great."

The team competes through the Michigan Youth Rugby Association (MYRA) within the Detroit RFC since rugby is not a sanctioned Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) sport.

The participants practice on Mondays and Tuesdays and have games every Wednesday and occasionally on Saturday, while also competing in rugby tourna-

ments. There are 20 teams, broken into four divisions, who compete in the league. This is South's first year competing with a rugby team. Team captains are Matt Henderson and Bob Barker.

"Rugby combines the speed of lacrosse, the precision and decision making of soccer and the roughness of football," McKendrick said. "I'm very proud of these young men. I'm starting to see the same passion in them that I have for the game."

For those not familiar with rugby, it's a fairly simple game. Two teams play against each other for two 30 minute halves, and the team with the most points at the end wins.

Points are awarded by carrying, passing or kicking the ball into the goal area (similar to football end-zones). Once the ball breaks the plain of the goal area it's considered a try (five points plus a conversion) Players can use both their hands

and feet to score. Rugby is a full-contact sport, which means players can tackle and hit the opposing team to get the ball.

Play only stops when one team scores a try, the ball goes out of play, or an infringement occurs.

The boys seem to be picking up the game quickly, winning their first three matches comfortably.

The team's first match was against Lakeview High School on April 6, where they came out on top 27-3.

"Stefan Smolenski was our 'man of the match'; he scored two tries. After every game we name someone the 'man of the match,'" McKendrick said. "Other top performers were Bob Barker and Mike Brown."

On April 13, the team was able to shut out Troy United 20-0. Barker was the 'man of the match' scoring two tries.

"I'd like to recognize our forwards. All eight of our forwards played very well," McKendrick said.

During play the team is

split up into eight forwards and seven backs. The forwards play up front and handle most of the offense while the backs usually handle the defense. However, anybody can score a try, no matter what position.

On April 20, the boys took on Perrysburg and came out with another shut out, winning by a score of 19-0. The 'man of the match' was Chuck Smith.

"At first my goal was just to win a game, but now I think we can compete with some of the seasoned teams. The team has raised my level of expectations and continues to everyday. We pride ourselves in our defense," McKendrick said.

Last Saturday the boys participated in the Michigan Cup and continued their winning ways.

They handled Troy by the score of 57-0 and then went on to top Howell 19-5.

"The Michigan Cup helps determine the top three teams in the state," McKendrick said.



Photo by Bob Bruce

Bob Barker, center, is one of the captains on the Grosse Pointe South rugby team.

ULS netters show steady improvement

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Watching his players improve is just as exciting as winning matches for University Liggett School tennis coach Chuck Wright.

Wright has had a lot to be excited about lately, especially at third and fourth singles where Peter Spina and Iain Decker are making quite an impression.

Both played very well last weekend as ULS finished third in the East Grand Rapids Invitational.

"This is the first time that Peter has played singles, and it's a big adjustment after playing doubles," Wright said.

Spina lost 8-4 to a player from Holland and dropped a tough 9-8 decision to East Grand Rapids before beating his opponent from Whitehall 8-3.

Decker had a chance to win the No. 4 singles flight after beating East Grand Rapids 9-7 and Whitehall 8-0 in his first two matches, but he lost 9-8 to Holland in his final match.

"Iain is really starting to believe in himself," Wright said. "He has started to play some great tennis. In his match against Holland, he competed better than I've ever seen him compete."

Justin Powell played well at No. 1 singles.

"He lost 8-6 to Holland, and stayed with him all the way," Wright said. "Our guys don't give up."

At No. 2 doubles, David Charbonier and Joe DeLaura won one of their three matches.

"Joe is a big hitter, and he's learning to control his

shots," Wright said.

Wright was also pleased with his No. 4 doubles team of Tomek Dow and Matthew Witkowski.

"They played great," he said. "They lost 8-6 to East Grand Rapids, then beat Whitehall 8-1 and were leading 4-1 against Holland when they had to get off the court for an hour and a half. That gave Holland time to regroup and they won 9-7, but Tomek and Matthew really competed."

In the Knights' only dual meet last week, they dropped an 8-0 decision to Detroit Country Day, which was ranked No. 1 in Division III.

Powell played well at No. 1 singles, and Decker had a strong showing at No. 4, losing 7-5, 6-1.

"I was really pleased with all of my doubles teams," Wright said. "They competed hard and well."

An outstanding performance by Michael Shook highlighted Pointe Aquatics' efforts in the recent Michigan Swimming 12-and-under Short Course State Championships.

Shook won the state championship in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:13.62. He also finished third in the 400 individual medley and the 200 backstroke; fourth in the 200 IM and 200 freestyle, and 13th in the 100 backstroke.

Other top finishes in the 12-and-under meet were Molly Dewald, 12, who was second in the 50 breaststroke and 18th in the 200 breaststroke; Christian Mellos, 10, fifth in both the 50 and 100 breaststroke; Mallory Jamett, 10, eighth in the 100 backstroke, 10th in the 500 freestyle and 15th in the 200 freestyle; Chrisa Kouskoulas, 9, 18th in the 50 breaststroke and 31st in the 100 breaststroke; Nora Oliver, 12, 26th in the 500 freestyle; Jacqueline Shea, 12, 14th in the 50 freestyle, 20th in the 50 breaststroke and 28th in the 100 freestyle; Robert Tripp, 12, 22nd in the 50 breaststroke, 27th in the 400 individual medley, 24th in the 100 breaststroke; 30th in the 200 breaststroke and 33rd in the 200 backstroke; and Meredith Tulloch, 10, 30th in the 100 breaststroke.

Pointe Aquatics had several competitors do well in the age 13-14 and Open Short Course championships.

Cameron Howle was eighth in the 1,650 freestyle and 12th in the 1,000 freestyle; Heather Poole, 18th in the 200 butterfly; and Whitney Smith, 15th in the 100 freestyle and 16th in the 50 freestyle.

Competing in the Open events were Kim Grady, who was sixth in the 100 breaststroke, seventh in the 200 breaststroke, 17th in the 50 freestyle, 21st in the 100 butterfly and 23rd in the

100 freestyle; Stephanie Johnson, third in the 200 butterfly, 10th in the 100 butterfly and 26th in the 200 individual medley; Leeann Mocerri, 12th in the 1,000 freestyle, 15th in the 500 freestyle and 41st in the 400 individual medley.

Hanna was 30th in the 100 breaststroke, 36th in the 200 breaststroke and 67th in the 200 IM.

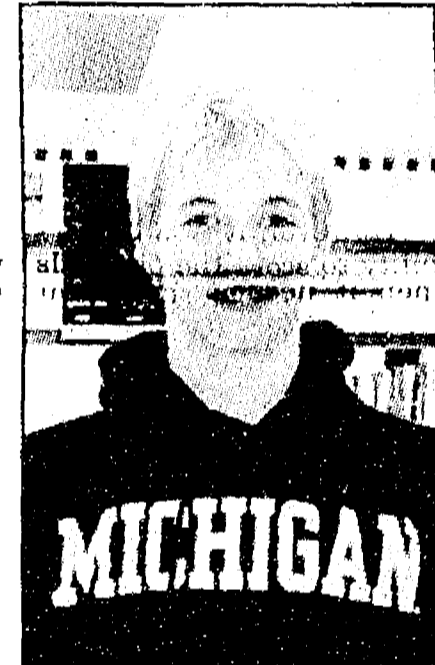
The Pointe Aquatics spring session is now in progress. Visit the club's website at: www.pointequatics.com for more information.

Series Zone 3 Sectional meet at Cleveland State University.

Schmidt was 14th in the 1,650 freestyle, 16th in the 1,000 freestyle, 33rd in the 500 freestyle and 41st in the 400 individual medley.

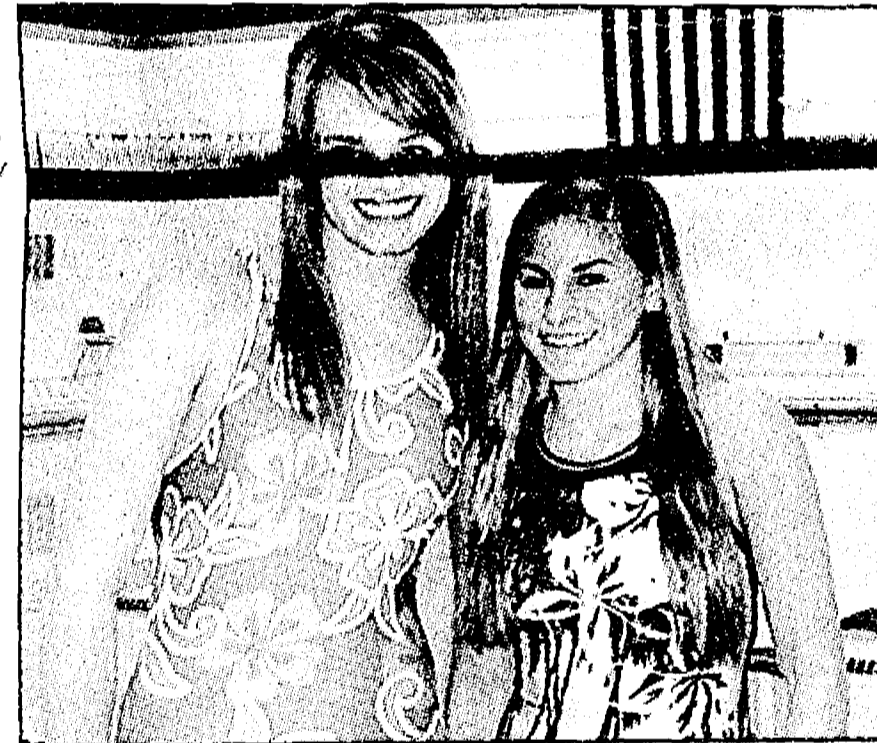
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Mike Shook

He also qualified for the 1,000 and 1,650 freestyle events in the Michigan Swimming 13-14 and Open Short Course State Championships, and in both of those events he set 12-and-under state records. Shook was ninth in the 1,650 freestyle and 11th in the 1,000 in the Open meet.



Julianna Schmidt, left, and Lauren Hanna qualified for the Speedo Champions Series Zone 3 Sectional meet at Cleveland State University.

Tennis

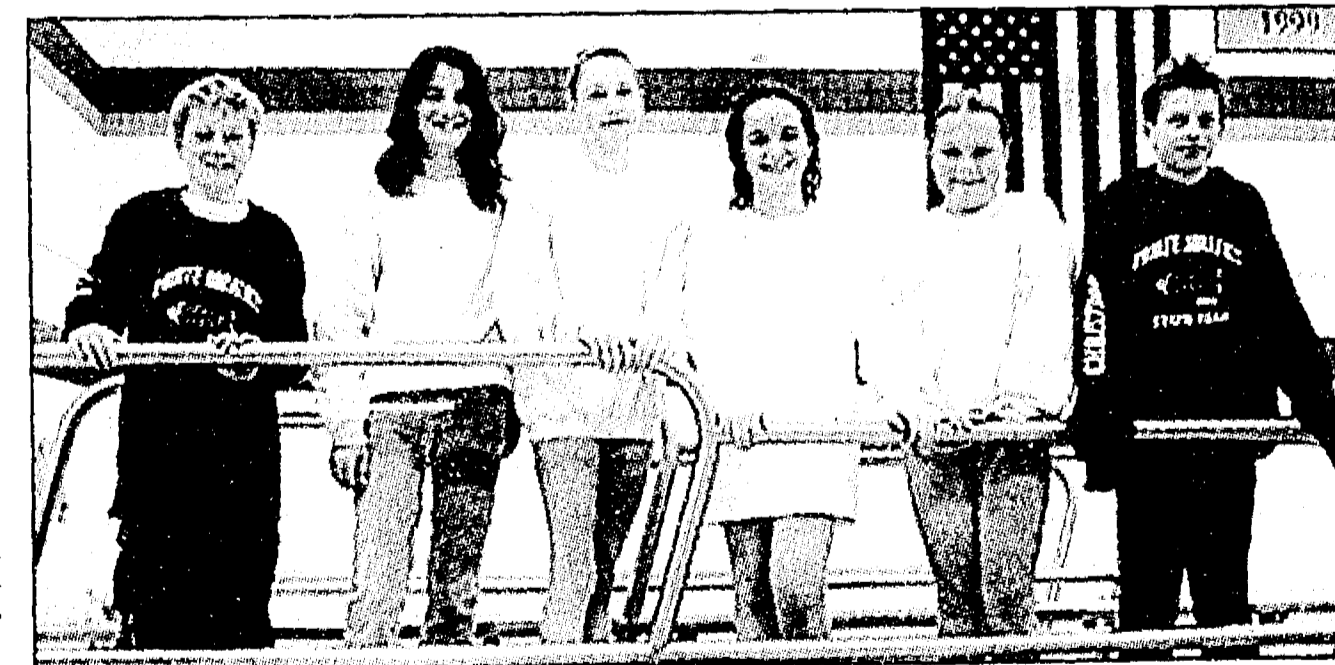
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The Blue Devils posted 5-3 victories against Grosse Ile and Brother Rice. In the Rice match, Hartman had an impressive 7-6, 7-6 win at No. 2 singles.

South tied Cranbrook Kingswood 4-4, and dropped a 5-3 decision to Detroit Country Day.

The highlight of the Country Day match was Vallee's 6-4, 6-1 victory over Andrew Thompson at No. 1 singles.

"Joe lost to him when they played last year," Tom Berschback said.



Nine Point Aquatics swimmers qualified for the Michigan 12-and-under state short course championships. From left, are Robert Tripp, Molly Dewald, Jacqueline Shea, Mallory Jamett, Meredith Tulloch and Christian Mellos. Not pictured are Chrisa Kouskoulas, Nora Oliver and Michael Shook.

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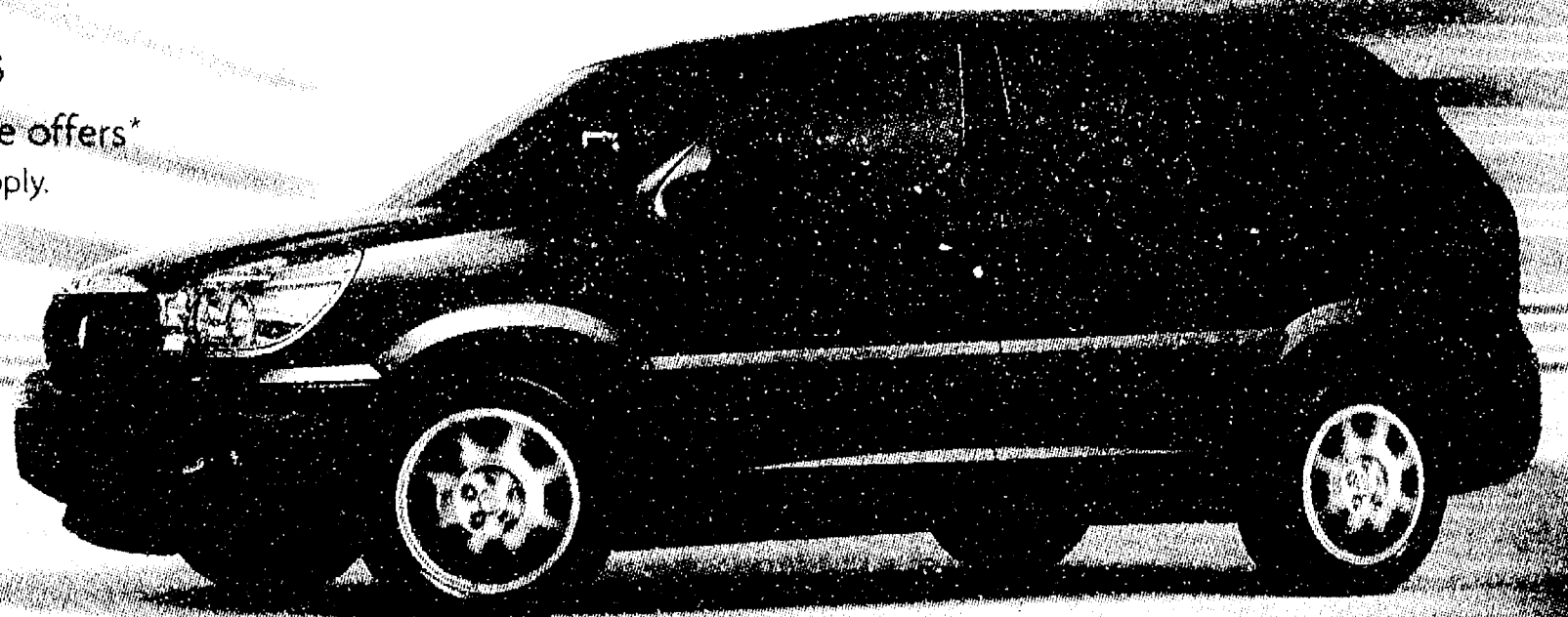
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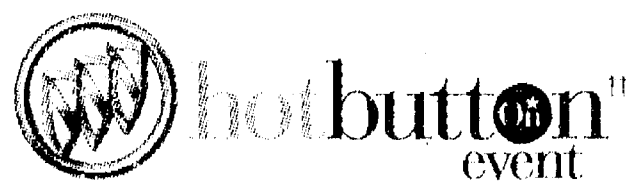
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Planting for the birds

The trend toward natural landscaping to attract birds has never been more popular. The National Wildlife Federation has now certified 27,000 yards as wildlife habitats.

Why would you want to landscape to attract birds to your area? The reasons are many. Birds are a natural pesticide as insects supplement their diet of seeds and fruits. In many cases, insects are the only food of many of our common birds as well as the migrants that breed in this area. Birds also pollinate flowers, making them a key figure in fruit production.

One of the strongest recommendations that I can make to you in your attempts at landscaping to attract birds is to utilize native plants. Native plants are low maintenance, appropriate for a wide variety of sites, are aesthetically pleasing, have the correct root systems for the ecology of the area, and most importantly, harbor the natural insects that the birds rely upon as food sources.

Natural habitats are composed of more than the plant material itself. Microorganisms that survive around the plant roots are brought in with the plant, leading to an insect life that is abundant for the birds we want to attract. Additionally, birds are genetically programmed to pollinate native plants and eat their seeds and berries.

What is a native plant? Native plants are those that were living in any given area of the New World before its colonization by people from other parts of the world.

When choosing plants, it is important to consider plant diversity as well as vertical diversity. Plant diversity helps to prevent diseases and pests that can destroy an ecosystem that is monotonous. Plant diversity also welcomes a greater variety of birds. Vertical diversity refers to the various heights of plant matter including ground covers, shrubs, bushes and trees. Vertical diversity creates an understory of shrubs and smaller trees under the established canopy that many of our cities have in place.

One place that has taught me to believe in the value of an understory is the Edsel and Eleanor Ford



**For
the
Birds**

**By Rosann Kovalcik
Wild Birds Unlimited**

House. The impressive lawn with its towering trees is a sight to behold and impresses those who value a vast expanse of green lawn. But any time that I am leading a Bird Walk at the Ford House, the birds can be found in the areas of the Ford House where the understory is intact, closest to the Grosse Pointe Woods park and the residential homes.

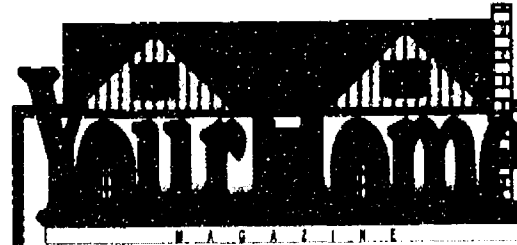
Shrubs also play an important role in that they offer nest sites for birds that will nest only at shrub height, not in the tree canopy or on the ground. Native shrubs that should be considered include elderberry, highbush cranberry, maple leaf viburnum, nannyberry, chokecherry, chokeberry, spicebush, and red-osier dogwood.

The addition of hedgerows to an area of your yard creates a multitude of green hues in spring, laden with showy blossoms that turn to berries so needed as a fruit source for birds. It is no coincidence that the majority of fruit becomes ripe in the fall, just in time for the migration of most birds to their southerly homes.

Fruits of our native shrubs are high in lipid content, which has twice the energy value per unit weight as carbohydrates, helping the birds build up essential deposits of subcutaneous fats that permit them to stay airborne during their migrational flights. Additionally, hedgerows are favored by many birds that ground feed in the leaf litter beneath them, scratching to unearth insects. This leaf litter is full of insects that feed on the decaying plant matter.

Many times during migration I have witnessed the white-crowned sparrows, white-throated sparrows, and rufous-sided towhees scratch-

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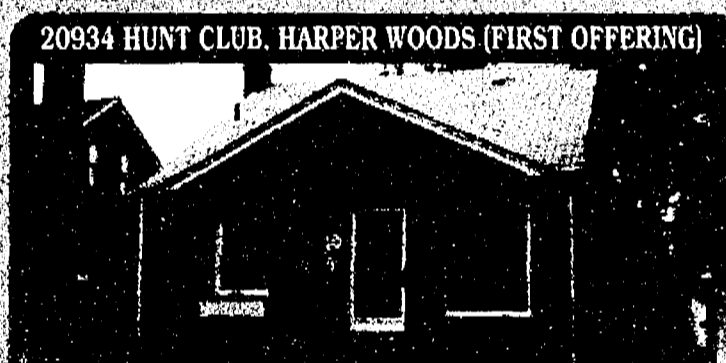
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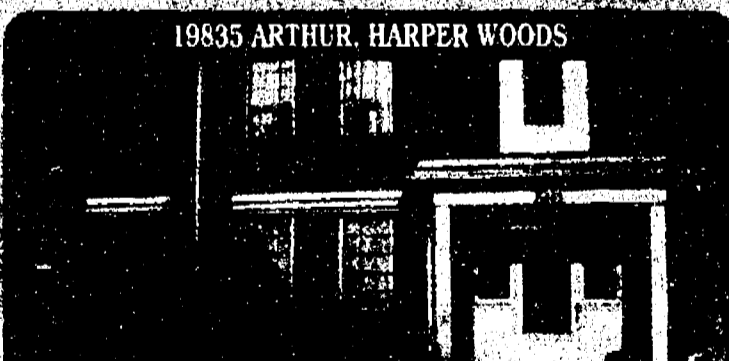
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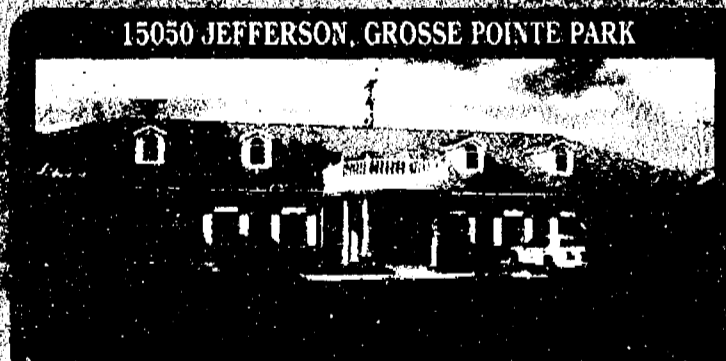
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ing in the leaf litter in my yard, finding sustenance before they continue on their way. Leaves can be gathered after spring, the bird's journey cannot be postponed.

With the number of ash trees that are being lost to the ash borer, many of us are facing choices on replacing trees. Trees are the key element in our efforts to restore native habitat.

Southeastern Michigan was once completely forested, and we can make choices to add native trees back to this landscape as a welcome mat to the birds. In areas where you wish to add evergreens, Eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) is a slow growing, hardy and native tree with fruit that ripens in the early fall and persists throughout the winter. It prefers sun and partial shade, and since only the female tree produces berrylike cones, you need to plant several trees to improve the chances of a good fruit crop.

Fifty-four species of birds are

known to eat the fruit of the Eastern red cedar, and because the fruit persists into the winter, it is a good source of food for resident birds. Oak trees provide excellent wildlife value and a number of them are native to southeastern Michigan including black oak, bur oak, red oak, swamp white oak and white oak. Most are slow-growing, long-lived, and drought tolerant. Oak was one of the dominant tree species in the area, and the native birds would thrive if these trees were brought back in good numbers.

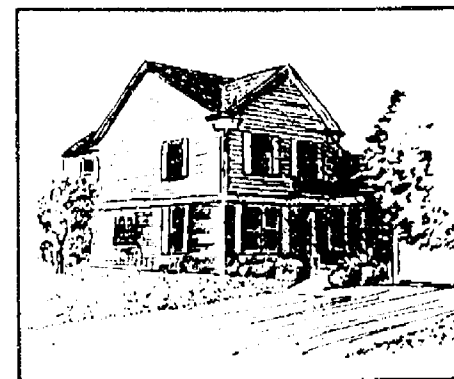
Tuliptree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) is an ornamental native also known as tulip or yellow poplar and is a hardy street tree. Its flower nectar is one of the earliest sources of food for ruby-throated hummingbirds.

Enjoy the spring weather while listening to the birds singing as you work in your yard, knowing that you are providing a better place for them to live.

Rosann Kovalcik is a certified bird-feeding specialist and owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods; (313) 881-1410; e-mail, RosannKovalcik@comcast.net.

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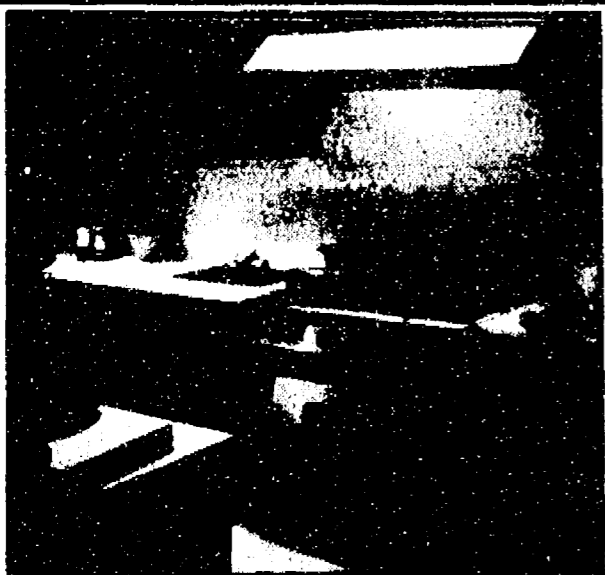
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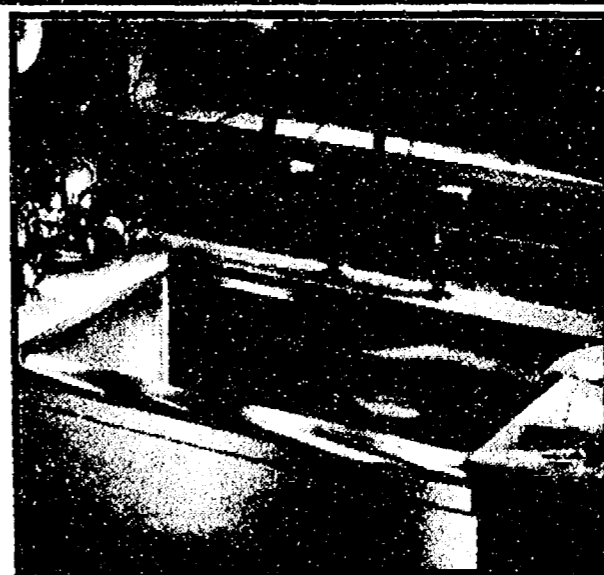
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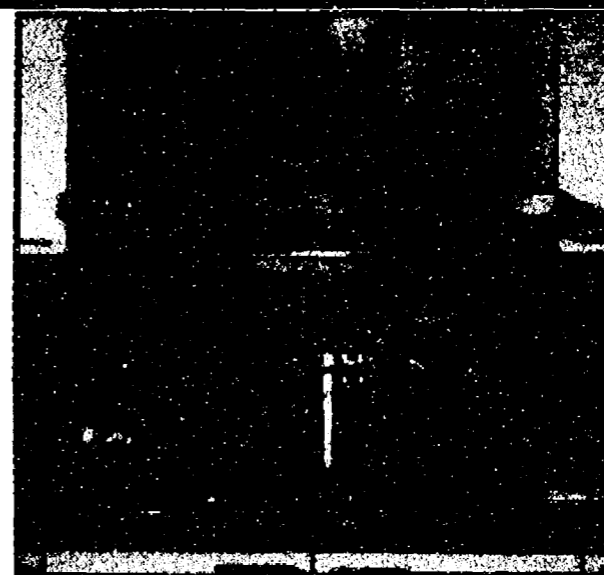
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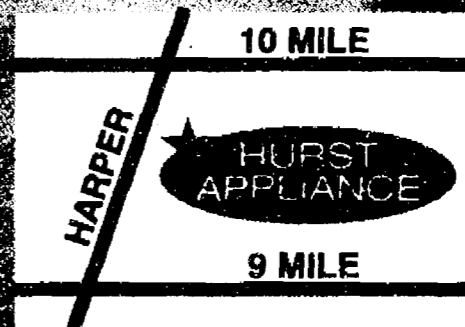


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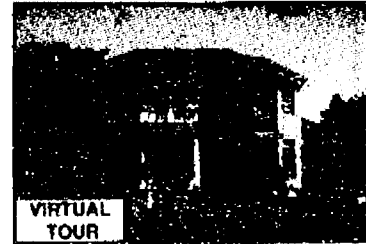
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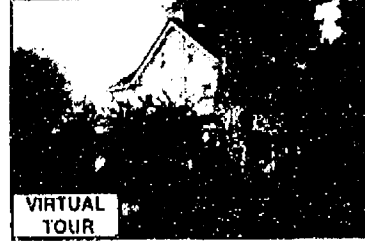
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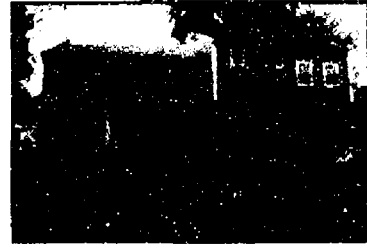


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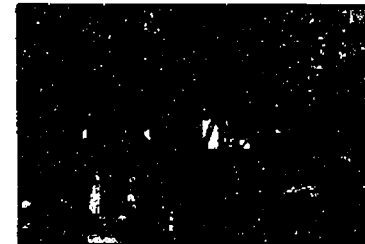
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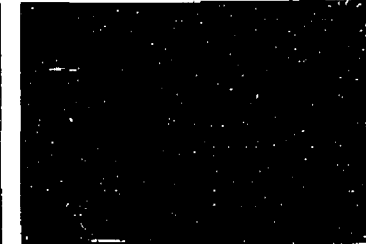
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By Sam Mazzotta

Q. My new puppy's training is going very well, and he responds very well to rewards of little treats. I worry about feeding him so many processed, store-bought snacks though. What are some natural or homemade alternatives for treats?

— Maggie T., Nashua, N.H.

A. Many alternative recipes for homemade doggie treats are available on the Internet and at the bookstore, but the healthiest ones share many common features. This means that you can find quite a few good recipes out there, or develop a few of your own.

Common ingredients in dog treats are meat protein (either from fresh meats, broths or strained baby foods), whole-grain flours (like wheat, oats, corn or rice), eggs and powdered supplements (like brewer's yeast or garlic). A variety of flavorings can be added, including peanut butter, sugar or molasses, vanilla, salt, and small amounts of cheese or milk. Dry or instant yeast

can be added to biscuit-type recipes, to allow the dough to rise before baking.

A popular training asset is liver treats, which can be made fairly easily and which last about four to five days if stored properly (in an airtight container and refrigerated). Chicken livers, eggs and sweetener are pureed; flour or cornmeal is mixed in (some owners add powdered supplements as well), and the mixture is baked, cooled and sliced into bite-size treats.

Certain foods are never safe for dogs; so don't use any recipe that contains these ingredients: chocolate, onions, raisins/grapes or macadamia nuts. They seem like fairly innocent foods but can cause serious health problems in dogs.

Baking and testing these snacks out on your puppy can be a lot of fun.

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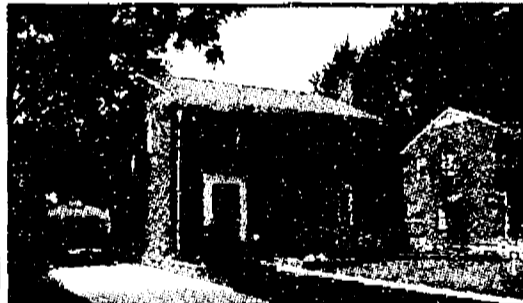


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Two popular 100 percent financing programs are conventional Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac 80/20 mortgages and mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA).

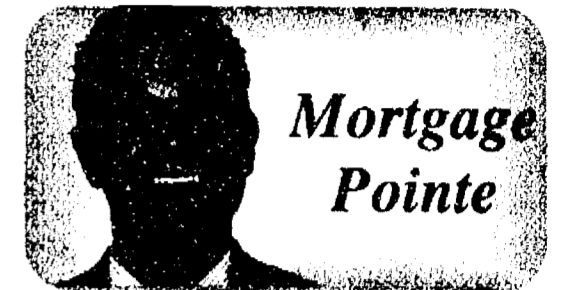
With a conventional 80/20 mortgage, the home buyer takes out two loans, the first for 80 percent of the purchase price, and the second for 20 percent. The closing costs and prepaid items (taxes, insurance and prepaid interest) may be paid

by the buyer, or alternatively, by the seller in the form of seller concessions.

Another popular form of 100 percent financing is through the Federal Housing Administration. FHA-insured loans are limited to a maximum of 97 percent of the loan amount; however, third-party organizations can gift the 3 percent down payment through a grant. Closing costs and prepaid items (taxes, insurance and prepaid interest) may be paid in the form of seller concessions so that the buyer doesn't need to bring any money to the closing.

Young adults interested in becoming homeowners also may seek down payment assistance from family members, allowing the home buyer to save less and borrow less, ultimately lowering interest costs.

Families providing assistance can opt to either gift or lend the money. If gifting, it's important to take gift tax laws into consideration. The Internal Revenue Service



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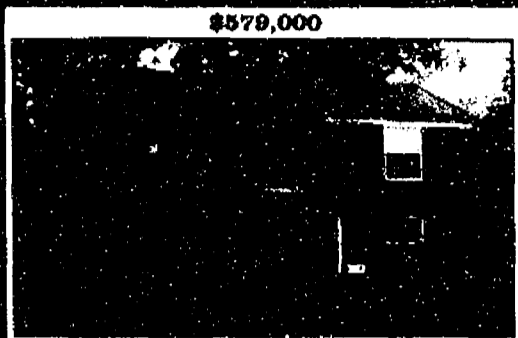
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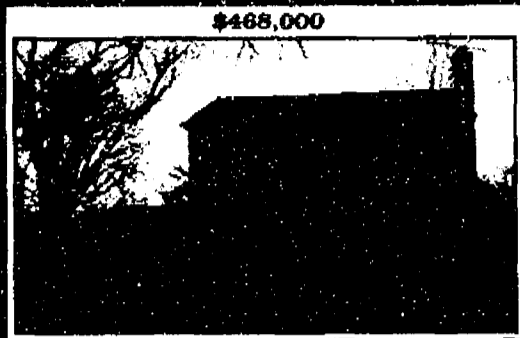
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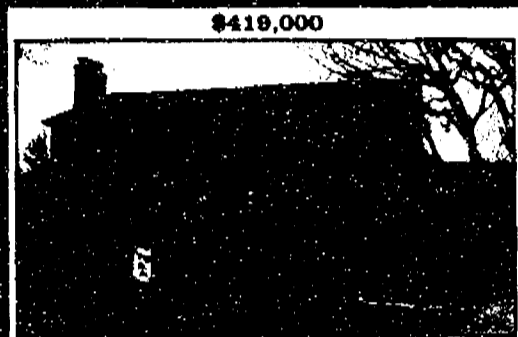
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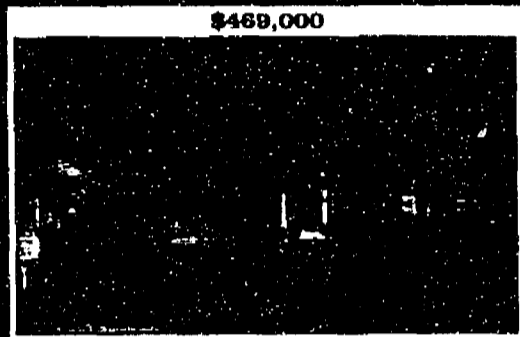
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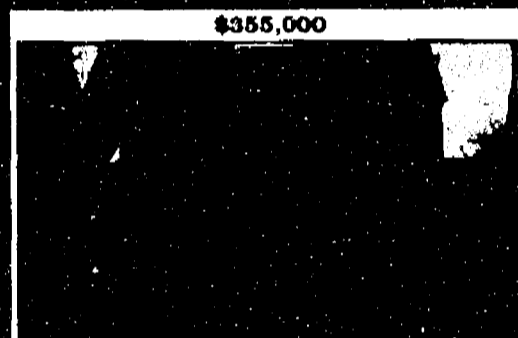
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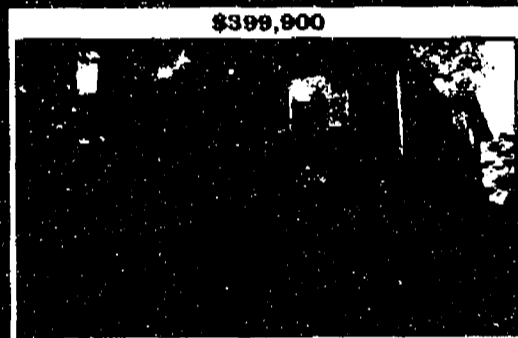
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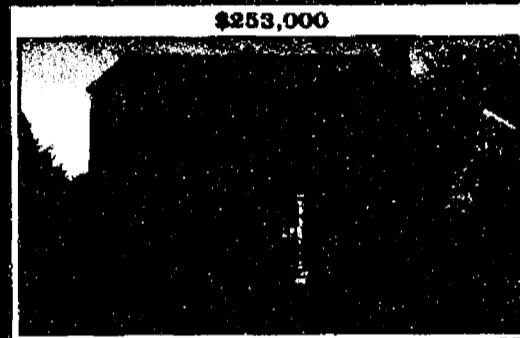
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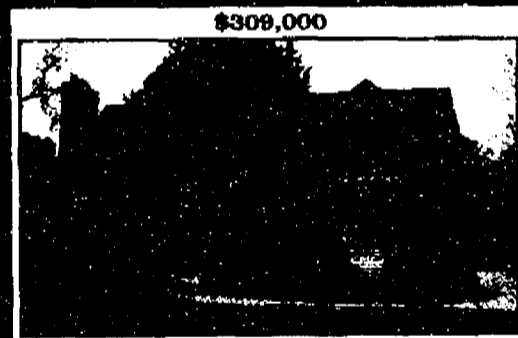
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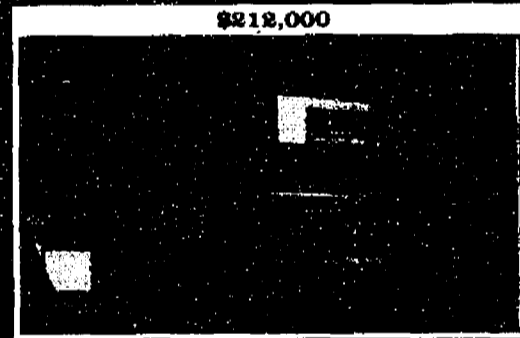
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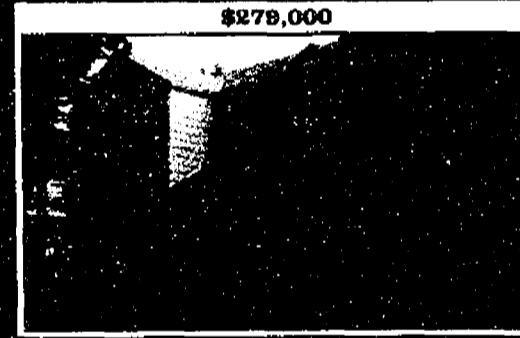
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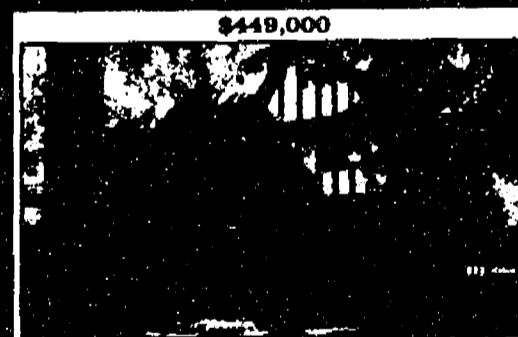
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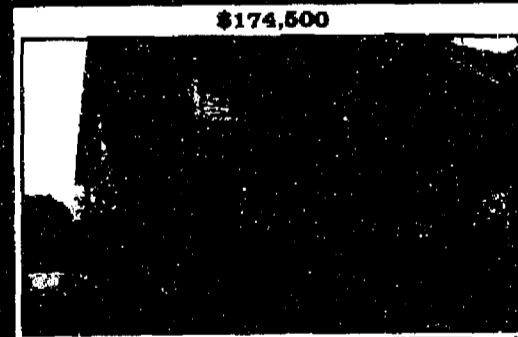
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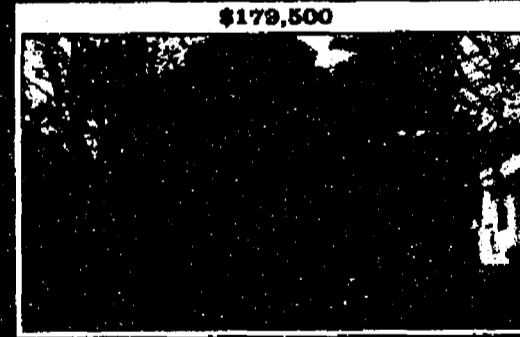
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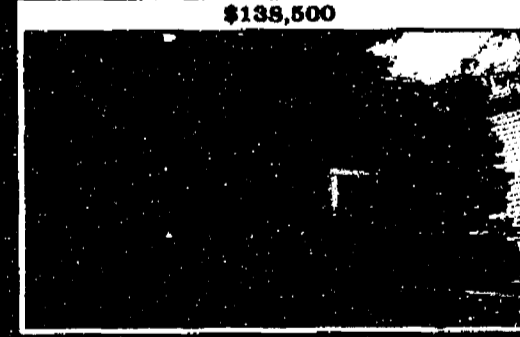
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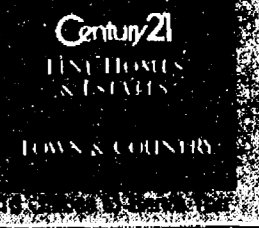
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Four bedroom, two and one half bath elegant Cape Cod, located between Morningstar and Lakeshore Drive. Pella windows, in-ground sprinklers, first floor laundry with shower, copper plumbing, second floor sitting room.
(LGP92WOO) 313-886-5040 \$429,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS 1st Offering
Loads of updates in this three bedroom Colonial! Marble foyer, marble fireplace, hardwood floors throughout. Newer windows, roof, garage, carpet, plumbing and electrical. Basement has full bath. Move right in. Warranty.
(LGP74HAM) 313-886-5040 \$169,900



GROSSE POINTE PARK Tudor
Gorgeous four bedroom near schools. Newer full bath, Corian in kitchen, appliances, boiler, and central air. Unique second floor family room overlooks perennial yard. Walk-up attic expansion opportunity already plumbed.
(LGP45BAL) 313-886-5040 \$450,000



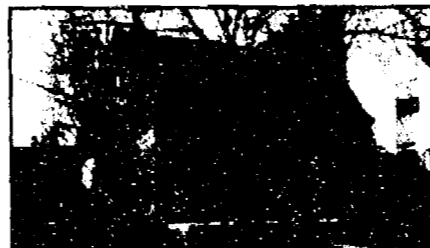
GROSSE POINTE WOODS Cape Cod
Lovely location and condition. Beautiful peccan kitchen with built ins, wonderful glassed family room with built-in bar. Park-like lot, freshly painted, never fussed windows, carpet, library, master suite with full bath and adjacent sitting room.
(LGP60REN) 313-886-5040 \$479,900



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Wow!
Vaulted ceiling in great room. Fireplace in living room and great room. Two updated full baths with built-in bar. Park-like lot, freshly painted, never fussed windows, carpet, library, master suite with full bath and adjacent sitting room.
(LGP57BEL) 313-886-5040 \$275,000



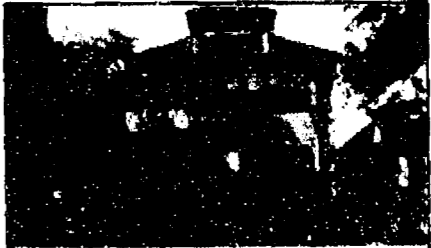
GROSSE POINTE WOODS A Winner
Very clean and neat brick Colonial. Four bedrooms, two full baths on second floor. Family room overlooking deck. Large kitchen with four newer appliances. Many updates throughout. Quick possession. Home Warranty. A rare opportunity.
(LSC42HOL) 586-778-8100 \$299,700



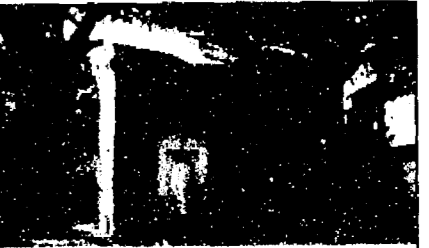
GROSSE POINTE WOODS Fresh Decor
Pretty as a picture from the street and just as sharp inside. Huge master bedroom with fireplace, lots of hardwood, formal dining room, adorable kitchen, finished basement with large updated full bath, central air.
(LGP57MAN) 313-886-5040 \$204,900



GROSSE POINTE Spacious
Nice floor plan on this five bedroom Colonial situated steps from the lake. Open concept kitchen/family room. Master suite with cathedral ceiling, walk-in closet and marble bathroom with spa tub. Library/den and finished basement.
(LGP17WEL) 313-886-5040 \$599,900



GROSSE POINTE PARK Multi-Family
Nice two family with good space, room sizes and super tenants. All utilities (except water) are separate. Newer windows, two car garage. Hardwood floors, separate basements, formal dining rooms, garage parking.
(LGP79MAR) 313-886-5040 \$175,000



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Stunning
Brick three bedroom Colonial, one and one-half baths, one and one-half car garage. Spacious living room with gas fireplace, family room with French glass doors, central air, hardwood floors and Home Warranty.
(LGP67TOU) 313-886-5040 \$244,900



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Contemporary
Perfect kitchen for entertaining guests. Very open layout, beautiful hardwood floors, central air, fireplace, three bedrooms and lots of closet space. Gorgeous extra wide lot with large tiered deck. Two car garage.
(LGP70HAW) 313-886-5040 \$250,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Updated
Three bedrooms, two and one-half baths. 2004 updates, waterproofed and finished basement with drywall, drop ceiling, recessed lights and carpet. Added hardwood floor in kitchen, refinished all floors and painted.
(LGP79STA) 313-886-5040 \$184,800



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Ranch
Act fast! Attractive Grosse Pointe Woods ranch has large master bedroom with walk-in closet, fieldstone fireplace and patio doors to private deck, walk through den, hardwood floors, finished basement, neutral decor.
(LGP41HAM) 313-886-5040 \$169,900



GROSSE POINTE Spacious
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.
(LGP66CAD) 313-886-5040 \$289,900



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Lovely
Three bedroom, two bath home offers a location that's an easy walk to the Hill. Pier Park schools, more! Pretty hardwood floors, loaded glass windows, breakfast nook, den. Partly finished basement, newer boiler.
(LGP43MCM) 313-886-5040 \$275,000



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Beautiful
Superb four bedroom, two full bath home has newer cherry kitchen, granite counters, newer roof, furnace, central air, finished basement. Master suite with newer bath, hardwood floors, formal dining room, library, two car garage.
(LGP70MAN) 313-886-5040 \$267,900



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Beautiful
Three bedroom updated inside and out. Newer kitchen has maple cabinets, Corian countertops, appliances, custom crown trim, wood floor. New garage, stone patio, concrete '03. Big living room with fireplace. Basement half bath.
(LGP27HAM) 313-886-5040 \$184,900



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Outstanding
Beautiful three bedroom, two full bath. Family room with gas fireplace done in 2003. Newer windows, brick paver patio, large kitchen with dining space, large master bedroom with full bath and sitting area. A must buy.
(LGP27HAW) 313-886-5040 \$299,900



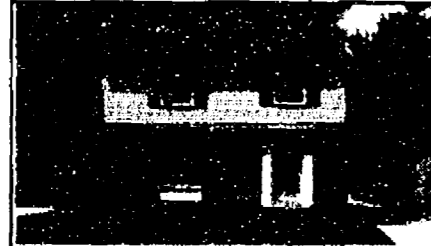
GROSSE POINTE SHORES Executive
Elegant five bedroom Colonial on a quiet cul-de-sac seconds from the lake. Newer kitchen, baths, floors, furnaces and central air. Circular staircase, multiple fireplaces, family room, library, rec room in basement, attached garage.
(LGP84REG) 313-886-5040 \$699,900



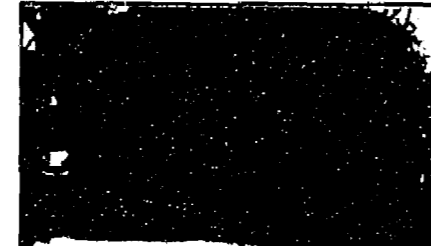
GROSSE POINTE FARMS Charming
Step back in time and enjoy all of the pleasure and none of the pain! Thoughtful and well executed updates bring this delightful home into the modern age without sacrificing an ounce of charm. Four bedrooms, one and one-half baths.
(LGP97KER) 313-886-5040 \$278,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Bungalow
Who would have thought! Open floor plan. Three bedrooms, two full baths, eat-in kitchen, large family room, two fireplaces, formal dining room, deck, newer landscaping. Priced to sell. Home Warranty included.
(LGP69ANI) 313-886-5040 \$199,900



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Exceptional
Five bedrooms, three plus car garage, two and one-half baths, fireplace, spa in outdoors four seasons room, Pella windows, newer kitchen with Pewabic tile, all appliances stay, newer furnace and air, all the amenities.
(LGP30ROL) 313-886-5040 \$379,900



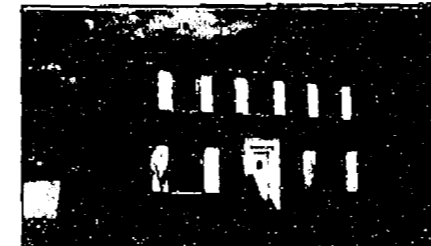
GROSSE POINTE FARMS Exceptional
Three bedroom Colonial. Gorgeous custom kitchen opens to dining area and family room with natural fireplace. Wonderfully maintained home in great neighborhood in popular Montclair school district. A must see!
(LGP81ALL) 313-886-5040 \$295,000



GROSSE POINTE SHORES Elegant
For the buyer who expects excellence and desires a ready to move into home, this spacious ranch offers a master suite with richly appointed bath (granite and marble throughout). Contemporary layout with lots to delight.
(LGP35EDG) 313-886-5040 \$499,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK Pretty
Lovely three bedroom bungalow perfectly located in the Park. Great updates including roof, furnace, central air, and newer windows. Full bath in basement, charming master bedroom has loft like feel and tons of storage.
(LGP11BEA) 313-886-5040 \$172,500



GROSSE POINTE PARK First Rate
Wonderfully executed updates! Kitchen with granite counters '03, wood updates throughout '01, tear off roofs '01, paver patio walkway and steps '04, refurbished hardwood floors, finished basement with kitchen and bath.
(LGP98WHI) 313-886-5040 \$364,000



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Cape Cod
Beautiful three bedroom Cape Cod. Hardwood floors refinished. Newer carpeting in all bedrooms. Alarm system, freshly painted, natural fireplace. Central air. Wiring updated. Ceramic tile in kitchen. Loads of updates. A must see.
(LGP49MOR) 313-886-5040 \$350,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Updates Galore
Enjoy the fine parks and schools Grosse Pointe has to offer by moving into this three bedroom Colonial located east of Marter. Numerous updates include roof, windows, garage and driveway. Central air, gas fireplace.
(LGP58HAM) 313-886-5040 \$210,000



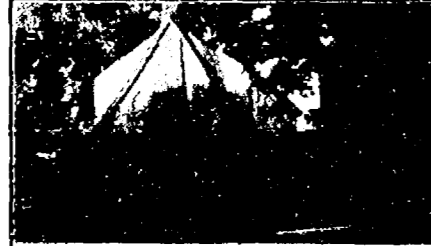
GROSSE POINTE WOODS Simply
Spacious ranch, quiet location. Nice layout with den open to kitchen. Features include fireplace, newer kitchen flooring, furnace and air. Enjoyable yet manageable yard with deck make this home simple to enjoy.
(LGP09OXF) 313-886-5040 \$169,900



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Got Kids?
Center entrance, three bedroom Colonial with deep double lot and deck. Updated kitchen opens to family room, fireplace in living room, hardwood floors throughout, finished basement (waterproofed with half bath).
(LGP58BRO) 313-886-5040 \$299,900



GROSSE POINTE PARK Condominium
Great opportunity to purchase south of Jefferson in a high-end neighborhood. Fifteen minute commute to downtown. Second floor unit with two bedrooms, spacious rooms, large closets and fireplace in living room.
(LGP15HAR) 313-886-5040 \$200,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK Attractive
Traditional carriage style Colonial with great floor plan. Newer kitchen opens to large great room with vaulted ceiling. Wonderful family neighborhood. Walk to Village, shopping and schools. Home warranty included.
(LGP47GRA) 313-886-5040 \$319,900



GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Sharp
Updated, clean contemporary three bedroom. Newer bright kitchen, all appliances, tile floor, tear-off roofs, vinyl windows, furnace, central air and more. Multi-skyline bedroom, walk-in closet. Nice open backyard.
(LGP51CDU) 313-886-5040 \$155,000



GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Immaculate
Newer roof, newer vinyl windows, newer cement driveway. Three bedrooms, central air, newer water heater. Hardwood floors under carpet. Recently painted. One year Home Warranty included. This one won't last.
(LGP93CDU) 313-886-5040 \$134,000



GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Nice
Nice three bedroom ranch at a good price! Finished basement with full bath and two extra rooms. Newer roof, electrical, copper plumbing, large two car garage, basement waterproofed from the outside, home warranty.
(LGP28HUN) 313-886-5040 \$144,000



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 \$139,900



ST. CLAIR SHORES Perfect
This gorgeous brick ranch has tons to offer you and your family. Three bedrooms, two car garage, finished basement with glass block windows, two fireplaces, quiet neighborhood, newer windows and roof.
(LGP64NOR) 313-886-5040 \$199,999



CLINTON TOWNSHIP Exceptional
Thoughtfully designed for the ultimate in comfort and convenience. This custom built split level offers stunning golf course views, a luxurious first floor master suite, amazing kitchen, and too many amenities to list.
(LGP80DAN) 313-886-5040 \$625,000



CHESTERFIELD TWP. Waterfront
Meticulously maintained custom brick ranch. Updated kitchen, fireplace, hardwood floors, newer windows. Open floor plan, neutral decor. Copper plumbing, heated garage. Appliances, Florida room. Steel seawall with slip.
(LGP00EDG) 313-886-5040 \$329,000



HARPER WOODS Buyer's Dream
Lovely three bedroom bungalow in move-in condition. Features include newer vinyl siding, newer furnace, newer windows, updated plumbing/electric, and waterproofed basement. Seller to help with some closing costs.
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Q. Mr. Hardware, I am afraid our old toilet from the '50s has seen its last days. Sometimes the water will spin around and almost overflow before it flushes. I tried to clean the jets around the bowl with a coat hanger, but without any better results.

— Alfred in Grosse Pointe Woods.

A. Dear Alfred, whenever you are diagnosing a questionable toilet problem give it the "bucket test." The bucket test is simple, fill a bucket with several gallons of water and pour it into the toilet bowl. Pour it as fast as the toilet can take it.

Did the water go down lickety-split? If it did, the toilet is not clogged internally, nor is the drain line. Do it again; this time listen to the shower and sink drains. Did either of them gurgle? If they did not make a sound, it indicates the vent to the roof is not plugged.

Why is the toilet not flushing correctly? My guess, it is probably calcium buildup in the jets in the upper rim of the toilet bowl. This is



Ask Mr. Hardware
By Blair Gilbert
Gilbert's Pro Hardware

very common if it is about 30 to 40 years old. In the old days, my father sold muriatic acid to clean the jets. He had you pour a quart of it into the overflow tube in the toilet tank, wait 20 minutes and then flush. Sometimes this procedure could take several doses to completely clean the jets in the rim.

Nowadays we have toilet de-limer by Roto that does a better job and quicker. We add a step by having customers remove about one half of the water in the bowl, not the tank, before pouring the de-limer in the overflow tube. This enables the product to remove

some of the buildup in the trap downstream of the bowl, (a place most of you will never see). It has also been known to clean some of those unsightly stains at the same time.

The real beauty of this operation is that you don't have to shut off the water, call a plumber, or have much more skill than be able to pour the product into a one-inch overflow tube. De-limer is an acid and not to be used carelessly. Always follow the safety precau-

tions on the product's label.

For about \$3, the average person can bring new life to a toilet that he was about to replace. Do not flush away those dollars on a new toilet, when cleaning the old will do.

Send your questions to: Mr. Hardware c/o Gilbert's Pro Hardware at 21912 Harper in St. Clair Shores 48080; call (586) 776-9532, e-mail staff@mrhardware.com, or visit www.mrhardware.com to view past columns.

Collecting

By Larry Cox

Q. I have some older pieces of jewelry that are probably from the Victorian era. Who can appraise them for me?

— Mary, Montevideo, Minn.

A. Janet Lawwill is the owner of Azillion Sparklz, a mail-order and Internet business specializing in vintage costume and fine estate jewelry. She has a national reputa-

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FIRST OFFERING



Extraordinary best describes this 3,200 square foot, four bedroom, three and one half bath Colonial that was totally renovated just five years ago. Highlights include a spectacular kitchen (kitchen tour home 2003), spacious family room with fireplace and doorwall to secluded patio, a 28 foot master bedroom suite with Jacuzzi bath, walk in closet, second floor laundry. Walk to the Hill and schools... Exceptional at \$710,000



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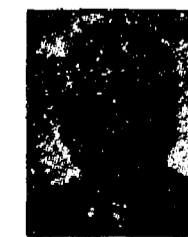
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Mortgage

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the event you are audited. You also must charge an interest rate reasonably close to the going rate charged by commercial lenders for such loans. Your child may be able to deduct the interest he or she pays you, and you will owe tax on the interest. A third approach is to lend the money and forgive as much as \$11,000 of the loan each year.

Parents also can consider co-

signing for their young adult children who don't qualify for mortgage programs on their own because of short employment history and/or lack of credit history. Borrowers who need a co-signer are not necessarily poor credit risks. Co-signers typically have well-established credit to help the borrower qualify for the loan. As a co-signer you are promising to pay it yourself if the borrower defaults.

Nathan M. Steiner is a loan officer of Flagstar Bank and a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact him at (888) 881-4457.

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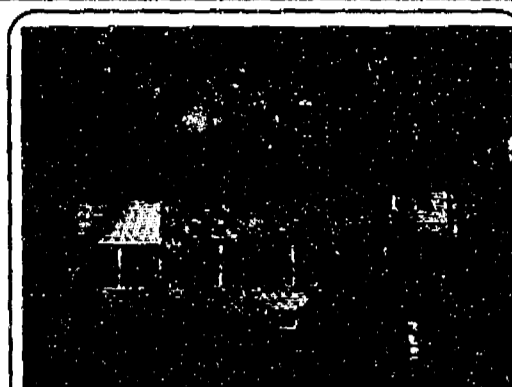
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FIRST OFFERING

1512 BRYSDRIVE

SIMPLY ADORABLE! This darling three bedroom, two bath home has been totally remodeled and updated to include a new kitchen, new baths, new two car garage, new central air, new tear off roof, new windows, new cement driveway, new sprinkler system, new vinyl siding and all new décor. It is priced to sell at \$219,900.



NEW ON MARKET - 419 LINCOLN - WHEN YOU WANT THE BEST, you think of a great street...LINCOLN. You think of a great builder...Hans Stuhldreer. You think of amenities...central air, family room with fireplace, finished basement, three full baths, den, sitting rooms and private patios. You'll find it all here! \$550,000.



PRICED JUST REDUCED! This wonderful home on 109 MEADOW LANE in the Farms has seen its price slashed to \$299,900! Its accommodating floorplan provides a pretty living room with fireplace, refinished oak floors and an adjacent terrace with awning. There is a pretty updated kitchen with eating area, finished lower level and master bedroom with fireplace.



OPEN SUNDAY, MAY 1ST • 2-4 PM

ALL YOU WOULD EVER WANT! The stunning new kitchen at 979 BRIARCLIFF will delight the fussiest gourmet chef and the adjacent large family room will keep everybody happy. There is a first floor laundry, two first floor powder rooms, four large bedrooms and completely finished lower level. Immediate occupancy is also available.



YOUR PRIVATE PARADISE! With views of sailboats and power boats gliding by on Lake St. Clair, this stunning home offers a majestic setting on Lake Shore. Complete with a private lakefront parcel, this handsome home with a first floor bedroom, library, gourmet kitchen, guest suites and lovely gardens is an exceptional find. **89 LAKESHORE.**



IN GROSSE POINTE FARMS, this immaculate three bedroom, two and one half bath home offers a dramatic family room with fireplace, efficient kitchen, refinished oak floors, recreation room, fenced yard and a great price of \$299,900. Located on a quiet street, 349 MT. VERNON offers immediate occupancy, too.

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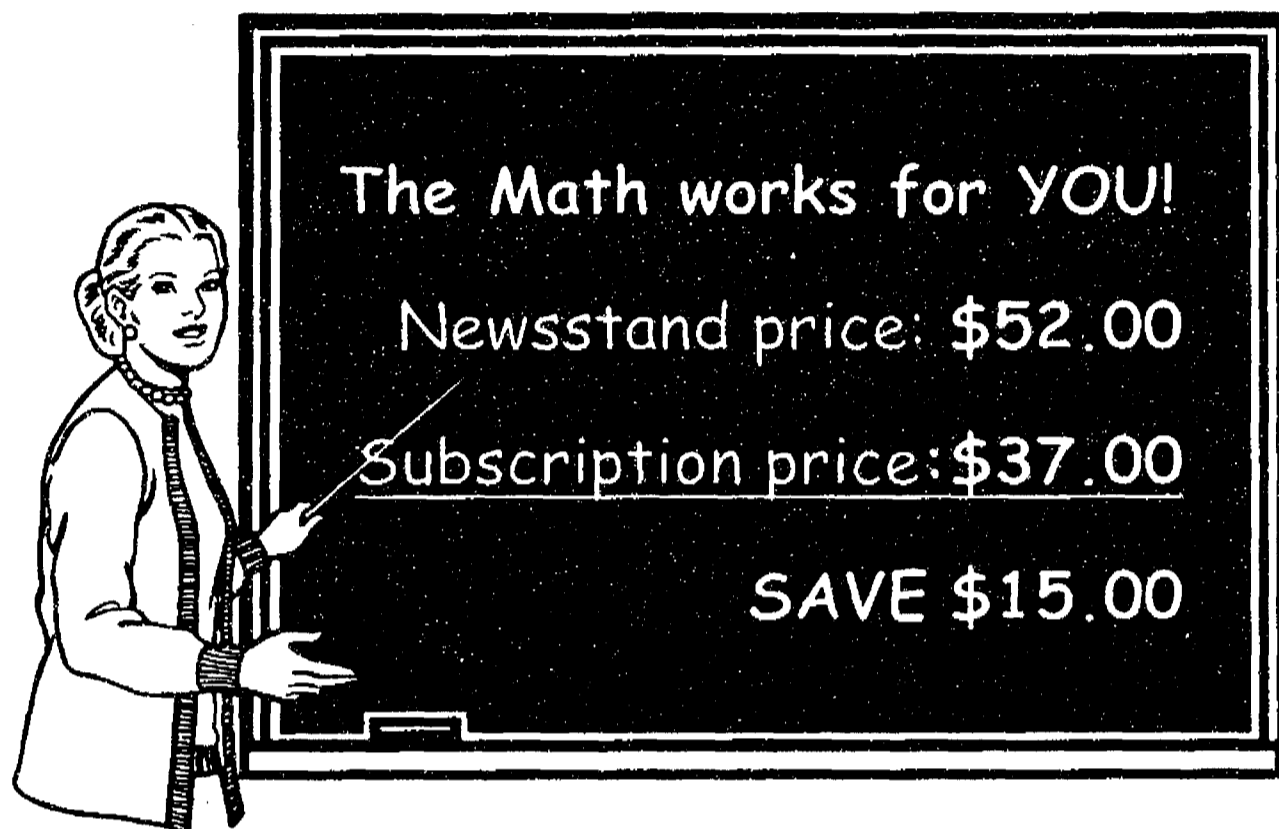
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By Owner (313)884-5313

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784 Lakeland	\$449,900	2-4pm	Jim DePuys/ReMax In The Pointes	313-881-9020
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357 Belanger	\$275,000	1-4pm	Randy Repicky/Century 21 Town & Country	313-886-5040 ext. 232
38 Christine	\$725,000	2-4pm	Higbie Maxon Agney	313-886-3400
354 Fisher	\$334,900	10am-4pm	By Owner/Kitty	313-743-4528
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379 Kerby	\$199,900	2-4pm	Bill Rastelli/Jim Saros Real Estate	313-706-3464
361 McMillan	\$399,999	2-4pm	By Owner	313-882-1847

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1003 Bedford	\$537,000	1-4pm	By Owner	313-886-1258
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1374 Three Mile Drive	\$518,000	1-4pm	By Owner	313-417-9027
902 Trombley	\$299,900	2-4pm	Lisa/Sine & Monaghan	313-300-5931

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51 Woodland Shore Drive	\$689,000	2-4pm	By Owner	313-886-7311
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796 Lochmoor	\$719,000	2-4pm	Loraine Muccioli/Johnstone & Johnstone	313-378-7999
1957 Manchester	\$204,900	1-4pm	Randy Repicky/Century 21 Town & Country	313-886-5040 ext. 232
21605 River Road	\$267,000	2-4pm	By Owner	313-881-2429
1181 South Oxford	\$525,000	1-4pm	By Owner	313-884-5313
2157 Vernier	\$175,000	2-4pm	Don Symons/Real Estate One	313-881-5659

HARPER WOODS

19373 Elkhart	\$84,900	2-4pm	Don Symons/Real Estate One	313-881-5659
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26041 Harbour Pointe Drive	\$532,900	1-4pm	By Owner	586-792-3637
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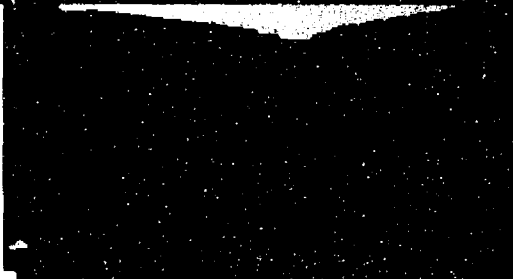
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS



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GROSSE POINTE WOODS



BETTER TAKE A LOOK! Updated Bungalow won't be around long! Newer kitchen, totally remodeled basement with full bath, spacious master suite with half bath, new windows, hardwood floors. Home Warranty. \$224,900.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS



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