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WEEK AHEAD

Friday, May 27

Grosse Pointe Shores George Osius Municipal Park pool will open for the summer at 9 a.m.

Saturday, May 28

Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park and the City of Grosse Pointe Neff Park will open their park pools for the summer at 10 a.m.

Ribbon cutting for the new community building at Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms at 10 a.m.

Sunday, May 29

Grosse Pointe Park's opens the Patterson Park splash pad at 10 a.m. Windmill Pointe Park pool opens at 7 a.m. and the wading pool at 10 a.m.

Grosse Pointe Woods Lakefront Park pool opens at 10 a.m.

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial's annual Memorial Day Service at 10 a.m. The lakeside service honors Grosse Pointe service men and women who died for our country and will feature Remie Laenen, a local World War II veteran, as the keynote speaker.

Tuesday, May 31

The Grosse Pointe School System Board of Education will hold a public forum at 7 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School Wicking Library. The topic will be residency of students, no action will be taken.

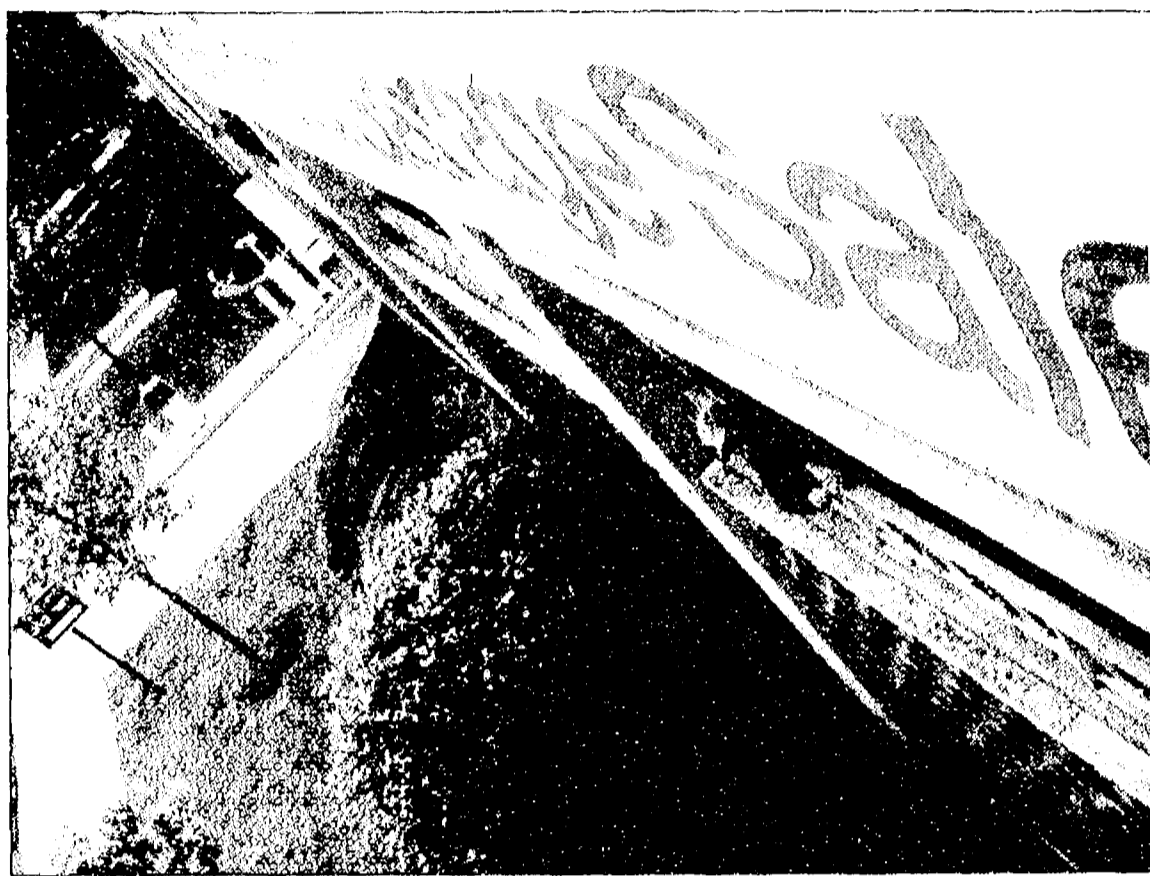
Thursday, June 2

The 21st Annual Christ Church Grosse Pointe Antiques Show kicks off its three-day show with a Preview Party from 7 to 10 p.m.

For more information, see the Features section, page 1B or call (313) 884-2081.

Friday, June 3

The 21st Annual Christ Church Grosse Pointe Antiques Show features a lecture, lunch and show, starting at 10 a.m. Guest speaker Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill discusses English antiques in classic interior design. Tickets are \$55 per person. To make a reservation, call (313) 884-2081.



Kevin Dwyer of the City of Grosse Pointe water and parking department prepare the Village parking deck behind the Jacobson's building for this weekend's Greatest Garage Sale.

Greatest Garage Sale in Village this weekend

It's springtime and love is in the air, especially for those who love a great garage sale.

Grosse Pointe's Greatest Garage Sale is Sunday, May 29 and Monday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, in the Carriage house parking structure.

The structure is located behind the former Jacobson's building on Kercheval between Notre Dame and St. Clair in the Village district of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Admission is \$1 per person. Proceeds help fund other Village events.

Last year, more than 15,000 people

attended the two-day event featuring nearly 200 exhibitors from all over the Midwest, according to organizers.

Items on tap include furniture and antiques, crafts, jewelry, hanging plants, sunglasses, hot tubs and spas, pianos, air purifiers, wrought iron outdoor sculptures and more — all under one roof.

Prices traditionally range from 5 cents to \$5,000.

Shoppers can even adopt a pet at the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption booth.

For more information contact John Denomme, promotion manager for the Village, at (313) 886-7474.

School board head lambasted, but keeps title

By Ann L. Fouty
 Staff Writer

Joan Richardson retained her seat as president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education after a lengthy and often heated debate of her leadership abilities and comments to a local daily newspaper.

A special board meeting was called for Monday, May 23, by board trustees Lisa Vreede and Ahmed Ismail with the intention of taking action on comments Richardson made to the Detroit Free Press, printed on May 17 and its fallout.

Her comments resulted in angry residents contacting board members and the superintendent's office calling for an apology and her

removal as president of the board.

Ismail introduced three agenda items to be addressed, as follows: Richardson being removed as president, Richardson resigning her position and the board drafting an apology to the public.

Comments from board members and the audience consumed nearly 2 1/2 hours with both detractors and supporters of Richardson explaining their mind sets.

Trustee Angela Kennedy said Richardson should be punished for her actions and lack of action stemming from the comments made to the newspaper. She, and

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Shores dredging could cost millions

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Mother Nature is a generous hostess, but what do you do with a gift of 160,000 cubic yards of unwanted soil?

That's not enough to fill the Superdome (4.6 million cubic yards), nor enough to replace material excavated to build Ford Field (300,000 cubic yards), but 'tis enough, 'twill serve.

Some homeowners with property abutting Lake St. Clair north of Vernier have requested permission to remove sand and muck that has accumulated along the breakwall.

The area in Grosse Pointe Shores is mostly hidden from public view by houses on Lakeshore. But it looks similar, albeit much larger, to soil accumulating upstream of Pier Park at the foot of Moross in Grosse

Pointe Farms.

"Five members of the community propose to dredge 160,000 cubic yards of material from the lake between the (municipal) park up to just short of 1000 Lakeshore," said Mark McInerney, Shores village attorney.

"The applicant proposes to (return) the lake bed north of the harbor to pre-1960 conditions and to restore riparian access to the lake for impacted property parcels," according to a notice from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. "The proposed dredging will impact approximately 80 acres of lake bed and/or wetlands."

Excavation amounts to depths up to five feet along 4,065 feet of shoreline with

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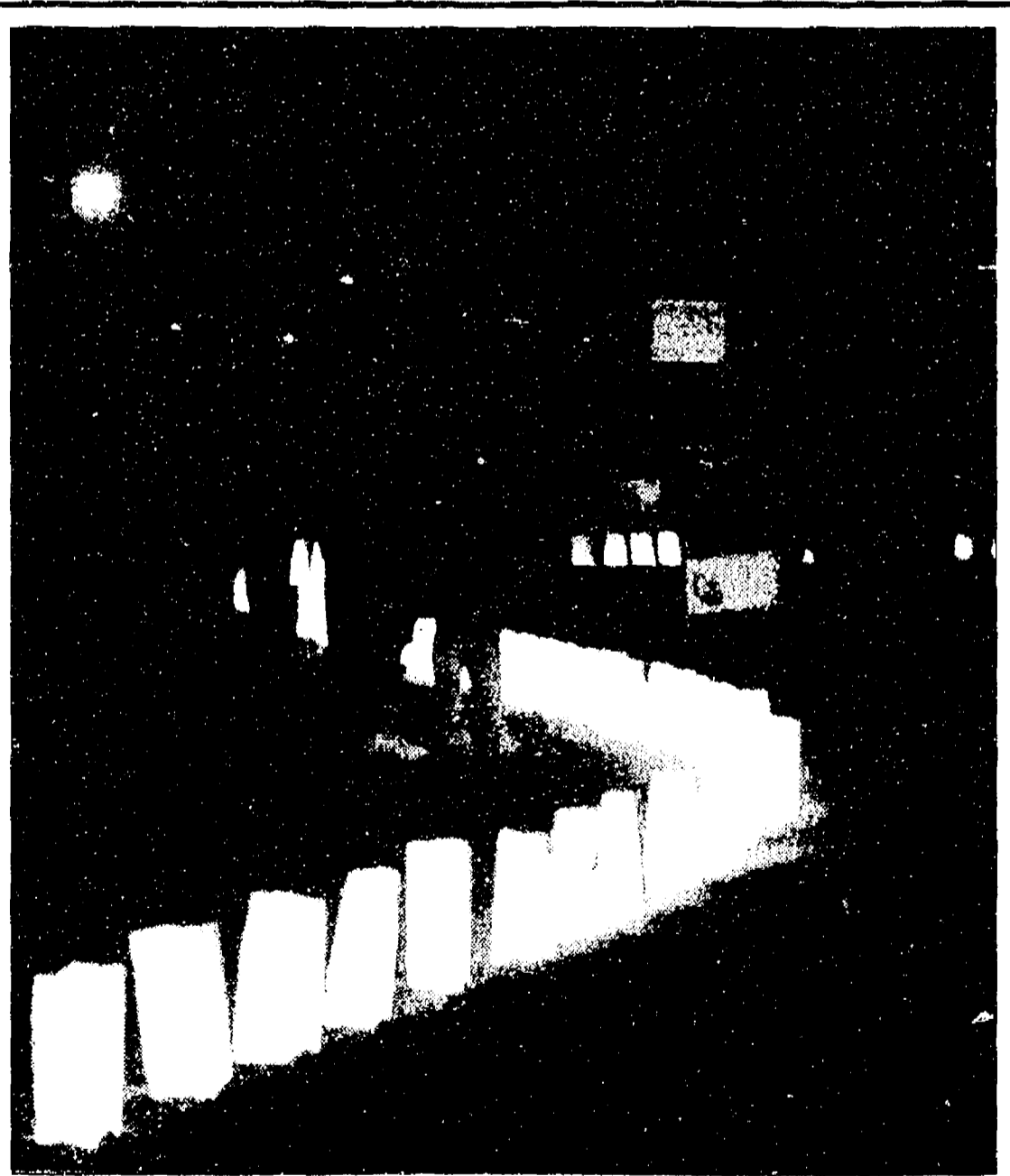


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Lights of valor

The American Cancer Society held its first Grosse Pointe Relay for Life on Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park. The 24-hour walk-a-thon attracted approximately 250 participants and raised more than \$37,000. During an evening ceremony honoring cancer victims and survivors, hundred of luminaries lined the park's walkway.

POINTER OF INTEREST

Catherine Hackenberger

Home: Grosse Pointe Park

Age: 39

Family: Husband John, and their three children: Eric 13, Paige 10 and Ryan 8

Claim to fame: Named 2005 "Woman of the Year" by the Michigan Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Quote: "Success for me is creating a positive difference in the health and happiness of others."

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ If Grosse Pointe looks like a lady fresh out of the beauty parlor, there's good and sufficient reason.

Under the banner of the "Scrubaroo" clean-up campaign, plenty of man-hours, woman-hours and boy-hours have been spent these past May-hours to rid the community of some of its most persistent eyesores — unkempt and trash-strewn vacant lots.

■ The Border City League's most coveted trophy, the All Sports award, will remain for another year in Grosse Pointe High School's trophy case, located in the lobby of the new auditorium gymnasium.

In all, the Blue Devils have won the trophy eight times outright and tied once with Fordson. This equals the number of times the trophy has been won by all other schools in the league combined since it was put into competition in 1933.

■ Despite emotional pleadings, insulting charges and inconclusive evidence by a group of irate people living on Maryland, the Grosse Pointe Park city council votes to continue the present Lake Shore Bus Line route on Maryland.

25 years ago this week

■ President Jimmy Carter's decision to boycott the Moscow summer Olympics and teach the Russians a lesson for invading Afghanistan shoots down the Olympic dreams of Dave Grylls.

Grylls, of Grosse Pointe Farms, belongs to the Olympic bicycle racing team. His specialty is the 4,000 meter individual pursuit, which pits two racers against each other on a 333-1/3 meter track for 12 laps.

■ Grosse Pointe school board members complete a three-day review of the administration's proposed \$32 million budget, suggesting only minor changes before the document is presented to the public during a hearing next month.

Trustees reject an attempt to reduce the tax rate because of a .02 mill surplus in the school's debt retirement fund.

The small reduction is proposed by Joan Hanpeter and supported by Lawrence Harwood, but rejected as insignificant by the remaining trustees.

■ The Starlights choral group from Star of the Sea High School closes its school year with a special performance, "Music Through the Years."

The group is directed by Janet Drolshagen.

10 years ago this week

■ By a nearly 10-to-1 margin, Grosse Pointe Shores voters approve a \$2.7 million bond issue to separate the village's sewage and storm water systems.

The project is expected to save the Shores \$450,000 from the annual budget that would have gone toward sewer maintenance and repairs.

Additional savings should

come from reduced sewage treatment costs that Detroit charges the village because, with a separated system, storm water will flow into Lake St. Clair rather than a Detroit treatment plant.

■ Grosse Pointe Woods council members adopt an ordinance establishing a zero tolerance policy regarding underage drinkers caught driving.

The measure is modeled after a recently enacted state law.

"There is already a state law covering this situation," said George Caitlin, city attorney. "By enacting a local ordinance, the city assumes local control. If a youth is caught and prosecuted under state law, the matter would be handled in state-run district courts."

■ The Grosse Pointe South High School girls track team wraps up an undefeated dual meet season with an 83-45 victory over Utica.

This same week the team takes first place in the Class A regional hosted at South.

5 years ago this week

■ Despite \$122,463 in last-minute change orders to the Neff Park pool and bathhouse, the budget is just \$10,000 over projections.

■ The new pool and bathhouse at Neff Park isn't going to be ready until July.

In an arrangement with the four sister Grosse Pointes, City residents will be allowed access to other Pointe municipal parks.

■ Robbie Buhl, a Grosse Pointe native, driver and co-team owner in the Indy Racing League, qualifies his race car on the front row for the 86th Indianapolis 500.

— By Brad Lindberg

50 years ago this week



Brown, Margaret Nigro, Liz Leete, Judy Poppin, Sue Cavanaugh and Sue Malacheck. In front from left are Bob Wachter, John Nicholson, chairman; and Ted Harris. (Photo by John Lake. From the May 26, 1955, Grosse Pointe News.)

Preparing punch for youth dance

Everything is set for the Hag Dance to be staged at the War Memorial Center this Saturday night. Students of grades eight and nine are invited to dance on the center's lakeside lawn. Pictured testing the punch recipe are,

Schools

From page 1A

other board members, wanted the community and beyond to understand that Richardson's statements on diversity were hers and did not reflect the board's position.

"She (Richardson) has cost us at least \$1 million (in revenue enhancement). I'm embarrassed to sit on the board when my board president said the community is uncomfortable with diversity. We must punish her," Kennedy said.

"We embrace diversity. We have to be careful to separate personal comments from the board," said vice president Jeff Broderick. "The board needs to revisit what we believe as a board, including diversity in our curriculum."

Ismail questioned Richardson's leadership ability by saying, "This should have been taken care

of on Wednesday (May 18) with a clarification by Joan (Richardson). We should have met as a board (sooner). It's gone on almost a week." Lack of clarification on Richardson's part has caused a lot of hurt in the community.

Board secretary Joe Brennan defended her right to speak on any issue. "Joan Richardson has indicated she was not speaking as board president. She has an opinion that varies from my own and the rest of the board. That doesn't mean she should be sanctioned for that. If you have a difference of opinion you can talk about it. She can talk about her opinion. The fact that she is also board president caused a lot of angst."

Vreede reminded the board and about 70 people who attended the meeting, that the board president is seen as a spokesperson who must be clear and concise and be sensitive to the community.

In a written statement, Richardson said, "The comments in the Free Press article were mine alone. They were not intended to be a statement of board policy nor a reflection of the perceptions of other board members regarding this issue."

"I'm sorry that those remarks have inflamed the situation, and I truly regret that my comments may make it more difficult for this community to address the residency issue."

"Your personal agenda has no place on the board. You should step down from the board," said Grosse Pointe Park resident Patricia Rivera.

Kennedy moved to rescind the 2004 motion which set Richardson in the president's seat for one year. Her term, as all board officers terms, will be voted on dur-

What's next...

• The board of education will hold a closed session on Thursday, May 26, with its attorney to discuss the residency issue.

A public forum on residency is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, in Wicking Library, Grosse Pointe South High School. Both the school attorney and school administration will comment. No action will be taken.

• Action on the residency issue has been scheduled for the 8 p.m. Monday, June 6, meeting. It will also be held in the Wicking Library.

ing the organizational meeting, the first meeting in July.

Kennedy and Ismail voted in favor of the motion. The motion failed on a five to two vote.

Wrapping up the emotionally charged meeting, the board came to a consensus on an apology with the intention of putting this issue to bed.

The statement is as follows:

"We deeply regret the comments in the May 17 Detroit Free Press which were made by one individual member of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education and our failure to move quickly to respond to the public's concern about those comments. The comments do not reflect the views of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education. We apologize to the community for any embarrassment or harm these may have caused."

"The Grosse Pointe Public School System has a long-standing commitment to encouraging understanding and tolerance of all individuals, and to celebrating diversity and individual differences. We attempt to incorporate diversity into every part of our curriculum. We firmly believe these values reflect the values of the community."

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Farms Pier Park showcases city for Memorial Day

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The Pointe's most visible municipal park is valued by city leaders not only as a place of recreation and respite, but as a showcase of the community's overall appeal as a place to raise a family.

"The city council has consciously made a decision that the park is a valuable part of the community," said Dick Huhn, park director in Grosse Pointe Farms. "The park enhances property values of homeowners. They look at this as one of the jewels people can have pride in."

Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms occupies a 17.5-acre man-made peninsula at the foot of Moross. The park is seen daily by thousands of motorists on Lakeshore Drive.

For Farms residents and their guests, practically every square foot of the facility offers a view of Lake St. Clair. The most panoramic perspective comes from an elevated platform near the marina entrance.

Upstream stands the landmark spire of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

To the south, merchant ships flying flags from home ports on every continent link the world through international commerce.

East sits Kerby Cove, a weekend destination for pleasure boaters. The sheltered haven's shallow waters demand wary navigation but are just right to throw out anchor and jump overboard for a swim.

Almost every year for about the last decade, parkgoers entering Pier Park at the start of warm weather have noticed something new. "We started with the play structure about 10 years ago," Huhn said. "Then the splash playground, tot lot, renovated shuffleboard courts, bath house, gazebo, concession stand, maintenance building and pump house."

A year-round community building is scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend.

"The new building will allow us to do a lot more programs," Huhn said. "We have crafts programs, knitting, scrap booking, adult exercise, water coloring and yoga. And this is just for the summer."

The beach at Pier Park

provides the only remaining public place in the Pointes to walk from water's edge into the lake.

Unlike a few years ago when the beach was often closed due to polluted lake water, steps taken in recent seasons have turned the tide toward cleanliness.

"The last two years the beach has been open pretty much every day," Huhn said.

Much of the pollution problem was traced to goose droppings. Birds have become scarcer lately due to many efforts. The most visible and arguably most effective tactic has been purchasing Kate, a border collie specially trained to chase geese.

Huhn has been with the Farms 19 years. Nearly 10 years ago he hired Michele Eickhorst as a lifeguard. She was 15. Now married, Eickhorst is in her fourth year as pool manager and administrative assistant.

The title gives no hint to her role as jack of all trades.

Eickhorst organizes classes from adult water aerobics to scuba diving, from ballet to boating safety and from beginning yoga to tennis. She teaches programs, manages two swimming pools and is a certified lifeguard instructor.

Part of Eickhorst's job is coming up with new ideas.

This year she expanded youth swimming lessons to include a class for both parents and their children.

"It's for young ones ages 3 to 5 who aren't yet comfortable in the water without their parents," Eickhorst said. "Their parents will be in the water with them, holding onto them until acclimated to the water. Once they're ready they'll go into swim level one."

Another program, called GuardStart, is for youngsters interested in becoming lifeguards but don't meet the minimum age limit of 15.

"GuardStart is for youth 11 to 14," said Eickhorst. She teaches the class. "It's sort of a junior lifeguard program. It gets them ready for the actual class."

Park hours are 5 a.m. to midnight from May through October. Hours from November through April are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The pool opens for the season on Saturday, May 28, at 10 a.m. Pool hours through the end of the school year

are:

- adult pool, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and
- wading pool, noon to 6 p.m., and
- beach, noon to 8 p.m.

Pool hours from the end of the school year through Labor Day are:

- adult pool, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.,
- wading pool, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and
- beach, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Following is a list of various activities sponsored at Pier Park.

Registration for Grosse Pointe Farms parks and recreation programs begins Friday, May 27.

Exceptions are for swim and tennis lessons, with registration on June 8 for youth sessions one and two. For more information, call the parks and recreation department at (313) 343-2405.

Youth water programs

- Parent/child classes are limited to 10 entries, cost \$35 and last a half hour in the evening.

- Swim classes are divided into six levels according to swimming proficiency. Classes are offered in three sessions.

Registration for session one begins June 11. Classes run June 20 through July 1. Session two starts July 11. Session three starts Aug. 1. Lessons cost \$35.

- Swim Chicks synchronized swim team combines swimming and ballet to create routines to be performed in a show on Sunday, July 31.

The team is limited to 40 swimmers at \$75 each with practices beginning Monday, June 6, at 4 p.m.

- Barracudas swim team, a competitive program for swimmers ages 6 to 17.

The cost is \$75 per swimmer. Fees do not include swim suits. This year's season features 11 meets, both home and away, against the other Pointe parks and St. Clair Shores, with a final meet involving all six cities.

A family picnic is held after every home meet.

Practice begins in late May with the first meet on Saturday, June 18, at Grosse Pointe Park.

- Red Cross lifeguard training with 40 hours of instruction from June 27 to July 1 at \$135 per person

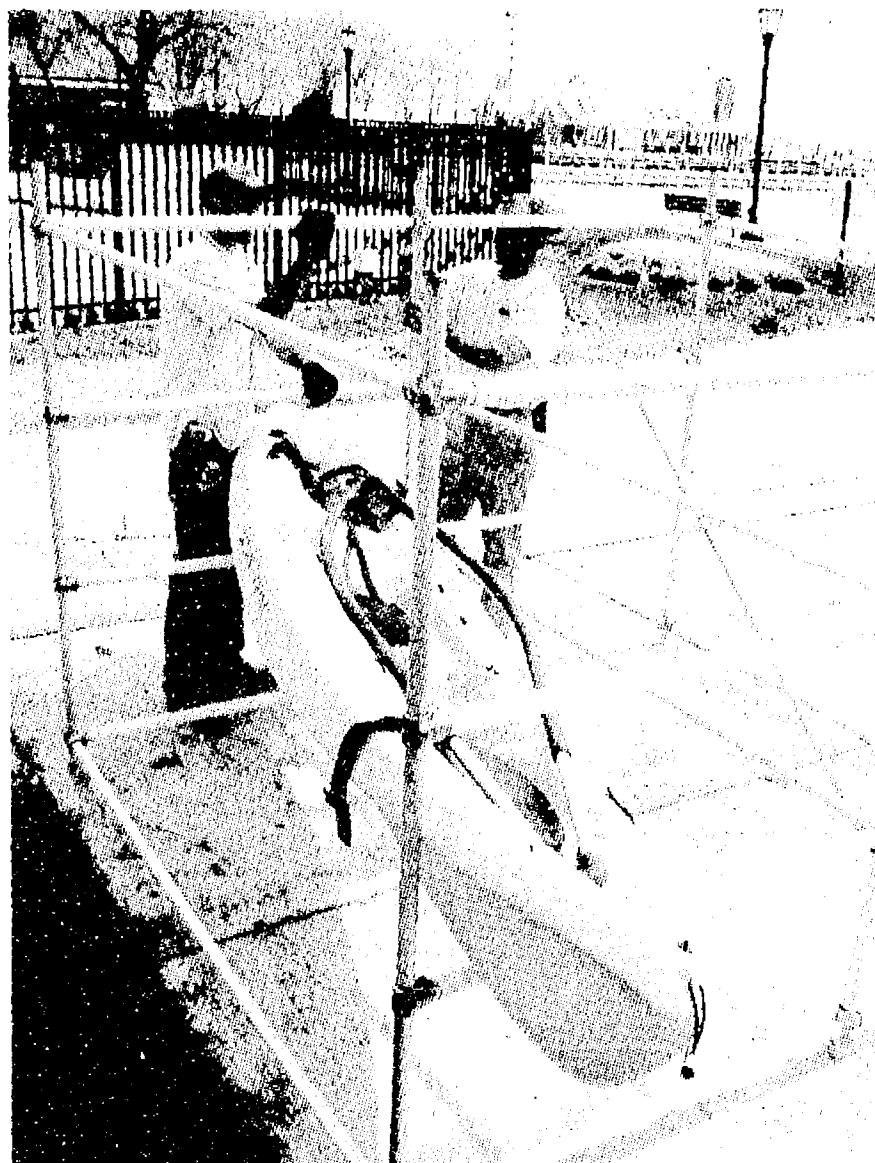


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Grosse Pointe Farms parks employees respond to resident requests for more kayak storage spaces. "We have a waiting list for storage space," said Dick Huhn, park director. His crews are fabricating and assembling the rig in-house rather than hiring a contractor. "We're going to save about \$7,000 by doing it ourselves," Huhn said. "That includes materials." Meanwhile, in the background, works is about to wrap up on a new community building, due for grand opening Memorial Day Weekend.

including books and supplies. Students must be 15 years old. Classes are limited to 10 people.

- GuardStart, July 11-15, limited to 10 students at \$35 each.

Youth tennis

- Lessons are offered in three sessions starting June 20, July 11 and Aug. 1, respectively. Classes are for beginners, advanced beginners and intermediate players. Two-week sessions are held weekdays, last 45 minutes each day, cost \$35 per person and are for youth ages 7 to 12.

Youth activities

- Volleyball camp the week of June 20, \$35 per person with a pizza party the final day.

- Basketball (two sessions ages 7-9 and 10-12), with \$35 fee per person including a t-shirt and refreshments.

- Babysitter training offered Monday, June 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in cooperation with St. John Health System and the Nation Safety Council. Cost is \$40 per person and is limited to 12 participants at least 11 years old. Students must bring a doll or stuffed animal, a snack and beverage.

Adult aquatic programs

- Adult water aerobics, two sessions day and evening from June 20 to Aug. 26. Each session is limited to 25 people at \$35 per person.

- Adult early bird swim, 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., Monday through Friday from June 20 through Friday, Aug. 26. Limited to 25 people at \$35 each.

- Discover Scuba, Sunday, June 26, noon to 2 p.m. A free one-time Scuba lesson. Minimum age is 12.

"Discover Scuba is when residents can swim around the pool in the whole outfit to see if they like it or not," Eickhorst said.

- Scuba diving certification class. A two-part class on Mondays beginning Monday, June 11. Each part costs \$150. Must be 12 years old.

Eickhorst used to put on Scuba gear to clean the swimming pool. She didn't like it.

"I couldn't get used to breathing under water," she said.

Huhn thought it was fun. "It's a different world down there," he said. "Very peaceful."

Adult athletic programs

- Co-ed drop-in volleyball

\$100 or \$90, respectively; Boat Smart course, a \$35, four-session class offered by the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron.

Adult crafts

Adult craft programs feature scrapbook making, \$75; watercolor painting, \$45; and Power Sort, which teaches how to sort up to 1,000 family photographs in two hours. Cost is \$45 including supplies.

Special events

- Annual July 4 fireworks and concert, held Saturday, July 2. The concert is from 7 to 9:45 p.m., with fireworks following.

- Ice cream social on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 1 to 4 p.m.

- Grosse Pointe Farms and City Annual Fishing Rodeo on Saturday, Aug. 13. For kids 17 and under.

- National Marina Day, Saturday, Aug. 13, from 1 to 4 p.m. Residents will be able to discuss boating laws, regulations and policies with members of the U.S. Coast Guard, Wayne County Sheriff's Department, Grosse Pointe Power Squadron, Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Border Patrol and Farms representatives.

- Family outdoor movies. All shows are on Saturdays at 9 p.m.: July 30, "Shrek 2," and Sept. 3, "Sharktale."

- Family campout weekend Sept. 10 and 11. Cost is \$25 per site and \$1 per person. Last year there was a waiting list. Residents are advised to sign up early.

Concert series

Fifth Third Bank is sponsoring this year's Farms summer concert series. The schedule is:

- Crackerjack Band, Sunday, June 19, 4:40 to 6:30 p.m.

- Soul Provider Band, Saturday, July 2, 7 to 9:45 p.m.

- The Relics, Sunday, July 17, 4:40 to 6:30 p.m.

- Randy Volin and the Sonic Blues, Sunday, July 31, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

- Grosse Pointe Symphony String Orchestra, Sunday, Aug. 14, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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Park mother named 2005 'Woman of the Year'

By Patti Theros
Special Writer

As a wife, mother, volunteer and small-business owner, Cathy Hackenberger never envisioned she would be the coordinator of a major fundraising drive for a cancer society. But when her daughter Paige, 10, was diagnosed with Hodgins Lymphoma in December 2003, it became her mission to help raise funds for cancer research and find a cure.

Earlier this month, Hackenberger's fundraising efforts were recognized when she was named "Woman of the Year" by the Michigan Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at an award's ceremony at the Sidney Krandsall & Son's Boutique in Auburn Hills.

Hackenberger received this award based on her tremendous efforts to raise money for the society. Through a series of creative fundraisers, Hackenberger collected more than \$57,000 for the society in just eight weeks.

The mission of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

"I am so grateful to everyone who helped in this major fundraising effort. There have literally been hundreds of people who helped to make this drive a success. All of them are truly making a difference in the lives of cancer victims," Hackenberger said.

More than 17 fundraisers were held to raise money for the society during the campaign. A letter writing campaign, a poker party, a card party, a tennis charity ball, and a Kids4Kids bracelet selling campaign are just a few of the fundraisers Hackenberger, friends and

family coordinated.

"I never thought cancer would happen to my family. I never thought my child would get cancer. I felt desperation not being able to cure her. As a parent, you are a sidliner to the disease," Hackenberger said.

"The night Paige got sick our family was decorating the inside of our house for Christmas. After we had finished decorating for the evening, my daughter asked me to go for a walk with her outside to look at Christmas lights. We walked hand in hand and strolled around the block. She saw some angels in a yard and commented on how beautiful they were. When we arrived home, Paige went upstairs to take a shower. She came down from the shower and said that the left side of her neck felt larger than the other side. I looked at her, and I knew something was wrong. My husband knelt down and felt her neck. He asked me to call our parents to come over to stay with our other children while we went to the hospital. We arrived at St. John Hospital's emergency room on Dec. 7, 2003, and what unfolded was a parent's worst nightmare," she said.

"Looking back I am grateful that Paige and I had the opportunity to spend time on our walk together before she got sick. It was a long time after that night that we were able to spend carefree time together again as mother and daughter."

When the Hackenbergers arrived at the emergency room, a chest x-ray revealed a large cantaloupe-sized mass in Paige's left chest. A CAT scan showed that her aorta was being pushed to the side by the mass, which was around the heart and major veins, and arteries. It was a malignant mass. For three days the malignant,



Grosse Pointe Park's Cathy Hackenberger, right, has learned many details about childhood cancer ever since her 10-year-old daughter Paige, left, was diagnosed with Hodgins Lymphoma in December, 2003.

inoperable mass had no name and a grim outlook. On the third day, after a neck biopsy and bone marrow biopsy were done on Paige, the Hackenbergers finally had "good" news. Paige's cancer was Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a potentially highly curable cancer.

Hodgkin's Lymphoma is a blood cancer that, when detected early, often has a high cure rate.

"We worked with a great team of doctors and a child-life psychologist/specialist at St. John Hospital. The specialist told us that Paige already suspects something is seriously wrong. The specialist recommended that I tell her that she has cancer, and they asked me to 'practice' saying it to her. I thought, 'I can do this,' but every time I tried to say the word 'cancer' I would breakdown and cry. Eventually I told Paige and she was fine about it. I assured her that we would do everything we could to make her better. Children are very resilient.

"Paige, who was a normal, active fourth-grader at Maire Elementary, turned her ever smiling spirit into a winning fight against cancer," Hackenberger said.

Paige endured bone marrow biopsies, neck biopsies, blood transfusions and many rounds of chemotherapy. She lost all of her hair, eyelashes, and eyebrows. The chemotherapy depleted her immune system, and she had to wear a mask to protect her from disease. She received daily shots to help increase her immune system.

"Our family, friends and community were doing everything to keep Paige's

spirits high. There were prayer chains from coast-to-coast and yet through all this, Paige would comfort us by staying optimistic throughout the often-painful treatment. She never complained. She knew it took guts to get better. Paige is someone who looks on the bright side of everything."

The first time Paige was able to come home after being diagnosed with cancer was Christmas Eve. "Our family wanted to feel normal again. Her brothers didn't leave her side. They were so protective of her," Hackenberger said.

During Paige's illness she missed more than four months of school, but because of the Grosse Pointe school district's video technology, she was able to participate via a video connection. A television was placed in her fourth-grade classroom at Maire Elementary and also in her bedroom at home.

Paige could see and hear her classmates and teachers and they could hear and see her. She was able to keep up with her schoolwork during her treatment.

Today Paige is in remission, and it has been one year since her last chemotherapy treatment. She has tests every three months to monitor her progress at the Van Elslander Cancer Center.

In addition to Hackenberger being named "Woman of the Year," Paige

was named "Girl of the Year" by the society.

Throughout the year, Paige will attend fundraisers, give talks and write letters of encouragement to those who raise money for the society.

This is the first year the society's has recognized a mother and daughter team with awards.

Now that the campaign has concluded, Hackenberger plans to get back to running her business, Two Sisters Gourmet, and playing more tennis.

She played competitively in high school and is a former varsity tennis coach for Grosse Pointe North High School. She'll continue to take care of her family, which she calls "her No. 1 priority." But, she added, "I will always raise money for the society. We have plans to make some of the events annual fundraisers.

"I guess the message I want to give others is that whatever has impacted your life, whether it be cancer or some other disease, make a difference. Give your time, talent or make a donation. The reason why Paige is here today is that someone gave unselfishly to contribute to cancer research. Our work will hopefully help many others in the future. Throughout our fundraising efforts, we would ask people to 'Be an angel today ... a Paige's Angel.'"

For more information visit www.paigesangels.com.

Dredging

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lesser quantities extending more than 1,000 feet into the lake, as illustrated in documents filed in support of the dredging request.

The matter concerns accretion, sometimes described as nature's gift to a landowner.

Scientists define accretion as "the gradual and imperceptible accumulation of land by natural causes, as out of the sea or a river."

The homeowners don't like it and want it taken away.

"Dredging will be completed with a shallow draft cutter suction dredge," according to the DEQ's notice. "If this machine is unable to operate near the shore, equipment such as a bulldozer or front-end loader will be used to move sediment."

"The sand will be de-watered in a temporary staging area then removed from the site by barge," according to the application dated Feb. 11.

"De-watered sand will be loaded onto barges," the DEQ notice reads. "Dredged spoils will be taken to a suitable dock for upland disposal. Final disposal location(s) for dredged spoils have not yet been determined."

"The estimate by the petitioners is that it will cost \$7 million to do this," McInerney said.

Petitioners want the shoreline restored to a time when water, not soil, scrub grass and decaying vegetation braced the outside breakwall and lapped beneath boathouses overlooking the shallows.

Because dredging alters lake bottom, which is owned by the state, the DEQ and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have to weigh-in on environmental issues.

Last month the DEQ issued a public notice about the petition, inviting public comment.

"That notice was sent to property owners both on the lake side of Lakeshore and the west side of Lakeshore," McInerney said. "On May 9, the village insurance company counsel responded on behalf of the village, expressed concerns and requested a public hearing. We understand that several other individuals have



File photos by Brad Lindberg

Petitioners have requested state permission to remove 160,000 cubic yards of soil located along the Lake St. Clair shoreline north of Vernier in Grosse Pointe Shores. In these images from 1998, the buildup of sand and other material has put a boathouse high and dry.



requested the hearing. Our expectation is that with all these requests for a hearing, there will be one."

DEQ officials anticipate scheduling a public meeting on the request in June. The date hasn't been set. Government officials will base their ruling on the public interest.

"Those agencies are not generally in favor of digging stuff out of the Great Lakes," McInerney said. "If the Corps and DEQ were to decide that dredging is all right and is not going to disrupt too many habitats, then there's a cross-question."

Who's going to pay for it? Some people say the buildup of soil in the Shores is a natural occurrence due mainly to lower lake levels. Others say it's due to the interruption of shoreline wave patterns and currents

caused by manmade peninsulas on which stand the Shores municipal park and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

"We haven't been told exactly who's going to pay for it," McInerney said. "I have a suspicion who they (the petitioners) think should pay for it — the village and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The biggest concern expressed by the village is that even the petitioners acknowledge everyone who lives along the lake is not in agreement with this proposal."

"A total of 33 properties with 31 owners are located adjacent to the proposed dredge area," according to the DEQ notice.

"That's a concern — that it's not even close to unanimous approval," McInerney said.

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Windmill, Patterson parks are ready for summertime fun

Grosse Pointe Park's Windmill Park and Three Mile Park have plenty of activities to offer its residents this summer to make people of all ages happy.

Summer registration for water activities, tennis lessons and knapsackers will be held on Saturday, June 4, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and Sunday, June 5, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Windmill Pointe Park.

Residents must come to Windmill Pointe Park to register for classes with their park pass. You may only sign up for one session of classes during the June 4 and June 5 sign-up days.

A sign up period for additional classes will be at Windmill Pointe Park on Saturday, July 7, and Saturday, July 23, from 10 a.m. to noon if vacancies exist.

Once the sessions are in full swing, call the pool supervisor, Rochelle Zaraneck at (313) 822-2812, extension 303, if you have any questions regarding future swim vacancies.

Session one is from June 20 to July 1; session two is from July 11 to July 22; and session three is from Aug. 1 to Aug. 12.

"We in Grosse Pointe Park have two beautiful parks for resident enjoyment," parks and recreation director Terry Solomon said. "Our public service department issues free passes for residents so you can enjoy everything the parks have to offer year round."

Solomon asks residents to bring and display their park pass to the gate staff when entering.

Patterson Park is located at the foot of Three Mile Drive and Essex, and Windmill Pointe Park is located at Barrington and Windmill Point Drive.

Admission to the parks is limited to Park residents and their guests.

The Lavins Activity Center will also be open year round for classes, work outs, and movies at the Okulski Theater.

Patterson Park is open 8 a.m. to dusk and 7 a.m. to dusk beginning on May 28, while Windmill Pointe Park is open 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. each and every day.

Solomon and her staff are taking 2005 picnic reservations. Any resident wishing to host a picnic either at Windmill Pointe Park or Patterson Park must call the Parks and Recreation office at (313) 822-2812, extension 201, or come into the park office Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Patterson Park's picnic limit is 100 non-residents per day. Residents can bring in up to 25 non-residents per permit, and the limit at Windmill Pointe Park is 75 non-residents per day. Residents can bring in up to 25 non-residents per permit.

Schools located in the City of Grosse Pointe Park can exceed this limit for class picnics. When the park limits are met, no more permit applications can be issued. This insures residents the opportunity to picnic without the parks being over-uti-

lized.

An alphabetized list of non-residents must be submitted to the park office one week prior to the picnic. Children under the age of seven do not need to be listed.

The Tompkins Community Center is located at Windmill Pointe Park. The center's main focus is to host parties, and its capacity is 129 people. It can comfortably seat 100 people. It is available for Park residents to rent for various family functions.

Rental rates for 2005 are \$200 for any daytime or evening function held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, and \$300 for the weekends with a time limit of 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wedding receptions are \$500.

Office hours for the Tompkins Community Center are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the office door is located on the lake side.

The pools and splash pad open on Saturday, May 28. Patterson Park Splash Pad is open from 10 a.m. to dusk, while the Windmill Pointe Park Olympic pool is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., and the Windmill Pointe Park wading pool is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Olympic pool will be closed on Saturday, June 18, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Wednesday, July 6, from 4 p.m. to the end of the relay meet; on Wednesday, July 20, from 4 p.m. to the end of the home swim meet; and Wednesday, Aug. 3, from 5

p.m. to the end of the home swim meet.

Early morning lap swim will begin on Tuesday, June 21. The pools will open at 6 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, providing the park gets at least 15 participants.

Sign up in the lifeguard station with a head lifeguard or the pool supervisor after Memorial Day weekend.

The parks also offer diving lessons at \$40 for students who are interested in increasing their ability and techniques with basic springboard primary dives.

Skills include stance, steps, hurdle, front and back dives.

Intermediate diving lessons (\$40) are also offered.

Windmill Pointe and Patterson parks also offer scuba diving classes (\$235) for individuals 10 years of age or older. Sign up on Saturday, June 4, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

The five Grosse Pointes will send their top four lifeguards to compete in the Top Guard Competition on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 5 p.m. at Windmill Pointe Park. The pool will be closed for this fun, competitive compe-

tion.

You can also sign up to join the synchronized swim team (\$40 for team fee). Swimmers must have passed level three or have attained level three skills to participate.

Park residents can also join the city summer swim team. Interested individuals can visit the team web site at www.grosse-pointepark.org and click on parks and recreation for information and forms or call the parks and recreation department at (313) 822-2812.

— Bob St. John

Lake Front Park's 2005 slate loaded with family fun

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Residents of Grosse Pointe Woods will have plenty of things to keep them busy this summer.

The Lake Front Park (LFP) opens its pool on Saturday, May 28, and the park offers several swim classes, tennis lessons, water aerobics, Red Cross classes, arts and crafts, and sports camps.

Any swimmer with at least a Level 4 swimming ability or with the ability to pass the evaluation is welcome to join the Woods Warriors Swim Team.

There is a mandatory parent meeting at 7 p.m. on May 26 at the bathhouse for the mothers and fathers

whose children will be competing on the swim team, and the evaluations for the new swimmers will be on June 1 and June 2, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Swim team practice officially begins on June 3, and on June 4 the team will conduct its annual meet and greet for parents and swimmers at 10 a.m. at the bathhouse.

LFP also announces it will begin a new synchronized swim team for children between 6 and 16 years old. The program runs for six weeks, beginning on June 20, and ending on July 29.

Depending on the progress, the team will strive to put on a show during the first week of August. The requirements for the team include passing or demonstrating at least a Level 4 swimming ability.

Registration takes place along with the regular summer programs.

Other swim-related activities the park offers are adult lap swimming, poolside music on June 18, July 4, July 17, Aug. 6, Aug. 20, and Sept. 5, swimming under the stars for teenagers on July 8 from 9 to 11 p.m., and swimming under the stars for families on July 22 from 9 to 11 p.m.

On June 18, there will be the annual Jack Boni Fishing Derby from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration for this event takes place from June

1-16.

The American Red Cross sponsors water safety instructor courses on Thursday, May 26, Wednesday, June 1, Friday, June 3, Monday, June 6, Wednesday, June 8, Friday, June 10, Monday, June 13, Wednesday, June 15, and Friday, June 17.

The purpose of these classes is to train instructor candidates to teach courses in the American Red Cross programs by developing an understanding of how to use course materials, how to conduct training sessions, and how to evaluate participant progress.

Participants must be 16-years-old by June 17, 2005, must be able to swim 25 yards of the following strokes: front crawl, back crawl, breaststroke, elementary backstroke, sidestroke and butterfly, must be able to maintain position on back for one minute in deep water, and must be able to tread water for one minute.

The cost is \$200 per applicant (includes books and materials).

Lifeguard training will end on May 26. You must be 15-years-old by May 26, must be able to swim 500 yards using the front crawl and breaststroke, and must be able to dive to a depth of 13 feet to retrieve a 10-pound brick.

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City's second-year park director expands programs

Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Homeowners in the Grosse Pointes value quality schools and municipal services, from public safety to recreation opportunities at their lakeside parks.

Chris Hardenbrook, entering his second summer season as the City's full-time director of parks and recreation, is keeping his part of the bargain at Neff Park.

"The park's going to be 100 percent," Hardenbrook said. "It will be the first time in several years the park will open on Memorial Day weekend full force."

A new marina opened last year. A bathhouse, pool office and parking lot were completed within the last few years.

This year restoration of a decades-old pavilion includes installation of a six-foot grill for picnic barbecues.

"It will be a good start of summer," Hardenbrook said.

Hardenbrook came to his job from Marquette.

"I love what I do," he said. "That's good because, time wise, it's very demanding. If I didn't like it I'd be in trouble. Living here has been an adjustment, being from the great north. I got homesick during Winterfest."

More than 700 people attended last season's first-annual celebration of winter. Residents lined up for dog sled rides around the park.

"My overall goal is to have a year-round park and department," Hardenbrook said. "It's coming along."

When the swimming pool opens Saturday, May 28, at 10 a.m., visitors will see a lot of familiar faces.

"Over 90 percent of our staff is returning," Hardenbrook said. "A lot of them are South High School students. I always want to take the opportunity to extend thanks to the great work and staff I have and how appreciative I am of them."

The marina has 171 wells divided into six different sizes. Rental fees range from \$550 per season for a 22-foot well to \$1,400 for a 40-foot well.

Woods

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The cost is \$100 per applicant (includes books and materials). Call the park office to register.

The park will hold two concerts with the Steel Drum Band playing on July 21 and Motown and Oldies on Aug. 25, and on July 15, families will get the opportunity to enjoy an outdoor movie played on a theatre-size screen in LFP.

Families can camp out in the park following the movie and wake up to the smell of pancakes for an early breakfast. Registration for this is from July 6-13.

The annual Grosse Pointe Woods city picnic is slated for Aug. 6. Residents will also enjoy a camp out and a pancake breakfast the morning after.

The park offers 55 acres of room for kids to play, families to enjoy a warm summer day, and the dog to get some exercise, along with 238 boat wells for the sailors among us, and 12 tennis courts for the athlete.

There is also a recreation room on the grounds where residents can play basketball, racquetball, and shuffleboard, as well as board or card games.

"I come to the park a lot, and I always see people of all ages doing stuff," Grosse Pointe Woods councilwoman and city resident Vicki Granger said. "The Lake Front Park offers everyone something to do, even if it rains. This park is used all year around, but the pool is a main draw during the summer months."

For further information, contact the park at (313) 343-2470 or go online to parks@gpwmj.us.

Hardenbrook said the marina is fully rented.

There's a waiting list for each well size. The longest list has 45 people wanting slips for boats 24 to 29 feet long.

"People have been on a waiting list for 15 years for the 40-footers," he said.

Neff Park isn't the largest park in the Pointes, but it is chocked full of recreation opportunities.

Below is a listing of most City recreation programs this summer. Many programs are offered in three sessions.

Registration dates and times are: session I, June 13-17, session II, July 5 - 8; and session III, July 25 - 29. Register from 1 to 5 p.m.

Park hours

Neff Park is open to resident and guests from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

Pool hours

• May 28 - June 19: Memorial Day weekend and weekends, June 4-19, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Weekdays, May 31 - June 17, 4 to 9 p.m.
• June 20 - Aug. 28: Weekdays noon to 9 p.m. Weekends, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
• Aug. 29 - Sept. 18: Weekdays, 4 to 9 p.m. Weekends 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
• Early bird lap swimming starts June 21. Hours are 6 to 9 a.m. Tuesday and Thursdays, and 7 to 10 a.m. Saturdays.

Aquatic activities

• Swimming lessons
Swimming lessons are given to students of various swimming ability, from parents and tots through swimmers needing to refine their strokes, learn flip turns and lifeguard readiness.

Three sessions start June 20, July 11 and Aug. 1, respectively. The cost is \$15 with one-hours classes Monday through Friday during various morning hours. Most classes are over by noon.

Parent-tot sessions, for children 6 months to 5 years old, are held three days per week from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

• Diving
Three sessions of diving lessons are offered in separate classes for children 7 to 9 years old and 10 to 14 years of age.

Sessions begin June 20, July 11 and Aug. 1 and cost \$15.

Splash parties are scheduled July 1, July 22 and Aug. 12, all from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

• Norbs swim team
A meeting of Norbs swim-

mers and parents is scheduled Wednesday, May 25, at 4 p.m. at the Neff park pavilion.

Practice starts Tuesday, May 31, with time trials Saturday, June 11, from 8 to 11 a.m. A pancake breakfast follows. The first relay meet is Saturday, June 10, at Grosse Pointe Park Windmill Pointe Park.

Special events follow home meets. There will be an ice cream social, submarine and games night, Coney Island hotdog and talent show night, and awards banquet and more.

On Friday, July 29, Norbs take a road trip to the Waterford Oaks Wave Pool.

• Synchronized swim team

Registration for the City synchronized swim team is Friday, June 17, at 3 p.m., in the park pavilion.

Performances are scheduled at the park July 22, at 7 p.m., and Aug. 13, at 2 p.m.

Tennis courts

Tennis courts at Elworthy Field can be reserved for \$3 per hour according to the following schedule:

• Weekends May 28 through June 19, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
• Daily June 20 through Sept. 1, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Childrens tennis

Youngsters ages 7 through 14 can enroll in three sets of tennis classes offered in three sessions beginning June 20, July 11 and Aug. 1. The cost is \$20.

Youth programs

• Community CPR and first aid training, new for 2005. The class is open to ages 15 and up at a cost of \$25 to \$40.

"It's basic CPR, first aid or both," Hardenbrook said. "It's for certification as well."

The first session begins June 21.

• Babysitter training
An American Red Cross course dealing with all aspects of babysitting, including basic CPR and first aid.

"They get training but no certification," Hardenbrook said.

Sessions start June 27 and Aug. 1, both costing \$40.

• Lifeguard training
For \$140, students can enroll in American Red Cross lifeguard classes starting June 20 and July 11. Students must be at least 15 years old. Successful completion of the course results in certification.

Arts and crafts

Children ages 6 to 14 can try their hands at arts and crafts for \$2 per day on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays., at the park pavilion.

There is no session registration required. A child can participate as many times as he or she likes.

Activities begin June 20 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Adult programs

A series of adult programs, classes and activities are scheduled in three sessions starting June 20, July 11 and Aug. 1

Offerings and costs include:

• Swimming lessons, \$15.
• Aquatic exercise, \$15.
• Aquatic aerobics, \$20.
• Kayak safety, \$35. Must be 18 years old, have passed a level IV swim class or be accompanied by an adult. Students are encouraged to provide their own kayak. The City will rent four kayaks at \$5 each.

• Free Scuba on Saturday, June 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. Test the pool wearing free Scuba gear.

• Scuba lessons.
Registration is limited to 10 people for each of two sessions of Scuba diving certification classes costing \$150 per session.

"Once you get certified you're able to go wherever you want, including Florida on vacation, and rent scuba equipment," Hardenbrook said.

Family events

• Adult swim nights 9 to



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Chris Hardenbrook enjoys his job as director of recreation in the City of Grosse Pointe.

10 p.m. on Monday evenings June 20 through Aug. 28.

• Family late night swims 9 to 11 p.m., Tuesdays June 25, July 19 and Aug. 9.

• Teen night swims 9 to 11 p.m., Thursdays June 30, July 21 and Aug. 11.

"New this year is pizza and pop," Hardenbrook said.

• Family Fiesta

On Saturday, Aug. 27, from 2 to 8 p.m., the City's traditional family fiesta returns to Neff Park with a host of family-oriented events. This year's fiesta will be capped by an outdoor movie.

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"It's very traditional program," Hardenbrook said. "My incorporation is an outdoor movie."

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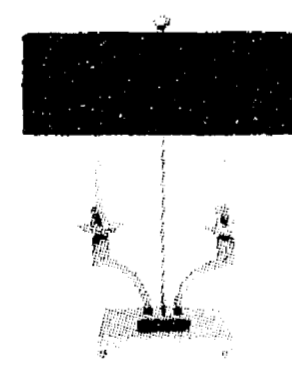
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School board prez publicly spanked

Monday night's special meeting of the school board to decide the fate of its president was a prime example of democracy in action.

Some 70 residents, most of them enraged by comments made by President Joan Richardson in a May 17 Detroit Free Press story, attended the meeting hastily called by two board members, Lisa Vreede and Ahmed Ismail. The agenda for the meeting was to discuss board action in response to the Free Press story.

In that story, Ms. Richardson is quoted as saying, among other things, "Frankly, this is a community that is very uncomfortable with diversity, and as we become more diverse, that's a real stretch in Grosse Pointe."

Her comments were met with umbrage by many Grosse Pointers, including letters to the editor in not only the Detroit Free Press but also to the Grosse Pointe News. (See below.)

Angered by the lack of response from the leadership of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, Trustees Vreede and Ismail called for a special meeting Monday night, May 23, almost a week after the Free Press story appeared.

At the special meeting, Ms. Richardson received what could be called a public spanking for her comments in the Detroit daily.

Trustee Kennedy moved that Ms.

Richardson's presidency of the school board be rescinded. Trustee Ismail seconded the motion.

Board Vice President Jeff Broderick, who led the special meeting, then allowed half an hour for public comments. Those speaking critically of Ms. Richardson outnumbered those who spoke in her favor nearly 2 to 1. About 11 people spoke.

Trustee Kennedy said Ms. Richardson should be punished. Treasurer Vreede said that as president Ms. Richardson speaks for the board and should have known better than to make the comments she made. Secretary Joseph Brennan maintained the school board had nothing to apologize for.

Trustee Ismail was angered at Ms. Richardson's lack of response to the public. He not only wanted Ms. Richardson stripped of her presidency, but he also wanted her to resign from the school board. He also wanted a public statement from the school board disavowing Ms. Richardson's comments.

Reading a written statement, Ms. Richardson did not retract her statements to the Free Press, but she said, "[T]he comments in the Free Press article were mine alone. They were not intended to be a statement of board policy nor a reflection of the

perceptions of other board members regarding this issue.

"I'm sorry that those remarks have inflamed the situation, and I truly regret that my comments may make it more difficult for this community to address the residency issue."

After nearly anyone who wanted to speak spoke, and after the board members voiced their views, a vote was taken on the motion to remove Ms. Richardson as president. The motion failed 2-5, with Trustees Kennedy and Ismail casting the two votes to rescind Ms. Richardson's presidency.

After the vote, the standing-room-only crowd filtered out of the packed board room at 389 St. Clair. The residents seemed subdued, not pleased, not angry, just spent. There was no elation, nor were there any shouts for a recall.

The trustees then set to the task of composing a statement from the board.

After several fits and starts, the final board statement read:

"We deeply regret the comments in the May 17 Detroit Free Press which were made by one individual member of the Grosse Pointe Public School system Board of Education and our failure to move quickly to respond to the public's concern about those com-

ments. The comments do not reflect the views of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education. We apologize to the community for any embarrassment or harm these may have caused.

"The Grosse Pointe Public School System has a long-standing commitment to encouraging understanding and tolerance of all individuals, and to celebrating diversity and individual differences. We attempt to incorporate diversity into every part of our curriculum. We firmly believe these values reflect the values of the community."

We started this editorial stating that Monday night's meeting was a success for democracy. We say that because the system worked. It allowed elected officials to call a special meeting. It allowed the public to voice its opinion openly and candidly. It allowed an elected board to vote on an issue concerning one of its own, and, most importantly, it left a democratic institution — the public school board — intact.

In light of Ms. Richardson's six years on the school board, we think the school board made a merciful decision to allow her to serve out her presidency.

New officers will be chosen at the board's next organizational meeting in July. We are confident that Ms. Richardson will not be reappointed as president, but she will serve out her second term on the board until it expires in June 2007 — if she so wishes. At that time, school district voters will decide if she should be re-elected. We doubt she will be.

In the meantime, the school board can get back to work, balancing the budget and dealing with the residency issue.

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Letters

Apology

To the Editor:

I am writing this in response to Grosse Pointe Board of Education President Joan Richardson's comments in the Detroit Free Press of Tuesday, May 17, in which she stated that Grosse Pointe "is a community that is very uncomfortable with diversity."

I do not agree with her comments, and I find her subsequent conciliatory statement unsatisfactory in the scope of both its content and distribution.

To the best of my knowledge, she has yet to apologize to the community at large. In one fell swoop, Ms. Richardson has insulted our community (especially the 3,000-plus residents who have signed a residency petition), compromised the integrity and ability of our school system, and demoted minority residents to second-class status.

Although I am not authorized to speak on behalf of either the Grosse Pointe Public School System or its board of education, I personally apologize to the residents of this community and hope that we can move forward.

Our focus must be providing a top-tier public education to the children of this community.

Angela Kennedy
Grosse Pointe Board
of Education Trustee

Get back

To the Editor:

This letter is in regard to the Detroit Free Press article, "Parents want address checks for schools," on May 17 in which our school board president, Joan Richardson, was quoted.

I must preface my comments with the caveat that they are my personal feelings and not necessarily those of my fellow school board members, the school system, or the consensus of our community. They are mine alone as a taxpayer, a resident, a business owner, a former student of our school

system and a member of what most would consider a minority group, as I am Muslim by birth and Albanian by nationality.

When my parents struggled 45 years ago to move from Detroit to the small section of Harper Woods that's part of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, it was for one reason — to get my brother, sister and me the best possible education.

Despite being what in those days was a true minority by being the only Albanian Muslim family in our school, with the help of our wonderful teachers at Poupard and a great principal, John Hammel, our fellow students learned that not everyone in the world celebrated Christmas and had a Christmas tree.

My father, being a Muslim minister, came to our classes all through our school years, explaining to our classmates about Islam and how its beliefs ran, in most part, parallel to all other religions...to treat others with respect and embrace our neighbors as equals, treating them as we want to be treated.

Over the past 45 years, our population in the Pointes has gradually become so diverse that when you think about it, everyone is a minority. We have had some bumps along the way.

Anyone who has lived here for over 30 years has only to think back to 1968 and the turmoil that the visit of Dr. Martin Luther King caused and how despite the threats, Pointe families like the Kesslers, the Kays and others held to their convictions and gave me as a student the most memorable few hours I spent in our schools as a student.

People of all races and nationalities gravitate to the Pointes for the same reason that my parents did 45 years ago — our schools. It is what we value most, and the reason at least my wife and I pay the taxes we do willingly.

The clearest proof-positive

of our community embracing diversity is my life. I went to our schools, was given the incredible opportunity to purchase a business 35 years ago by a Pointer who was a Southerner to boot, Carl Joyner. Then, in the most definitive example I can think of how far our community has come in making national origin and religion a total nonissue, elected an Albanian Muslim with the first name of "Ahmed" to our school board after the tragic 9/11 disasters.

In my mind, the challenge we all share since the unfortunate Detroit Free Press coverage, is how to tell the world that we truly do embrace all who come to the Pointes as equals. The international damage that has been done to our reputation in the form of real estate values, our revenue enhancement efforts in our schools, and our desirability as the place to live for a family moving into the Detroit area who does a search for "Grosse Pointe" on the Internet cannot be repaired for years. We all have to work together to get through this, so that we can get back to making our schools the best they can be for our kids, and our community back to its former status as one of the premier communities in our entire country.

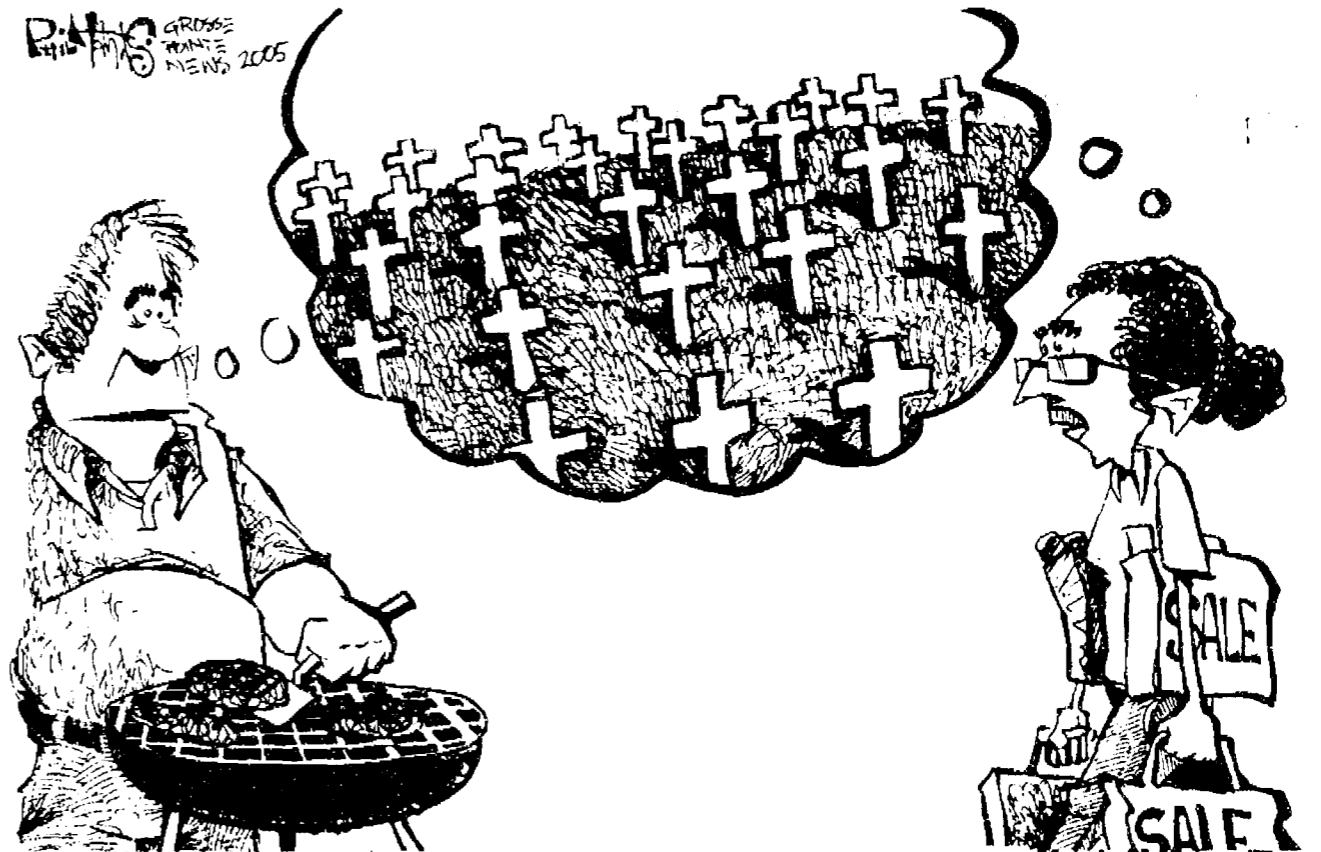
I know in my heart and based on the e-mails, phone calls, visits at Speedi Photo and to my home, that most in our community feel as I do. Let me offer up my apology for what it's worth with the commitment to do my part to get us back to the community we were two weeks ago.

Ahmed Ismail
Grosse Pointe Woods

Outraged

To the Editor:

For Grosse Pointe Board of Education President Joan Richardson to imply in the May 17 Detroit Free Press that the Grosse Pointe community is racist and bigoted is totally inappropriate and outrageous.



REMEMBER TO REMEMBER THEIR SACRIFICE THIS MEMORIAL DAY

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

At the very least, she owes the residents an apology and more fitting, her resignation from the Grosse Pointe School Board.

George Petroff
Grosse Pointe Woods

Shamed

To the Editor:

I, along with many other people in the Grosse Pointe community, am extremely offended and upset with the comments made by Grosse Pointe Board of Education President Joan Richardson on the front page of last Tuesday's Detroit Free Press (May 17), "Parents want address checks for schools."

It is outrageous and unfair for her to brand the entire Grosse Pointe community as "uncomfortable with diversity."

I think it would be fair to say that many would welcome and support diversity, especially in our schools. Grosse Pointe North High School dedicates a day each year to understanding and encouraging diversity.

The problem our school board faces lies not within racial differences, but rather residential boundaries. Grosse Pointe residents willingly pay higher taxes specifically for access to the education our school system provides. Lying about a resi-

dence, while understandable, is still unacceptable.

Ms. Richardson's statement incorrectly brought race into this issue, perpetuating stereotypes many metro Detroiters have about our community.

Shame on her for saying that, and shame on us for giving that impression.

Stephen Schrage
Student,
University of Michigan
Grosse Pointe North
Alumnus

Diverse community

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the article, "Parents want address checks for schools," in the Detroit Free Press on May 17.

The president of the school board implied that the people living in Grosse Pointe don't understand diversity. Frankly, having lived in Grosse Pointe Woods for over 30 years, I am accustomed to diversity in the community.

There are residents of many nationalities and different racial groups living in this area. The residents of Grosse Pointe are not afraid of diversity, but simply want only residents who are taxpayers attending our

schools.

At a school board meeting last June, a member of the administrative staff related to me that during the 2004-2005 school year, there were several months that no one was checking residency. No wonder people are now worried.

Furthermore, to check new residents, affidavits should not be allowed because they are too easy to get. Court orders, W-2 forms, and a paycheck with the address on it should be accepted.

William Hielscher
Grosse Pointe Woods

Promote schools

To the Editor:

I strongly disagree with and resent Grosse Pointe Board of Education President Joan Richardson's comments on the front page of the May 17 Detroit Free Press, "Parents want address checks for schools."

Since when is expecting people to follow the rules and pay their fair share tantamount to prejudice. This issue is not about discrimination, it is about taxpayers paying for students who are not Grosse Pointe residents.

Anyone of any race or ethnicity
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Move over Miami

The Detroit Pistons eliminated the rival Indiana Pacers four games to two in last week's Eastern Conference playoff semifinals.

The Pistons had little trouble disposing of the Philadelphia 76'ers four games to one in the first round of the National Basketball Association (NBA) playoffs.

Now the fun begins as our beloved and defending NBA champs square off against the team a lot of people think will win this year's crown, the Miami Heat.

This is what the NBA and television executives wanted to see when the playoffs began one month ago, the defending champs against

Shaquille O'Neal and the Heat.

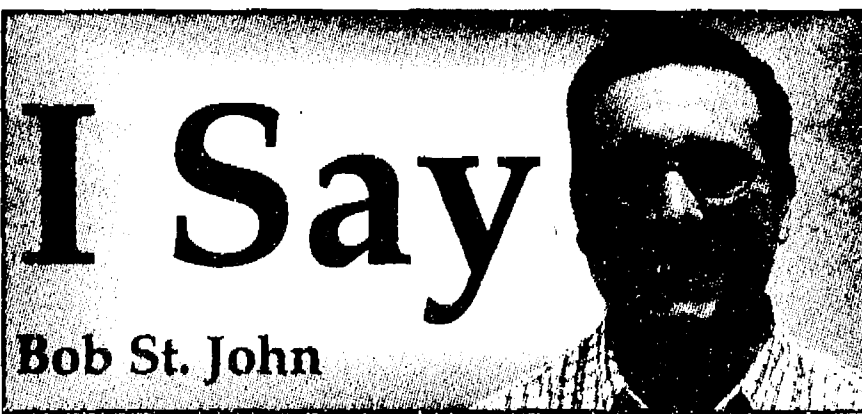
The Pistons embarrassed Shaq and his former team, the Los Angeles Lakers, in last year's NBA Finals in five games to bring home Detroit's first world championship since the Bad Boys won back-to-back championships in the late 1980s.

Who can forget Isiah Thomas, Joe Dumars, Vinny Johnson, Bill Laimbeer, Dennis Rodman, and head coach Chuck Daly?

By the way, the Pistons swept the Lakers to win their first title and the Portland Trailblazers in five games to make it back-to-back.

Back to the present. Shaq bolted the Lakers and was traded to Miami, and that instantly made the Heat the favorite to get to the Finals and win a championship.

It seems as if members of the national media think Shaq is this the key to any



team winning a title. Shaq did lead his original team, the Orlando Magic, to the NBA Finals back in the mid 1990s, but they were swept by the Houston Rockets.

O'Neal signed a free agent contract with the Lakers and helped them win three consecutive titles. However, his ego couldn't fit in the same room with former teammate Kobe Bryant; so Shaq said so-long L.A. and hello Miami.

The Heat posted the best record in the Eastern Conference at 59-23 and second-best in the NBA to

Phoenix (62-20). They have dominated the league at times this season, pushing winning streaks to double digits twice.

Miami has arguably the best player on the court, guard Dwayne Wade. He has elevated his game to (Michael) Jordan-esque heights, but the undynamic duo of Shaq and Wade can't beat a true team, can they?

Shaq has been hobbled the first two rounds of the playoffs with a deep thigh bruise. The Heat really didn't need him as they swept both New Jersey and Washington to get to the

Eastern Conference Finals. Most of the games have been non-competitive, but now Miami will be in for a battle against the defending champ Pistons.

Miami's supporting cast of Udonis Haslem, Eddie Jones, Damon Jones (the other three starters), and Alonzo Mourning, Christian Laettner, Michael Doleac, Shandon Anderson, Steve Smith, Rasual Butler and Keyon Dooling is no match for our mighty Pistons.

Detroit head coach Larry Brown has the best starting five as Ben Wallace, the NBA's defensive player of the year, Rasheed Wallace, Tayshaun Prince, Chauncey Billups, and Richard Hamilton form the best unit in the NBA.

Brown's bench extends only three deep with Antonio McDyess, Lindsey Hunter, and Carlos Arroyo playing significant minutes.

However, the Pistons resigned big-man Elden

Campbell solely for this series as he has the size to bang with Shaq in the low post. Other teams don't have even one big man, let alone two, to battle O'Neal in the paint.

Brown has the luxury of rotating both Wallaces, McDyess, and Campbell on Shaq.

The rest of the Pistons' role players, Darvin Ham, Ronald Dupree and Darko Milicic will not see the light of day unless one of the games is a blowout. That is OK because they're just insurance in case someone gets hurt, which we pray doesn't happen.

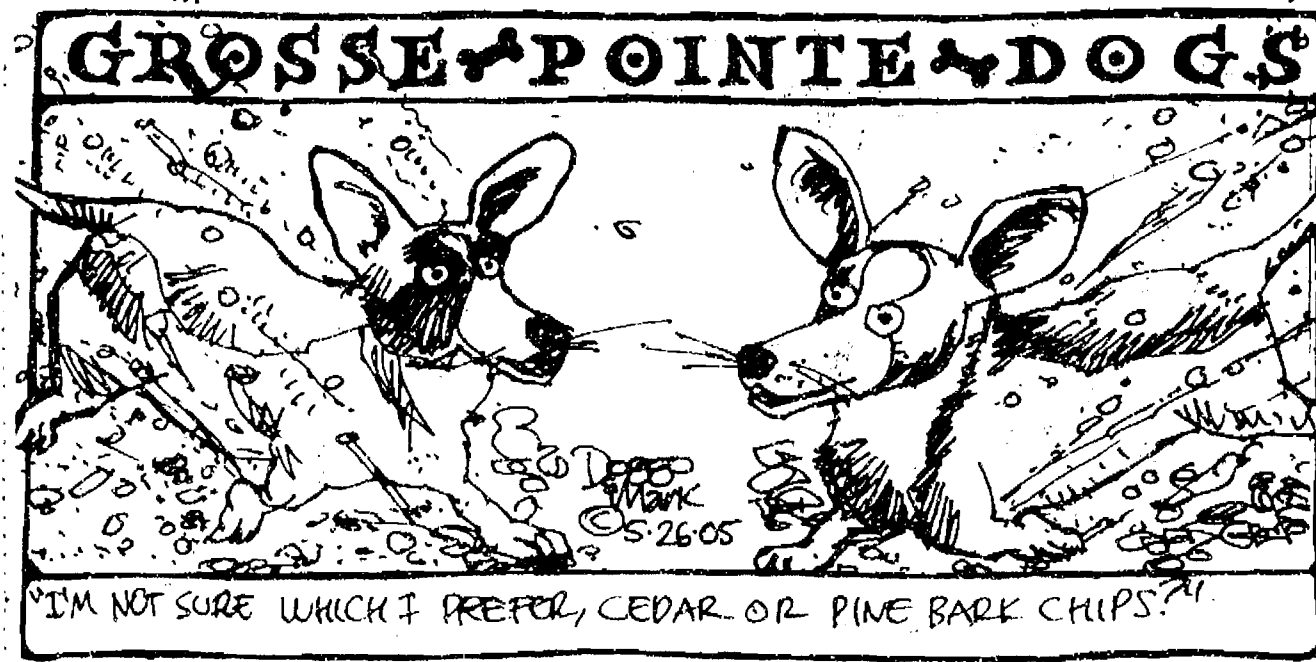
Miami is the glitzy team against blue-collar Detroit, and the series will be a war with each game going down to the final minutes. That is inevitable because the two teams played three close games during the regular season.

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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

How do you plan to spend Memorial Day?



Sally Wittwer

"Picnicking with family and friends along with attending the Grosse Pointe baseball and soccer tournaments."

— Sally Wittwer
Grosse Pointe Park

"Our family will go up north to our cottage."

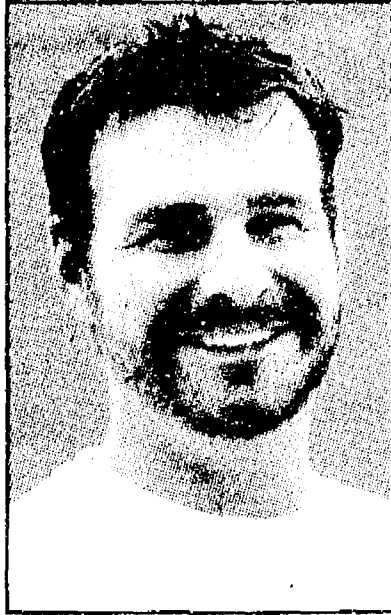
— Chris McCloud
St. Clair Shores



Chris McCloud

"I plan on remembering those individuals who made sacrifices for our future generations."

— Jeff Kuester
Grosse Pointe Park



Jeff Kuester

"I'll be at my niece's recovering from eye surgery, but I usually remember my loved ones by placing flowers at their graves."

— Hilda Emerson
Grosse Pointe Park



Hilda Emerson

"I'm going to plant my flowers."

— Katherine Kayser
Grosse Pointe Park



Katherine Kayser

"Our entire family goes to the Soaring Eagle every Memorial Day weekend."

— Louis Dasaro
Grosse Pointe Park

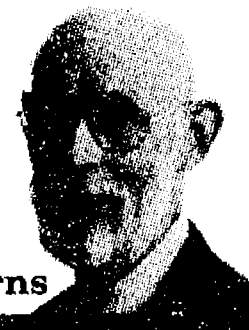


Louis Dasaro

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by Ben Burns



Especially apt for Memorial Day

The white flag carrying the crests of the U.S. military services hanging in front of the main office at Grosse Pointe North High School said: "All gave some... Some gave all..."

The flag was there as part of a fundraiser started by a 15-year-old sophomore on crutches. Laura Colbeck had blown out her knee at the national cheerleading competition.

Laura wasn't raising money for the cheerleading squad though. She was soliciting students' coins and dollars for the Aiden Fund. The Aiden Fund is designed to raise college money for a 1-year-old Phoenix, Ariz., toddler, who will never see his father again.

It all started when Laura got involved in a project launched by Judi Preston, an attendance officer at North. Judi's idea was for students, parents and friends to adopt a soldier from a Stryker Brigade in Iraq from Fort Lewis, Wash., that is headed by Col. Robert Brown, who is a former North student.

Laura and her mom, Susan Colbeck, put together a Christmas package last Thanksgiving to send to her pen and e-mail pal, Sgt. Frank Hernandez, 21. They exchanged half a dozen e-mails and letters over the next few months.

Frankie, as he preferred to be called, informed Laura that he liked motorcycles and golf. He told her what life was like as a member of the Stryker armored vehicle brigade and what conditions were like in Iraq. He told her how hard it was to lose a friend in combat.

Laura asked questions: "Are you scared? What's war like?" And Frankie answered.

"He made me realize how much we take for granted," said Laura, who had lost a high school classmate in a fatal Humvee rollover accident on I-75 in the past year. She told him, "Be careful."

The correspondence ended on Feb. 17 when Sgt. Frank Hernandez was killed in the blast of a roadside bomb.

Laura e-mailed Frankie's wife, Cristin, and asked what she and others who had been the soldier's Internet correspondents could do.

Cristin replied a few weeks later: "I wanted to thank all of you for taking the time to send your con-



Grosse Pointe North student Laura Colbeck put canisters out to collect college funds for the child of a soldier killed in Iraq.

first steps two days ago, and I know his dad was watching that. Many of you have asked for an address to send flowers or gifts to. I'd like to ask for something else instead, if you feel the need to do something. I have set up a college account for my son at Wells Fargo. I ask that instead of sending me items, please donate to his account... The name on his account is Aiden Eames Hernandez. Once again, I thank all of you for taking the time to lift my spirits. Always, Cristin and Aiden Hernandez."

The first Laura's parents, Susan and James, learned about their cheerleader daughter's fundraising campaign was when she asked about finding materials to make posters and some containers for canisters to put around the school.

Laura's mom, concerned that such a big undertaking might flop, helped make the canisters with Frankie's picture on them.

Another North parent, Adriana Juhasz, whose son Matt is serving his second tour of duty in Iraq came forward and suggested that camouflage wrist bands saying "Support Our

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Letters

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nicity is welcome in the Grosse Pointe schools if they are a verified resident of the Pointes. I believe that this community works very hard to embrace people of varying backgrounds. Our schools certainly do their share to promote diversity.

It is unfortunate that Ms. Richardson has such disdain for a community and school system that she, as a member of the school board, is supposed to support and promote. Perhaps she should rethink her position or resign.

Amy Mullinger
City of Grosse Pointe

Represents schools

To the Editor:

I am appalled by quotes attributed to Grosse Pointe Board of Education President Joan Richardson in an article in the Detroit Free Press of May 17, "Parents want address checks for schools."

What was Ms. Richardson thinking when she said "This is a community that is very uncomfortable with diversity." The out-of-district student problem has been a growing problem over the last few years, and a problem that will continue to grow.

Comments from Chris Fenton in the article, states having students in the district illegally is an old problem that has escalated slightly in recent years. This year, the district has received about 130 complaints, 30 or 40 more than in past years. If that increase cannot be construed as a problem and a growing problem, then what is?

School districts around the Pointes recognize out-of-district students as a problem and have tightened their proof of residency. Yet, when the Grosse Pointe community raises the issues, the Grosse Pointe school board president says the community is uncomfortable with diversity.

Her views only foster the belief of the public that the school board is out of touch and does not care about what their constituency thinks. The school board was elected to serve and represent the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Joan Richardson's views no longer represent the community she was elected to serve. The Grosse Pointe community would now be best served by Joan Richardson submitting her resignation.

I urge those people who feel the same way to join me in asking for Joan Richardson's resignation.

Mike Moore
Grosse Pointe Woods

Stereotyped

To the Editor:

An Open Letter to Joan Richardson, President of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education:

I consider myself to be a rational human being. The morning after your opinion of the Grosse Pointe community was printed in the Detroit Free Press, I reserved judgment (May 17, "Parents want address checks for schools").

I know that the Detroit Free Press is in the business of selling newspapers. I know that sensationalism sells papers. And so I defended you to my peers. I said that surely your comment had been coerced in some way and then taken incredibly out of context for this article. I thought that the issue at hand was about millages and accountability to the taxpayers. I believed that there would be an immediate outcry, an explanation, an apology forthcoming from your camp. And so I waited...nothing.

You've provided me with another valuable lesson in how painful stereotyping can be. You do not know me, and yet you have spoken out, prejudging me and my beliefs based on the address that I live at.

I am ashamed that you have been chosen to represent the people of Grosse Pointe.

Besides, as my grandmother said (only she said it in German), "It is a dumb bird that poops in its own nest."

Karen Muniga
Grosse Pointe Park

Attend to school system

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe School System needs your attention, even if you don't have kids in school.

Consider that during this difficult time of job losses and cutbacks, Grosse Pointe

and Harper Woods residents still managed to pass every recent school millage — that's how much our residents value education in this community. Yet, despite being granted generous funding, the Grosse Pointe Board of Education says it must still make cuts in school programs and services.

Already, bids are being submitted to replace existing maintenance and cafeteria personnel with contract workers. Never mind that doing so offers no guaranteed savings in the long run. Never mind that doing so may likely create more problems than it solves. Never mind that every resident who addressed the board on this matter has said, "We don't want it."

What's pathetic is how easily people are drawn into thinking they must sacrifice one program or another. Instead of being sucked into a debate on which program to keep, our response should be: "Prove that we need to make this choice in the first place. Prove you're managing our money efficiently. Prove there's no abuse. Prove the heavy school taxes we pay are inadequate, line by line, using a zero-based budget." The taxpayers deserve that much.

Another key issue is the growing number of students from outside the district who are illegally enrolled in our schools. The board has long been aware of this situation, but has yet to end it. Some suspect the additional state revenue gained from enrolling extra students is too attractive to give up. Besides the fact that taking this money is wrong, the funds we receive legitimately from the approved millage should be more than enough to operate our schools if the money is being prudently managed.

During budget discussions, Grosse Pointe is often compared to the Birmingham and Bloomfield schools. The comparison is inequitable. Birmingham and Bloomfield schools have large bus fleets that, with salaries, benefits, equipment and insurance, require millions to operate. Grosse Pointe schools have no bus fleet. So what are we doing with the extra money? It took many years of fighting just to get air conditioning installed in one of our elementary schools.

In the May 17 Detroit

Free Press article, "Parents want address checks for schools," Grosse Pointe Board of Education President Joan Richardson did a disservice to this community when she said Grosse Pointe residents are "very uncomfortable with diversity." On the contrary, Grosse Pointe is no less comfortable with diversity than any other community, and a better role model than many.

During a special Monday night meeting, May 23, where the Grosse Pointe Board of Education voted 5 to 2 to keep Richardson on as president, supporters cited her hard work and dedication. That's great. Lots of dedicated people work hard, but when a public official makes a comment that disgraces his or her constituents, they must be held accountable. Many elected officials have exercised their right to free speech, but when that "speech" disgraces their office, they step down.

If the jewel of Grosse Pointe is its schools, then every resident better start paying attention and getting involved lest that diamond turn into paste.

One has only to witness a Grosse Pointe Board of Education meeting to see that something is way out of line. The board typically appears disinterested with taxpayer concerns. They spend an unimaginable amount of time deliberating over sidebars, perhaps to distract their audience from the main issue. Public comment is permitted, then largely disregarded. Many of the board members behave as if accountability is an option. The Teletubbies could do a better job.

What's sad is that a principle asset of this community is being allowed to slide into mediocrity. Considering all of the successful individuals who live here, it seems we should have a stellar school board that serves as a role model instead of something we're ashamed of.

If you're afraid to speak up because you feel someone on the board is a friend,

FYI

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Troops" be sold along with silver link bracelets with intertwined yellow ribbons and patriotic hearts. The bracelets quickly sold out.

The Juhasz family emigrated from Romania about nine years ago, according to Preston, who originated the Adopt-A-Soldier program.

North foods teacher Marianne Vukas, who also teaches at Pierce, told her students at the middle school about Laura's fund drive, and Laura journeyed to the Park to tell them about her fallen soldier. The Pierce students held two bake sales to help raise funds. Every item was sold. A denim day at North where participants contributed in order to wear jeans to school raised additional funds.

Laura got other help from students and staff at North because she was still on crutches from her knee surgery before and during the drive.

keep in mind that anyone who puts the quality of your child's education and, ultimately, the value of this entire community at risk is no friend.

Dan Schulte
Grosse Pointe Shores

Post-meeting blues

To the Editor:

I had the misfortune of attending the Grosse Pointe Board of Education meeting on May 23 concerning the remarks our school board president, Joan Richardson, made to the Detroit Free Press in the May 17 article, "Parents want address checks for schools." When I read her comments in the paper, I felt then as I do now — she just called me a racist.

Now after attending the board meeting, I think I can feel even worse. I think the school board thinks I am stupid, as well.

Joe Brennan started the night off by calling the board vice-president a liar. Mr. Brennan stated he did not know that the board was contemplating removing Ms. Richardson as president. Then he took a breath and used his big boy voice and accused the board of already having voted for removal privately by a tally of five for removal. So, he didn't know what the meeting was about, but knew what the vote was going to be? Which of these statements do you want me to believe, Joe? Honest, I'm not stupid.

Then it was the vice-president's chance to backpedal. When accused of being a liar, he said he couldn't recall that conversation with Mr. Brennan. You couldn't recall if you said you had five votes for removal of a board president less than one week ago? Honest, I'm not stupid.

Then it was Lisa Vreede's, board treasurer, turn. She said she was struggling with her decision about what to do. She was one of the two members who called the meeting to oust the president. It seems to me she

should have made up her mind before she called for the meeting, or was this another case of backpedaling? Honest, I'm not stupid.

Then, after listening to our elected officials for over an hour and a half, the vice-president let the citizens who elected him to the board have 20 minutes to state their opinions. He hand-selected the people who were to speak, all six of them. Honest, I'm not stupid.

I went to the meeting with a friend who serves on a private school board. He said it was one of the poorest-run meetings he has ever seen. I respect this man's opinion, but I disagree with him on this point. I think that the vice-president ran the meeting with surgical precision. He wasted as much time as he could, limited audience participation to 20 minutes (that's all he thinks of us) and hand-selected the speakers to boot! It truly was an art form to be admired, if you are a fan of arrogance from elected officials.

Now as for Ms. Richardson; she claims she was only speaking as a private citizen and her opinions were just that. I have never been called by the Detroit Free Press and asked my opinion about how my fellow citizens of Grosse Pointe feel about diversity. She knew quite well she was speaking as the president of the school board. She knew she was going to be quoted as president of the school board. She admitted she had experience with journalism and a relationship with the Detroit Free Press. She knew exactly what she was saying and what they were going to represent her as. Honest, I'm not stupid.

Dick Schroeder
Grosse Pointe Park

Editor's note: We ran as many letters, all on the Richardson issue, as space would allow. If your letter did not run, look for it next week. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday, barring special circumstances.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Mystic Medical Equipment on June 22, 23, 24 2005 for a Full Survey for Home Medical Equipment, Rehabilitation Services and Clinical Respiratory Services for the Farmington Hills and Grosse Pointe Woods locations.

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Sgt. Frankie Hernandez, who was killed in Iraq, and his son, Aiden.

Laura, who holds down two jobs, one as a cheerleading coach at Elite Cheer All-Stars and another at the Alexander & Polen Deli, put out 36 canisters in the drive.

She said she got her inspiration from her maternal grandfather, Travis Riley, who is active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Texas and served in the Navy during two wars.

Mrs. Colbeck's reaction to Laura's drive: "My exact words were, 'There are parents who would only dream of having a child as wonder-

ful as Laura.' I'm so proud."

The campaign eventually raised more than \$1,000 for the Aiden Trust Fund.

"Frankie never got to see Aiden take that first step," Laura said, "or see his son grow up and graduate from high school. Frankie gave all he had for our country, and so let's give some for him in return."

On Monday the Grosse Pointe War Memorial will hold its Memorial Day ceremonies on the lawn behind the Alger House on Lakeshore at 10 a.m. Whether it is Army Sgt. Frankie Hernandez you are remembering or one of the thousands of other men and women who have given their lives for this country, it is an event we all should attend.

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.

I Say

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Detroit won at home 78-77 on Nov. 26; lost at home 89-78 on Dec. 30; and won at Miami 80-72 on April 10. In the three games, Miami has scored 238 points to Detroit's 236.

Wade's best game came on Dec. 30 when he had 31 points and 10 assists, while O'Neal has 24 points and 17 rebounds on Nov. 26. Eddie Jones had 19 points on April 10.

Detroit's statistical leaders have been spread out among the starting five in each of the three games, and that is why it will beat the Heat in the Eastern Conference Finals.

The Pistons are a true "team" that beats the Heat's two-man wrecking crew in six games to reach the NBA Finals for a chance at repeating as world champions.

The first two games of the series were played on Monday, April 23, and Wednesday, April 25, in Miami.

Games three and four will be played on Sunday, May 29, and Tuesday, May 31, in Detroit. If the series is extended, game five is set for June 2 in Miami, while game six is on June 4, in Detroit.

If the series goes to a seventh game, it is June 6 in Miami.

Business People

Annie Garvey has been named Moosajaw Moutaineering's assistant buyer, as announced by co-owner and head buyer Julie Wolfe.



Garvey

Garvey is a Michigan State University graduate and currently resides in Grosse Pointe.

Dominic J. Pangborn is one of 29 members of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's new Advisory Council on Asian and Pacific American Affairs.

The council is charged with serving in an advisory capacity to the Governor and alerting her to pertinent issues within the Asian and Pacific American community. It will also make recommendations about programs and policies for the betterment of Asian and Pacific Islanders in Michigan and will help promote public awareness of Asian and Pacific American culture and accomplishments.

Pangborn, president of Pangborn Design, Ltd., is a Grosse Pointe Shores resident.

Alexander Bieri recently joined Bieri Company, a national real estate consulting firm specializing in unique retail solutions, as real estate and marketing project manager.



Bieri

Previously, Bieri served as a catalog retail sales representative for the printing giant R. R. Donnelly. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in industrial management from Purdue University and is a licensed Michigan real estate salesperson and member of the retail industry trade organization, International Council of Shopping Centers.

Bieri is a Grosse Pointe Farms resident.

Gregory R. McDuffee recently joined Bieri Company in the newly created position of senior consultant.

McDuffee contributes extensive experience in strategic planning, public-private sector partnerships, market/financial analysis, real estate site selection and acquisition, and community and faith-based development. He assists Bieri Company clients in achieving greater efficiencies for leveraging market forces and achieving predictable results.

He was formerly a senior executive and board member of Smith Group architects, engineers, and planners. He was graduated from the University of Michigan School of Business Administration.

McDuffee is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

William Gryzenia has been promoted to vice president of aftermarket global sales at Axeltech International.

Gryzenia is a former Grosse Pointe Farms resident.

Dr. Paul Gryzenia has completed his residency in interventional radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital and has joined the Massachusetts North Shore Radiology group.

Dr. Gryzenia is a former Grosse Pointe Farms resident who now resides in Boston.

H. Michael Marsh, MBBS, was re-elected to the 41-member Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) board of directors during the 140th annual meeting of the

MSMS House of Delegates on May 1 in Dearborn.

Marsh, a Grosse Pointe anesthesiologist, is a graduate of the University of Sydney in New South Wales, Australia. He will serve a second three-year term on the MSMS board representing physicians from Wayne County.

He is a past president of the Wayne County Medical Society and currently serves on the MSMS Committee on Federal Legislation and the Advisory Committee on Medical Economics. He also is on the board of directors of the Michigan Doctors' Political Action Committee.

Dr. Marsh is on staff at Harper, Hutzel, Detroit Receiving, Sinai-Grace, Huron Valley-Sinai and Kindred hospitals in Detroit. He is the specialist-in-chief with the Department of Anesthesiology at the Detroit Medical Center and is the director of its residency training program.

Daniel B. Michael, M.D., was elected to a one-year term of the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) House of Delegates at its 140th annual meeting on May 1 in Dearborn.

Dr. Michael, a Grosse Pointe Shores neurological surgeon, will preside over the 300 physician-delegates who assemble each year to set policies for the 14,500-member association on various issues involving public health, health care delivery and medical ethics.

He served as vice speaker of the MSMS House for the past four years, completed undergraduate studies at Wayne State University and earned his medical degree from the WSU School of Medicine.

He is a past president of the Wayne County Medical Society (WCMS) and a member of the WCMS Medical Education Committee and the MSMS Medicaid Liaison Committee. He is chief neurosurgeon at the Detroit Medical Center, Bon Secours Hospital, Mount Clemens General Hospital, and Bi-County Community Hospital. He also is an adjunct assistant professor in the Wayne State University Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology.

Edward G. Jankowski, M.D., was elected to the 41-member Michigan State

Medical Society (MSMS) board of directors during the 140th annual meeting of the MSMS House of Delegates on May 1 in Dearborn.

Dr. Jankowski, a Grosse Pointe Woods otolaryngologist, is a graduate of the Wayne State University School of Medicine and will serve a three-year term on the MSMS board representing physicians from Wayne County.

He is the immediate past president of the Wayne County Medical Society and currently serves on the MSMS Advisory Committee on Medical Economics. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngology — Head and Neck Surgery, and he is Clinical Assistant Professor at the Wayne State University Department of Otolaryngology.

Aaron Fraser was among 127 men and women who received Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degrees from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine on May 5.

Dr. Fraser, the son of Stephen Fraser and the Rev. Bea Soots, is beginning a residency in family practice at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. He holds a bachelor degree in biology and chemistry from Albion College.

He is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

Edward L. McDermott joined Leonard & Company brokerage firm as a senior financial advisor, announced founder and president Don Leonard.

As senior financial advisor, McDermott will manage portfolio marketing and work in conjunction with Morey managers, as well as focus on individual accounts.

McDermott earned a bachelor degree in political science from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA., and has 15 years of experience.

He resides in Grosse Pointe.

Correction

In the May 5 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, the name of a Grosse Pointe Park resident and lawyer at the Adjunct Law Faculty at Wayne State University should have been printed Albert J. Dib, Esq.

Keep Dear Mike letters coming

I got a Dear John letter last week. I was not, to the best of my knowledge, being dumped. The letter was from a John T.

John T. said, "I went to have some fun with PowerToys, and my access is denied. Do you have an answer to bypass this error? I picked up your information in the May 19 issue of the Grosse Pointe News. I used Microsoft Internet Explorer and tried Mozilla Firefox; neither would allow me access."

As soon as I read his e-mail and checked my column, I knew what the problem was — too much information.

The URL (Internet address) I gave in the column was quite lengthy, allowing for too many simple mistakes. So I made it easy for John. Go to www.Microsoft.com and type "PowerToys" in the MS search engine. The search engine results will give you all the PowerToys information you will ever need.

I managed to get this information to him the same day and got a response back.

"Mike: Thank you for your quick response. I ended up using microsoft.com and did the search. It gave me 10 results and Power Toys was the first choice out of the 10.

So far I have been able to answer everyone's questions, but I'm running low. Send me your questions and problems. It's free and, most of the time, right.

You may have heard about Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP). It is where you use the Internet as your phone service. You may have thought of giving it a try, but you might want to wait a bit. The problem the carriers are having is the unavailability of 911 emergency call services. Here is the story as I heard it:

VOIP providers got a



four-month 911 deadline to begin supplying reliable 911 emergency call service after Federal Communication Commission regulators heard an anguished Florida woman describe how she was unable to summon help to save her dying infant daughter.

The FCC gave companies that offer telephone service over the Internet 120 days to certify that their customers will be able to reach an emergency dispatcher when they call 911. Also, a dispatcher will have to be able to tell where a caller is located and the number from which he or she is calling.

Cheryl Waller of Deltona, Fla., told the commissioners that "120 days is seven days longer than my daughter lived. Julia Waller "died at 113 days old because I couldn't reach an operator," her mother said.

One of the problems with new technology is that it isn't always thought all the way through.

Last Friday morning in downtown Detroit there was an anti-spyware training event called "Tech Clean-Up Day," sponsored by NPower Michigan, a

nonprofit organization that aims to get better technology into the hands of nonprofit groups.

Around 30 volunteers from a wide variety of Detroit-area companies, from giants to startups, sat through a 90-minute training session on downloading and installing Spybot Search and Destroy software, as well as how to sign up and install a beta version of a Microsoft Corp. spyware fighter.

The volunteers are now fanning out across Detroit, installing the software on the machines of about a dozen nonprofits. NPower runs a ton of free classes for nonprofits from locations in Detroit and Grand Rapids. And these folks would be absolutely thrilled to have your help, either as a volunteer or as a client. You can learn more at www.npower-michigan.org.

Remember, this is for nonprofits and the price is right — free!

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

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Students take center ring

Richard elementary students discovered the big top big time last week.

According to third-grader Brian Sutherland, it was a pretty cool experience. He was attempting to balance a stick in the palm of his hand.

Fifth-grader Eliza Mott added that working the trapeze and riding an odd-sized bike were better than studying math.

For a full day students, kindergarten through fifth grade, learned the ins and outs and the ups and downs of becoming a circus performer courtesy of Cirque Amongus.

Children were exposed to 10 skills that can be seen at a circus. Divided into multi-aged groups, they spent 10 minutes at each site — tight rope walking, toss and manipulation juggling, unicycle riding, trapeze, acrobatics, rolling spheres and barrels, equilibristics, jump rope, hula hoops, stilts, and magic.

Mott found the trapeze the "coolest," and second-grader Claire Fisher enjoyed her attempt at riding a unicycle. Likewise, Christina Flom found the trapeze to her liking.

It's thrilling to see the students test untapped skills, said Sem Abrahams. Abrahams, along with his wife, Theresa, are project managers for the Livonia-based organization.

After sampling each station, the students chose a favorite event and were allowed to practice for more than an hour following their lunch period. The day culmi-

nated with a circus to a packed house (or gym, in this case). Students, complete with makeup and costumes, showed off their newly-learned skills to fellow students and guests. The kindergartens growled and jumped through loops as only lions and tigers can do. These youngest students also rounded out the circus presentation as dancing bears and elephants with wiggly ears.

"This is a team builder," explained principal Mary MacDonald-Barrett. "The teams were made with multi-ages. The kids got to know each other and build unity."

They also found they could succeed in at least one area, she said.

With Cirque Amongus, Abrahams said, they can try the things they see but don't get close to at the circus. They find out they can do the things that didn't think were possible.

At right, Claire Fisher, left, and Samantha Holm, found walking the tight rope quite easy — with a parent assistant. Both enjoyed the short time each had to learn the skill.

Below, every circus needs a ring master or two to introduce the acts. Richard had five — Eliza Mott, Ali Ciaffone, Breanne Reisen, Cailin Klick and Sia Kefallinos.



Photos by Ann L. Pe...

Fifth-grader Eliza Mott tried her hand at riding a bicycle.

Below, Brend Labadie discovered what he focused on the tip of the stick he could balance it in the palm of his hand.



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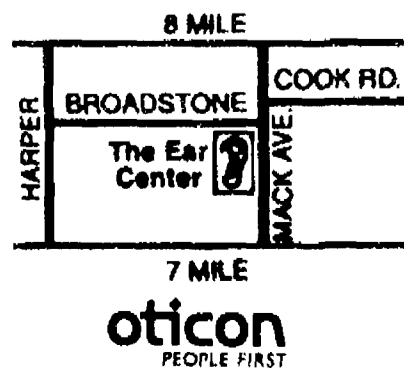
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Student writing assignment turns into cash

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

An every day writing assignment for eighth-grader Mike Wagner turned into a \$2,000 savings bond.

His writing assignment at St. Clare of Montefalco was two-pages on why not to use drugs.

"The teacher mentioned there was a contest," he said, offhandedly. Spending a couple days on this topic, Wagner turned it in, and his teacher sent it on to the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police. Weeks later, Wagner was called into his English teacher's room.

He relayed her words. "I have some good news." Wagner had been selected as the first place winner in the state-wide competition. As a reward, Wagner received the savings bond and will be a speaker during the June police convention. His family will be treated to a one-night stay at a Bay City hotel, where the convention is to be held.

"My mom was excited," he said upon receiving the news of his accomplishment. "My Dad was proud. He stands taller. They are proud of me."

Wagner, who will be attending University of Detroit Jesuit in the fall, said this was the first time he had entered any type of contest



Photo by Ann L. Fouty
Mike Wagner will present his winning essay to the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police convention.

and feels pretty good about the accomplishment.

Wagner's anti-drug stand comes from the time his family spends together playing games, and he wants to be a role model to younger chil-

dren.

Monopoly and Risk are Wagner's favorite games.

"Lately, we have been playing a lot of Scrabble," he said. He prefers Monopoly because it's fun and like real

life. "I will make trades," he said.

However, trading the life of becoming a landlord with plastic houses or conquering lands for a life of drug dependency isn't what he sees in his future.

"A lot of families don't do it. (But) it brings families closer together. It's fun. I don't want to ruin it," he said.

My Anti drug? Family time and being a role model

Practically every night of the weekends, my family sits down to play a game, and when it's done we watch a movie. This is family time. Sometimes we will have friends or relatives over, but no matter who is there, our family will play games. Now why waste such a great thing on DRUGS?

Why? Why do drugs? These are questions we must ask ourselves. The answer? There isn't one. There is no reason why someone should do drugs.

There is no excuse for using drugs, whether it's for sports, depression or just

because it's "cool."

Some people use drugs for sports. That's stupid. If you play sports it's because you're naturally good at that sport, not because you took drugs to enhance your playing skills to make the team. Barry Bonds, for example, allegedly took steroids and beat the records of Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris, Sammy Sosa and the great Babe Ruth.

Now what? We just take away his records? What about his team? They won all those games they shouldn't really have won, and THAT affects the other teams in baseball who played against his team, and all those fans whose teams lost because ONE person decided to use drugs.

Imagine a guy buys a baseball from eBay. It's the ball Barry Bonds hit for his 60th homer. This poor guy has probably wasted a lot of money on a ball hit by a fake legend who decided to use drugs to get what he wanted because he didn't have the will power to accomplish something on his own. Nope, he had to cheat and take steroids to be successful.

What about all those little kids who saw Barry Bonds break all these records? Does he expect to say, "Oh,

sorry little kids who had your hopes and dreams set on being just like me.

I decided to take steroids to be a good baseball player."

I don't think so.

Now, I'm not singling out Barry Bonds. I'm talking about all players who decided to use illegal drugs of any kind. What kind of message does that send to little kids?

You'll be good at sports if you do drugs; so it's okay.

Some other people use drugs to feel good about themselves.

You might feel "good" about yourself for about 20 minutes, but after that I don't think so. You are going to feel lousy.

The only thing you will care about is drugs. You won't care about your family that loves you, and they will be upset and depressed because they have no clue as to what will happen to you.

That is why you can count on me to not do drugs. I am not going to let down my peers or those who look up to me. You can also count on me to not do drugs because I love spending time with my family. I would hate to have the guilt of making my family and loved ones deal with an idiotic, high, drugged-up, and depressed Michael.

I'm not going to do drugs. I've got too much to live for.

St. Clare alum returns to applaud his formative education

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Kevin Boyle's love of writing began in sixth grade at St. Clare of Montefalco in the early 1970s.

He returned to his alma mater last week an award winning author and a Big Ten university associate professor.

Sixth grade, Boyle explained, was a critical year for him because his English teacher encouraged the class to write. "We wrote plays. We wrote short stories. It was the most incredible thing. He gave us reading over our head, 'Animal Farm.' I thought it was about pigs, not about Soviet totalitarianism."

From that early exposure and freedom to express himself, Boyle gained the confidence to write for his high school newspaper at Austin Catholic Prep. He also wrote for the University of Detroit, from which he received a bachelor's degree in 1982.

Boyle received both his master's and Ph. D. from the University of Michigan. And now the boy who grew up on Chatsworth in Detroit is the recipient of a national book award and a St. Clare Distinguished Graduate award.

"It's exciting to come back. I'll always be grateful to St. Clare," he said to a group of seventh-graders on May 20. He encouraged these stu-

dents to never lose interest in school and to use the good education they were receiving at St. Clare during their high school years. "You will go to high school with great skills. You will do well."

"It's an amazing school. It has changed a lot for the better. The core things I'll always be grateful for," he said of St. Clare.

Boyle was graduated from St. Clare in 1974 and has written "Arc of Justice, A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder" which won the National Book Award for Nonfiction from the National Book Foundation.

"I wanted to write a book people would read. I thought about my father who loves to



Photo by Ann L. Fouty
St. Clare of Montefalco 1974 graduate Kevin Boyle returned to his home school last week to talk about writing and his book. He also encouraged students to keep doing what they love, and always to read.

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read but one with a story," Boyle said.

He told the audience of students and parents that after four years of research and two years of steady writing, he finished the last sentence and didn't care if it were ever published.

"When I finished the book I didn't care if it was published. It was nice to think to myself, 'that's what I wanted to say,'" he said. "I'm not a professional writer. What's more important is writing something. That's what matters. Doing some-

thing that you love to do."

Boyle, who is now an associate professor of history at Ohio State, emphasized to the students to do what matters to them, and to pick up a book and read, and to write, whether it's a story or a poem. "You don't have to show it to anybody."

In addition to writing, Boyle suggested the students read and keep reading through the summer.

"Along with all the other things you are doing this summer, read a good book," Boyle advised.

School employees honored

A reception honoring Grosse Pointe employees who have dedicated 25 years to education will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 2, in Cleminson Hall, Grosse Pointe South High School.

The honorees are Rivard Billiet (administration building), Eileen Finazzo (Barnard Center), Kathleen Hynan (North), Pamela Lemerand (student services), Margaret Monaghan (North), Susan Nowosad (Maire), Janet Watt (Ferry), and Thomas Williams (administration building),

Kathleen Smith (North), Teresa Taranta (North), Richard Wellman (Barnard Center), and Stephen Zaranek (Pierce).

The district is also honoring its retirees at the same reception. They are Charles Erickson (Parcells), Helen Finkelman (Ferry), Roger Hynan (North), Pamela Lemerand (student services), Margaret Monaghan (North), Susan Nowosad (Maire), Janet Watt (Ferry), and Thomas Williams (Brownell).

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Star creatures

Photos by Ann L. Fouty

This young American alligator, with 80 teeth, wanted the kindergarten and fourth grade students of Our Lady Star of the Sea to back away. The alligator, handled by Daniel J. Briere of Royal Oak's The Little Creatures Co., hissed when brought from his container during a recent special presentation, sponsored by the school's parent/teacher organization. Briere explained the alligator has the ability to run and walk on land, as well as swim in the Florida waters. Fourth-grader Meredith Tulloch, far left, passed on touching the alligator's tail. Other students were more than eager to feel a part of the reptile that is strong enough to propel it through the water at upwards of 20 miles an hour. This is one of 38 species Briere has to choose from when informing children about reptiles, their habitats and special coloring.



Shani, 18, an African gray parrot was also brought along as part of an exhibit of animals while Daniel Briere talks to children about other parts of the world and animal inhabitants. Along with Shani, Briere brought a blue tongue skink from Australia, a milk snake, an African bull frog, a Mexican coral snake, tarantula, an African leopard tortoise and a carpet python.

Parcells Middle School's very own
Mrs. Keogh
is retiring!

If you have been influenced by her teaching, we invite you to join us to celebrate her career at an

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Grosse Pointe Baptist Church
21336 Mack Ave. GPW

Students, friends, family, parents, colleagues, and more are welcome!



Relief donations

Five Brownie and Girl Scout troops helped out tsunami victims in a big way with a February spaghetti dinner, bake sale and raffle. Katie Kish of Brownie Troop 2907 is shown near one of the two movie baskets which was raffled off during the fund-raising evening. In two hours \$1,438 was raised for the American Red Cross from a full Maire gym of 250 people eating and bidding on one of six theme baskets. One basket was filled with beauty items. Another was equipped for a movie night, and a third had items for a game night. Troops involved were 1838 with leaders Valerie Wouters and Jill McDonnell; Troop 2907 is led by Rene Carrie, Tracy Clarke, Mary Dice and Kim Raptoulis; Troop 1438 is led by Lynne Keys, Lynne Roby and Cassie Currie; fourth-grade Troop 1065 is led by Mary Weiland, Donna Weiss-Davenport, Gabrielle Cockell and Tammy Browning; Junior Girl Scout Troop 1214 is led by Cindy Aboukasm, Maryann Bury and Lori Caruso.

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Cranbrook Kingswood beckons

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

"It's exciting. It's a really cool opportunity," said Stephen Peck. He is talking about the high school he will be attending in the fall — Cranbrook.

The eighth-grader at St. Clare de Montefalco has been given a four year scholarship to attend Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School.

Thoughts of being away from his family from Sunday through Friday were daunting at first. However, now Peck views it as a wonderful opportunity to meet students from 20 different countries, as well as students from across the United States. "I will get used to it fairly quickly."

Peck is the recipient of the Crane Scholarship of \$20,000 annually and is open to Grosse Pointe students.

"When I got the scholarship, I was taken back. It's a prestigious school. I didn't expect it."

And he went on to mention that Steve Yzerman's son attends Cranbrook.

A stand-out at the Catholic School on Mack, Peck said he scored well on the Iowa Achievement Test and had an excellent academic record. However, Peck said he had been thinking of attending University of Detroit Jesuit. But he and his parents looked over a packet of information from Cranbrook. Peck spent a

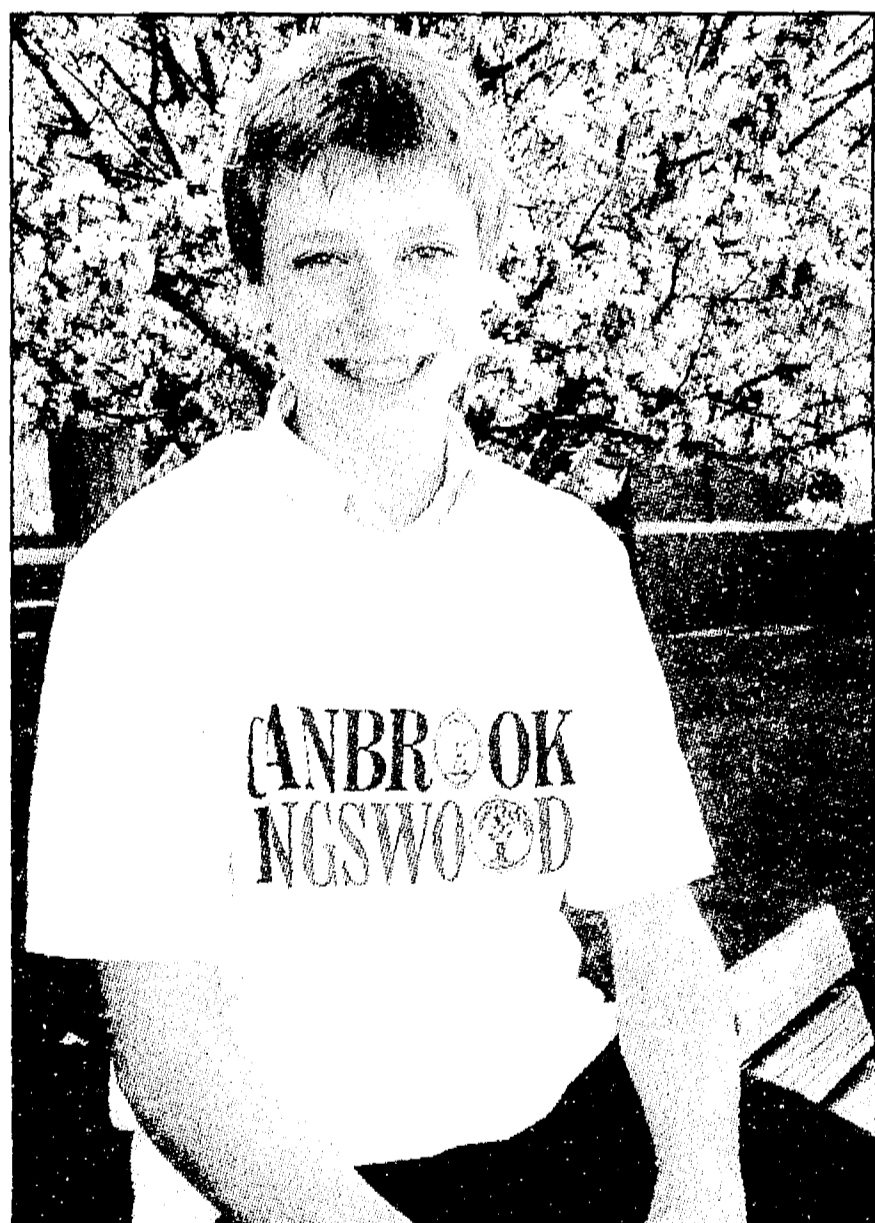


Photo by Ann L. Fouty

St. Clare de Montefalco student Stephen Peck will be attending Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School in the fall having been awarded The Crane Scholarship.

day on the campus with a freshman and came away with nothing but positive comments.

"It was beautiful. It was awesome. The science classrooms are cool. It's a fun environment," he said.

He said he would like to continue with his sports

interests of hockey and baseball.

It gives credit to St. Clare for preparing him saying that the teachers push students to do more work and to do the best they can.

"I'm looking forward to meeting students from other countries," Peck said.

Call for volunteers to sit on study committee

The Grosse Pointe Public School Elementary Study Steering Committee is continuing its work of studying preschool options and the district's kindergarten program.

Two committees are in the process of being formed to

continue that work: a preschool transition committee and a kindergarten study committee.

Recently, the EPLC authorized the study of the kindergarten program. The first meeting of these groups will be scheduled for

late May.

Teachers, administrators, parents and community members who have questions or are interested in participating in this work are asked to contact Joan Smith (313) 432-3062 or joan.smith@gpschools.org.

Michigan Humane Society's 2005 Spring Mutt March



The Michigan Humane Society invites you to put on your walking shoes and join hundreds of animal lovers at the 2005 spring Mutt March!

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Drugs, maybe? Police think so

Police took a 26-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man to the hospital last week for treatment of a suspected drug overdose.

Officers found the man semi-conscious at his house in the 800 block of Grosse Pointe Court.

"(I) believe (he) took cocaine and unknown prescription drugs," said a public safety officer. "(I) searched (his) bedroom and discovered hidden in the drawer a small amount of white powder."

Checking up

Suspicious transactions conducted by a patron of a City of Grosse Pointe bank have police investigating a 20-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man for suspected theft.

The man's former neighbor in the Park suspects him of stealing six checks from a dresser drawer while at her house helping care for her father.

The victim reported the theft to City police on Wednesday, May 18, but thinks it occurred during late March or early April.

"(She) was unsure (of the theft) until she received (a) bank statement," police said.

Kid caught

On the afternoon of Tuesday, May 15, a City of Grosse Pointe patrolman spotted a 15-year-old Park male smoking a cigarette on the corner of St. Paul and Lincoln.

Records showed the teen wanted in the City on a \$222 warrant for failing to appear in court for a previous smoking offense.

Officers ticketed the boy and released him to his mother.

Dog collared

Responding to a noise complaint on Tuesday, May 17, at 12:12 p.m., in the 400 block of Neff, a City of Grosse Pointe public safety officer discovered a dalmatian dog in a backyard kennel "barking incessantly."

Police said the dog wore an anti-barking collar.

"(It) was not working," police said.

Scammer

An unknown middle-aged man last week targeted a 16-year-old cashier and got away with \$50.

On Monday, May 17, at 7:20 p.m., the unknown man was purchasing candy at a store on Kercheval in the Village when he asked the cashier for a convoluted combination of change.

According to City of Grosse Pointe police, he asked the cashier for 10 \$10 bills in exchange for nine \$5 and five single bills.

"He then began requesting various denominations and departed when management came over," police said.

The cashier audited her till and came up \$50 short.

Police said the man had a mustache, wore a beige or tan jacket and was last seen riding a bicycle.

While searching the shopping district, police learned the man attempted the same trick at a bookstore and two coffee shops.

"He did not receive money from anywhere else," police said.

Foul balls

A group of teenage males identified on store security videos by the numbers on their Grosse Pointe South High School junior varsity baseball team uniforms are being called out by a Fisher Road storekeeper.

The merchant intends to

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prosecute the males for fraudulently charging a series of transactions totaling \$41.65 to an unauthorized account, said City of Grosse Pointe police in a Monday, May 16 report.

The account, belonging to a woman, has been closed.

On Wednesday, May 4, shortly after 2:30 p.m., four males in Blue Devil baseball uniforms reportedly charged a \$19.10 purchase to the account.

On Monday, May 9, at about 3:40 p.m., two boys wearing uniforms charged \$9.70, according to the store owner.

The owner reported two more transactions totaling \$12.85 on Wednesday, May 11, at 2:43 p.m.

At least three suspects are believed to be 15 years old, police said.

Armed robber

A service station attendant working in the 17500 block of Mack provided a vivid account of being robbed by a gunman on Tuesday, May 17, at 10:25 p.m.

"(He) entered the building like he was going for a pop, turned and pointed a semi-automatic gun and said, 'Give me the money. All of it,'" according to City of Grosse Pointe police.

The clerk opened the cash register and complied with an inexact number of dollars.

"The suspect fled across Mack (onto) northbound Neff and out of sight," police said. "A search of the area met with negative results. A \$5 bill was found in the (service station) parking lot and returned to (the clerk)."

The robber is described as 20 to 30 years old, 5-8 or 9 inches tall, thin and wearing a red hooded sweatshirt, blue baggy jeans and white athletic shoes.

\$18,000 gone

A 27-year-old St. Clair Shores man delayed two days last week to report the loss of nearly \$18,000 in restaurant receipts he was supposed to deposit at a bank.

"(He) stated he waited so long to make this report because he was 'freaking out,'" said Grosse Pointe Farms police.

The man told police that on Monday, May 16, at 6 p.m., he placed two bags containing a total of \$17,878 on the rear floorboards of his gray 2004 Buick Rainer parked in a municipal lot of the Hill behind his employer's restaurant. He said he hid the bags with a layer of clothing, and left the vehicle

locked for 45 minutes.

Upon returning to the vehicle, which he said showed no signs of entry, the money was gone. He told police he'd kept the vehicle's keys with him the whole time.

Mystery guns

On Friday, May 20, at 9 p.m. a Grosse Pointe Farms attorney dropped off three handguns at police headquarters.

The male attorney said the weapons belonged to his recently deceased client, an 87-year-old St. Clair Shores man. Police said the attorney described the man as "a little 'shady.'"

One of the handguns, a revolver, had been reported stolen in Detroit. Officers were unable to trace the two remaining pistols.

The weapons will be destroyed.

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Woods says 'No' to Mack lot

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Woods city council unanimously voted yes for city attorney Don Berschback and city manager Mark Wollenweber to tell the sellers of 1879 Beaufait that their proposal to sell the property to make room for a parking lot doesn't meet deed restrictions.

It is a single family residence house that would have to be leveled in order for the parking lot to be constructed, and that had Beaufait residents in an uproar.

"Is there really a need for a parking lot?" Beaufait resident Lisa Haines said. "This proposed parking lot would affect all of us here on Beaufait, and it would not

be beneficial since all of us have small children, and a parking lot in our neighborhood would not benefit any of us homeowners."

This battle between Beaufait homeowners and the seller of 1879 Beaufait has been an ongoing rift for months, and it finally boiled over during the May 16 city council meeting.

Several residents spoke against the proposed parking lot, which is why Grosse Pointe Woods mayor Robert Novitke and the city council motioned to have this special meeting called on May 23.

"It affects everybody in the community," Novitke said. "We don't see any need for a parking lot."

Berschback had his facts

prepared for the residents and council to hear, and he told the council it had two options: tell the seller the property doesn't meet deed restrictions for the proposed parking lot, or give the seller more time to change the plan to allow the deed restrictions to be lifted.

Council member Vicki Granger was quick with her decision, which was to tell the seller the property does not meet deed restrictions, and council member Lisa Pinkos Howle and Novitke concurred.

More than 50 Woods residents packed the council meeting, anxiously awaiting the fate of 1879 Beaufait.

They arrived with fire in their eyes and left with smiles and laughter.

"We're happy the council saw this situation the way we did, as residents," Bruce Haines said. "This is a family community that doesn't need a parking lot in our front yards, and now all of us can breathe easier knowing this proposal will be denied."

Parking problems along Mack Avenue have been an issue for decades, and maybe a solution will be found in the near future.

"This turned out to be a very constructive meeting," Novitke said. "We were ready with our decision after knowing all of the facts, and the residents were on top of things. Everyone got together to solve this problem."

Shores candidates advised of June 21 filing deadline

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Candidates for elected office in Grosse Pointe Shores are being advised to get working on their nominating petitions.

Mark McInerney, village counsel, said candidates should play it safe and have petitions ready for submission by June 21.

He said uncertainty stems from fluctuating state legislation regarding election schedules.

"Word came (last week) from the secretary of state that more corrections to new election laws are pending," McInerney said. "Either corrections or changes being considered would require petitions to be filed 12 weeks before the election date."

That means Tuesday, June 21.

"Which is not very far away," McInerney said. "That's pending legislation. Your guess is as good as mine if it's going to pass."

Last fall new Michigan election laws prompted village trustees to change the community's election schedule.

"The state enacted new laws which required villages to choose between either a September odd-year election schedule or November even-year election schedule," McInerney said.

Shores officials opted for September elections in odd years. Under that schedule, the state allowed Shores trustees to continue staggered terms, which Shores officials said helps maintain continuity at village hall.

At the time, staggered terms weren't allowed for November elections.

Also, September elections kept village issues from being drowned out by larger matters during November national elections.

The Shores next municipal election is scheduled for

Sept. 13 this year.

"New laws enacted said nothing about a filing deadline," McInerney said. "We've been operating under the assumption that our village charter would apply."

The charter spells out a 90-day filing deadline.

In the months since Shores officials selected September elections, state lawmakers clarified legislation which now allows staggered terms for villages having November elections.

Shores officials have one opportunity to switch from September to November elections. Once the decision is made, it is final, McInerney said.

GPW to air past parades

The Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission announces that video tapes of past Memorial Day observances will be aired on cable Channel 22 at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on May 14, 17, 21, 24, and 28.

The 2001 Memorial Day observance will be aired on May 14 with Ted L. Bidigare the keynote speaker.

On May 17 and 21, the 2002 Memorial Day observance will be aired with Jean Gilbert the keynote speaker, and the 21st annual Memorial Day observance will be aired on May 24 and 28 with Carl E. Meyering the keynote speaker.

The 23rd annual Memorial Day observance in Grosse Pointe Woods will be held at the Veterans' Memorial Parkway "Circle of Honor" (Mack and Vernier) on Monday, May 30, at 10 a.m.

For more information, contact Suzanne Kent at (313) 343-2575.



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'05 4Runner SR5 is sharp on the road

By Greg Zyla

Toyota has turned out another beautiful four-wheel-drive sport-utility vehicle in its 2005 4Runner SR5 — base price: \$29,770; price as tested: \$32,156. The vehicle combines strong on- and off-road performance, excellent safety features and stunning looks. Unique engineering is also noteworthy with 4Runner's removable third-row seats, but the expectations may leave you "hanging."

We were critical of Toyota's addition of third-row seating to the 4Runner we tested in 2004, believing the seats used too much in cargo space (even if they were removable) and created a vehicle too similar to the maker's biggest SUV, the Sequoia.

Our SR5 for 2005 included a new option. You can leave the seats installed or remove them as before, or you can hang them at each rear side window, hooked securely at the bottom into a mechanical contraption at each wheel well, and at the top with a strap attached to the "sissy grips."

Passing this vehicle for the first time, we did a double take, thinking it must be some traveling salesman's overloaded vehicle.

The seats are relatively easy to unhook and install, and the \$735 option was growing on us until we crawled into those seats, which should be labeled "For Children Only."

The 4Runner is more about loading cargo space with camping gear and fishing poles anyway, so let's not get too stuck on the seats.

The 4Runner has a long list of performance features, starting with its 245-horsepower, 4.0-liter, double-overhead-cam V-6 (there is a V-8 option) and a new five-speed



2005 Toyota 4Runner SR5 4x4

Photo by Wieck

automatic transmission. Also notable are full-time, multimode four-wheel drive; a Torsen locking center differential, which improves stability in slippery situations by transferring the bulk of the engine's torque to the rear wheels; downhill assist control to prevent unwanted downhill acceleration; hill-start assist control; and independent front and solid rear axles. As you can see, this vehicle is made to toss you out of your seat now and then.

With all of its off-road capabilities, the 4Runner is sharp and smooth on the road. However, unlike in previous model years, we noticed plenty of sway on the open highway, where a motioned wind was seemingly affecting handling more than you'd expect.

The 4Runner includes the Star Safety System and its five features: vehicle stability control, traction control, anti-lock four-wheel disc brakes, brake assist and electronic brake-force distribution. There are driver and front-passenger advanced

air bags, second-row lower and top tether anchors, rear-door child-safety locks, and a tire-pressure monitoring system. Our tester had a \$680 option package that included curtain and side air bags, driver and front-passenger seat-mounted side air bags, front- and second-row roll-sensing side-curtain air bags and cut-off switch. That's a lot for a little, and we recommend this option.

The SR5 falls short of its sister Sport and Limited editions in features, functions and price, yet still has a

respectable list of amenities. Interior highlights include AM/FM/cassette/CD player with six speakers, cruise control, remote keyless entry, power windows and door locks, tilt steering and electronic rear-hatch locking system.

Important numbers include 17-miles per gallon city and 21-mpg highway EPA numbers, 109.8-inch wheelbase, 9.1-inch ground clearance, 4,300-pound curb weight, 5,000-pound towing capacity and a 23-gallon fuel tank.

The 4Runner is a veteran in the Toyota lineup and continues to stand strong in the tough midsize SUV category. Although you can find both cheaper and more expensive models, always remember that Toyota quality takes a back seat to no one.

Likes: Beautiful shape and looks; off-road features.

Dislikes: If it's critical you have third-row seats, step up to a Sequoia.

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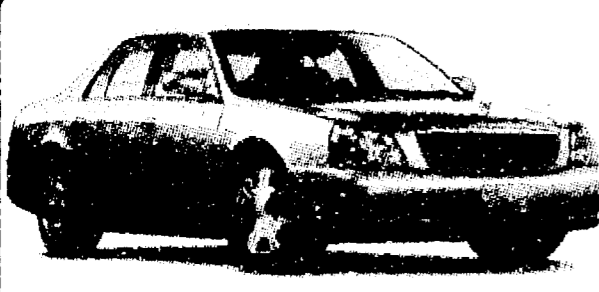
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Safety

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Fast one

Grosse Pointe Farms police are trying to determine if a fast-food employee working in the 18800 block of Mack pulled a quick one on a Grosse Pointe Woods woman on Wednesday, May 18, at 11:55 a.m.

The woman said she paid for a drive-through meal with a bank debit card.

"(She said) the clerk handed her card back, and she put it in her purse without looking at it," police said.

Later that day a bank representative alerted her to possible fraudulent activity.

"(The Woods woman) checked her card (and) realized the card the clerk had given back to her was fake, which the bank confirmed," police said.

Drunk driving

A 55-year-old City of Grosse Pointe woman was arrested Saturday, May 21, at 1:22 a.m., for drunken driving in Grosse Pointe Shores.

An officer reported the woman weaving a blue 2003 Volkswagon four-door on southbound Lakeshore near South Deeplands.

At one point the woman reportedly almost hit another southbound vehicle.

Police said the woman had a blood alcohol level nearly twice the legal limit.

Quick response

On Wednesday, May 18, at 8:33 p.m., a 57-year-old woman living on Webber in Grosse Pointe Shores called 911 to report she had accidentally activated a security alarm and didn't need assistance.

"She then reported it was too late because an officer was approaching her dwelling," police said.

The officer confirmed all

was in order before leaving the scene.

Pranksters

A 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores man said he suspects two high school friends of placing a chair and garden hose on a 2003 Saturn parked outside his residence on Vernier.

The prank was reported on Tuesday, May 17, at 11:52 p.m.

The resident reportedly told police his friends "just didn't grow up."

—Brad Lindberg

Car damaged

On Sunday, May 22, at 2:47 p.m., a 45-year-old Harper Woods woman left her car in a church parking lot that is on the 21000 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The woman attended a St. Clair Shores fair and decided it would be best to leave her car in the parking lot. She left the car at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, and returned to it at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, only to find it damaged in several spots.

Grosse Pointe Woods police noted small scrapes on the driver side, a dent in the rear bumper, and several areas of damage on the passenger side, including a side mirror which was forcibly removed. In addition, the front passenger window had a large red dent above it; the passenger side of the trunk was severely dented with a large black mark, and the front bumper had a small dent.

The woman does not know of anyone who would do this.

Home run

A 54-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man living on the 19000 block of West Kings Court reported the window to his patio glass sliding doors was broken.

The incident took place between 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, and 2 p.m. on

Sunday, May 22.

It appears as if a baseball that was hit from a local playground was the culprit.

CDs stolen

On Friday, May 20, at 1:08 p.m., a 63-year-old woman who lives out of state reported to Grosse Pointe Woods police that someone stole between 30 and 40 CDs from the center console of her SUV.

The woman is visiting her daughter who lives on the 1800 block of Manchester.

She said that a landscaping company was working next door, and that the theft happened after 10:45 a.m. on Friday, May 20.

The woman's SUV was unlocked, and the value of the CDs is around \$500.

Mail theft

A 42-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man living on the 800 block of North Renaud reported to police that when he returned home from vacation on Tuesday, May 17, his mail was taken and tossed on his neighbor's yard.

Police issued the man a citation for driving with a suspended license, expired plate, and no proof of insurance.

Stolen meat

On Thursday, May 19, at 7:30 a.m., an employee at a grocery store on the 20400 block of Mack called police after a man and woman were seen stealing meat.

The duo was last seen running on southbound Mack.

Stolen bike

On Wednesday, May 18, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident reported the theft of a green and light-brown Schwinn bike from a home on the 700 block of Vernier.

The bike was locked when stolen.

**Top notch**

On Wednesday, May 4, Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers James Arthur, second from left, and Daniel Marietta, second from right, were honored at the 23rd annual "Respect for Law Program," sponsored by the Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe. Director of public safety Michael P. Makowski, far left, nominated both of the officers for this award. Officer Marietta has been with the department nearly 20 years and was honored for saving the life of a 2-year-old girl who had stopped breathing. Officer Arthur has been with the department almost nine years and was instrumental in providing information that resulted in a major drug bust with a street value of more than \$3 million.

Arrested

A 28-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man was arrested on Wednesday, May 19, at 7:52 p.m. after Grosse Pointe Woods police pulled him over traveling on Harper with an expired plate.

The man provided an identification card and an expired registration. A LEIN check revealed the man had multiple driver license suspensions, four valid warrants out of the 36th District Court in Detroit and one outstanding warrant out of the 37th District Court in Warren for traffic violations.

The man was arrested and issued citations for driving with a suspended license, expired plate, and no proof of insurance.

Suspended

On Wednesday, May 18, at 1:32 a.m., a 26-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

Grosse Pointe Woods police observed the man traveling 36 miles per hour on southbound Marter Road near Brys. He provided a driver license and a registration, but no proof of insurance.

A LEIN check revealed the man had two driver license suspensions.

Larceny

During the night of Saturday, May 14, a girls silver/blue Giant bike was removed from the side of a garage of a home on the 500 block of Barrington in Grosse Pointe Park. The bike was unlocked.

Home B&E

On Saturday, May 21, between 10:35 a.m. and 1:50 p.m., the rear door of a home on the 800 block of Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe Park was entered, and miscellaneous items, stereo equipment, and a cable box were removed. A possible acquaintance might have taken the items.

Theft

On Wednesday, May 18, between 2:45 and 6:30 p.m., a red 1999 Jeep Cherokee Sport vehicle was removed from the street in front of a home on the 1400 block of Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park.

Taken into custody

On Sunday, May 22, at 9:01 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park officers responded to a bike larceny in progress in an alley on the 1200 block of Beaconsfield. An officer had three stopped three youths with one of the juveniles in possession of the stolen bike.

The three youths were detained.

Bad headlight

At 9:32 p.m. on Sunday,

May 15, a 31-year-old Detroit woman was pulled over by Grosse Pointe Woods police on northbound Harper at Allard for driving with a faulty driver-side headlight.

She produced her driver license, registration and insurance, but a LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) revealed she had two felony arrest warrants. One felony warrant was for dangerous drugs and the second for probation violation (embezzlement).

The woman was arrested. The car was registered to a Detroit man, and the two warrants were issued by Pontiac and Detroit police.

Breaks curfew

At 1:22 a.m. on Sunday, May 15, a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer noticed three youths standing behind a business on the 1600 block of Vernier. The youths began to run when they spotted the officer.

The officer caught up with the youths a few moments later and took them into the station. Two youths were issued curfew violations. One was a 16-year-old boy, and another was a 15-year-old girl. A 17-year-old boy was also with the group but was not issued a curfew violation citation. Parents were called to pick up their children.

No seat belt

At 12:40 a.m. on Sunday, May 15, a 23-year-old Monroe man was pulled over and issued a citation for not wearing his seat belt.

The man was driving eastbound on Hawthorne west of Mack Avenue when the officer noticed he was not wearing his seat belt. The officer

also detected a slight odor of intoxicants emanating from the man's facial area.

The man admitted to consuming a couple of mixed drinks prior to driving. He was asked to perform several sobriety tests, which he passed.

He was also asked to take a preliminary breath test, which he did with the results coming out at .023. The man was cleared and told to be careful driving home.

Gas thief

On Saturday, May 14, at 7:56 a.m., a man stopped and filled his gas tank with \$10 of gas at a station on the 20000 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

An employee told police the man came into the gas station and paid \$4.97 for a tube of Blistex and a coffee but did not pay the \$10 for the gas. He drove away in a silver car but hasn't been seen since.

Bad lights

On Friday, May 13, at 10:45 a.m., a 54-year-old Detroit man and his three passengers were pulled over on southbound Mack near Vernier for having a passenger side brake light out.

A LEIN revealed the driver had an outstanding bench warrant for \$750 through Southfield. The man was arrested, but his three passengers were allowed to leave.

Hear me now?

A Verizon cell phone was taken while its owner was in the doctor's office on the 1500 block of Jefferson between noon and 1:30 p.m. in Grosse Pointe Park.

—Bob St. John

Shores Osius Park ready for summer

At 8.3 acres, Osius Park has room enough for a full season of recreation yet offers isolated enclaves where residents can go for quiet respite.

Often referred to as a picnic park, the facility named for the first president of Grosse Pointe Shores doesn't have a concession stand.

Instead, there are a handful of grills and numerous picnic tables for families and friends to share a sense of community in a lakeside setting.

"If you're planning any kind of large picnic, especially graduations coming up this time of year, get your reservations in at the park office," said Jim Cooke, park director. "We've had quite a few already this spring. The park is filling up fast for summer."

Tennis is played on four courts. There's room for basketball and volleyball.

A landscaped boardwalk is outfitted with benches for unobstructed views of Lake

St. Clair.

A pathway along the marina's outer breakwall provides sightseers an even closer view of boating action on the lake.

The Sharks swim team has begun practice for what supporters anticipate will be another competitive season against teams from sister Pointe communities.

"Our morning swim from 6 to 7:30 a.m. each morning will begin Saturday, May 29," Cooke said. "Our pool hours until June 17 will be noon to dusk. After the 17th, we go to the full schedule, which is 10 a.m. to 9 p.m."

Swimming and tennis lessons are among programs offered each year.

"Swim (and) tennis lessons sign ups will be on Monday, June 6, 3:30, at the pool office," Cooke said.

Park hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Recreation officials were unavailable to provide more program information.

—Brad Lindberg

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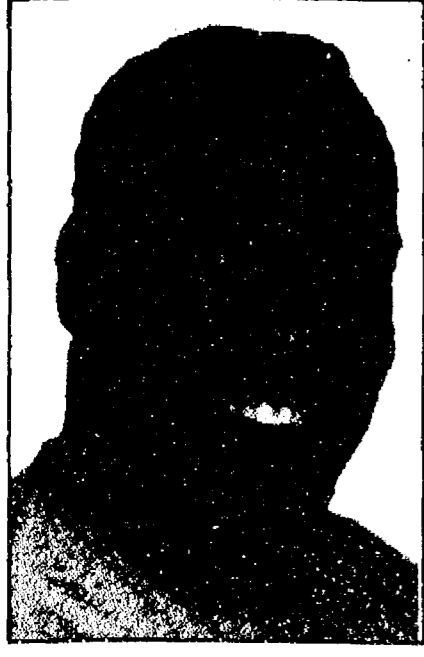
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Benjamin A. Benjamin

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Benjamin A. Benjamin, 40, of Detroit died on Sunday, May 22, 2005, at home in his sleep.

He was a music teacher at St. Paul Catholic School in Grosse Pointe Farms. He directed three choirs, including the show choir which he began. He directed the school's middle school musical and annual instrument concert.

He was born on March 8, 1965, in Hartford, Conn., to James and Rebekah Benjamin.

He attended the University of Connecticut and Wayne State University.

He owned and operated Benjamin Conservatory of Music. He taught piano and voice lessons and ran a summer piano camp.

Mr. Benjamin was a member of the Michigan Music Teachers' Association and the Wayne State Opera Guild. He enjoyed traveling with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Shelley; his sons, Benjamin II and Gabriel; his daughter, Yazime; his stepson, Corey McKinney; his parents, James and Rebekah Benjamin; his two sisters; and five brothers.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., instate at 10 a.m., on Saturday, May 28, at Greater Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church.

A tribute concert by St. Paul students to establish a fund for the Benjamin family will be held on Thursday, June 2, at 7 p.m., in the school's gym.

Memorial contributions to the fund may be sent to St. Paul Catholic School, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Phil Ulland Blanchard

Phil Ulland Blanchard, 72, of Grosse Pointe Woods died on Tuesday, May 10, 2005, in his home.

He was born on Feb. 7, 1933, and was raised in Grosse Pointe Farms. Other than the middle and high school years that he spent at the Morgan Park Military Academy in Chicago, Ill., he was a lifelong Grosse Pointer.

He was self-employed in the field of management recruitment services. He was a member of Grosse Pointe Woods Board of Review, the Fraternal Order of Police, and the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club. He served as a contributing member of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and on the Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission for years. He enjoyed traveling, the opera, music, reading and gardening. He annually visited Mackinac Island with family and friends.

Mr. Blanchard is survived by his three daughters, Linda Thompson of Nebraska, Jannine Meyerott of California and Amy Parry of Washington; and his brother, Robert Blanchard of Colorado.

He was predeceased by his loving wife, Margaret "Marti" Joan Blanchard, who taught for years at St. Paul Catholic School.

Memorial services were privately held.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

John E. Caulkins

Former Grosse Pointe resident John E. Caulkins, 81, died on Thursday, May 19, 2005, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

He was born on Aug. 5, 1923, in Grosse Pointe to George Peck and Alma Fauser Caulkins.

He was a Navy pilot during World War II. He attended Taft School and Yale University.

After college, he managed a dental supply business which had been started by his grandfather. He later became a vice president in the trust department of the National Bank of Detroit.

He enjoyed athletics, and excelled in both tennis and golf.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; his five sons, John, Peter, Bill, Chuck and Ted; and his sisters, Barbara Lamb and Christine Finkenstaedt.

He was predeceased by his brothers, George and Henry Caulkins.

Richard Gerald Cook

Richard Gerald Cook, 73, of Clinton Township died on Friday, May 20, 2005, in Mount Clemens General Hospital.

He was born on Oct. 15, 1931, in Detroit to the late Merrill and Nathalia (Johnson) Cook.

He married Jean Pezzetti on Aug. 22, 1959, in Wakefield. He was employed at the family-owned Grosse Pointe bowling alley, Hughes Tool Co. in California, the Parks and Recreation Department in Grosse Pointe, and as a salesman for the Raynal Brothers Dealership.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was a member of the Warren-Sterling Heights Elks Lodge No. 2292 and the William Tell Archery Club. He enjoyed bowling and golfing.

Mr. Cook is survived by his wife, Jean; his three children, Jeffrey (Sharon) of Kalamazoo, Timothy (Julie) of Howell, and Gregory (Carol) of Detroit; and his seven grandchildren, Alexis, Jack, Autumn, Hunter, Genevieve, Chelsea and Chris; and his brother, Robert DeGriek.

He was predeceased by his brother, Jack and mother-in-law, Chicky Pezzetti.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 24, in Mount Clemens.

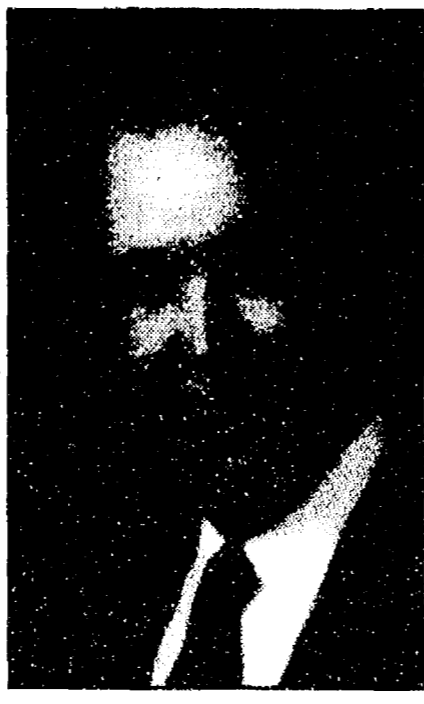
Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Peter Paul Ruppe Sr.

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Peter Paul Ruppe Sr., 90, died on Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Grosse Pointe Woods.

He was born on Aug. 16, 1914, to John and Catherine (Fritz) in Ironwood, Mich. He graduated in 1932 from Luther L. Wright High School in Ironwood and in 1943 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan State College.

He created many companies, most notably PRAB Conveyors Inc., an engineering company producing innovative designs and manufacturer of conveyors and systems for the collection and processing of metal scrap. He founded Dynatek



Peter Paul Ruppe Sr.

Corp., which produced vibration deburring machines designed to polish the rough surfaces of cast parts.

After he sold PRAB and Dynatek in 1961, he retired and traveled to Europe. Shortly afterward, he reentered the working world when he purchased his first shopping center.

He created three additional companies now known as Peter P. Ruppe Inc., Comprehensive Property Management Inc. and Ruppe Industries. He owned and managed several warehouses, hotels, restaurants, office, commercial, retail and residential properties in Michigan, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida. He continued an active role in the property management business throughout the remainder of his life.

As a professional inventor and engineer, he was awarded 26 different patents, mostly industrial in nature. He was part of the production team responsible for the building by General Motors Corp. of the building of 50 million motor vehicles in the United States which was an unparalleled achievement at the time.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and earned the rank of first lieutenant. He was a radio officer and field station aircraft gun unit commander in New Guinea, Luzon and the southern Philippines.

He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church since 1956, the Offshore Investment Club for six years, the Engineering Society of Detroit and the American Material Handling Society, Inc. He was the founding president of the Inventors Association of Metropolitan Detroit, an organization established in 1986 to help budding inventors.

One of his proudest accomplishments was his 62 year marriage to his college sweetheart, the former Gloria Jones. They met at Michigan State College (now known as Michigan State University) and after several years, were married in December 1942 in a military style ceremony just prior to his departure to serve in World War II.

He had many interests, including gardening, investing and health. He was an eager student his whole life, daily reading newspapers, books, newsletters and magazines, mainly areas of investing and health. He continued to invent better ways to do everything around the house, including an interesting array of security systems. His gardening included roses, flowers and vegetables, even hydroponic tomatoes.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria; his daughters, Dianne and Deborah; his son, Peter Jr. (Lynn); and his grandchildren, David Myers II (Amy), Peter, Steven, and Julie; his great-grandchildren, David Myers III and Emmett Myers; and his brother, Frank (Betty).

He was predeceased by his son, Paul; his brothers, John and Joseph.

Interment is at Cadillac East Cemetery, Clinton Twp.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter Metro Detroit Region, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076.

Heidi Marie Turner

Heidi Marie Turner, 36, of Mayfield Township died on Monday, May 16, 2005, at Lapeer Regional Hospital.

She was born on Sept. 10, 1968, in Warren and was the daughter of Marion M. Hanes. She married Benjamin L. Turner in Grosse Pointe Park in July 1990.

She was a member of the AFC and ICCF and volunteered for MI-Cops*MDA. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed cooking, fishing, shooting, traveling, looking for morel mushrooms and mud bogging.

Mrs. Turner is survived by her husband, Benjamin L. Turner; her son, Benjamin Amber Turner; her mother, Marion (Thomas) Hanes-Kittrell of Grosse Pointe Farms; her brother, Joshua Kittrell; and her sister, Anneliese Kittrell.

A funeral service was held Thursday, May 19, in Columbiaville. Interment is at Columbus Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 175, Southfield, MI 48034.

Condolences may be made online at www.jansenfurneralhome.com.

Edward William "Ted" Wells

Edward William "Ted" Wells, 83, of the City of Grosse Pointe, died on Sunday, May 8, 2005, in Watervliet.

He was born on Aug. 22, 1921, in Guelph, Ontario, Canada to William and Isabel Wells. He served as a navigation officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force and worked for General Motors Corp. for 35 years.

He was the past president of the Michigan Junior A Hockey Association; and he coached and refereed in the Grosse Pointe Hockey League. He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church.

He is survived by his wife, Beulah; his daughters, Margaret (Bill Nanich) Wells, Ellen (John) Wells Byrnes; his son, Edward William (Chantalle Clavette) Wells Jr.; his eight



Edward William "Ted" Wells



Martha "Jeane" Zech

grandchildren, Dr. Jason (Seba) and Christopher Glowney; Nathan and Alana Brynes; Mark, Jeffery, Jordan and Issac Wells; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, May 12, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment is at Memory Cemetery in Guelph.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Vanderbilt Medical Center for SDS Research, AA-3228 Medical Center North, Nashville, TN 37232-2195.

Martha "Jeane" Zech

Martha "Jeane" Zech, 80, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, died on Monday, April 25, 2005, at Hospice of Martin and St. Lucie in Stuart, Fla.

She was born in Sharon, Pa., but lived in Grosse Pointe most of her adult life, until 2003. She was a graduate of Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa., and earned her master's degree in music from Wayne State University.

Before her retirement in 1985, she taught music in the Grosse Pointe Public School System for 18 years. She began at Grosse Pointe North High School, followed by Brownell Middle School, and then spent many years in several of the elementary schools in the district. Prior to working in Grosse Pointe, she taught for four years in Detroit.

At the time of her retirement, she was the full-time music teacher at Monteith Elementary School. She was a dedicated and active music teacher who enjoyed directing concerts and musical programs throughout her teaching years. Her love for music inspired countless piano students.

She was a professional soprano soloist and worked

with the Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati. She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church where she frequently lent her beautiful voice and musical talent to the choir. She enjoyed golf, bridge, and needlepoint.

She transcribed Braille for the Library of Congress throughout her retirement years.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Chalmers Zech of Stuart; her daughters, Marti MacKay, Anne Zech Luecke, and Barbara Zech, all of Florida; and her sister, Grace Clarke of Pennsylvania.

A memorial service was held on April 27 in Stuart.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice Foundation, 1201 S.E. Indian St., Stuart, FL 34996.

May lake levels

The following lake levels as of May 13 are offered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

All of the Great Lakes are 4 to 10 inches above last year's levels.

Lakes Superior, Michigan-Huron, and St. Clair are below their long-term averages by 2, 13 and 1 inches, respectively.

Lake Erie and Lake Ontario are both 5 inches above their long-term averages.

The Lake Superior outflow through the St. Marys River into Lake Huron is projected to be near average during the month of May.

Flows in the St. Clair and Detroit rivers are anticipated to be below average during May, while flows in the Niagara and St. Lawrence rivers are both expected to be above average in May.

Lakes St. Clair, Erie and Ontario's levels are expected to be up to an inch higher at this time next month.

We Care

by Richard McCarthy

Q. What does respite care mean?

A. Respite care often means providing a break for loved ones that have taken on the role as primary caregiver (e.g. a wife caring for her husband, or a daughter caring for her mother). Sometimes, it is difficult to accept very personal help from someone you are too close to.

Bringing in a trained caregiver, even for a few short hours, can ease the stress that primary caregivers in the family cope with. That in turn helps strengthen that bond and family relationships as a whole.

Richard McCarthy is the owner of Competent Home Care Service. For a consultation or to schedule an in-home visit, contact him at 586-772-0035.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 16, 2005

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held May 2, 2005, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Beautification Commission meeting held on April 25, 2005, the Board of Canvassers meeting held on May 4, 2005, and the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting held on May 11, 2005.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 73915 through 74060 in the amount of \$506,566.77 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
- To receive and file for audit 1st quarter financial report.
- To introduce and Place for First Reading an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 14, Article IV Section 14-77 - Curfew of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Harper Woods to Change the Age and Restricted Times Requirements," and further, to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements. (Attachment #1)

Kenneth A. Poynter,
Mayor

Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SPECIAL NOTICE HOLIDAY RUBBISH SCHEDULE for MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY, MAY 30, 2005

All residential rubbish routes will be one day late. Examples: Monday's Routes will be collected on Tuesday; - Tuesday's routes on Wednesday, Etc.

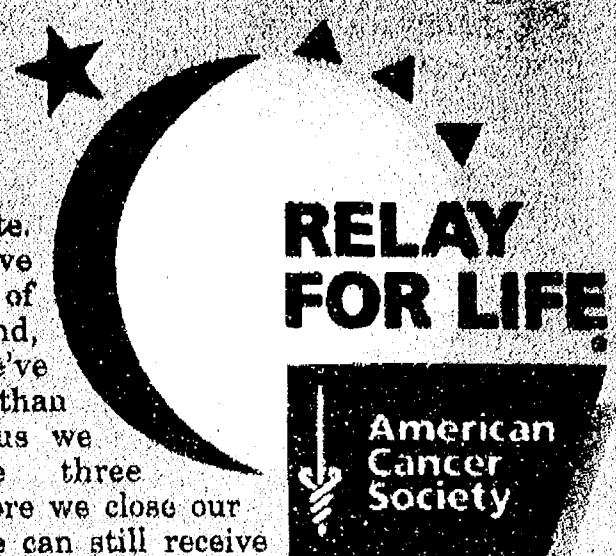
Friday's residential rubbish routes will be collected on Saturday, June 4, 2005.

Tuesday and Friday's commercial routes will be collected on schedule.

Thank You,

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06/02/2005 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Grosse Pointe's first Relay for Life is a walkaway success



By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

After a week of dismal weather, one could not help but think that good karma brought the sun out to shine on the participants of Grosse Pointe's first Relay for Life held on Saturday, May 21, at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park.

Relay for Life is a 24-hour team walk-a-thon to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Teams raise money before the event and then have at least one member of the team walking at all times during the 24-hour period.

The Grosse Pointe Relay exceeded the projected goal established by the American Cancer Society which was originally hesitant to have a Relay in

Grosse Pointe.

"They gave us a goal of \$30,000, and, so far, we've made more than \$37,000, plus we still have three months before we close our books so we can still receive contributions," said Relay for Life committee chairperson Denise Zola.

"For our first year, I think we did a phenomenal job. I am extremely happy."

Photos by Beth Quinn and Robert McKean

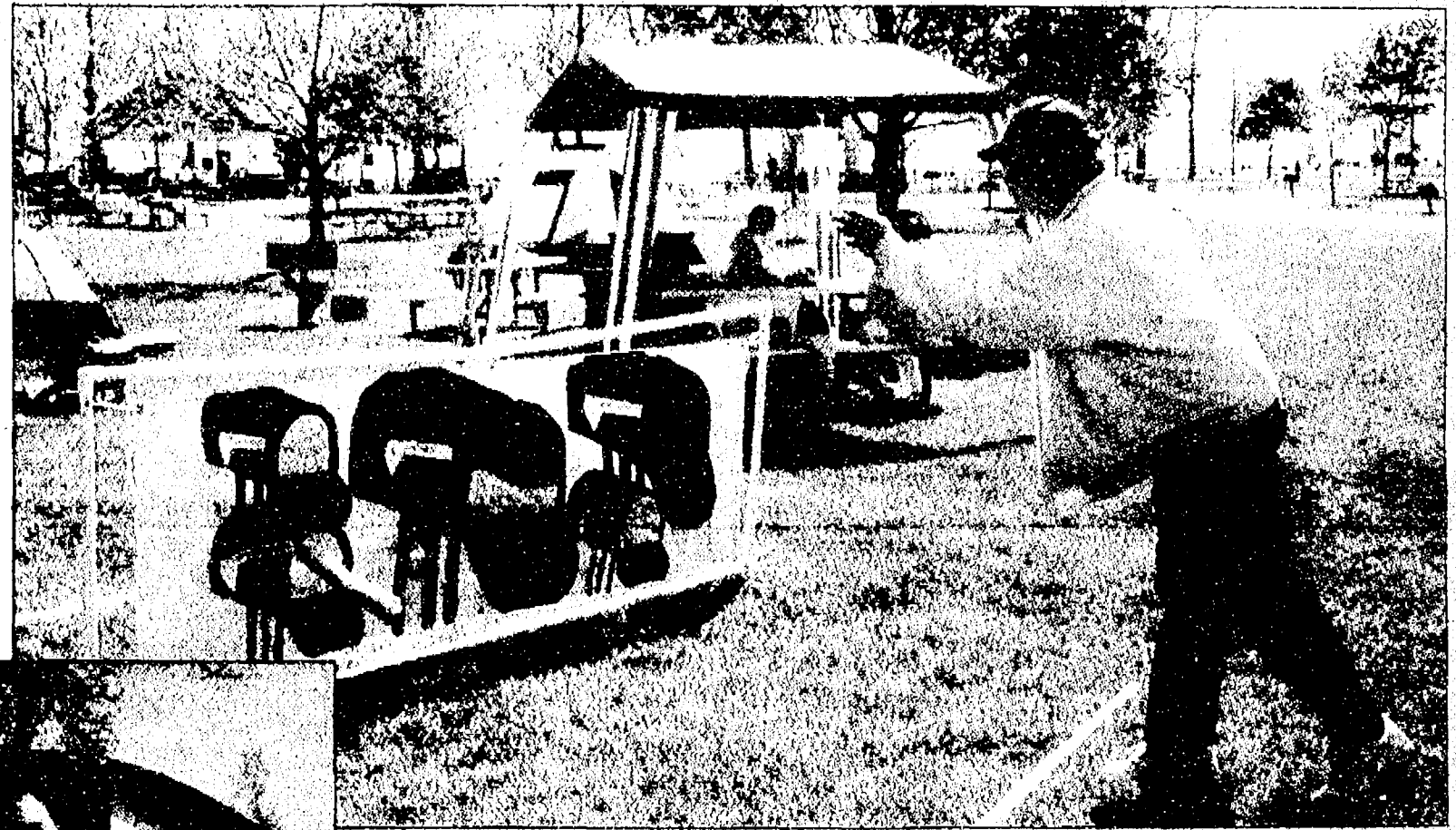


Grosse Pointe North High School students, Ryan and Danny Walsh, set-up a tent in which walkers will stay overnight.

Grosse Pointe News managing editor, John Minnis, right, shows good form as he tosses a rolled-up newspaper into a mailbox.



Cancer survivors and their caregivers take the first lap as a victory lap.



Grosse Pointe Academy eighth-graders, from right, Alex Boll, Morgan Stinson, Margaret Mary Fitzgerald, Stephanie Ska and Chloe Kirchner created a "Candyland" theme for their craft station at the relay.



Members of the Bon Secour Hospital team roasting marshmallows as the sun sets. From the right are Matt Crook, Phyllis Winfield and Dan Hartner.



One of the Relay's poignant moments is the march of survivors.



Features

May 26, 2005

Antiques make music for Christ Church choirs

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

The nationally known Christ Church Grosse Pointe annual antiques show has become even bigger and more inclusive in its 21st year.

Dedicated to supporting its youth and adult choirs and its Outreach Missions, the 2005 Annual Christ Church Grosse Pointe Antiques Show, Friday, June 3, through Sunday, June 5, for the first time will host a speaker, the Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill.

An author of seven interior design books, she will be on hand during the Thursday, June 2, preview party, for a book signing and will be the featured speaker on Friday, June 3.

The internationally known interior designer will discuss the use of English antiques in classic interior design. Lady Spencer-Churchill recently hosted the "Classic Interiors" series for the United Kingdom's Granada Sky television network and produced a pilot TV program, "The World's Most Beautiful Homes" for HGTV in the United States.

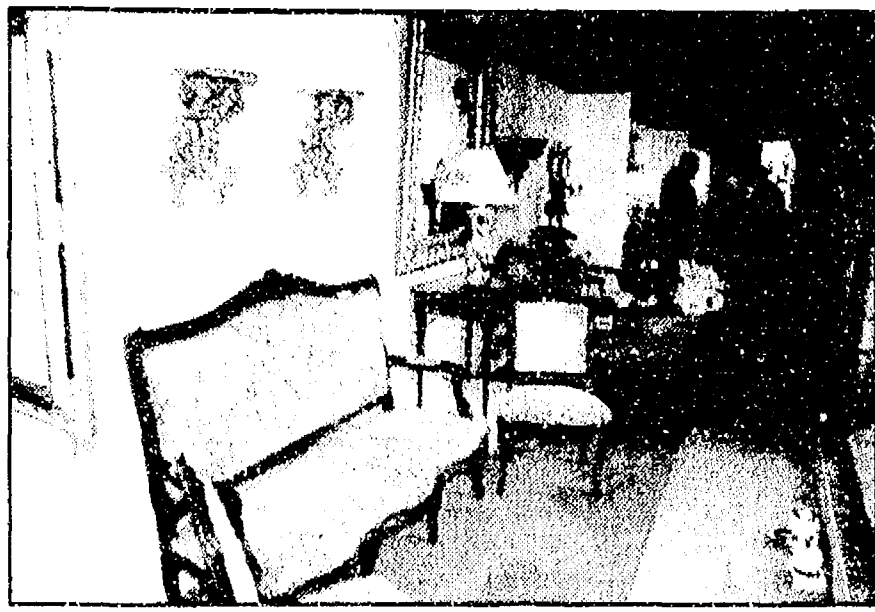
This is just the next level for the show which is drawing more than 40 exhibitors from across the country — many new to the show this year — to back the Boys, Men's, and Girls choirs and the church's Outreach Mission. Its outreach includes medical transportation services for limited income older adults; housing, education and counseling for girls at-risk; food and labor of homeless shelters and soup kitchens; Habitat for Humanity; and after-school tutoring and meals for at-risk children and their families.

Being able to contribute to these areas that spread Christian views sees thousands of visitors stream through the doors of Christ Church at 61 Grosse Pointe Boulevard to see antiques, fine collectibles, art deco, silver, jewelry, dishes, English and American style furniture presented in a 40,000 square foot area of the church.

"We are thrilled at the reaction of national dealers to get into the show. Our reputation preceded us; we needed to catch up," said Jackie Gray. Gray along with Libby Candler are the co-chairs for this, the 21st antiques show.

Antiques shows are a familiar site in upscale communities, she noted, but there was something needed this year to improve the show.

With a national reputation and the need to take it to the next level, the committee hired a manager who suggested they add Friday



Photos courtesy Christ Church Grosse Pointe

Antiques, collectibles

Antique English style furniture and decor will be available during the 21st Christ Church Grosse Pointe Antiques Show 2005. English styles will be prominent due to the speaker, Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill. Her Friday, June 3, lecture will focus on English antiques in interior design.

as a day for the public and a speaker.

Show manager Charlie Miller of Miller, Hamilton & Co. propelled the event to a weekend activity where people could preview the show on Friday, come back for a second look during the weekend, and yet get in their other weekend activities.

Though a mid-sized show, it draws between 2,500 and 6,000 per day from across

the metro area and beyond, which for the first time is open to the public for three days. It is the perfect place for the novice to begin and the established collector to continue, Gray said.

There will be a silver dealer and a dealer with antique garden furniture. Two fine-print dealers will be on hand, as will the dealer with Persian rugs, a dealer with tall cased clocks and yet another with American fur-

21st Annual Christ Church Grosse Pointe Antiques Show

Thursday, June 2

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Charlie Miller of Miller, Hamilton & Co. presents an informative "behind the scenes" look at this year's dealers antiques and decorative collections

Show is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

\$10 admission

Sunday, June 5

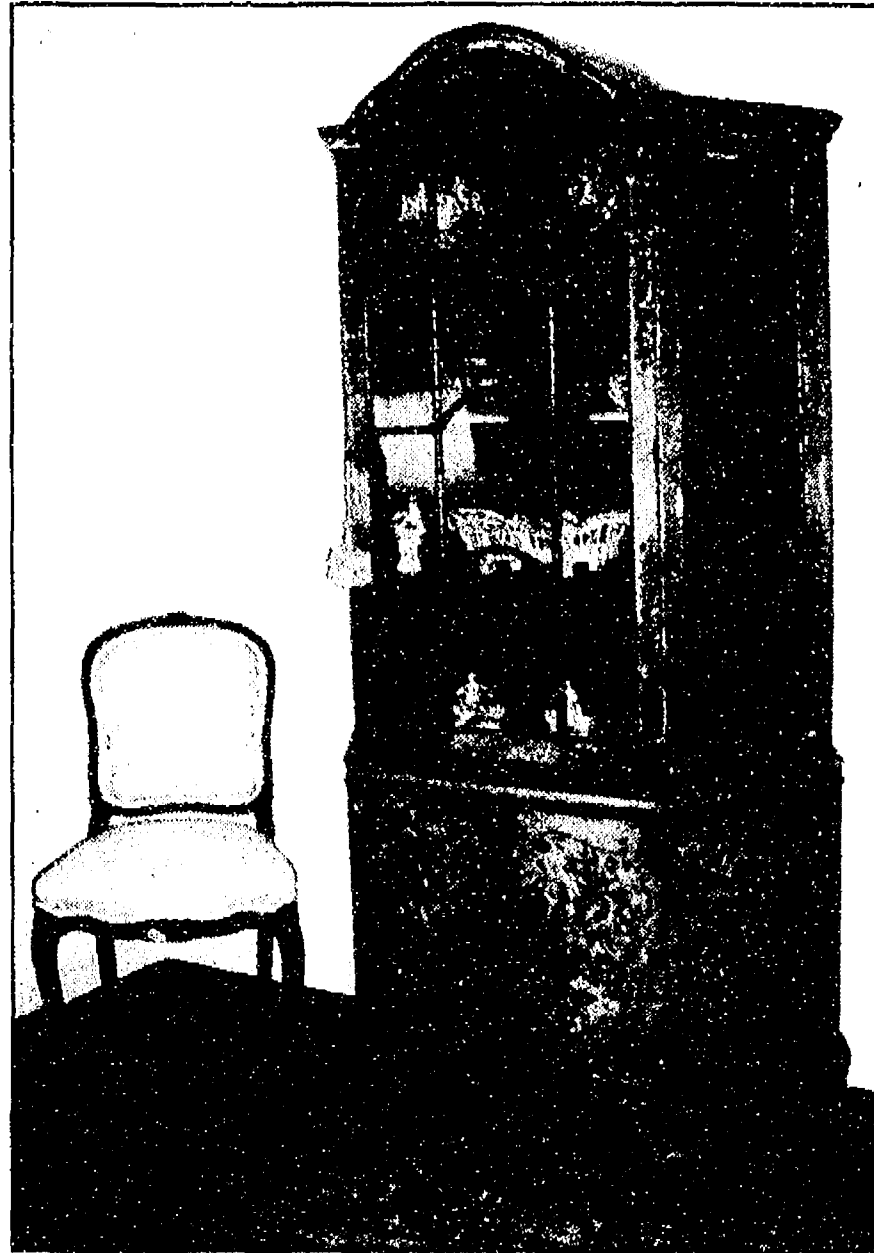
noon to 5 p.m.

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All proceeds support the Christ Church Grosse Pointe Choirs and the church's Outreach Ministries

Location

Christ Church Grosse Pointe
61 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Grosse Pointe Farms
(313) 885-4841
www.christchurchgp.org/antiques



Guests to the nationally known show will have a chance to linger in areas with furniture, jewelry, dishes and fine collectibles. They will also be treated to the voices of the Christ Church choirs, who are on their way to England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales this summer.

niture.

For the first time, the antiques show will have a dealer of Chinese items.

An emphasis on English furniture will be seen as a support to the theme of classic English decor and the weekend's speaker, Lady Spencer-Churchill.

"There will be beautiful English outdoor furniture," Candler said.

Gray continued, "We encourage people to come to the preview party and look at the merchandise. The tickets allow you to come back."

Both Gray and Candler are excited about the 21st antiques show because there will be new dealers, some who have never been to Michigan, and some who have been with the show for

a number of years.

For 20 years the outreach work of the church has benefited from the sale of antiques which had the humble beginnings of a garage sale.

The garage sale moved into antiques and into Grosse Pointe South's gym. When the new wing of the church was completed four years ago, the show moved on-site.

Professional porters are hired and trucks filled with valuables are unloaded on a strict schedule.

Dealers come in with portable walls, add wallpaper and set up their merchandise.

Gray noted that it takes hours for dealers to set up and arrange their wares in an eye-pleasing manner because they need to turn a profit.

"They rely on the reputation of the show and community," she said. "And they are building a client base."

As precise as the dealers are with their merchandise and design of their space, the church is as well, decorating from top to bottom, providing music from their choirs and a break area for the dealers.

The decorations, the service to the dealers and hundreds of other details are all done with more than 200 volunteers, some of whom have been working on the project since September 2004. This includes the 104-page catalog which features a page on every dealer and focuses on the 75th anniversary of the church.

Candler turns the conversation back to the reason all

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More than 40 antique dealers from England, New Jersey, South Carolina, Illinois, Texas, Kentucky and Illinois will be on hand during the three-day antiques show. Collectibles, furniture and decor will be expertly displayed.

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Antiques

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this work is being done — the children.

"What's fascinating is to see these young children evolve from 7 years old to 13. To see them grow, gaining confidence, is quite outstanding. It brings in children from all walks of life and all schools," she said.

The choirmaster, D. Frederick DeHaven, has a national reputation, according to Gray, creating a traditional English Boys choir, training the boys and girls in traditional English music for the past 32 years. Choirs have sung with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, at weddings and funerals and touring every other year.

This year, the choirs will be in England, Wales and Scotland.

"What they do locally is an invaluable service to the community," she said. "They represent Michigan when they tour internationally every other summer.

Wherever they sing, the cathedrals are packed. They do 10 songs in Latin and English, and ballads to illustrate the American style. It is a source of pride."

The choirs can be a source of pride for the community, as is the 21st Annual Christ Church Grosse Pointe Antiques Show.

Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill

Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill was born in Oxford, England, in 1958, the eldest daughter of the 11th Duke of Marlborough from his first marriage to Susan Hornby.

In 1980, she married German banker Nathan Gelber. Together they have two sons, David and Maximilian.

After studying interior design and working in the business, she formed her own interior design firm, Woodstock Designs, in 1981. The company specializes in



Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill

renovation of country home properties and has completed many interior design projects in the United Kingdom and the United States. Most recently, she finished projects for a private, country house in Virginia and a 15,000 square foot Georgian mansion in Atlanta, Ga.

Other projects include a Cape Dutch style house in the West Indies, a villa in Istanbul and a 1930s home in Frankfurt, Germany.

In 1986, she formed Spencer-Churchill Designs to design and produce furnishing fabrics and wallpaper.

The latest collection of fabrics is the Blenheim Garden collection with designs taken from original floral watercolors painted by Susan Blandford, the fifth Duchess of Marlborough in the 18th

century. The fabrics are sold through interior design firms and retail outlets in the United Kingdom and in other countries.

In 1990, Lady Spencer-Churchill wrote her first book, "Classic English Interiors." Since then she has written six other books, "Classic Decorative Details," "Classic Fabrics," "Classic Georgian Style," "Classic Meets Contemporary," "Classic Entertaining" and "Classic Design Styles."

She is currently working on a book about Blenheim Palace, her family home.

Involved in charity work, she is Deputy President of the Oxfordshire Branch of the Red Cross and the Patron of the Oxfordshire Cancer Research Campaign. She is currently the chair of the Churchill Memorial Concert, an annual event held at Blenheim Palace in commemoration of Sir Winston Churchill.

The event is a fund-raiser for music therapy and local charities.

Pastor's Corner

Transitions

Rev. Timothy A. Holzerland
Associate Pastor
Christ the King
Lutheran Church

Last month my wife, Kim, and I celebrated our 10th year at Christ the King. Time has passed very quickly.

I remember moving to Grosse Pointe as spring was blooming, and we began to adjust to a new church and community. Spring is a time of transition, and it's much more than the changing of the seasons. You don't have to experience a long distance move in order to go through a life-changing transition; they come no matter where we are on life's journey.

Parents are getting ready for the transitions of education as students finish another year of school. There are also transitions as families experience the empty nest, the death of a loved one, health issues, or perhaps a move to an assisted living facility or nursing home. Some people are able

to move through the transition of life better than others for several different reasons.

When Jesus ascended into heaven His disciples had to make a huge transition in this journey of life and faith. They went from a time when they had the physical presence of Jesus to a time when they would receive the power of the Holy Spirit to begin the Christian church. What can we learn from them?

We are not alone in the transitions we face in faith and life. Although the physical presence of Jesus was gone, He promised His disciples, "I will be with you always to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20).

This promise is for us as we struggle and deal with the changes that come in every stage of life. Jesus does more than assure us we are not alone but gives us the wisdom and power of His words found in the Bible. They guide and direct as we make future decisions, and the words of Jesus also correct and comfort us when

we feel frustrated or alone.

A young woman from South America walked into our church two weeks ago and was looking for a place to worship. She was working in the area and adjusting to her new surroundings. I thought to myself, "Here was a person who made a huge transition in climate, culture and language."

We shared our stories of life and faith, and I assured her that she was not alone, and we are here to help her.

We each have a story to share how our faith in the Lord has helped and guided us through the changes of life. This spring, pray that the Lord will help you share your story with someone else who needs to know he or she is not alone. Direct them to the words of Jesus which give faith, wisdom, and strength to help them through the transitions they currently face. As we all look to the warmth and beauty of the summer months, we look forward to the joy that Jesus will lead us from this life which will have no end.

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Research finding: Everybody lies; it's in the genes

Do you think you are a person who makes statements only when you believe they are true and answers questions as truthfully as you can?

Julian Kennan is an associate professor of psychology at Montclair State University who trained at Harvard University Medical School in neuroscience. He has spent 10 years on research done with student surveys, videotapes and audiotapes.

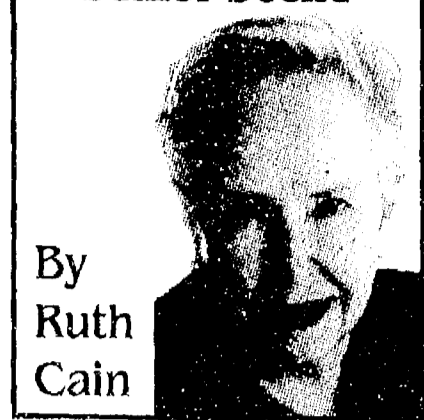
His research leads him to the conclusion that everybody lies.

Kennan is not one who makes outrageous statements based on anecdotal evidence, or no research at all. His research papers have been published in top scientific journals; he has lectured internationally and is the author and co-author of scientific books on this and related subjects.

His research shows that the average person tells at least one lie per day. What surprises him most is how prevalent lying is and how bad people are at detecting it. He was also surprised at how different the sexes are at lying:

"Women, for example, tend to lie about their age,

Senior Scene



By Ruth Cain

weight and looks, make-up, plastic surgery and clothes that enhance or manipulate the body.

"Men exaggerate how much they make and their job title or grade point average. They tend to lie about wanting to get married and saying they want to have children."

So why this pervasive lying?

"Lying has played a key role in our evolution, in making humans, human," he said. "It's one of the most amazing, sophisticated, advanced cognitive abilities we have. All evidence indicates that we are genetically programmed to lie. The liar has such an advantage over you; so the gene is passed on."

It is a lesson learned early. About 95 percent of

children lie, and they start the practice early — at the tender age of 2.

"We find it is a sign in children of high intelligence. They have to be able to understand that you have thoughts. They need to hide the cookie from you, not themselves," he wrote.

Research has revealed another difference between the sexes that appears early in childhood. Little girls learn what Kennan calls "spare our feelings lies." Little girls do it better than little boys, who tend to say what they think.

(I'd like to tell you a funny story in this regard. A female reporter wrote an extremely nasty article about then President Jimmy Carter. Later she asked to interview his mother, Lillian Carter, who was a strong and outspoken woman. During the interview, the reporter asked Lillian if she ever lied. No, she answered, except for some white lies. Could you give me an example, she was asked. Well, said Lillian, remember when you entered the house, and I said I was happy to see you?)

Some people, research shows, are better at lying

than others, regardless of age. It requires the ability to get into someone's mind. The con artist, Kennan says, has a real advantage because he knows how to do this. People who are aware of their own thoughts and are introspective are actually better at reading you, Kennan notes.

Kennan assumed most people were better at detecting lies but found that only under certain circumstances did most people become good lie-detectors. "Other researchers have found that most professions, even cops, aren't that good at detecting lies, except the

Secret Service," he wrote.

So does this make lying all right? No, says Kennan; morally, lying is wrong. "The worst thing that can happen to you in this society is to be labeled a liar," he said. "You can't have a society based on lies."

Unfortunately, he notes, in many political campaigns, the side that tells the biggest lies tends to win.

I guess the lesson is that, like everything else in life, we have to fight our human instincts and do what we know is right.

It's interesting that one of Kennan's goals for his

research is to help people be better daters, making wiser decisions about the relationship. He'd like them to know how to protect themselves from deception.

"Women should know what men lie about, and so should men, who don't know anywhere near the extent that women do about how the opposite sex lies," he said. He believes they're both much better off when they're able to detect a lie. "It gives them more control of their lives," he wrote.

If you wish to contact Ruth Cain, you may reach her at ruthcain@comcast.net

Michigan Community Health debuts drug pricing Web site

Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm and Janet Olszewski, director of the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), have announced that, for the first time, consumers will have online access to state pricing information for commonly prescribed prescription drugs, making decision-making and shopping easier for millions of Michigan citizens.

"This new Web site will provide Michigan citizens with much-needed information about prescription drug costs," Granholm said. "From Lipitor to Nexium to Zoloft, consumers will now have direct access to the average price for the most common drugs, making pre-

scription drug shopping easier and ultimately more affordable."

Through the Web page, found at www.michigan.gov/mdch, the Michigan Department of Community Health will provide consumers with the average prices for the top 25 most commonly used prescription drugs in Michigan as reported to the state by First Health Services Corp. The prices featured on the site represent the usual and customary costs for a one-month supply of the drugs and are comparable to what a cash-paying customer without insurance would pay.

The Web site also contains links to three commonly

used discount programs for prescription drugs: the Michigan Prescription Drug Discount Card (MiRx), the national Together Rx Access Card and the Michigan Partnership for Prescription Assistance program.

"This information is presented to Michigan consumers in a very useful format, while at the same time presenting the information to consumers in a responsible — and ultimately safe — way," said Olszewski. "We want the citizens of Michigan to have access to this information so they can make informed decisions about the much-needed prescription drugs they require."

Olszewski said prescription drug prices usually vary daily; so the price that you find at your pharmacy may not be the same price that appears on the Web page.

It is always good practice for consumers to buy all their medications from the same pharmacy so that a pharmacist can keep track of the medications they are taking in order to avoid potentially harmful interactions, she said. If you do decide to shop at more than one pharmacy, be sure you tell the pharmacists all of the drugs you are taking.

Varicose veins 101

(MS) — Varicose veins are enlarged veins close to the skin's surface. They are dark purple or blue in color and may look twisted and bulging like cords. Any vein can become varicose, but it usually happens to veins in the legs and feet.

For some, they are merely a cosmetic concern. For others, they cause aches, pains and more serious problems like higher risk of circulatory disorders, according to various medical experts.

Some signs and symptoms of varicose veins include:

- Enlarged veins that you can easily see under your legs.
- Brown-gray discoloration of the skin, especially around the ankle.
- Itching around one or more of your veins.
- Feelings in your legs such as soreness, achiness, tiredness, tingling, burning, heaviness, throbbing, muscle cramping and swelling.

Varicose veins occur when your veins malfunction because of factors like:

- Age: Those who are ages 30 to 70 are most susceptible.
- Sex: Women are more likely than men to get them because of hormonal changes during puberty, pregnancy and menopause.

Pregnant women may develop them because their blood flow is redesigned to support a growing fetus. The side effect is that blood flow from the legs to the pelvis decreased, producing enlarged veins in the legs.

• Genetics: You have a higher chance of getting them if other family members have had the condition as well.

• Obesity: Excess weight can put more pressure on your veins.

• Standing for long periods of time: It causes improper blood circulation.

Fortunately, there are numerous noninvasive ways to deal with varicose veins. You can ease pain and prevent varicose veins from worsening by wearing support stockings that provide relief. If you get them during pregnancy, they usually improve without treatment after your baby is born.

Your doctor can suggest more aggressive medical treatments if those mentioned don't work, such as laser therapy. Just be aware that some insurance policies may not cover the cost of elective surgery for varicose veins. Treatment may be covered, however, if the surgery is more health-related.

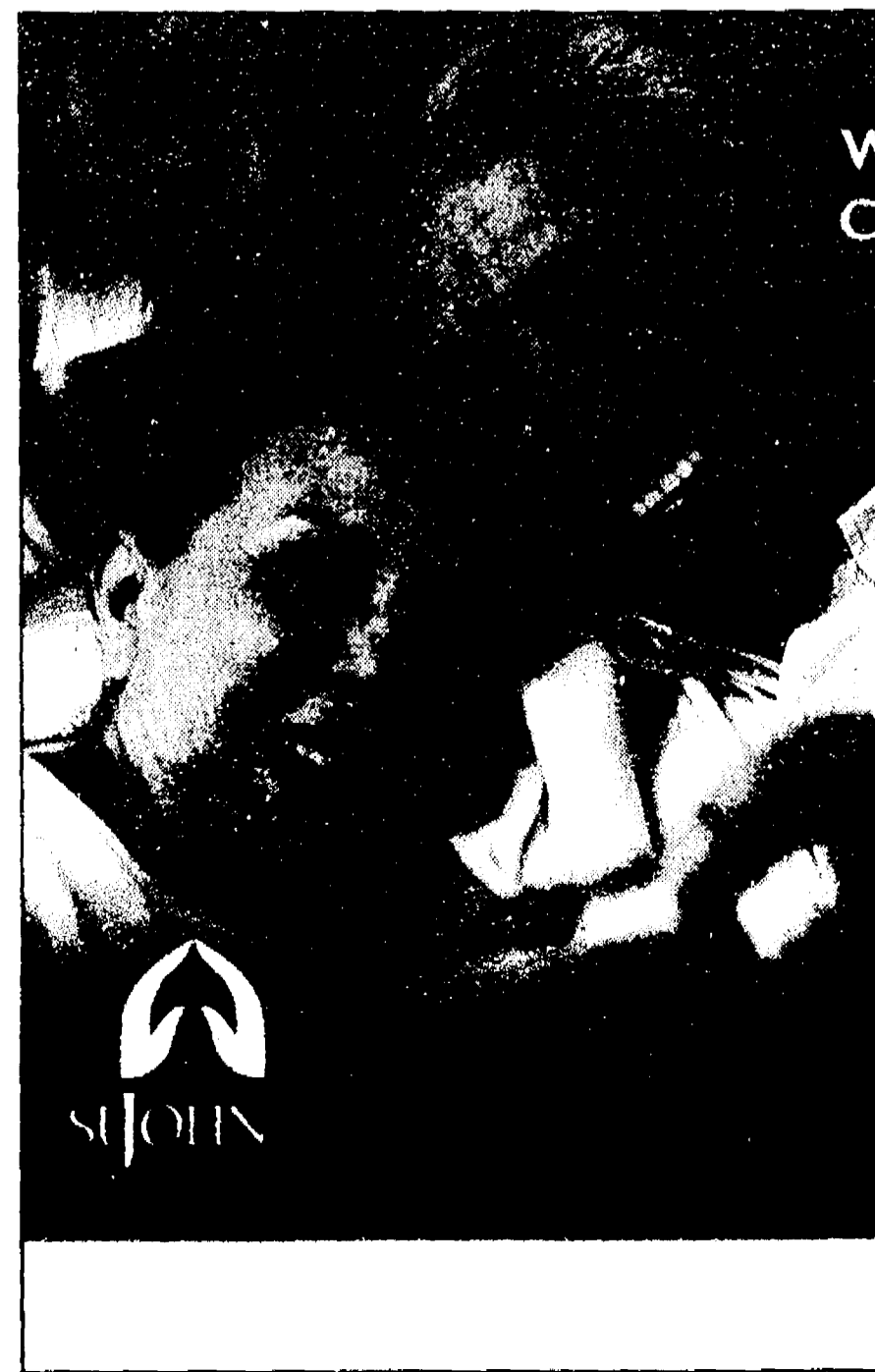
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Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



Knowing your ABC's can help you to identify potential skin cancers such as malignant melanomas.

Early detection and prompt treatment of skin cancers offer the best chance of achieving a complete cure. More than a decade ago a series of visual criteria were developed to help physicians and patients identify early melanoma skin cancer and guide its treatment. The asymmetry, border, color and dimension (ABCD) criteria represent a practical, simple, and useful means of identifying malignant melanomas. However, to be more effective, the criteria has been modified to account for changes in lesions—"E" for an evolving lesion.

This new "E" is an important improvement in the evaluation of lesions for patients. Several studies have shown that roughly 9 in 10 patients observed

changes in their melanoma lesions prior to their removal.

"Evolving lesions" include those that have significantly changed in size, shape, elevation, surface appearance (e.g., crusting, bleeding, ulcerated or non-healing), symptoms (e.g., itching, tenderness), or shades of color. My own personal experience agrees with just how important evolution is as an indicator leading to a melanoma diagnosis.

Although not all changes in moles indicate melanoma, lesions that have significantly changed warrant further examination and possible biopsy.

If you suspect you have any abnormal skin lesions, 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 or (586) 716-1291.

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'Frogs • Fur • Friends' sneak preview is June 7

'Frogs • Fur • Friends' is a collaboration of local businesses and all five Grosse Pointe communities to raise funds for two local nonprofits: the Children's Home of Detroit and the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

'Frogs • Fur • Friends' will feature some 50, oversized, rubber frog figurines placed on

main thoroughfares and retail areas during the summer months. Each frog will be decorated by an artist and sponsored by one or more businesses.

Rubies will be raised at a preview party before the frogs are "released", and by an auction at the end of the summer to place these frogs in good homes.

A Sneak Preview Party will kick off the frog campaign from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores. Most of the decorated frogs will be displayed on the grounds of the Ford House.

All frogs will have a special

walks all the Grosse Pointes by Friday, July 1.

The sneak peek evening includes a light meal catered by The Hill Seafood and Chop House and entertainment by the Gypsy Kitzings of Detroit.

According to the invitation, dress is...

"snappy, happy and casual."

Tickets are \$50 a person and must be purchased by Friday, May 27. Tickets are limited. Make checks payable to Frogs • Fur • Friends and mail to 900 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, 48236.

For more information about the event, call Lisa Murray-Gundlach at (313) 886-0800, ext. 120.

The Children's Home of Detroit is a nonprofit organization that has been around since 1836. It pro-

vides specialized services for children with emotional prob-

(HRC), an educational and social program for special needs children, and Youth Assistance Services (YAS), community programs that help adolescents who have committed to a lifetime volunteer affiliation.

Money raised by 'Frogs • Fur • Friends' will be used for scholarships for special needs children attending the HRC.

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society was established in 1997 to serve the Grosse

Pointes and nearby communities as a foster-based, non-enthusiastic organization dedicated to finding suitable homes for outdoor companion animals that have been abandoned, surrendered or found. The GAAAS supported only by public donations and doesn't receive any state or federal funding.

Pet adoptions are held twice a month at the CHD. GAAAS places about 400 companion animals each year.

Proceeds from Frogs • Fur • Friends will be used to establish an endowment to strengthen the organization's financial position.

Honorary chairs of the Sneak Preview are Bill and Happy Rands. Co-chairmen are Chris and Anne Blake, Bud and Donna Brian and Ed and Marcia Russell.

Committee members include Paula Biskup, Donna Brian, Lynn Carpenter, Ann Marie Ciceri, Diane Cusumano, Joslyn Garib, Lisa Kowen-Gandebol, Thumper Haggarty, Debbie Liedel, Annemarie McCallum, Corinne Martin, Jessica McCartney and Betsy Savage.

For more information about either of these nonprofits, go to the Web. The CHD Web site is www.childrenshomeofdetroit.org. The GAAAS Web site is www.GAAAS.org.

All for a good paws: The Michigan Humane Society will hold its spring Muti March, a fundraiser to help care for the thousands of animals it rescues, helps and cures for each year, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 5, on the grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Participants, both human and canine, are invited to walk, jog, stroll or mosey the grounds. All human walkers who turn in \$100 or more on the day of the walk will receive a Muti March T-shirt and all companion canine walkers will get a matching bandana. More prizes will be awarded to those who raise \$250 and \$500 or more.

"It's now more convenient for walkers to reach new potential supporters and to track progress toward their individual or team fundraising goals," said Tricia Brosnahan, director of events for the Michigan Humane Society. The MHS has a new online donation tool at www.michiganhumane.org. Walkers and teams can create their own Web pages and encourage family, friends and co-workers to learn more about the MHS work.

The Muti March is sponsored by General Motors, Corp., Michigan Veterinary Specialists, Pet Supplies Plus and the Grosse Pointe News.

For more information or to register by phone, call (800) 648-6283 weekdays, during business hours.

Calling all cows: Notre Dame High School will hold what it calls its "1st Annual Fightin' Irish Car Extraordinaire" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at Notre Dame

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Cornillie-Hitch

Susan Alice Cornillie, daughter of Bernard H. and Irene M. Cornillie of Grosse Pointe Woods, married Brian Robert Hitch, son of Dr. Charles and Elaine Hitch of Loudon, Tenn., on Dec. 17, 2004, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

Monsignor Ricardo E. Bass officiated at the 6 p.m. wedding, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The bride wore a pearl white gown that featured a bodice decorated with beads and Chantilly lace and an A-



Mr. and Mrs. Brian Robert Hitch

line silk satin skirt. Her veil was finished with pearl white satin edging and she carried a round bouquet of white roses and variegated holly.

Mary Cornillie of Grosse Pointe Woods, the bride's sister, was the maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Erin Collins of Grosse Pointe Woods; Kimberly Darga, Britta Ewald and Christina Smith, all of Chicago; Katharine Kent of Ardmore, Pa.; and the groom's sister, Stephanie Ousley of Somerset, Ky.

Flower girls were Brook Cornillie of Grosse Pointe Farms and Morgan Hitch of Commerce Township.

Attendants were two-piece black ensembles decorated with bugle beads. They carried bouquets of Charlotte roses and variegated holly. Flower girls wore sleeveless ivory tulle dresses with black satin sashes. They carried gold baskets filled with red sweetheart roses and variegated holly.

The best man was the groom's brother, Michael Hitch of Commerce Township.

Groomsmen were Christopher Cooper of the City of Grosse Pointe; the bride's brothers, Brian and Stephen Cornillie, both of Grosse Pointe Woods; Joseph Evola of Kansas City; Matthew Kazin and Brandon Robertson, both of Royal Oak.

The mother of the bride wore a long two-piece rose silk dress and a fitted jacket. Her corsage was white sweetheart roses, red hypericum berries and variegated holly.

The groom's mother wore a long A-line black crepe dress with a silver and black jeweled jacket. Her corsage was also of white sweetheart roses, red hypericum berries and variegated holly.

Scripture readers were Jane Schmidt of Grosse Pointe Woods and Curtis Powers of Rochester Hills. The organist was Thomas Keen. The soloist was Delores Basile.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting from Michigan State University's Eli Broad School of Business. She is a CPA with Virchow, Krause Co. LLP.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in supply chain management from Michigan State University Eli Broad School of Business. He is a purchasing manager with Key Safety Systems.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. They live in Grosse Pointe Woods.



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carew Martindale

Landmark of Bradley, Ill., married Thomas Carew Martindale, son of Brad and Elaine Martindale of Grosse Pointe Farms, on Feb. 27, 2005, in the lobby of the River Front Character Inn in Flint.

The Rev. Louis Selzer officiated at the 2:40 p.m. wedding, which was followed by a reception in the inn's banquet room.

The bride wore an ivory A-line long-sleeved gown with a small train and a 10-foot long mantilla veil. She carried a bouquet of cream-colored roses hand-tied with ivory ribbon.

The groom's mother wore a silk beige jacket and A-line skirt and a corsage of a dark blue rose over a fern.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in fine arts with a double minor in French and English from Olivet Nazarene University. She earned a master's degree in painting from Governors State University in Illinois. She is an art restorer.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business from Michigan State University. He is an automotive parts designer (CAD).

The couple honeymooned at the Little Rocky Mountain log cabin, the Glen Eyrie Castle and the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs and skied at Copper Mountain and Breckenridge resorts. They also traveled to Alsace, France. They live in Roseville.

The groom's mother wore a silk beige jacket and A-line skirt and a corsage of a dark blue rose over a fern. Mary Seitzer was the pianist. Heather Vires accompanied on the piano for a choir made up of Rachel Banuara, Tiffany and Renee Davis. Jenissa VanAntwerp was the harpist. Helen Lundmark and Phil Paonessa were solo vocalists on guitar.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in fine arts with a double minor in French and English from Olivet Nazarene University. She earned a master's degree in painting from Governors State University in Illinois. She is an art restorer.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business from Michigan State University. He is an automotive parts designer (CAD). The couple honeymooned at the Little Rocky Mountain log cabin, the Glen Eyrie Castle and the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs and skied at Copper Mountain and Breckenridge resorts. They also traveled to Alsace, France. They live in Roseville.

Groomsmen were the groom's brother, Bill Martindale; John Valtaggio of St. Clair Shores; Dave Borowski of Lubbock, Texas; Brad Martin of St. Clair Shores; Michael Breznau of

Engagements



Sean K. Dennis and Katherine E. Vinande

Vinande-Dennis

Marvin and Aralynda Vinande of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Katherine E. Vinande, to Sean K. Dennis, son of Allan and Anne Dennis of West Newbury, Mass. An August wedding is planned.

Vinande earned a bachelor's degree in family studies from Western Michigan University. She is a senior account executive with Campbell & Co.

Dennis recently completed studies at the fire academy in Brentwood, N.H.



Cecilia Ann McIntosh and Kerry Baylis Gargano

Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Ohio Wesleyan University. He is a strategic planning manager with Time Warner.



Christopher R. Chapman and Melissa A. Harbison

Harbison-Chapman

Douglas and Debra Harbison of Novi have announced the engagement of their daughter, Melissa A. Harbison, to Christopher R. Chapman, son of Thomas and Mary Chapman of Grosse Pointe Farms. A September wedding is planned.

Harbison will graduate from the University of Michigan College of Engineering this year.

Chapman graduated from the University of Michigan College of Engineering. He is an automotive engineer.

Thomas works in marketing for Mercedes-Benz Credit.

Ricci graduated from the University of Dayton and works with Joe Ricci Automotive Group.



David Andrew Spink and Anne Michelle Sharrow

Sharrow-Spink

Robert and Pamela Sharrow of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anne Michelle Sharrow, to David Andrew Spink, son of Kenneth and Dawn Spink of Horton. A July wedding is planned.

Sharrow graduated from Eastern Michigan University.

Spink earned a fine arts degree from Eastern Michigan University. He is an artist.



Jennifer Lynn Augustyn and Joseph Michael Dudek

Augustyn-Dudek

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Augustyn of Grosse Pointe Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Augustyn, to Joseph Michael Dudek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dudek of Eastpointe. A 2006 wedding is planned.

McIntosh-Gargano

Peter and Claire McIntosh of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cecilia Ann McIntosh, to Kerry Baylis Gargano, son of Edward and Rosemary Gargano of Old Lyme, Conn. A June wedding is planned.

McIntosh earned a Bachelor of Science degree with emphasis on marketing and advertising from Wayne State University. She is an account executive with Yahoo.

Gargano earned a



Evelyn Marie Thomas and Joseph Anthony Ricci III

Thomas-Ricci

Joseph and Mary Thomas of St. Clair Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Evelyn Marie Thomas, to Joseph Anthony Ricci III, son of Joseph Ricci of Grosse Pointe Farms and Linda Ascencio, also of Grosse Pointe Farms. A September wedding is planned.



Kathleen Rae Mooney and Gordon W. Maitland

Mooney-Maitland

Mrs. James E. Mooney of Shelby Township has announced the engagement of her daughter, Kathleen Rae Mooney, to Gordon W. Maitland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon R. Maitland Jr. of Grosse Pointe Farms. Mooney is also the daughter of the late James E. Mooney. An August wedding is planned.

Mooney earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business from Western Michigan University and a Master of Science degree in management from Walsh College. She is a sales representative with Solvay Pharmaceuticals.

Maitland earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of New Hampshire and a master's degree in finance from Wayne State University. He is an assistant vice president with Marsh USA Inc.

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topics that include babysitting as a job, how to be a successful sitter, a system approach to accident management, basic child care essentials, safety and choking rescue instruction, rescue breathing, preventing problem behavior, behavior management and more.

The course is held in the Bon Secours Hospital Connelly Auditorium.

For more information or to register, call Bon Secours Cottage Community Health Promotion at (586) 779-7900 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

Robotics increase surgery options

By Steven Harrington, MD

If you're a science fiction fan, you probably know a lot about Hollywood's sensationalized version of robots. There were robots running amok in the film "I, Robot," opinionated robots in "Star Wars" and menacing robots in the sci-fi classic, "The Day the Earth Stood Still."



Dr. Steven Harrington

But what you usually don't see in those movies is how robots can help humankind. For instance, robots are used extensively on auto assembly lines to do repetitive tasks, and you can even buy your own mini robot to vacuum your carpets. And now robots have moved into the hospital with the advent of sophisticated, robot-assisted surgical equipment.

Robot-assisted surgery has been around since about the mid-'90s. It was preceded by a type of microsurgery known as laparoscopic surgery, in which surgeons operate

through very small incisions using tiny instruments and a camera that projects images back to a video monitor. Laparoscopic surgery is still performed widely today for a variety of procedures, and, in fact, St. John Hospital and Medical Center has a leading Minimally Invasive Surgery Center for these types of procedures.

Laparoscopic surgery requires a great deal of surgical precision and skill, which is exactly what robot-assisted surgery offers. So over the past few years, techniques have been developed that allow the use of robotics for certain minimally invasive cardiac and urology procedures. Interestingly, the robotic system we are now using at St. John Hospital, the da Vinci Surgical System, is actually a descendent of a robot that was invented for the Department of Defense about 20 years ago. That robot was designed to allow surgeons on the battlefield to treat soldiers from a safe distance.

The sophisticated da Vinci system consists of a console with four foot pedals that's placed several feet away from the patient. The surgeon looks into a high-powered camera to see magnified 3-D images of the surgical field, then uses thumb, forefinger and wrist movements to manipulate sophisticated joystick controls. These controls send electronic signals to the system's computerized micro-surgical arms, which have tiny instruments at their ends that can be rotated 360 degrees. The sur-

geon manipulates these instruments to cut, suction, cauterize, stitch and remove tissue deep inside the body. Up to four robotic arms can be used during surgical procedures.

Like laparoscopic surgery, robot-assisted surgery is performed through very small incisions. Because the incisions are so small, patients usually spend much less time in the hospital following this type of minimally invasive surgery and generally recover and return to everyday activities much faster. That spares the patient a lot of pain, and typically there's less chance of post-surgical infection and less scarring.

We recently performed the first robotic-assisted procedure at St. John Hospital, a myocardial revascularization (a procedure for restoring blood flow to the heart muscle commonly known as bypass surgery) on a 65-year-old patient. There were no complications, and the patient went home on the second day after surgery.

The hospital's first laparoscopic prostatectomy (prostate removal) with robotic assist was also recently performed on a 76-year-old man. St. John surgeons have since used the da Vinci robot system to perform a variety of cardiac and urology procedures, including single and multi-vessel beating heart bypass, mitral valve repair and radical prostatectomy. In the future, surgeons will perform more specialty procedures, like removal of donor kidneys and bowel surgery.

The surgical suite where these procedures were performed is a marvel of modern medicine. Multiple image screens around the operating room provide each member of the surgical team with an accurate view of the procedure, without view obstruction. A voice-controlled system allows the surgeon to adjust the camera, zoom in and out, and adjust the light source simply by speaking. The surgical images and patient vital monitors can be broadcast to screens in a connecting observation room, or can be transmitted as real time video over the Internet to hospitals around the world.

While robot-assisted surgery has many benefits, it is still not widely used, partly because the price tag for the equipment is relatively high. (St. John Hospital is just one of a few hospitals in southeast Michigan and one of only a few hundred around the world that has the equipment.) Also, not every patient will be a suitable candidate for a robot-assisted cardiac or urology procedure. Your physician is the best judge of whether such a procedure will be beneficial in your case.

For more information about robot-assisted surgery or other minimally invasive procedures at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, call (888) 475-6472.

Steven Harrington, MD, is chief of cardiac surgery and the director of Robotic Surgery at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

New meningitis vaccine now for younger children

On Jan. 17 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) licensed Menactra for protection against meningococcal disease in adolescents and adults aged 11 to 55 years.

Bacterial meningitis, an inflammation of the lining around the brain and spinal cord, is a rare, but very real threat. Studies have shown that a peak of meningitis disease occurs among 14 to 19 year olds. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report that college freshmen living in dorms are six times more likely to contract the disease. Within the last seven years, at least six students contracted bacterial meningitis while attending Michigan colleges; three of them died.

Menactra vaccine is the first quadrivalent conjugate vaccine licensed in the United States for the prevention of meningococcal disease and is designed to offer protection against four serogroups of Neisseria

meningitidis (A, C, Y, W-135), the bacterium that causes meningococcal infection.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) now recommends the vaccine for 11- and 12-year-olds, 15-year-olds and freshmen entering college. Previously, the ACIP had strongly encouraged college freshmen and their parents to learn about the disease and the vaccine.

The FDA approved Menactra based on clinical trials involving more than 7,500 adolescents and adults that showed a single shot of the vaccine was powerful enough to protect an individual from bacterial meningitis for at least eight years.

Menactra is expected to provide immunity for eight years or longer.

The previous vaccine used for meningococcal immunizations, Menomune, also produced by Sanofi Pasteur, is still available. It lasts three to five years. Menomune is licensed for individuals over the age of 2 and remains an option for individuals who do not fall within the age range for Menactra.

Meningitis starts out with flu-like symptoms but can progress rapidly and can result in hearing loss, brain damage, limb amputation and death within hours.

Symptoms include high fever, headache, stiff neck, confusion, nausea, vomiting, sensitivity to light, purple rash and exhaustion.

Annually, approximately 2,600 to 3,000 individuals of all ages in the United States contract bacterial meningitis, and approximately 10 percent die from it. Of those who survive, another 10 percent suffer permanent repercussions including amputations, seizures, hearing loss and brain damage.

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Mozart, Tippett show genius is no respecter of age

Numerical age means little when talent or genius is in control. The elegantly charming symphony that Mozart composed at age 9 as performed by the Detroit Symphony under guest conductor Mark Wigglesworth last week proved half the point at last weekend's concert series. The other half was Symphony No. 4 by British composer Sir Michael Tippett. It is a late-career work finished when he was 72. In starkly contrasting styles, the two works bracketed the concept that genius overrides stereotypical ideas of limitations imposed by youth or age.

The Mozart symphony was not even his first. Like Tippett's, it is also No. 4. While there is a delightful childlike character to the themes and devices that he used, with toy soldier fanfares and unabashed ornamentation, Mozart's handling of this material is equal to the scoring of a mature composer.

Wigglesworth did everything to give the boy composer full credit with an unrestrained enthusiasm for the frothy music of the first movement. The succeeding movements, on the other hand, display lyrical grace and scenic imagery, and the sophistication of the finale anticipates the composer's mature work. Wigglesworth and the orchestra gave it a bright, crisp performance that sparkled with the combined

youthful spirit and promise of adult wit that is already expressed in the score. It was a totally refreshing way to open a concert.

Tippett's one movement symphony is a non-stop reflection in seven sections that he characterized in his own words as a "birth to death piece." The sections provide an unbroken span of reminiscences and emotions from his life. Some, like the opening scenes of the beginning of life and episodes of growth and achievement, are quite recognizable for what they represent. Others in a bluesy alternation between major and minor harmonies seem less specific. On first hearing, it is difficult to say more of the work than that like life itself, it is not always easy to interpret and sometimes trying. Most noteworthy is the fact that notwithstanding the composer's years, his music is rich in vitality and imagination even though there was not a single tune you could hum as you went out the door. One disturbing episode sounded like war, and the sounds of the blues evoked images of the jazz age.

The performance successfully captured such moods as triumph, disappointment, challenge and excitement that we all experience and provided a high level of musical interest. None the less, many listeners were tested by the effort and welcomed the Brahms symphony,

State of the Arts



By Alex Suczek

ny, his fourth and last, that followed.

It was a welcome sequence of programming. Wigglesworth conducted with obvious insight and the richly orchestrated score seemed to satisfy a lot of souls that were musically hungry at that point. It opened in a carefully measured, elegant and pensive tempo allowing time to savor the glorious harmonies. Wigglesworth led the music as though he really loves it, and the

orchestra produced a splendid statement.

Much of the effectiveness of the performance rested on the conductor's sincere, straightforward reading. There were no tricky pauses or special dynamics and no rushed tempo. It was a thoroughly sensitive treatment. The phrasing was gracious and well paced, just doing the composer's bidding arguably just as well as Brahms might have conceived it.

Moreover, the orchestra seemed to play at its best. The strings never sounded better; the horns, always important in Brahms' scoring, were eloquent, all of which benefited mightily from the outstanding acoustics. It would be difficult for any orchestra to sound that good in poorer acoustics, which unfortunately prevail in many halls. Orchestra Hall resounded powerfully and gratifyingly with the

music's powerful finale.

Another great finale is now upon us. It is called Jarvi's Fest to celebrate the conclusion of maestro Neeme Jarvi's glorious 15-year tenure as music director, and his talented and already quite famous musical children will join in. For the weekend of June 2-4 daughter Maarika will solo in the Mozart Andante in C major for Flute and Orchestra and Busoni's Divertimento. Two other

Jarvi favorites will bracket the performance. It opens with the Liszt Hungarian Rhapsody No. 5 and closes with the Prokofiev Suite from "Romeo and Juliet."

The next program on June 9, 10, 11 and 12 features soprano Inger Dam-Jensen in the "Four Last Songs" of Richard Strauss. That program opens with Scriabin's "Poem of Ecstasy" and closes with Stravinsky's

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À LA ANNIE
 By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

The fresh vegetables in Jim's salsa really shine through in every bite. You'll have to go to Champs for the just-cooked chips. Thanks for the recipe, chef. Olé!

Champs Salsa

- 2 - 20 oz. canned whole tomatoes, diced (with juice)
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- 1 cup diced green bell pepper (1 medium pepper)
- 1 1/2 whole fresh jalapeno, diced (including the seeds, stems removed)
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro (packed)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons white vinegar juice and pulp of 1 fresh lime
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- pinch of oregano
- salt to taste

Place the juice from both cans of tomatoes in a large mixing bowl. Pulse the tomatoes (in batches) just a few times in a food processor to dice them, and add them to the bowl.

Add the diced onion, pepper, jalapeno and minced garlic. Stir. Add the chopped cilantro followed by the vinegar, lime juice (with pulp), sugar, cumin and oregano. Stir well to combine. Taste the salsa; then season it with salt to taste. Place in an airtight container, and chill for a few hours before serving. This will give all the flavors time to marry.

I used my food processor for all of the dicing because the fresh vegetable pieces should be very small. This is not a salsa with large chunks. My tomato choice was Red Gold. Spicy salsa lovers can add the other half of the second jalapeno.

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The guided tour will reveal details about the carefully planned landscape and explore some of Jensen's most well-known features, including his use of color, light, space and native

plants. Guests will encounter some of the most popular aspects of the estate's 86 acres, including the quiet, woodsy area of the lagoon and pool; the soft, sweeping lines of flower lane; the majestic arching trees in maple lane and the stunning floral display in the formal rose garden.

Gardens and Grounds Specialty Tours will be given on three Saturdays, June 18, July 9 and Aug. 13. The cost is \$10. Tickets can be purchased by calling (313) 884-4222.

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House has been opening its doors to the public since 1978. Since that time, the estate has shared Eleanor Ford's vision of preserving and maintaining the house and grounds for future generations to enjoy through interpretive tours, family activities, lectures, exhibits, and gardens and grounds events.

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GPYC to host muskie tourney for children's Special Olympics

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and the Detroit Athletic Club, in conjunction with the Michigan Ontario Muskie Club (MOMC), are planning a muskie fishing tournament at the GPYC on Wednesday, June 15.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the Special Olympics of Michigan.

Check-in is at 8 a.m. Boats will depart from the yacht club at 9 a.m.

Cocktails begin at 4:30 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Entries are limited to the first 40 boats. Entry deadline is Wednesday, June 8. Trophies for the largest fish and door prizes will be awarded. The fee is \$125 per person, with a minimum of five per boat, and includes all fishing tackle, beverages, dinner and cocktails.

The GPYC and DAC and the MOMC expect proceeds to exceed \$10,000, which will benefit children at the Special Olympics. To join this charitable event, or for more information, contact the DAC, (313) 963-9200, or GPYC, (313) 884-2500.



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Faces

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South girls win 11th straight track regional crown



Photo by Dan Petit

A sweep in the 1,600-meter run helped Grosse Pointe South's girls track team win its 11th straight state regional championship. South runners, from right, are Maggie Collison, Natalie Humphry and Jill McLaughlin.

Grosse Pointe South's girls track team has had a lot of good weeks during the last several seasons, but there haven't been many better ones than last week.

"It was certainly one of our finest weeks of competition of the past decade," said coach Steve Zaranek after the Blue Devils won the Macomb Area Conference White Division dual meet championship, and followed that up a few days later with its 11th straight state Division I regional title.

"The league meet against Romeo was a classic. Both our teams were undefeated and very overpowering in our league this season. It was the last dual meet of the season and the meet came down to the final, 17th event."

South won that 1,600-meter relay and the meet, 73-64 to complete its 10th perfect season in the last 13 years. Including this year's 8-0 record, South has lost only three dual meets in 13 seasons.

The regional, which the Blue Devils hosted, was another outstanding display

of depth for South, which scored points in all but two events.

The Blue Devils' total of 147 points was their second-highest total at a regional.

"We are not a team of just a few outstanding athletes who carry the team," Zaranek said. "We are a team of depth and that is what challenges to win a state regional."

That depth has been South's trademark for years.

Grosse Pointe North was second with 130 points, followed by Detroit Denby with

70, L'Anse Creuse North 41 and L'Anse Creuse 31.

"North had an outstanding day with many incredible performances," Zaranek said. "The meet was basically a dual meet between two excellent Grosse Pointe schools."

South had four regional champions.

Maggie Collison ran away from the field in the 1,600 run to win in five minutes, 16 seconds. Jill McLaughlin pulled away with two laps to

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North boys break two 32-year-old records while finishing second in regional track

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North track coach Dan Quinn was being congratulated right and left at last weekend's state Division I regional at Grosse Pointe South.

Quinn's wife gave birth to the couple's second daughter, Grace Cecilia, last Thursday, and two days later, Quinn's team made its best regional showing in nearly 20 years when it finished second to University of Detroit Jesuit.

"I think more people congratulated me on my daughter, which shows that they have their priorities right, but we're pretty happy with the way the team performed, too," Quinn said.

"We had more home-stretch victories and kick-downs than I can ever remember."

North won seven events at the regional and Quinn will be taking 10 athletes to the state meet at Rockford High School on June 4.

U-D finished with 124 points and North had 103 1/2. L'Anse Creuse North was a distant third with 36 and Grosse Pointe South was fourth with 32.

"U-D is a good, well-coached team, and we did

everything we could to make them work for (their championship)," Quinn said.

Like North's baseball team, which brought back the white shoes the squad wore when it won the state

championship in 1980, the track team also had a retro look for the regional.

"We brought out the yellow uniforms we wore in 1982," Quinn said.

North broke two school

records that had stood since 1973, and Marcell Maxwell had a hand in each of them.

He ran 10.3 seconds to win the 100-meter dash, which broke the old mark set by Ken Delor. Delor ran

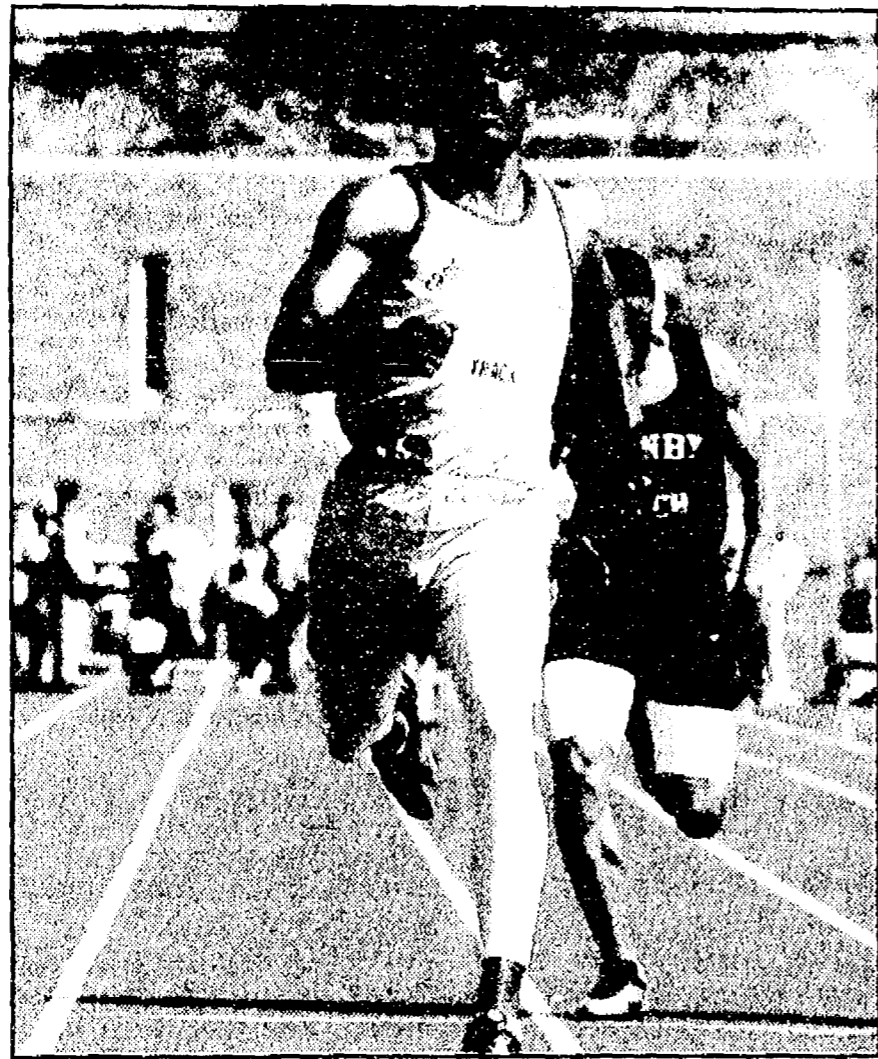


Photo by Bob Bruce

Marcell Maxwell set a Grosse Pointe North school record in the 100-meter dash and was part of the record-setting 4x100 relay team.



Photo by Bob Bruce

Lena Ulrich placed in the long jump for Grosse Pointe South.

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GROSSE POINTE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Grosse Pointe Soccer Association (GPSA) is currently holding open tryouts for the U9 through U19 girls and U9 through U14 boys Travel Soccer Leagues. GPSA has a strong history of providing children of the Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities with a positive environment in which children receive excellent training, develop outstanding soccer skills, learn life long lessons of teamwork, and make lasting friendships. The following is a schedule of the tryouts.

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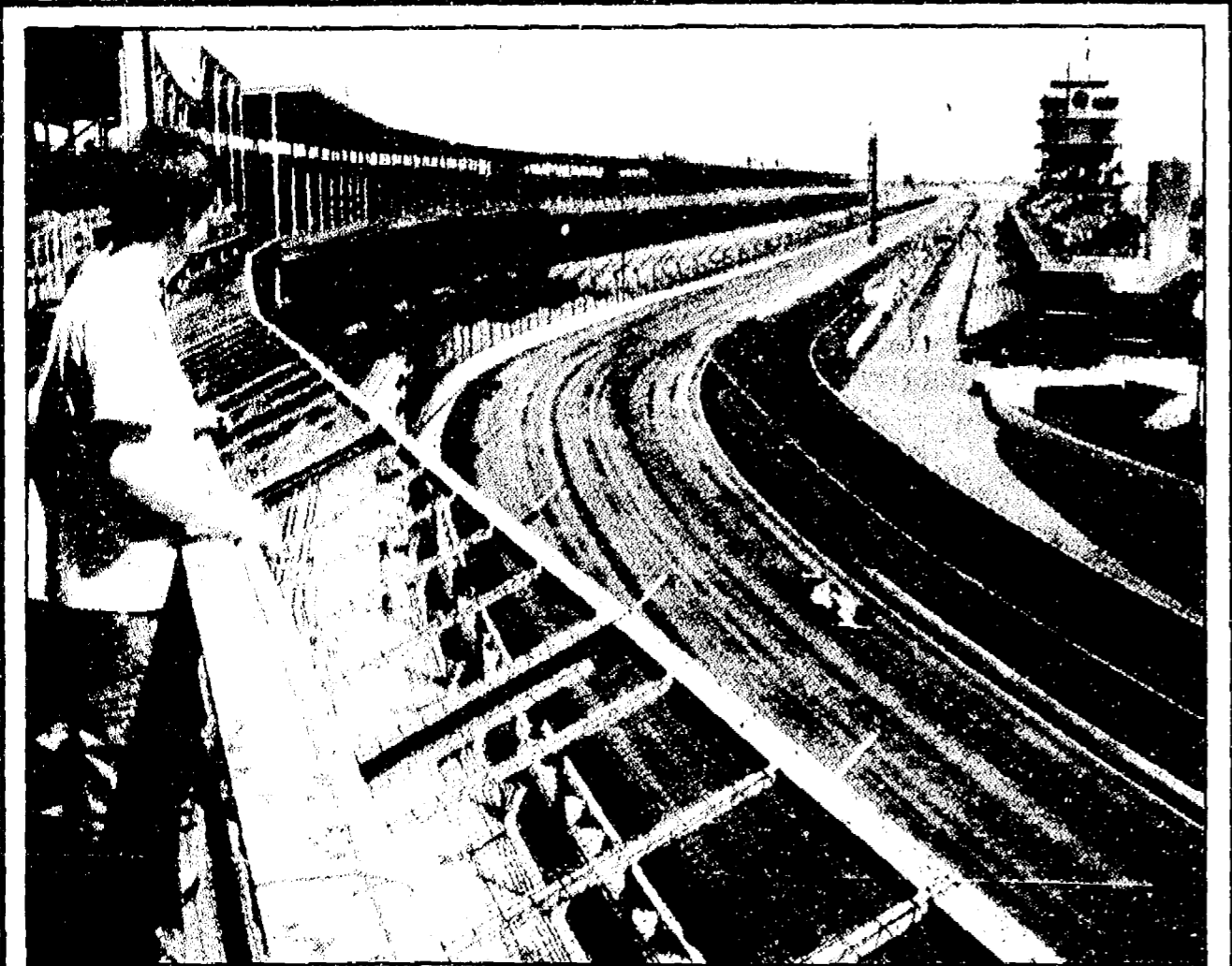


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Turn one at Indy

Many race cars drivers' dreams have been made or broken where the front stretch enters turn one at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. See stories page 3C.

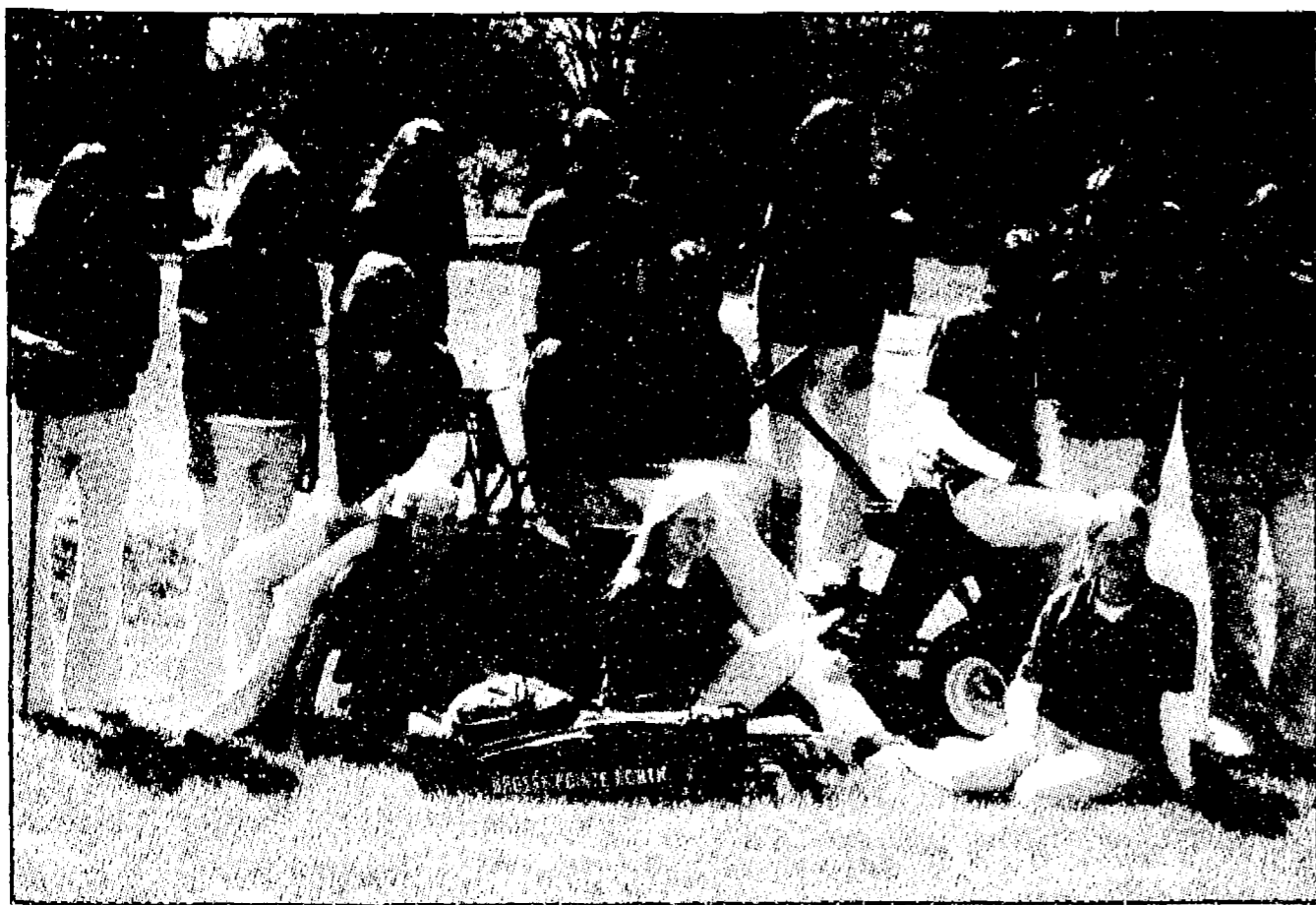


Photo by Larry Bennett

Grosse Pointe North's girls golf team won the Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet and league tournament championships. In front, from left, are Stephanie Jerger, Melissa Cleary and Caitlin Bennett. In the middle row, from left, are Courtney Gula, Mary Rose Sassin, coach Genevieve Artymovich and Tina Misserendino. In back, from left, are Alex Scratch, Christy Sandmair, Natalie Ross, Caley Rozema, Allison Lacey, Jessie Carter and Elizabeth Beals.

North qualifies for state golf tournament with second place

Caitlin Bennett's Grosse Pointe North teammates made sure that she wouldn't have to compete in the Division I state girls golf championships by herself. Bennett took medalist honors at the Sylvan Glen regional with a five-over-par 76, and the Norsemen finished with a second-place team score of 359.

The first three teams in the regional qualify for the state meet, which will be held at Eastern Michigan University's Eagle Crest golf

course on June 3 and 4.

Christy Sandmair shot 93 for North, while Mary Sassin and Melissa Cleary each carded 95s and Elizabeth Beals shot a 97.

Bennett had one birdie in her round, and finished two strokes ahead of Rochester's Abby Long.

Rochester, which had a team score of 339, had three of the top five individuals at the regional. Troy Athens was third with a score of 377.

Grosse Pointe South was

sixth in the team standings with 400.

Julie West shot a 90 for the Blue Devils, while Kate Shumaker shot 99 for the lowest score ever by a South sophomore.

Margaret Brady posted a 105 and Debra Marantette had a 106 for the other two South scorers.

"This was a terrific year for our kids," South head coach James Cooper said. "They competed hard to the last shot."

North baseball team gets help from basketball standout

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

It's no secret that Grosse Pointe North's basketball team wouldn't have reached the state semifinals without the contributions of Michael Bramos.

North's baseball team has its sights set just as high, and if the Norsemen do make a bid for their first state baseball title since 1980, Bramos could again be a prominent figure.

After spending the last two springs honing the basketball skills that earned him a scholarship to Miami University and a runner-up finish in the Mr. Basketball voting, Bramos returned to the baseball team for his senior year, and he's making a significant contribution.

"He's playing well," said coach Frank Sumner. "I can see improvement every day. The more he plays the better he gets."

In North's only Macomb Area Conference White Division game last week, Bramos pitched a three-hitter, struck out nine and keyed a four-run rally in the fifth inning with a two-run single as the Norsemen beat

Anchor Bay 6-3.

The victory kept North atop the MAC White standings with a 9-1 record with two games remaining.

Michael Kaiser went 3-for-3 and drove in a run for North, while Zac Matthews and Matt Grassley had RBI singles.

The Norsemen took a 2-0 lead in the second inning, but Anchor Bay scored three times in the fourth to go ahead 3-2.

Bramos also was instrumental in North's non-league doubleheader sweep of De La Salle last weekend.

In the Norsemen's 10-9 victory in the opener, Bramos had three hits, including a solo homer, drove in two runs and scored two.

The game was a seesaw battle which North won with a run in the ninth inning on singles by Brian St. Hilaire, Brad Herman and Jon Hinz and a sacrifice fly by Kaiser.

The Norsemen had taken a 9-7 lead with six runs in the sixth inning, but the Pilots sent the game into extra innings with two runs in the seventh.

Kaiser, who pitched the

last three innings, picked up the win.

"He's pitched three times, all in relief, and he's 2-0," Sumner said. "I haven't pitched him a lot because we have a lot of senior pitchers, but he has good velocity and a good curveball."

Kaiser also had a pair of doubles and drove in two runs.

Josh Lewis had two hits and two RBIs, Grassley had two hits, St. Hilaire also had an RBI double, and Herman had two hits, including a triple, and drove in two runs.

Jon Tibaudo pitched shutout ball through the first six innings as North won the second game 6-1.

The Norsemen scored four runs in the first inning, highlighted by Grassley's two-run single. Matthews also had an RBI single in the first.

Lewis drove in North's final two runs with a single in the fourth, his second hit of the game.

The three victories improved the Norsemen's overall record to 26-5.

A little luck keeps hitting streak alive for Knights' freshman sensation

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Sometimes you need a little bit of luck to keep a hitting streak alive.

University Liggett School's Curtis Fisher, who has hits in his last 14 at bats, got lucky with a little help from teammate Ron Cleveland's speed.

During the Knights' doubleheader sweep of Immaculate Conception last week, Fisher hit a towering fly ball to the outfield. It was caught, but Cleveland scored from second base, giving Fisher a sacrifice fly and taking the official at bat away.

"That ball would have been a home run if we had a fence," said ULS coach Dan Cimini. "It was a bomb. I never hesitated in sending Ronnie in."

Fisher, who is only a freshman, went 4-for-4 in both games of the doubleheader as the Knights posted 15-0 and 12-0 victories.

In the first game, Fisher drove in five runs with a single, two doubles and a triple. In the second game, he had a double and a home run.

Fisher was also the winning pitcher in the first game, allowing two hits in three innings.

Alex Amicucci also had a big part in the first game victory with two hits, including a grand slam, and seven RBIs.

Patrick Gustine made his first start on the mound in the second game and was pitching a perfect game through four innings.

"Then we made an error and they got a bloop single," Cimini said. "He finished

with a one-hitter."

Charlie Litch had two hits, and his backhand stop of a sharp grounder to third base started a game-ending double play.

"Fisher and Amicucci are both batting over .500," Cimini said.

The doubleheader sweep gave ULS a 21-6 record and the Knights achieved another of their preseason goals by reaching 20 victories.

"Now we just have to win our district, and we'll have reached each of our goals," Cimini said.

Earlier, ULS came from behind to beat Hamtramck 10-7 in the final round of the Metro Conference tournament.

The Knights trailed 6-2 after three innings but scored seven times in the fifth to take a 9-6 lead.

South wins tennis regional

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's tennis team couldn't afford any letdowns in its state Division I regional last week, so the Blue Devils came through at every flight.

"We were in the finals in eight of eight flights," said coach Tom Berschback. "That's what wins regionals."

Berschback should know. His teams have made a habit of winning regionals and finishing in the top 10 in the state since he became coach at South in 1988.

South finished with 29 points, while second-place Troy had 25. University of Detroit Jesuit was third with 18.

The top three teams qualify for the Division I state meet in Midland on June 3 and 4.

The Blue Devils will be looking for another top 10 finish, and nobody's going to bet against them.

"We've come through at every level so far this year," Berschback said, referring to South's championships in the Macomb Area

Conference Red Division and the regional.

South graduated several starters from last year's team, but the Blue Devils have barely skipped a beat as they reloaded.

"I've never had a season that I've enjoyed as much as this one," Berschback said. "It has really gone by fast. It's a great group of kids."

South won two singles flights and three of the four doubles flights at the regional that the Blue Devils hosted.

Joe Vallee beat Troy's Matt Parks 6-2, 6-3 in the final match at No. 1 singles.

"Joe took a week and a half off because of a sore knee, but he played well," Berschback said. "That bodes well for him to get a top six seed at the state."

Mike Stefani won No. 4 singles with a 6-2, 6-4 win in the final.

"Mike has great potential," Berschback said. "He's worked hard. He has the right attitude to play this game."

The No. 1 doubles team of Jimmy Dixon and Matt Prigorac improved to 19-3 with a 6-2, 6-4 finals win

over U-D Jesuit.

Berschback also praised his No. 2 doubles team of Joe Halso and Andrew Miller, who improved to 17-3 with their regional championship.

The No. 4 doubles team of Andrew Buchholz and Patrick Whelan posted a 6-3, 6-1 win over Troy in the finals.

Ben Hartman lost a three-set match in the finals at No. 2 singles, and the No. 3 doubles team of Eric Berschback and Sean O'Donnell-Daudlin also dropped a three-set match in the final.

Tom Berschback was especially proud of his third doubles team.

"The opponents were leading 5-4 in the first set, and Sean hit an overhand that hit one of their players in the nose," the coach said. "That would have tied the game at 5-all, but Sean admitted that the ball hit the net, so the point went to the opposition. I applaud their sportsmanship."

South's other finalist was Brent Parshall at No. 3 singles.

ULS qualifies for state meet

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's tennis team needed 18 points in the regional to qualify for the Division IV state meet, and the Knights got them with room to spare.

Grosse Ile and Ann Arbor Greenhills tied for first place in the regional hosted by ULS with 26 points apiece, and the Knights were third with 20.

"Everybody scored points for us, and we needed them because you have to have 18 points to qualify for the state," said ULS coach Chuck Wright.

The only flight the Knights won was at No. 4 doubles, but there were several other impressive performances.

"Matt Witkowski and Mike Zukas beat Grosse Ile and Greenhills back-to-back," Wright said.

They defeated Greenhills 6-3, 6-3 in the semifinals, then came back to beat Grosse Ile 7-6, 3-6, 6-3 in the championship match.

Another highlight was the play of Peter Spina at No. 3 singles.

"He made one of the great comebacks I've seen,"

Wright said. "He lost his first set (in the semifinals) to Grosse Ile 6-1 and was trailing 5-1 in the second when he won 12 straight games. Peter just started playing better. These kids never give up until the match is over."

Spina wound up with a 1-6, 7-5, 6-0 victory in his semifinal match, but lost 6-3, 6-3 to Greenhills in the final.

Iain Decker lost in the finals at No. 4 singles after beating Grosse Ile 6-2, 6-4 in the semifinals.

Justin Powell won his first match at No. 1 singles and Rohan Policherla had an impressive win at No. 2 singles.

"Rohan beat the kid from Riverview Gabriel Richard 7-6, 7-6 a week ago, and when he played him in the regional he beat him 6-3, 6-2," Wright said.

The No. 1 doubles team of Robbie Baubie and Andrew LaLonde took Greenhills to three sets before losing 5-7, 7-5, 6-4.

"That's another example of our kids never giving up," Wright said. "They lost 6-3, 6-2 and 6-4, 6-2 when they played Greenhills earlier."

The No. 3 doubles team of Ankur Verma and Sanjay Rama lost a three-set match to Greenhills, while David Charbonier and Joe DeLaura beat Gabriel Richard before losing to Grosse Ile, which won the No. 2 doubles flight.

In its two dual meets last week, ULS lost 5-3 to Almont and tied Rochester 4-4.

Spina won 7-5, 6-4 at No. 3 singles in the Almont match, while Decker also won fourth singles. The Knights' other win was a 6-4, 6-2 victory by Zukas and Witkowski.

Policherla lost a tough 7-6, 7-5 decision at No. 2 singles, while the No. 1 doubles team of Baubie and LaLonde lost 7-5 in the third set.

ULS won three of the four singles matches against Rochester.

Powell coasted to a 6-1, 6-1 win at No. 1; Spina won 6-4, 6-0 at No. 3; and Decker was a 6-4, 6-3 winner at No. 4. Baubie and LaLonde won their No. 1 doubles match, 6-1, 6-3.

Zukas and Witkowski played well in a 7-6, 6-4 loss at fourth doubles.

South boys lacrosse beaten by Pilots

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

The Grosse Pointe South boys lacrosse team took one on the chin last week, losing 19-9 at home to Warren De La Salle.

"They took it to us," head coach John Fowler said. "Everything they shot went in."

The Blue Devils fell behind early, trailing 6-2

after the first quarter and 9-5 at the half.

The deficit grew to six, 13-7, after the third period ended, and the home team never got closer than that in the final quarter.

"We came out flat, and DeLaSalle was able to possess the ball for long periods of time," Fowler said. "They're a good team despite its record (4-8) because of the stiff competition it plays in the Catholic League (Birmingham Brother Rice is one of the top squads in the state), and we didn't play up to our potential tonight."

The Blue Devils didn't quit as eight different players scored their nine goals, led by sophomore Brian Greiner, who had two (both in the second half).

Sophomore Matt Naber, sophomore Scott Maxwell, junior Eric Howell, senior Pete Grimmer, sophomore Mike Wolcott, senior Ben Vandellinder, and junior Tom MacEachern scored the other goals.

"Both of our goalies played well," Fowler said. "Our defense didn't do them any favors, leaving them out to dry several times. We couldn't get anyone on the same page, and the result was a sound defeat."

The loss dropped Grosse Pointe South to 5-6 overall with one regular season game remaining.

"We have a shot to end the

regular season at .500 if we can get a little revenge on L'Anse Creuse," Fowler said. "They beat us 3-0 in our first game of the season, which came two days after the kids returned from spring break. It should be a good game, and I know our guys will play much better than they did against DeLaSalle."

Goalie saves North

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

The Grosse Pointe North girls lacrosse team extended its winning streak to seven games last week, pummeling Ann Arbor Huron 16-6.

"Just 17 days earlier North and Huron played to a sloppy 6-6 tie," head coach Bill Seaman said. "We jumped out to a 9-1 lead and never looked back."

Goalkeeper Kristin Glovac was outstanding in net, making several spectacular saves that helped the Lady Norsemen build the early lead.

"We used the same formula to win this game as we have the past 2 1/2 weeks: aggressive offensive play, solid defense, and great

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Indy racing's hidden high-tech world

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CARMEL, Ind. — In the front-and-center world of big-time auto racing, these two guys work so deep in the trenches they need shovels to dig up.

They aren't the stuff of magazine covers and late-night talk shows. Leave that to the drivers.

If drivers are stars in the firmament of motorsports, these guys are craters on the back side of the moon.

Working long hours behind the scenes, sometimes even huddled away from the rest of their teammates, they don't even get to suit up for walk-on roles with the pit crew during race day. No high-octane adrenaline rush of tire changes and refueling for them.

These are the team engineers, the number crunchers on whom all drivers in the Indy Racing League depend. These are the people no one knows.

Every team has them. These two work for Dreyer & Reinbold Racing co-owned by Grosse Pointe native Robbie Buhl.

The team is headquartered in a cavernous metal garage, more of an airplane hangar really, in this industrial park of a suburb called Carmel just across the northern border of greater Indianapolis.

Len Paskus, lead engineer, is from Chicago. He joined Dreyer & Reinbold from Red Bull Cheever Racing, headquartered a few miles south of Carmel in an industrial park in northwest Indianapolis.

Leon Gutfreund, data acquisition engineer, came to Buhl's team from Kelly Racing and driver Scott Sharp. Gutfreund speaks

with a lyrical British accent that Prof. Henry Higgins would no doubt correctly trace to an analytical lad from Bristol, England.

Both engineers are spending the month of May at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

At this historic track where dramas play at four miles per minute before thousands in grandstands and millions worldwide tuned in on television, Paskus and Gutfreund busy their considerable brains with math problems and software programs.

They spend their time at the Speedway scouring information on computer screens in team garages B25 through 29 on Gasoline Alley. During test sessions they shift to a portable office at pit row stations 27 and 28 that serve as a mobile command center for on-track data collection and analysis.

Both are speed freaks. "I always loved it," Paskus said. "I've been going to the Indy 500 since I was a teenager. The IRL was my big opportunity to get into racing. It's a passion. You can't help yourself. You have to do it."

"Like Len, I've always been interested in racing," Gutfreund said. "When I was in college, I did some rallying, which in Europe is very popular."

He's worked with computers his whole career.

"Ten years ago, I decided I needed to change jobs and called an agent," Gutfreund said. "The first thing he offered was from an auto racing company. A few weeks later I started a job writing software to analyze data from auto racing."

Racing is a team sport. If drivers are compared to quarterbacks, then Paskus

and Gutfreund see themselves as offensive and defensive coordinators.

"Len's job is a little more inspirational than mine," Gutfreund said. "He has to come up with all the magic settings on the car that make it go fast. I see my role as more numerical. I'm the guy who does lots of calculations."

When Paskus considers making an adjustment to the car, Gutfreund does a burst of math to predict how changes will affect performance, meaning how much faster the car will go. It's always about speed.

"We have numerous computer models of the car," Gutfreund said. "I like to break it down into pieces of the car and try to isolate one particular element at a time and keep calculations simple that way."

Fans love old-school, seat-of-the-pants drivers. But modern race cars are becoming more and more the products of technical analysis.

Indy cars have about 90 sensors to monitor performance and handling. Data is downloaded immediately.

"With the data array, we're not only looking for setup changes, we're also looking for safety concerns," said Mark Albert, team electrician from South Bend, Ind. "We monitor all four tire pressures real-time on the track. We usually can tell when a tire's going down before the driver can feel it in the car."

Technical aspects of IRL cars are spelled out in the league rule book. Cars are checked for compliance before and after qualifying and each race.

"Rules are meant to be followed," Paskus said. "Rules are written so there is latitude to make changes."

"The shape of the bodywork is fixed by the rules," Gutfreund said. "We're not allowed to play with it. Things we tend to change on the car are small items that you bolt on and take off."

In a lot of cases that means wickers, which are small, angled pieces of metal or carbon attached to the trailing edges of wings.

The bigger the wicker, the greater the downforce. The greater the downforce, the better the stability — but often at the expense of top-end speed.

"At a mile oval you're mostly looking for downforce," Paskus said. "At super speedways, we're looking to get rid of any type of drag, even at the loss of downforce. Drag slows the car."

IRL rules generally have three things in mind: mak-



Len Paskus, left, lead engineer for Dreyer & Reinbold Racing, co-owned by Grosse Pointe native Robbie Buhl, meets on pit row of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway with Roger Yasukawa, seated, driver of Buhl's No. 24 Investment Properties of America Honda/Dallara/Firestone. Meanwhile, in the photo at left, Leon Gutfreund, data acquisition engineer, crunches numbers at a trackside computer station.

Photos by Brad Lindberg

That Indy feeling

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — It's been a long time since Robbie Buhl was a little boy tagging along with his dad to sit in the stands at the Indianapolis 500.

It's been nine years since Buhl started his first Indy 500 from inside a race car. It was 1996. He finished ninth.

He drove eight consecutive Indys during his driving career, retiring from the cockpit in 2004 to stand trackside as co-owner of Dreyer & Reinbold Racing.

Buhl's led the race, trailed the field and faced almost everything in between, including spinning out at 200-per.

In 2002 he started second. In 1999, he started 32nd and finished sixth in a car borrowed from burly A.J. Foyt as time was running out on qualifying.

Young fans, rookies, veteran drivers and team owners all enter the Indianapolis Motor Speedway through the same tunnels leading to the grandstands or infield.

"When you drive through the tunnel into this place, it's like no other feeling," said Buhl, a native of Grosse Pointe.

For one, the place is huge. At 2 1/2 miles around, it's even visionary for a facility built in 1909 as an automobile test track while the horse and buggy days petered out.

Indy's straights are 5/8 of a mile long. Each turn sweeps left in a 1/4-mile arc. A portion of the infield contains four holes of a golf

course. Grandstands along all but the back straight total 250,000 permanent seats.

From the upper deck grandstand in turn one, the front straight rushes upward from the horizon in a gray blur before diving away in a 9-degree bank toward turn two and disappearing more than a half-mile away.

"Driving at Indy, you're in awe of how big it is," Buhl said. "It's sets the standard of the sport. You always hold respect for it, knowing how it can reward you as well as hurt you."

When this racing season is over, Buhl and the Indy Racing League will have competed at 17 tracks, from Florida to Japan, and in Michigan.

"We race at a lot of great super speedways, but they're not the same as this," Buhl said.

Buhl's main driver of his No. 24 Investment Properties of America Honda/Dallara/Firestone is Roger Yasukawa, 27.

Yasukawa, of West Hollywood, Calif., ran his first Indy in 2003. He started 11th and finished 10th. Last year, driving for Rahal-Letterman Racing, he started 12th and again finished 10th.

Buhl, Yasukawa and most other drivers in the 500's 89-year history have participated in the Indy pre-race lineup.

Drivers stand shoulder-to-shoulder on the start-finish line. Each one steps forward as his or her name is called over loudspeakers to thousands of people in the stands.

"You look both ways," Yasukawa said. "The place is full. Really intense."

During the month-long run up to the race, scheduled this year on Sunday, May 29, at 1 p.m., drivers complete hundreds of practice laps.

"On practice days you don't get many people in the grandstands," Yasukawa said. "All of a sudden on race day, the stands are all full. Going into turn one it looks like driving into a wall of people."



South gets 15th straight victory, then drops a pair

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Sometimes there's no rhyme nor reason to wins and losses in baseball.

Grosse Pointe South experienced one of those days last weekend when the Blue Devils hosted a weekend tournament.

The Blue Devils lost convincingly in their first two games, but then everything clicked again in a 13-2 victory over Redford Catholic Central.

"Go figure," said coach Dan Griesbaum. "We just couldn't put anything together in the first two

games (a 7-1 loss to Novi and a 17-4 loss to Sterling Heights Stevenson), and then we scored seven runs in the first inning against CC."

Ryan Gunderson, who has won his last five games after losing his first four decisions, pitched a four-hitter against the Shamrocks. He struck out seven and walked four.

Gunderson also swung a big bat, hitting a grand slam to cap a five-run second inning for the Blue Devils.

The first inning started with a walk to Eddie Barclay, a single by Kyle Humphrey and an RBI single by Ryan Abraham. After a walk to Austin McClung, a run scored when Gunderson reached on an error. Chad Murphy hit an RBI single, Derrick Hacias walked to force in a run, another scored on an error and the final run came in on a fielder's choice by Jeff Remillet.

McClung was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to force in the first run in the second inning.

South got its final run in the third on consecutive singles by Barclay, McClung and Gunderson.

McClung's RBI single drove in the only run of the game against Novi as the Wildcats ended the Blue Devils' school-record 15-game winning streak.

"We had only two strikeouts, so we hit the ball, but usually it was right at people," Griesbaum said. "We hit into three double plays in that game."

In the loss to Stevenson, South scored a run in the third on singles by Ben Fischer and Abraham and an error on a ball hit by Will Owen.

The Blue Devils scored

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goaltending," Seaman said. Ashley Rogers and Colleen Ryan paved the way, scoring three goals apiece, while Brooke Curcui, Phelicia VanOverbeke and Vanessa Kuczera had two goals apiece.

Kate Zemenick, Lauren Lynch, Natalie Tocco, and Nikki Badalamenti each tallied one goal apiece.

The Grosse Pointe North girls lacrosse team improved to 11-5-1 overall.

three times in the third on consecutive singles by Pete Stoepler, Alex Barnett, Tim Smolenski, Drew Casazza, and a double by Abraham.

Stevenson won the tournament with a 3-0 record, while the other three teams were each 1-3.

In their only Macomb Area Conference White Division game last week, South beat Warren-Mott 5-2 to break the school record for consecutive victories set in 1997.

McClung pitched a four-

hitter and struck out 12 as the Blue Devils improved their league record to 9-2.

Gunderson got South rolling with a two-run double in the first inning. A double by James Bertakis and an RBI single by Barclay produced a run in the second.

Hacias walked an scored an unearned run in the fourth and the Blue Devils got their final run in the seventh on an RBI single by Abraham.

South is 22-10 overall.

South grad on a tear for Hope

Grosse Pointe South graduate George Mackenzie has been on a tear for the Hope College baseball team.

Mackenzie, who has started 27 of Hope's first 38 games, raised his batting average to .329, which is second on the team.

Another South grad, Danny Keogh, is batting .300 for the Flying Dutchmen.

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Knights nearly perfect in tournament win over Cranbrook

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's performance in the Metro Conference girls soccer tournament semifinals against Cranbrook Kingswood was almost too good to be true.

The Knights completely dominated the Cranes in a 7-1 victory that sent them into the championship game against Clawson.

"It was one of those days where everything clicked," said ULS coach David Backhurst. "There were good vibes for everybody. We were at the top of our game individually and collectively as a team."

ULS, Cranbrook and Clawson finished the regu-

lar season in a three-way tie for first place in the Metro when the Cranes beat the Knights 4-2 to hand them their only defeat of the league season.

The rematch was as different as night and day.

In the first game, Cranbrook led 3-0 at half-time, and held off a strong second half comeback by the Knights. A year ago, the teams met in the tournament championship game and the Cranes won 2-0.

"We had the edge in that game, but couldn't but the ball in the net," Backhurst said. "This time, everything went in for us."

It was the first time since 2002 that the Knights had beaten Cranbrook.

ULS didn't waste any time getting started with the rout. Five and a half minutes into the game, Jordan McIlroy took a corner kick and sent the ball into a crowd in front of the Cranes' goal. Cranbrook cleared the ball, but McIlroy got it and sent it to Jessica Leonard, who headed it into the net.

"It was good to get an early goal," Backhurst said.

Ten minutes later, Leonard beat a Cranbrook defender but the goalie made a save. The ball bounced left, and Laura Nicholl was in perfect position to score on the rebound.

With eight minutes left in the first half, Leonard scored again on a header,

which was also set up by McIlroy.

"I warned them at half-time to not let Cranbrook back into the game," Backhurst said. "I reminded them that we came back in the second half the first time we played them."

The Knights heeded the warning. Six and a half minutes into the second half, Monique Squiers won a loose ball, moved upfield about 20 yards and sent a through ball to Leonard, who scored her third goal of the game to make it 4-0.

Cranbrook scored on a penalty kick three minutes later, but within two minutes ULS got the goal back when Nicholl scored on the rebound of McIlroy's shot.

McIlroy scored on a shot from 35 yards out to make it 6-1, and Nicholl completed her hat trick and the scoring with a shot into the upper right corner of the net.

"Our defense really stepped up," Backhurst said, praising defenders Erin Deane, Leeza Kossak, Squiers and Megan Getz. "Cranbrook has two All-State forwards and we were able to contain them. And Chrissie Keersmaekers and

Elizabeth Palmer control the midfield."

In the first round of conference tournament ULS breezed past Hamtramck 9-0.

Leonard, who has 26 goals this season, including 11 in the last four games, led the way with three, while Keersmaekers scored two.

Palmer opened the scoring 10 minutes into the match while Deane, McIlroy and Squiers added a goal apiece.

Griesbaum school starts June 20

The fourth annual Dan Griesbaum Baseball School will be held at the Defer Elementary School fields beginning June 20.

The first session on June 20 and 21, will be a specialty school for hitting, pitching and catching. There will also be a specialty school on June 29 and 30.

A general skills camp will be held on June 27 and 28.

Each of the sessions will run from 9 a.m. until noon.

The camp is open to players between the ages of 8 and 17.

Griesbaum, who has been the head varsity baseball coach at Grosse Pointe

South for 22 seasons, Matt Reno, who was assistant at South for 11 years and has coached youth baseball for 19 years, are directors of the school.

Enrollment will be limited in order to maintain a proper instructor-student ratio.

The registration fee is for each two-day session.

Registration forms available at the main office at South or by contacting Griesbaum at (313) 878-3434 or Reno at (313) 878-5537.

All players must pre-register. No registration will be accepted on camp days.

North lacrosse gets split

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe North's boys lacrosse team split its games last week, beating Waterford Mott 6-1 and losing 9-5 to L'Anse Creuse.

"We had our moments of solid play, but an overall consistency on the offensive end of the field has been hard to come by in our past couple of games," head coach Rob Dameron said.

The Norsemen's top players for the two games were seniors Daniel Gassel, Dane Fosse, Samuel Sherer, and John Joseph.

"We have played better during the past few weeks, and now we have the state playoffs ahead of us," Dameron said. "I'm confident this group can pull together and win a playoff game or two."

Against Mott, seniors Fosse (two goals and an assist), Gassel (two goals) and Sherer (one goal) combined for five of the Norsemen's six goals.

Pat Simon had the other goal, while Adam Kinnear collected two assists.

In the L'Anse Creuse game, North started slowly but four goals in the third quarter cut the Lancers' lead to 7-5. Goalie Shane Mallon made seven saves in the third quarter for the Norsemen.

South boys are fourth

By Stefan Cross
Special Writer

Grosse Pointe South's boys track team placed fourth overall in the Division I regional meet and will send two athletes to the state meet in Rockford on June 4.

Tim McCormack qualified in the 400-meter dash, running a time of 49.8 seconds and placing second. McCormack also finished sixth in the 100 dash.

In the 1,600 run Jake Wernet qualified placing second with a time of 4:29. Following Wernet was Adam Dziuba who took third, running a 4:32.9.

In the 3,200 Joe Pawlowski ran to fourth place with a time of 10:05.3, followed by Wernet who placed fifth with a time of 10:11.6.

Max McDonald placed sixth in the 110 hurdles running a 16.1.

The 3200 relay team of Nate Monahan, Matt Dziuba, Greg Carmody and John Konen also placed fifth.

Fosse opened the scoring for North from a feed by defenseman Mark Szanc Joseph scored two goals and Sherer had a goal and assists and Gassel had a goal and an assist.

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a 9.6 for 100 yards, which converts to 10.55 in meters.

Maxwell also anchored the winning 4x100 relay which also broke the school record. This year's team of DeRhon Pines, Aaron Maxwell, DeAr Henderson and Maxwell had a time of 4:43.8, which broke the old mark of 4:48.

Pines cleared six inches to win the three inch jump, and he posted the mark ever by a North freshman and the fourth performance on the all-time list.

Will Utley won the vault with a personal record of 12-3, and Spe Channell won the discus with a throw of 135-11.

It was the first time Utley had vaulted in two weeks because of a sprained ankle.

Robbie Fisher won the 1,600 run in 4:28.8, which is the best time ever in the event by a North sophomore.

"He had a real strong performance for the last 100 meters beat (South's) Jake Wernet," Quinn said. "It was his best time since last year's state meet."

Steve Joseph took fifth in the 1,600 with a PR of 4:36.9.

North's 4x800 relay team of Mike Pokladek, Bremer, Mario Sexton and Fisher took first with a son-best time of 8:12.

Pokladek, who had a PR of 2:02.2, was second in the 800 run, while Fisher took third.

Several other Norsemen contributed to the team's high point total.

Jake Masinick was fourth in the shot put (41.1) while Aaron Maxwell placed fifth in the high jump (5-8). Jeff Hawkins was sixth in the pole vault (10-6) and Henderson was sixth in the long jump. Hawkins placed a PR.

Mark Lapansie finished fifth in the discus with a throw of 121-7 — a PR of 121-7.

Henderson was fifth in the high hurdles, and took PR in the semifinals of the event. Henderson and Donahue finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 300 intermediate hurdles and each posted a PR.

South beats Eisenhower; ties Athens

Grosse Pointe South's 1-1 tie against fourth-ranked Troy Athens Monday night could be called "Galea's Gala."

It was Senior Recognition day for the Blue Devils girls soccer team, and senior captain Liz Galea had an outstanding performance.

Galea was the only South player to play all 80 minutes and she was all over the field in one of the best games of her fine high school career.

She started in her customary defensive position, but she was frequently in the midfield mix, converting

Athens's offensive attempts into South counter attacks.

Whenever the Red Hawks succeeded in penetrating toward the South goal, Galea would be there to break it up.

And when the Blue Devils tied the game at 18:55 of the second half, it was Galea who scored the equalizer, tapping in a loose ball in the box from a corner kick by Hilliary Inger.

It was Galea's third goal of the season, tying her for third on the team, and Inger's team-leading seventh assist.

Athens, which was tri-

champion of the tough Oakland Athletic Association Division I, capitalized on a defensive mistake by South to take the lead at 12:45 of the second half.

Midfielder Caitlin Brown took a pass from Alex Jendrusch and went one-on-one with goalie Alyssa Carr, deftly putting the shot past her.

Carr had turned back all previous scoring attempts with six saves, but having borne the brunt of several goalmouth collisions on six Athens corner kicks, she was relieved by Ali Morawski.

Jenny DeFauw, Kelly DeFauw, Lauren Major and Catherine Solomon. The 3200 relay team of Cara Miserendino, Katie Graves, Katie Horne and Betsy Graney, also ran its fastest time of the year and took second place.

In the 3200 run Betsy Graney qualified for states taking second, and Kelly Szymorski took fifth.

Kelly DeFauw was able to take third in the 200 dash while Hubler took sixth in the 100 dash.

Hanging with a group of tough competitors in the 1600 was Miserendino taking fifth.

JaNae Micou took third in the 110 hurdles and fourth in the 300 hurdles, PRing in both.

Solomon PR'd in the 300 hurdles and took fifth.

trailed by as many as 30 points early.

"The midpoint of the is the 1,600 run and that's where we started to turn things around," Steve Zaranek said.

South dominated from that point on. Collison and McLaughlin finished 1-3, with Collison's winning time of 5:16 the fastest in the MAC White this season.

The Blue Devils edged Romeo by two-tenths of a second to win the 400 relay.

Wenzel broke up the Bulldogs' outstanding 400 runners to finish second.

South swept the 300 hurdles with Zaranek, Franchett and Gerow.

Collison followed with a win in the 800, and Repicky and Mackenzie finished 2-3 in the 200.

South needed to take the first two places in the 3,200 run and Humphry and McLaughlin provided that result as both ran well under 12 minutes.

That set up the final event of the meet, and South's 1,600 relay team of Wenzel, Collison, Nelson and Mackenzie won with a season-best time of 4:15.

"We are very proud of our girls this season," Steve Zaranek said. "Constant improvement, incredible team support and a superb work ethic were at the heart of our 2005 season."

South will compete in the state team championships this weekend. The Blue Devils, who finished fifth last year, are the only team to compete in that meet all eight seasons that it has been run.

In the Romeo meet, South

North girls finish second in regional; send 13 to state meet

By Stefan Cross
Special Writer

Grosse Pointe North athletes performed at the top of their game last Saturday, as both the boys and girls track teams took second place in the 2005 State Regional meet.

The girls scored a total of 130 points, sending 13 competitors to the state meet and produced regional champions in six events. The top two competitors in each event go to the state meet on June 4.

On her way to states in two events is Korene Jones, who won the 110-meter hurdles with a PR (personal record) time of 16.6 seconds. Jones ran in the state-qualifying 400 relay team, along with Danielle Hubler, Rebecca Pollard and Kelly DeFauw. Jones also took third place in the shot put

and sixth in the long jump.

One of the highlights of the day was freshman Christine Klein winning the high jump. Klein jumped a PR of 5-foot-2 and is only two inches off the school record.

Lauren Flanagan threw her way to first in the discus with a PR throw of 108-1. She took third place in the high jump and sixth in the pole vault, tying her PR in both events. Emily Schleicher was able to win the shot put and take third in the discus.

Jenny DeFauw continued her unbeaten streak in the 400, taking first with a PR time of 58.8.

The 1,600 relay team closed the meet with a bang as it took first place, running its fastest time of the year. The team consisted of

Girls

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go in the 3,200 run to win in 11:42.

Kristen Morici won the long jump with an effort of 15 feet, 10 inches.

The 3,200 relay team of McLaughlin, Christine Nelson, Sarah Petit and Collison won with a season-best time of 10:01.

Other state qualifiers for South — the top two in each event move on to the state meet in Rockford on June 4 — were Sam Mackenzie in the high jump, Lena Ulrich and Lisa Repicky in the long jump, Sarah Jenzen in the pole vault, Michelle O'Donoghue in the 100 hurdles, McLaughlin in the 1,600, Julie Zaranek in the 300 hurdles and Nelson in the 800.

Freshman Megan DeBoer ran a season-best 12.8 to finish third in the 100 dash.

"Megan was superb and has constantly improved this season," Steve Zaranek said. "She handled some great sprint competition extremely well."

DeBoer teamed with Morici, Repicky and O'Donoghue to run a season-best 52.2 to finish third in the 400 relay. DeBoer, Repicky, Nelson and Mackenzie finished fifth in the 800 relay.

The Blue Devils had an outstanding performance

from Natalie Humphry, who is a first-year track athlete and an All-State cross country runner. Humphry was third in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs.

"Natalie gave us tremendous depth in the distance races," Steve Zaranek said.

Two of South's deepest events were the 300 hurdles and the 800 run. The Blue Devils took three of the top six places in each. In addition to Zaranek placing second in the hurdles, Emily Franchett was third and Katie Gerow sixth.

Adding depth to Nelson's second in the 800 was a fourth by Collison and a fifth from Mackenzie.

South also placed three in the long jump with Ulrich and Repicky placing fourth and fifth behind Morici's win.

Other place finishers for South were Zaranek in the 100 hurdles; Samantha John, pole vault; Alyssa Carr, shot put; Kim Grambo, 200; and the 1,600 relay team of Laura Wenzel, Collison, Nelson and Mackenzie.

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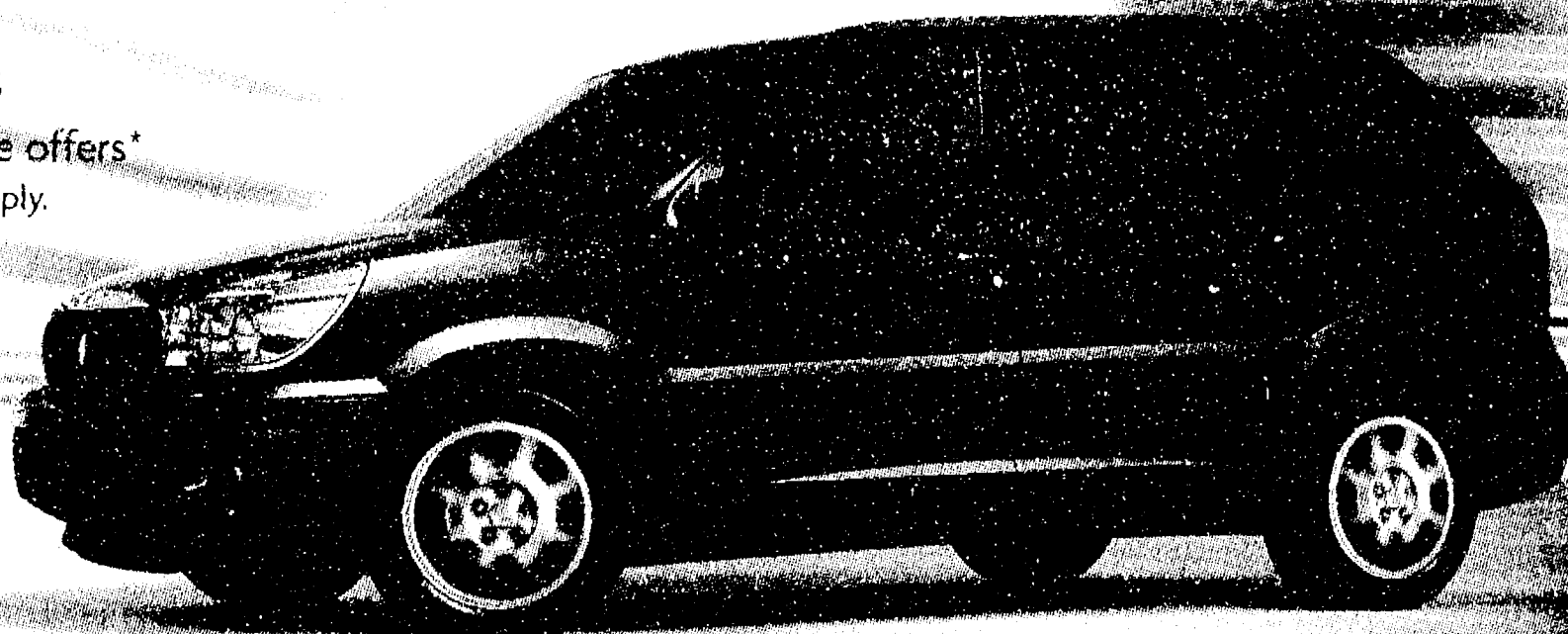
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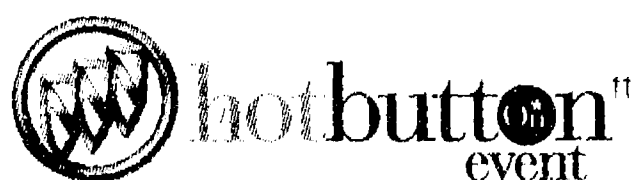
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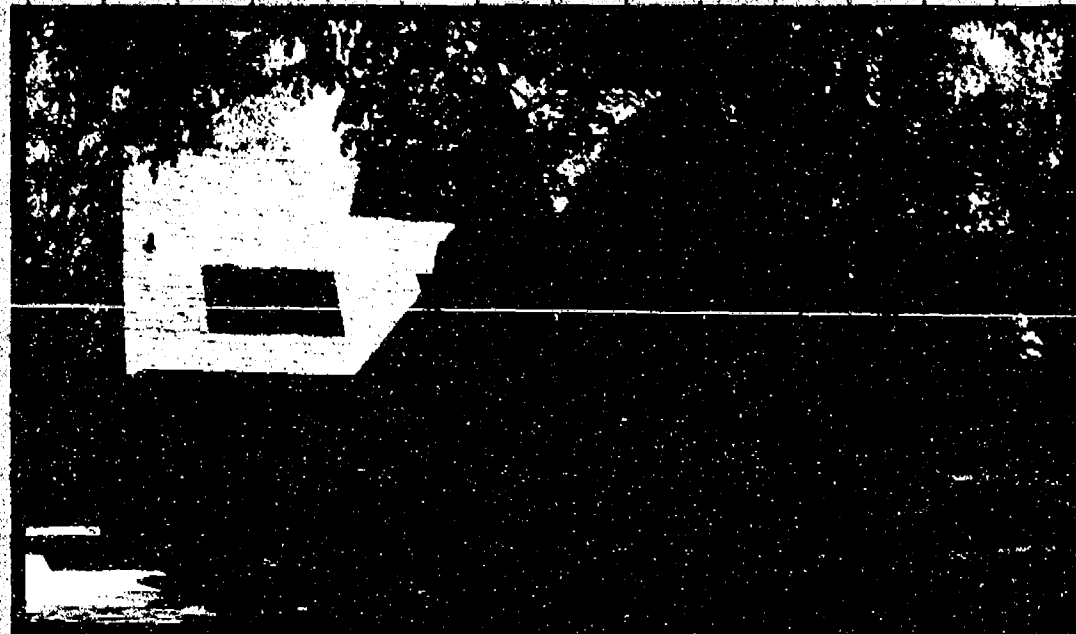
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— Chris in New Baltimore.

A. Chris, we have a similar problem at our house. When it is a little cold in the house, we do not always use the fan when we are taking a shower. The wasted warm air sent outside should be controlled.

The solution came to us when Chris Scott came in the store and purchased a "One-hour timer" to replace the fan switch in his bathroom. A timer is the perfect way to exhaust all the moisture out of the bath and yet not leave the fan on for hours.

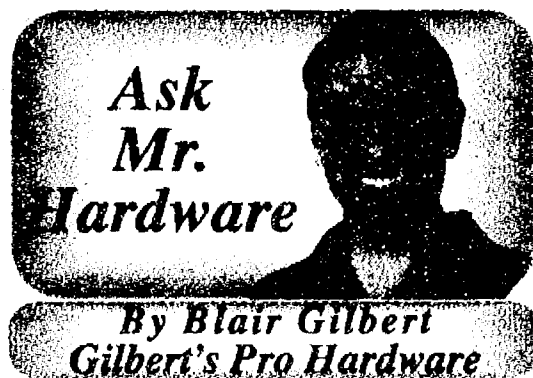
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Q. Mr. Hardware, I am getting water stains on the ceiling around the bathroom exhaust fan. My wife wants me to paint the ceiling, but I want to be sure this does not keep happening. What can I do to prevent the source of the stains?

— Steve from Roseville.

A. Steve, moisture can condense in the vent-pipe when the attic and pipe are cold enough. Hopefully the air exhausts outside the house, not just dumping warm moist air in the attic. The vent hood should have a flapper to reduce the flow of



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While you are in the attic you should caulk around the exhaust fan and the ceiling. This will help prevent warm moist air from leaking up into the attic, possibly condensing on the drywall or plaster and causing paint damage.

Paint peeling from a ceiling is often caused by poor ventilation and moisture in the attic. Also, check for poorly fitted light fixtures. A stream of warm moist air into the attic could be dampening an area causing paint to peel.

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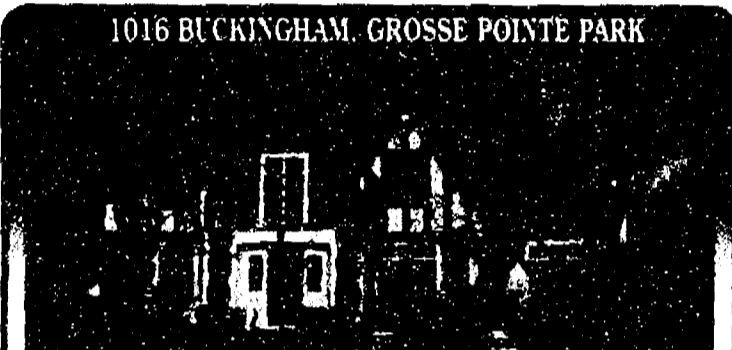
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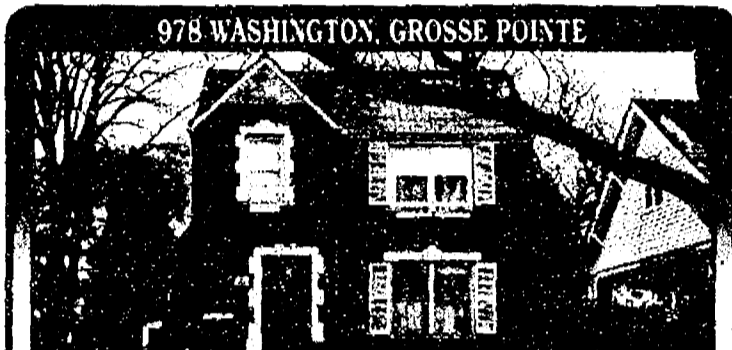
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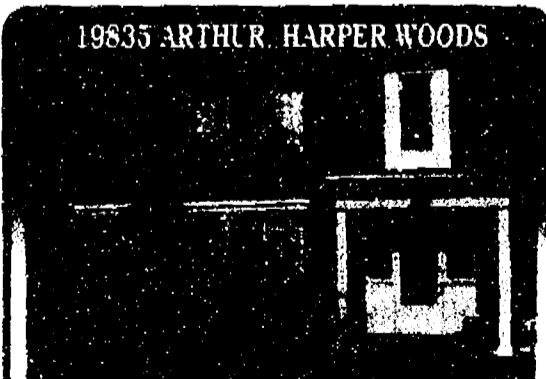
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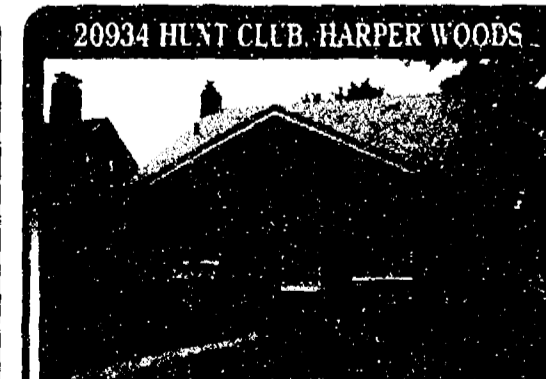
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It's easy to grow herbs in decorative planters

(MS) — Creating an herb planter is easy. You need a strawberry pot, about 10 herb plants, peat-based potting mix, some small stones, and a cardboard wrapping-paper tube.

A strawberry pot is an ideal planter because its protruding pockets let an assortment of herbs cascade from all sides, providing versatility in the kitchen, as well as an attractive show on the deck.

Most herbs are sun-lovers, so choose a sunny site where they will be convenient for picking. For attractive results, position tall herbs, such as chives, parsley, and mint, at the center and shorter or trailing herbs toward edges and in the pockets.

For best results, use a top-quality, peat-based potting mix. An easy way to judge quality is to look at the ingredients listed on the potting-mix bag. If Canadian sphagnum peat moss is the first ingredient listed, it means there is more peat than any other ingredient, which assures you of good quality. The proper mix is particularly important for container plants to ensure adequate

drainage. Yard soils tend to retain too much water, leading to rotting roots. Poor-quality potting mixes allow water to run through too quickly, leading to dried-out plants.

1. Add about 2 inches of peat moss to the bottom of the strawberry planter. Place the cardboard tube in the center of the planter. Work it into the peat moss so that it remains upright.

2. Fill the pot with potting mixture to the first pockets. Now add plants, gently passing roots through the holes. Cover roots with potting mix, and repeat until planter is filled. Leave about 1 inch between the potting mixture and the planter rim to allow for watering.

3. Fill the cardboard tube with small stones, and then carefully pull out the tube. The stones improve drainage, allowing water to seep evenly throughout the potting mix.

4. Plant herbs in the open soil at the top of the planter. Use herbs that require less water, like basil, thyme, and rosemary.

The herbs should be ready for picking within a few weeks. Water

the planter frequently to keep the soil moist but not wet to the touch, and apply a water-soluble fertilizer every two weeks.

Pick herbs often, never taking more than a third of the plant at one time. Harvest herbs before they bloom.

Dandelion used as food

Imported to America as a food, dandelions escaped the settlers' gardens and took over lawns and golf courses. What we view as a nuisance weed is really a versatile food.

All parts of the dandelion are edible, but the bitter milk in the flower stems is unpalatable. The roots are also versatile — actually tasty and good for you. A drink made from the roots can improve digestion, support the liver help detoxify the body, and benefit the cardiovascular system. Dandelions also help restore the overall health of the body and act as a gentle laxative.

Root drinks make excellent replacements for traditional coffee. This "Dandelion Coffee" from Energy Juices by Nic Rowley and Kirsten Hartvig can be your new pick-me-up and after-meal drink.

Purchase the dried dandelion roots used here from a health-food store. Or dig them up from the garden and dry them according to the recipe.

Dandelion Coffee

1. Wash two to three fresh dandelion roots, and cut into short pieces.

2. Place them on a baking pan in a warm oven (225 F. to 300 F.) for several hours until completely dry.

3. Place the dried roots in a dry, heavy-weight skillet. Heat over a moderate heat.

4. Stir continuously until they turn a rich, dark brown.

5. Grind the roots in a coffee grinder. Store in a sealed container.

6. Brew and serve like regular coffee.



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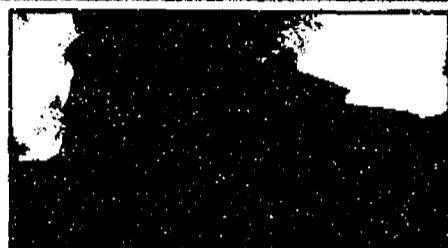
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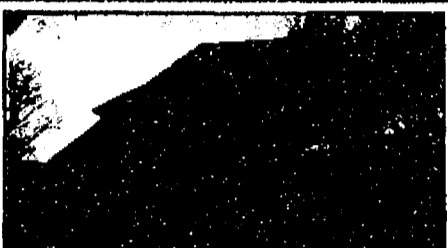
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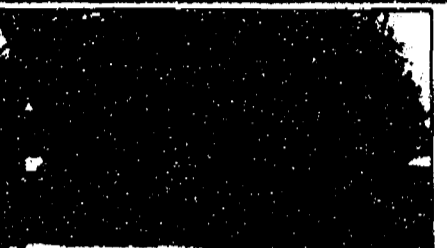
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Act fast! Attractive Grosse Pointe Woods ranch has large master bedroom with walk-in closet, fieldstone fireplace and patio doors to private deck, walk through den, hardwood floors, finished basement, neutral decor.
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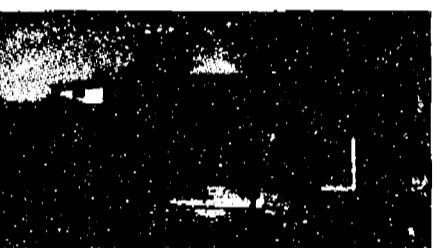
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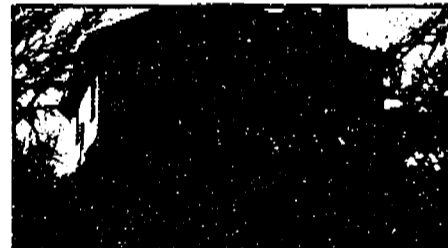
GROSSE POINTE WOODS Cape Cod
Lovely location and condition. Beautiful pecan kitchen with built-ins, wonderful glassed family room with built-in bar. Park-like lot, freshly painted, newer furnace, windows, carpet, library, master suite with full bath and adjacent sitting room.
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GROSSE 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).
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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.
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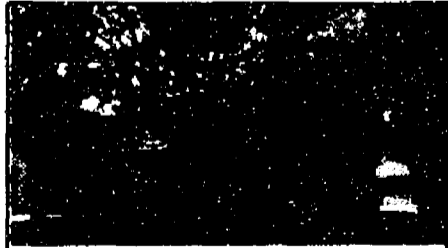
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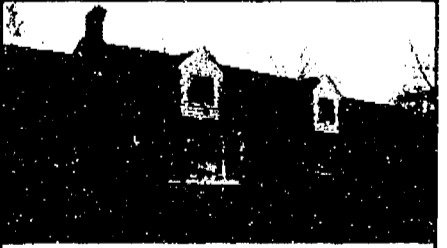
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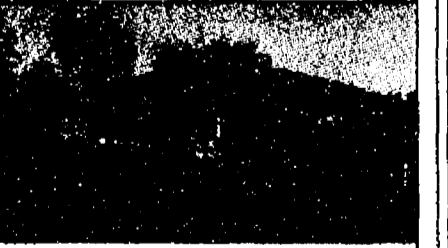
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Know when to lower your home's asking price

Q. Our home has been on the market for seven months with few showings; should we lower our price?

— Jack of Grosse Pointe Farms.

A. A very insightful question. First, this is a conversation to have with your Realtor, if you have one, as it's they whom you have entrusted to give you sound advice. However, let me speak generally about market conditions and what sorts of variables would suggest lowering your price.

Sellers never directly determine a home's value, rather, a house is only "worth" what the market (buyers) will bear. In a "seller's market" the economic and housing conditions are such that sellers are in a better position to negotiate what their house will sell for. Even then, buyers determine the value of individual homes.

In a buyer's market, the opposite situation exists whereby high inventory of homes and fewer available buyers usually spells bad news for sellers. Some sellers in this area are finding that they are



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By Steve Aiuto

having trouble selling their home (for as much as they would like) and most often this is because the home is overpriced, given the market conditions.

Do not be misled. This is not the type of market where a seller can gouge the market for an aggressively high price. You can still get a good price for your home, but you must take into account the economy, the competition of homes available, numbers of buyers, your motivation level, and your own financial situation when pricing your home.

If we could roll back the clock to the height of the market, say to 2000 or so, then as a seller you

could expect to ride the unprecedented wave of growth that started at the beginning of the 1990s. In the 1990s home values increased "exponentially." It was not the least uncommon for the average Grosse Pointe home that sold for \$250,000 in the late '80s to sell for twice that only a decade later. It may be a while before we see a decade like the '90s. Indeed, sellers have to be realistic in what gains they can expect when they sell their homes in a slightly softer market.

Some who bought a few years ago (and paid top dollar) are in fact breaking even or losing money in order to sell. Certainly, the fear and instability generated by 9/11, the persistently sluggish Michigan economy, regional politics, new construction and the "more home for the money" perception in blossoming northern communities all play a factor in the desirability of an area, and ultimately what homes will sell for in that area.

Specifically, there are several variables to consider when thinking about lowering your price. The first thing to consider is "how badly do you want to move?" Seriously, the other first thing to consider is how many showings have you had on your home.

Without showings, you've got nothing. If your home is not receiving the expected/average number of showings for a home of your style, amenities, and price then the question is why? If we can't blame marketing and the condition of your home, then the third main variable is price. Homes that are perceived as overpriced do not get showings, and if they do, they are not quality showings which generally lead to a sale.

Here's a quick checklist for knowing when to consider lowering your price:

- Other similar homes have sold in the area.
- Fewer than average/no showings.
- No offers on the home.
- Feedback from buyers/buyers' agent is home is overpriced.
- Your motivation level to move has increased.

If any or all of these variables exist, then you may want to consider getting more in line with the

market. Again, this is a guideline rather than an absolute, and other factors may exist that would further context your individual situation.

For example, tri-levels, because of their unusual layout, often take longer to sell as fewer people appreciate that type of home. And, some people don't care for center entrance colonials because they can compartmentalize a home. The good news is everything sells eventually. And, there are always anomalies in real estate, and homes that one would think should take longer to sell do sometimes sell in a day.

Timing, buyer's personal preferences, and, yes, a bit of luck are phenomena which are hard, if not impossible, to quantify.

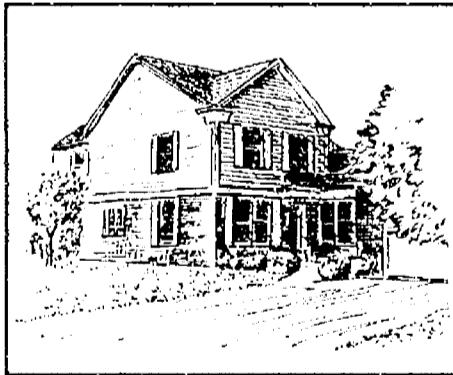
Remember, the downfall of sitting on an overpriced home too long is that the home will likely become stigmatized by buyers who see that the home has sat and not sold. Buyers wonder why the home has not sold and often conclude that there must be something wrong with the home. Unrealistic sellers have hurt themselves often when trying to sell for more than the market will bear. Do not be unresponsive to the market, or you may not be moving for a while.

A good rule of thumb is to work closely with a knowledgeable agent who should give you weekly updates as to the number of showings and the feedback/response of those showings. Also, your agent can track your specific market competition and show you what similar homes to yours have done over a similar period of time.

Do not be resistant to adjusting your price if buyers are not responding well to your home, in terms of seeing it or making an offer. In a leaner market, you need to cut the fat out of your price. Excessive profit is often not a reasonable expectation when homes can take longer to sell in a buyer's market. Ultimately, however, your own underlying motives for selling will have the greatest impact on your decision on the price.

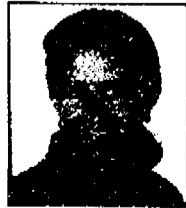
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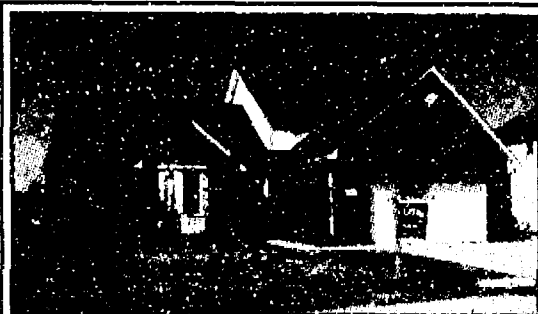


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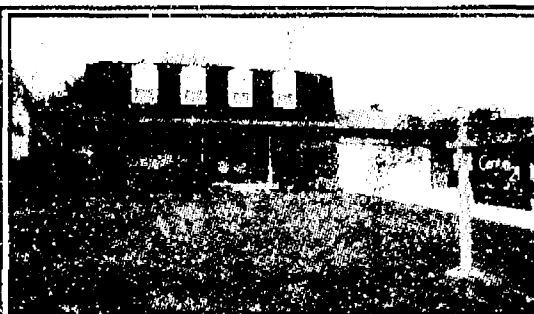
47311 BLUEJAY

MACOMB TWP/CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS. Lovely, sharp 4 bedroom split level brick home has dining room w/hardwood floors, great room w/new carpet & gas fireplace, 6 ceiling fans, 2.5 baths, den/library, nice master suite w/full bath (Jacuzzi tub) & shower, brand new carpet in bedrooms & den, basement, C/A, 1st floor laundry & attached 2.5 car garage. Stove, fridge, dishwasher all stay. Asking \$289,900.



6423 MARINA

CLAY TWP/ALGONAC SCHOOLS. Nice 3 bedroom brick ranch has new kitchen w/new fridge, stove, microwave & built-in dishwasher, large family room w/see-through fireplace, new door-wall, formal dining room, laundry room, attached 2.5 car garage, updated roof, steel seawall, 2.5 baths, entry foyer, master suite w/full bath & walk-in closet, one year home warranty policy and more! Asking \$234,900.



39623 AYNESLEY

CLINTON TWP/CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS. Very clean, well cared for 4 bedroom colonial has large eating area in kitchen, large family room with fireplace & doorwall to lovely deck, privacy fence, full bath off master bedroom, 1st floor laundry, some newer windows, formal dining room, 2.5 baths, central air, inground sprinklers, attached 2 car garage, basement & more! Stove, fridge, dishwasher, washer, dryer and all window treatments stay. One year home warranty policy included. Asking \$234,900.



15501 SOUTH PARK

EASTPOINTE. Very large, graceful central entrance brick colonial has 4 bedrooms, newer furnace & central air, newer roof, gorgeous sunroom in '98, formal dining room, large living room with fireplace, entry foyer, 2 full (totally remodeled) and 2 half baths, deck in '99, 2.5 car garage, 200 amp electric service, 50 gal hot water heater & more! Dishwasher, stove, washer & dryer all stay. One year home warranty policy included. Asking \$219,900.



23068 RAVEN

EASTPOINTE/SOUTH LAKE SCHOOLS. Lovely, large 3 bedroom brick ranch has family room with fireplace & marble hearth, marble entry foyer, 1st fl laundry, newer wallside windows, large kitchen w/built-in dishwasher, stove & fridge, newer central air 4 years, 2 car attached garage w/opener, hardwood floors under carpet, circuit breakers, full house emergency lighting system, front & back sprinklers & more. Basement is prepped for bath. Asking \$184,900.



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18115 TOEPFER

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20846 HUNT CLUB

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19008 ROSETTA

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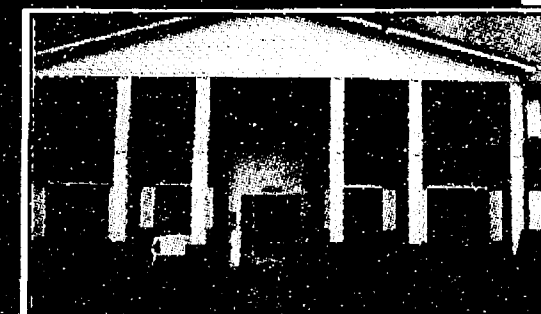
20413 WASHTENAW

HARPER WOODS. Lovely, charming, nicely decorated 3 bedroom home has nice entry foyer w/new slate floor & French door to living room, huge master bedroom w/hardwood floors, nice kitchen w/hardwood floors & bay window, neutral carpet, vinyl windows, new landscaping, carpeted basement, newer furnace & central air in '99, 2.5 car garage, newer roof '97, & more! Stove, fridge, washer, dryer & freezer all stay. Asking \$114,900.



38810 LANSE CREUSE

HARRISON TWP. Lovely, clean 2 bedroom condo has large newer kitchen with dishwasher, micro, glass top stove & nice eating area, newer carpet and paint, newer flooring, 2 remodeled full baths, master bedroom with large walk-in closet, balcony overlooking water, carport, new washer & dryer in laundry closet, new roof, skylight & more! Ceiling fans & bar stools stay. \$135 per month includes maintenance & water. Pets are allowed. Asking \$113,900.



23041 LIBERTY

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By Diane Morelli

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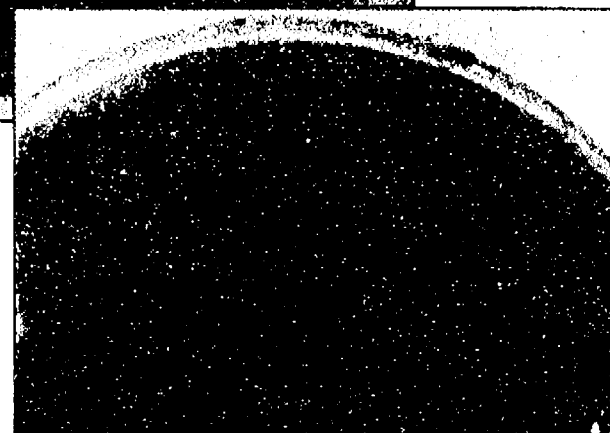



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"Kovels' Antiques & Collectibles Price List 2002" lists a blue and white cup and saucer, similar to this, marked "Made in Occupied Japan," valued at \$20.



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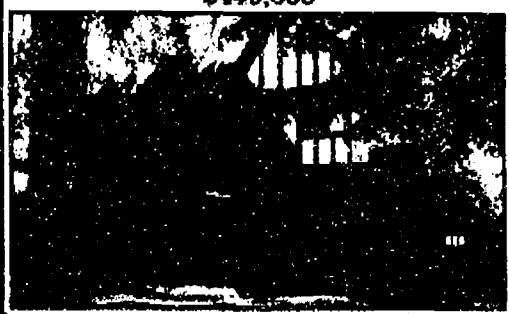
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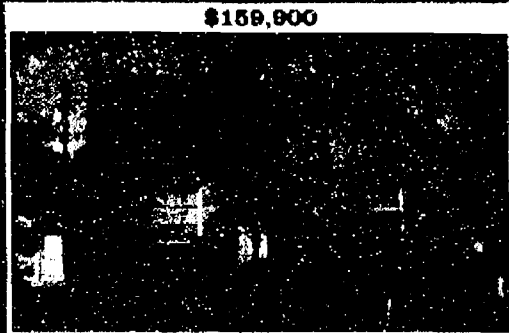
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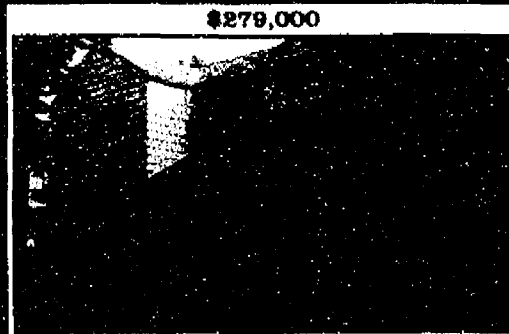
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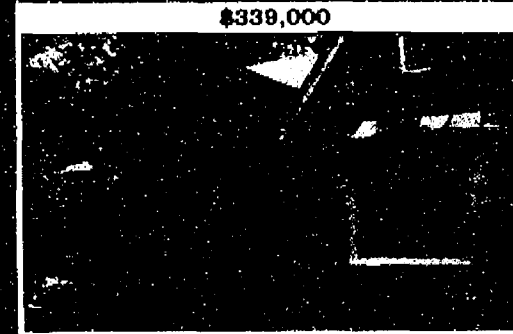
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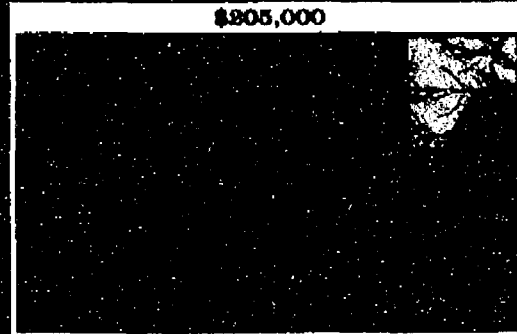
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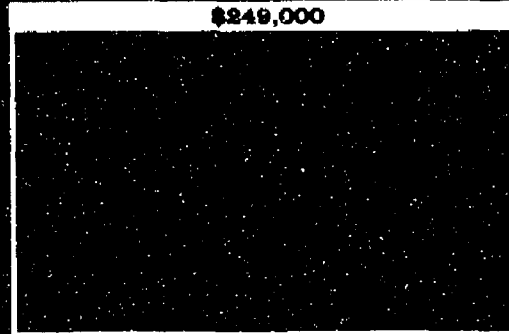
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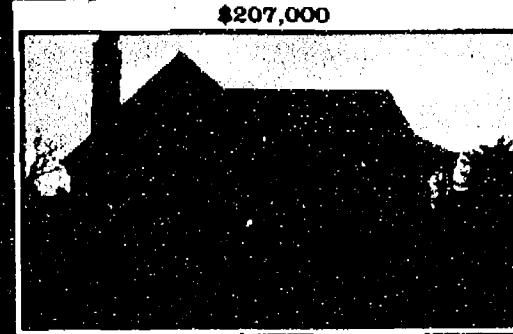
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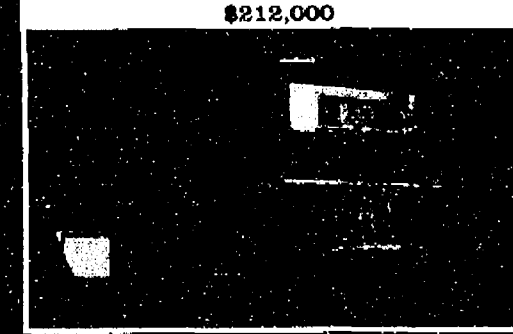
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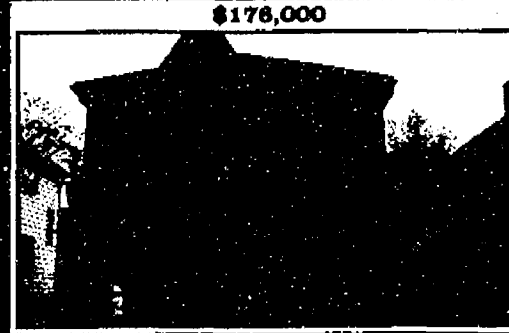
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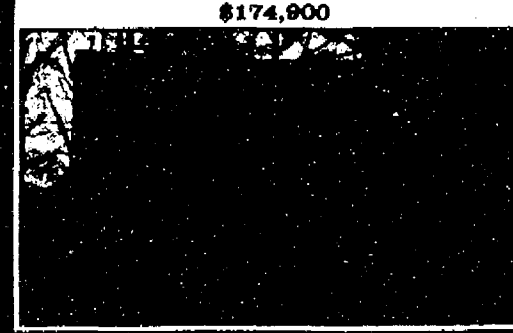
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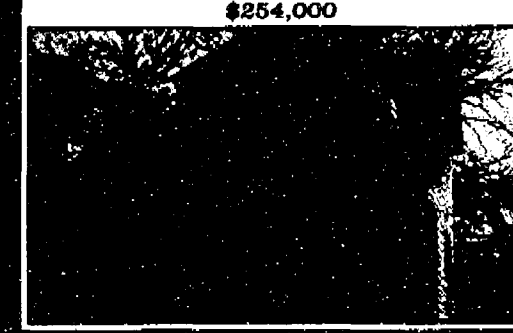
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PRESERVING GROSSE POINTE CHARM

Homes in Grosse Pointe are real gems that fit very well into the adage, "they don't make them like they use to." The soft rolls in the ceilings, the spider cracks on the walls, cedar shakes a half-inch thick, real two by fours, plaster molds with intricate details all fit into the definition of Grosse Pointe charm.



Perhaps you don't call it charm; you might call it a maintenance nightmare. Fortunately, there exist a few craftsmen who look upon the maintenance of our grand homes in Grosse Pointe as a dedication to preserving our history and the charm that exist within these aging homes.

One craftsman that has spent the last 26 years preserving Grosse Pointe is Carmen Amabile, owner of Karm's Painting Service, Inc.

"Helping homeowners maintain their homes and make repairs that keep to the original construction is a rewarding job," says Carmen. "Homeowners in the Pointes taught us early on that they were looking for contractors who could help them keep their maintenance costs down, yet make repairs that kept to the original construction was a priority for them."

He realized what Grosse Pointers' needs were and he set out to design his company to meet those needs.

Back in the early 1900s, the painter & decorator were one and the same. The painters were responsible for the complete finish systems both interior and exterior. It wasn't until the 1960s when you start to see more separation of the painting trade. The painting trade was divided into the plasterer/drywall, wallcovering, and painting trades.

"Our customers like the fact that our crews operate like the contractors who were around

when these homes were built. Our men are trained in plaster work, wallcovering installation, restoration work and painting." Carmen said. "It made a lot of sense back then and still does today."

Having one company be responsible for the final appearance avoids confusion in accountability. The plasterer and the wallpaper installer can't blame the painter when it is the one and same person and company. That is a strong reason why Karm's Painting Service doesn't use sub-contractors. Homeowners feel more comfortable knowing that the company they hire takes full responsibility from start to finish for the final look and appearance.

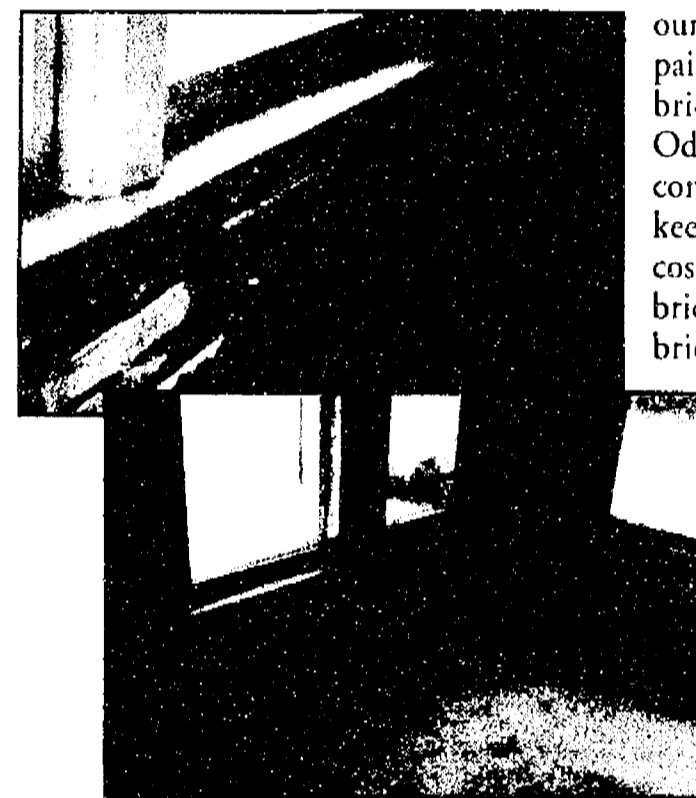
Another benefit Carmen points out is attention to detail and product performance is enhanced when the skilled trades of the painter and decorators are not separated or divided among a number of companies. "Attention to detail allows us to obtain 100 percent satisfaction for our customers. We achieve this by having our crews work from a detailed checklist."



KEEPING YOUR HOME'S VALUE

When you take ownership of a Grosse Pointe home, you are moving into one of the finest communities in the country and in essence you become a steward of a house that will never be duplicated again.

Here are some of Carmen's tips to keep your home's value. Preservation of the original construction goes a long way in keeping the homes value at the top market price level. The way in which you update your home will definitely impact its value. Updated plumbing and electrical go a long way in saying the owners care. Replacing wet plaster with a drywall patch or installing drywall in the center of a wet plaster ceiling edged with wood trim says the opposite. Bringing drywall into a Grosse Pointe home is done for a couple of reasons. It lowers the cost of repairs; the contractor doesn't have anyone on his crew skilled in the art of plaster repair; or the contractor or homeowner can't find a plasterer. If the homeowner keeps the original plaster maintained and in good repair more value is maintained in the home.



The majority of the homes in our area have brick façades. Avoid painting the brick if your home's brick has never been painted. Odd advice from a painting company? Not if their goal is to keep your exterior maintenance cost down. Carmen recommends brick color washes over painted brick or masonry stains. Once you start painting your brick you add to the cost of routine brick painting, we recommend brick color washes because the process preserves the brick without the need for maintenance painting. Brick color washes do not peel off and allow the homeowner to alter the color of the brick.

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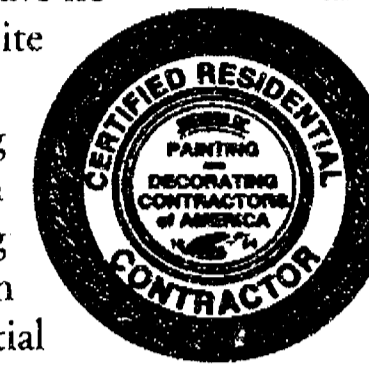
Many homeowners put off maintaining their homes because they have budgeting constraints and they have difficulty finding reliable residential service contractors. Setting up a good maintenance budget can only be achieved with an accurate assessment of your homes needs.

"If you hire a painter to paint your home for \$5,000 and it starts peeling in two years because of poor workmanship the cost of that paint job is \$2,500 a year. On the other hand if you paid \$10,000 for a paint job that provides professional workmanship and it lasts eight years before you need to repaint, the cost is \$1,250 a year. Best dollar value should be the goal when making decisions on who to hire and how to proceed with your maintenance projects."

FINDING GOOD CONTRACTORS

When homeowners obtain bids on a residential project, the price quotes from contractors can range from very high to very low. Most people become confused because they have no basis of comparison. Making sense of it all is quite confusing.

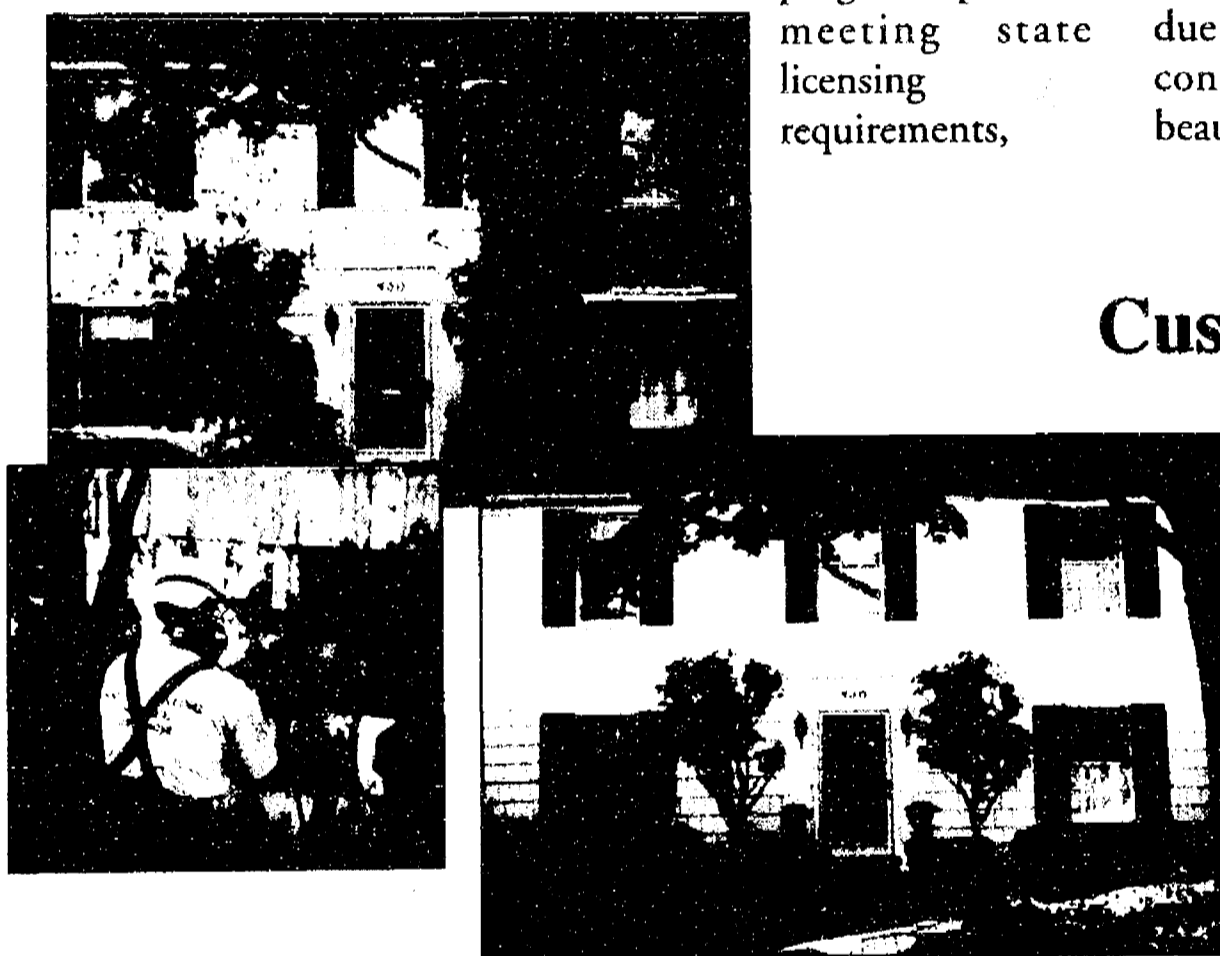
Professional associations in all trades are helping consumers with this challenge. One such organization is the Painting and Decorating Contractors of America (PDCA) from which Karm's Painting Service received residential certification two years ago. They allowed the PDCA to come into their company and evaluate everything.



"We provided financial information, proof of insurance programs, proof of meeting state licensing requirements,

training and safety programs. They interviewed our customers, tested us on our knowledge of the trade and require continuing education credits to be earned to keep the certification in place," Carmen said. "Qualifying for Residential Certification acknowledges our commitment and professionalism in providing services to our customers." Grosse Pointe homes have a charm that is hard to find in other areas because of the work of the craftsmen who built them.

Protect the value in your home; your spouse, children, belongings, your neighborhood, and your house, hire well. Preserving Grosse Pointe requires due diligence from both the homeowners and the contractors who help keep our neighborhoods beautiful.



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With hot summer weather just around the corner, now is the time to give your home a "check-up." Here are six tips from the Comfort Institute to make sure your air conditioning bills don't blow your cool:

1. Have your duct system tested for air leaks. Many assume that windows and doors are the major cause of a home's energy wasting air leaks. But according to recent research by the Department of Energy (DOE), gaps, joints and disconnections in the typical home's duct system are much more significant. The DOE states that the typical duct system loses 25 to 40 percent of the energy put out by the central heat pump or air conditioner. Authorities recommend having an AC contractor test for leaks and then seal them with a brushed on fiber-reinforced elastomeric sealant. Duct tape usually dries out and fails. It turns out duct tape is great for many things, but sealing ducts isn't one of them.

2. Ask your AC contractor to perform an Infiltrometer "blower door" test. The blower door is a computer-

ized instrument originally invented by the Department of Energy. It pinpoints where your home's worst air leaks are, such as duct leaks, and also measures how leaky the overall house is. Many homes have significant air leaks into the attic: hot dusty air often gets drawn in through recessed can lights and pulled down stairs. New sealing products are available to fix these significant leaks. Many AC contractors offer an Infiltrometer test as part of a "Whole House Health & Comfort Checkup" that also checks insulation levels and overall duct performance.

3. Close your fireplace damper. Did you remember to close it last time you used the fireplace? Shut it now or waste precious cool air all summer long.

4. Replace your air conditioner or heat pump air filter. Most systems need this done every month to ensure safe and efficient operation. Keep forgetting to do it? Ask your AC contractor for information on an extended surface area whole-house air filter that only needs to be

replaced once a year. It also does a far better job of keeping your equipment and the air in your home clean.

5. Have your air conditioner cleaned and tuned. A pre-season tune-up is a great investment. It reduces the chances of breakdowns in the middle of summer and more than pays for itself through more energy efficient operation. Make sure the AC contractor cleans both the indoor and outdoor heat transfer coils, and checks refrigerant gas charge by measuring "superheat" or "subcooling."

6. Consider replacing your old air conditioner or heat pump. Just like a car, central cooling equipment doesn't last forever. Is your system more than 12 years old? Planning to stay in your home more than a few years? Many authorities recommend replacing it before it fails permanently. A new system improves comfort, is more dependable and creates less air pollution. New units are up to twice as energy efficient, which saves money on your monthly electric bills.

However, government and utility research has found that more than 90 percent of newly installed high efficiency systems have energy wasting mistakes. Do some homework before talking to contractors.



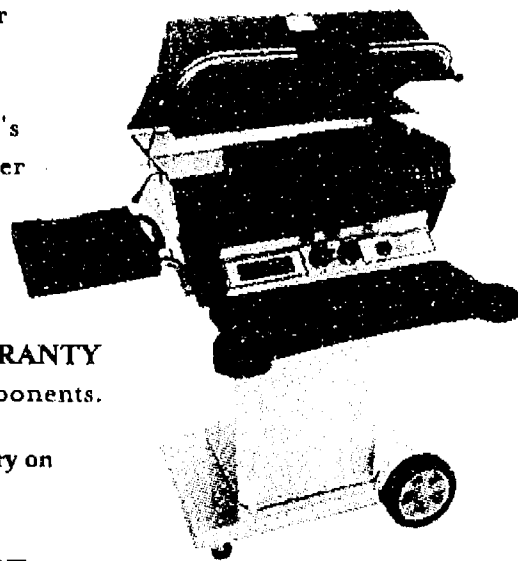
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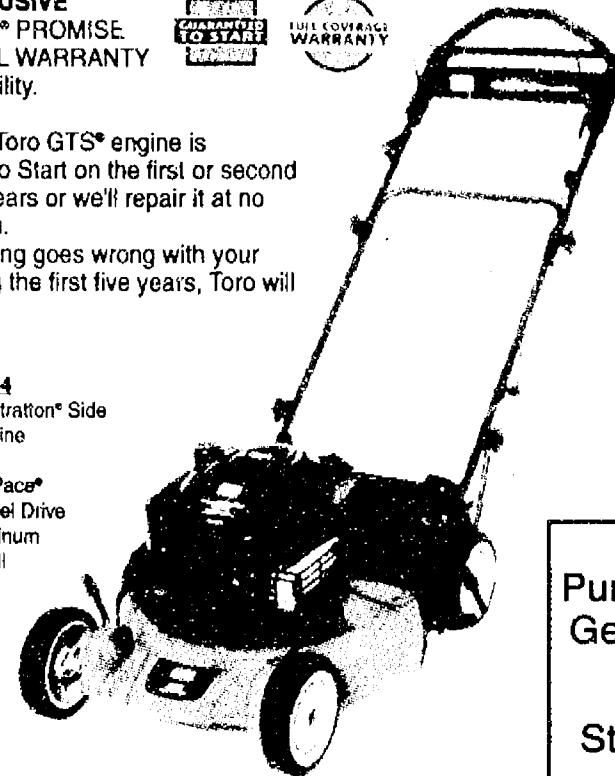
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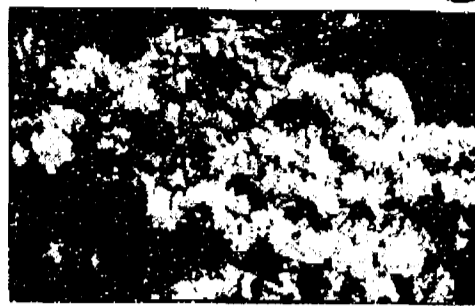
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Start your own garden

Gardening is a wonderful pastime. For many beginners, however, starting a garden can be intimidating and daunting. Often, people are scared to devote the time and energy to start a time-consuming project that may have some failures along the way. But by taking a few simple steps, any novice can easily sow his own successful garden.



your garden gets. Different plants thrive in various levels of sunlight. If you're unsure, look for hardy plants that do well in a variety of conditions. Pansies, for example, grow well in direct sunlight or partial shade.

Plants vs. seeds

When it comes to purchasing plants, gardeners often have to choose between grown plants and seeds. Seeds are cheaper, but note that the process can be difficult. Many types of seeds need to be germinated indoors, and young sprouts can be vulnerable to weather and insects. It's wiser to start with hardy plants that were grown in a nursery. Weather is also important; find out which garden zone you are in (consult the USDA map online at the Web site usda.gov/Hardzone/index.html), and buy plants that are appropriate for your region.

Tools

Every job requires the right tools. Go to a local nursery or garden center and purchase a hand trowel, rake, pickax and pruners. Before planting, rake the soil and water it thoroughly. Lay in your plants according to their care instructions at the right time of the season (often after the last frost), in a section of the garden that will provide adequate sunlight. Make sure they receive the recommended amount of water, and inspect them regularly to make sure they are free of insects and other pests. Be on the lookout for weeds and pluck them weekly.

If you take things slowly and start with easy-to-grow plants that receive adequate sunlight, water and healthy soil, you're 90 percent done. As always with nature, problems can arise — such as bad weather or unexpected pests — but don't let minor setbacks distract you from enjoying your hobby. If you run into trouble, ask an employee at your local nursery for some help. Then sit back and enjoy your beautiful garden.

When starting your garden, consider its environment — the quality of the soil, the temperature and the amount of sunlight and water plants will receive. Every garden is different, but there are a variety of plants available that can suit the most diverse conditions.

Soil quality

Soil quality is one of the most important parts of a successful garden (and one of the easiest things to improve). Is your soil dark and loose, does it retain moisture, and is it free of weeds? If so, you're off to a good start. If not, the best thing to do is start from scratch. Dig up the existing dirt and replace it with quality topsoil mixed with organic humus from a local nursery. Doing this will ensure that you're starting with a base that is nutrient rich and weed free.

Plant selection

When it comes to plant selection, it's important to understand the difference between annuals and perennials. Annuals, such as marigolds, pansies and daisies, grow over the course of one season, and then die. Perennials, such as alyssum, hollyhock and lavender, grow over the course of a season and can return for many years. They can be less work because you don't have to reseed or replant each season, and the soil has time to nurture its inhabitants.

But perennials often don't reach maturity the first season they're planted. So it's often best to mix your first garden with annuals and perennials. Mixing the two will set up your garden for a great future, while delivering variety in the present.

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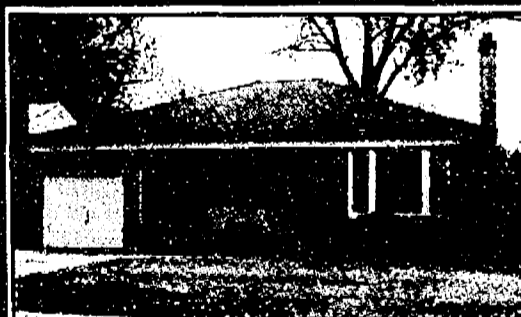
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Source: Residential Mortgage Consultants based in Brighton

New bankruptcy laws

By David Uffington

Under the old bankruptcy laws, you could ask for relief under Chapter 7, which canceled your debt. Under Public Law 109-8, a "means test" will determine whether you are able to pay off your debts. If it's determined that you have at least \$100 to spare each month (the list of approved expenses is short), or if your income is above the median income in your state, you'll be denied Chapter 7 protection.

Instead, you'll be forced to file under Chapter 13, which restructures your debts. You'll make court-ordered payments of an amount it decides you can pay. IRS guidelines will be used to determine just how much money you need each month for food, shelter and clothing. The amount will vary by state or region, as will the transportation allowance.

Legal fees for filing will be higher because attorneys must now verify the information on the petition or be held liable for errors or fraud attempts. Also, the time between Chapter 7 filings is extended from six years to eight years.

If you purchased your car within two and a half years of filing, you'll now be liable for the entire balance, even if the car is high mileage or has a low value. You'll also be required to seek credit counseling and complete an approved financial management course at least six months before you file.

If you've charged more than \$500 in luxury goods or services within 90 days of filing, or taken a \$750 cash advance in the previous 70 days, you'll be required to pay the full amount. Luxury is defined as

anything not "reasonably necessary for support or maintenance."

Bankruptcy filing will not stop an eviction.

Those who file for bankruptcy protection have historically been looked upon as deadbeats who abuse credit cards. However, a Harvard study in 2001 concluded that 46 percent of bankruptcy filers are actually sinking under a mountain of medical bills, and more than half (54.5 percent) met the criteria for medical bankruptcy.

Coins as investments

As baby boomers head for retirement, many are looking to childhood baseball card, stamp or coin collections as a way to revisit the pleasure of collecting — and to increase current assets and income. However, there are three problems with buying coins as investments:

1. As the number of coin collectors increases, the number of available scarce and rare coins has become more limited.

2. If you invest in coins, you must go for the long term (a minimum of five to 10 years) before expecting to see appreciation in value.

3. Scams are rampant and include faulty grading, false certifications and trumped-up claims of appreciation and value.

But there are pluses to investing in coins. They're pleasant to look at, they don't take up much room — and there's always the chance you could find that rare coin everyone is looking for.

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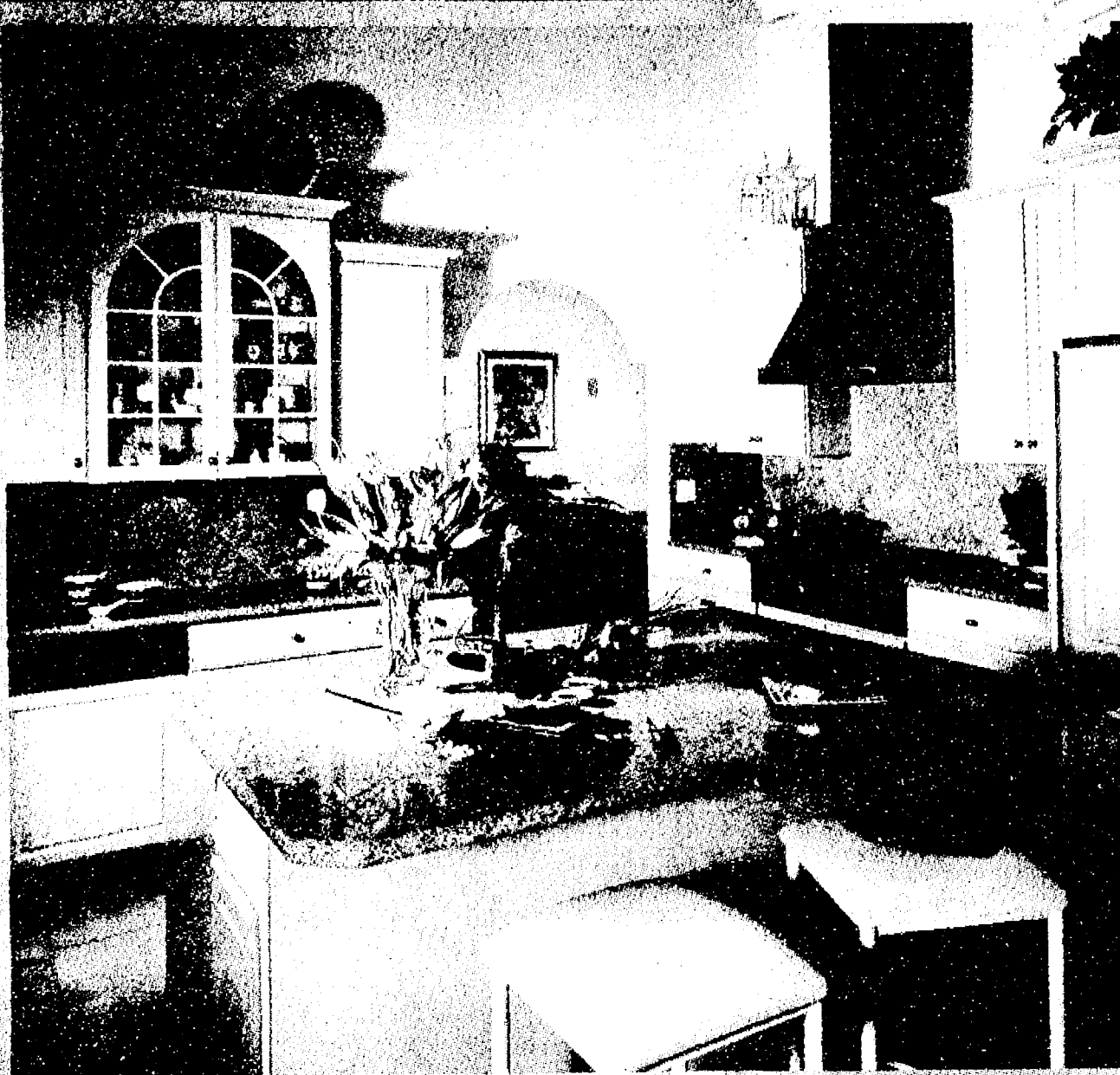
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Plant it correctly and they will grow healthy

Q. I planted some shrubs in the fall and a few did not make it through the winter. What should I have done differently?

A. Shrubs, trees, perennials and annuals must be planted correctly if the plant is going to survive and flourish. The success of your landscape plants depends on a number of factors: adapting to the new site, planting techniques, the quality of the plant and maintenance after planting.

Selecting the right plant for that certain spot in your yard is very important. Many trees and shrubs need specific environmental conditions to grow right. Too much or too little sunlight or moisture can mean death to your new plant. Ask the experts at your local garden center if the tree you are considering will grow in the location you wish to plant. Without enough sunlight, many flowering plants will have few if any flowers. Also consider the soil drainage in the area you are planting.

Some locations in your yard may



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By David Soulliere
Soulliere Garden Center

hold the water for extended periods of time and other locations may dry out fast. Just as some plants require more sun than others, there are plants that require a constant damp soil and others that flourish in a well-drained soil.

How wet the location is, needs to be considered when you decide on the best plant for your particular location. Poorly drained soil can be raised to improve the drainage. Dry areas need mulch and extra water for new plants.

Trees and shrubs come in all sizes and types. Choose a plant that will fit in the area that you

want it to grow. This is where the professionals at the garden center can help you. There are trees that only grow to 8-feet tall and some that grow to 60 feet. Shrubs are also available in dwarf sizes as well as large-growing privacy types. Picking the right tree or shrub now will allow you to have years of enjoyment from that plant.

Balled and burlapped plants can be planted throughout the growing season. While at the garden center these plants are usually heeled into planting beds to help keep the roots damp until it is purchased. Measure the size of the root ball of the plant. Dig the hole the same depth of the root ball so that the top of the ball is even with the top-soil level. Remember to crown the planting beds so the excess water will run off. You may want to raise the level of your whole planting bed if the area you choose to plant in has poor drainage. The width of the hole should be one to two times the size of the plant's root ball. This will allow the roots to extend into the loose soil around the plant. After the plant is in the hole cut off any twine around the trunk and open up the burlap around the top. If the burlap is made of a synthetic material, you need to remove the whole burlap. Then backfill the hole with a combination of loose planting mix and the soil you removed from the hole. Lightly compact the soil around the plant and water.

Container plants are planted similar to the balled and burlapped plants, only you must remove the

container it comes in. Small plants can be turned upside down with your hand over the top of roots to catch the plant as it comes out of the pot. With larger plants you may want to cut the pot so you can lift the plant out. If the roots on the plant are root bound in the pot it is best to make some vertical cuts around the sides of the plant's roots to loosen them up before planting. This will help the new roots to grow out into the soil.

After planting, mulch covering the surface around the plants will help conserve moisture and reduce the amount of weed growth. Two to three inches of mulch will help protect the plant. Water the new plants as the soil dries out. The best way to know when to water is to check the soil to see if it is damp. After a few checks you will be able to tell how fast the soil dries out and how often you need to water. Also, fertilizing the new plants with a plant starter food helps promote new root growth. Delicate transplants like dogwoods, azaleas and rhododendrons will also benefit from adding mycorrhiza when planting. What is mycorrhiza? Read next week's column or stop by to get the quick garden lesson.

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Home Tips

By JoAnn Derson

- "To soften food that is stuck on a pan, try soaking it overnight with fabric softener. Just fill the pan with enough water to cover the burned-on food; then lay a dryer sheet of fabric softener in the pan (poke it down so it will stay under the water). The next morning, you should be able to wipe the food right off. You can even use the fabric-softener sheet as a scrubber."

— A.S. in Maryland.

- "To make your carpets look clean in a hurry, like when you are having company over, just sweep them with your broom."

— C.C. in Pennsylvania.

- "To keep thread straight when threading needles, I run the end across a cheap glue stick. It works very well, and the glue washes right out of the thread. Or, if you are afraid it will be sticky, you can just clip the end off before you

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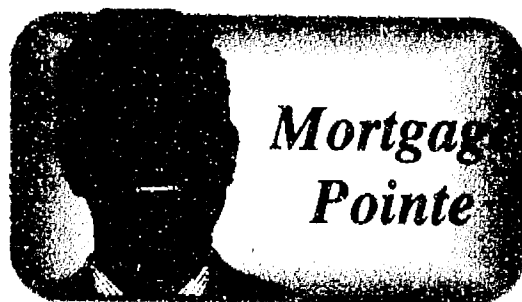
How much home can one afford is a decision

It is important to consider what is more beneficial to you and your personal situation — buying a smaller, less expensive house or buying as much as you can afford.

During the inflationary 1970s, builders, developers and lenders encouraged consumers to buy as much home as they could afford. At that time a house was a terrific hedge against inflation and it seemed to make sense to put as much of your money as possible into an asset that, at the time at least, was doing much better than financial assets.

In today's market it is important to weigh the buy as much as you can afford vs. buy as much as you need strategies. A house is an asset. You buy it because it's a home, a place to live, a place to retreat, and a place to raise your family, but you also buy it because it has an investment component. You expect its value to rise and to be able to sell it at a profit.

Occasionally, these two aspects of homeownership unite nicely. We buy a house in a nice neighborhood with decent schools that's convenient to lots of services because that makes our lives more comfortable. It also happens that a house in such an area generally has greater appreciation potential.



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By Nathan M. Steiner
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However, this is not always the case.

Buyers need to be careful when purchasing a home in a certain area. Sometimes individuals justify a home purchase in a way that blurs these two components. Consumers may buy a smaller house than they actually need, so they can buy into a fancier neighborhood where they expect price and appreciation to be higher than other areas. In this situation a buyer may pay more for less and not see the return they anticipated and may have received in another demographic area. Conversely, another person may buy a much grander house than he or she can comfortably afford, figuring that it's a good investment. In this situation the buyer's financial resources may be completely devoted to the home investment, and his or her every-

day life and asset allocations for the future are being affected by this.

There's a large range of what kind of house is large enough, grand enough, and in a nice neighborhood, but as individuals we each have to come to some idea of how much house is appropriate for us, given our resources and our living needs. If you go too far beyond some reasonable concept of what's appropriate, then it seems that your home and investment is falling more into the investment category. This may be OK if you've got plenty of other assets (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) and you're well on your way to meeting goals such as savings in your 401K and other accounts for retirement and funding for children's college fund. But if you don't have a decent size diversified portfolio aside from your house and if the payments you make on a home prevent you from accumulating assets for retirement and other goals, then you may be making yourself too

dependent on the performance of one asset, your home.

It is important to buy a large enough home to meet your shelter and family needs. A house large enough to accommodate you and your family in a neighborhood you feel comfortable in while making sure that the amount you're paying for that house also allows you enough financial flexibility to accumulate sufficient financial assets so your financial future doesn't hinge solely on how much your house has appreciated over the years.

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start sewing."

— T.E. in Kentucky.

• "For painting around windows, instead of using masking tape or another kind of tape (which can be hard to put up and can leave a residue when you take it down) use contact paper or shelf paper. Cut a strip and apply it right to the window. You can reuse it for several windows if they are the same size."

— T.T. in Georgia.

• "One thing I do to increase my chances of not getting sick during cold and flu season is wipe my desk phone down with alcohol every day. I also wash my hands frequently."

— C.E. in New York.

• Here's a great idea from M.G. in Oklahoma: Use photos as postcards to share warm memories of wonderful trips. She takes trips with Turner Tours of Oklahoma City and has friends all over the world to share her experiences with.

• Post-it notes can be a great organization tool. Try putting a Post-it note on the refrigerator, and when you run out of something, write it on the Post-it. When grocery-shopping time comes, grab the Post-it and go.

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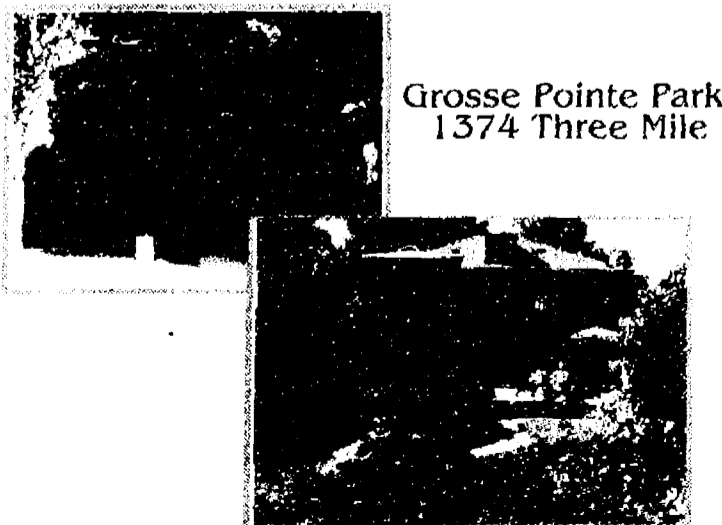
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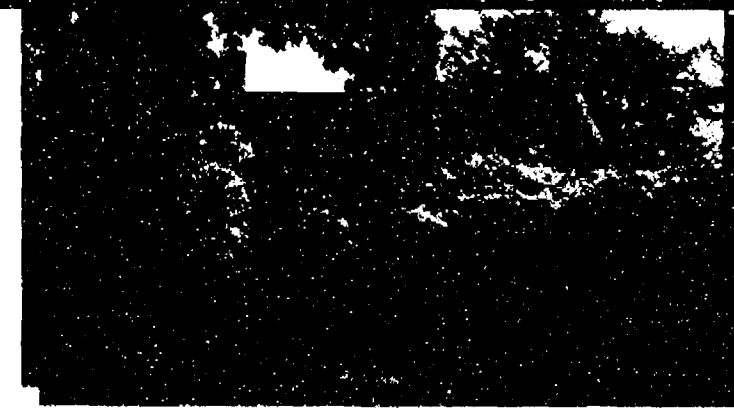
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**LAKELAND
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Exquisite in every detail - this is the home you've been waiting for! Magnificent two story entrance hall, 10ft ceilings on the first floor and 9 ft. on the second, living and dining room both with fireplaces, dazzling new kitchen and all new baths. Central air conditioning throughout.

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**ALGER PLACE
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On a winding cul-de-sac leading to the Lake is the site of this outstanding Williamsburg style Cape Cod. First floor master suite, two story living room, family room with fireplace and doors to terrace and large yard. Newer white kitchen with greenhouse window. Many updates! \$829,000

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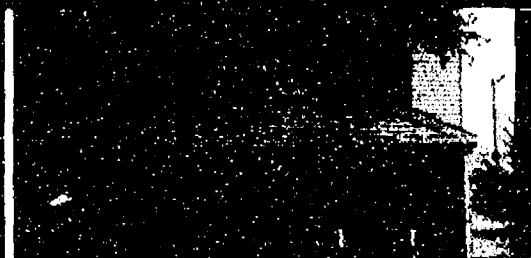
BARRINGTON, GROSSE POINTE PARK
Unique Bedford stone home with terra cotta tile roof offers exceptional details; ornate plaster molding, natural woodwork, hardwood floors, stove carved fireplace. New kitchen with granite, Pewabic tile, cherry cabinets and stainless steel appliances. A true one-of-a-kind! \$289,000.

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VERNIER, GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Just in time to enjoy the fabulous, lush private backyard with paver patio! This impeccable three bedroom Colonial is just a half a block from the lake. Newer kitchen with maple cabinets and ceramic tile floor. Updated includes new tear-off roof, Pella windows, furnace and air. \$278,000.

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ALLARD, GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Easier living is yours in this immaculate three bedroom, two full bath Colonial. The furnace, central air, water heater and landscape lighting are all new. Family room and finished basement with half bath. Two-car garage. \$239,000.

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FLEETWOOD, GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Enchanting two bedroom Ranch with a decorator's touch! Updated kitchen opens to a sunny dining room with bay window. Charming features include coved ceilings, crown moldings and fireplace with marble hearth. Hardwood floors, finished basement with half bath. \$179,000.

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HUNT CLUB, HARPER WOODS
Lucky you! Nothing to do but move in. Enjoy the lovely living room with natural fireplace, formal dining, remodeled kitchen, new garage and drive, roof and sprinkler system. Newer furnace and air. What a home!

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RAYBURN, WARREN
Three bedroom, one and one half bath brick Ranch on a pretty tree-lined street. Family room with natural fireplace, good floor plan and nicely landscaped yard. Two car attached garage and an open full basement. Immediate occupancy. \$158,000.

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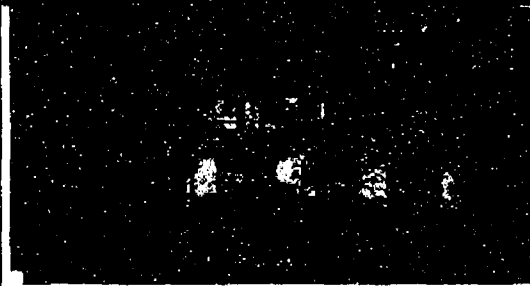
E. SNOWBIRD CIRCLE, ST. CLAIR
Stunning brick Ranch condo just one and one half years old is the first unit in the complex and features an outstanding view! Two bedrooms, two full baths. Professionally decorated and filled with numerous upgrades. Full basement, two-car garage with workshop area and cabinets. \$308,000.

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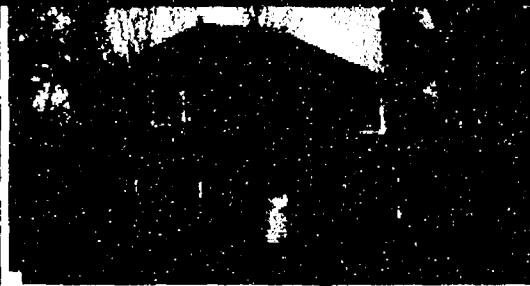
Distinctive four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial on a private cul-de-sac off Lakeshore Road. Two story foyer, barn wood and stone fireplace in living room, family room, library and screened porch. Price adjusted to \$495,000 and owner wants to see an offer!

GROSSE POINTE PARK



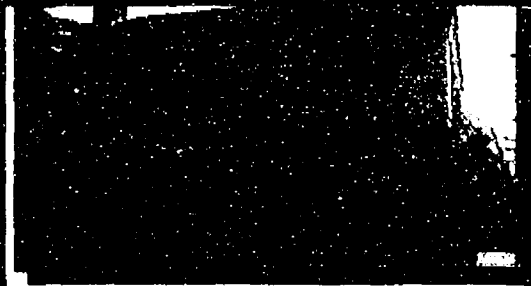
Sophisticated décor throughout this impeccable home. Stylish new baths. Granite counters in gorgeous new kitchen with step down to family room with fireplace, vaulted ceiling and door wall to covered patio. Marble entry and gleaming new hardwood floor on first floor. \$500,000.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS



Fantastic location! Charming center entrance Colonial sited on a 100 x 162 foot lot. Large updated kitchen with new granite counters and French doors to deck with hot tub. Family room with natural fireplace and recreation room with fireplace and wet bar. Newer roof and windows. \$719,000.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS



Cul-de-sac location for this charming three bedroom Colonial. Totally updated kitchen with bay window and all newer appliances. Large master bedroom with double closets. Covered porch overlooks private rear yard. \$235,000.

PRICE ADJUSTMENT!



Not to be missed! Stunning Colonial has been tastefully updated; refinished floors, freshly painted, Pewabic tile fireplace, updated kitchen, sunroom. Four bedrooms, three and one half baths and the master suite has a balcony. Now \$489,000.

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