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WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, Sept. 22

The American Association of University Women's annual Used Book Sale continues through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, at Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack.

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association's semi-annual fundraiser, an Attic Treasure Sale, begins with a presale party from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Art Center, 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park. The sale continues from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Friday, Sept. 23

The Hill Association's Hill Days run from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday on Kercheval between Fisher and Muir. Bargains and sales are available both days. On Saturday, Whack the Mole Band plays from noon to 4 p.m. For children: face painting and a moonwalk.

Grosse Pointe South High School's homecoming parade starts at 6 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club. The football game against L'Anse Creuse begins at 6:55 p.m.

Services for Older Citizens' annual fundraising dinner and auction begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Tickets are \$125. Call SOC at (313) 882-9600.

St. Clare School hosts the NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick competition beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the school's athletic field, 16231 Charlevoix. The free competition is for students at St. Clare School between ages 8 and 15.

Saturday, Sept. 24

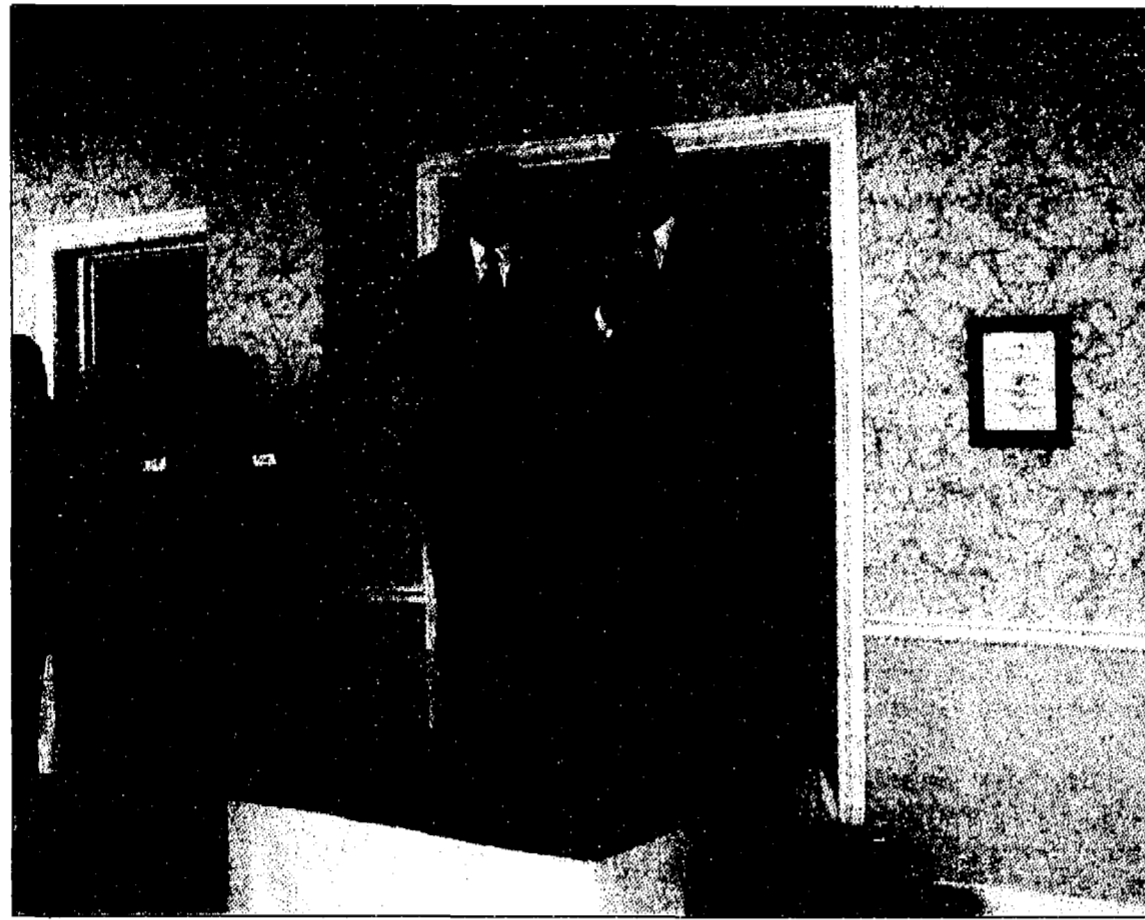
Grosse Pointe Encampment: On the Shores of Lake St. Clair 1700-1820 runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at Neff Park, 17350 Jefferson. The Grosse Pointe Historical Society and the City of Grosse Pointe sponsor this portrayal of frontier life on the Great Lakes by reenactors.

Cottage Hospital Auxiliary's annual kitchen tour preview party is from 4 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35. Call (313) 882-7570 or (313) 881-7415. The tour of eight kitchens, runs from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets for Sunday are \$20 and may be purchased at two of the homes: 876 Pemberton in Grosse Pointe Park and 703 Lochmoor in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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William Gilbride, right, chairman of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial board, along with President Mark Weber, says a few words before cutting the ribbon and unveiling the new, \$700,000 elevator project that makes the historic Alger House truly handicapped accessible.

War Memorial gets a lift

By John Minnis
 Editor

Friends of Grosse Pointe War Memorial got a lift last week — literally.

On Thursday, Sept. 15, the veteran's center held the official ribbon cutting for its new, \$700,000 elevator project that finally made the 80-year-old Alger House and Fries Auditorium handicapped accessible.

Built in 1926, the Alger House, home of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and community center, is a state and national historical site.

"This is a dream come true," said War Memorial President Mark Weber. "The Alger House was not built for public use. Some 200,000 people a year use this facility. It was not built for handicapped access and especially not the theater downstairs."

He said the new elevator, which seamlessly connects the older Alger House with the newer Fries Building, provides "dignified access" to all levels of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"Before you had to go outside to get to the Fries Building," Weber said, "and use the freight elevator behind the 'slop sink.' We heard about it and reacted."

The need for the elevator was pushed by Frank Sladen, Claire Perry and the Grosse Pointe Theatre.

The architect for the project was Doug Hamborsky. Finishing touches were made by Clarinda Ray, "who did an astounding job to make the interior look beautiful, yet functional as a public building," Weber said.

Ted and Kevin Monahan were the

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Hill restaurant raises \$50,000

When The Hill Seafood & Chop House owners, management and employees announced two weeks ago they would match dollar for dollar customers' donations to its Katrina Care fund up to a total cumulative match of \$25,000, they probably thought it would take a while. Last weekend, they reached their goal.

"It's just great," said general manager Nick Graczyk of the fundraising effort. "People have been so favorable and generous about it."

During the two weeks, customers were required to offer to contribute. It was a proactive effort on their part. The Hill owners, management and staff then matched the customers' donations.

All donations, including The Hill's matching funds, were sent directly to the Red Cross.

School finance stumps Lansing lawmakers

By Ann L. Fouty
 Staff Writer

School financing needs to be reformed. Legislators say it's a top priority.

In the meantime, much impatient local toe tapping is done waiting for state legislators to make definitive decisions. Local school boards undertake what cost-cutting measures they can, whether it's staff reduction or chipping away at support services.

Educators and citizens want an answer on how to repair the broken school financing machine.

Kathleen Straus, president of the Michigan State Board of Education, State Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan State Sen. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park and Grosse

Pointe Board of Education member Joan Dindoffer met on Monday, Sept. 19, to pose possible solutions to fixing school financing at a roundtable discussion sponsored by the Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters.

The impact of the 1978 Headlee Amendment and three other issues have notable altered how much money the state can raise. The three other issues are multi-year tax cuts and tax expenditures and Proposal A, which was to even the playing field between the more wealthy and poorer districts. Financing public schools was taken from local hands and put in state's hands.

School financing reform is

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G.P. encampment brings history

A free Grosse Pointe Encampment: "On the Shores of Lake St. Clair: 1700-1820," will be held Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Neff Park in the City of Grosse Pointe, 17350 E. Jefferson.

This interactive portrayal of frontier life on the Great Lakes is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and the City of Grosse Pointe.

Reenactors dressed in period attire offer authentic depictions of French voyageurs, Native Americans, British military personnel, traders, and French and British settlers.

These historic figures will delight children and adults alike with tall tales and a variety of demonstrations

including muzzle loading, cannon fire, and military life in the 1700s.

Guests are invited to browse and buy quality wares at the encampment's "Sutlers" tent or select from a variety of Grosse Pointe historical books, videotapes, and other informative videos.

"This is a chance for the citizens of this area to learn about the early settlements and how our ancestors lived among the natives and survived in a harsh, unforgiving environment," said Dale Canapini, co-chair of the event.

For more information, call encampment co-chair Debbie Graffius at (313) 882-4062; or the Grosse Pointe Historical Society at (313) 884-7010, Web site gphistorical.org.

POINTER OF INTEREST

Sr. Verenice McQuade

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms

Age: 87

Occupation: Director of community and patient services at St. John Hospital and Medical Center

Quote: "I had to ask for a degree in hospital administration. Many men . . . had degrees in hospital administration, but it was not ordinary for a woman."

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Sr. Verenice McQuade

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

Stockholders of the Grosse Pointe Bank and National Bank of Detroit approve a merger of the two institutions.

The announcement is made by John Lord, chairman of the Pointe bank, and Charles Fisher Jr., president of NBD.

This year marks the first in a long time that Grosse Pointe Shores has not polluted Lake St. Clair, it is revealed by Village Superintendent Thomas Jefferies.

Jefferies says that since the new sewer in the Village has been in operation, pollution of the lake has been almost nil.

With only two weeks of practice under its belt, the Grosse Pointe Blue Devils football team, last year's State Class A champion, wallops Mount Clemens 34-0 in the opening game of the 1955 season.

The lopsided victory serves warning to future Blue Devil opponents that they don't intend to give up the throne without a fight.

25 years ago this week

Advocates of a November ballot proposal to lower the drinking age from 21 to 18 won't find much support from Grosse Pointe police and school officials.

"The lower the drinking age, the greater the possibility of a spin-off effect on younger persons under 19 drinking alcoholic beverages because of its close association between the age groups," said Bruce Kennedy, public safety director in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Calling itself a victim of reflation — inflation during a recession year — the Family Life Education Council (FLEC) announces it may be forced to cease operations by the end of this month.

Located on Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms, FLEC has been providing legal, medical and personal counseling to troubled youngsters and their families for nearly 16 years.

Eleven-year-old Heather Cross of the Pointe will be one of three permanent hosts of a new Saturday afternoon television program, "Kidworld Magazine," to premier this month on TV-2.

The half-hour weekly show is for young people ages 8-12 and features fun things to do, science, magic and animals.

10 years ago this week

The public comment portion of Grosse Pointe school board meetings is moved near the top of the agenda rather than toward the end.

Members of the public wishing to address the board will have a combined 30 minutes to speak their collective piece.

In an effort to achieve parity with Grosse Pointe South High School, district Superintendent Ed Shine asks Grosse Pointe Woods council members that North

High be allowed to erect lights around the Norsemen football field.

Council members last year denied a similar request by the North Booster Club.

Representative of Staples office supply store ask for their request to open a warehouse store on Mack at Neff be tabled from the City of Grosse Pointe council agenda.

"Staples wanted to resubmit a new site plan," says city manager Tom Kressback. "They may be looking to increase the building's size from 15,000 square feet to 21,000 square feet."

5 years ago this week

Grosse Pointe Woods celebrates a half century of Pointehood.

Thousands of residents line Mack to watch the city's 50th birthday parade. The Mini Van Moms, a tongue-in-cheek precision drill team of mothers who ferry their children from activity to activity in mini vans, make their public debut.

A Moon Sycamore is planted in Grosse Pointe Park.

The tree comes from a seed that journeyed to the moon on an Apollo mission as part of the American Forest's Famous and Historic Tree Program.

The tree honors Clark Richner, a youngster who won the Park's 2000 Big Tree Hunt by locating the largest elm in the city, a specimen with a 202-inch circumference standing in front of a house at 1012 Three Mile Drive.

One word is taboo this week during football practices at Grosse Pointe North High School. The word is

50 years ago this week



Scouting's highest ranking attained by trio

Three members of Boy Scout Troup 619 of Maire Elementary School receive their Eagle Scout badges during the first fall meeting of the school's PTA. Shown from left are Scoutmaster Vince Norako, Howard Harrison, 13; Carl Erickson, 13 and Frank Sweet, 12. (Photo by Fred Runnells. Sept. 22, 1955. From the Grosse Pointe News.)

South.

"I told the kids I didn't want to hear anything about South," says coach Frank

Sumbera.

North wiped out South last week 48-20. "That game is over,"

Sumbera says. "We have to focus everything on Utica. We can't afford a letdown."

— Brad Lindberg

Lansing

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not a new issue, Straus said. "Proposition A changed the dynamics of school funding. It has been suggested by Michigan State professors raising taxes from six to eight mills on residential property. It would help. The legislature seems reluctant to talk about it."

Straus said since all legislators say education is their top priority, they should be

willing to fund it. She went on to say school districts are doing what they can while waiting for legislators to solve the bigger issues.

Gaffney replied that the state is not in condition to raise taxes, and legislators must be mindful that there are other budgetary areas which need to be addressed.

If raising the taxes was not an avenue to pursue, Dindoffer suggested that collecting taxes on the books, such as Internet and catalog shopping, would be of benefit.

She suggested tax incentives be offered to private industries and individuals who are contributing to schools, or tapping into philanthropic avenues.

"We must make sure all children are educated well," she said.

Gaffney agreed. "We can provide tax credit for money going to educational foundation. We need to take advantage of the generous nature of people."

The state board of education has suggested to the Legislature, and money has been set aside, to undertake a study to pin down the cost of funding education.

"Does it vary from district to district? How can services be delivered that may be most cost effective? What does it really cost for excellent education?" Straus said these are some of the questions which would be answered by the study and could help set state funding levels.

Straus would like compensation to be investigated and an income tax rollback. She went on to say that school districts are coming

up with solutions on their own, such as privatization, joining consortiums, and sharing effective teachers between districts.

Grosse Pointe has been looking at cost cutting measures in health care, contracting out services and privatization, Dindoffer said.

There is only so much local boards are able to do.

Look into employee pension funding, she urged Scott and Gaffney. Local districts have no control over how much individual districts contribute to the Michigan State Employee Retirement System.

"We get a bill," she said. "Before Proposition A, it was 5 percent; after that it changed to 14.8 percent of the employee payroll. This year it was 16.3 percent, and by 2008, it will be a little more than 20 percent of the payroll. It is difficult for our school districts."

Both she and Gaffney agree that the plan should be changed to a defined contribution plan.

"The legislature is looking to provide for a defined contribution. In the long run it would save money," he said.

However, according to Scott, the teachers she has talked to are not in favor of a change in their retirement system.

All panel members agreed there must be a change because quality education is tied to funding.

"During good times we cut and cut and cut ourselves into a hole. That is the structural defect we must reverse. People need to talk to their Legislature," Straus said.

Lift

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builders of the challenging project. The Monahan Co. also built the Fries Building in 1964 and the TV wing in 1990.

Funding for the costly project was pushed off the dime with a \$150,000 challenge grant from the Nonprofit Facilities Center, a joint program of the United Way.

Donors included many individuals and organizations, including but not limited to Marty Bufalini, John Casey and Mary Lou Britton and the Grosse Pointe Theatre; Grosse Pointe Garden Center; Pete Dow, Carl Eckert and Frank Sladen and the Alice Kales Hartwick Foundation; Steve Stackpole and Serena Stevens.

The ribbon cutting was performed by William Gilbride, chairman of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial board.



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Woods residents get dim answers from DTE

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

More than 150 Grosse Pointe Woods residents packed themselves in the community center last week to get needed answers from DTE officials after the latest round of brownouts disrupted their lives.

On Aug. 26, business owners and residents living north of Vernier and east of Mack experienced a brownout, and three days later the same thing occurred.

Another brownout put a damper on their lives a week after that, and for those affected by the power problems, enough was enough.

The problem in that 3.28 square mile area has been an on-going issue for a decade and the latest round of inconveniences.

Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, city

manager Mark Wollenweber, Mayor Pro-Tem Patty Kukula-Chylinski and city council member Vicki Granger have all been instrumental in calling DTE officials to let them know they have to come out and permanently fix the problem, not just put a band-aid on it.

"We have to turn off most of our electrical items in the house so they don't burn up when the power is back to 100 percent," Woods resident Michael Adamski said. "It's been a hassle, and hopefully we will get a solution to the problem that has been going on for years."

Dozens of angry residents grilled DTE regional manager Joseph Cazenno Jr., saying that they are fed up with paying their monthly electricity bills even though the brownouts keep occurring.

"DTE has been responsive and Joe (Cazenno) came by

personally after our most recent brownout," Wollenweber said. "Edison understands how serious this is, and they want to resolve the issue."

Kathy Sarvis, a Woods resident, said, "I moved here to Grosse Pointe Woods three years ago, and within two weeks there was a brownout. What a way to start."

Several businesses in Grosse Pointe Woods have been affected by the brownouts, including Big Boy and its owner Dan Curis.

"For the residents, the brownouts are a hassle, but for a business person, we start to lose money when the power goes out," Curis said.

The main problem has been with the primary power line on the pole behind Schummer's business on Mack at Anita and several secondary power

lines that run in the area.

"We have identified the problem area, and we will have the problem permanently fixed in November," Cazenno said. "We're here as a team, and we want to fix the problems."

Other DTE representatives, Arlene Agy, Anthony Eaddy, Deborah Majeski, John Witherell and Charlene Hudson spoke to the residents about what exactly happened and what the company will do to resolve the issue.

"This is unacceptable and our residents and business owners are fed up with it," Novitke said. "DTE has to fix the problem once and for all. We know power can go out during a storm because of lightning or high winds, but for the power to go out on a sunny, calm day with temperatures in the 80s doesn't make sense, and DTE has to get to the bottom

of this."

Even these explanations didn't settle well with the residents who still continued to grill the DTE reps, trying to get them to pinpoint when the problem will be fixed.

"This problem will be fixed in November; I guarantee it," Cazenno said.

An Edison crew would have been on-site sooner than November, but many are still in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana helping those citizens regain power after the devastating Hurricane Katrina destroyed coastal areas in those three states.

Cazenno said DTE would send Wollenweber a letter when the problem is fixed in November. However, he also said that residents can't get upset if their power goes out, and the cause is weather-related, such as high winds that knock down a

tree that snaps power lines.

"We know what has to be done, and that work will be finished in November," Cazenno concluded.

DTE has upgraded the power needed when the Sunrise Assisted Living center was in the infancy stages of its construction. That project is more than half-way completed, and DTE told residents the increased power needed in the area would not affect anything in the future.

Will residents, business owners and city officials really know the problem is fixed? They will have to wait until next summer when the temperatures soar into the 90s.

"We understand what we're in for, and hopefully next summer, when it gets hot, our power will still be at 100 percent," Novitke said. "If it's not, then DTE will be held accountable."

Paying back

Chris Briggs, maintenance coordinator of Sunrise Assisted Living facility in Grosse Pointe Woods had to live up to his end of the bet he lost to residents and staff. After the team members of the Sunrise Senior Living facility heard that four of their sister facilities were damaged by Hurricane Katrina, and that many of the staff working in those buildings lost everything, they wanted to do something to help; so they came up with "A Dress For Success Fundraiser." Briggs told everyone should they raise \$1,000 by Friday, Sept. 16, he would wear a dress that day to work. Sunrise Senior Living has a Good Samaritan Fund which they use to help fellow team members affected by natural disasters. For every dollar that is raised toward this fund, the company matches dollar for dollar. The "A Dress For Success Fundraiser" goal of \$1,000 has already been met and exceeded; so Briggs donned his pink flowered dress on Sept. 15 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hope he had comfortable pumps on.



Photo by Robert McKean

Moross to be dug up for water main work

The Detroit Water and Sewer Department is in the process of replacing the old cast iron water main in the Moross area.

During the next several weeks, Detroit Water and Sewer will be excavating the south side of Moross from I-94 to Mack.

From September to December, they will be installing 16-inch pipe between the south curb and sidewalk. The grass area will be torn up for a period of time, and they will flush and test the new water main.

Once the tests show the water is safe to drink, the tapping crew will return to dig up the pipe once again to connect your home to the new water main and disconnect the connection to the old main.

If your water service box is on the side street, they will not change your service, announced Detroit Water and Sewer.

Once the water connections are finished, a third crew will start repairing the driveway and the cross street for each block, and after the concrete cures, Detroit Water and Sewer will supply new topsoil and seed the damaged areas.

Dirt and dust are going to be a problem, but Detroit Water and Sewer will attempt to keep it to a minimum.

As the new water lines are hooked up, residents may notice intermittent color changes in the water. This is caused by the rust in the old pipes being disturbed. Allow your water to run until water clears.

The screen in resident's faucets will trap occasional sand grains. These particles may slow down water flow. You may improve your water flow by unscrewing the screen at the end of your faucet and tapping the screen on a hard surface.

Once the particles are dislodged, rinse them away and re-install the faucet screen (aerator).

Home and business owners in the area should check their lawn sprinkler system, sidewalk and driveway concrete, trees and shrubs in the right-of-way of Moross, parking, concrete work, excavation, running water and water shortages.

If your lawn has an automatic sprinkler system between the curb and sidewalk, you should make arrangements to have it disconnected. It will be destroyed. Replacement will be at your expense.

Each house will be photographed before work begins. Pavement damaged during construction will be replaced. Previously damaged concrete may be repaired at the same time at an extra charge. If you would

like extra work done, call Hayes Excavating Co. at (313) 841-1180.

Trees and shrubs will be trimmed and cut to allow passage of the company's machines. Every effort will be made to save the trees, but many root systems must be cut to install the pipe. Trees and shrubs will not be replaced in the Moross right-of-way.

Call (313) 841-1180 for a quotation on extra repair work to the concrete, and all dirt being removed will be hauled away.

Hydrants and hoses may be left running for several days. The water mains will be flushed for a minimum of three days before test sam-

ples are taken. Tests may take additional six days before results are obtained. Once the tests are cleared, the water connections to water users will begin.

It would be a good idea to keep a supply of clean water on hand in your home. During periods when connections are being made at intersections or homes, the water will be shut off for as many as eight hours. Extra water for cleaning, drinking, or flushing toilets will reduce these temporary discomfort periods. The company will do its best to keep the water flowing.

This project is being handled by Richard Baibak, project manager.

Stand Down Sept. 30

Wayne County's Stand Down II is planned for Friday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Historic Fort Wayne on W. Jefferson, just west of Clark Street and south of Fort Street in southwest Detroit.

Tours of Fort Wayne and other entertainment are planned.

Wayne County has nearly 200,000 military veterans. Veterans attend a Stand Down to learn about benefit programs, for health screenings and other services.

The county's first Stand Down last year in Westland attracted nearly 400 veterans and their families.

Visitors must check in at the gate. Veterans need to bring a valid state ID, proof of income slips and a DD-214 discharge form. Family members should plan to attend to learn or seek assistance.

The event is free and there's no obligation. For more information, call (313) 224-8162/0849.

Library board urges attendance

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Do you have any ideas about the newly proposed Central library, or do you have any opinion about what role the library should play in the community five years from now?

If so, the Grosse Pointe Public Library board wants to hear from you. It is encouraging the public to attend its monthly board meeting on Monday, Sept. 26.

An issue of major importance to the public is the proposal for a long-term strategic plan. The Alice Kales Hartwick Foundation recently awarded the Grosse

Pointe Library a \$20,000 strategic planning grant. Preliminary bids to lead the strategic plan effort were submitted by five companies

— Library Training Network, Extra Edge, W.J. Shorer, Plante and Moran, and McKenna Associates. All submitted bids were more than the \$20,000 grant allotment. The board will have an opportunity to compare proposals and to discuss how to proceed.

Another hot topic on the agenda is the future of the Central library. The board will be reviewing the various options; possible topics might be whether or not to renovate the current build-

ing, to build a new structure or to relocate to another site.

The meeting itinerary also includes the appointment of board members to various board committees.

The agenda for the meeting is available on the library board Web site at gp.lib.mi.us and is posted at each library. A copy of the packet of materials prepared for the trustees will be available for review by the public at the Central library and at each branch by Friday, Sept. 23.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Ewald Branch Library, 15175 E. Jefferson Ave., Grosse Pointe Park.

Get library card, win prize

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month; so the Grosse Pointe Public Library is encouraging the public to obtain a library card.

For the entire month, everyone who renews an expired card or signs up for a new one is eligible to enter a drawing for a chance to win a gift certificate. The name of one adult and one child will be drawn at each of the library branches.

Adults will receive a certificate to The Hill Seafood & Chop House, and youngsters will win a certificate to the Village Toy Store.

Week Ahead

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Saturday, Sept. 24

The Grosse Pointe Social and Newcomers Club's "Back to School" party runs from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Those interested in attending the party or joining the club should send an e-mail to membership@grossepointe-newcomers.com.

Brownell Middle School hosts a tag sale and tin can auction from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the school, 260 Chalfonte.

The Grosse Pointe Park Business and Professional

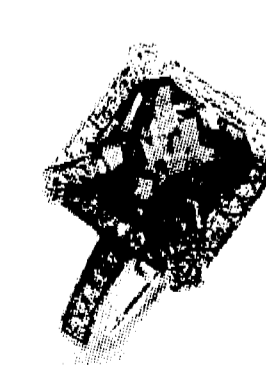
Association and Defer Elementary School offer a variety of family activities from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the last day of the West Park Farmers Market.

Monday, Sept. 26

The Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 15115 E. Jefferson.

The Board of Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library meets at 7 p.m. in the Ewald branch of the Grosse Pointe Library, 5175 E. Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park.

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Sister Verenice: 'heart and soul' of St. John Hospital

By Margie Reins Smith
Assistant Editor

Sister Verenice McQuade, SSJ, said she likes to keep in touch with the pulse of St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Linda Lloyd, president of the Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital, said that Sister Verenice IS the pulse. "She's the heart and soul of our hospital," Lloyd said.

Sister Verenice has been with St. John Hospital for 34 years. She has been a Sister of St. Joseph for 68 years.

At age 87, now director of community and patient services for the hospital, she puts in a good eight-hour day, five days a week.

She steps into her office every morning at 7:30 a.m. She visits patients. She sits on the hospital's board of directors. She is Director Emeritus of the Fontbonne Auxiliary, a group of some 800 women who are dedicated to raising funds for the hospital. She works with St. John Hospital's Guild, a group of about 800 men who also raise funds for the hospital.

Sister Verenice's one concession to advancing age (she had heart bypass surgery nine years ago and she now uses a walker to steady herself) — she goes home every day at 3:15 p.m.

Sister Verenice grew up in Detroit. She graduated from St. Henry High School, then earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Nazareth College in Kalamazoo.

"English and French were my concentrations," she said. "I worked for a dentist for a while. I had a boyfriend. I taught school in Detroit for three years."

She decided to enter the convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Kalamazoo on June 21, 1937, while she was a student at Nazareth

College.

"There were eight sisters in the group. We prayed, trained, worked and attended college together," she said.

Any regrets?

"Never," she said.

"When I was on a retreat at Nazareth one summer," she said, "I was called to the office of Mother Colette, the superior general in charge of all the sisters."

"Mother Colette said, 'I'm going to ask a sacrifice of you. I want you to give up teaching and go into hospital work.'"

"It was no great sacrifice for me," Sister Verenice said, with a broad smile. "I was sent to St. Joseph Hospital in Flint to work with Sister Mary Owen. We got along very well and I loved it."

"In June, I was an accountant in charge of finances. By August I was assistant administrator and a year later I was administrator of that hospital."

She finished her graduate studies by earning a Master of Arts degree in hospital administration at St. Louis University.

"I had to ask for a degree in hospital administration," she said. "Many men — men that I worked with — had degrees in hospital administration, but it was not ordinary for a woman."

She served two terms in Kalamazoo as president of the Sisters of St. Joseph. She sat on the boards of the five hospitals conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

"I wanted these hospitals to include lay members on their boards. I think that lay people know the needs of the community and have local experience that is of great value to the rest of the board. There was a lot of opposition to this," she said.

"The Lord helped me. Now there are lay members on the boards."

POINTER OF INTEREST

In 1971, Sister Verenice was offered a position as assistant administrator in the department of social services at St. John Hospital. The job included pastoral care and financial management.

Her current title, director of community and patient services, involves visiting patients, working on the board and Fontbonne activities.

Sister Verenice has devoted more time than an average person's lifetime directing and administering efficient, reliable, prompt and affordable health care, all with the patients' well-being as top priority.

She has also been active in the Economic Club of Detroit, the Detroit Historical Society and the Michigan Conference of Catholic Health Care Facilities.

Some of her duties involved mingling with celebrities.

She was called upon to give the invocation when former President George H.W. Bush came to Detroit to speak to the Detroit Economic Club.

"Poor George W.," she said. "He is in such a mess. I like Laura too."

She was at the airport to welcome Bob Hope to Detroit when he flew in to entertain at a Guild fundraiser. "He was so nice to deal with. He so wanted to please us and help us raise money."

She sat next to Bill Cosby at another fundraiser.

"He took my hand," she said. "You have arthritis, he said. 'Do you have pain?'"

"He suggested something I should take for pain. It helped a little," she said, with a smile.

Fontbonne president Lloyd noted that Sister Verenice is honorary chairman of the group's annual White Christmas Ball, which will be held in December.

"We have already begun an intensive construction program at St. John Hospital. When this is completed, all of us will have many advantages — especially our patients," Sister Verenice said. "In the meantime, I convince myself that the sounds of construction are music to my ears."

"So much of Sister Verenice's ministry has been done in corridors," Lloyd said.

The \$156 million project will include a Sister Verenice McQuade corridor as well as the ability to pro-

vide leading-edge technology and services in the hospital's specialty areas: cardiovascular care, cancer, surgery and emergency medicine.

Sister Verenice likes to read. The last book she read was fiction, "The Tea House on Mulberry Street" by Sharon Owens.

"It's kind of an Agatha Christie mystery," she said. "I like mysteries. I'm reading an Agatha Christie mystery too. I also enjoy biographies. The last one I read was about the life of our second president, John Adams. "One of my favorite authors is Harry Truman's daughter," she said. "I've read all of her books."

Sister Verenice has a great deal of praise for St. John Hospital's doctors, nurses, administrators and members of the Fontbonne and the Guild: "They are such dedicated people," she

said.

"I want to express gratitude to so many wonderful people who have assisted in our mission. They are true friends. Mark Taylor, the president of St. John Hospital, . . . our medical staff, . . . our board members, . . . our associates, . . . Dr. Anthony Tersigni, former president of St. John Hospital, . . . Mr. Elliott Joseph, who manages the Ascension Health System, (made up of all the hospitals conducted by the Daughters of Charity and the Sisters of St. Joseph, . . . (and) the Sisters of St. Joseph, who established St. John Hospital and have enabled it to thrive for 52 years."

Sister Verenice's favorite prayer?

"I love this one," she said: "May your joys, like the capital of Ireland, be always Dublin."

"Amen."



Photo by Craig Gary
Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Director David Hiller, center, head of the Eastside Coalition for Wayne County Emergency Management, along with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, right, explains emergency procedures with residents aboard the county's eastside mobile command unit, which will be housed in the Park firehouse.

County exec: I-94 corridor is the next 'Gold Coast'

By John Minnis
Editor

Harper Woods gets \$220,000 in Wayne County parks funds, and Grosse Pointe Park gets to house the mobile command vehicle for the east side.

Those were the bombshells dropped Wednesday, Sept. 14, at a town hall

meeting for Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and hosted by Harper Woods Mayor Kenneth Poynter.

"We're proud to be part of Wayne County," Poynter said, kicking off the town hall meeting in his council chambers and before introducing 1st District County Commissioner Christopher

Cavanagh.

Cavanagh upstaged the county executive by announcing that the county commission has appropriated \$220,000 of the recently passed parks millage funds for Harper Woods parks.

When pressed by a resident in attendance about whether the City of Harper Woods has actually received the money, Cavanagh had to backtrack a bit and acknowledge the \$220,000 appropriated was for use in all of his district, but "I hope Harper Woods gets it," he said.

Ficano explained that while the money has been set aside for the 1st District, those seeking the funds must request the money and get their plans approved.

Cavanagh was quick to add that he is still trying to get his colleagues on the county commission to approve a \$2 million parks appropriation for an art center in Grosse Pointe Park. He indicated it was a hard sell since Grosse Pointe turned down the park tax renewal on the Aug. 2 single-item ballot.

One resident scolded the county for forcing a county-wide ballot when only Detroit had a scheduled election. Ficano countered that in an odd election year, the county had no choice. The voter countered that the county should have waited a year.

Ficano said that too was unworkable because the parks tax then would have lapsed and would not have been a renewal. Seeking a new tax would have required two-thirds approval by voters, he said.

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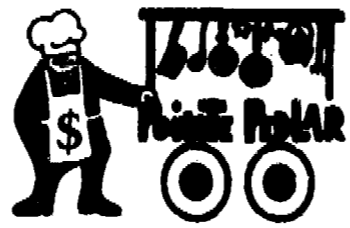
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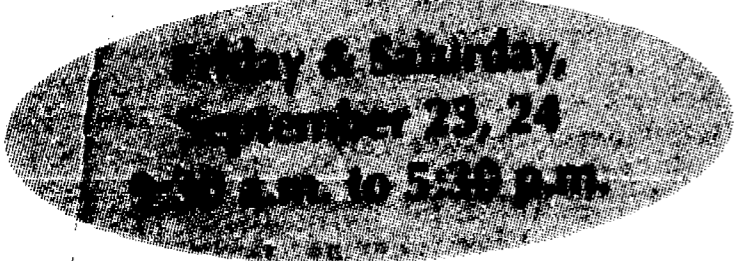
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Vagaries of school funding

There is a lot of hand-wringing these days with few viable solutions offered.

A case in point is school funding, which was discussed at length Monday night in a forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe.

In attendance were state school Superintendent Kathleen Strauss, local State Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, state Sen. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, and Grosse Pointe school board member Joan Dindoffer.

All agreed school funding in Michigan is in shambles. It has been so ever since the 1978 Headlee Amendment and even more so since proposal A was passed in 1990.

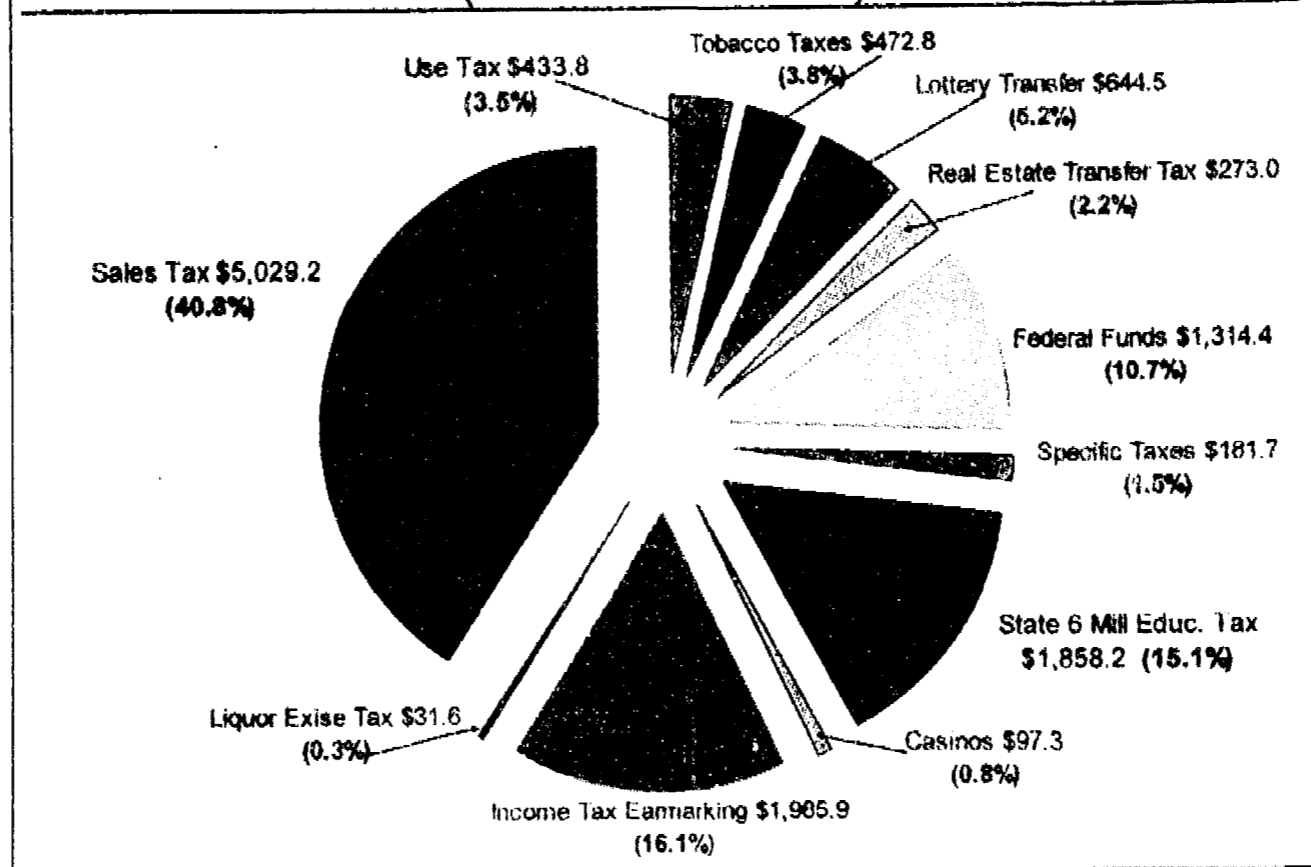
The Headlee Amendment limited tax growth to the rate of inflation or 3 percent, whichever is less. Proposal A took local school tax levies away from school boards and placed them in the hands of state lawmakers.

Since then, school boards have seen their costs rise and their incomes limited and in some cases frozen. Meanwhile, the schools across the state are struggling to keep their heads above water and continue their education program.

We can argue all day about how much money is enough. But some



State of Michigan: FY 2004-05 School Aid Fund Revenue Sources (in millions of dollars)



things cannot be changed, such as fixed costs, including labor contracts.

Some have suggested raising the residential school tax 2 mills (33 percent) from 6 mills to 8 mills.

But with Michigan hemorrhaging jobs, businesses and residents, is

that a smart move?

Only 15 percent of the state education budget comes from residential property taxes, while 41 percent of our education dollars comes from the 6 percent sales tax. Another 16 percent comes from earmarked income taxes, and 11 percent from

the federal government.

Careful readers can discern the problem here: Some 68 percent of our education dollars come from fluctuating sources.

Sales and income taxes are subject to the vagaries of the economy. In economic slumps, such as currently, education dollars go down. And, of course, the federal government is never a secure source of funding.

Lawmakers must be careful not to do more harm than good. The Headlee Amendment, for example, is a great way for keeping a lid on windfall tax gains due to periods of rapidly rising property values.

Proposal A cut school taxes in half in some communities. (However small local and county taxes are filling the void.)

But in Proposal A's attempt to level the playing field, are better school districts being dragged down rather than poorer districts elevated?

Proposal A and the coinciding 50 percent hike in the sales tax also brought along another onerous development: the "pop-up" tax.

We are seeing the negative impact today. When longtime homeowners, whose taxable property values have been virtually frozen for 10 or more years, find out they will pay much more in taxes if they move, they decide to stay put.

To say this has had a chilling effect on home purchases is to understate the problem.

Clearly schools — and government — have hit hard times. And the answers are not forthcoming.

Maybe we will "grow out of it." Or is that wishful thinking?

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Seasons add spice to year

Everyone is grouching that the summer flew by again. Where did the time go? This is the first year I don't feel that way.

As of yesterday, we had clocked 20 days of over 90-degree temperatures, and we certainly have had our share of sunny days. Camps, sporting events and children's activities were rarely compromised by rain, and we had countless long, sun-drenched days to enjoy.

We certainly could have used more rain, but who of us is about to complain about that with what's been going on down South? We are fortunate to have parks, lakes and clubs all offering good swimming opportunities and respite from the heat.

Now comes the fall, and isn't it one of the true treasures of this area? The children are back in school. Soon cooler, brisk days will greet us, and the soccer and football fields will be pleasant places to observe our young at play as they learn the lessons of competition and fair play and experience school spirit. Homecomings and pom-pom parties will be celebrated. Pumpkins will be carved and goblins will appear.

Glorious falling leaves will cascade from the trees and crackle under our feet. It is truly one of Mother Nature's spectacular gifts.

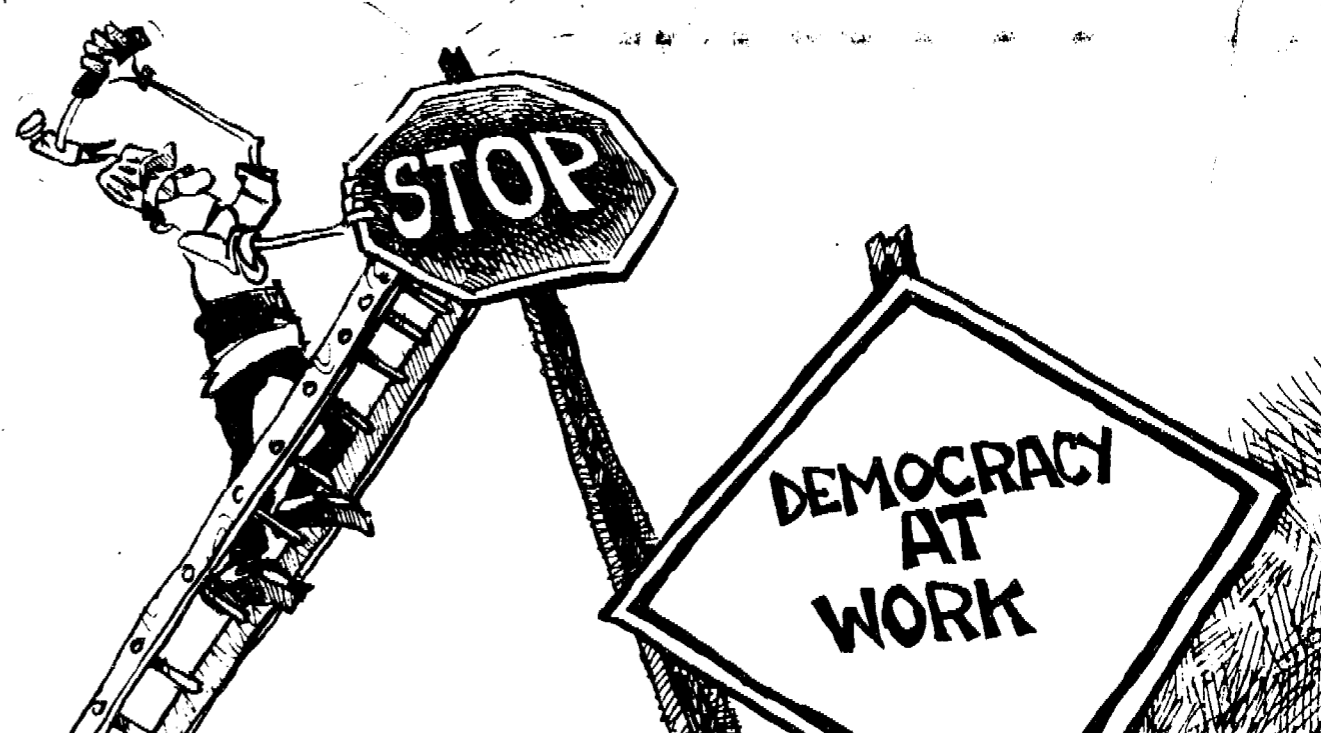
Runners, cyclists and boaters will persevere until the frosts push them inside to seek different seasonal endeavors. Skates are being sharpened, skis waxed, bowling balls cleaned in preparation for new pursuits.

I love the changing of the seasons and the variety of activities available to us each year. How boring it would be to live in the same weather patterns all year. There is such a sense of renewal and promise in the spring. We feel the comfort of the lingering soft days of summer and the grand finale that is autumn as it gently ushers in the long winters, while hoping they will be crisp and white and not simply tinged with gray.

I know this household will burn more than its share of wood and be content to settle in with that stack of books that have been patiently waiting to be read. Whatever the weather, there is much to enjoy and appreciate in this community.

— Offering from the loft

AT THE CORNER OF ROSLYN AND MORNINGSIDE



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

Letters

New building with historical presence

To the Editor:

As an ardent preservationist involved in many restorations in the City of Grosse Pointe — the Cadieux House, a small cottage on Neff, the Blondell home on St. Clair — and several others in Detroit, Most Holy Trinity Rectory; and in Grosse Pointe Farms, the Joy Bells and the Kerby House, I feel qualified to voice an opinion of deep concern regarding the architecture of the Sunrise complex that will be built on St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Members of Congress don't get to do what they want to do in high public office unless they get elected, and that takes votes. That's why they maintain offices full of staff who help constituents resolve problems with the federal government. If word got around that they couldn't be bothered to help folks back home get a missing Social Security check or hear their views on an important issue, they would suffer at the polls.

It's the same with a request to meet. If you call your Congress member's office, you almost certainly will not get "no" for an answer. You might get, "Oh, she can't meet with you next week," but that's why persistence is important. If she can't meet next week, ask if she's available the week after. Or the week after that. Or ask if she has regular district office hours for meet-

ing with constituents. Many members of Congress do.

You can strengthen your case by enlisting some friends to go along — after all, the more voters, the better — and by making it clear that you aren't just planning to show up with a laundry list of gripes. Settle on a couple of issues you want to discuss, and let the staffer making the appointment know what they are.

This might seem like a lot of bother, but let me assure you, it's not. If you have something to say, pick up the phone and give it a try. You might be surprised at how easy — and effective — it is.

Lee Hamilton is Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

the historical gem adjacent to the property.

The City should reconsider this plan and Mayor Scrace should immediately appoint a planning commission, headed by City planner Brandon Rogers, to develop short- and long-term planning goals and to work to retain the look and feel of old Grosse Pointe, while bringing the City up to date. Every Grosse Pointer wants our retail community to prosper and our community to retain its beauty. City of Grosse Pointe, please reconsider this plan.

Elaine Hartmann
Grosse Pointe Farms

The cup of coffee solution

By Lee Hamilton

Have you tried to get in touch with your member of Congress recently? It's not easy.

The traditional way is to sit down and write a letter. But ever since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the anthrax scare that followed, every letter to the Capitol gets screened; so by the time it's delivered not only is it late, but also it's often damaged.

You could try faxing a message, but it's hard to get a word in edgewise these days: Congressional fax machines churn around the clock as organized interest groups spread their word.

You might try e-mail, but your odds of getting noticed are even smaller than with a fax. According to a recent study by the Congressional Management Foundation, 83 million e-mail messages were sent to members of the Senate last year, and 99 million to members of the House. Small wonder that congressional offices are having trouble keeping up with — let alone paying attention to — e-mails they've been receiving.

Traveling to Washington is difficult, too: It's beyond most people's means, and members of Congress are so busy on the few days each week when they're in the capital that it's tough to get an appointment if you're an ordinary citizen, no mat-

ter how strong you feel about a particular issue.

You might just be tempted to give up, especially if you've been reading the papers, where you've seen that lobbyists and big-time contributors shower the legislators they're hoping to influence with campaign contributions, golfing trips, and tickets to the theater or major sporting events. "I can't compete with that," you may well decide.

You'd be wrong. You can compete. Here's how: Call your representative's office and invite him to meet with you and a few of your friends for coffee somewhere in the district. Be persistent. A personal visit is one of the most effective and one of the most under-utilized ways for members of the public to make their views known.

You probably think I'm nuts, that no high-and-mighty member of Congress is going to bother with anyone who isn't writing a big campaign check or lobbying for a well-heeled interest group.

The truth is, though, in all my years in Congress I never knew a colleague who wouldn't sit down with a constituent.

There are two simple reasons for this. One is that most members of Congress take quite seriously their role as representatives; it's part of their job to hear from constituents.

The other reason is that you're a voter.

To flip-flop or not to flip-flop?

The Northwestern University women's lacrosse team last season completed an undefeated season that culminated in an NCAA title.

It was only the second NCAA championship in the school's history. The first was way back in 1941 with men's fencing — a team that no longer exists at the varsity level.

They went 21-0 on the season and beat 10 ranked teams. They were the only NCAA team this year (out of all sports) to have an undefeated season.

These successes must be

the result of many years of building a program, recruiting athletes and maintaining tradition, right?

Wrong. The team has only been a varsity sport at NU for four years.

So, this is great. In a matter of years, the Northwestern athletic department pulls together a fantastic team, finds a talented coach and has a fairy tale season.

The news media should be applauding their efforts, and sports fans should be in awe of their athletic feats.

But there wasn't much hoopla about the Wildcats until President Bush invited them (along with 14 other teams) to the nation's capital.

The majority of the country had no clue about the team until it returned from Washington and the Chicago Tribune ran a story entitled



"Fashion Footnote: 'You Wore Flip-Flops to the White House?'"

People nationwide started paying attention to the team, but it wasn't because of something the players did right: It was because they didn't approve of some of their footwear.

It seemed as if everyone jumped on the bandwagon when they got the chance to criticize.

The story sparked reports in news outlets all over the country — debating the

merits of the summer flip-flop and critiquing the athletes.

These girls are not going to be remembered for their tremendous athletic skill, undefeated season or championship title.

They're going to be remembered as the team who wore flip-flops to the White House.

It's sad that a fashion topic such as this will overshadow their success. Why are we still so concerned about what other people

wear? Although not all of us would make the same footwear selections as some of these girls, isn't it their choice?

Some of us wouldn't have worn the short khaki shorts some of the members of the University of Michigan women's softball team wore to the same event, but that was their choice.

How can we accept so many other things — things that are so much more harmful — and still criticize these girls for something as simple as their shoes?

We don't mind violent video games and rap lyrics that can't be printed in a family newspaper, but we decide it is a worthy cause to analyze whether the straps on a stranger's sandal go across the foot or between the toes.

The flip-flop frenzy seems like a waste of energy.

Dubya didn't seem to mind all that much, and it hasn't caused any disasters or individual harm.

Ironically enough, the only good thing from this whole debacle came from the culprits themselves.

The athletes, who have befriended a 10-year-old cancer patient, have auctioned their infamous flip-flops on eBay to raise money for the girl and her family.

So, Northwestern Women's Lacrosse team, congratulations.

You've proved the naysayers and nitpickers wrong.

You've stood by your decision to wear what you wanted, and you have done it with class.

You turned a "fashion disaster" into a way to help someone.

But, most importantly, you had an undefeated season and won the 2005 NCAA championship.

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The Op-Ed Page



Orly Trieber, assistant editor with Avalon Books poses with author Margie Carroll, right.

Motivation

Mentors and motivators come in all shapes and sizes, ranging from the late, great Green Bay Packers head coach Vince Lombardi to movie actress Jennifer Lopez, better known as J-Lo.

For Farms author Margie Carroll, the man who encouraged her muse was her high school gym teacher. She had decided to become a writer at age 6 and started by making up stories about her friends and reading them in class in elementary school. From there, she wrote for her junior high school newspaper on Long Island and her

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high school paper.

"My gym teacher encouraged me by telling me every time a column appeared I could skip gym class," Margie reports. "I hated gym; so it was a great deal."

From high school, she went off to George Washington University and on to the real world, where she worked as a journalist covering aviation and luxury travel, then in-house director of public relations for British Airways, and then director of advertising and public relations for the Luxury Collection and St. Regis at Starwood Hotels.

While she had numerous articles published in newspapers and consumer magazines, she had always wanted to write fiction; so she set out to write a "bodice ripper."

Bodice rippers, for the uninitiated, are romantic fiction pieces, often historical, that are full of unrestrained romantic passion, according to Wikipedia. Book covers frequently feature a large-chested woman whose undergarments are being ripped by a muscular, often shirtless, man.

"I figured it would sell, but in the end I chickened out," Margie reported. "This novel is sort of a 'Sex & the City' minus the sex part."

"My story is a career romance involving a young New York City editor, and hopefully young girls will get inspired reading it. The message is if Mr. Right doesn't come along, just concentrate on your career and 'To Thine Own Heart Be True.'"

"Rules of Engagement" will be published by Avalon Press in June 2006. The firm publishes family oriented books that are distributed in hardcover mainly in libraries, Margie reports.

"My writing history does not involve any long struggle, I'm afraid; this was my first novel. I sent it off to one publisher, who turned it down. Avalon was my second try, and they bought it. No agent. Just sent it off unsolicited to the slush pile. All based on the advice of fellow Grosse Pointe Farms resident and author, Marianne Shock, by the way, who I was introduced to by Suzy Berschback, another fellow Farms resident and author."

It should be noted that Margie didn't produce the novel overnight. She started writing fiction after her daughter was born. Kathleen is now 4.

Margie says the Farms "rates right up there with my favorite places in all the

world, and it's a wonderful place to raise a child and a Scottish terrier named Buddy."

Dog walk

If your dog will walk three miles, you should sign up for the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society's "Spay Neuter Awareness Walk" on Sunday, Sept. 25, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Children's Home of Detroit at 900 Cook Road in the Woods.

If you don't have a best buddy, you may walk anyway and make a \$10 donation for an individual or a \$25 donation for a family. The walk starts and finishes at the home.

Last year, 50 to 60 walkers and 25 to 30 dogs took part, and the non-profit dog and cat rescue mission raised almost \$2,500 to continue its good work. This year, more than \$600 in prizes have been donated by local businesses, according to Dorothy A. Fleming, one of the organizers.

My best buddy, Mouse, will have to stay home that day as I am otherwise engaged, which is probably good because he sits down after two miles, and I am getting too old to carry a 128-pound dog. Maybe they'll add a "sag wagon" for Mouse and me next year.

Fish tales

My mid-summer-night's fish tale of a rare sturgeon catch on Lake St. Clair on July 28 brought a response from Lisa Mager of the Park.

She tells me that two days after the story of former Grosse Pointer Dan Kinsley's catch was published, her husband, Jeff, and sons, Alex, 13, and Max, 10, were fishing in the dumping grounds at the

hooked a sturgeon on a muskie lure trolled about five feet down in 15 feet of water. This one wasn't snagged but attacked the muskie bait and came out of the water with four to five lamprey eels attached. A couple fell off as the fish was landed, and the rest were killed in the boat by the fishermen.

Before releasing the 52-inch-long fish estimated at 35 to 40 pounds ("close to the size" of the Kinsley fish) Jeff Mager snapped pictures with his cell phone.

In my piece, I noted Kinsley's comment that long-time fishermen couldn't remember more than one sturgeon being caught in the previous decade. But being a good reporter, Mrs. Mager checked with the

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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

How many times a week does your family gather for dinner?



Zofia Zlichosk

"About twice a year."
Zofia Zlichosk
Grosse Pointe Woods



Greg Mattes

"Every couple of weeks."
Greg Mattes
Grosse Pointe Woods



Beth Babini

"Every night."
Beth Babini
Detroit



Pat Evo

"Every night, if possible."
Pat Evo
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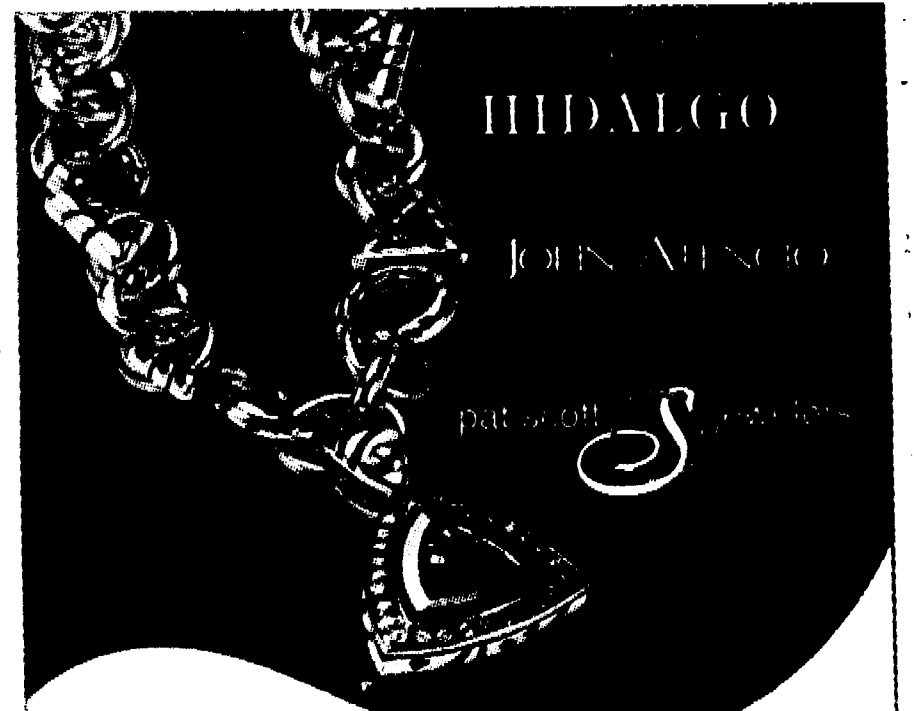
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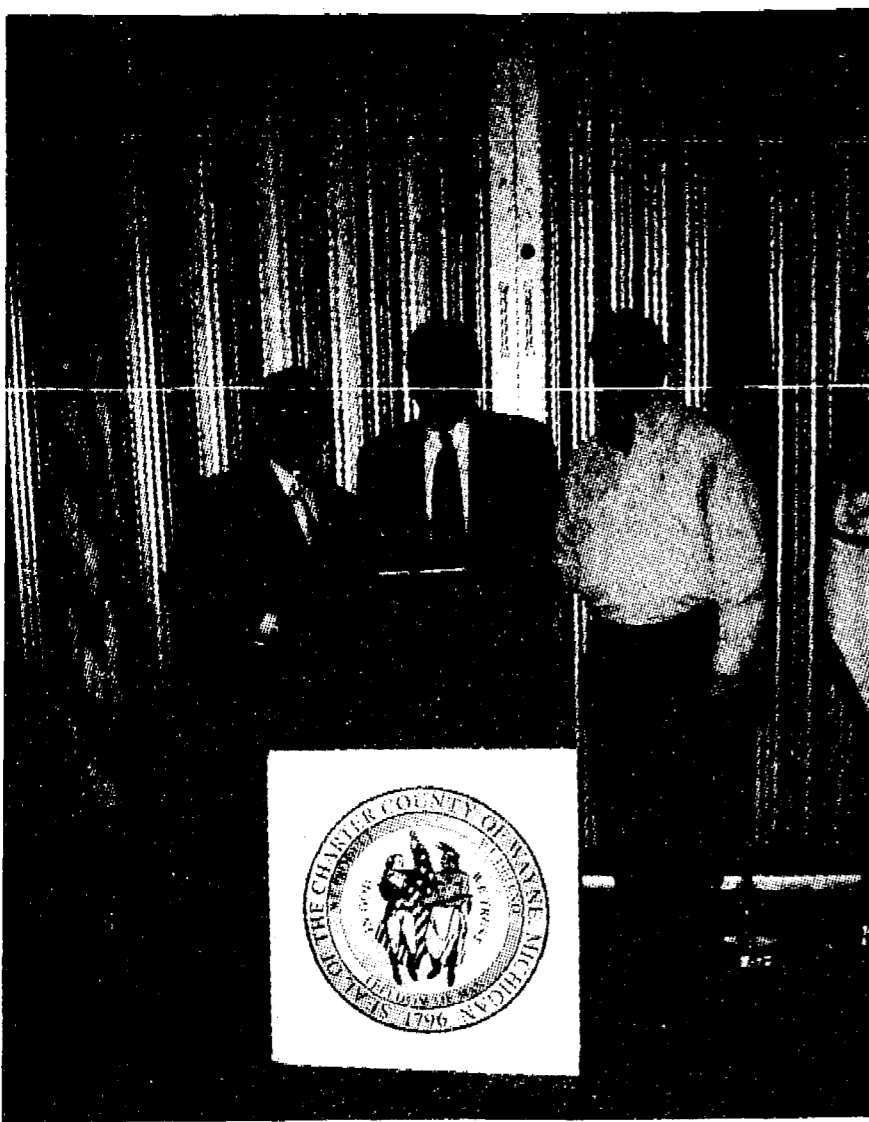
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Harper Woods Mayor Kenneth Poynter is flanked by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, left, and County Commissioner Christopher Cavanagh at a town hall meeting last week in Harper Woods.

Ficano

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meeting, the county's emergency command center — a high-tech motor home for emergency response — was parked outside Harper Woods City Hall. Ficano announced that the vehicle would be permanently housed at the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department.

David Hiller, Park director of public safety, was at the town hall meeting and confirmed the news.

"We have an available bay; so it will be stored in Grosse Pointe Park," said Hiller, who is head of the Eastside Coalition for Wayne County Emergency Management. Hiller said terrorism is not so much the threat on the east side. "We're more concerned about natural disasters," he said, such as the winds that tore through Grosse Pointe Farms a few years ago.

James Buford, director of the Wayne County

Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, attended the town hall meeting, as did many other county department heads.

Ficano opened his remarks by stating that Wayne County is part of a global economy.

"There is no doubt Michigan has gone into a downturn," he said. "There's been a retraction in south-east Michigan. For all industries, there is some permanent retraction going on."

He said Metro and Willow Run airports are "our rivers of the world." He equated flight paths as the equivalent of the water shipping routes and airports as the ocean ports of ages past.

For the first time, Ficano said, the county has had to resort to layoffs to balance the budget. First at the administrative level, he said, and later with collective bargaining units.

He said the county will be going out with a request-for-proposal on a new "County Justice Center," a high-tech jail and court.

"You can close your lock-

ups down," he told the Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe officials present. "All neighboring counties are looking at building new jails."

Ficano took the opportunity to promote a "land bank" program that would save businesses money. Property owners who improve properties would enjoy a lower tax rate for a period of years. Afterward, the property would generate more taxes because it is worth more.

"You still get more in taxes," he said.

Ficano also asked those attending the town hall meeting to sign a "Jobs Tunnel" petition.

He said currently there is a move afoot to have a second bridge to Canada built downriver. He proposes

retrofitting an existing rail tunnel under the Detroit River as a second crossing for commerce.

"What's better? Three miles or three-quarters of a mile?" he asked.

As for the future, Ficano predicted that the I-94 corridor between the University of Michigan and Wayne State University — with Metro and Willow Run in between — would become the next "Gold Coast" for economic development.

Among those attending the nearly all-Democrat gathering were Republicans Ed Gaffney, local state representative, and Cheryl Costantino, a Harper Woods councilwoman.

State Sen. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, was also in attendance.

Photo by John Minnis



Kinsley boys Alex, 13, left, and Max, 10, show off their catch before returning it to Lake St. Clair.

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Department of Natural Resources, which advised her that 10 were landed and reported in 2004 in Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers.

"Not to take anything from the lucky men in the picture you printed, but if their sturgeon was close to 75 pounds, it would have been much larger," Mrs. Mager said.

Of course I hadn't noted

in that column that the Kinsley catch was about a year before I printed the story, and it is obvious that as with most men's fish stories, that sturgeon had grown considerably in 12 months.

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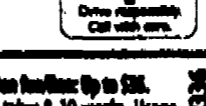
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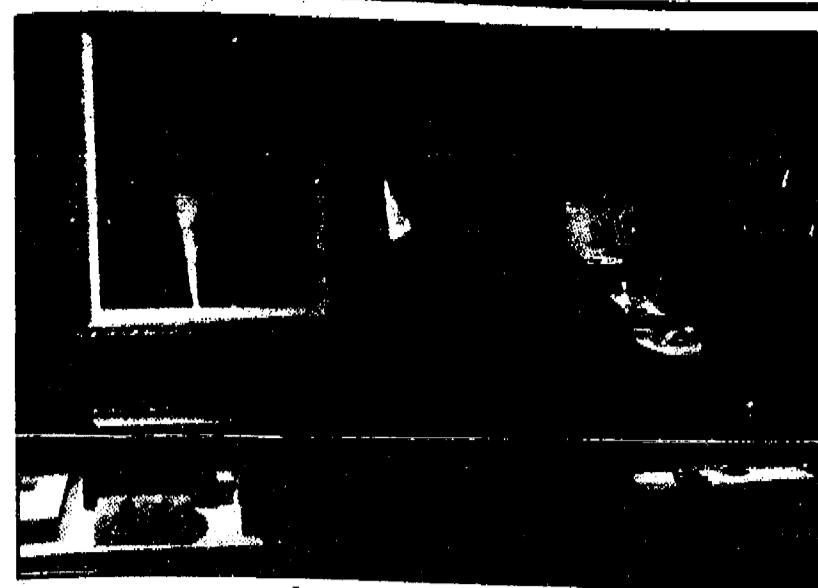
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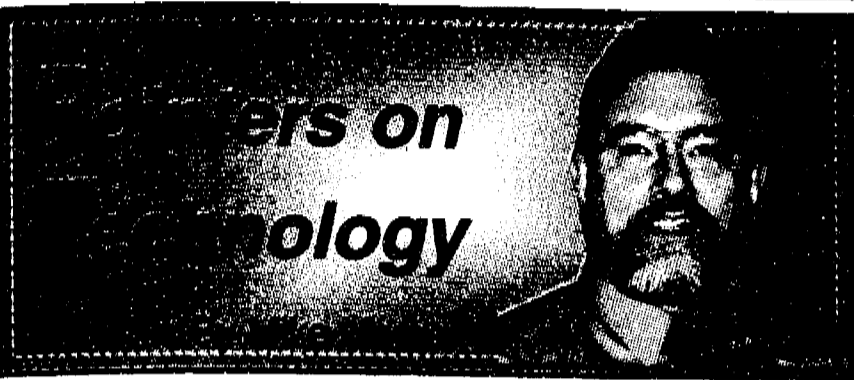


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A graceful goodbye

Georgia Valente, above, is retiring from the business she owns in The Village in the City of Grosse Pointe, Valente Jewelers. Valente's late husband Jerry, pictured behind Georgia, and his sisters, Sandra Zachmeister and Carol Marchesi, moved the business from Detroit (it originally opened in 1934) to its current location in 1982. Jerry died in 1998, which is when Georgia bought the business from her sisters-in-law. She is still going to own the building and will be looking for a new tenant for the first quarter of 2006. "I would like to thank the Pointes for 70 years of patronage," Georgia said. "It is time for me to enjoy life with no time constraints."



Read with your eyes closed?

Have you ever gone on a car trip and read a book?

Of course, what I'm talking about are audio books. I've done it, and it really does help kill the time on long trips. If you've done it, but want to learn more, I have just the place and time for you.

The award-winning narrator for Recorded Books, Barbara Rosenblat, will be visiting the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Ewald Branch on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 7:30 p.m. Rosenblat will do a series of readings followed by a demonstration of downloadable audio books. Rumor has it that the library will be giving a brand new mp3 player to one lucky attendee. (Actually, it is a fact.)

The program is free, as are all adult library programs, but seating is limited. If you want to attend, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 220, for a reservation.

Do you believe in coincidence? Check this next inquiry out.

Prudence writes, "I read your recent column and your request for questions. The question I have may not exactly fall into the focus (I'm usually out of focus, Prudence) of your column, but it would help to have a column on this so more of us could take advantage of this free library service."

"You may know that the Grosse Pointe library has made it possible for library members to download audio books from the Web site, netlibrary.com. This seems like a good thing; however, it requires the device you are downloading (through your computer, I think) to have a secure WA format."

"The Netlibrary site provides a huge list of devices, but unfortunately the iPod is not one of them. In surfing the Internet for more information, I did come across references to software which would appear to convert from a WMA format to non-WMA devices, which I assume would allow me to use the iPod, I think."

"I have asked at the library for help, but no one seems to know much about this issue. My questions are:

"What is this WA or WMA format?"

"Are WA and WMA the same thing?"

"Can I make the iPod work for these downloads with some software?"

"If anyone has done this, and can he recommend a

device?

"How much memory do I need to have for most books?"

"I probably would have other questions when I get into it. Thanks for your help."

Well, Prudence, I contacted Martin Struhar, who is the network specialist for the Grosse Pointe Public Libraries, and here is his reply:

"Thank you for contacting me, and I am glad to try and help."

"Your reader should visit the Wikipedia Web site for a definition for WMA media (www.wikipedia.org). Net Library uses the WMA media format for distributing audio books, and it most likely uses WMA format because of its support for licensed content."

"Concerning the WA format she mentions, I can find no information on it, and I think she may be mistaken on that one."

"Can she make the iPod work for these downloads with some software? There is a Web site discussing that question (www.jakeludington.com); just follow the links."

"The audio books that are downloaded from Net Library are licensed and may not be able to be converted. I have not converted any of the downloadable books myself, but I suspect there may be an issue with the license connected with the WMA file."

"As for specific devices, there are numerous free downloads for file conversion on the Internet. Just search in Google with the keywords, 'convert WMA to iPod.'"

"Regarding how much memory she needs to have for most books: That depends on which version is selected for download. There are two options when downloading audio books from Net Library, which are very different in size. For example, the radio quality version of 'The Founding Fathers On Leadership' takes up 19 megabytes (MB) compared to the CD quality version at 134 MB."

"I hope this helps the reader."

One final thought. I think I may need to visit the Ewald Library on Oct. 5.

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 mtmaur-er@comcast.net

The Hill plays host to Sidewalk Sale

The Hill shopping district in Grosse Pointe Farms will enjoy a Sidewalk Sale this weekend.

Shoppers will find many a sale at each and every store that encompasses the two-block district.

In addition, on Saturday, Sept. 24, the "Whack the Mole Band" will perform. The Moles, led by drummer, singer and 20-year Grosse Pointe resident Tim Kelch, will perform in front of the Grosse Pointe News from noon to 4 pm.

"With a combination of nearly 100 years of musical experience the Moles are comfortable playing songs from the '60s on through today" Kelch said.

Allan Nahajewski, keyboard and harmonica artist from Lake Orion, added, "We like to throw in our own twist to the songs you are all familiar with to keep them fresh. It's not uncommon at a practice session for one of Motown's favorites to end up with a reggae beat."

"It comes out how it comes out," said Brian Wood, singer guitarist and songwriter, who is most famous for the theme song he has written and performs for WCSX's Saturday morning Over Easy Show.

It's worked well for a band that got together just over a year ago and is now booked pretty much every weekend in venues from festivals and charity events to restaurants and bars including two recent performances at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

"We play songs everyone in the family can enjoy," said singer and guitarist Tom Zakarian.

Van Morrison, Paul Simon, the Eagles, Beatles and even some songs from the movie "Shrek" are on the docket for this Saturday's performance. More informa-



Ribbet

Copies of Annie Gough's "Story of the Frogs" are being sold for Frogs-Furs-Friends at Something Special, which will participate in The Hill's Sidewalk Sale, which runs Friday, Sept. 23, and Saturday, Sept. 24, in Grosse Pointe Farms. Shoppers will get plenty of opportunities to enjoy what each business has to offer.

tion including songs lists, Whackthemole.com. The sale runs through Saturday, Sept. 24, and the

weather is supposed to be partly sunny with no mention of rain.

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Astronaut's space adventures enthrall students

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

"I had an adventure. How cool it was to fly in space?"

With those few words Lt. Col. Edward Michael "Mike" Fincke had Pierce Middle School students riveted to their auditorium seats for 45 minutes on Friday, Sept. 16.

"It was my dream since I was three to be an astronaut. I got a chance to fly in space last year. It made my heart so happy. Sixth-graders, if you spot an opportunity, take advantage of it."

"I didn't get straight As in math, but nine years ago NASA hired me. Math, science and physics, they will help you get a long way. Figure out what you want to do, what makes you happy in your heart."

Fincke was brought to the middle school by Dr. Scott Dulchavsky, a Pierce parent, and the doctor who worked with Fincke during his six month assignment on the space station ISS Expedition 9 April 18 - Oct. 23, 2004, conducting ultrasound experiments in space.

Dulchavsky would talk to Fincke weekly as they monitored his bone and muscle density via the ultrasound unit. Muscle and bone mass loss was not as great as it could have been. Fincke regularly used an 800-pound tread mill in the space station built with both Russian and American technology. Compiling information from the space station, Dulchavsky is able to apply what he has discovered and ~~prevent the injuries of the Red Wings and the Olympians.~~

Zero gravity reduces bone mass and muscle mass for

reasons yet to be discovered, said Dulchavsky, chief of surgery at Henry Ford. Together Fincke and Dulchavsky submitted a paper on ultrasound to the "Journal of Radiology," a first for the astronaut. He was also the first astronaut to have a baby born while he was away and experience the shortest space walk due to a malfunctioning space suit.

Through link-ups including his wife's cell phone, Fincke heard his daughter's newborn cries and then handed Col. Padalka Gennay a cigar and candy bar. Gennay was the Russian commander of the two-man station.

Fincke has been preparing for this job for most of his life. He attended MIT and earned two bachelor's degrees. Since then he has earned two master's degrees and is fluent in Russian and Japanese and enjoys flying F-16s. He trained in Star City, near Moscow, for six months prior to his mission and became good friends with Gennay, who is 46.

The crew launched from Russia going from zero mph to 17,500 mph in nine minutes with three men aboard. The third was from the Netherlands. He dropped off Fincke and Gennay and their supplies. He brought back the waste products from the space station and two astronauts who had been manning the station.

During Fincke's time in outer space, he used not only the ultrasound machine to ~~monitor his health, but also~~ he made four space walks, repaired a malfunctioning oxygen generator and an electrical box outside the

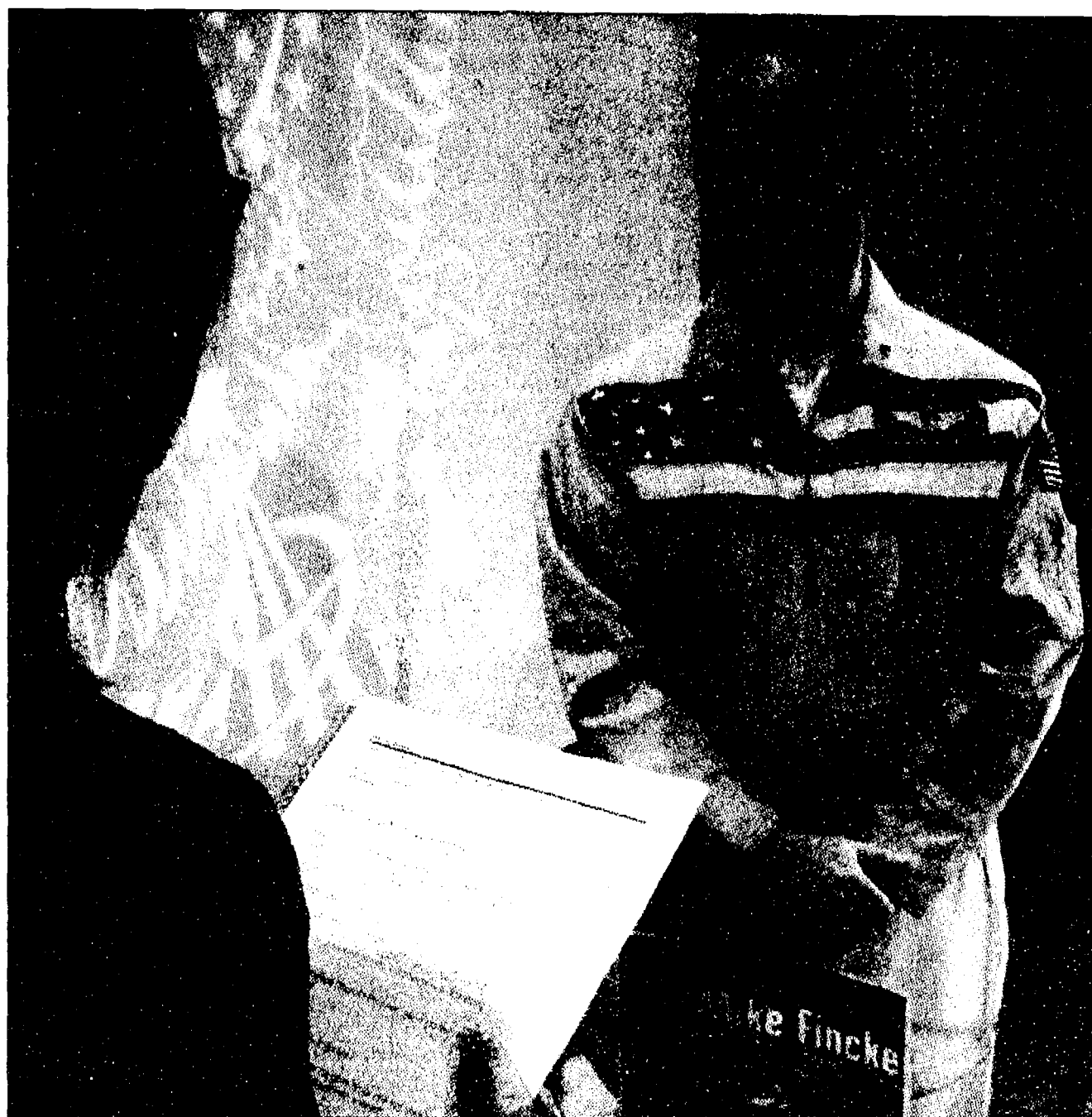


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Astronaut Mike Fincke told Pierce students he was smiling most of the six months he was on the space station because he was fulfilling a life-long dream.

space station, conducted soldering experiments and how observed liquids behave in space. His American-made space suit malfunctioned; so he donned a Russian made one to repair the air conditioner outside the space station.

"The Russian space suit is bulkier than the American," he said. However, he adjusted and the repairs were com-

pleted. He also had to adjust to using waterless shampoo and sleep standing up.

"When you close your eyes you don't know if you are standing up or lying down," he said.

Inside the space station (and on stage), Fincke would wear a flight suit custom made by two Russian women. "The Russians made the rocket to fly to the space sta-

tion. We're international partners. There is respect and honor of our partners," Fincke explained to the students as he patted his hand-stitched flight suit.

He plans to return to space as soon as NASA remedies the shuttle problems it has faced in the past two years.

"I had a really good time in space," Fincke repeated during his lecture.

Lt. Col. Edward Michael Fincke

Lt. Col. Edward Michael "Mike" Fincke was born March 14, 1967, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He attended MIT on an Air Force ROTC scholarship, graduating in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautics and astronautics and a second bachelor's in earth, atmospheric and planetary science.

Fincke received a Master of Arts degree in 1990 from Stanford University and in 2001 Fincke received a second master's degree from the University of Houston in physical science.

He also studied cosmonautics at the Moscow Aviation Institute and is conversant in Russian and Japanese.

He was on the back-up crews of the ISS Expedition 4 and 6 and was the flight engineer for the ISS Expedition 9 April 18 - Oct. 23, 2004, aboard the Soyuz TMA-4 space craft. Launch

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Hurricane Katrina stalls Alao's college dreams

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Iris Alao began her college career at Xavier University in a most memorable way.

She left her college campus in New Orleans just hours before Hurricane Katrina blew through Gulf states.

The Grosse Pointe South graduate's dream of attending a historical black college was getting underway before Katrina made her sweeping entrance. Alao is enrolled in Xavier's premed program taking two chemistry classes, a chem lab, biology, history and sophomore English.

Orientation and registration had been completed by Aug. 13; the small classes had begun, and Alao was getting to know her roommate who was from northern Louisiana.

Alao, 18, was getting in the college groove at Xavier University when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans.

Located near the French

Quarter, Xavier students were told to leave campus for the weekend on Saturday, Aug. 27.

By 6 p.m. university administration told the students to evacuate. The school was not closed, and students should be prepared to return the following week, she said the 5,000 students from across the United States were told by the administration.

Chaotic was the term she used to describe the women's dorm.

Prior to her leaving campus, Alao's mother, Relda Thomas Alao, said when she talked to her daughter on the phone, Alao was quiet and not saying a lot. To a mother, that spoke volumes, and she knew her daughter was frightened.

"It was hard to get transportation. There was no place to rent a car by 6:05 p.m.," Alao said.

With her mother working the airlines phones, Alao packed for the weekend, exiting in flip flops and car-

rying her laptop but not the charger and her homework and a special piece of jewelry she received for her 16th birthday.

Southwest came up with two tickets out of New Orleans to Dallas where she stayed until the following Tuesday (Aug. 30) with a college friend of her mother's. A nervous college friend used the second ticket. Alao flew to Flint just before Labor Day and in time to go back to work for the holiday weekend.

"The plane ride to Texas was filled with air pockets and turbulence. I didn't think I'd make it," she said.

The former South homecoming queen did make it but is sure she lost everything in her dorm room, appliances, electronics, and all her personal items. However, local merchants have come up with donations, including a pair of running shoes so she can keep up form of exercise.

She is now enrolled in Wayne State University, at



File photo
South's 2004 homecoming court, from left Jami Morris, Iris Alao and Jessica Palffy. Alao left Xavier University just before Hurricane Katrina blew into New Orleans. Though some of Xavier's students stayed in the dorms near the French Quarter, Alao left for Dallas on Aug. 27.

no cost, along with about 60 other displaced Xavier students.

Under the advice of Wayne State officials, Alao is taking electives — gym, sociology, African/American studies and humanities, knowing these can be transferred.

"The classes are huge," Alao said of Wayne's lecture halls. "There are 700 in one lecture hall. The atmosphere is different. It's more

friendly down South. Here it's closed up."

Alao said she is adjusting to being home again but feels she is missing the college experience of being on away from home and being her own.

"Fending for myself. I wanted to venture off and see how well I could do." She will get her chance in January.

Xavier's president, Norman C. Francis, has told

the students to return on Jan. 6, and take fall classes. Winter classes will be taken in the spring and spring classes during the summer. By August 2006, she and her classmates should be caught up.

She said she feels fortunate and can't be worried about anything.

"I had a home to go back to. Some don't even have clothes. I'm not worried," Alao said.

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Several student activities groups at Grosse Pointe South High School will be sponsoring a clothing drive for the victims of Hurricane Katrina Wednesday, Sept. 28, through Friday, Sept. 30.

According to Dana Schweitzer, president of Go MAD (Go Make a Difference), one of the sponsoring groups, in keeping with its "kids helping kids" spirit mission, students who may not have extra cash to give will be encouraged to find extra clothes in their

closets to donate to the Salvation Army's relief efforts.

Clothing donations will be collected inside the two main entrance doors to the school for those three days only, and during normal school hours.

Clothing should be bagged separately.

The clothing drive is open to the entire Grosse Pointe community.

The high school is located at 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Four Pierce Middle School students who mowed lawns to raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina included from left, Brian Fontaine, 11, sixth grade, Robert Sommerville, 11, sixth grade, Paul Zambito, 12, seventh grade and Andrew Steiber, 12, seventh grade. The \$200 they raised was sent to the American Red Cross.

Long grass turns into green cash

Four Pierce Middle School boys turned grass clippings into green cash for the benefit of Hurricane Katrina victims.

Through their entrepreneurial spirit, the four raised \$200 and sent the money to the American Red Cross.

"I kinda thought it up," Brian Fontaine said. "I saw all the pictures on the news and clips of people on roofs. Because I had to cut the

lawn that day, I thought I'd raise money by cutting the lawn."

His first customer was his mother, Lois.

From there it blossomed to include his three friends, who live near his home on Whitter. Among the four friends, they cut four lawns and washed a car, for \$20.

"I didn't think they'd get far," said Fontaine's father, Glenn. So many neighbors

have lawn services that it cut into the boys' potential for fund raising. Nonetheless, he was proud of their entrepreneurial spirit.

This is the first venture into fundraising for all but Robert Sommerville who helped raise funds for victims of Hurricane Ivan.

With more gas in the push mower, the lads are ready to continue their good-will efforts.

Local girl helps displaced animals

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Helping animals lost, left behind and displaced by Hurricane Katrina was a natural move for Trombly second-grader Nina Caradonna.

The animal-lover, future veterinarian and mistress of an abused dog, Roxy, Caradonna began her crusade after she saw pictures of bedraggled animals on the Noah's Wish Web site, said her mother, Lisa Caradonna.

"She wanted to help," Lisa said

Caradonna distributed a Noah's Wish list of needs to houses on Devonshire and Bedford and to Trombly Elementary students. Donations rolled in.

One generous household donated a large box of dog bones which Caradonna

sold. And she a m a s s e d enough to send three large boxes to a collection center in St. Louis, Mo. and buy a gift certificate to a pet supply store. Food will be distributed to areas in Mississippi and Louisiana.

People are still bringing stuff here," Lisa said. And if any more comes in, the Caradonna family is willing to send additional boxes to the collection site. Funds will be used to purchase gift cards to be used by Noah's Wish staff.

Since Caradonna was 3-years-old she has set her sites on being a vet.

According to Lisa, there are no dolls in the house. If any come in during the holidays, they are donated. However, every stuffed animal that comes into the Caradonna house needs immediate attention, and each has some kind of bandage on it.

"I am proud of her," Lisa said.

Caradonna takes riding lessons in St. Clair and is the owner of Roxy who chases geese at least twice a week in Patterson Park.

Noah's Wish is in need of gas gift cards for their vehicles, phone cards, store cards to Home Depot, Kmart, Lowe's PetSmart and WalMart.

The Web site is Noah's Wish.

Let's Help the Animals too from the hurricane!

Vina Caradonna

St. Clare seat of scholars

St. Clare of Montefalco has 14 students who have been named 2005 Great Lakes Scholars.

The students are Atiba Cabbil, Sean Carroll, Dominique Crump, Chancellor D. Evans, Tracelyn B. Freeman, Stephen Peck, Michael Wagner, Grace Mary Virginia Ward, Christa Balow, Marion Berger, Edward L. Lewis, Elise Lowell, Thomas Ridella, and Megan Zadorski.

The noted students join more than 9,000 third-eighth graders from across the Great Lakes Region of the Midwest to receive such acclaim. More than 2,000 schools participated in the project to select and honor students who not only excel academically but also show that they are well-rounded individuals.

To find a qualified individual, teachers were asked to only consider students with a B average or higher. From there, they were asked to nominate students who were involved in extra-cur-

riculars and athletics, participated in community or church groups and involved in community service.

Great Lakes Scholars was established to inspire children to achieve with the hope that it motivates students at a young age level to show that achievement counts, hard work matters, and actively participating in school and community events is important.

"It is inspiring for us to see all that these young people have accomplished," said Mike Gill, president of the organization. "As I read the applications that came into our office, I was amazed at how active and involved these students are in so many activities. We have a wealth of developing talent in our region. A Great Lakes Scholar is a classroom leader today who will be our country's future leaders."

Great Lakes Scholars was founded in 1998 and currently honors students in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.



Photo courtesy Brownell School

Brownell auction

Brownell Middle School's second annual tag sale and tin can auction is set to go from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 24. From left, Anna Brucker, James Champane and Kacey Murphy are among the hopefuls to be recipients of any of the following items: Halloween party themed basket, a movie bucket, candy basket, Michigan State basket or a combo basket with University of Michigan items, a Moosejaw package, a limo ride to Lakeside, where the winner will get to spend two \$25 gift certificates at Lord & Taylor, a mall gift card, a round of golf for four at Gowanie, a Sans Disc 512 MB digital audio player with a package carrying case and arm band, headphones and cable, baseball tickets and a Grosse Pointe local spree with certificates from bagel, ice cream, and book stores and a package with an Ipod music to download.

Mom-to-Mom sale at Defer

Defer Elementary School will be hosting a Mom-to-Mom sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, inside the building during the Fall Family Fun Fest. This will be in conjunction with the last Park Market day.

Moms can rent a table and keep proceeds from the sale. Tables rent for \$18. Call Kelly Ratsek at (313) 822-5030 or Renee Borowicz at (313) 821-5304 for more information.



But Johnny always gets the best seat!

By Elizabeth Barton Ph.D.
Special Writer

For better or for worse, sibling relationships form one of the most enduring social bonds in human development. As children, siblings often share bedrooms, toys, and even their parents' attention and affection.

As adults, siblings compete for decision making authority in the family as they struggle to care for aging parents. Yet, the unique bond that occurs between siblings, although often conflictual, provides individuals with tremendous opportunities for better understanding interpersonal relations and how to resolve issues of conflict.

Indeed, sibling conflict is a reoccurring and important theme in literature. For example, children's fairy tales such as "The Three Pigs" and "Cinderella" center on themes of competition, jealousy, and rivalry among siblings. The Book of Genesis features stories of intense sibling conflict such as when Cain kills his brother and Jacob steals his brother's inheritance.

Even Shakespeare's "King Lear" focuses on the rivalry of two sisters for their father's favor. Across these various works is a portrayal of sibling conflicts, which are constructive and developmentally appropriate, as well as conflict that is destructive and detrimental to sibling relationships.

As powerful socialization agents, children learn much from their siblings, especially as to how one's behavior may be acceptable to others. Children are freer to disagree with siblings than with other members of their social networks such as with peers and parents.

Peer relationships may not withstand repeated disagreements and conflicts with parents are usually "unwinnable" because of their parents' greater power and resources within the family. Often children will test specific opinions and behaviors on their siblings, rather than risking peer rejection or punishment by parents.

Sibling relationships provide a safe venue for children to learn much about what behaviors are socially acceptable and successful during heated moments of interpersonal conflict. As a result, elements of great warmth and great conflict often co-exist in developmentally normal sibling relationships.

A central question of interest to researchers and families alike is when and if one should intervene during sibling conflicts.

Steps for intervening in sibling conflicts

- Acknowledge each child's feelings.
- Reflect each child's point of view.

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- Describe the problem using information your children have provided.

- Assist children with creating possible solutions to the problem.

- Leave the room to allow older children to select a solution and resolve the problem on their own.

In order to determine if intervention in sibling conflict is necessary, assess the amount of conflict that sibling engage in during a normal day. According to researchers, preschool age siblings are involved in as many as eight conflicts each hour, with sibling conflict highest in the middle school grades.

Next, determine if the conflict is destructive or constructive to the relationship. Constructive conflicts are often issue specific and have the potential for being resolved such that both children are happy.

On the other hand, destructive conflicts between siblings often spread the content beyond the initial conflict source to other issues, escalating the conflict to an end in which neither party will be satisfied. These conflicts are frequently characterized by physical, and/or verbal abuse. Parent intervention should occur when siblings engage in unusually high levels of conflict during the day that may be characterized as destructive in nature.

Often parents intervene in sibling arguments too early, reducing the chances for children to learn how to resolve their conflicts on their own. By allowing children to engage in constructive conflict, parents may increase their children's ability to resolve disagreements on their own and therefore, may improve a child's ability to problem-solve with peers and others outside of their home in the future.

Strategies for Building Harmonious Sibling Relationships

- Recognize that children are different and treat them *uniquely* and not *equally*. You may need to spend more time with one child, while another child may require more reinforcement for his or her accomplishment.

- Understand that the quality of sibling relationships is influenced by age, birth order, and gender, factors that have very little to do with parenting.

- Encourage respect between siblings for their individual abilities, achievements, and interests. Respecting children's personal space and possessions is

critical to building constructive sibling relationships.

- Resist comparing one child to another. Perceived parent partiality (i.e. sibling rivalry) will add fuel to sibling conflicts.

- Keep out of sibling disagreements unless the conflicts are destructive. Intervening in sibling conflicts may often create perceived parent alliances, increasing the likelihood for "win-lose" resolutions.

- Make each child feel special and valued in some way. All children, regardless of age, need to feel important, and parents are the primary individuals to satisfy that need.

- Consistently acknowledge helping, sharing, and constructive conflict resolution behaviors that occur between siblings.

- Routinely perform self-awareness checks. Ask yourself if your behavior is partial toward a child (e.g. a special needs child or the youngest) and how that may contribute to sibling conflict.

A native of Grosse Pointe, Dr. Barton is a psychologist and faculty member at Wayne State University.



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Mack Avenue businesses celebrate vitality, potential



Inaugural Mack Avenue Days brings communities together

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

The inaugural Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenues "Discover Mack Avenue Days" extravaganza was a success, despite the rain.

"I was amazed at how many individual people and families we had walking up and down Mack Avenue," Association president Toni DiClemente said. "I saw a tremendous amount of admiration for all of our businesses that took part in our first-ever Mack Avenue event. Mayor (Robert) Novitke, Mark (Wollenweber, Grosse Pointe Woods City Manager) and the city council members were all on hand to help us celebrate how wonderful it is to be here enjoying the band and all of the shops."

The gala kicked off with the band "Little Davey and the Diplomats" performing on the lawn of Grosse Pointe Woods' city hall as hundreds of people danced on the sidewalks of Mack Avenue.

Each business enjoyed a lot of walk-ins on the

evening of Sept. 15, and many owners offered free samples of their products, including ice cream and pizza from the local eateries, along with salon items from the several spas on Mack.

Mes Amies Salon picked a great time to celebrate its grand opening.

"Our grand opening just happened to coincide with the Mack Avenue celebration," Mes Amies Salon co-owner Rita LaCroix said. "We're excited to be here on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods, and we hope this celebration gives us a solid start to our business."

Pointe Plaza, located on Mack and Moross, served free food and soft drinks provided by Atlanta Bread Company, Mr. Pita, and Buddy's Pizzeria. In addition, V98.7 musicians entertained shoppers by playing hours of jazz.

"The entire Mack Avenue area was alive with people having fun, and that was our goal," DiClemente said. "Mark Wollenweber told me we definitely have to have this again next year."

The 2005 members of the

Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue include 108 businesses, along with sponsorships from the Grosse Pointe News, the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, St. John Hospital and Medical Center, Mayor Pro-Tem Patricia Kukula-Chylinski, Mayor Novitke, DiClemente and Sunrise Assisted Living facility.

"All of our businesses have been receptive to this idea, and I can see everyone having a lot of fun with this," DiClemente said. "This fun weekend is a celebration of not just Mack Avenue businesses, but for all of the Grosse Pointes and the surrounding communities."

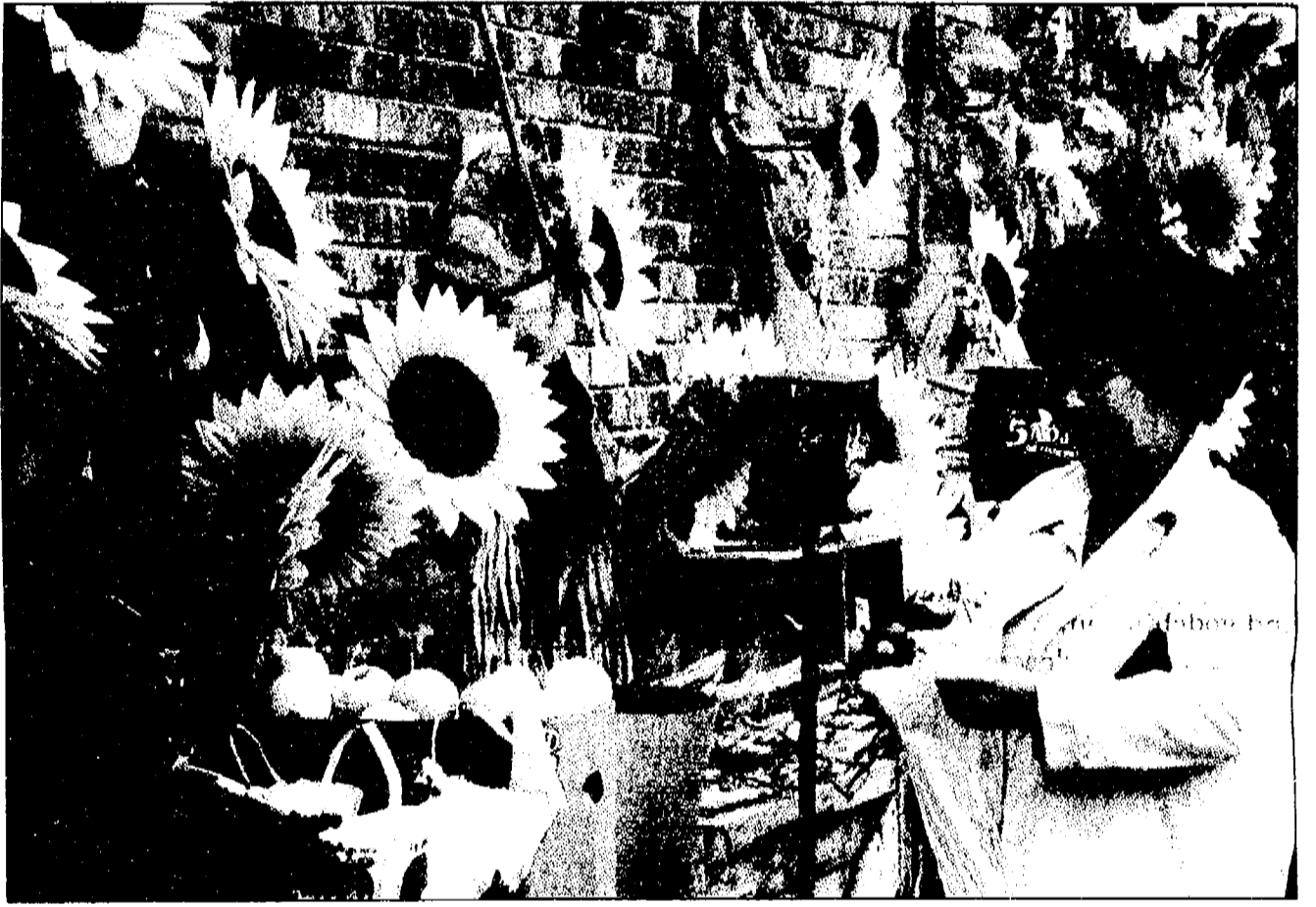
The festivities and contest (prizes were given out to several lucky individuals throughout the three-day event) continued through Saturday.

"The rain was a bummer, but overall I think this was a success," DiClemente said. "We can't wait to start planning next year's event."

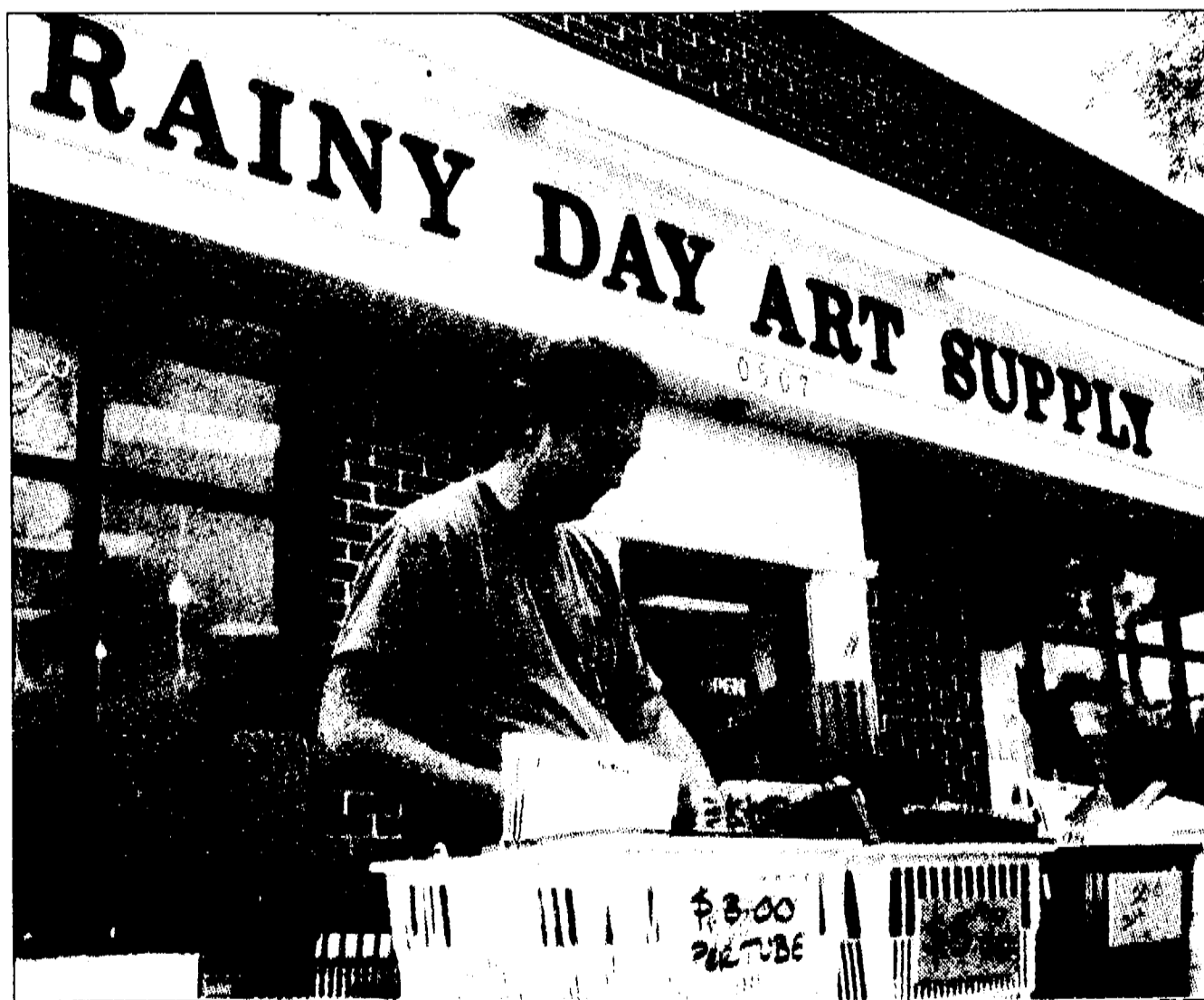
In the meantime, shop until you drop on Mack.

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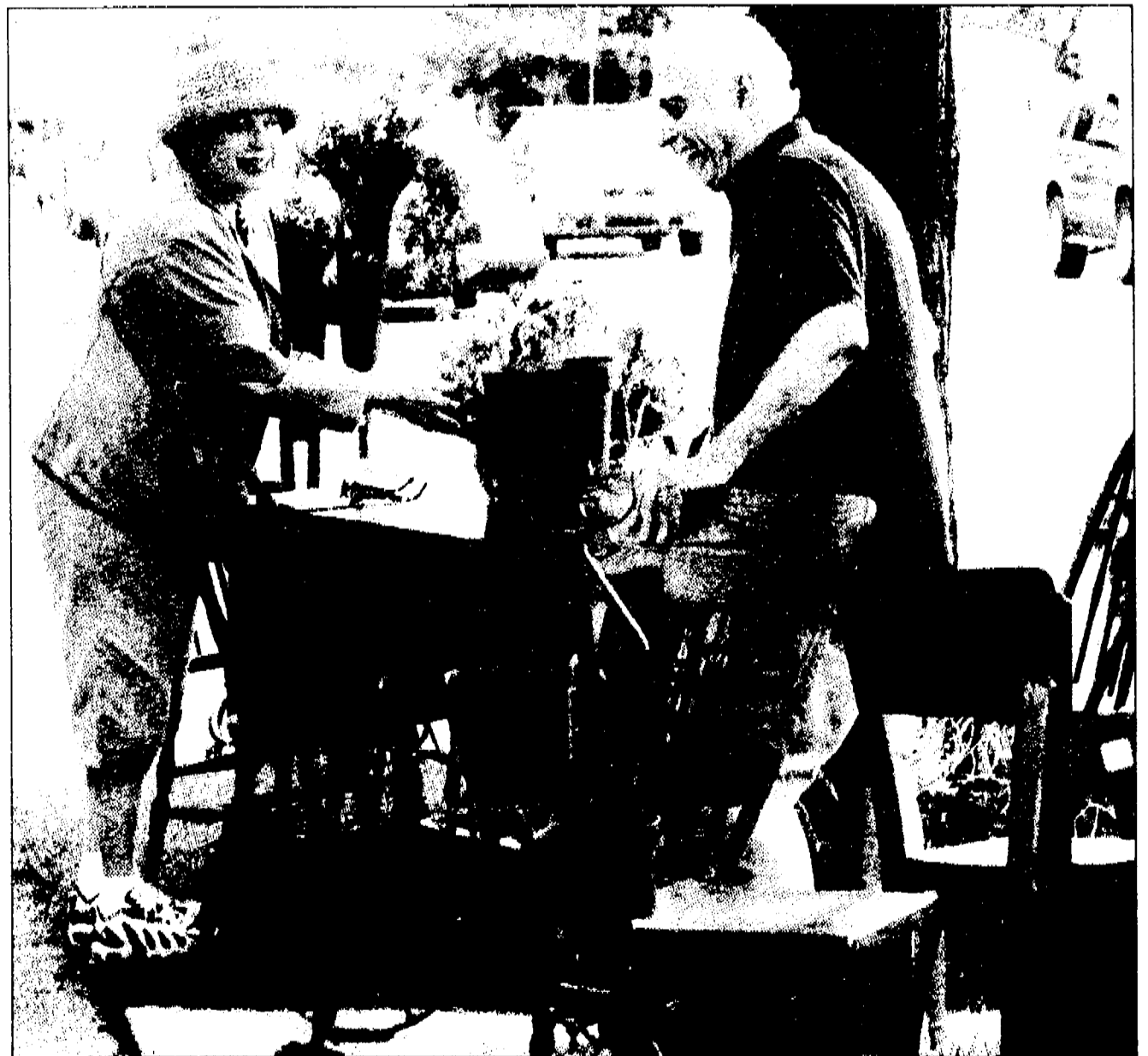
Lynn and Jerry Wiszowaty of Grosse Pointe Woods dance to the music of Davey and the Diplomats during the kickoff of the inaugural Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenues "Discover Mack Avenue Days" extravaganza; pictured above left is Mary Lou Soloman, who passes out free slices of Uncle Paul's Pizza during the Mack Avenue Days celebration. Olivia Tenowski, 12, of Grosse Pointe Woods enjoys a piece of hot pizza.



Cindy Pangborn of Grosse Pointe Farms, above, purchases apples at Village Market's colorful outdoor display in the City of Grosse Pointe.



Pictured above, Rob Green of the City of Grosse Pointe looks through the Rainy Day Art Supply sale items with a keen eye of something he wants to purchase; above right, Angelo DiClemente (right) of the Dried Flower shows his street display antique offerings to Janet Webber of Grosse Pointe Woods. DiClemente enjoyed the concert, saying, "It helps merchants introduce themselves to new customers and makes for a fun night out for local families." Pictured right is Anallisa Guido of Grosse Pointe Woods, who feeds her brother Joseph some soapy bubbles.



Gabrielle A. Healy

Former Grosse Pointe resident Gabrielle "Gay" A. Healy, 88, of New London, N.H., died Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005.

She was born on May 21, 1917, in Lowell, Mass., to the late Leo H. Beaulieu and Robea (Ducharme) Beaulieu. A 1934 graduate of Lowell High School, she continued her education at Simmons College, Boston University and Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School.

During World War II, she worked as an executive secretary at Bextron. Mrs. Healy and her husband, Robert B. Healy, lived most of their lives in the Midwest, as the Coca-Cola Co. transferred Mr. Healy from Lowell to Chicago to Kansas City to St. Louis to Minneapolis and to Detroit. After Mr. Healy's retirement, they returned to the East to Englewood, Fla., and New London.

The couple enjoyed traveling, birding and card games, especially bridge. Mrs. Healy's hobbies included working crossword puzzles, petit point, knitting and crocheting. She was an active volunteer in her church and in many charitable organizations. She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, the Bon Secours Hospital Assistance League, the Women's Association of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and a life member of the Christ Child Society. She was also involved in theater arts, acting in many productions.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Robert Healy; two sisters, Lucille B. Gilcreast and Doris (Burdell) Spencer; three brothers; Col. John J. Beaulieu USA (ret); Cmdr. Maurice E. Beaulieu USN (ret) and CMS Paul-Andre (Sachiko) Beaulieu; two sisters-in-law, Barbara Healy and Cecilia (Ward) Healy; and many nieces, nephews and godchildren.

She was predeceased by sister-in-law, Grace (Wetmiller) Beaulieu and Janet Landry Beaulieu; and brothers-in-law, William J. Gilcreast Jr. and James L. Healy Sr.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Sept. 24, in New London.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 36 Cameron Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140 or to the charity of one's choice.

Martin Miles

Hull Jr.

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Martin Miles "Marty" Hull Jr., 46, of St. Clair Shores, died on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005.

He was born on Jan. 1, 1959, in Detroit to Angela (Joe) Weaver and the late Martin Hull Sr.

He was a 1973 graduate of the Grosse Pointe Academy and a 1979 graduate of the College of Marin, located in San Francisco, Calif. After graduation, he worked in the Wayne County Clerk's Office in Detroit.

Mr. Hull was an avid sports enthusiast who especially enjoyed playing golf. He had a remarkable ability to memorize and recall the most detailed of sports statistics.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Angela and Joe Weaver; his brothers, Edward and Matthew Hull; godparents, Patrick and the late Colleen Giffer; his nephews, Daniel, Michael and Nathan Hull; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 10:30 a.m., in state at 10 a.m., at St. Bonaventure Monastery, 1740 Mt. Elliott, Detroit. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions may be to St. Bonaventure Monastery, 1740 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or to MIRA, 43494 Woodward Ave., Suite 201, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.



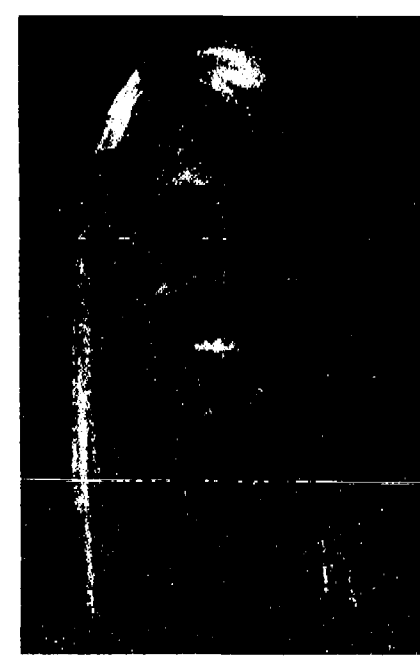
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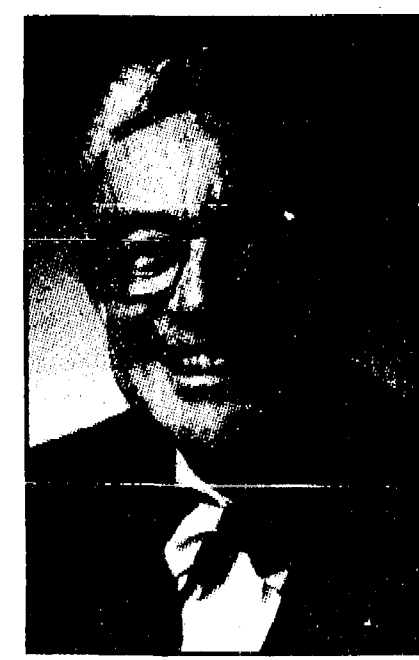
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Former Grosse Pointe resident Robert Palmer Lambrecht Jr., 42, died Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, in Bristol, R.I.

He was born on March 20, 1963, in Detroit to Robert and Virginia Lambrecht of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Mr. Lambrecht was a 1981 graduate of University Liggett School. He graduated from Babson College in Wellesley, Mass., in 1985.

He was the sole proprietor of R.L. Painting. He enjoyed boating, karaoke and volunteer work as a member of the Bristol Fourth of July Committee.

He is survived by his wife, Dawn Dominic; three stepsons, Joseph, Zackary and Matthew; parents, Robert and Virginia Lambrecht; brothers, James (Jeannine) and Jeffrey (Deborah); nephews, Collin and Hunter; and nieces, Brooklin and Shannon.

A memorial service was held in Bristol on Friday, Sept. 16. His ashes were interred at the North Burial Ground in Bristol.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bristol Fourth of July Committee, P.O. Box 561, Bristol, RI 02809.

Glen McKean

Former St. Clair Shores resident Glen McKean, died from Alzheimer's disease on Friday, Sept. 9, 2005, in Spring Hill, Fla.

He grew up as a farm boy in Haverhill, N.H., in a historic New England home known as the Old Stone House.

He earned his bachelor's degree in education at the University of New Hampshire. With World War II standing in between him and his first teaching job, he volunteered for the U.S. Army. As a tech sergeant in the Army medical corps he studied and practiced nursing psychiatry and practical nursing.

While taking a nursing course at Massachusetts General Hospital, he met a young nursing student, Elva McQuade. In March 1946, they were married.

At the end of the war, he got his first teaching job as a junior high school teacher in Canterbury, Conn. In 1951 the McKean family moved from New England to Benton Harbor, later they would settle down for good in St. Clair Shores.

Mr. McKean furthered his education by taking child sociology courses at Western Michigan University and earned a master's degree at Wayne State University.

He became a visiting teacher and social worker in the St. Clair Shores Lake Shore school system. He worked in the school system for 21 years, retiring at age 62.

The family became members of Trinity Episcopal Church where Mr. McKean was on the church vestry and was a lay reader. He was active in the St. Clair Shores Lions, Rotary Club and St. Clair Shores community players group.

One of his great joys was gardening. He "adopted" a vacant city lot next to his St. Clair Shores home and every year he would plant a garden which was enjoyed by all the neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. McKean retired in Spring Hill, Fla., where they became active

members of the St. Andrews Episcopal Church. They enjoyed playing golf, gardening, swimming and traveling all over the country. He was a hard worker, even in retirement, helping his beloved wife with household chores, maintaining the grounds at his church and keeping up with his own never-ending yard work. He enjoyed his many grandchildren and loved to take them to the Florida attractions when they came for visits.

He is survived by his wife, Elva; three children, Carol, Nancy and Robert; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held in Spring Hill on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Interment is at the cremation grounds at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Spring Hill.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hernando/Pasco Hospice, 12260 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, FL 34613.

Lara Michelle Rutan

Lara Michelle Rutan, 25, of Grosse Pointe Farms, died suddenly on Friday, Sept. 16, 2005, in an auto-related accident. She died at St. Joseph Mercy West Hospital in Clinton Township.

She graduated summa cum laude with a four-year perfect attendance rate in 1998 from Regina High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Phi Beta Kappa, and a student body class representative for four years.

She earned a bachelor of science degree in biology in 2002 from DePauw University. As a member of Indiana Epsilon Chapter of Pi Beta Phi, she held numerous positions, including internal social director, recruitment chair, pledge mom, and vice president of social advancement. During her sophomore year, she was a dormitory resident adviser and, in her junior and senior years, she was an academic mentor to incoming freshmen.

In 2005, she earned a master of science physician assistant degree from Wayne State University's School of Health and Applied Sciences where she was class president.

She was a people-person who enjoyed making others feel good about themselves. She was an advisor in all her educational experiences and various employment endeavors, from her jobs at Leon's Hair Salon, The Hill Seafood and Chop House, and The Pointe Pedlar to interning with area physicians and hospitals.

She was employed as a physician's assistant at Eastside Cardiovascular Medicine in Roseville.

She is survived by her parents, Judy and Rick Rutan; her brother, Nick (Rachel); her grandparents, Connie and Bill Geis; her fiancé, Michael W. Connery and his son, Shane; and her aunts and uncles, Karen Geis, Regina and Don Geis, Betsy and Mark Geis, Pam and Kurt Geis, Mary Ellen Rutan, Kathy Dean, Michael Rutan, Michelle Rutan (Norman Grosse), and Jeanne and David Murray.

She was predeceased by her grandparents, Gloria and "Chick" Rutan.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe

Farms. Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lara Rutan Memorial Fund for scholarships at Wayne State University, c/o Maggie Katz, 259 Mack Ave., Detroit, MI 48201. Make checks payable to Wayne State University, notating "In memory of Laura Rutan." Other memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, St. Paul Educational Trust Fund, Regina High School Scholarship Fund or Indiana Epsilon Chapter of Pi Beta Phi.

Robert F. Weber

Robert F. Weber died on Monday, Sept. 19, 2005, from natural causes. He was 92 years old and suffered from progressive dementia. In spite of his failing health, he always maintained his dignity and sense of humor.

Mr. Weber was born and grew up in Detroit. He attended Oberlin College and then worked as a partner in the J. F. Weber Lumber Co. At midlife, the firm was sold and he spent the rest of his business career in the fields of real estate investment, mortgage banking, and property management.

He worked with many groups dedicated to maintaining a viable housing environment in southeastern Michigan including the Detroit Neighborhood Conservation Committee, the Detroit Building Code Enforcement Committee (president), and United Community Services of Detroit (board member).

He was a successful businessman, however, his first priority and most important avocation was service to others. He gave much to society. He had a distinguished career with Kiwanis International serving as president of Kiwanis Club No. 1, governor of the Michigan District, and then as president of Kiwanis International, 1969-70.

Later, he served many terms as president and trustee of the Kiwanis International Foundation. He was elected and served as president of Goodwill Industries of Detroit for 11 years and was a member of the board of directors for 22 years. He went on to contribute his expertise as a director of Goodwill Industries of America.

Mr. Weber was elected and re-elected to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education serving for eight years, four of which were as president of the board. During the World War II, he served his country as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Weber was a trustee of Olivet College, a member of the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Exceptional Children, director of the Michigan Kidney Foundation and advisory board member of the Detroit Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He participated in local community government through his trusteeship of Grosse Pointe Township, his work with the Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission and his service as a member of the Village Council.

He was a member of the Episcopal Church. Over the years, he served three terms as a trustee of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, presi-

dent of the Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew, member of the Camp Chicagami Committee, and chairman of the Finance Committee and on the Vestry of Christ Church, Grosse Pointe.

In the later years of his life, Mr. Weber found solace visiting and comforting the infirm and others less fortunate. He became a friend to those without family. He eased the suffering of those who had been forgotten by others because they were sick, dying, or just getting old.

All his life, he loved the water and boats of all kinds. He was elected commodore of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in 1959.

Mr. Weber is survived by his three children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased in 1993 by his wife, Gail Wilcox Weber.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Dr., Grosse Pointe, MI 48236. Please note "Robert F. Weber Memorial" in the note field of your check.

Mary B. Witri

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Mary B. Witri, 85, of Mankato, Minn., died on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005.

She was born in Detroit on April 24, 1920, to Bernard Mary (Dolan) Lund.

In 1941, she earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from the University of Detroit where she was the first female student body president. She later continued her education at Wayne State University where she

earned a master's degree in education in 1976.

During her 35-year career teaching in the Detroit Public Schools, she taught at Carsten Elementary School. She was actively involved in the Detroit Teachers Union.

Mrs. Witri's interests included reading, working on crossword puzzles and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughters, Mary Lee Brynaert and Kathleen (Anthony Filipovitch) Brynaert; her sons, Michael, Patrick (Candace) and John (Patti) Witri; her 14 grandchildren; her four great-grandchildren; her sister, Bernice Ziaja; and her brother, Thomas Lund.

She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur E. Witri; her son, Timothy; and her brothers, William, John and Bernard Lund.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24, at 9:30 a.m., with a memorial service at 11:30 a.m., at Reyers North Valley Chapel, 2815 Fuller Ave., Grand Rapids. Interment will be at Moorland Cemetery, Moorland Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

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Purse recovered

On Sunday, Sept. 11, a City of Grosse Pointe man learned that his wife's stolen purse had been found in a vacant house in the 4300 block of Neff in Detroit.

A Detroit landlord conducting an eviction recovered the purse and the woman's identification, which had been stolen in December 2004.

"While clearing property out of the house he discovered the purse and identification in the incinerator in the basement," police said.

No sale

A 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Park male is accused of battering a 15-year-old City male on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 9:03 p.m., on Notre Dame near Kercheval in the Village.

The alleged victim said the Park male slapped him in the face. The alleged assailant and six witnesses told police the City resident approached them asking to buy marijuana.

"The (Park man) became angry and pushed the (City male) away," police were told.

A 22-year-old witness reportedly told police the Park man "lightly" slapped the City male and told him to "get ... away."

Car taken

A blue 1981 Mercedes 560 convertible was stolen early Friday, Sept. 16, while parked behind apartments in the 17500 block of Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The owner said the car was secure at 12:01 a.m. A neighbor said it was gone by 12:40 a.m.

Similar incidents have been reported in the area during the last few weeks.

Blood drawn

On Friday, Sept. 16, shortly before 11:30 p.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police took a

42-year-old female drunken driving suspect from St. Clair Shores to a Farms hospital so her blood could be tested for alcohol content.

Officers stopped her driving a blue 2005 Chrysler Pacifica on eastbound Lakeshore near Edgemere. Police opted for the blood test when attempts failed to administer a preliminary breath test.

"(She) gave a poor, small sample which resulted in a .245 (percent blood alcohol level)," police said.

Caught on tape

Just because police these days routinely call off car chases rather than risk crashes doesn't mean they give up.

Grosse Pointe Farms police reportedly have evidence a 48-year-old male resident fled from an attempted traffic stop on Thursday, Sept. 15, at about 10:30 a.m. Police saw the man's gray 2005 Ford F-150 pickup truck in the alley south of Kercheval on the Hill.

"The registered owner (has) a probation violation of failure to appear (in court on a) misdemeanor charge out of St. Clair Shores," police said.

The officer reportedly tried to pull over the driver, who sped away. The man allegedly ran a red light from westbound Kercheval to northbound Fisher, where a pedestrian stood at the corner. Speeds reached 40 mph on northbound Ridge before the officer terminated pursuit near Beaupre.

The patrolman filed video evidence of the incident with detectives. Police said the suspect matched a photograph obtained from the Secretary of State office.

Honda hurt

On Monday, Sept. 12, between 6 and 9:30 p.m., someone broke the windshield of a 1997 Honda

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Odyssey parked behind the public library on the corner of Kercheval and Fisher in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"(I) observed shoe prints on the rear bumper, roof and directly over the break in the windshield," said an officer. "There was a sporting event at Grosse Pointe (South) High School during the time of the malicious destruction of property."

Snatched up

On Sunday, Sept. 18, at 1:45 a.m., a sidebar to Grosse Pointe Farms police busting an open house party in the first block of Kerby included arresting a 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Park male for drunken driving.

Officers said the teenager registered a .08 percent blood alcohol level and had open liquor in a black 2005 Saab 93 police caught him driving on Fair Acres near Kerby.

Three passengers, all 17-year-old Pointe females, had blood alcohol levels ranging from .03 to .14 percent, police said.

"As four admitted coming from the party," police said. "All denied drinking."

Police said the driver reportedly had a graduated level two driver license which forbids him from driving after midnight.

Runs red light

On Sunday, Sept. 18, at 1:41 a.m., a 27-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man was arrested for drunken driving after reportedly running a red light at Kerby and Kercheval.

"The light was red for five to seven seconds before the (man's) silver 2004 Volvo four-door entered the intersection," said a Farms patrolman.

Police stopped the man on Kercheval near Muir. "His speech was

slurred," police said.

There were five passengers.

"All five were too intoxicated to drive," police said.

Officers drove three passengers home and arranged for a taxi to handle the others.

Been drinking?

"I had a couple more than two," said a 45-year-old Detroit man minutes before his arrest for drunken driving in Grosse Pointe Shores.

On Friday, Sept. 16, at 11:35 p.m., a patrolman noticed the man driving a 2002 Pontiac 25 mph on northbound Lakeshore near Mooreland.

"The vehicle was weaving within its lane," said the arresting officer.

The man registered a .208 percent blood alcohol content.

During a search officers discovered the man possessed a small amount of marijuana. The man was to celebrate his 46th birthday the next day.

Paraphernalia

Grosse Pointe Shores police on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 12:20 p.m., arrested a 30-year-old Westland man for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Officers reported finding rolling papers, a crack pipe, two syringes and two metal spoons with possible heroine residue in the man's white 1993 Ford van.

Officers had stopped the man for speeding 47 mph on southbound Lakeshore at Hampton.

The paraphernalia was in a purse the man said belonged to a woman he met by "accident." Officers didn't believe him because the purse also contained his driver license.

Records showed him wanted on traffic warrants in Detroit and Dearborn, and for contempt of court in Westland. His driver license has been suspended 15 times.

—Brad Lindberg

In trouble

On Sunday, Sept. 18, at 3:11 a.m., a 21-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was observed traveling southbound on Mack near Huntington with no headlights operating.

A police officer pulled over the man and could immediately detect the odor of intoxicants coming from the driver's facial area. He produced a valid Michigan driver license, but did not produce a registration or proof of insurance.

The driver denied drinking alcohol, and the officer advised him he could smell intoxicants; so the driver admitted to having a "couple" of beers earlier in the evening.

The officer asked the man to exit his vehicle and perform several field sobriety tests, which the man failed. He was also given a preliminary breath test (PBT), which came back with a reading of .166.

The man also admitted to police that he was recently arrested for drunken driving, which a LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed.

The driver was arrested and taken into custody. He later posted the \$100 bond and was released. He was issued a citation for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and driving at night without headlights operating.

Broken into

While patrolling the Harper Woods/Grosse Pointe Woods border on Monday, Sept. 19, at 12:03 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer saw a 2005 Chrysler Town and Country minivan blocking half of the street in front of a home in the 21600 block of Bournemouth in Harper Woods.

The officer noticed the vehicle's ignition was punched in and the door handle was damaged.

Threats

Enough is enough for a 48-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman.

At 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18, she and her mother reported to police that someone has been making threatening phone calls to her on her cell phone.

The suspect never leaves messages because the victim always answers her phone.

She told police the suspect has said, "I'm going to kill all your friends." "I'm going to kill you" and "I'm going to be the cause of your death."

The threatening phone calls stopped for two weeks before she received another one at 1:32 a.m. on Sept. 18 when the suspect identified himself and said he would physically beat the woman's boyfriend and then beat the woman herself.

Drunk

On the night of Saturday, Sept. 17, Grosse Pointe Woods officers traveling eastbound on Huntington observed a 2005 Chrysler PT Cruiser heading westbound on the same street with a young man hanging his head out of the rear passenger window throwing up.

The officers made a traffic stop and found the 15-year-old Harper Woods youth highly intoxicated, crying and having a hard time standing up straight.

The boy was transported to St. John Hospital and his mother was notified. The youth was given a citation for minor in possession by consumption.

Assaulted

On Sunday, Sept. 18, at 3 a.m., a 16-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods male was assaulted by a known assailant in an alley on Mack at Hampton.

The young man was walking home with his friends when the assailant came up to him and began to taunt him. He walked away not wanting a confrontation.

They took the alley to get home faster, but the assailant followed and continued to taunt the young man. This time, the taunter threw three punches to the 16-year-old's face, which knocked him to the ground.

The victim was beaten continuously, even though he was in a defensive position on the ground. The assailant also threw his bike at the youth on the ground, striking his knee.

Two friends tried to pull off the assailant to no avail. The victim was taken to the hospital with cuts on his face and a bloody nose.

Grosse Pointe Woods police will be looking for the young man who assaulted the local victim.

No lights

At 1:36 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18, an 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was driving southbound on Mack with no headlights on.

A Grosse Pointe Woods police officer made a routine traffic stop only to find the driver was nervous, shaking and had blood-shot eyes.

The driver claimed he had a couple of glasses of wine earlier in the evening. He failed several sobriety tests and was given a PBT, which registered .133.

The man was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and driving with no headlights on.

He paid a \$100 bond and was released with a court date.

Stolen items

A 38-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man reported to police that sometime between 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16, and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, an unknown person stole loose change from his unlocked vehicle parked at his home in the 1800 block of Severn.

The man noticed his driver-side door was half open

and found contents of his car scattered.

Another theft

At 9:33 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, a 43-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man reported to police that an unknown person broke into his garage and his vehicle parked in front of his home in the 1900 block of Broadstone.

The suspect stole a cell phone (valued at \$40), a laptop computer (valued at \$2,000), a bicycle (valued at \$100), a computer bag (valued at \$100) and a garage door opener.

Larceny

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, between 5:30 and 6 p.m., an unlocked Raleigh mountain bike was taken from a building in the 15000 block of Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park.

Gone

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., a Honda lawn mower, a Toro edger and a trimmer were taken from the unlocked garage of a home in the 1200 block of Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park.

Stolen bike

Overnight on Monday, Sept. 12, a red Giant mountain bike was taken from the rear yard of a home in the 1300 block of Nottingham in Grosse Pointe Park.

Theft

On Saturday, Sept. 17, at 7:55 p.m., a BMX-type bike was taken from the school yard in the 800 block of Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe Park.

SUV entered

Overnight on Friday, Sept. 16, a 2005 Toyota Tundra was entered and coins taken. Two similar complaints of change being taken from parked autos were also reported in the 1300 blocks of Yorkshire and Whittier in Grosse Pointe Park.

Glass busted

Overnight on Friday, Sept. 16, a large rock was thrown through the drivers window on a 2001 Ford Explorer parked in front of a home in the 1600 block of Maumee in Grosse Pointe Park.

Damaged car

During the night of Wednesday, Sept. 14, the front passenger window and ignition were damaged on a 1973 Mercedes Benz parked in the driveway of a home in the 1100 block of Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park.

The car could not be started; so the suspects left.

Liberty stolen

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, between 7 and 7:45 p.m., a 2003 Jeep Liberty was taken from a lot of a building in the 1600 block of Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park.

Arrested

On Thursday, Sept. 15, at 4:46 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers on patrol observed a subject riding a bike previously reported stolen.

Officers stopped the youth and arrested the person on the corner of Wayburn and Kercheval.

Busted

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 8:30 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers investigated a known drug user. The person was in possession of narcotics and immediately arrested on the corner of Barrington and Korte.

Caught

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, Grosse Pointe Park police officers attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding as it traveled on Charlevoix near Kensington. The suspect fled on foot and was later arrested.

Bob St. John

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The luxurious '05 Lexus LS430

By Greg Zyla

This week, we're behind the wheel of the luxurious 2005 Lexus LS430, the latest in the three generations of Lexus LS sedans — base price: \$55,675; price as tested: \$65,124. Still respected as the apex of Lexus luxury and technology, the new LS430 merges classic luxury with performance and reliability.

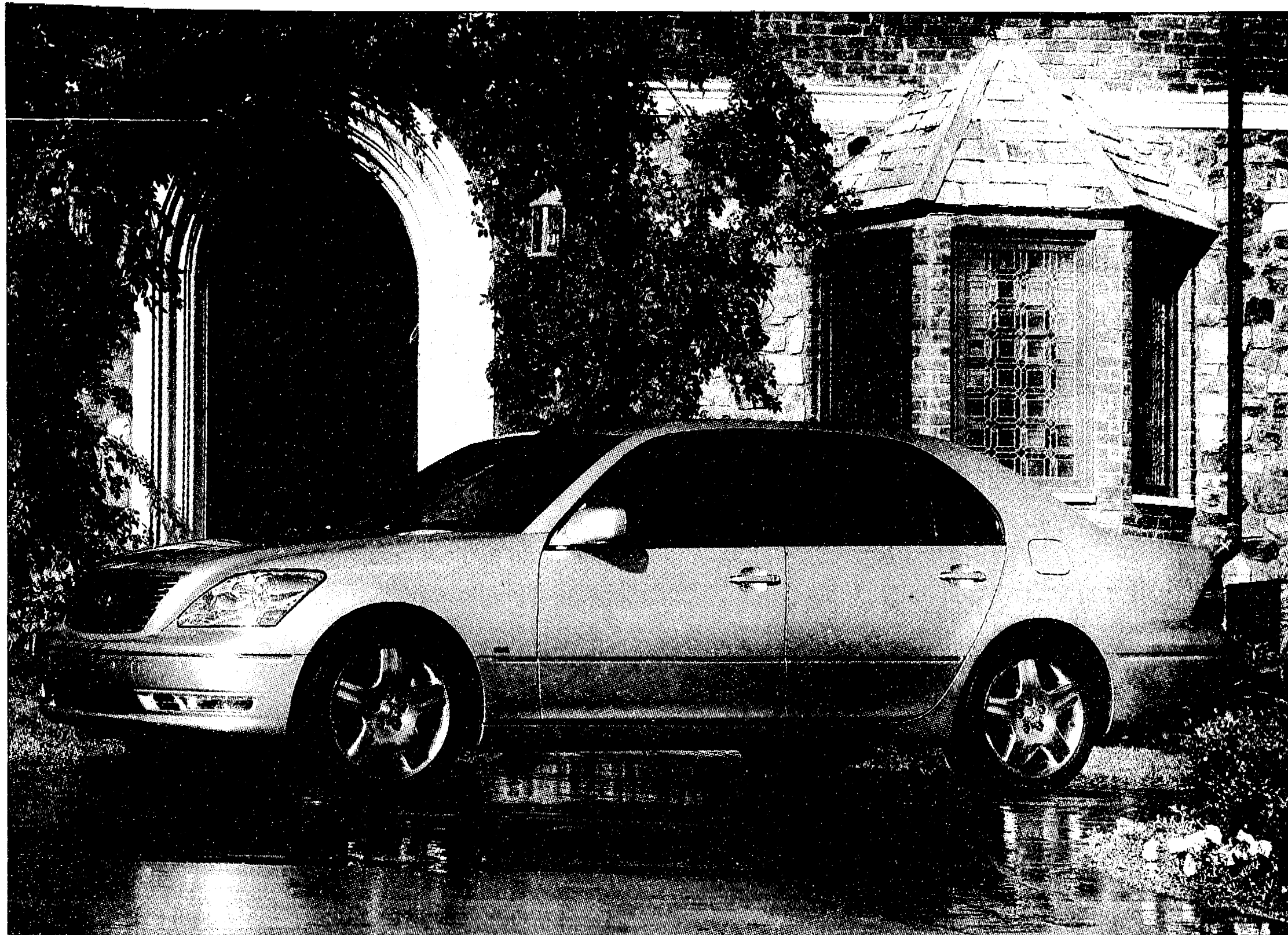
Powered by a 4.3-liter DOHC V-8 engine that produces 290 horsepower at 6,600 rpm and 320 foot-pounds of torque, the LS430 offers excellent low-end mid-range power for merging and passing. And while it can accelerate from zero to 60 in 5.9 seconds, the rear-wheel-drive LS430 still produces good EPA numbers, averaging 18-mpg city and 25-mpg highway.

The engine is mated to a six-speed automatic transmission with Shift Logic Control that responds to load grade and acceleration/deceleration. A Sequential Shift feature also allows the driver to control gearshifts manually, if desired.

As for ride and handling, Lexus excels thanks to front and rear double wishbone suspension that features monotube shock absorbers. The result is excellent handling and a smooth, luxury-style ride. Our tester featured optional 18-inch alloy wheels mated to 245/45R18 low-profile tires. Although these tires aren't good in the snow, they offer added performance when the roads are dry.

A high-tech Pre-Collision System is built into every LS430. If its millimeter-wave radar system determines that a collision is imminent, it retracts the driver and front-passenger seat belts. PCS also prepares the Brake Assist system, which, after the driver applies the brakes, automatically applies increased braking force to help reduce collision speed.

Also notable is a Supplemental Restraint System that features variable-force front air bags. The side air bags have been redesigned to provide a greater coverage area, and



Photos by Wick

the body structure has been strengthened to meet the latest side-impact standards, which take into account higher-riding vehicles such as SUVs. The LS430 also features knee air bags for the driver and front passenger as standard equipment. Few cars on the market today feature so much safety as standard equipment.

We loved the four-channel, four-sensor anti-lock brake system. When we tested it in a 70-mph panic stop, the car stopped straight and true. Your Lexus dealer can explain this high-tech brake system in detail, along with the Vehicle Stability Control that helps control side skids.

Inside, power front seats include lumbar controls

and adjustable-length cushions for more comfortable thigh support. A wood and leather-wrapped steering wheel features controls for the audio system, which includes a standard in-dash, single-feed six-disc CD changer. The climate control system is excellent, while a power moonroof and power rear sunshade are also standard.

Our tester also included a \$5,935 Custom Luxury option, featuring a single-DVD-based Navigation System that covers the contiguous United States and parts of Canada. Also included is a dynamic laser cruise control that keeps the correct distance from the car in front of you; rear camera; voice command; front heated and cooled seats; headlamp washers

and laminated side glass. Don't miss adding this option. It's great.

We could go on and on about this car, but let's sum it up by saying this is indeed one of the finest cars available today.

Important numbers

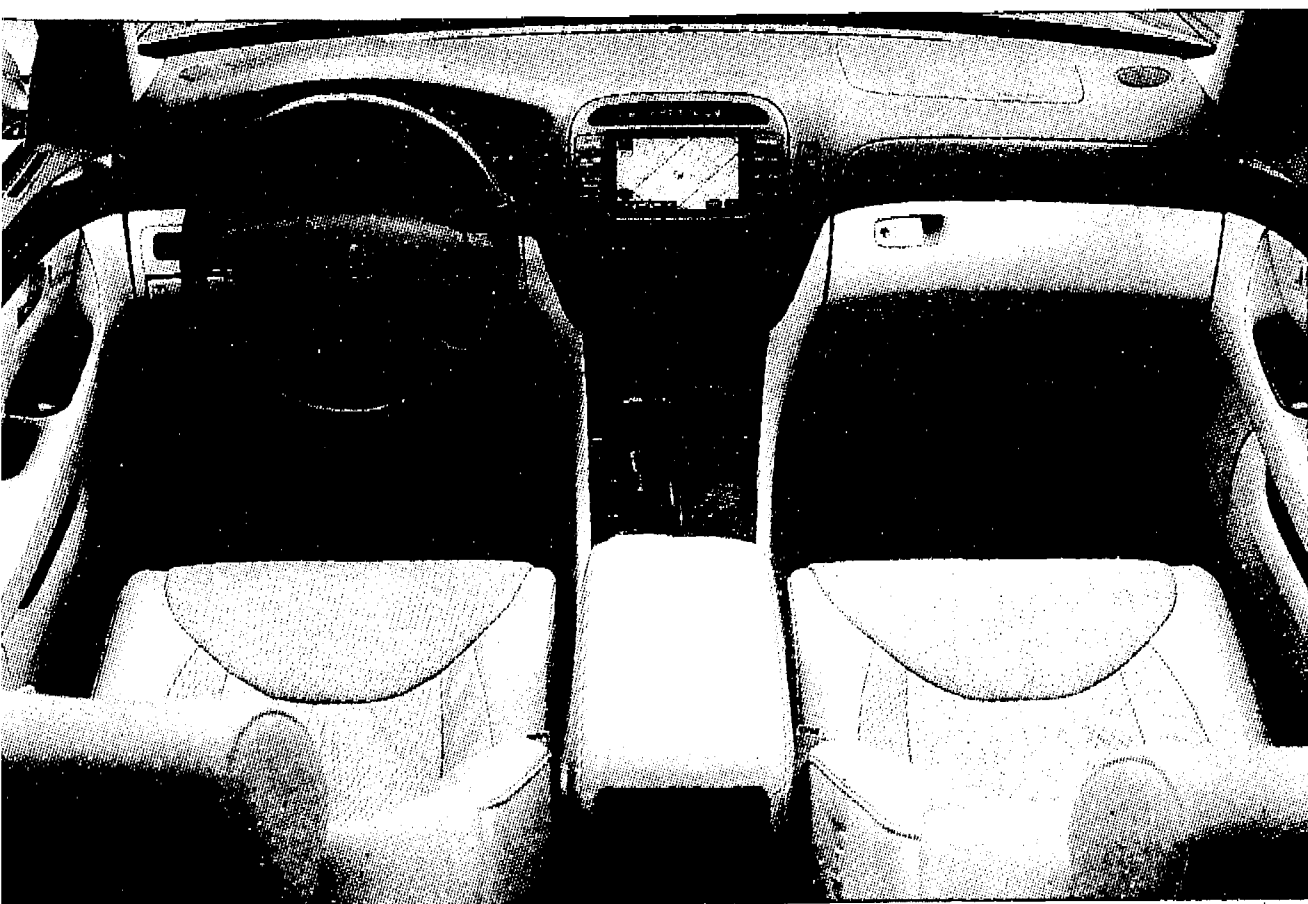
include a wheelbase of 115.2 inches, curb weight of 3,990 pounds, a generous 20.2 cubic-feet of cargo space and a 22.2-gallon fuel tank for 91-octane premium fuel.

We rate this new LS430 a 9.5 on a scale of one to 10.

Likes: High-tech safety features, overall safety and performance.

Dislikes: Rear drive with 18-inch tires won't go in snow.

— King Features Syndicate



2005 Lexus LS430 interior

Shop talk: Radiator flush

By Greg Zyla

Q. Greg, what is the proper procedure to flush and refill my radiator? I want to avoid any problems resulting from rust in the cooling system. How often should I flush and refill my radiator?

— Aaron, Shamokin, Pa.

A. Aaron, if you flush and refill every two or three years, you'll protect your car from unwanted problems associated with old antifreeze.

Here's what to do, courtesy of the Car Care Council:

1. Begin with the engine

cold and ignition off. Remove the radiator pressure cap.

2. Open the petcock at the bottom of the radiator and drain the coolant into a bucket.

3. Close the petcock and fill the radiator with water.

4. Start the engine and turn the heater control to hot. Add cooling system cleaner and idle the engine for 30 minutes (or as per the instructions on container).

5. Stop the engine and allow it to cool for five minutes. Drain the system.

6. Close the petcock, fill

the radiator with water and let the engine idle for five minutes.

7. Repeat step No. 5. Close the petcock.

8. Install new 50/50 mixture of water and ethylene glycol antifreeze/coolant.

It should only take about 30 to 40 minutes to complete this flush and fill. Good luck.

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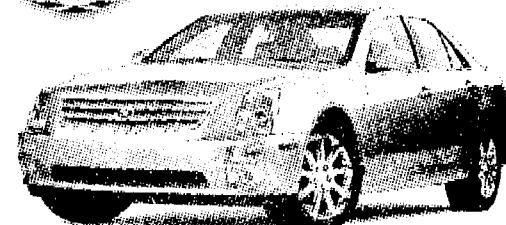
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All-new '05 Audi A4 Avant 3.2 quattro



By Greg Zyla

We test drove Audi's all-new 2005 A4 Avant 3.2 quattro — base price: \$36,400; price as tested: \$45,270. This new Audi is

better in just about every category except price, and features a more powerful engine, tweaked suspension and an upgraded automatic transmission. The

front end also features the A6- and A8-inspired massive grille, which we have come to love (some don't).

Although Audi says in its press materials that the

new Audi is 60-percent new, from the look and feel of things, we'll go it one better and say "all-new." The outward design is striking, with an imposing look high-

2005 Audi A4 Avant 3.2 quattro lit by that huge grille

and sleeker lines. Granted, the interior dimensions and cargo capacity remain the same, but as for everything else, be prepared for a new and better Audi experience.

Every A4 Avant now comes with the AWD quattro setup, which we like very much. Audi, perhaps more than any other make, developed and perfected the fully automatic all-wheel-drive system 25 years ago and has never looked back. Consumers can choose either a 200-horsepower four-cylinder engine or the 255-horsepower 3.2 V-6 that came with our tester. A new six-speed automatic with Tiptronic is the only transmission available with the V-6 Avant; a six-speed manual is available with the four-cylinder.

Speaking of the V-6, it's a new, 3.2-liter, 191 cubic-inch, 12.5-1 compression direct-injection unit that first appeared in the A6. The 255 horses are 35 more than the previous V-6, and it performs like a fine-running V-8. The EPA numbers (premium fuel) are very good for an engine of this power at 19 miles per gallon city and 26 mpg highway.

Underneath, a stiffer suspension works in tandem with the fully automatic AWD for optimal traction. Larger disc brakes stop the Avant easily, while ABS and Electronic Stabilization Program help the driver-in-panic stop and other road maneuvers. The ESP system also features a disc brake wiping maneuver that helps keep all rotors dry on wet roads; the driver never feels a thing.

Our test car came with the sport package for an additional \$600. It features 17-inch cast alloy wheels, Pirelli tires and sport-tuned suspension. Other options included a \$2,050 Premium Package, \$1,950 Navigation Plus System, a \$1,000 Bose Premium Audio Package, \$900 Cold Weather Heated Seat Package, and a Lighting Bi-Xenon upgrade for \$800. Add destination of \$720, and you arrive at the final price of \$45,270. All expected safety items are standard, including side and curtain air bag systems. As for the cabin, it's comfortable, sporty and luxurious.

We drove the Audi A4 Avant on several business trips, and found it to be a great car in every situation. There is more than enough power, the ride is extremely comfortable and handling on country roads is excellent. (The Pirelli tires sure helped.) Overall, you can't help but love this car, or, should I say, station wagon. We really like the upgraded six-speed automatic, which delivers the V-6's powerband in a more efficient and performance-oriented manner.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 104.3 inches, curb weight of 3,594 pounds, zero to 60 mph in about 6.9 seconds, 27.8 cubic-feet of cargo space and a 16.6-gallon fuel tank.

Overall, we give the new Audi A4 Avant 3.2 quattro a strong 9.5 on a scale of one to 10. It's a great car in every respect.

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September 22, 2005

Frogs•Fur•Friends finale is black-tie auction

By Margie Reins Smith
Assistant Editor

More than four dozen XXL colorfully decorated Fiberglas frogs have helped two local nonprofits this summer — the Children's Home of Detroit and the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. Grosse Pointe's first-ever public art summer-long fundraiser also captured imaginations and brought people together in new ways, said Donna Brian, project manager of "Frogs•Fur•Friends."

"I can't tell you how many phone calls we've gotten about people gathering around the frogs, talking to each other, taking pictures of each other," Brian said.

The project began in the spring, as huge white Fiberglas frogs in three different poses were trucked in from Chicago, where they were manufactured.

The frogs were adopted by sponsors, decorated by artists, and placed in public places around the five Grosse Pointes — in the Village, on the Hill, on Mack Avenue, on Kercheval in the Park, beside city parks, inside retail establishments and more.

"Frog sponsors paid \$2,500 each," Brian said.

Each artist was paid \$800 to design and decorate a frog. In turn, the frogs have kept businesses, residents and visitors hopping for the last three months. Frogs drew attention to local businesses, sponsors and themselves; they attracted crowds; they encouraged interaction between strangers; and they begged to be photographed.

At least four contests for local children involved the frogs, and the Grosse Pointe News has written more than two dozen stories about the colorful amphibians.

At the end of summer, each sponsor was given a chance to purchase his or her own frog for \$3,500 each. Five sponsors jumped at the chance.

The final chapter of the Frogs•Fur•Friends project will be a black-tie dinner and auction of the remaining 48 frogs that Grosse Pointers have grown to know and love.

The auction is slated for Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Country Club of Detroit.

The five frogs that were purchased by their sponsors are "Metro Frog," sponsored by Metro Cars Inc.; "View in a Pond," sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation; "CHaD the Frog Prints," sponsored by the trustees and staff of the Children's Home of Detroit; "Starry Starry Frog," by Friends of Frogs; and "Cabbie," by the Yellow Cab Service Corp.

On the evening of the auction, a preview of the frogs up for auction begins at 5:30 p.m. on the Bowling Green of the Country Club of Detroit.

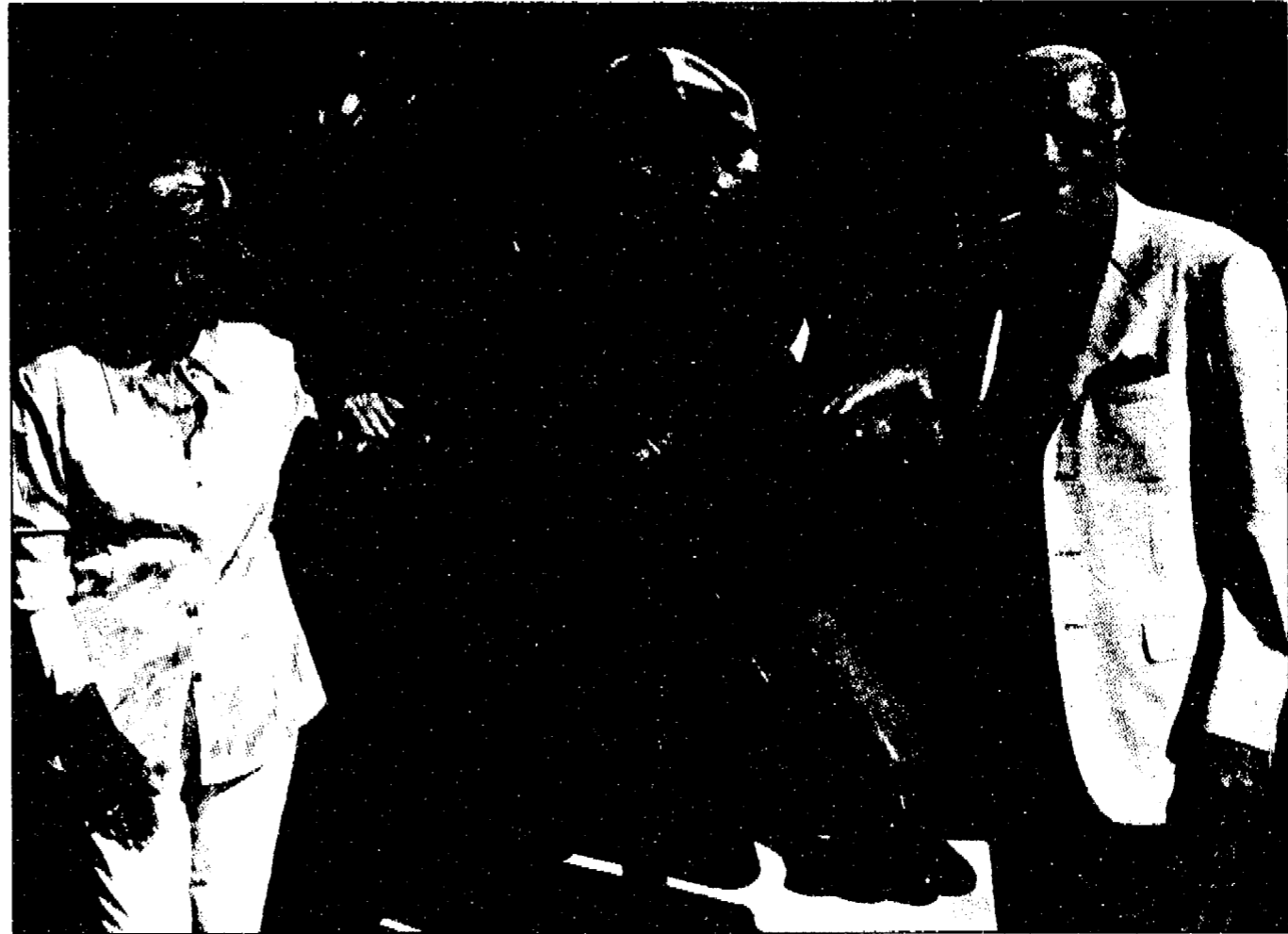
The party will take place under a tent adjacent to the frogs display.

Brian said she hopes each frog will bring \$3,500 or more. "The bidding will start with "Flora Frog," decorated by artist Tim Marsh and sponsored by Wild Birds Unlimited.

"We'll conclude with "Maizen Blu" and "Sparty."

Brian, who is also one of the co-chairmen of the gala, said she expects some lively bidding and noisy rivalry to be associated with Maizen Blu and Sparty.

"And if the rumors are correct," she said, "the most heated bidding might be over "Commodore Boll Frog," which was sponsored by Marlene and John Boll (he is



Marlene and John Boll of Grosse Pointe Shores are sponsors of the Commodore Boll Frog, designed by Christine Codish. It has spent the summer on Lakeshore near the entrance of Grosse Pointe Shores' Osius Park. The Bolls are boaters and he is a past commodore of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

past commodore of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club), decorated by Christine Codish and was stationed near the entrance of Grosse Pointe Shores' Osius Park.

The frogs will begin hopping off the streets next week, Brian said.

"Tony the Mover and his frogmen will take all frogs to a temporary holding area, where they will be freshened up for the party."

In addition to the auction, the party will include an open bar, strolling supper, entertainment by the band Intrigue and some surprises, she said.

A frog pin designed by Edmond T. Ance Jewelers and a frog necklace designed by Jane Shook will be raffled off.

Two 18-inch tabletop frogs will also be raffled — "Spiderman Frog" by Mary Ewald and "Sun Flowers" by Susan Bolt. Raffle tickets are \$50 and only 100 tickets will be sold for each tabletop frog.

Celebrity chairmen of the party are Paul W. and Myreya Smith. Honorary chairmen are Bill and Happy Rands.

Co-chairmen are Chris and Anne Blake, Bud and Donna Brian and Ed and Marcia Russell.

"We started in the spring with an end result in mind," Brian said. "We wanted a creative way to raise money for kids and pets. We ended up with something much better. The biggest surprise was how the project brought the

community together in ways never seen before.

"I'd like to see it done again," she said. "It has been a fun summer event. We're going to miss those frogs."

Those who are unable to attend the auction in person but want to place bids on frogs should call Frogs•Fur•Friends and leave instructions on how to bid. Proxy bids are due by 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7. Call (313) 886-0800, ext. 120.

The Children's Home of Detroit is a nonprofit organization that provides services for children with educational deficiencies and developmental disabilities. Proceeds from Frogs•Fur•Friends will provide scholarships for special needs children attending the Foundation for Exceptional Children and for therapeutic

equipment. The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society is a foster-based, non-euthanasia organization that finds suitable homes for indoor companion animals that have been abandoned, surrendered or found.

Proceeds from Frogs•Fur•Friends will be used to establish an endowment fund that will strengthen the organization's financial position and broaden its community outreach programs.

Tickets to the gala are \$175 a person, and reservations are required by Friday, Sept. 30. Call Lisa Mower Gandelot at (313) 886-0800, ext. 120.

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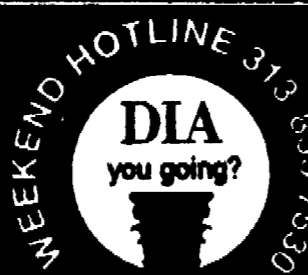
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Pastor's Corner

Why do Christians exalt the cross?

By the Rev. Patrick Halpenny
St. Paul Catholic Church

Last night I attended a gathering at St. John Armenian Orthodox Church in Southfield. If you've driven north on the John Lodge expressway, you've undoubtedly seen the church's beautiful golden dome on the left. One would have to work hard not to notice it. After a traditional Armenian dinner, we prayed together, remembering the Feast of the Exaltation of the cross (September 14). Two faculty members, one Orthodox the other Byzantine Catholic, then spoke about the centrality of the cross in our Christian life.

The cross has been all too present at the center of our lives, whether we want it there or not. Last Saturday after the 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Paul's, I met a high school student from New Orleans. She and her family are living with their grandmother here in Grosse Pointe. She doesn't know how long. She's enrolled at Grosse Pointe South, perhaps for a semester, or the year. Maybe longer. Hundreds of thousands of people have lost their homes, their livelihood, everything. We don't know how many have died. They don't know when they can go home, if ever.

Last Sunday we remembered that horrible day four years ago when madmen flew two airplanes into the World Trade Center on a Tuesday morning, and minutes later another flew into the Pentagon in Washington, D. C. Thousands died. Survivors' lives changed in an instant, in the blink of an eye. The

cross was all too evident. And many Christians celebrate a feast which has roots as far back as the fourth century, exalting the cross. Why? Like most mysteries, I can't claim to understand it. So I dare not try to explain it. But I can't help thinking about it. Why do Christians keep looking at the cross?

We do, at least in part, because contemplating what we see there, on the cross, gives us hope, in spite of what we see around us: human cruelty, natural disaster, suffering and grief. We see the great love God showed in ascending the cross Himself in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ. In our more honest moments, we realize that's our spot, up there on the cross. I belong there, not the innocent Son. He suffered and died. He thought enough of us, loved us enough to identify with us even to the extent that He'd undergo death, just as we all will.

I've decided it's good that I keep looking at the cross. I'm going to keep lifting it up, exalting it even. It may not help me make sense out of Katrina or 9/11, but I do remember that we have someone who's been there before, and will be with us now.



Photo courtesy Marie Zeller

Bargains, books and boutique

If you have never stopped by the annual rummage sale at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, you have missed out on a unique shopping experience. This yearly event is huge with the entire church basement at 375 Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms filled to overflowing with everything you were ever looking for and all at low prices. There are antiques, collectables, household goods, furniture, books, craft items, clothes for the whole family and children's toys. The profits for this sale benefit local and worldwide outreach ministry needs, as well as internal needs of the congregation. The sale runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, and half-price day is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. Pictured from left to right are Sandy Brown of Grosse Pointe Farms, Bev Henry of St. Clair Shores, Bonnie Steketee of Grosse Pointe Farms, Gretchen Archinal of Grosse Pointe Park and Donna Ireton of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Coming event

First English Ev. Lutheran Church presents a short but comprehensive course entitled "Parenting on Purpose — The Balance of Love and Discipline."

This is for parents and grandparents of the congregation and community.

The eight sessions take place on Wednesday evenings through Nov. 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the church

lounge, the same time that the catechism classes take place.

The parenting class, conducted by the Rev. Walter Schmidt, senior pastor, is an interactive training approach to help parents learn, discuss and actually view on video a step-by-step plan for love and discipline.

The sessions are designed for parents and grandparents of children of

all ages.

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The cost is \$10 per family, payable at the first session.

Call Pastor Schmidt to review the training manuals and/or register at (313) 884-5040.

First English Ev. Lutheran Church is located at 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Blessing of the pets

On Sunday, Oct. 2, animals large and small, warmblooded and coldblooded, will gather on the lawn of Christ Episcopal Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, in Grosse Pointe Farms. They have come with their owners to be blessed in the tradition of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi.

A 13th century man, who was canonized two years after his death in 1226, St. Francis is the patron saint of the environment and animals.

"The service is a celebration of life, of creation and taking care of the environment, including animals," said the Rev. David Dieter.

Weather permitting, the main service that day will be held on the lawn and each pet will be blessed by one of four priests, Dieter said.

"We (the service) are dealing with animals and love of all God's creation. The Hunt Club (members) brings horses by. We bless animals because they are part of God's creation and part of family. We grieve their loss," he said.

Pets add unconditional love to a person's life, a great sense of comfort, a sense of joy and fun and spontaneity that humans grow out of, Dieter noted.

The church also provides a remembrance center for those pets which have died.

During the service, each pet is blessed for a continued healthy life. Dogs are given a treat after their masters and mistresses have taken Communion.

"The animals are very good," Dieter said. "There is always a bark now and then. No howling."

Between 200 to 300 birds, lizards, turtles, rabbits, cats and dogs, goldfish, all well-behaved, generally attend the 10:15 a.m. service.

During the blessing, the clarion will be providing tunes devoted to animals.



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Dogs are given a treat following their masters' receipt of Holy Communion.

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The black tie gala will include cocktails, a sumptuous feast by Opus One, a live auction and entertainment by the cast of Michigan Opera Theatre's "Norma," Singing Strings and Mel Ball with Colours.

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Walkin' the dog: The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society will host a Spay Neuter Awareness Walk from 2 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25, rain or shine. The 3-mile walk will begin and end at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods. Animals on leashes are encouraged to attend.

The purpose of the walk is to raise community awareness on the importance of spaying and neutering pets and to raise funds to support the work of the GPAAS, which is supported solely by public donations.

The donation is \$10 a person or \$25 a family. For more information, call Corinne Martin or Dorothy Fleming at (313) 884-1551 or cmartingp@ameritech.net.

Visit the Web site at www.gpaas.org.

— Margie Reins Smith

Andrea Grunberger

Home: Grosse Pointe Park

Family: Parents, Zuzana and George Grunberger; older sister, Jill; younger brother, Evan; dog, Oakley

Favorite quote: "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams; live the life you've imagined," by Henry David Thoreau

Andrea Grunberger has been confidently working as a summer volunteer at Services for Older Citizens this summer. She returns to the University of Michigan as a sophomore this month, and she dreams of becoming an animal physical therapist.

When asked who her heroes are, without hesitation, Grunberger answered, "My parents. They both immigrated to the United States from Czechoslovakia when they were younger. They both worked extremely hard so that they could raise a

POINTES OF LIGHT

Volunteer of the month



family with more opportunities than they had growing up."

I would highly recommend volunteering to other students, Grunberger said. "The great thing is you can usually make your own schedule."

She has also been a volunteer at Liggett University School's day camp and has been a camp counselor at Black River farm and ranch.

"All my volunteer experiences have added to my

life experiences that will help shape my future."

Grunberger has helped SOC by making trip fliers, sorting mail, teaching classes on empathy to younger students and delivering Meals on Wheels.

"Working as a volunteer this summer has helped me to make a conscious decision to make volunteering a lifelong commitment," she said. "Seeing smiling faces of other employees that I am helping to make their job easier so that they can get more done, or the face of a senior receiving a meal all helps me feel better about myself and my contribution to the world."

Those who work at SOC appreciate the time and the contribution Andrea has made to the seniors in our community. We would like to thank her for her enthusiasm and energy she shares with others by giving her time so freely.

— Betsy Schulte

Meetings

Delta Gamma Alums

The Grosse Pointe chapter of Delta Gamma will begin its fall season with a brunch beginning at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25. All Delta Gamma members are invited.

The group raises money for aid to the blind and visually impaired. Each year Grosse Pointe preschoolers are screened by members of the group so that vision problems can be detected in children before they start kindergarten.

Delta Gamma alumnae

also sponsor fundraisers, educational and social activities. For more information, call Cary Sottel at (313) 882-7547 or Ann Watkins at (313) 884-9544.

Classical Music League

The Grosse Pointe Classical Music League will meet for lunch beginning at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Country Club of Detroit. Entertainment will be provided by Davis Gloff. Reservations are required. Call Mary Ellen at (586) 575-9279.

Ibex Board

Ibex, an organization for women interested in and supportive of the arts, will honor its present and past leaders at its annual Presidents' Tea on Sept. 29 at the home of Emigh Litch.

Members of the Ibex board are, from left: Kathie Anslow, president; Anne Parcels, immediate past president; Kathy Kasiborski, membership; Debi Ihrle, secretary; Nancy Follett, special events; and Pam Montgomery, treasurer.



Grosse Pointe Moms' Club

The Grosse Pointe Moms' Club is a nonprofit, social support group for stay-at-home moms who live in the Grosse Pointes or Harper Woods. The group meets for business socials, with speakers, on the second Thursday of every month.

The organization also has a monthly book club, a cook-

ing club, art dates for moms and their children, family outings, a weekly knitting club, a walking club and playgroups.

To learn more about the Grosse Pointe Moms' Club, call Jennifer at (313) 882-2653 or Bridget at (313) 647-0891 or visit its Web site at www.gpmmoms.com.

G.P. Hunt Club offers 'Sport of Kings' demo

Players from The Detroit Polo Club will give a demonstration of the "Sport of Kings" at 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 2, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, 655 Cook Rd. The public is invited and admission is free.

Polo is the oldest known ball sport, dating back to ancient Persia. It was introduced to America in 1876, and some of the earliest games in Detroit were played on Belle Isle during World War I.

The Detroit Polo Club, now headquartered in Hartland, participates in league play through the United States Polo Association.

Spectators are invited to take lawn chairs and snacks and enjoy watching and learning about the sport.

In case of rain, the demonstration will be held in the Hunt Club's indoor riding arena. For more information, call Andrea at (313) 884-9090.



Grosse Pointe Ski Club

John Byrne, vice president of the Grosse Pointe Ski Club, enjoys the view while on a recent club trip to the Italian Alps. For more information about the October kickoff meeting of the club, including upcoming trips to Vail, Lake Tahoe and Michigan, call President Paul Leonard at (586) 899-0331.

Italian Heritage Society presents documentary

The Italian Heritage Society, Wayne State University's Italian Studies Department of Romance Languages and Literatures and the Order Sons of Italy Lodge 336 will present a film, "Prisoners Among Us: Italian American Identity and WWII," at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, in the Italian Heritage Room of Wayne State University.

Michael Angeio DiLauro, producer and director of the documentary film, will attend the screening, which explores Italian ethnicity in America from several perspectives. A panel discussion will fol-

low the screening, with Professor Andrea di Tommaso as moderator.

Tickets range from \$20 to \$100. For more information, call (313) 886-6894.

G.P. Artists Association holds attic treasure sale

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association will hold its semi-annual fundraiser, Attic Treasure Sale, from Thursday, Sept. 22, to Saturday, Sept. 24, at the GPAA Art Center, 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park.

The sale will feature furniture, collectibles, linens, jewelry, art supplies, books, household items, attic treasures, artwork, holiday gifts, new and used rummage items in good condition and

baked goods.

The benefit begins with a presale party from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 22. Attic treasures will be available from 9 to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, and from 9 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24.

Admission to the presale party is \$10, which includes appetizers and refreshments. Admission is free on Sept. 23 and 24.

For more information, call (313) 821-1848.



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Tickets are \$25 per person -- \$20 in advance until Sept. 25th \$10 for children under twelve. For advance tickets or information call St. Ambrose Parish at (313) 822-2814.

OYSTERFEST 2005



Newcomers Alumni

The Grosse Pointe Newcomers Alumni Club will hold a cocktail reception on Sunday, Sept. 25, at the home of Monica Reed.

The club's mission is perpetuating friendship through social activities. New members are welcome.

Reception planners, from left, are Sally Coe, Monica Reed, and Ginger and Ron Morketter. For more information, call (313) 882-1308.

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Grosse Pointe, Henry Ford have 'racy' pasts

Every time I turn the corner on Kerby at Ridge Road I think about Henry Ford. I admit to having these strange thoughts ever since I was just a kid.

Why? Long ago someone told me a story about Henry Ford actually racing his first experimental cars around this very curve (now Voltaire Place) almost 100 years ago. I guess this exciting visual image just stuck in my young mind.

POINTES OF HISTORY

By Doug Cordier



Put on your history cap and try to imagine what it must have been like in those early days when automobiles were a rare sight.

I can imagine the smell of hot engines, burning oil, rubber and, of course, danger!

Recently, I was racing around this same curve on my bike, wondering if this recollection was really true or just another Grosse Pointe history myth.

Searching for an expert who could corroborate my story, I turned to Nicholas Sinacoti, an emergency substitute in a regular position (ESRP) with the Detroit Board of Education and president of the Fairview Historical Society. Sinacoti has spent a good part of his life researching the early days of Grosse Pointe — especially information related to racing.

Over a very long lunch at the Mack Avenue Diner, I was to learn the depth of

Sinacoti's knowledge of the subject. He has a memory like Fort Knox.

He said that in order to appreciate those early days, one has to dig back into the actual founding of what we now call Grosse Pointe proper.

With that in mind, it's easier to appreciate how elaborate these early racing days in Grosse Pointe were. According to Sinacoti, the locale we call Grosse Pointe was once Hamtramck Township, chartered in 1822.

It became Grosse Pointe Township in 1848, bounded by Bewick Avenue on Detroit's East Side. This area was also referred to as Fairview at the turn of the 20th century.

The first organized horse race was in 1853. It was won by Billy Campeau. (Does that name sound familiar?) From 1853 to 1893 the track property was subdivided, and eventually it was known as Indian Village, not because of our past Indian heritage.

Here is where the story really gets racy. The names of streets in Indian Village were actually named after race horses. Iroquois won 145 races and earned \$183,000 — a huge sum in 1892.

Eventually, a new state-of-the-art 90-acre track designed by Mortimer Smith was built at Conner and Jefferson, which was part of Grosse Pointe at that time. The new facility was so elaborate that it boasted 17 barns with 25 horses in each one, a two-story club-house and a grandstand that could hold 5,000 horsey enthusiasts.

The main gates were at Algonquin (named after a famous gelding) and Jefferson. If you drive past, you can still see the original line of trees leading in

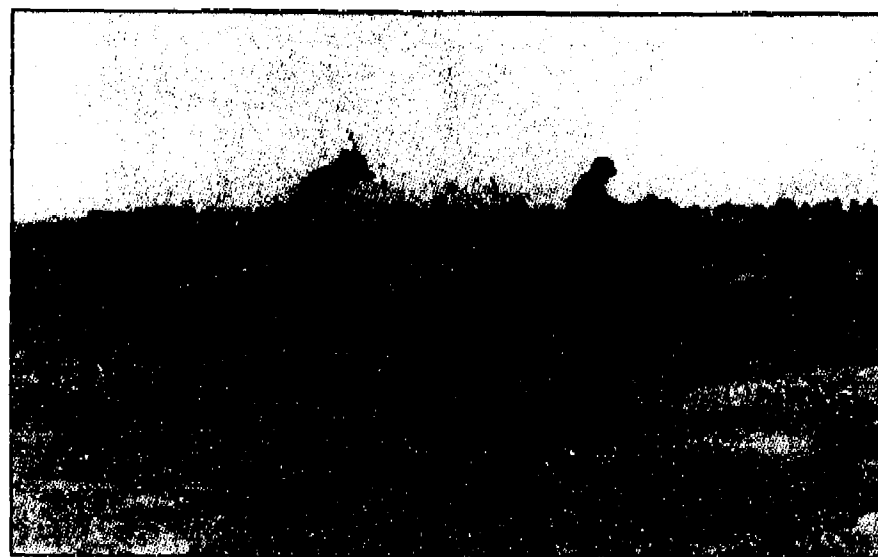


Photo courtesy of The Henry Ford
Henry Ford drove the winning car in a two-car race on Oct. 10, 1901. The photo shows Ford pulling ahead in the seventh mile of the 10-mile event.

from Jefferson.

Years later, the Keating School occupied the spot where a pond had been in the middle of the track. (Incidentally, Keating School was named after one of Detroit's early councilmen and always had water problems in the boiler room.)

Racing became enormously popular in the late 1880s. In fact, Issac Murphy earned more money as a local jockey than Jack Johnson, the world-famous prize fighter.

Murphy, known for his skill and honesty, was the son of a former slave. He became the first jockey to win three Kentucky Derbies as well as the first African-American jockey admitted to the Jockey Hall of Fame.

D.J. Campeau even featured an early photo of Murphy on the front cover of his magazine, "The Horseman." Unfortunately, Murphy developed pneumonia and died at the young age of 36.

In 1901, William Metzger, an early automotive developer and promoter, and D.J. Campeau, a track owner, decided to promote the radical idea of racing a car around a horse

track. This had never been done before.

They brought in extra fill dirt, banked the track at both ends and offered \$10,000 cash and a crystal bowl as the top prize.

At the time, Metzger was a dealer for the well-established Winton Motor Car Co. This first automobile race would make the winner's name one of the most recognizable in history.

As race day approached, there were three cars entered. One dropped out because of last-minute mechanical difficulties. The race drew thousands. The cars sped around the track at unheard-of speeds.

At the last minute, the car driven by (you guessed it) Henry Ford, pulled ahead and won the race.

The story gets better. In the audience that day was Alexander Malcolmson, a man who later offered to back Henry Ford in his future ventures.

Meanwhile, horse racing continued as the most popular sport in town. In 1903, a horse named Sarah Black (later revealed as a ringer) was entered into a big prize race.

The horse had been dyed with henna to disguise her real identity. During the race, the dye washed off with the horse's sweat, and

the scam was revealed. This scandal had huge "legs" in 1903, and the press called for "cleaning up the sport and moving the horses to Highland Park."

In 1906, another racing scandal was uncovered. This time it involved questionable betting procedures, and the track was suspended from operating for one whole year.

In 1907, after a very nasty fight that led to a Michigan Supreme Court ruling, the city of Detroit annexed the area from Bewick to Alter Road. Now the city had control of the tracks.

Racing in the area was never quite the same.

I asked Sinacoti how he became interested in the history of racing. "When I was just a kid," he said, "our family lived next to Marlborough. One day, I think I was about 16, I asked my grandfather, 'Why are the streets of Marlborough paved with bricks?'"

"My Grandpa just smiled and said, 'That's where they ran the horses.' Apparently, this lane (which can still be seen today) ran all the way to the Jockey Club. Sinacoti said that this conversation with his grandfather fired him up to dig deeper into the history of racing.

"I was hooked and I'm still digging today," he said. He also told me that there were many tracks in this area, and many different ethnic groups were represented.

The French (Joseph Campeau had a stable of 500 horses) were influential, as were the Belgians and Scots.

Sinacoti said that reminders of the early horse racing days can still be identified around Grosse Pointe in such places as the Ausherman clock at Jefferson and Pemberton.

"Notice the four horse-shoes in the support," he

said. The street Waterloo wasn't named after a famous battle, but after a race horse. Three Mile Drive got its name from three one-mile tracks.

Incidentally, check out one of the windows of the historic Wardwell House at Jefferson and Three Mile Drive, which is now owned by Doug and Marilyn Ross.

You'll see a carousel horse (its name is Sandy, they said) pointed in a southerly direction. Perhaps Sandy is headed back to the track?

After my third glass of iced tea, I couldn't wait any longer. I had to ask Sinacoti about my youthful memory of the Voltaire (Hamilton) track.

Was it just a myth? "Definitely not," he said. "In fact, that remnant was the western end of the Hamilton track, owned by Sen. James McMillan, built in 1890. It even boasted a nine-hole golf course in the center. The track was used in its later days as a test track for automobiles. McMillan was one of the early backers of the Ford Motor Co.

"And yes, Henry Ford used to race his automobiles around that track."

Sometimes the stories we hear as kids turn out to be true. After all, that's why they're called oral histories.

These narratives not only connect us directly to our own family history, but also connect us to the history of where we grew up.

It's great fun and a real accomplishment to track down a tale that you heard long ago. A good place to start your quest is at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

In Grosse Pointe, you can contact Suzy Berschback, curator of the GPHS, or you can go to www.gphistorical.org to see which of those far-fetched stories you heard as a youngster really were true.

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Beating breast cancer

By Dr. A. Christine Watt
Special Writer

This year alone, the American Cancer Society estimates 211,240 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer. It is the second most prevalent cancer in women. Skin cancer ranks No. 1. After lung cancer, it is the second leading cause of cancer death in women.

However, breast cancer is also a very curable disease when it is caught early and given proper treatment.

A Team Approach

As a doctor who diagnoses breast cancer, I understand how this diagnosis can be frightening and overwhelming for women. Many patients will want a second opinion from a variety of specialists before deciding on a course of treatment.

Because this can be a daunting task, the Liggett Breast Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center's Van Elslander Cancer Center offers a unique service to any women newly diagnosed with breast cancer.

An interdisciplinary team of doctors and health care professionals — including a surgeon, radiation oncologist, medical oncologist, plastic surgeon, dietitian and social worker — meet weekly to review new breast cancer cases.

Collectively this team of doctors offers the patient its opinions and recommendations for treatment.

As a member of this team, I have found patients to be very receptive to this service, as they don't have to be burdened with scheduling several evaluations. The women are able to make an informed decision and begin treatment sooner. The team is also knowledgeable of the latest research and which trials may be open and available to patients.

This service is available to all women newly diagnosed with breast cancer, whether they are patients of a St. John Health doctor or not. There is no requirement that patients be treated at a St. John hospital. The interdisciplinary team simply wants to provide the most complete and caring evaluation as possible to women facing breast cancer.

More Comfortable Mammograms

For women aged 40 years and older, having a yearly mammogram is among the most important steps they can take to prevent breast cancer. And although this is tried-and-true advice, unfortunately almost 40 percent of women don't heed this life-saving recommendation.

Discomfort associated with traditional mammograms is a big reason why many women put off having a routine mammogram.

A comfortable mammogram may seem like an oxymoron, but it doesn't have to be. New technology in the form of a soft, warm cushion called the MammoPad has made mammography more bearable for thousands of women.

A clinical study involving 1,300 women in California and Sweden found the breast cushion significantly reduced mammography-related discomfort in 74 percent of American women and 66 percent of Swedish women.

In addition to reducing patients' pain, the MammoPad is also yielding better results. Because the patient is more relaxed, it enables the mammography technologists to get better positioning.

At St. John we've even seen a reduction in the number of mammograms that need to be repeated. We've had such positive results with the MammoPad, it has now become part of our standard mammography service.

Improving detection

While mammography is highly effective for detecting most breast cancers, there are some patients who require a more advanced diagnostic test because they are at a higher genetic risk of developing the disease. SJH&MC offers enhanced breast cancer detection with Breast Magnetic Resonance Imaging (B-MRI) for these as well as other patients.

The B-MRI is useful in women with newly diagnosed breast cancer, and it is used to determine the local extent of the disease.

It can more accurately pinpoint tumor locations. It can also assess tumor response to chemotherapy and detect suspected cancer recurrence.

In addition, B-MRI is used as a diagnostic tool, able to distinguish between scarring and recurrent cancer, and to identify women with possible breast implant rupture.

Prevention

The American Cancer Society reports that a woman has a 1 in 7 chance of developing invasive breast cancer at some time in her life. While there are some risk factors women have no control over, like genetics, there are some that can be controlled. To reduce the risk of breast cancer, doctors recommend that all women:

- Not smoke
- Exercise regularly — three to four hours a week
- Reduce stress as much as possible
- Do a monthly breast self-examination
- Get a yearly breast examination by a physician
- Get a mammogram every year beginning at age 40.

Dr. A. Christine Watt is the director of the Liggett Breast Center and interim chairman of imaging services at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

She is also a member of the interdisciplinary team that helps evaluate and treat newly diagnosed breast cancer patients at the Liggett Breast Center.

Link between alcohol, sexual assault?

Studies estimate that at least 25 percent of American women have been sexually assaulted in adolescence or adulthood and that 18 percent have been raped. Among college women, rates of sexual assault jump to 50 percent, with 27 percent experiencing rape or attempted rape.

Because of the conditions in which it occurs — such as bars, fraternity houses and dormitory rooms — sexual assault is notoriously difficult to study. Yet researchers have uncovered a pattern: About one-half of all sexual assaults are committed by men who have been drinking alcohol.

This is not to say that drinking is always the cause of sexual assault. Other factors are involved. In some cases, a man who forces sex on a woman tries to get her drunk first, suggesting that the intention to commit sexual assault comes before alcohol.

Even so, research reveals that drinking and sexual assault are linked in several ways. For example, someone who's had too much to drink may simply not have enough mental clarity or physical coordination to resist an assault.

In addition, heavy drinking can lead to "cognitive deficits," referring to impaired judgment that promotes sexual assault.

One theory is that intoxication creates a kind of myopia where men tune in to cues of their sexual arousal, while screening out a woman's signs of refusal or the thought of being punished for sexual assault.

Drinking can also occur

along with erroneous beliefs such as:

- Alcohol is an aphrodisiac that makes men more potent and women more open to sex.
- Women who sit alone in bars or drink heavily are sexually available.
- A sexually aroused man cannot control himself.
- When people drink heavily, they aren't responsible for their behaviors — including sexual assault.

Antonia Abbey, professor of community medicine and psychology at Wayne State University, has led a series of studies exploring such attitudes.

"When a drinking man thinks a woman is sexually attracted to him, and he feels sexually aroused, he is more likely to later feel justified forcing sex because he feels that she 'led him on' and 'owes it to him,'" Abbey said, "particularly if he has negative attitudes about women and low empathy."

Such attitudes have been documented in male college students who commit sexual assault. But Abbey's research suggests that similar beliefs are involved whenever sexual assault occurs. Referring to a recent community-wide study conducted in Detroit, Abbey notes that "lifetime alcohol problems, positive attitudes about casual sexual relationships, and peer pressure to have sexual experiences were all direct predictors of frequency of sexual assault perpetration."

Stopping sexual assault calls for education and prevention programs. These can start in middle school and continue through high-

er education, right along with efforts to prevent underage drinking. Abbey recommends that such programs go beyond one-time lectures to include repeated messages delivered in multiple formats — videos, live theater, role plays, co-ed discussion groups and peer coaching.

Such efforts are more likely to succeed when they include the following messages:


- In response to an invitation to have sex, "no means no," starting with the first refusal.
- You have the right to refuse sex at any time, even with current or past sexual partners.
- Any time that you engage in risky behavior — such as drinking heavily in a bar or at a fraternity party — you are vulnerable to harm.
- Forced sex is a crime that can and should be reported and prosecuted.

In addition, take immediate steps to prevent sexual assault. Avoid events that center on heavy alcohol consumption. If you choose to attend such an event, do so with a group that includes

nondrinking friends. Also remember that responsible relationships involve the ability to talk about sexual desires in an open, honest way — something that can only take place when you and your partner are both sober.

This health column offers information to help prevent and address addiction and substance abuse problems. It is provided by Hazelden, a nonprofit agency based in Center City, Minn., that offers a wide range of information and services on addiction and recovery. For more resources, call Hazelden at (800) 257-7800 or check its Web site at www.hazelden.org. Direct your inquiries to mduda@hazelden.org.

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for parents of children with special needs

Waving to the crowd

By Mary Beth Langan and Theodore G. Coutillish
Special Writers

Waving is universal. Everyone recognizes a wave as a gesture of greeting or an expression of farewell. A wave says, "Nice to see you" or "Until next time," without having to verbalize your thoughts.

There are some famous waves: the holy papal wave; the regal curved-hand wave of the queen; and the manicured wave of a pageant winner.

We are thrilled because our son, Andrew, learned how to wave last week. He can now wave hello and goodbye. Perhaps you remember the joy of this milestone in your child's life.

We have joined the wave club, finally. Membership has its advantages.

Up until recently, Andrew gestured hello and goodbye through a high-five. He's been high-fiving family and friends for a couple of years. This is typical of Andrew. He communicates mostly with signs and gestures. Everyone he meets does not easily understand some of his signs.

Most can figure out the sign for eat (hand to the mouth) for example, but the sign for please (hand on chest) takes a little more detective work to understand.

Andrew's newly minted wave is not perfect. It looks more like someone dusting — a full, open hand swirling back and forth. Sometimes the fingers face a bit downward, but often it's a nice, friendly upright-fingers kind of wave. We're working on it.

With his high-five, he had to touch. Now, he can wave from a distance and even do so through windows. Waving goodbye to our son as we leave home is a real treat. It feels like saying goodbye to an ordinary 4-year-old, though we know he's actually an X-tra ordinary 4-year-old.

A wave is especially beautiful when you've waited this long for it. Theodore G. Coutillish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with fragile X syndrome. Send your questions to g5045@wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.

Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



A sore or mole that bleeds and won't heal. Or a red bump that just won't go away. These are two of the classic signs of the skin cancer called basal cell carcinoma (BCC). In addition to these classic symptoms, BCC also can appear as a shiny pink or white bump, a red flat patch or within a scar. Basal cell carcinomas most frequently appear where the skin has received significant sun exposure, including the head, neck, hands, back and chest.

Basal cell carcinoma not only is the most common form of skin cancer, it is the most common of all cancers, affecting nearly one million patients each year. For the most part, BCC cancer cells remain in the layers of the skin and very rarely

result in death, (almost always the result of advanced disease that was not treated).

Caught early, BCC's are treatable with a high level of success; there is a better than a 95 percent cure rate if detected and treated early. Left untreated, the carcinoma will become more extensive and may require more radical therapies including surgical removal by a plastic or Moh's surgeon, with possible need for reconstruction of the affected area.

To learn more about basal cell carcinoma and its treatment, 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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6 million children are being raised by grandparents

(NAPSI) — It may come as a surprise but grandparents and other relatives are the primary caregivers for nearly 6 million children — and the numbers are growing. In fact, 75 percent of all nonparent care of children in America is now provided by grandparents.

"Parenting is hard enough, but parenting the second time around can be even more of a challenge," says Herbert E. Mandell, M.D., medical director for the national children's crisis charity KidsPeace and the KidsPeace Children's Hospital. "A lot has changed since today's grandparents raised their own kids and there are stresses on both sides that would have been hard to imagine a generation ago."

Fortunately, help is available from a whole range of news and nonprofit organizations,

including KidsPeace, which helps children and families overcome crises and challenges. With many tips, its Web site kidspace.org helps parents (and grandparents) lead children through such problems as: bullying, depression, traumas, and challenges of growing up. It also runs the Web site TeenCentral.net, a free, anonymous, clinically screened site to give older children and teens a place to go when grandparents know youngsters need sound advice but may not come to them first.

TeenCentral.net can be a valuable first step for opening a dialogue on anything

from peer pressure to drinking.

Grand magazine, a helpful publication aimed at helping today's grandparents, offers the following useful ideas:

- Give your full attention. Make direct eye contact and screen out as many interruptions as you can. When your grandchild is ready to talk, turn on your answering machine or take the phone off the hook.

- Try not to dominate. At least half of any conversations with a grandchild should be spent listening. Resist feeling that you should answer all questions. It may be more fun to search for answers together so the child can share in the joy of discovery.

- Try to be available to

talk when the child wants to. If that's impossible, find time as soon as possible. A child reaching out offers you precious moments that may not come at a "more convenient" time.

- Schedule "do-nothing" time. Take a walk together, bake cookies or pursue other unhurried activities. When hands are busy with a joint activity, words may flow.

- Ask older grandchildren for their opinion on current issues such as politics, drugs and violence. Listen carefully and question them about what they say so they learn to process thoughts from start to finish.

"In many cultures, grandparents are revered for their experience and wisdom," says Christine Crosby, a national grandparenting

expert and founder of Grand magazine. "Today, grandparents are not only getting more involved with their grandchildren to enrich their lives, but are also stepping in to fill a void left by two-worker families, family crises and other reasons. We have to give grandparents tools to help children and make their own lives fuller, happier and more rewarding."

Helping the helpers

All these tips can be more than handy — they can be lifesavers — for grandparents and grandkids alike. However, all the advice in the world is not going to succeed unless those helping their grandchildren also know how to help themselves cope with their "new"

role. "You've got to take care of yourself if you want to help your grandchildren fully," says KidsPeace President and CEO C.T. O'Donnell II. "You're older than you were the first time around and in many ways, raising a child is tougher than ever before, even for young parents. It means huge financial demands, lifestyle changes, giving up free time and making sacrifices. You need to take proper physical care of yourself, watch your diet, get enough rest and exercise regularly. You also need to know places to turn when complex legal, financial, educational and emotional problems inevitably arise and that you're not alone in facing them."

Senior Men's Club honors presidents

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe held its annual Past Presidents' Breakfast on Aug. 23 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Nine of its dozen former presidents were able to attend. They were William O. Bradley Jr., Robert A. Waters, William J. Lane, Joseph L. Fromm, William S. Carleton, John E. Williams, Edward J. Olsen, Richard W. Kay and George H. Arsenault. Not present were Robert E. Trinklein, Donn G. Kipka and Daniel R. Beck.

The club has more than 900 members. It meets twice a month for lunch and a program in the Crystal Ballroom of the War Memorial. Meetings attract some 180-200 members. The Senior Men's Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering educational and social growth through the general advancement of men's interests. Members must have lived in or still live in one of the five Grosse Pointes; be retired or age 65; be sponsored by two current members; and submit an application.

Thirteen subclubs (bowling, bridge, choral singing, fishing, golf, investing, reading, technology and tennis are a few) within the organization are available to address members' special interests.

Speakers at each meeting are taped by WMTV5 and are televised the following week.

The club also offers group trips to the theater and sporting events, as well as dances and special tours.

Initiation fee is \$50. Annual dues are \$25. For more information, call the War Memorial at (313) 881-7511 or go to gpsmc.homestead.com.

SOC activities for next week

Services for Older Citizens plans three activities for next week. All take place at SOC headquarters, the Neighborhood Club, in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Monday, Sept. 26: Harold Londy and Carol Dunn will present information about investments, annuities and the new Medicare prescription coverage. Lunch is served at 11 a.m. (a \$2 donation is requested). The presentation follows.

Tuesday, Sept. 27: Home Health Care presents Terri Murphy who will discuss senior-friendly travel ideas, "Terrific Treks." Afternoon tea and desserts will be served. The event is free, but donations are appreciated. Call Barb at (313) 882-9600.

Wednesday, Sept. 28: The Visiting Nurses Association will present "Understanding Home Health Care," by Stephanie Watson. She will also be available for a question and answer session after the talk.

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Perlman, DSO receive standing ovation at opening

The crowd-pleasing program that opened the Detroit Symphony Orchestra season last weekend could easily be characterized as a collection of classical hits. But it takes more than that to make a great concert and fortunately violinist/conductor Itzhak Perlman and the DSO have what it takes — every bit of it.

The absolutely packed house (would you believe it?) at the Friday morning coffee concert applauded generously, even between movements. The crowd rose for a standing ovation at the conclusion. Little wonder.

To begin, a chamber-sized portion of the DSO with Perlman as soloist delivered an impeccable rendering of the Bach 2nd violin concerto. It was crisp and clear with all the style and intellectual serenity of the Baroque era.

It was also an experience that generates a profound

appreciation of great ensemble playing. The orchestra played as one. Every note, trill and phrase was clearly enunciated and every voice was heard. The interpretation was completely tasteful. The retards were discreet and the tempi was beautifully measured.

That was particularly true of the adagio (second) movement. In this era of playing everything at upbeat pace, this was a welcome window on an introspective, elegantly phrased Baroque slow movement. Perlman's solo was tender, touching and couched in suave, rich tones, inspiring moods of utter peace.

Even in the allegro movement, Perlman and the orchestra refrained from any sense of rush. It was lively, refreshing and still gracious.

There followed a lush and romantic interlude in Massenet's Meditation from his opera "Thais." Moreover, no performance could be

State of the Arts



By Alex Suczek

more impassioned as Perlman intoned the familiar melody to the accompaniment of harp and at first, the second violins and violas. Considering that this is a selection more commonly heard in Pops programs at an outdoor venue, hearing a superb violinist and orchestra perform it in our hall's fabulous acoustics was almost overwhelming.

The first half of the program closed on a thunderingly ominous note as the brass section trumpeted the three-note series that announces the "Force of

Destiny" in the overture to Verdi's opera. Followed by heartfelt themes of this melodramatic work, it was another thrill to hear it with the power of a superb full orchestra instead of the more limited resources of an opera orchestra in the pit.

The DSO, in full voice, made the most of it, suggesting what a musical thrill it would be for a change to hear the opera in concert, without the distractions of costumes, scenery, and special effects.

There is plenty of imagery to spare in the music when performed as it was here.

The concert concluded with one of the great romantic masterpieces, the "New World Symphony" of Antonin Dvorak. In its most dramatic moments of full orchestra in full voice, it was an experience of sheer mass of sound of the highest quality and it is a pleasure to point out that this is

without amplification. Yet even at full complement, the members of the orchestra played with the precision and sensitivity of a chamber group. That was particularly evident in the extremely restrained tempo of the "Goin' Home" theme in the second movement which reminded listeners of the native and folk origins of the work's themes.

The fact that Dvorak mixed up his ethnic source material is of little concern. There is an undeniable American character to much of the music, plus the flavor of his native Czech folk dances in the third movement.

All project the feeling of the composer's enthusiasm for his visit here when he composed the symphony.

The response of the audience over the course of the concert has a special interest of its own. Applause between the movements can always be chalked up to audience enthusiasm and the need to release energy built up while sitting quietly through a stimulating performance.

Yet we know that the three and four movement

forms were intended by composers as a unified artistic experience, not to be interrupted by audience reaction because it might break the mood. The packed house last Friday morning seemed to awaken to the idea and by the second half, it remained quiet between movements, only to explode at the end with the standing ovation.

This weekend's concerts begin tonight at 8:00 p.m. with repeats on Friday and Saturday.

The program is somewhat more contemporary and no less exciting, including "Overture to the School for Scandal" by Samuel Barber, Piano concerto No. 1 by Tchaikovsky and Symphony No. 5 by Shostakovich. The conductor is Hugh Wolff, the much-praised former music director of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. The soloist is pianist Jon Kimura Parker.

Parker and the orchestra return on Sunday with the Tchaikovsky concerto in a Classical Conversations program with extensive discussion of the music and a performance of the concerto alone. Call (313) 576-5111.

Got tomatoes? Make tomato chutney

My gal pal Ellen paid me a visit from Pittsburgh and brought with her many treasures from the abundant garden that she tends with her husband Greg. She grows tomatoes and peppers, just to name a few of her vegetables.

Now, with five beautiful tomatoes remaining on my counter (three beefsteak, two large plum) I turned to the pages of my newest cookbook acquisition, "Conscious Cuisine." The name says it all, and the following recipe for tomato-rosemary chutney is proof.

Tomato-Rosemary Chutney

1/2 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 cup finely chopped red onion (about 1 large)

2 teaspoons minced garlic
4 cups diced, peeled tomatoes (4 to 5 medium-large)
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh rosemary
1/4 teaspoon sea salt (preferably)

Begin by prepping and measuring all of the ingredients, because once you get the pan hot, the recipe flows rather quickly. The easiest way to peel tomatoes is to bring a small pot of water to a boil.

Using a sharp knife, score a large X over just the skin of each tomato.

Submerge the tomatoes (one or two at a time) into the boiling water for just 30 seconds (no longer), then transfer to a bowl to



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By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

cool. It will be messy, but you'll be able to peel the skin straight away from each tomato.

Heat the oil in a medium saute pan over medium-high heat.

Add the onion and cook for a few minutes. Add the garlic and continue to cook for another two minutes.

Stir in the tomatoes, vinegar and rosemary. Bring the pan to a simmer and

cook (uncovered) for 15 minutes, until the juices begin to reduce. Stir in the salt.

The chutney can be stored in the refrigerator for up to five days.

This sweet (from the onions and tomatoes) and tangy (from the balsamic vinegar) chutney can be served hot or cold and will pair nicely with lamb, chicken, shrimp or pasta. The flavor from the rosemary is pungent. A little chutney goes a long way.

I ladled my tasty chutney over a grilled, sliced chicken breast nestled over a bed of whole wheat (Barilla) spaghetti.

It's my new favorite pasta. Delicious.

Hey Ellen, thanks for the yummy tomatoes and for being the life of the party.

Detroit Concert Choir plans two concerts

The Detroit Concert Choir will present "Benvenuti in Italia III," a selection of

Italian opera favorites, at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, at the Italian American Cultural Center, 43843 Romeo Plank Road in Clinton Township; and at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at St. Regis Catholic Church, 3695 Lincoln in Bloomfield Hills.

Dina Winter, director of opera programs, will introduce the pieces with short

descriptions of what the action is all about.

Grosse Pointer Gordon Nelson directs the choir.

Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$18 for seniors (62 and older) and \$10 for young adults (ages 8-21).

Group rates are available. Call (313) 882-0118.

Hospices seek volunteers

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Woods author provides good imagery for young readers

Whelan, Gloria. "Listening for Lions." New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2005. 194 pages. \$15.99. Ages 10 and up.

By Lauren Beaver
Special Writer

As influenza sweeps over 1919 British East Africa, 13-year-old Rachel Sheridan learns to cope with the loss of her missionary parents, who have become victims to the disease.

Rachel finds herself beginning a long journey full of deception, losses, and discoveries.

Taken away from the home she loves in Africa, the now-orphaned Rachel is thrown into a suspicious world of riches by her all-too-friendly neighbors, the Pritchards. Rachel learns of their evil plot to send her to England posing as their daughter, Valerie, who has died of the flu.

By doing this, the Pritchards hope Rachel will win over Mr. Pritchard's wealthy father's heart, who will then include the Pritchards in his will.

Once in England, Rachel struggles with herself about whether to tell him her true identity or allow him to keep peace of mind as he grows closer to death. Upon finding her true calling, Rachel continues on her struggle to find a way to return to her beloved home in Africa.



"Listening for Lions" is the latest book by author Gloria Whelan, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Author Gloria Whelan, of Grosse Pointe Woods, wonderfully culminates a true adventure sure to please all young readers. The inspiration to write "Listening for Lions" came from a visit I made to Africa, an admiration for a medical missionary who has done extraordinary things in Africa, and my love for stories of mixed identity," said Whelan.

Although she created realism in every character, none was more realistic than Rachel Sheridan. Rachel stays true to herself and never loses or doubts the power she possesses. Through the entire story, Rachel's mind-set is on one goal: returning to and rebuilding her home in Africa.

Through engaging writing, the book was fast-paced and multi-layered, as Rachel finds herself in settings that are so opposite to one another, being in Africa first and then in London.

The dialogue between the grandfather and Rachel proved vital to the story and understanding the way in which their relationship grows. Dialogue among other characters, however, takes second stage to the imagery Whelan provides.

With strong imagery, Whelan takes the reader on a journey to different parts of the world, each one as vivid as the last. The only event unrealistic about Rachel's journey, is the doubtful second escape she makes from the Pritchards. After a first escape, it is highly unlikely that the Pritchards would leave young Rachel alone again, especially with all of the secrets she has on the couple.

Yet, overall, "Listening for Lions" is a book I would recommend to all young readers.

Those who share Whelan's love for books such as "The Secret Garden" and works by Charles Dickens and Anthony Trollope are also sure to find a fondness for this book.

Lauren Beaver, 16, is a junior at Cousino High School in Warren. She wants to become a writer.

Pride of the Pointes

Rachel Bruno of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Elmhurst College dean's list for the spring term.

list at Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences at Northwestern University.

Edward Klacza, Marten Ross and Christopher Waldmeir have all been named to the dean's list at the University of Michigan.

Natalie Zaharoff, daughter of Frederick and Diana Zaharoff of Grosse Pointe Park and Janet and Ken Potter of Marine City, earned a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. She has also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical science from Grand Valley State University and a master's degree in business administration in healthcare leadership from Rockhurst University.

Caeth O. Bourbeau, Christina E. Geltz, Christopher M. Hughes and Rachel Johnson, all of Grosse Pointe, were named to the dean's list at Grand Valley State University.

Harrison Galac of Grosse Pointe Park, a freshman majoring in arts and science, and Katherine Myers of Grosse Pointe Woods, a senior majoring in English and textual studies and television, radio, and film, have been named to the dean's list at Syracuse University's College of Arts and Sciences.

Chelsea Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alto Reed of Grosse Pointe Park, and Jacqueline Allyce Whelan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Whelan of Grosse Pointe Farms, have been named to the dean's list at Vanderbilt University.

Kelsey Feucht of Grosse Pointe Woods, daughter of Dr. Robert Carl Feucht and Rhondi Marlene Feucht, was named to the dean's list of Emory College for the spring semester.

Carl Schumacher of Grosse Pointe Park has been included in the dean's honor list at Michigan State University.

Mary Margaret Corona of Grosse Pointe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Corona, graduated from Peabody College of Education and Human Development at Vanderbilt University. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree.

Courtney B. Hills of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Paul Smith's College. She also earned a bachelor's degree in culinary arts and service management.

Shannon M. Adducci of Grosse Pointe Farms, a student in the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, has been named to the dean's list for the spring quarter. She is the daughter of Melinda Adducci and Joseph DuMouchelle.

Grosse Pointer Hallie Ann Burkhardt, daughter of Richard Burkhardt of Hunting Valley, Ohio, and Ann Howe of Grosse Pointe, was awarded the degree of juris doctor from Suffolk University. She also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Denison University.

Grosse Pointer Margaret C. Schott has earned faculty honors for the spring semester at Trinity College.

Brian P. Kellet, son of David and Kristina Kellet of Grosse Pointe Woods, has been named to the dean's list at Western Michigan University.

Grosse Pointers Erica Carlson, Jennifer Zerweck, Ian Kennedy, Lily Papakhian, Renee Bryzik, Ryan Mach,

Grosse Pointer James DiStefano, son of Frank and Marianne DiStefano, has been named to the dean's list at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Ward A. Detwiler of Grosse Pointe Park, has been named to the dean's

Grosse Pointers Nlerta Jakupi and Ann Wenzel have been named to the dean's list at The College of Wooster.

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North nips South in action-packed 1-0 soccer battle

Grosse Pointe North's 1-0 victory over Grosse Pointe South in the Macomb Area Conference White Division soccer opener for each team was anything but a defensive struggle.

Each team made several

attacks and defenders Mike Yakomovich, Matt Lombard, Colin Maloney and Mike Cusmano of North, and Ryan Stepanski, Matt Dziuba, Grant Withers and Matt Leverenz of South had their work cut out for them.

Both goalies had to remain vigilant, even with the stout work in front of them.

Jon Bay made eight saves for North, while Greg Carmody had nine for South.

Carmody had the more difficult saves as the North attackers shot wide, high or off the posts more frequently than South's.

Rubin Bega booted home a rebound for the only goal of the game with just under

four minutes to play in the first half.

Speedy Adam Miller was a handful for South to track as he led North with three of its 10 shots on goal. Jon VanSickle had one, Bega had another, and three others came on long balls. Ryan Arsenault had one after coming in to spell Bega.

Robert Barker, Erald Ruci, Chris Swenson and Bob Alexander had one shot apiece for South, but midfielder Matt Faiver led the

Blue Devils with four.

Brad Jensen played well at forward for South, as did Alex Jendrusina and Evan Hall off the bench.

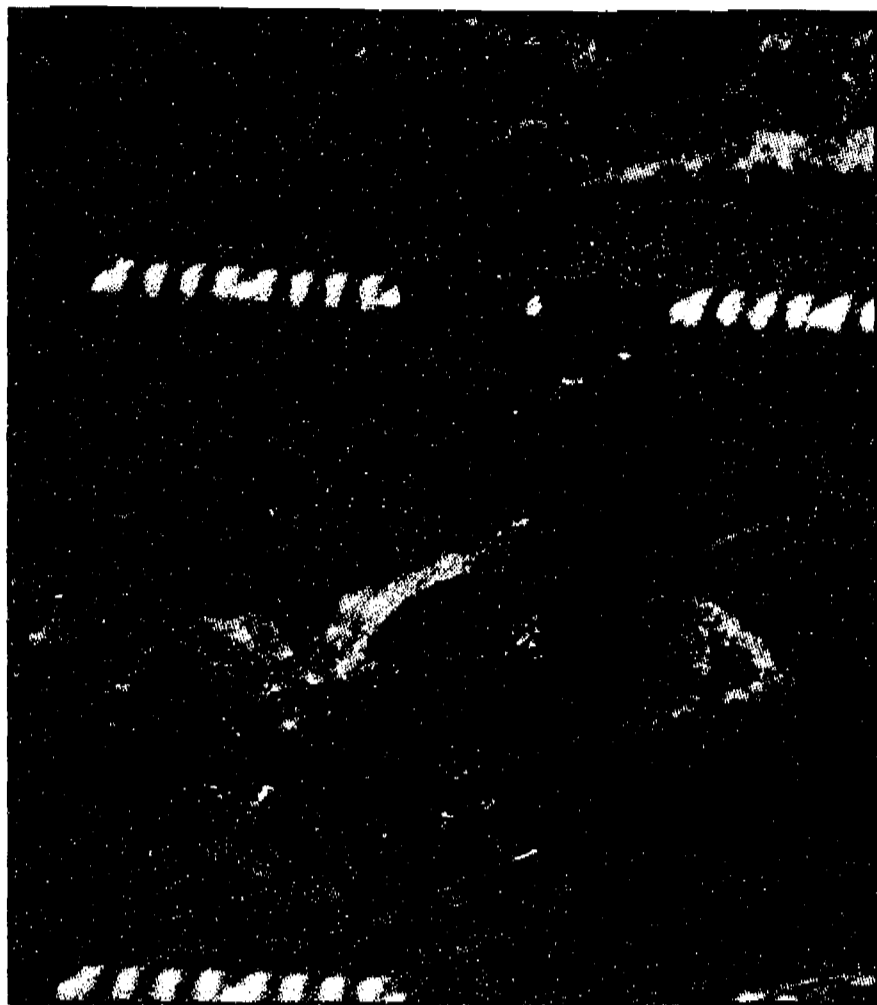
Both midfielders played well — South starters Faiver, Alexander, Spencer MacGriff and Patrick Rubins with relief from Jake Mandell and Diego Vergel, and North starters Yakomovich, Steven Joseph, Brandon Symington and Brad Vandevorde, along with Jeff Stein and Richard

Selino in reserve.

North improved to 4-2-3 overall.

South is 2-5 overall. The Blue Devils opened the season at the Petoskey tournament, losing 3-0 to third-ranked Rochester Stoney Creek, 6-0 to eighth-ranked East Kentwood and 1-0 to Petoskey.

In MAC crossover matches, South lost 4-1 to Eisenhower and beat Port Huron Northern and L'Anse Creuse North by 2-0 scores.



Jennifer Dunaway swims to a state qualifying time in the 100-yard breaststroke in Grosse Pointe South's victory over Ann Arbor Huron.

Every point counts in win over Huron

Every point mattered as Grosse Pointe South's girls swimming team improved to 3-1 last week with a 94-92 victory over a strong Ann Arbor Huron squad.

Six events were decided by state-qualifying times — four by South swimmers and two by Huron's Allison Smith, who won the 50- and 100-yard freestyle races.

South's team of Leeann Mocerri, Jennifer Dunaway, Stephanie Johnson and Kim Grady won the 200 medley relay in 1:55.69, while the Blue Devils' B squad of Kim Stevens, Melissa Oddo, Kendall Effinger and Becca Scholtes was third.

Mocerri, Effinger, Johnson and Grady had a state cut time of 3:48.92 in the 400 freestyle relay.

Johnson also was first in the 100 butterfly in 1:01.68.

Jennifer Dunaway achieved her first individual state cut in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.40) as she finished just ahead of Oddo.

Grady, Mocerri and Carly Czajka took the next three places behind Smith in the 100 freestyle. Stevens was second to Huron's Melissa Downing in the 100 backstroke, followed by Zoe Berkery and Sarah Auk.

South finished 2-3 behind Huron in the 200 freestyle relay. The A team of Amanda Palffy, Scholtes, Kate Muelle and Killeen Lang was second, while the B quartet of Maggie Kelch, Kathryn Carey, Liz Adamo and Katy Strek picked up the third-place points.

North beats Eagles

Lauren Hanna's state-qualifying time in winning the 100-yard breaststroke was the highlight of Grosse Pointe North's 109-76 victory over Utica Eisenhower in a Macomb Area Conference crossover meet.

Other winners for North were Jenny Rusch in the 50 freestyle; Megan Moore, 500 freestyle; and Michelle Carolan, 100 backstroke.

Hanna, Rusch and Moore also posted season-best times in winning their events.

Other season-best perform-

ances came from Sarah Cullen, Martha Everett and Lindsey Kurtz, 50 freestyle; Everett and Christie Listwan, 100 freestyle; Caitlin Matthews, Dana Grimm, Samantha Obell and Juliana Zarb, 200 freestyle; Heather Poole, Matthews and Grimm, 500 freestyle; Erin Thorton and Christine Sattler, 100 backstroke; Cullen and Jesse Stevens, 100 breaststroke; Juliana Schmidt, Hanna, Neely Sullivan and Sara Yakomovich; Schmidt and Poole, 200 individual medley; and Jenna Simon, diving.

First-year divers Regan Wedenoja and Haley Satterlund scored points for the Blue Devils.

Earlier, South beat Romeo 123-63 in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet.

Grady was a three-time winner. She swam the 50 freestyle in a state cut time of 25.68, won the 100 freestyle and was on the winning 200 medley relay with Stevens, Carey and Palffy.

South's B team of Kelch, Michelle Champane, Jackie Stevens and Muelle was second in the relay.

Mocerri also won three events — the 200 freestyle, the 100 backstroke and the 200 freestyle relay with Scholtes, Lang and Palffy.

South's B team of Czajka, Carey, Champane and Grady was second.

Other South victories came from Effinger, 100 butterfly; Morgan Laney, 500 freestyle; Oddo, 100 breaststroke; and the 400 freestyle relay team of Laney, Berkery, Michelle Martinelli and Strek.

Sarah Jenzen, Czajka, Palffy, Auk and Kim Stevens had other top three finishes.

Romeo's Emily Winn won the 200 individual medley and the Bulldogs' Shelby Gilson won the diving. Wedenoja and Satterlund scored diving points for South.

South's next meet is Tuesday, Sept. 27 against Grosse Pointe North at 6 p.m.

South's strategy perfect in hoops victory

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

The scouting report that Grosse Pointe South coaches Peggy Van Eckoute and Jan Stephan had on Port Huron's girls basketball team was right on the money.

"We had seen them play, so we knew they were a team that we could pressure," Van Eckoute said after the Blue Devils beat the Big Reds 49-37 in a Macomb Area Conference crossover game.

"We used full-court pressure the whole game and forced them into a lot of turnovers."

The final turnover count was 24 for Port Huron, while South had only 10.

Kara Trowell helped shoot the Blue Devils into an early lead, and Julie Zaranek helped secure the victory with several free throws down the stretch.

Zaranek and Trowell finished with 14 points apiece to lead South.

"Kara hit some shots right off the bat and we jumped ahead and kept the momentum and intensity for the whole game," Van Eckoute said.

South led 24-16 at halftime. Port Huron closed the gap to four points at the end of three quarters, but the Blue Devils held off the rally.

"We did what we needed to do to win," Van Eckoute said. "We held the ball and forced them to foul and Julie made some big free throws."

North boys win first jamboree meet

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys cross country team made an early-season statement in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

The Norsemen beat all six of their opponents in the first of two MAC Red Jamboree meets at Stony Creek's Oak Grove course.

North's closest competition came from crosstown rival Grosse Pointe South, with the Norsemen winning 25-33.

South had a 5-1 record in the Jamboree.

"The times weren't real good because it's a tough course and it was a hot day," said North coach Pat Wilson.

"Andy Van Egmond made the difference for us. He was our third runner and he split up two of South's runners. If he hadn't done that, it would have been a one-point meet."

North's Robbie Fisher was the overall winner by a margin of more than 40 seconds. Mike Pokladek was fifth overall and fourth in the North-South matchup.

Following Fisher were South's Adam Dziuba and Jake Wernet.

North's top seven were rounded out by Casey Fulton, Alex Davenport, Drew Fayad and Dan Surmont.

The victory was the first after three defeats for South.

In addition to her 14 points, Trowell had six steals and an assist. Zaranek collected five rebounds, two steals and an assist. Katie Petz finished with six points, five rebounds, a steal and four assists.

The Blue Devils weren't able to continue their winning ways as they dropped a 51-42 decision to Warren Woods-Tower in another MAC crossover.

Turnovers and a failure to control the boards were South's downfall against the Titans, especially in the second half.

"I thought we played pretty well in the first half," Van Eckoute said. "We had only four or five turnovers in the half, but then we started throwing the ball around in the second half."

"And we let them get too many second and third chances on the boards."

Eight of Woods-Tower's 14 points in the third quarter came after South turnovers. And the Titans had seven second-chance points in the fourth quarter.

WWT finished with a 39-23 rebounding advantage for the game.

A 7-0 spurt near the end of the first half gave the Titans a 22-19 halftime lead, and they expanded it by scoring the first eight points of the second half.

WWT led by as many as 15 points midway through

the fourth quarter.

"We knew we couldn't press them full court the whole game because their point guard (Lauren Allen) could hurt us," Van Eckoute said.

"We tried to stop them with our half-court defense, and I thought we did a pretty good job in the first half."

However, as effective as the half-court defense was in the first half, it didn't make a difference in the second half when the Titans were scoring on turnovers and putbacks.

WWT got stronger during the summer when seven

players transferred from Center Line St. Clement after it closed.

Among the transfers were Allen, who had 10 points and six rebounds, and Lauren Mandziara, who had eight points and eight rebounds.

Katie Geyman also had 10 points for the Titans.

Megan DeBoer led South with 10 points, while Sara Crandall had nine points and seven rebounds. Trowell finished with six points.

Petz had five points, three steals and four assists. Zaranek collected five points, five rebounds, two steals and three assists.



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

Julie Zaranek of Grosse Pointe South grabs a rebound off the head of a Port Huron player.

Local players make Art Van main draw

Grosse Pointe South junior Ben Hartman is going to get a taste of big-time tennis this weekend.

Hartman won two matches last week to earn a spot in the main draw for the Art Van Pro Tennis Challenge,

Bloomfield 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, then upended state high school champion John Bejin of Birmingham 7-6, 6-3 to qualify for the main draw.

The other qualifier was Mike Rose, the assistant tennis professional at Lochmoor. Rose defeated Mike Flynn and J.D. Spina en route to the main draw.

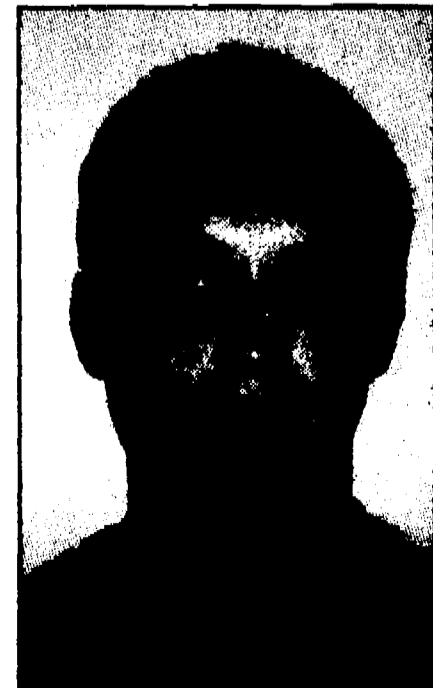
Rose and Hartman will begin play on Friday evening.

The main draw is one of the strongest in the tournament's nine-year history.

Zach Fleishman of Playa Del Ray, Calif., who is currently No. 100 in the ATP Champions point race, is the top seed. He recently beat Vince Spadea, ranked 40th in the world.

Jeremy Wurtzman is seeded second, while Michael Ciszek of Montreal is the third seed.

Others competing for the top prize of \$4,000 and a \$1,700 watch are Joel Kielbowicz of UNLV; Jamie Cerretani of Reading, Mass., who is on the USTA Futures circuit; former Michigan State player Andy



Ben Hartman

which will be held from Friday, Sept. 23 through Sunday, Sept. 25 at the Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Hartman upset top seed Jason Norville of West

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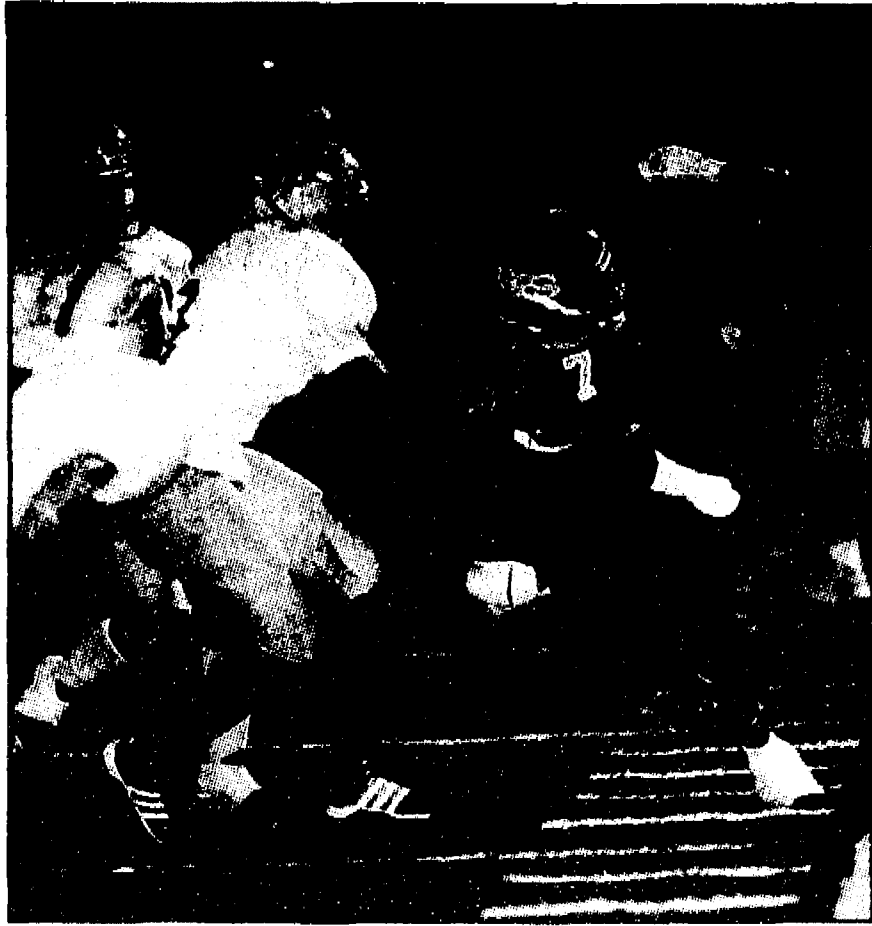


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
Grosse Pointe South's Derrick Hacias fights to stay inbounds.

North suffers disappointing defeat

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's football game with Utica last week was like an instant replay that nobody connected with the Norsemen wanted to see.

North's 21-14 loss to the Chieftains in a Macomb Area Conference White Division game was eerily similar to the Norsemen's 14-7 loss to Romeo a couple of weeks earlier.

In each game, North had numerous chances to win but offensive mistakes kept the Norsemen out of the end zone.

"They were both games we should have won," said North coach Frank Sumner. "We just made too many mistakes at crucial times."

It was a key game for North because Utica and Romeo are both undefeated in the MAC White, while the Norsemen are 1-2 in league play and 2-2 overall.

When the Norsemen were driving for the tying touchdown late in the game, two fumbles on the quarterback-center exchanges proved costly.

A receiver ran the wrong pass pattern, leading to an interception deep in Utica territory.

The mistakes weren't limited to the offense. A defensive back left receiver Austin Pytolawany to help out on run support when Chieftains quarterback Nick Kosovich started to scramble. Kosovich found Pytolawany in the end zone for the game's winning touchdown.

"It was a matter of a kid trying to do too much," Sumner said. "We had a linebacker shadowing the quarterback so (the defensive back) didn't have to come up on the play."

North found itself in a hole early when a punt was blocked on the Norsemen's first possession, and Utica's Steve Terry returned it for a touchdown.

North had six turnovers, including the blocked punt, while Utica had only one and it led to the Norsemen's first touchdown.

Jake Bloomhuff sacked Kosovich, forced the fumble and recovered it at the Utica 17-yard line.

On the next play, Brad Herman scored on a 17-yard

run and Mark Szandzik kicked the extra point to tie the game at 7-7 with 9:16 left in the second quarter.

North took the lead with 2:29 remaining in the first half on a six-play, 94-yard drive. Vince Hendon, who had an outstanding game with six receptions for 140 yards and nearly broke two kickoff returns, scored the touchdown on a 39-yard pass from Michael Kaiser.

Hendon used his height advantage to take the ball away from the Utica defensive back. Hendon also had a 42-yard reception in the drive and Cory McCain had a catch that netted 15 yards.

North's lead was short-lived, however, when Kosovich completed a 49-yard touchdown pass to Matt Barg with 42.5 seconds to go.

"We had the momentum at the end of the half, and then gave it back," Sumner said.

Utica broke the tie on its first possession of the second half on a 15-play, 73-yard drive that consumed eight minutes and nine seconds.

Kosovich scrambled to his right and found Pytolawany, who juggled the ball but secured it as he fell to the ground in the end zone.

Two interceptions and a fumble ended three of North's second-half drives. The other was stalled when the Norsemen received a rarely-called penalty for pushing the runner.

"We had a first down on that play, too," said Sumner, who said that he

didn't see any evidence of the infraction on the game film.

North did a good job of shutting down Utica's ground game.

Terry, who had rushed for more than 100 yards in the Chieftains' three previous games, was held to 17 yards in 11 carries.

Utica had only 79 yards passing and 112 rushing, while North had 346 total yards, including 193 passing as Kaiser completed nine of 16 passes.

Although Bloomhuff didn't catch any passes for the first time this year because he was double covered, he still played well.

"He had a great game blocking and on defense," Sumner said.

Bloomhuff had eight tackles, including one for a loss, and the fumble recovery.

Kaiser and Mike Murphy each had nine tackles, while Michael Neveux had seven and Karl Tech and Nick Vlahantones had five apiece.

North plays at Sterling Heights on Friday.

The Stallions have struggled this year, but they're coming off a win at Grosse Pointe South and Sumner is wary of them.

"They have great size and a wide receiver (Ivan Djokic) who is really fast," Sumner said. "But their overall speed doesn't seem that great."

Sterling Heights is quarterbacked by Mark Colucci, and one of his favorite receivers is his twin brother, Mike.

Stallions wear down Blue Devils

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

For the first time this season, the Grosse Pointe South football team had to play in less-than-ideal conditions.

During the first three weeks of the 2005 gridiron season, the Blue Devils played on warm, pleasant evenings, but last Friday, they hosted division foe Sterling Heights on a rainy, cold night.

South's 27-10 league loss to the Stallions dropped the Blue Devils to 0-3 in the Macomb Area Conference (MAC) White Division, but at least put some positive vibes in the mind of head coach Mike McLeod.

"Our defense played its best game of the season until they wore down in the fourth quarter," McLeod said. "They were on the field for what seemed to be the entire second half, and they held their own for most of it until we turned the ball over."

"It was our best defensive game of the year in terms of being physical and tough."

In a matter of five minutes, the host Blue Devils turned a 10-7 lead into a 20-10 deficit, thanks to the Stallions stringing together an 88-yard scoring drive and a short 37-yard scoring drive that resulted from a poor punt.

Facing a double-digit deficit with 10:40 left in the fourth quarter, the Blue Devils went on to turn the ball over on three consecu-

tive possessions that the Stallions used to run down the clock and put one more touchdown on the board.

"Derrick (Hacias) played a strong game at quarterback, even though his stats really won't show it," McLeod said. "Our offensive line didn't give him any protection, but despite the heavy rush, he still stood tall in the pocket. He is making progress."

Hacias completed 10-of-34 passes for 158 yards and one touchdown. Senior Brendan Howe had five receptions for 107 yards and one score, while sophomore James Saros had three receptions for 30 yards.

"We should have won this game, but our lack of consistency in the second half caught up to us," McLeod said. "We will put this behind us and take the positives into our next game. We have a lot of good things to build on for next week."

South's touchdown came on a 28-yard pass from Hacias to Howe with only 13 seconds left in the second quarter.

In the opening quarter, senior Jeffrey Remillet kicked a 36-yard field goal that gave the Blue Devils a 3-0 lead.

Remillet remained perfect on extra points, and McLeod praised his work on kickoffs. Punter Tim Smolenski also kicked well.

McLeod said that linebacker Sean Mair had an outstanding game, and he was also pleased with the

performance of David DeBoer, who moved to linebacker after a rash of injuries hit the Blue Devils' defensive unit.

"He did a good job for only having three days of practice at the position, but I'm expecting him to be even better next game," McLeod said.

South has lost five starters on defense since the beginning of the season.

"Mac Brookes, Joe Ryan and Patrick Williams did a good job of pass protection," McLeod said. "They're backs, but Sterling Heights was bringing a lot of heat."

South plays L'Anse Creuse in its homecoming game Friday.

North gets a split in basketball games

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls basketball team split its pair of games last week, and once again, coach Gary Bennett felt better about the Norsemen's performance in the loss than he did after the victory.

The defeat was a 55-48 setback to St. Clair, which was ranked first in the state in Class B at the time.

"I was very happy after the game," Bennett said. "We could have been blown out. They hit their first four three-point shots and we were down 16-2."

"They made three runs in the game and we came back

after each of them."

Bennett was also happy with the play of his three post players — Andrea Bedway, Meghan Potthoff and Christine Klein.

"We had great post play," he said. "We had real good passing between the posts. They did a nice job of finding each other. Andrea's passing was exceptional."

Klein scored a career high 16 points.

"She made the right cuts at the right time," Bennett said. "She's using her left hand a lot better."

Bedway finished with eight points and Potthoff, who ran into some foul trouble, had five.

Caitlin Bennett continued her fine rebounding with a

team-high 13. She also had three assists.

Bedway collected three assists and five rebounds. Olivia Stander had four assists and five rebounds, and Kelly DeFauw scored seven points.

With 37 seconds left in the first half, North had closed to within two points of the Saints, but the Norsemen committed turnovers on two straight possessions and St. Clair went to the locker room at halftime with a 29-23 lead.

North fought back again and led 36-34 in the third quarter but St. Clair regained the lead at 39-38 going into the final period.

In North's 38-35 victory over L'Anse Creuse North a couple of days later, the Norsemen's inability to hit free throws down the stretch nearly proved costly.

North made only two of 14 attempts from the free throw line in the fourth quarter and the Crusaders outscored the Norsemen 13-4 in the period. LCN went 5-for-6 from the line in the fourth quarter.

"(LCN) did a nice job of coming back," Gary Bennett said. "They played with a lot of spark and were more active than we were. We blew some opportunities to score by making passes that

were too difficult. But part of that was a result of the way (LCN) played."

"Still, if we had made our free throws, it wouldn't have been close."

The Crusaders were selective in who they sent to the line. Caitlin Bennett, who is North's best foul shooter, didn't take a free throw in the fourth quarter.

Although North struggled some in the final quarter, the Norsemen played an excellent first half.

"We did a good job on both ends of the floor in the first half," Bennett said.

North held a 21-8 halftime advantage.

Kelly Rusko led North with nine points, while DeFauw finished with seven and Bedway had six.

"That was Kelly Rusko's best all-around game," Gary Bennett said. "She had nine points, no turnovers and two steals. She had a good defensive game."

Caitlin Bennett led the Norsemen with seven rebounds and seven assists. Stander had five steals to go with her five points, and Bedway grabbed five rebounds.

North's home game today, Sept. 22, against L'Anse Creuse will start at 5:30 p.m.

South stays unbeaten

Grosse Pointe South's field hockey team remained undefeated after last week's action, which included a rematch of last year's state championship game.

In the rematch of the 2004 title contest, South and Ann Arbor Huron played to a scoreless tie.

Neither team's offense could break through the opponent's defense.

South defenders Alissa Tassopoulos, Emily Cumpata, Kathleen McDonald and Danika Stone turned in solid and consistent efforts.

Goalkeeper Jenna Lankford came out of her net to challenge and stop Huron forwards on two breakaway attempts.

It was a lot easier a few days later as South rolled past Dearborn Edsel Ford 12-0.

Ali Morawski led the Blue

Devils with four unassisted goals and she also collected four assists. Margi Scholtes had three goals and two assists.

Kelly Breen scored her first two varsity goals and also had a pair of assists.

Kelly Hughes, Elisabeth Alber and Alison O'Connor added a goal apiece for South, while Tassopoulos and McDonald each had an assist.


"We were awake and attacked inside the circle," said coach Monica Dennis. "Our two-touch game was improved and we were passing more."

"We were able to swing the ball more quickly through the midfield — inside out and inside in — to finish."

Lankford and Andrea Atsalakis each played a half in recording the shutout.

South is 2-0-3 overall.

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Tennis

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The main draw will begin Friday at 3:30 p.m. Friday is Kids' Day with drawings throughout the afternoon for youngsters 17 and under. Friday's feature matches will continue through 9 p.m.

Quarterfinal rounds will begin Saturday at 10 a.m. and continue through 4 p.m. Semifinal matches start at 5 p.m.

The singles final will be Sunday at 2 p.m.

A doubles exhibition will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, followed by a free champagne and strawberry reception.

For more information, call (313) 886-0777 or visit the tournament website at www.artvanprotennis.com.

South tennis team shows its depth in tournament victory

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Here's the definition of depth on a high school tennis team:

Being able to bring up a freshman from the junior varsity to play on the No. 1 doubles team and winning the flight in an eight-team tournament that featured six of the top 10 teams in the state rankings.

That's what Grosse Pointe South was able to do last week when Mary Kate Hayden was injured and unable to compete in the September Invitational the Blue Devils hosted.

Stephanie Skau joined Dana Schweitzer on South's first doubles team and they won all three of their matches to help the Blue Devils take first place in the tournament with 22 points. Clarkston, which won all four singles flights, was second with 18 points and Novi had 16 1/2.

"I didn't know if we had a chance to win it with all of the ranked teams, but Stephanie played great," said South coach Mark Sobieralski.

"The way she and Dana played was the highlight of the day."

Schweitzer and Skau opened with a 6-0, 7-6 win over Farmington Hills Mercy, then beat Flint Powers Catholic 6-1, 6-3. The Powers team was a state Division II finalist last year.

Schweitzer and Skau closed out the day with a 6-1, 4-6, 7-5 victory over Grand Haven.

South won two other doubles flights.

The No. 3 doubles team of Lizzy Hyde and Victoria Grams beat Grand Haven 7-5, 3-6, 7-5 in its first match, then posted a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Novi and closed out the day with a 7-5, 1-6, win against Mercy.

"They haven't lost a third set all year," Sobieralski said.

Molly Lynch and Kate Brennan breezed to a victory in No. 4 singles, winning all three matches in straight sets.

South's other two doubles teams lost in the finals — Caitlin Littmann and Supraja Sharma at No. 2 and Ashley Smith and Allison Sturm at No. 5. Smith and Sturm lost in three sets to Mercy in the final.

McCall Monte at No. 2 singles and Sara Van Wallaghem at No.3 each lost in the finals of their flights, while Melanie Capuano (No. 1) and Laura Hyde (No. 4) took third place in their flights.

Last weekend, South finished second in the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational, but Sobieralski was encouraged by the way the Blue Devils competed against the

Pioneers, who are ranked No. 1 in the state in Division I.

"We won four head-to-head matches with Pioneer," said Sobieralski, whose Blue Devils hold down the No. 2 spot in the state rankings.

Two of those head-to-head victories came in the finals.

Hayden returned to action and she and Schweitzer won the No. 1 doubles flight with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Pioneer in the final.

They reached the final with victories over Clarkston (6-2, 6-2) and Mercy (6-3, 6-4).

"They're getting better with each match they play," Sobieralski said.

The No. 3 doubles team of Grams and Lizzy Hyde improved to 18-0 with three more victories, including a 6-4, 6-3 win over Pioneer in the final. They beat Mercy and Grand Haven in their first two matches.

Lynch and Brennan suf-

fered their first defeat of the season at No. 4 doubles when they lost in the final to Pioneer.

"They'll use that as a learning experience," Sobieralski said. "They can't wait until we play Pioneer in a dual meet. They would have liked to come right back and played them again right after their match."

Littmann and Sharma lost to Grand Haven in the first round, but won the back draw at No. 2 doubles.

South also got a pair of head-to-head wins against Pioneer in singles.

Van Wallaghem, a freshman, beat senior Ashley North 6-3, 6-3 in her first match at No. 3 singles. Van Wallaghem lost to Clarkston in the final.

At No. 4, Laura Hyde beat Pioneer 6-4, 1-6, 6-0 in the second round, then lost a

three-set match to Clarkston in the final.

Capuano won the back draw at No. 1 singles, and Monte beat Holly in the first round at No. 2 singles, but lost tough matches to players from Pioneer and Clarkston.

Earlier, South won the ULS Invitational by a point over East Grand Rapids.

Monte won the No. 2 singles flight, and Van Wallaghem was first at No. 3 singles.

Grams and Lizzy Hyde won at No. 3 doubles and Lynch and Brennan were the No. 4 doubles champions.

In South's three most recent dual meets, the Blue Devils posted 8-0 victories against St. Clair, Eisenhower and Port Huron Northern.

"That's the first time we've ever beaten Port Huron Northern 8-0," Sobieralski said.

North girls do well in first MAC Red jamboree meet

Grosse Pointe North girls cross country coach Scott Cooper got a pleasant surprise from his team at last week's Macomb Area Conference Red Division Jamboree meet.

"I went into the race sure that we would come out with three, maybe four losses," Cooper said. "When the dust settled we had defeated more than expected, but all five teams we beat, I'm sure, will be gunning for us in our next meeting."

North came out with a 5-1 record. The Norsemen's only loss was 22-34 to Stevenson.

Among the wins were a 24-31 victory over Grosse

Pointe South.

"It says something about (coach Steve) Zaranek's program when we struggle year after year to catch them and never do," Cooper said.

"South rarely loses to anyone. The girls were excited to finally get that off our backs but we know we're now marked with a bulls-eye on our own backs."

"We're sure that South will be coming after us in the next few races that we meet. This rivalry is sure to make both teams better in the end."

North also beat Dakota (16-45), Sterling Heights (15-46), Chippewa Valley

(24-35) and Eisenhower (24-31).

"I told the girls going into the race that there was no prize for the first team to the mile mark," Cooper said.

"I told them to be patient, go out smart and push the last mile hard for the win. They did just that. At the mile, I thought we were sunk. We were out of the running and my assistant coaches, Kate Calabresa and Julie Morehouse, had to remind me of what I told the runners before the race."

The last 400 meters provided some excellent racing. Betsy Graney was third overall for North and Sarah

Gryniewicz was close behind. Katie Graves passed several runners to finish third among the Norsemen.

"Cara Miserendino passed three key runners in the last 400 meters, which was key in our victories," Cooper said.

Hannah Clor was North's fifth runner.

"I've never seen Hannah run with such determination at the end of a race to catch anyone she could to help keep our score low," Cooper said.

Quinn Wulf and Jennie Brescoll rounded out North's top seven.

"Jennie, a senior captain,

didn't score in the race, but she may have helped the team in a more important way," Cooper said. "She was a positive leader in our warmups, making sure the team was up for the race and motivating the other runners with her positive attitude and tough determination in the team huddle."

Last weekend, North competed in the Holly Invitational and was only two points out of third place in Division I. Last year, the Norsemen were sixth in the Division II race.

Graney, Gryniewicz, Alex Filippelli, Miserendino and Graves earned individual medals, while Wulf and Sam

Patterson earned team medals.

Graney was sixth overall after a slow start.

"She was probably around 30th at the mile and made up a ton of ground with some gutsy running in the final two miles," Cooper said.

Miserendino had her best time of the season, while Wulf consistently remained in the top seven.

North's top seven junior varsity runners were Brianne McDonald, Sarah Kinnear, Meryl Masserang, Angela Lee, Becca Gimpert, Lauren Major and Liz Rabidoux.

South girls win De La Salle Invitational

Grosse Pointe South's girls cross country team won its second straight invitational championship with a first-place finish in the De La Salle Invitational at Stony Creek Metropark.

Earlier in the week, the Blue Devils defeated Dakota, Sterling Heights and Chippewa Valley in the first Macomb Area Conference Red Division jamboree meet, and lost to Stevenson, Grosse Pointe North and Eisenhower.

"It was certainly a roller coaster week for our team," said coach Steve Zaranek. "The three dual meet losses hit us a bit hard. We have not had a three-loss season in over 20 years, but our

girls raced hard and the teams that beat us earned it.

"That's what counts and our girls thoroughly understand that. Stevenson, Ike and North have incredible teams and great kids. I do expect to see all four of us in the state finals at season's end. The Red Division is extremely deep in talent — perhaps the deepest league in the state."

At Stony Creek, South bounced back in dramatic fashion.

"We raced so well at this meet," Zaranek said. "I credit our girls with both understanding our strategy and executing it in fine style."

Jill McLaughlin was first overall, covering the tough,

hilly 5,000-meter course in 20:40.

South's next five runners — Jeannie Hollerbach, Ashley Thibodeau, Sam Mackenzie, Lauren Leverett and Bridget Dennehy — took places 10 through 14, finishing within 16 seconds of each other.

Lauren McLaughlin also raced to a medal finish, placing 25th in the 80-runner field.

South's junior varsity took the top 13 spots and 17 of the top 20 among 140 runners. Margaret Schneider pulled away from the field during the last half mile and finished first overall.

Following her across the finish line were teammates

Katherine Zurek, Amanda Elskens, Erica Menchl, Katherine Corden, Anna Schulte, Sarah Petit, Julie Zaranek, Katie Gerow, Stephanie Garbarino, Brittany Gilpin and Kaitlin Arnold.

Also in the top 20 were Beth Ansaldi, Heather Lockhart, Emily Franchett, Nicole Stieber and Clare Vandelinder.

Other South runners who posted season-best times were Haley Reimer, Leslie Rabaut, Sara Forni, Anneliese Sparks, Sarah Clarren, Taylor Hauck, Mary Novak, Celia Bourgeau and Brittany Bachteal.

Knights netters split their dual meets

University Liggett School's girls tennis team split its two dual meets last week, and played well in the East Grand Rapids Invitational.

The Knights lost 6-2 to Port Huron Northern.

ULS's two victories came in the first two singles flights. Holly Huth won 6-1, 6-2 at No. 1 and Jessica Leonard posted a 6-2, 6-3 victory at No. 2.

"Denine Simmons also played well at No. 3 but lost 6-4, 6-2," said coach Chuck Wright.

Several of the doubles matches were close. Lauren Russell and Jamie Bow lost 7-6, 6-2 at No. 2; Catherine Vatsis and Claire Peracchio lost 6-3, 6-4 at No. 3; and Sarah McCuish and Julia Brennan lost 6-4, 0-6, 6-3 at No. 4.

ULS came back with an 8-0 victory over Hamtramck. Earning their first varsity wins were Emma Fisher,

who posted a 6-0, 6-1 victory at No. 4 singles and the No. 4 doubles team of Margaret Fitzgerald and Stephanie Tancer, who won 6-0, 6-0.

The Knights played several close matches in the East Grand Rapids tournament, which had the top three Division III teams in the state in the field.

Huth advanced to the

finals at No. 1 singles but lost to Cranbrook Kingswood's Shannon Mathews. She played well in beating a girl from East Grand Rapids.

Stefania Ford moved up to No. 2 singles and won one match.

"She had a great win against Grand Rapids Christian," Wright said of

Ford's 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 victory.

Simmons played some close matches at No. 3 singles and Carrie Taylor won at three-set match at No. 4.

"Russell and Bow didn't win, but they played great in their first two matches," Wright said.

Wright also praised the play of Vatsis and Peracchio in their first two matches.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers Roby, Joseph, Davis III, Theros, Leonard and Waldmeir.

Those Absent Were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Ferber, Director Public Safety.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 8, 2005, were approved as submitted.

The Council adopted the Resolution Receiving Bids and Awarding Bonds for General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2005 to UBS Financial Services, Inc., as submitted.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2005 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236.

THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/

James C. Farquhar, Mayor


Shane L. Reeside, City Manager/City Clerk

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been for most of our meets." Other PRs came from Paul Smith, Alex Kopacka, Mark Miotto, Matt Veryser, Kyle Lechner, Sean McCarrroll, Nick Segovia, Kyle Cross, Paul Joseph, Chris Siewert, Phil Adamaszak, Andreas Forstner, Paul Schreiber and Noah Willoughby.



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Annual Grosse Pointe Run ignites community spirit



More than 1,000 runners and walkers participated in last weekend's 26th annual Grosse Pointe Run. All of the proceeds go to help local boys and girls earn scholarships to a college of their choice.

Photos by Robert McKean



Therese, right, and daughter Carrie ran side-by-side in the Grosse Pointe Run, which was a first for the mother-daughter duo from Grosse Pointe Woods.

Grosse Pointe Run a winner

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

More than 1,000 serious runners and those who put on their tennis shoes for a nice walk joined forces to compete in last weekend's 26th annual Grosse Pointe Run.

The Grosse Pointe Rotary Sunrise Club organized the charity event, which was broken down into a 5K or 10K run; a 5K competitive walk; a 5K wheelchair race; and a one-mile fun run. All of the proceeds (\$13,000 from last year's event, went to a scholarship fund for several area seniors who can use the money to attend any college of their choice.

The run brought in athletes from not only the Grosse Pointes, but from neighbors St. Clair Shores and Harper Woods to not so close cities such as Northville.

It was a good race. I ran with my daughter; so it made it a little more enjoyable for the both of us," Carlos Junca of Northville said.

Mike Koster of St. Clair Shores said, "It was a little slower than usual, but overall I had a pretty good run."

The weather wasn't ideal,



but at least the rain held off as the runners and walkers used the cooler temperatures to their advantage.

"I ran my personal best today," a Grosse Pointe South graduate and Ferndale resident Mindy Miller said. "It was a great time out there today, and I'm ecstatic about my time." Miller also ran in the charity 10K event for breast cancer in June around Comerica Park on a day when the temperatures reached the low 90s, and the humidity was around 90 percent.

The mother-daughter duo of Therese and Carrie Chouinard competed, and both had nothing but praises after they crossed the finish line.

"I'm so proud of Carrie.

This was her first-ever 10K and my first time running a race such as this in 14 years," Therese said.

"It was great running side-by-side with my daughter. We're a great team."

"I had a good time, and I think I did a pretty good job for competing in my first 10K race," Carrie, a University Liggett School student, said. "I'm going to work at my running and improve."

When it was all said and done, each and every runner and/or walker had an opportunity to enjoy Grosse Pointe's view of Lake St. Clair, and several high school seniors will benefit eight months from now when their name is selected to receive a scholarship.



10K winner Scott Flisk, above, crosses the finish line with a time of 36:42, while pictured right is Grosse Pointe Park resident Robin Kendrick who is giving his 2-year-old daughter Elizabeth a shoulder-ride to the starting line during the 26th annual Grosse Pointe Run. Participants had the opportunity to run or walk down picturesque Lakeshore Drive along Lake St. Clair.



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If you're selling your house, there are many ways to get top dollar for your home without spending a lot of time and money.

All it takes is a little bit of ingenuity and a few tried-and-true home improvement tips.

"One of the areas that can really make an impression on the potential home buyer is the exterior and backyard," said Dave Martel, veteran contractor and co-inventor of Tiger Claw hidden deck fasteners. "A nice lush green lawn and attractive landscaping are two of the most obvious things to look for, but there's something more. The next time you see a deck, patio, porch or hot tub area, look down.

Chances are you'll see ugly black stains, wood rot, and splits and cracks in the wood. A relatively new deck can look ages old."

These imperfections are caused by the use of traditional nails and screws. Today if you want to improve the value of your home and increase your chances of selling it quickly, think about replacing the top deck boards and using hidden deck fasteners.

Today's hidden deck fasteners create a smooth "nail-free" surface, which preserves the beauty of the wood and reduces splitting,

splintering, cupping, and rotting. Costs and installation times have been dramatically reduced thus making this an affordable and easy project for do-it-yourselfers. Homeowners can now have a better-looking, longer-lasting and safer deck.

Tiger Claw hidden deck fasteners are the front leaders on the market today. They're constructed from heavy gauge stainless steel that is compatible with new pressure treated chemicals for lumber. They also offer outstanding hold-down power for both wood and synthetic decking

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To get the most value from your deck with the least amount of cost, replace the surface deck boards with an inexpensive grade of wood (pressure treated), use the Tiger Claw hidden fasteners, and finish with a deeper shade of brown stain. That will give the deck the appearance of hardwood flooring.

Once potential buyers see the difference, they won't be happy with anything else. The Tiger Claw hidden deck fasteners give a very high-end look without

the high-end price tag. For more information, visit the Web site deckfasteners.com.

You can further enhance your home's outdoor living space by adding a retractable awning over the resurfaced deck or patio. Replace or paint old and rotting wood surrounding windows and doors, add some new shrubs and flowers, and you have created a fresh new exterior for your house, complete with a cozy backyard paradise.

For inside the house, you'd be surprised how much difference a fresh

coat of paint can make. Select a warm, yet conservative paint that makes the rooms look large, open and inviting. For kitchens and bathrooms, change the hardware and perhaps replace the cabinet door fronts. Clean and organize closets to make them look larger. Eliminate clutter everywhere. Add some designer touches, such as flowers, candles, picture frames, and bowls of potpourri and you're on your way to making your house a hot property, worth potentially thousands of dollars more than your original asking price.

Don't fall behind in your housework this fall

The following helpful hints are given by The Merry Maids house cleaning network:

1. Go to the mat: Fall may be the prettiest season, but it means leaves and dirt. Keep them outside by using an astro-turf mat on the outside and a nylon one on the inside and a "Please Wipe Your Feet" sign.

2. Delegate: Giving away responsibility may be tough, but it's good for you and good for the kids. Teach them that even though they have homework and outside activities now, they still must work their household chores in. If they get over-

whelmed, share some shortcuts like these with them: Each family member should be responsible for his or her own "mess" such as each person's wet towels,



dirty dishes, bedrooms, bathrooms — plus allow each child to choose one extra household chore for which they are responsible every week.

3. Outside chores: Are best done before the chilly weather sets in. Give your windows a good cleaning using horizontal strokes on the inside, vertical strokes on the outside. This will make it easy to see which side is streaked. Adding a little alcohol to your window cleaner will help it

work better in the cold. For outside rugs, mix a gallon of water with a cup of white vinegar and a little dish soap. Scrub, hose and air dry.

4. Consolidate: Designate one day each week as shopping day, both for groceries and for cleaning essentials.

Stock-up on squeegees, scrub brushes, fine steel wool for taking scum off dry bath and shower walls, and off silk diapers, which make great cleaning cloths. This eliminates an extra trip to the store when cleaning time comes.

5. Double duty: If the family is enjoying a football game on television, give everyone a chore that can be done while watching, like: folding laundry, polishing silver or darning socks.

6. Spider webs: may be nice decoration for Halloween, but don't let them take over. Keep a portable vacuum handy for ridding rooms and ceiling corners of webs.

7. Crumbs: Pile up with

breakfast-on-the-run, sack lunches and after-school snacks. Here comes that handy vacuum again. There are several good ones on the market that are great for quick pick-up of crumbs, pet hair and tracked-in leaves.

8. Make life easier: Keep a small hair dryer handy to blow dust off silk flower arrangements.

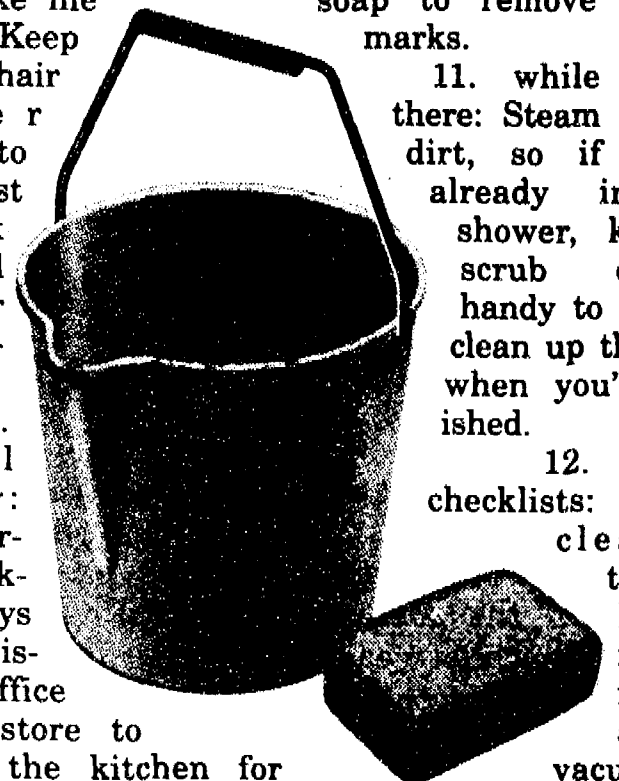
9. School clutter: Get several desk-type trays from a discount office supply store to use in the kitchen for school fliers, homework and artwork. Label each to keep things neat and to avoid last minute pandemonium in the morning looking for "lost" school papers. Artwork can be displayed on the refrigerator

and rotated every week. To avoid having to save every piece, have a contest where the family judges the "best of" and trash the rest.

10. And speaking of art: If your children use your walls for a canvass, use concentrated dish washing soap to remove crayon marks.

11. while you're there: Steam loosens dirt, so if you're already in the shower, keep a scrub cleaner handy to quickly clean up the stall when you're finished.

12. Make checklists: Heavy cleaning tasks, like rotating and vacuuming cushions, flipping mattresses, etc. can be noted on a wall calendar to remind you. When completed, check it off — you'll feel as though you are really accomplishing something.



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Wood features are especially important in drawing attention to your home's architecture. Because wood is a flexible and durable material, it is commonly used to achieve a cohesive look that accentuates a home's architecture and blends its focal

points. There are plenty of options for homeowners in the market for architecturally correct elements made of wood. Here are some examples.

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DOORS

The front door defines the character of a house. When replacing a front door, select one that reflects the home's architectural design. For example, a knotty alder Craftsman door, distinctive for its thick wood plank design, complements many rustic architectural styles, from Mission to Old World. An entry door with stained-glass sidelights and a tran-

som conveys classic Victorian design. To protect against the elements and call attention to the front door, install an overhang and lighting that projects the same look and feel.

MOLDING

Installing molding is an easy way to give rooms a finished appearance and capture a unique look. Select heavy, detailed molding to convey traditional English design. For a more contemporary feel, use clean-cut, simple molding and trim.

FLOORING
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Aside from clean air, good indoor air quality involves controlling humidity levels in the home. Too much humidity can create an environment conducive to the growth of mold. Not enough humidity can cause serious respiratory problems.

During the cold season, more than 25 million Americans use humidifiers to make dry household air more comfortable. Make sure you're getting safe, clean humidity by following these simple guidelines:

1. Choose an evaporative type humidifier. Don't use one that creates tiny water droplets. Scientific tests prove that furnace-mounted, evaporative humidifiers do not emit bacteria or contribute to mold growth.

2. Clean your humidifier regularly. If you use a portable humidifier, the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission recommends cleaning the reservoir regularly to prevent possible mold or bacterial growth.

3. Make sure your humidifier has an accurate control system. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends keeping indoor relative humidity at 30 to 50 percent. Too much humidity can create condensation on cold windows and encourage the growth of mold and dust mites; too little causes damage to your home and furnishings.

One effective way to maintain a healthy level of humidity is by using a whole-house humidifier that fits right into your existing ventilation system.

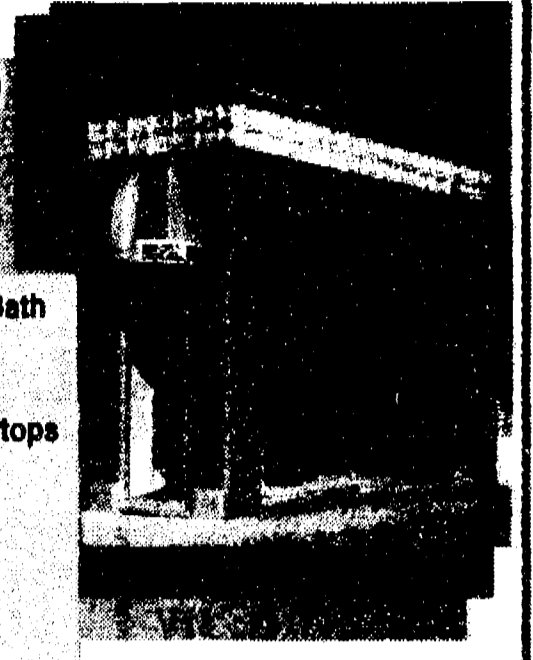
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"People today expect safety, precision and convenience in their home comfort systems," said Bruce Darkow, humidifier product manager for Aprilaire. "The scientific evidence shows that when humidity is in the form of a water vapor rather than suspended droplets, homeowners can safely enjoy the wintertime comfort a humidifier provides."

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Ten tips to lower home energy bills

American consumers have been stung by rising home energy bills, which are averaging more than \$1,600 annually. The Alliance to Save Energy projects home energy costs increasing by 9 percent by 2010. This bigger bite out of the average household wallet each month leaves fewer dollars to cover other important expenses.

According to the National Fuel Funds Network, 30 million American households each year cannot afford fully to heat or cool their homes. You and every other consumer have the power to lower your energy bill by making a few simple changes. Small, inexpensive ways to cut down energy usage during household tasks like washing laundry can add up to significant savings. To reduce home energy bills throughout the year,

the Alliance suggests these easy tips:

- Switch to washing your clothes in cold water with a detergent like Tide Coldwater, specially designed to clean in colder temperatures. You could save up to \$63 a year.
- Do full loads of laundry and dishes to avoid wasting energy and water. Air dry dishes for additional savings.
- Clean the dryer lint filter after every laundry load to improve air circulation and quicken drying.
- Dry towels and heavier items separately from lighter-weight items when doing laundry.
- Take showers instead of baths, and install a low-flow shower head.
- Fix leaky faucets around the house. Consider water-saving faucet attachments.
- Insulate your hot water pipes and water heater with approved insulation materials.

- Listen to your mother. Turn off everything that's not in use: lights, TVs, computers, electronics.
- Four for the planet. Replace your four most used incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs.
- Clean or replace AC/heating-system filters monthly.

For more information on money- and energy-saving tips, visit the Web site ase.org.

Bathroom expansions are on the rise

Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies projects the nation's remodeling industry can look forward to annual growth of about 5 percent for the next few years, and the industry will gain ground on new residential construction activity as today's homeowners would rather improve than move.

In today's home-improvement market, consumers know their habits and desires. They are looking to partner with remodeling professionals to customize their homes to suit not only their desire for luxury but also meet their idiosyncratic needs.

On the list of the most popular remodeling projects, the bath is second only to the kitchen.

The dominant remodeling trend is to create a bath space that is both personalized and relaxing. "The once utilitarian bathroom — a space for quick business — has evolved into an in-home spa, a spiritual retreat,

the harried homeowner's last bastion of relaxation and rejuvenation," says Lenora Campos, public relations manager for Toto USA, a high-end, full-line plumbing manufacturer.

"Consumers are now thinking of the bath as an actual room, and that room is becoming larger as they annex space from closets or other rooms to accommodate separate tubs, larger showers, or a separate toilet room." Other remodeling favorites include fixtures with universal design features such as higher toilet seats.

When consumers renovate their bath space, they often decide the tub's size and design first. When planning their bath-remodeling project, homeowners seek specific bathing experiences to suit their lifestyles.

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Tips for planning your backyard paradise

You don't need to spend a fortune on a backyard project. You don't even need to be a master carpenter. In fact, with a small investment, you can be a do-it-yourselfer and dramatically impact the appearance of your back yard — and add to its long-term value.

To finish a project as large as adding a new backyard deck or as modest as window box planters, Loui "Mr. Fix-It" Manfredini, a professional builder and author of the new book "House Smarts," suggests concentrating on just one project at a time.

"Crossing just one item off your to-do list gives you an attractive, equity-increasing accompaniment to your home," Manfredini said.

No matter whether the budget is less than \$1,000 or more than \$10,000, wood projects add enjoyment and value to any backyard paradise.

looks more expensive than it costs," Manfredini said. "It is also very easy to work with and can adapt to any project plans."

Backyard improvements using wood also are appealing to potential homebuyers. According to the National Association of Realtors, buyers of existing homes always look for special touches in the back yard.

Start with a project that is both uncomplicated and inexpensive but will add immediate curb-side appeal. Manfredini recommends building a window box planter. You can use it to grow everything from tulips to your own personal herb garden, and it can add instant warmth to your back yard. They are so easy to build that even a beginner should be able to construct a box in one to two hours, and for around \$15.

"Window box planters are a great starter project because it lets you gain confidence in your wood working skills," Manfredini said. "You can also add decorations to the window box to make it more elegant. Additionally, the only tools you really need are a circular saw, drill, tape measure and screws."

Once you build confidence in your woodworking skills, it's time to move on to more advanced projects. There are a variety of projects that could be completed for under \$200.

One project that Manfredini recommends is a wood garden bench. There are many different wood options that you can consider to match the decor of your back yard, including cedar, redwood

or even some of the newer treated woods.

Or, by investing a little more time and money, you can frame out projects that add space and storage to your back yard. An outdoor storage shed will cost around \$2,000 in lumber and other supplies. It makes an efficient area to store the lawnmower, garden tools and seasonal items.

If you own a deck, also consider a deck box.

"A deck box is a great storage addition to any backyard deck," Manfredini said. "From sporting equipment to pool toys to barbecue tools, a deck box is both functional and beautiful."

To help you embark on your next home improvement project, Manfredini has posted free plans for the window box planter, garden bench and deck box at the Web site beconstructive.com.



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Whether your goal is short- or long-term, remodeling your home can be time-consuming and daunting. Experiencing the finished product, however, can also be extremely rewarding. The first step of any remodeling process is to choose one or two key design elements. Flooring makes a huge difference to the final appearance of any space — after all, it's literally the foundation for your whole design scheme.

Ceramic tile and natural stone floors, with their wide range of colors and styles, are a perfect way to jazz up any interior. You can create a dramatic look all your own. Or opt for an understated look with more universal appeal, which will help

increase the resale value of your home.

"Tile and stone floors are extremely versatile, in terms of both visual appeal and installation," says Tamara Christian, president of National Trade Productions and show director for Coverings 2005, a leading showcase for ceramic tile and natural stone coverings. "These materials are a smart choice — both smart looking and a smart investment for your home."

If you're living in your dream house, don't be afraid to get creative with tile flooring. You can make a bold statement by choosing brighter colors: how about the newly revived "peas, corn and carrots" retro look of the 50s and 60s? Decorate

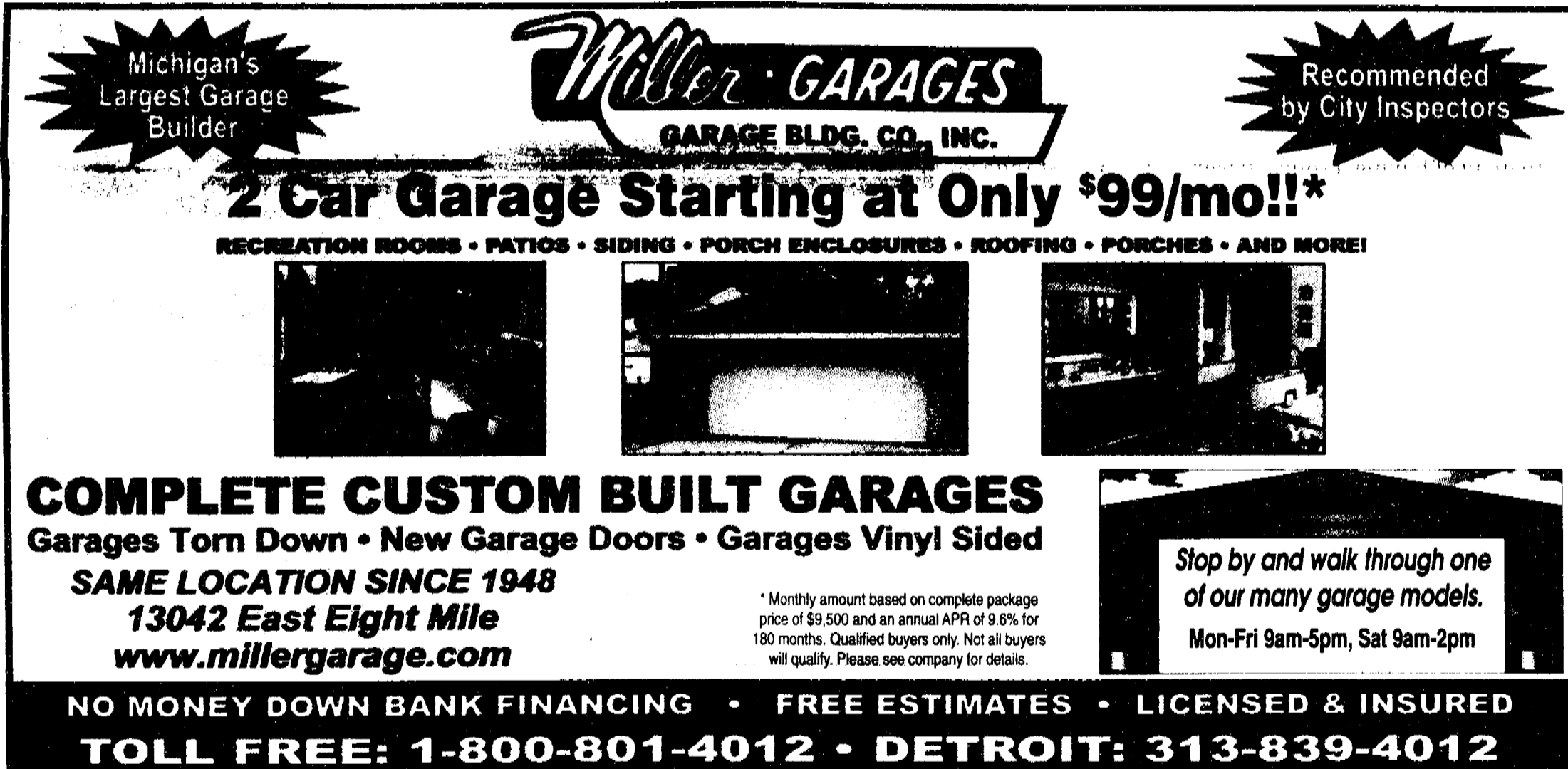
with varying shades of acid green, gold and orange, arresting designs created in black and white tiles, and coordinated accent pieces.

If you're feeling adventurous, go for ceramic tiles printed with pop art images made popular by Andy Warhol in the 1960s. With vividly colored ovals, shapes and even letters against starkly white backgrounds, these graphics are a perfect way to make a bold design statement.

If you plan to sell your home, your flooring plays a significant role in the home's market value and aesthetic appeal. HomeGain.com, a Web site that provides home sellers with advice on how to get the best price for their homes, estimates that a new or high-quality floor can increase the selling price of a home as much as \$2,000 to \$3,000, yielding an average of about 48 percent return on investment.

There are myriad ways to create an understated look that will appeal to just about any potential buyer. If you are the "au naturel" type, choose ceramic tiles that look like natural stone in an array of neutral colors and earth tones. Or if you'd rather go for the real thing, you can pick from a large selection of natural stone in countless colors and sizes.

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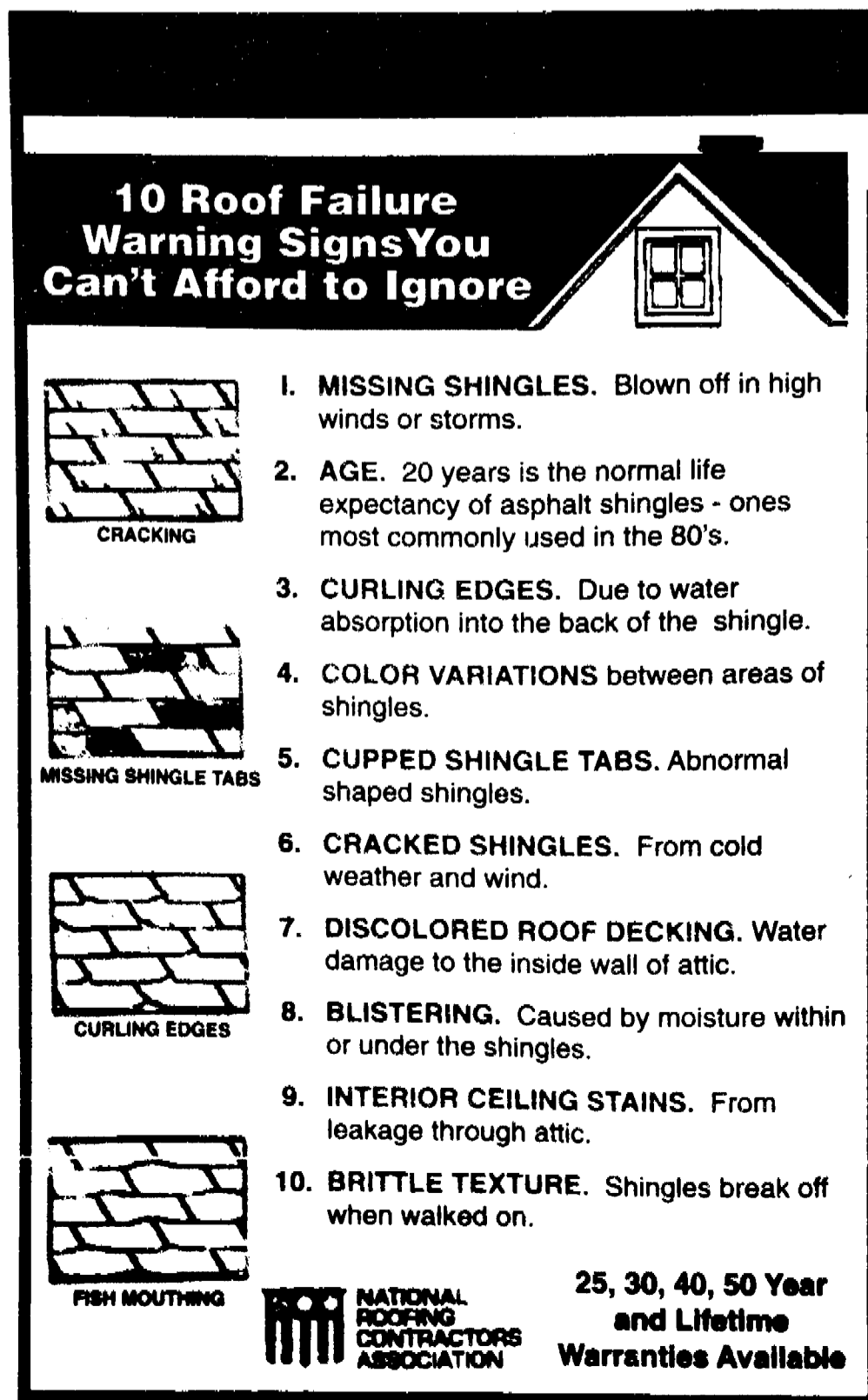
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Beyond fads: 5 trends in kitchen design

While industry experts often disagree on style issues, they all agree on one thing: the trend of bigger, more open, more important kitchens in the United States is here to stay.

"A generation ago, kitchens were thought of as the place where mom cooked by herself, then brought the food out to the rest of the family," says Ellen Cheever, ASID, a well-known kitchen designer, educator, and frequent contributor to industry publications like Kitchen and Bath Design News. "Now, kitchens are the hub of the home, where the entire family gathers in the evenings, after work, to do homework, share meals, and entertain friends. Everything we're seeing in kitchen design is just another way to make kitchens more multifunctional and welcoming."

Trend No. 1: The kitchens within a kitchen

As more Americans build homes with kitchens that are open to living and dining rooms, kitchens are being treated more like any other room in the house, with elaborate moldings, specialty lighting, and finely crafted floor and ceilings.

"People need their kitchen to be expandable and collapsible, too," Cheever added. "On the weeknights, they need to be able to navigate their kitchen quickly when they're just warming up a simple meal. But on the weekends, they need it to open up enough so they can prepare a fancy gourmet meal and entertain a large group of friends while they are cooking."

As a result, designers are creating quick prep areas where a small sink, cutting board, and microwave are close together. Larger homes are often using a small butler's pantry off the main kitchen for this purpose, with a clean up sink, microwave, prep area and small refrigerator. The butler's pantry has the added convenience of keeping dirty dishes out of the way while entertaining, and storing large amounts of serve ware, linens and china.

Cheever noted that customers are also putting in larger sinks in the island, to make a food prep zone, and placing larger farmhouse sinks along the back wall for more elaborate "clean up centers."

"The days when kitchens always had one sink right under the kitchen window appear to be over," Cheever said.

Trend No. 2: Eclectic is in

Customers of all kinds



are interested in the new, unusual and artful, according to Jan Aufderhar, semi-custom manager for MasterBrand Cabinets in Jasper, Ind. MasterBrand Cabinets makes many of the built-in cabinets sold in the United States, including its upscale semi-custom Decora line, sold through more than 1,000 dealers nationally. While the upscale markets are often driving innovation, these trends are now becoming common at all price levels, Aufderhar said.

"Instead of having a solid bank of cabinets with a standard look, customers are mixing and matching finishes, putting cabinets up on feet to make them look more like freestanding furniture, and choosing exotic woods and hardware," she said. Decora alone offers more than 1,000 different finish and door combinations. The company's knobs and drawer pulls are often a focal point in a kitchen, providing a "jewelry-like" panache with more expensive and quality made materials.

"White cabinets are still popular, but the sales are going down for those as customers go for painted finishes like chili pepper red, or rich, hand-rubbed finishes like dark cherry," Aufderhar said.

Customers are adding more display area into upper cabinets as well, putting in clear or art glass

inserts into their door fronts and gallery lighting inside the cabinet to show off prized ceramics or hand-blown glass collections.

Trend No. 3: More tall, less wall

As customer's floor plans continue to be more open, there is less space to mount above the counter cabinets. As a result, manufacturers are creating more height options for cabinets to help break up the space between rooms.

"We've been installing a lot of pedestal cabinets — these are cabinets which are taller than the rest, usually 42 inches or more, that act almost

like a built-in-pedestal at the end of a long run of under the counter cabinets. It's a great post for a column or other architectural element for the room," Cheever said.

She noted that designers are also creating counters with two levels. The high level breaks up space between kitchen and living room areas and reduces the appearance of counter clutter. It also provides a handy place to pull up a barstool to do homework. Designers are also creating "baking centers" with lower than standard counter heights perfect for kneading bread or making candy.

Trend No. 4: Expanded office/work desk areas

"Used to be, there was a desk in the kitchen so mom could store her recipes and work on the bills," Cheever said. "But as more homes got wireless Internet access, mom didn't like being cooped up at a kitchen desk." Today, customers are forgoing tiny kitchen desks for larger desks that wrap around into the family room — perfect for watching the kids while they surf the Internet and paying the bills while enjoying TV with the family.

Trend No. 5: Everything at your fingertips

"Customers today are no longer satisfied to have cabinets that merely look

good. They want them to work efficiently for them, too," Aufderhar said.

Decora was one of the first in the semi-custom cabinet market to offer a full line of cabinet storage options, from overhead wine racks, to pull out spice racks and chopping boards, and more. The Accessories line, Aufderhar

said, has been very popular with the gourmet cook who doesn't want to scramble around in the back of a cabinet for a pot or pan during a dinner party.

Appliance manufacturers have been quick to capitalize on the trend too, as they develop warming drawers, beverage chillers and more for under the counter.

By offering customers options like buffet storage for linens, fine glass storage, beverage centers, and the like, Decora has made it possible for customers to

design more complex areas in their kitchens. "Instead of the kitchens with just a traditional cook, prep,

wine service/bar area, or anything they need, just by carving out a corner of space in their kitchens. It's

the products and the planning that are truly key to making the open-concept kitchen trend work. It's a trend that truly reflects how people are living these days, and I think it's a way of life




clean-up, and food storage areas, customers can use their kitchen cabinets to create a formal dining area, a casual dining space, a homework area, a

that will be around for a long time," Aufderhar said.

To find out more about emerging kitchen design trends, visit the Web site decoracabinets.com.

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Start with the windows when redecorating your home

For many, the thought of home decorating can be overwhelming, though experienced interior designers make it look so easy. But, with a good understanding of your home and lifestyle needs, embarking on a decorating project can be just as easy as it is for the professionals. The best part about decorating is that it only

takes a little to make a huge difference. Whether you're looking for a graceful country charm or a sleek modern design, you'll find that the windows are a smart place to start.

Window treatments are an essential element in the home that people often overlook when it comes to decor. The perfect shade can make any window look extraordinary, and it can make a big difference in any room.

Though the choices are many, from cellular shades and shutters to

drapes or valances, focusing on a few important elements can quickly give your project a sense of direction.

Here are some tips from Comfortex BlindCrafter Centers to help you choose your window treatments wisely.

- Identify the kind of light you need. The same room can look very different under different lighting conditions. For entertaining, you can create a natural warmth and traditional elegance with dark wood blinds. For reading and household

chores, a bright, sheer shade works best.

- Consider the environment and be practical. Shutters are ideal for kitchens and bathrooms, which can get hot and humid. Polyester pleated shades are also highly durable, washable, dust resistant and will not fray or fade.


- Know the ambience you're looking to achieve. For a relaxing, soothing retreat, try Roman shades. The look of beautiful fabrics provides an added dimension to a room and softens the edges.

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Tools for fall backyard maintenance

With the right gadgets in your garage, you'll have a head start on cultivating a good-course-quality yard.

The following are seven must-have tools to ensure quick and easy fall yard maintenance:

- Rake. Going over left-over leaves with a plastic rake or mulching mower in the fall will help avoid dead patches on your lawn in the spring.

- Fertilizer spreader. Rejuvenating your lawn in the fall is one of the best ways to protect against stresses like heat, cold, drought and insects. Using a slow-release fertilizer allows the grass to soak up nutrients and — just as important — spend the cool days and nights of autumn recovering from summer heat and stress.

- Weeder. Weeding in the fall is a great way to reduce the amount of work you'll need to do in the spring. The good news: Pulling weeds

used to be a backbreaking chore, but tools like the Weed Hound have come a long way from the tiny weeding forks of "the good old days." There's no reason to get down on your hands and knees and gouge at the turf.

- Bulb planting tool. Autumn is an ideal time to plant spring flowering bulbs like daffodils and tulips. But it can be a big job, especially if you're planning to plant dozens — or even hundreds — of bulbs. Tools like the stand-up Bulb Hound Garden Planter make quick work of mass bulb plantings.

Step on the foot plate and the coring tube cuts through the ground, then squeeze the hand lever and the tube opens, releasing the soil.

- Dethatcher. A build-up of aboveground roots called thatch prevents sunlight, oxygen and moisture from getting to the nutrient-hungry soil below. But it's easy to remove, especially if you don't wait until it overwhelms the yard. Just go at the yard with a dethatching rake in early fall. For an easier — although more expensive — option, rent a power dethatcher.

- Aerator. Heavy use

throughout the summer can cause soil to become compacted. Perforating your lawn with small holes helps reduce compaction and allows water, air and fertilizer get down to the soil, which strengthens the grass plant's root structure.

- Root irrigator or soaker hose. Dehydration during the colder months is an all-too-common cause of tree damage, but it's easily preventable. To sustain them over the long winter, it's important to give trees a drink before putting them to bed.

Tired of having your lawn mower not start when you take it out of storage once the weather warms up? Before you store your lawn mower for the winter, there are steps you should take to ensure it will start again properly in the spring. Many drain the gas tank of their mower before storing. "This can be a mistake," said Tom Wicks, manager of product development at Gold Eagle Co. "It's best to treat fresh fuel with a fuel stabilizer like Stabil

and fill the tank just before putting the mower away. This saves times, aggravation and protects the environment."

According to Wicks, draining the fuel tank may cause carburetor gaskets to crack and dry out. This leads to air leaks and hard starting. Using a fuel stabilizer prevents fuel from gumming up — it keeps the gas fresh. Also, there's no need to dispose of gasoline when a fuel stabilizer is used, which results in a cost savings and prevents environmental damage.

Other tips for winterizing your lawn mower include cleaning the bottom of the lawn mower deck to reduce corrosion; replacing or cleaning the air filter; replacing the oil and lubricating mower wheels.

Checking for loose nuts, bolts and screws is important before putting your mower away for the winter, as is replacing spark plugs and inspecting and tightening drive belts.

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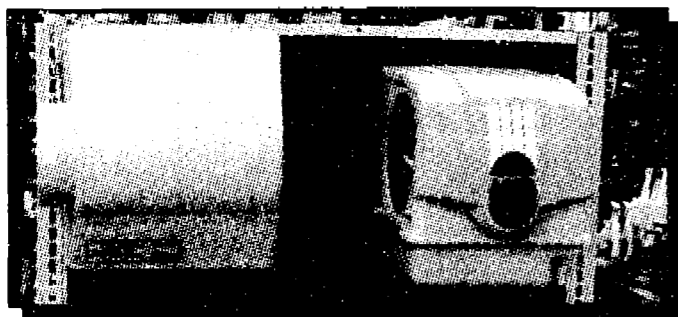
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Color your home with the feeling of fall

As the air becomes crisp and summer fun gives way to indoor activities, it's time to make your home look as warm and inviting as possible. Fall is just around the corner, and the hottest new home decorating trends are reflecting the colorful changing landscape.

According to Peggy Van Allen, color specialist for Pratt & Lambert Paints, the new trends are easy to incorporate into existing design schemes.

"The fall season and its vibrant color palette contain some extraordinarily rich, yet versatile hues," says Van Allen.

"The depth of color provides extensive options for adding room accents, changing themes and styles, and even completely redecorating."

The following are some tips from Van Allen to help you get started:

EMBRACE COLOR
Painting is one of the easiest and most impactful ways to give a room a facelift. Currently, autumn-inspired hues are the must-haves on the market. According to Van Allen, red is an ideal choice when it comes to fall colors. Whether it's cherry, persimmon, or cranberry, there is an abundance of red accessories — such as rugs and pillows — to coordinate,

making red a bold, yet safe selection. "Along with darker shades of burgundy and cinnamon, reds make a room feel

visually separate areas. This is helpful in a room that serves multiple functions.

"Don't be afraid to

with metallic or beaded detail, embroidery, or Mideastern influences. Besides providing an instant updated look,

with various-sized candles in delicious seasonal scents like cinnamon, vanilla, apple and pumpkin pie. Or, use copper accents wherever possible for a rustic fall look.

vases with seeds, dried berries, or potpourri for stylish countertop or windowsill accents. Create elegantly simple fall wreaths by repeating one item like acorns, berries or miniature pumpkins in a circle and add a satin bow.

Everyone loves the idea of jack-o-lanterns, but not everyone loves carving them. If pumpkin carving isn't your thing, try this chic alternative: drill lines of different-sized holes down the sides of your pumpkin. After adding a candle, these "designer" pumpkin accents will provide elegant light for a room.

Any of these fall decorating tips are sure to add a feeling of stylish festivity to your home's interior.

"The most important decorating tip is to make your home as comfortable and pleasant as possible for you and those you love," says Van Allen. "Get creative and find out what works best for you."



both comforting and energizing, adding a feeling of warmth as the weather gets colder," she adds.

Traditional neutral colors never go out of style, but there are a number of new additions to the category this season. Sand, wheat, mustard, stone, and clay, are just a few of the new colors that blend harmoniously with most existing decor schemes. They also make a room appear larger and more open.

Using a few different but coordinating colors can be a great way to add dimension to your room and highlight decorative trims, furnishings, doorways, and shelves. In a large room, different colors can divide space into

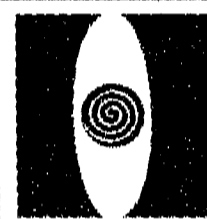
experiment with these fall-inspired colors," says Van Allen. In fact, one way to explore color is with Pratt & Lambert's new Never Compromise Color Sample Selector System, which allows you to buy two-ounce, pre-tinted paint samples to test on your walls before making a color commitment. Try out several fall hues to see which works best in your home before painting the entire room.

ACCESSORIZE
Painting isn't the only way to give a stylish nod to autumn. Look for blankets, pillows, and rugs in darker colors and textured fabrics to complement your furniture. Choose fabric patterns

these easy additions will make your home seem warmer and more comfortable. Fill shelves, tables and bare corners

low basket, or tray. Then add berry clusters, leaves, or flowers for a colorful garnish.

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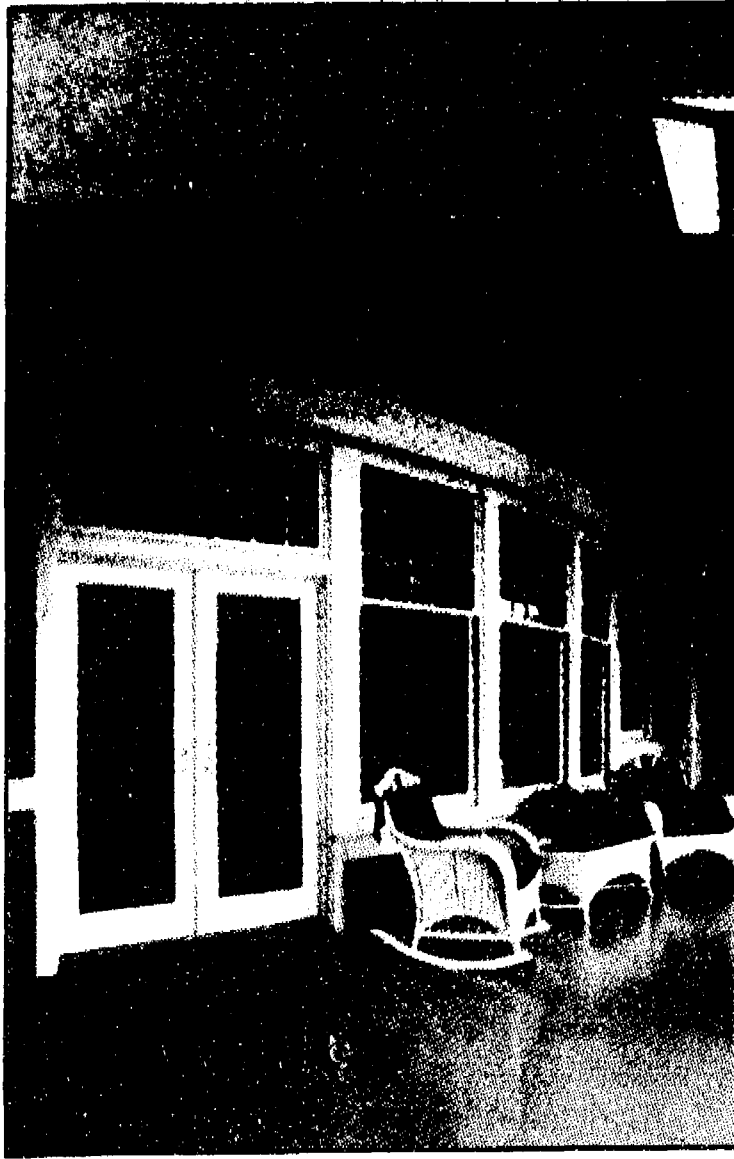
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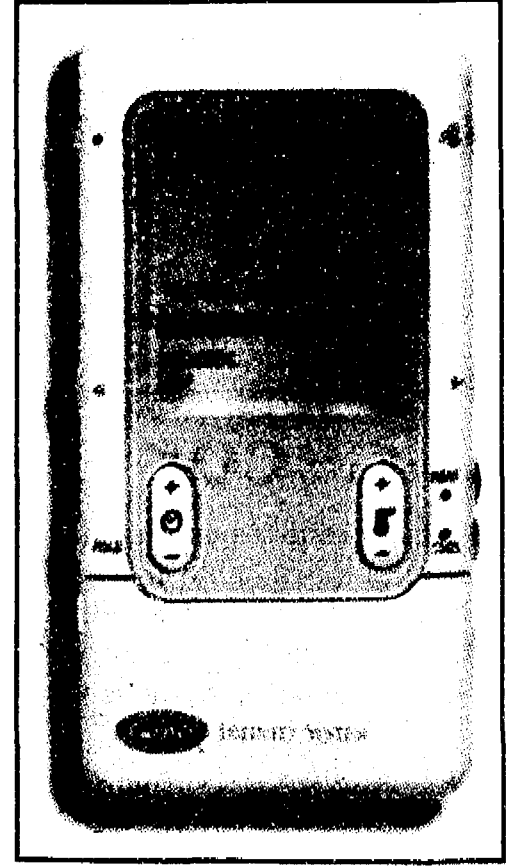
Intelligent appliances coming soon to a home near you

Twenty years ago, the idea of a world where machines did most of the work, leaving you with more leisure time, was an extraordinary concept. Technology that cut down so much work that we'd actually have time on our hands was an idea meant solely for the Jetsons. Back then, homeowners may have considered dishwashers and lawn mowers as technologically advanced as they could ever get.

The future is now. Today intelligent products for the home are emerging everywhere, turning the world into a place where George Jetson himself would feel

right at home. From staying fresher longer, faucets to fridges, to home heating and cool-

ing systems, intelligent products are rapidly infiltrating the market. You can find a whole new line of home appliances that may have a higher IQ than you do.



will train itself not to start the defrost cycle during the time of day when it's least likely to be opened — a feature even Jane Jetson would admire.

Walking into a freezing house in the fall or winter is dreadful,

but with today's oil prices, energy efficiency and cost savings are especially top-of-mind. Imagine customizing the temperature for every room in your house from your cell phone. A new feature on the Infinity System from Carrier enables you to access system status, change settings, change vacation schedules, and more, even when you are at work or on vacation. "This is a new level of innovation, intelligence and functionality for your home's heating and cooling system. Homeowners can save costs on their energy bill and still come home to a comfortable indoor environment," said Mike Branson of Carrier.

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Even plumbing appliances are offering clever convenience. Standard bathroom and kitchen faucets are being converted into electronic fixtures. These products allow the water to turn on and off by using an infrared sensor to detect movement under the faucet. This results in the prevention of spreading germs and bacteria. "Our homes may not be round or tubular, and we haven't developed automatic robots to clean our dirty dishes (yet), but intelligent products are showing up everywhere, making our lives easier and our everyday duties more convenient.

Who knows? Maybe in 20 years we will have products that make even the lifestyle of the Jetsons seem ancient.

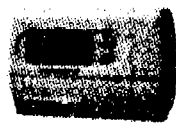
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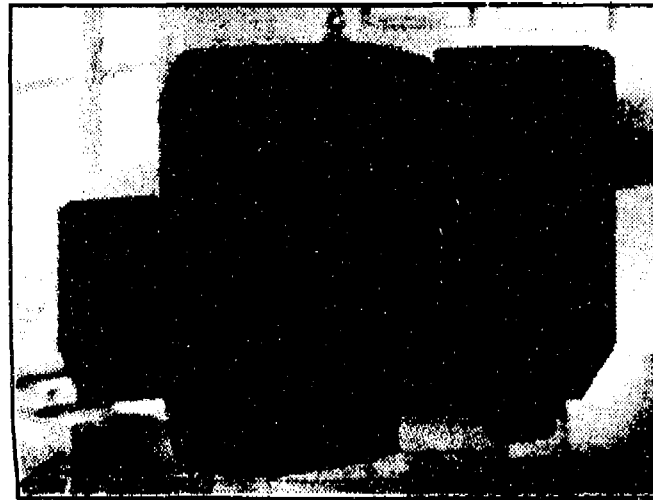
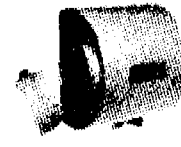
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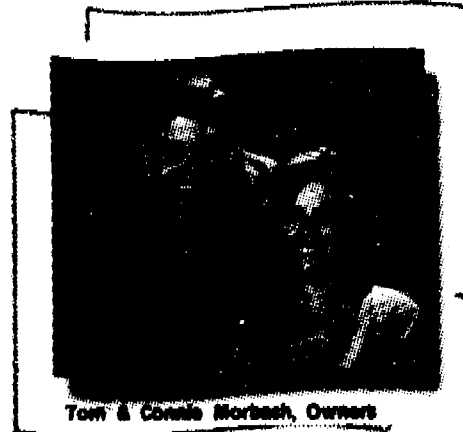
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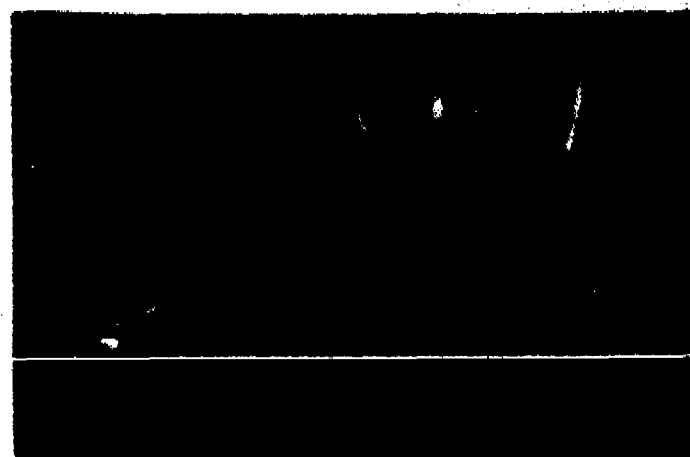
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Of all the remodeling projects undertaken by homeowners, replacing windows or doors ranks among the top five. It is one of the most cost-effective ways to add to a home's value, comfort, security and "curb appeal."

With hundreds of window and door options, the dilemma for many homeowners is choosing stylish, high-quality products that will stand the test of time. Jeld-Wen, the largest manufacturer of windows and doors,

offers the following tips to help homeowners make the right choices.

- Recognize reliability. One indicator of reliability is the warranty. Don't settle for a one-year warranty on interior molded doors when a five-year warranty is available. And don't settle for a short-term warranty on vinyl windows when some manufacturers offer a lifetime warranty.

- Set a budget. Costs vary based on the material used to construct the win-

dow or door. For windows, prices are lowest for aluminum, followed by vinyl. Wood is generally the most expensive. For doors, prices are lowest for steel, then composite and fiberglass. Wood tops the list.

Be sure to examine overall value, however, and not just the price tag. Energy Star-qualified windows and doors cost about 5 percent more, but can save money in the long run by reducing yearly energy bills by up to 15 percent.

- Pay attention to performance features. Useful features increase the comfort and safety of a home. Consider ergonomically designed options like one-touch, automatic-locking windows that lock and unlock with almost no effort. If privacy is important, look for solid-core interior doors, which significantly reduce noise transfer.

- Consider climate. For regions with high heat in the summer or extreme cold

in the winter, choose windows and doors with low-E glass. Low-E is a microscopic metallic coating applied to the glass that diminishes the amount of heat that can be transferred through it.

In humid regions, look for wood windows and doors that are protected against decay and insect damage and backed by a 20-year warranty. In arid regions, immediately seal and finish wood windows and doors to maintain their moisture, or

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Wood decor ads history, uniqueness to a home

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Here are some tips for adding wood decor to your home.

- Start with the entrance. An impressively detailed, hand-carved wood door will set the tone before anyone even takes a step into your home. A stately carved wood door informs those entering the home of your own personal style.

An elaborate wood entry

system, like those available in the Jeld-Wen IWP Collection, features extraordinary details that emphasize the wood's character.

- Include interior decorative wood pieces. From windows, doors and furniture to clocks and artwork, decorative pieces are available in the wood species and style of your choice. Many of these pieces are still being created by hand. Artisans utilize their skills to replicate the exquisite works of old-world craftsmen, as well as create new, original designs.

Craftsmen construct each piece individually, often choosing and planing the lumber themselves to bring out the true beauty of the wood.

- Create your own style. Continue your wood theme

throughout your home when selecting moulding, cabinetry and any additional woodwork. Using the same species all through your home creates a truly harmonious, classic feel. Or, use a blend of species by coordinating two or three different types of wood to create a varied, somewhat eclectic look.

From maple, pine and oak to mahogany and rosewood, these woods complement each other and promise an exotic design that will add interest and character to each room.


- Mix and match old

with new. When decorating, match hand-carved wood items with factory-built accents, which are stylish yet economical. Handcrafted tables, cedar chests and armoires blend seamlessly with manufacturer-made wood picture frames, clocks and candlesticks. Mixing in your antique treasures will add that final touch, giving your home the individuality you desire and a proud display of your prized possessions.

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- Let the natural light shine in. Windows bring the dynamic qualities of daylight into a home, capturing outside views, enhancing colors, and flooding surfaces, rooms or any interior spaces with natural light.

- Use decorative lights for night and day. The imaginative use of alternative lighting can showcase unique features inside and outside the home.

Instead of using traditional overhead lighting or table lights, artistically combine shadows and light with subtle tree lights lining the edges of the ceiling or a chandelier with a dimmer.

- Reflect light to enhance the ambiance. Often overlooked as a key element in the lighting of a home, mirrors have traditionally been utilized solely as a tool for personal reflection. The creative placement of mirrors can throw light around the room, making a room sparkle and appear larger.

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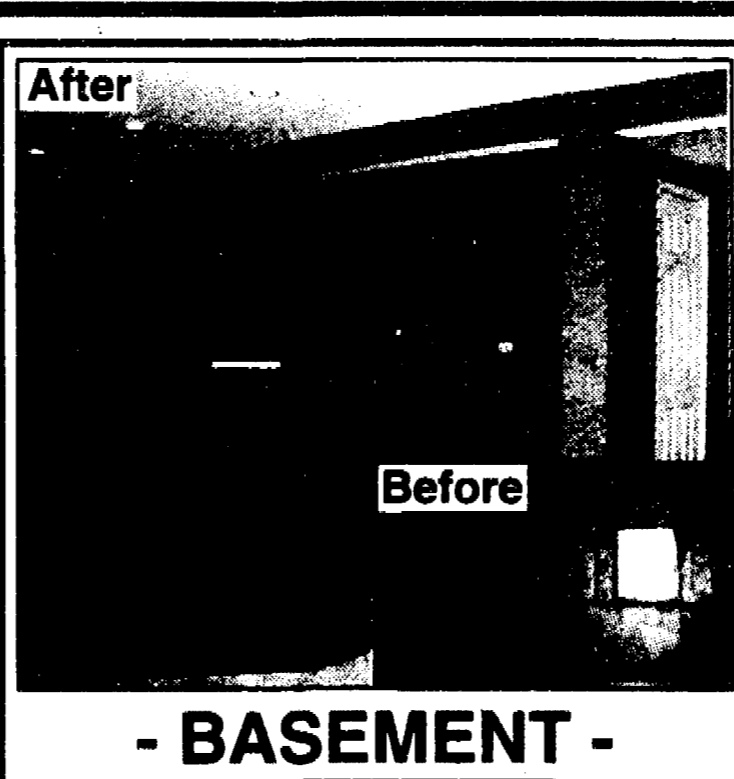
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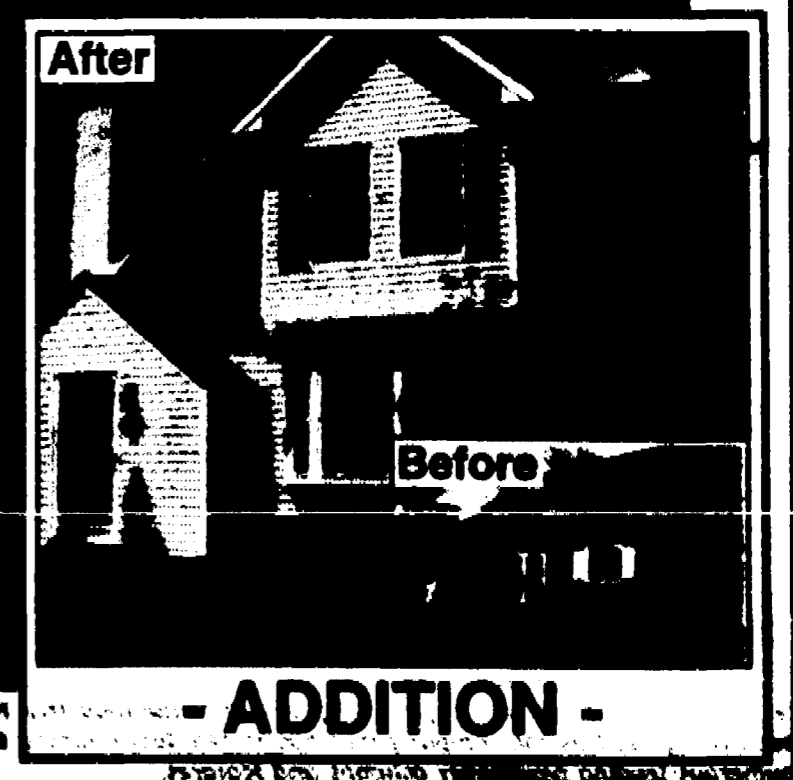
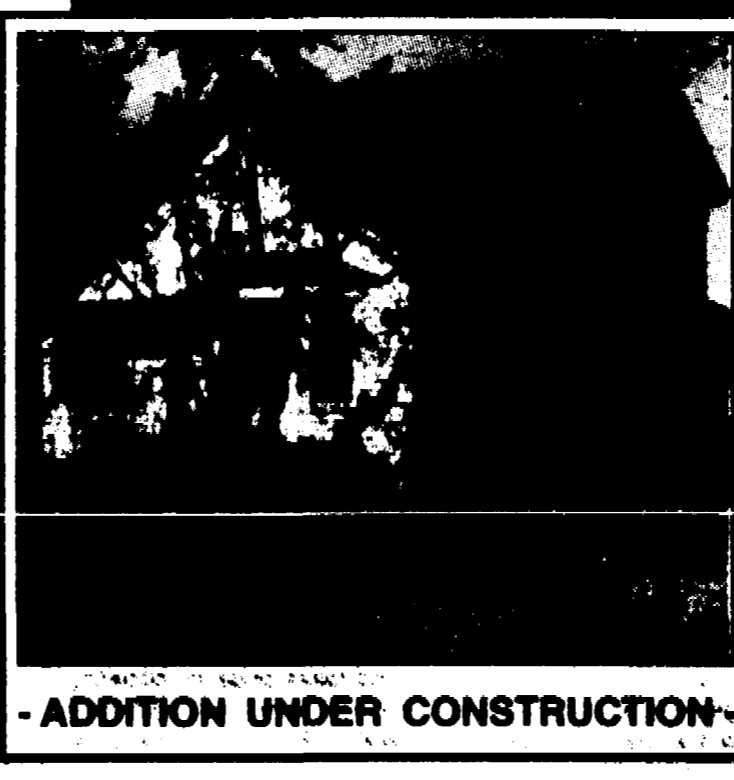
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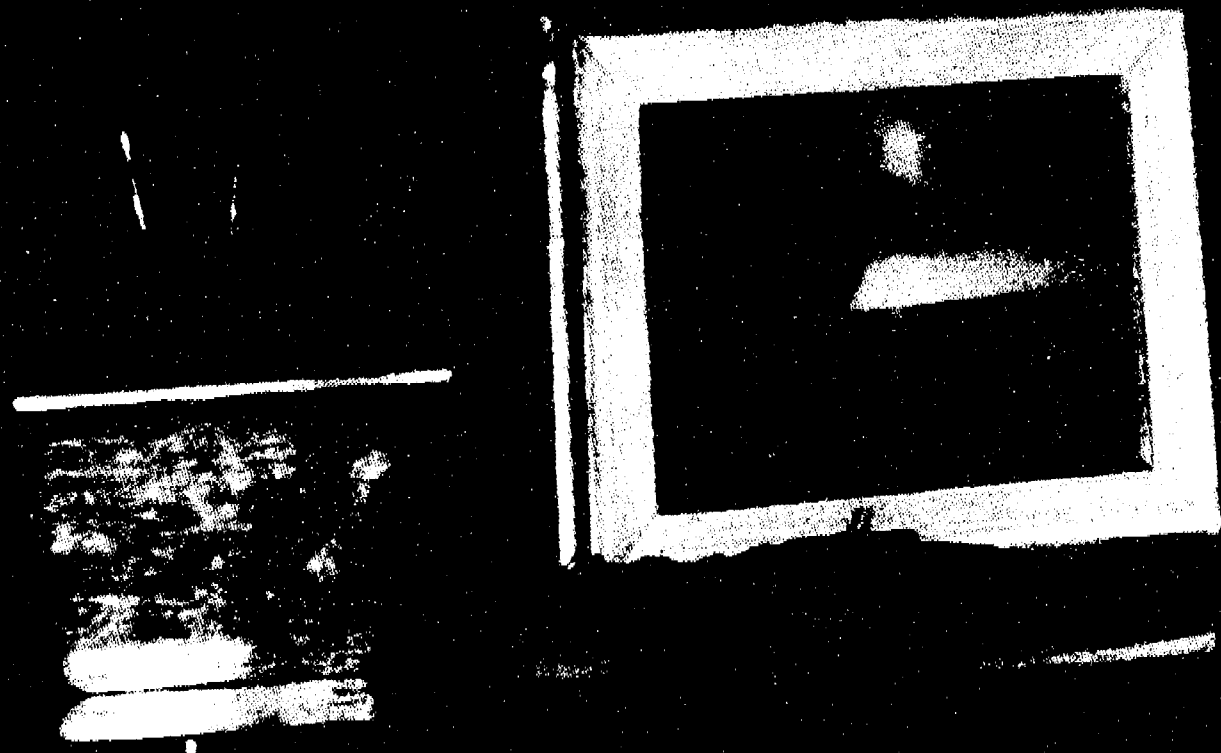
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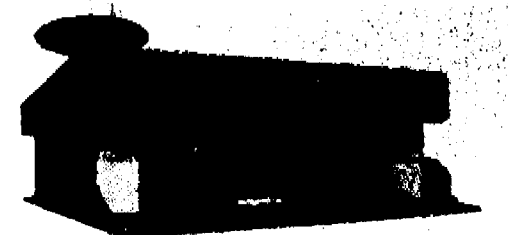
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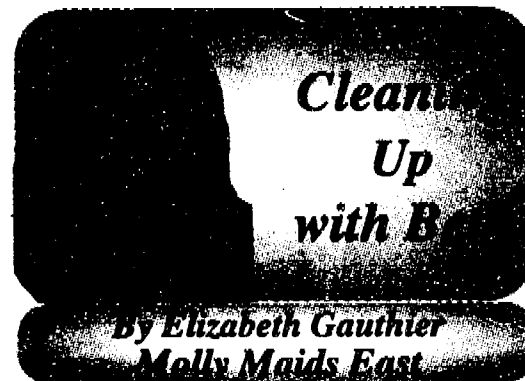
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Q. I am having a formal dinner party and really want my house to look nice. My home is always very clean, but I want to impress my company. Can you tell me any little extras I might do?

A. The dinner is in the oven; the table is set and napkins folded. You've taken the time to polish your best silver. Whenever you have company, you want your home looking its best. Here are a few tips that really make a clean home more inviting.

- **The front door:** Your house may be pristine on the inside, but remember: No one appreciates walking through spider webs to reach the front door. We all know that the closer you are to the lake, the bigger the spiders. Take a moment to knock down any webs. A broom works best. Check for them in corners and edges around the door or porch. If you have a glass storm door, wipe it with a glass cleaner. To make your job easier, use horizontal strokes on one side and vertical on the other. That way if streaks show up, you know which side they are on. For brass door handles, take a soft rag and polish it to remove finger marks and dirt. Remember to use only a dry cloth, as water or chemicals pit brass. Check for fingerprints or handprints on the door itself, and wipe these off with a damp rag. If you don't think this area is important to clean, remember it makes the first impression on guests.

- **Windows:** You don't have to clean all the windows, especially if you don't have time. Remember: Not many people, if any, will be in your bedrooms. Be sure to do the windows where your guests will spend most of their time — usually



a family room, dining room and bathroom. Again use vertical strokes on one side and horizontal on the other to remove streaks more easily.

- **Bake cookies:** It is important to have a home look clean, but not everyone likes the smell of cleaning products. So simply take a moment to bake. This does not mean spending hours in the kitchen, unless of course you want to. Simple packaged, cut-and-bake cookies will do. They are available in a huge variety from peanut butter to cranberry to chocolate chunk. Start them about 15 minutes before your guests arrive, along with a pot of coffee. By the time they come in, your house will go from smelling like a hospital to a coffee shop. Not only do they smell great, but the cookies make a great dessert or snack.

Whether you're having a formal get-together on your best china or friends over for coffee, these tips should come in handy. Please remember that all homes are lived in, and a few things out of place or a fingerprint isn't something to get upset about. Your guests came to see you; so take a minute to relax, sit back and enjoy a cookie.

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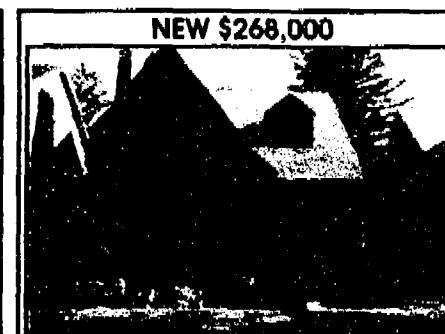
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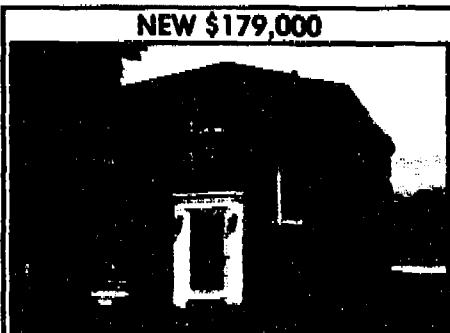
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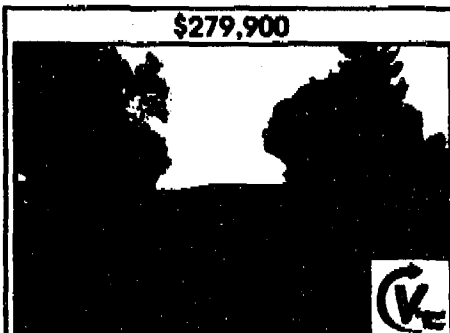
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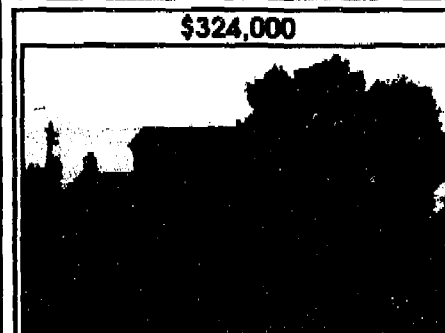
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Lovely Tudor in great neighborhood in the Farms. Two bedroom, one bath, wood details on windows, hardwood floors and patio. Great master bedroom. Home warranty included.



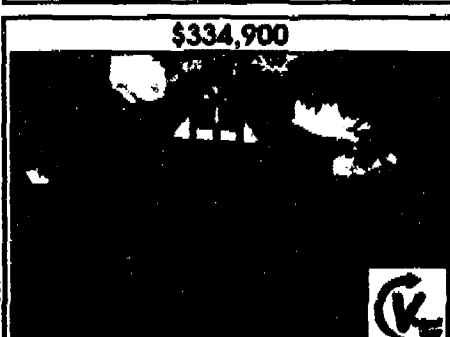
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Charming all brick Colonial, 1,250 square feet with three bedrooms. Fantastic newer kitchen. Nice exterior detail with leaded glass window and striking front door entryway. Gorgeous hardwood floors. Natural fireplace in living room.



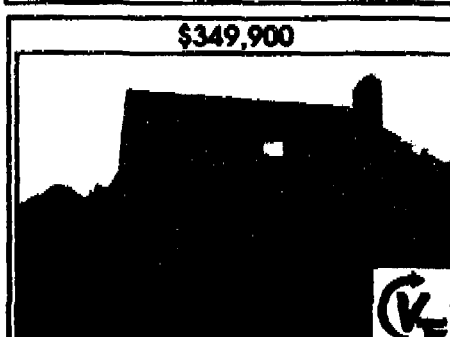
\$279,900
GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Spacious three bedroom brick ranch with hardwood floors, eat in kitchen, all appliances included, partially finished basement with half bath. Good lot size 85 x 135.



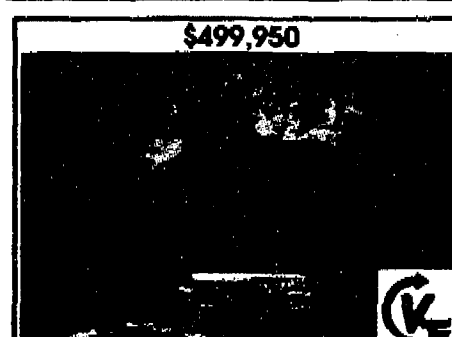
\$324,000
GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Located on a beautiful cul-de-sac with wider rear yard. This home has many recent updates and improvements including furnace, air, windows, siding, roof, freshly painted throughout. Family room with fireplace and finished basement.



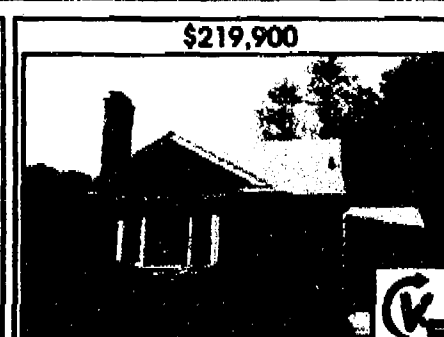
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GROSSE POINTE PARK
Beautifully detailed Tudor on quiet cul de sac in Grosse Pointe Park. Hardwood floors, wet plaster walls, lead glass windows and beveled French doors. Large living room with natural fireplace, formal dining room overlooking lovely backyard.



\$349,900
GROSSE POINTE PARK
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GROSSE POINTE
Handsome Colonial with attached garage. Beautiful kitchen with spectacular granite countertops and new stainless steel appliances. Gracious double door entryway opens to large foyer. Open floor plan with family room and den.



\$219,900
GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Well maintained bungalow east of Marter. Living room with natural fireplace and formal Dining Room. Large upper bedroom with wet plaster walls and plenty of closet space. Attached garage and deep yard. Nice floor plan, updated bath and recreation room in basement.

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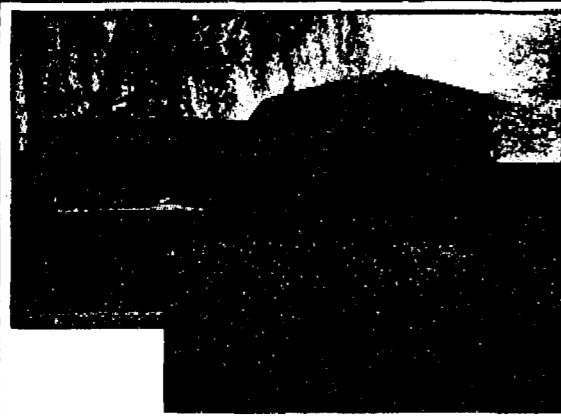
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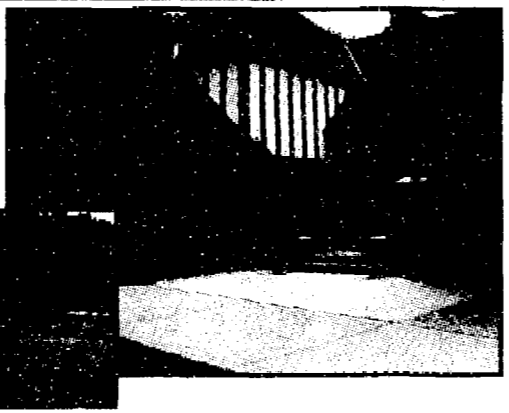
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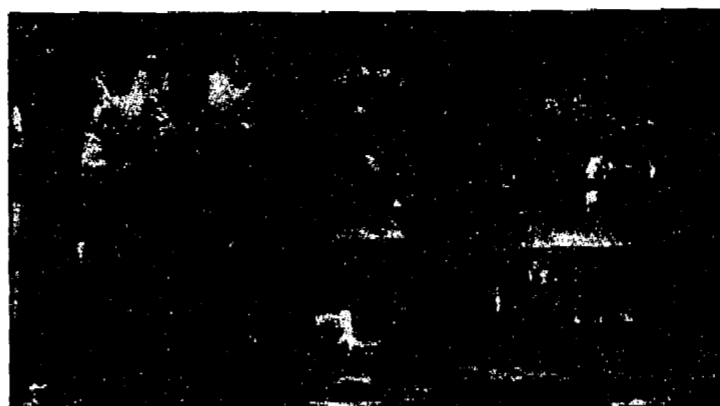


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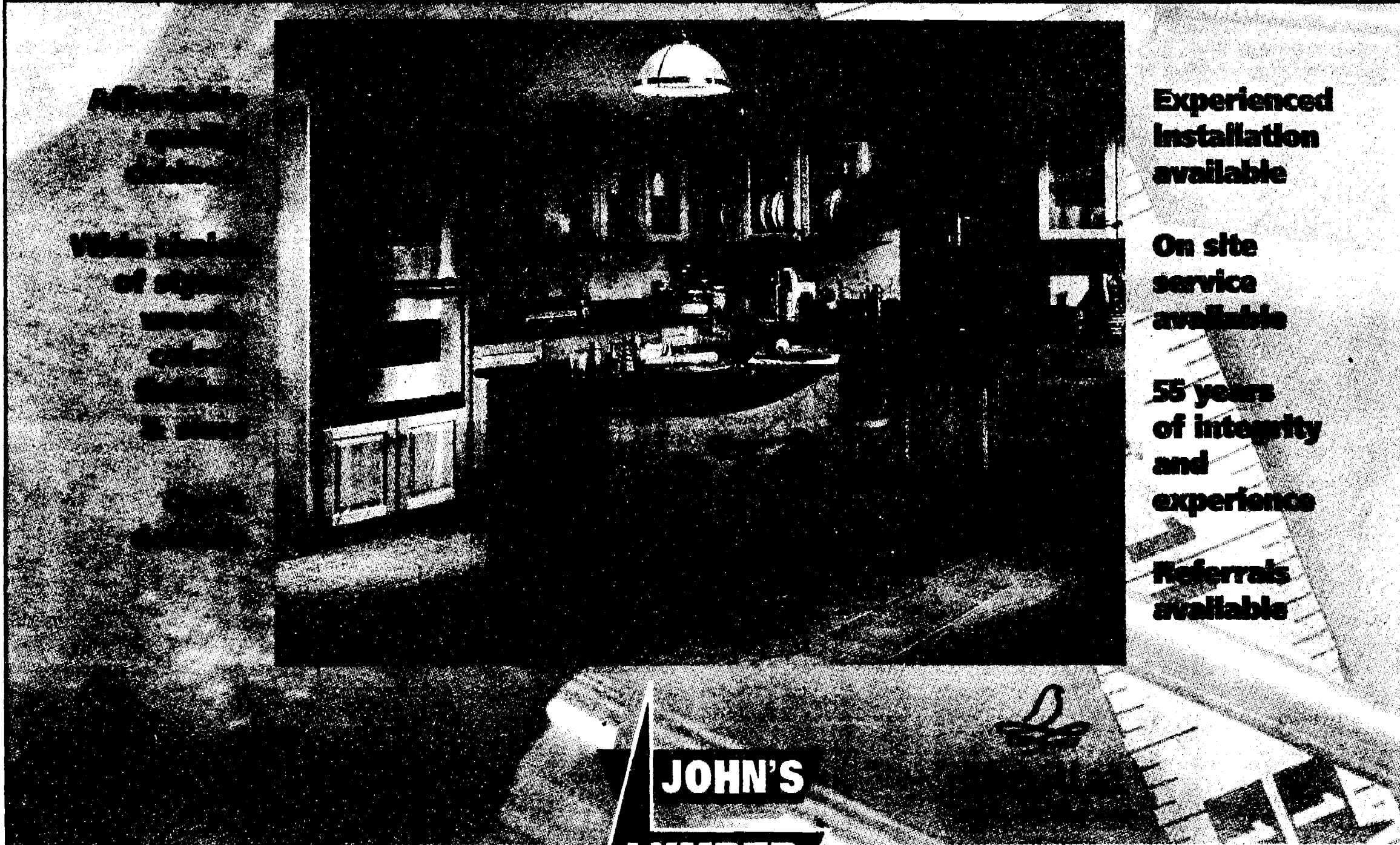
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1033 Harvard • \$539,900
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3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 1 half bath.



1058 Whittier • \$534,000
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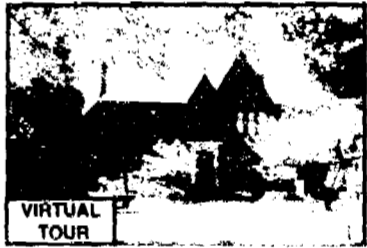
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4 bedrooms, 2 full, 1 half bath.



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1261 Edmundton • \$378,000
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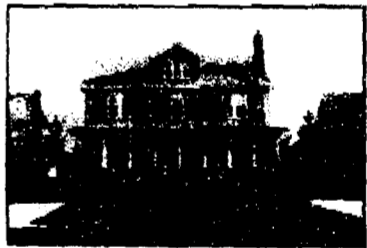
1303 Kensington • \$329,500
Grosse Pointe Park
4 bedrooms, 2 full, 1 half bath.



301 Hillcrest • \$319,900
Grosse Pointe Farms
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NEW PRICING! Lovingly restored four bedroom Tudor. Fabulous updated cherry kitchen, Pewabic tile fireplace, newer tear off roof, air conditioning and refinished recreation room. Freshly painted.
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Fabulous home with long list of renovations. Gourmet kitchen opens to beautiful family room. Newer roof, many new windows, central air. Lovely redesigned master suite has walk-in closet, master bath with Jacuzzi.
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Outstanding architectural detail in this English Tudor terrace condo. Two car garage! Lovely private backyard with patio, garden, and pond. Stunning kitchen with granite countertops, cherry cabinetry and Viking stove.
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NEW PRICING! Beautifully Updated Colonial! New kitchen, new windows '03, new two car garage, natural fireplace, hardwood floors, finished basement. Great lot! Great Grosse Pointe location!
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Second floor New England Colonial condo with two bedrooms on the second floor, and two bedrooms and bath on third floor, there is plenty of space for families and guests.
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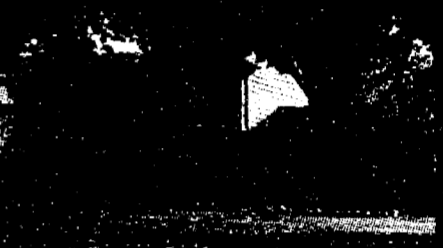
Charming three bedroom Grosse Pointe farmhouse close to the Village. One and one half baths, eating space in updated kitchen, remodeled interior with the charm of coed ceilings, formal dining room, and a large living room.
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Great Investment Opportunity! Just steps to Village shopping, transportation and schools. Spacious two family home with many updates: newer boiler, carpeting, windows and paint. Easy conversion to single family home.
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Incredibly charming Colonial. Fieldstone exterior with bay windows front and back, great floor plan with spacious rooms throughout, natural fireplace, hardwood floors, beautiful yard, newer furnace and roof.
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Wonderful Colonial on a park like lot. Great location on this beautiful street. This home is well cared for and offers you a roomy family room with fireplace. Corian countertops accent this updated kitchen.
MLS# 36306913 313-885-2000



Move right in and enjoy! Beautifully updated with a spacious, open floor plan. Newer kitchen and skylit sunroom. Hardwood floors, newer windows and central air. Basement with large finished rooms. Home warranty included.
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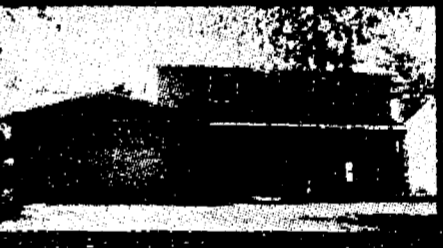
A bright and airy Park bungalow that is ready to move into! Newer roof, windows, furnace and central air. Nicely landscaped yard has privacy fence and patio.
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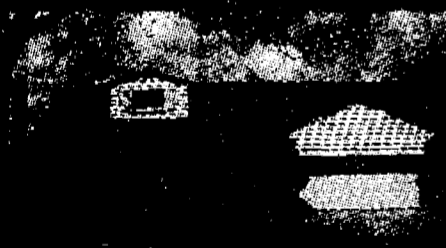
Custom built French Colonial. Three bedrooms and two and a half baths. Family room 14x24 with natural fireplace overlooking private patio. New driveway, garage floor, and landscaping.
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Beautiful Colonial totally redone! First and second floor master suites. First and second floor laundry. New everything- roof, windows, kitchen with granite and island, master suite, and stainless steel appliances.
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This spacious four bedroom two and one half bath Colonial with first floor laundry features an updated kitchen with island. Family room with fireplace with gas logs and new bay window. Finished basement with full bath.
MLS# 36284072 313-886-4200



Absolute dream house on beautiful street. This home features a magnificent just redone inground pool, new windows, new roof, newer white kitchen, private back yard, with a deck just right for entertaining. New landscaping.
MLS# 36312196 313-885-2000



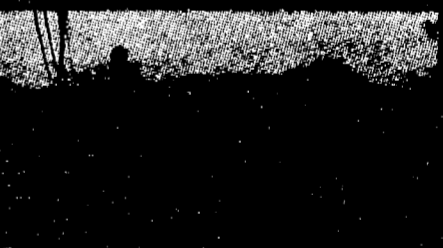
Great curb appeal on this four bedroom two and a half bath Colonial. Large family room with fireplace leads to Florida room and inground heated gunite pool. Most windows replaced. New tear-off roof in 2003.
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Great layout for entertaining. Note two full baths plus lav in basement. Kitchen was updated with oak cabinets and bumped out for breakfast room. Brand new furnace and central air. Newer attached garage.
MLS# 36389914 313-886-4200



Attractive Colonial on a quiet street! Ready to move-in. Hardwood floors and woodwork throughout. Central air, newer windows, roof, and furnace. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer, dryer stay. Home warranty.
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Spacious four bedroom ranch. This home was built for the builder with many extra features. Master bedroom with full bath, cedar closet, dining room with built-ins. Updates: central air, roof, hot water tank.
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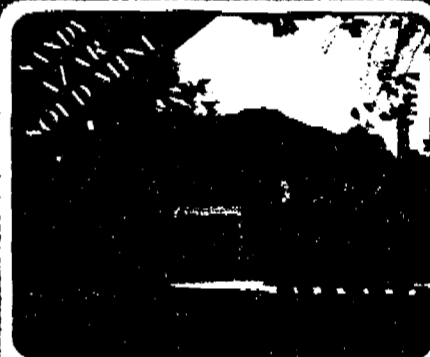
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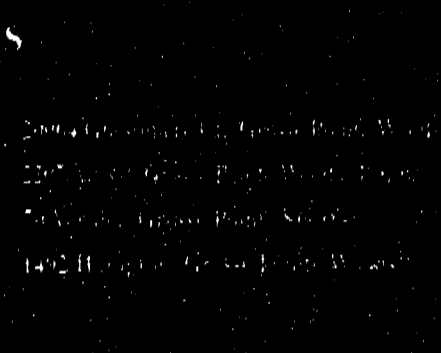
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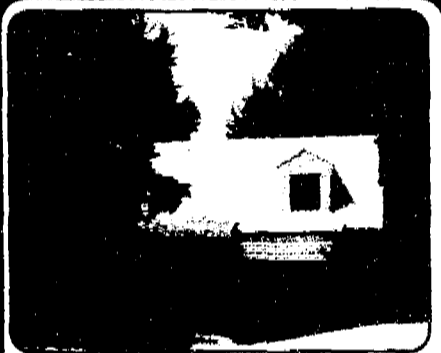
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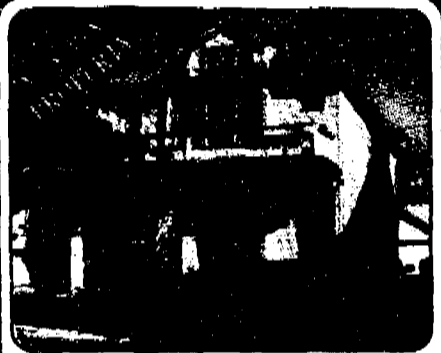
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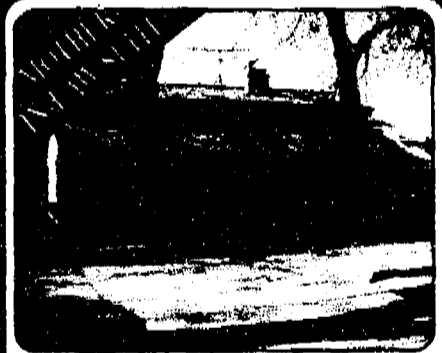
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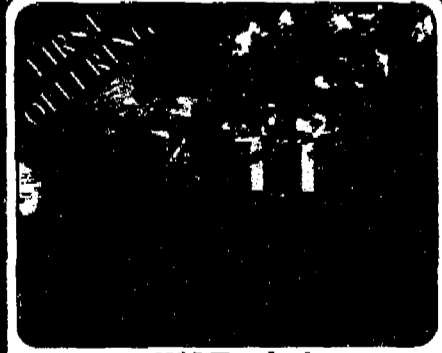
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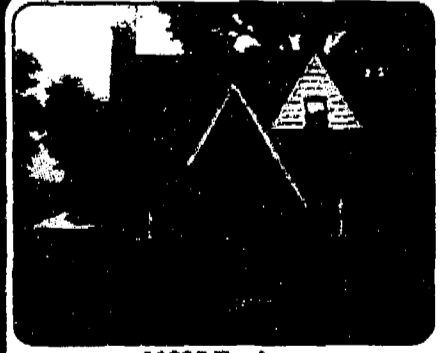
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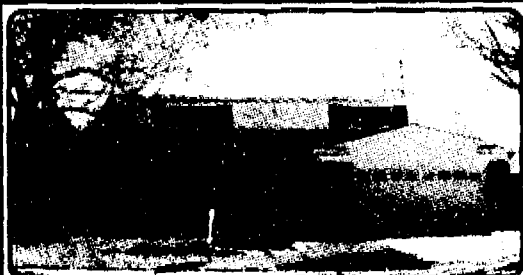
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71 N. DEEPLANDS

FRIENDS AND FAMILY will appreciate this handsome four bedroom, four and one half bath residence near the lake. Cheerful décor, large family room with fireplace is adjacent to the kitchen and patio. \$ 994,900



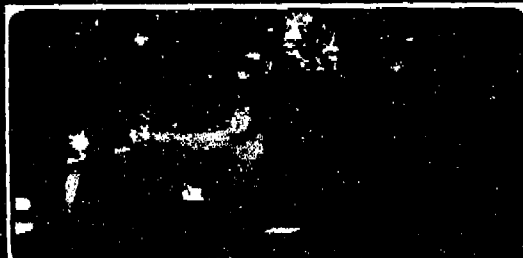
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INTIMATE SETTING NEAR THE LAKE in St. Clair Shores is the site of this Blake-built three bedroom, two and one half bath condo. Soaring ceilings, first floor master and laundry and stunning décor. \$ 575,000.



872 BERKSHIRE

GATHER ROUND THE FIREPLACE in this friendly four bedroom, two and one half bath colonial near Windmill Pointe. Family room, first floor laundry and recreation room add to the conveniences. \$ 549,900.



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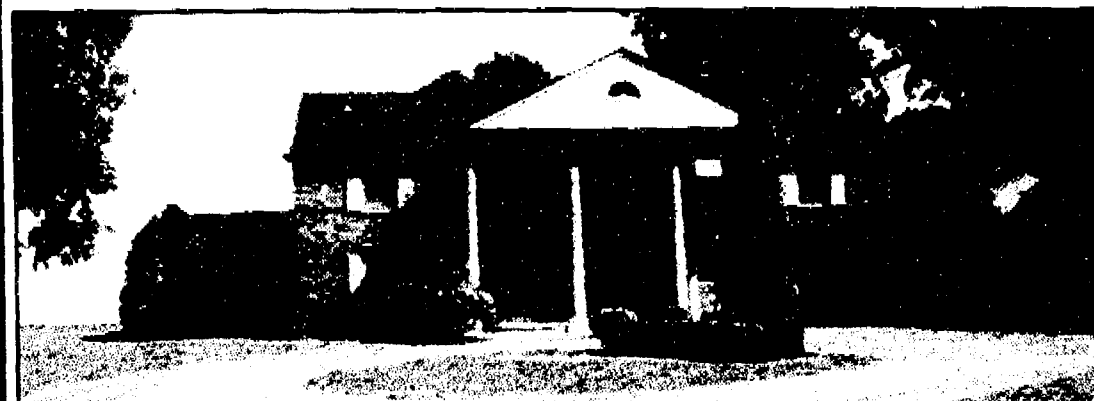
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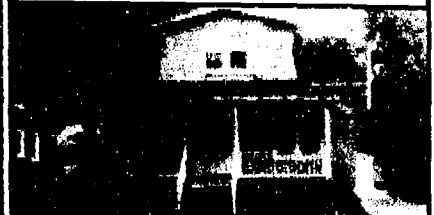
<p>\$2,000,000</p> <p>EAST CHINA ACREAGE Developers-Builders-East China Twp. 50 Acres, all utilities, 3 road frontages, pond, across from St. Clair river-Only large parcel in area for development. Value in land.</p> <p>ML#30306997 GP-3456</p>	<p>\$949,900</p> <p>ST. CLAIR WATERFRONT St. Clair River home has had a complete makeover including a new addition. Superior water views 4079 square feet, 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 baths, plus 1 & 1 on lower level. A dynamite kitchen, large master suite, a walkout lower level. Several decks & dock.</p> <p>ML#30294960 GP-3410</p>	<p>\$625,000</p> <p>E. CHINA RIVER FRONT This Waterfront Gem Sparkles with great St. Clair River views. 4112 square feet with 4 bedrooms, 3 full, 2 half baths, a deck & a lower level patio, 2 fireplaces, 2 kitchens, 2 great rooms, 9 ft. ceilings & crown moldings throughout.</p> <p>ML#30288305 GP-3392</p>	<p>\$599,000</p> <p>COTTRELLVILLE TWP RIVER FRONT Meticulously maintained and surrounded by charm. Located on 120 feet of St. Clair River frontage. New kitchen in 2005. 3-4 Bedrooms, 2 baths. Living room with fireplace. 3 car detached garage. Covered dock with hoist.</p> <p>ML#30304605 GP-3445</p>	<p>\$589,900</p> <p>GOLFSIDE SUBDIVISION FIRST OFFERING! Custom 3200 square feet full brick home located on 18th tee box of St. Clair Country Club. 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, additional 1,000 square feet in finished walk-out basement. Cabinets and woodwork all custom built white oak.</p> <p>ML#30311440 GP-3467</p>	<p>\$579,900</p> <p>OPEN HOUSE 9/25/05 2:15-4:15 3575 RIVER RD., E.CHINA (South of St. Clair) A whole lot of house with a great big view of the St. Clair River. 2500 square feet with 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, unfinished lower walkout level & an extremely open floor plan.</p> <p>ML#30301876 GP-3438</p>
<p>\$579,900</p> <p>ST. CLAIR TWP WATERFRONT Every room has a view of the St. Clair River!! 2,588 square feet. 3 Bedrooms, 2 bath waterfront. 2 story with unique location at the waters edge. 2 story great room & brick fireplace. C/A, dock, covered boat well.</p> <p>ML#30289637 GP-3393</p>	<p>\$545,000</p> <p>E. CHINA WATERFRONT View & location, accompany this ranch style waterfront home. Quiet location w/100' of water frontage in desirable area. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, master bed w/bath. 2 Natural fireplaces-full basement w/Kraft pine wet bar, C/A, dock and many more fine features.</p> <p>ML#30309279 GP-3461</p>	<p>\$529,900</p> <p>OPEN HOUSE 09/24/05 1-3 5824 S. RIVER RD. E.CHINA (North of Marine City-M-29) Stunning-Breathtaking-only partially describes this fabulous waterfront property. 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 baths, room to roam on this large lot & fabulous 4 car garage. Dock & hoist?</p> <p>ML#30296871 GP-3347</p>	<p>\$520,000</p> <p>ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP Home is like new. Only lived in on weekends. Panoramic view of St. Clair River. Very close to water's edge, dock, boat hoist & steel seawall. Two decks to look at those wonderful big boats called "freighters".</p> <p>ML#30280879 GP-3361</p>	<p>\$464,900</p> <p>30 ACRES PARADISE 30 acres with 80% woods, all brick 2 story, 4 Bedrooms, 3 full baths, 9 ft. block basement. Great Room w/fireplace, formal dining room or den, oak throughout, Anderson windows, cathedral ceilings, pole barn, deep pond and 3 car garage.</p> <p>ML#30211665 GP-3074</p>	<p>\$459,900</p> <p>COLUMBUS TWP Secluded, wooded, 10 acres setting surround this 2340 square foot-Log home featuring 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, central air, w/out basement, 36 x 64 pole barn, 100 x 200 pond, 6-7 min to I-94, move-in condition for the fussy buyer.</p> <p>ML#30301185 GP-3434</p>
<p>\$449,000</p> <p>CITY OF ST. CLAIR 1.5 story on over one acre of beautifully landscaped yard. Living room with second fireplace. Main floor master suite with built-ins and opening to screened porch. Large family room/office, studio. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths.</p> <p>ML#30279007 GP-3353</p>	<p>\$434,900</p> <p>ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP PRICE REDUCED - Country lovers don't miss out on this one! 2700 sq. ft. ranch with secluded 10 acre wooded setting. Featuring 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, cherry cabinets, granite countertops, stocked pond with fountain and beach.</p> <p>ML#30299819 GP-3429</p>	<p>\$380,000</p> <p>ST. CLAIR WATERFRONT PRICE REDUCED Spectacular view of St. Clair River! "Riverfront" room contains Family room, kitchen & dining areas! 1718 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Steel seawall, roof, furnace, windows & C/A new 2001.</p> <p>ML#30238732 GP-3208</p>	<p>\$379,900</p> <p>OPEN HOUSE 09/25/05 1-3 633 N. MAIN, MARINE CITY WATERFRONT (North of Broadway) Unique St. Clair River Waterfront home featuring 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, 3 car attached garage. Beautifully landscaped. Former Detroit Edison sub-station.</p> <p>ML#30243740 GP-3227</p>	<p>\$374,900</p> <p>NEW CONSTRUCTION PRICE REDUCED - Built with pride- Custom 4 Bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 story brick & vinyl- 2674 square feet- gas F.P. in great room, hickory cabinets & floor, daylight basement- low East China Twp. Taxes.</p> <p>ML#30304865 GP-3446</p>	<p>\$329,900</p> <p>E. CHINA TWP LOCATED ON A CUL-DE-SAC! Rural subdivision minutes from St. Clair. Well maintained, 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, full basement, spacious kitchen with island. Wood flooring in entrance and formal dining room.</p> <p>ML#30290172 GP-3396</p>
<p>\$319,000</p> <p>OPEN HOUSE 9/25/05 1-3 975 HIGHLAND DR. ST. CLAIR (M-29 to Brown to Highland) NEW LISTING! 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths. Great room with stone fireplace. Finished basement with 2 bedrooms, bath, bar area. Professional landscaping. Walk to schools, parks, river.</p> <p>ML#30311941 GP-3468</p>	<p>\$295,000</p> <p>OPEN HOUSE 9/25/05 12-2 5988 RIVER RD. E.CHINA (North of Marine City) WATERFRONT! PRICE REDUCED - Incredible St. Clair River Views in this 2000 square foot home. 75' frontage & 2.5 car garage & covered port for boat/R.V. Immediate Occupancy.</p> <p>ML#30302019 GP-3439</p>	<p>\$269,900</p> <p>RIVER VIEW CONDO River Estates Condo, 2,964 square feet, full finished walkout basement, 2 car attached garage, private association beach area, township taxes, beautiful and spacious, two enclosed sun rooms, view is spectacular from all 3 levels.</p> <p>ML#30304287 GP-3444</p>	<p>\$265,000</p> <p>OPEN HOUSE 9/24/05 1-3 6426 SUNNYSIDE, DECKERVILLE (M-25 to Sunnyside, South of Deckerville Rd) Second house from Lake Huron, 100' to a low, low sandy beach. Remodeled in 93, awesome sun room, new garage on double lot w/finished loft.</p> <p>ML#30305527 GP-3450</p>	<p>\$249,900</p> <p>OPEN HOUSE 9/25/05 12-1:30 1077 N. RIVERSIDE, ST. CLAIR (North of downtown) Great location, 1,834 square foot. 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath Colonial. Full basement, natural fireplace, newer kitchen, cove ceilings & screened porch. Tim Drechsler will be your host.</p> <p>ML#30293878 GP-3404</p>	<p>\$239,900-\$269,900</p> <p>OPEN HOUSE 9/25/05 12-2 1195 S. RIVER PTE. LN. ST. CLAIR TWP (M-29 to River Pointe Sub) New homes available in River Pointe Estates. 4 choices, two ranches, a Colonial & a split 1.5 story w 1st floor master suite. All homes are 1st floor brick, full basements, C/A, fireplaces & 3 car garages.</p> <p>ML#30293878 GP-3286</p>

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NEW OFFERING



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NEW OFFERING



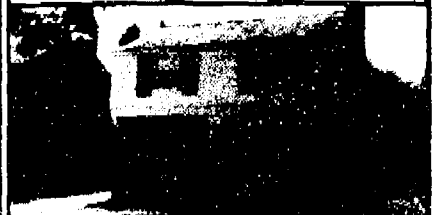
GREAT hard to find town house style multi-family property. Good location for leasing which is convenient to the Village and Neff park. Third floor can be built out. Great for owner/occupant or condo conversion. Shows nicely. #13

NEW OFFERING



GRACIOUS center entrance five bedroom family home built in 1923, situated on a large lot with mature trees in prime location. #14

NEW OFFERING



BRICK COLONIAL with rear porch overlooking large private yard. Updated eat-in kitchen and formal dining room. Bath updated as well. Move-in condition. #15

NEW OFFERING



COMPLETELY RENOVATED HOME with hardwood floors, new kitchen, three full baths, new windows, first floor laundry. New lawn and landscaping and new driveway. All appliances included. Move-in condition. #16

NEW OFFERING



CRANFORD LANE - NEAR VILLAGE with two car garage, spectacular new granite kitchen, special patio area, central air, den, four bedrooms, three and one half baths and outstanding decor finishes. Great value! #17

NEW OFFERING



VERY CHARMING Cape Cod in prime location of Grosse Pointe Farms. 1,750 square feet. Four bedrooms and two full baths. Family room with natural fireplace (18 x 13). Florida Room (10 x 16). Refinished hardwood floors. Gas forced air/central air. Walk to schools and shopping. Clean. Immediate Occupancy. #18

NEW OFFERING



3,000 SQUARE FEET! Four bedroom, two and one half bath home with an enormous family room and a huge master suite. Exceptional closet space, newer roof, HVAC, electric and much more. #19

\$1,550,000



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LAKELAND with LIBRARY AND FAMILY ROOM, four bedrooms, great curb appeal, center hall floor plan, charming character throughout. 185 foot deep lot. #22

\$479,000



BEAUTIFUL TUDOR on popular Park street. Tremendous character, condition and function. Arched entry, Pewabic tiles, natural woodwork. Large family room overlooking rear deck and yard. Spacious eat-in kitchen. Central air, newer windows. #23

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COMPLETELY UPDATED four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial on North Oxford. New open concept Kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Updated baths, new windows, newer roof, master suite with steam shower, and large finished basement. Attached garage, paver patio and hardwood floors. Truly a "10"! #24

\$419,000



BEAUTIFUL Three bedroom ranch in Grosse Pointe Shores. Meticulously maintained throughout. 2,500 sq. ft. Wonderful open floor plan. New kitchen - 2005. New tear off roof, gas forced air furnace and central air in 2000. First floor laundry. Two car attached garage. Private yard. #25

\$399,900



GREAT CENTER ENTRANCE Colonial in a wonderful Park location. Beautiful hardwood floors, six panel doors, lots of closets, open kitchen and special floor plan for family entertaining. #26

\$349,000



FARMS NEWER CONSTRUCTION. Outstanding four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial featuring an open kitchen/dining/family room, master suite, second floor laundry, fireplace, attached garage and finished basement with wet bar, storage room, and home office. Entire home freshly painted. A great opportunity to buy a new home! #27

\$316,000



MOVE RIGHT INTO this completely updated home in the Windmill Pointe Area. New "dimensional" roof, landscaping, kitchen, Pella windows, exterior siding and gutters. On a large lot near Trombly and parks. Fantastic finished basement, family room and great backyard. #28

\$289,000



SHARP three bedroom, one and one half bath Colonial close to transportation and shopping. Large family room with cathedral ceiling and skylights, and redone bath with whirlpool tub are some of the highlights of this home. #29

\$255,000



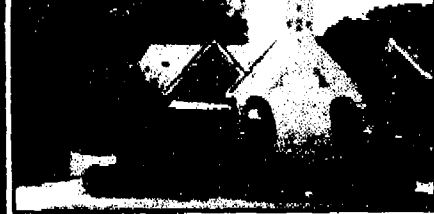
CUSTOM RANCH - attached two car garage, "barrier free" one floor living - open floor plan. Spectacular improvements include new GRANITE KITCHEN with island counter, cherry cabinets, all new windows, new designer bath, garden room opens to special patio. #30

\$249,900



SPACIOUS AND SWEET Dutch Colonial on low traffic street. Perfect for walking children to Maire Elementary school, or window shopping in the Village. Large family room, two full baths, two car garage and a pretty new patio make this home just right for a new family room. #31

\$239,000



CHARM ABOUNDs in this well cared for Grosse Pointe Farms home. Beautiful cherry kitchen, newer roof, furnace, windows, driveway and so much more! Walk to Kerby or Brownell Schools. #32

\$184,900



WONDERFULLY MAINTAINED brick ranch on quiet tree lined street in Grosse Pointe Woods. New windows throughout. Newer kitchen, driveway, furnace/central air. Open floor plan with spacious living room with natural fireplace. Neutral décor and hardwood floors. Deck for outside living. Finished basement. #33

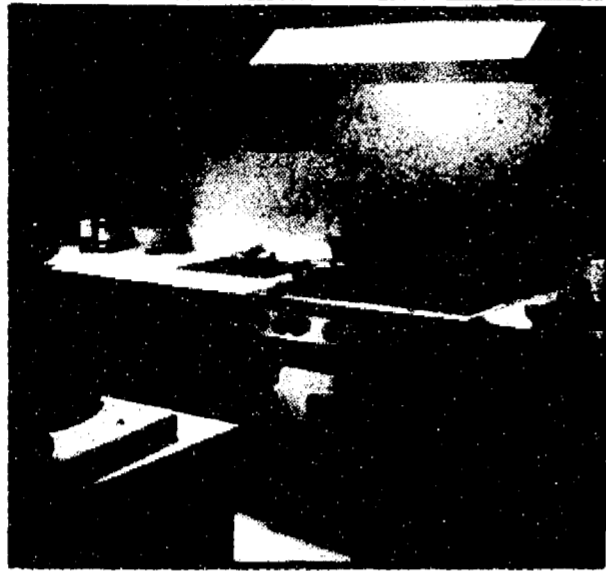
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CHARMING BUNGALOW east of Mack. Living Room with fireplace, formal dining room, large upstairs bedroom has loads of storage and a balcony. Partial finished basement with lavatory. Newer roof, fenced yard, large garage. #34

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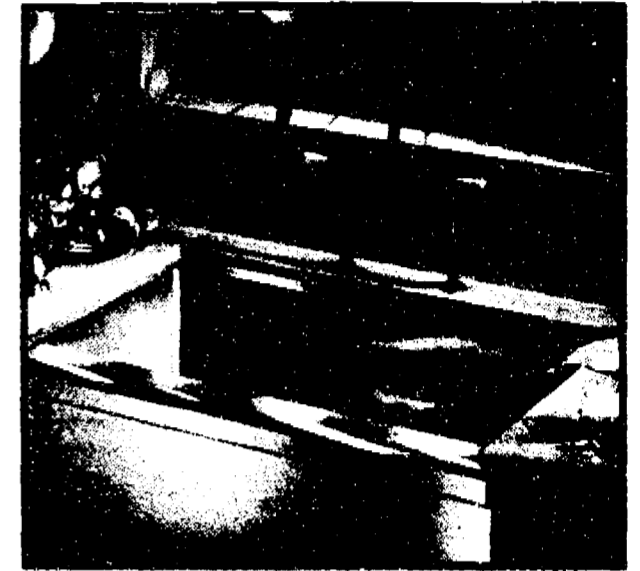
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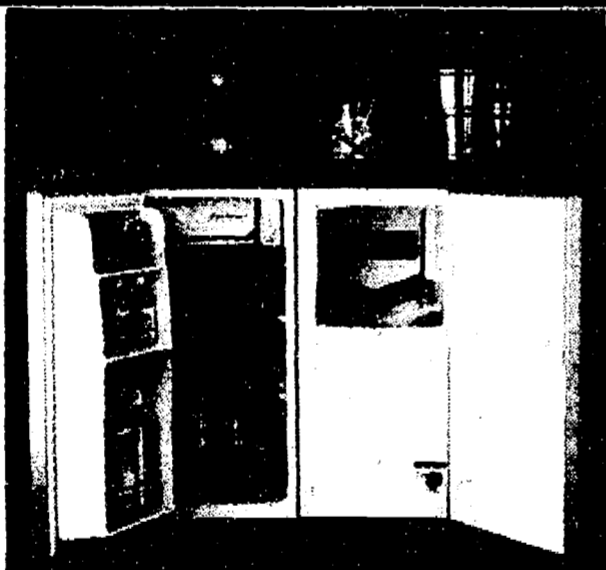
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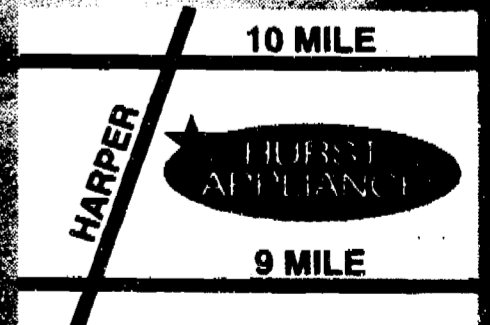
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36 FISHER

An architect's dream! Built in 1909 & completely restored in 1990, this historic home has been completely renovated & updated to today's standard of living. Soaring ceilings, natural woodwork & gleaming hardwood floors. Spacious & sunny kitchen/gathering room, master suite w/vaulted ceiling, skylights & updated bath. A sophisticated décor and lifestyle within walking distance of The Hill and South HS. Garages for 4 cars.



616 THORN TREE LANE

Superior style, design and location. This classy 4 bedroom, 2 and one half bath updated Colonial is located on a quiet no-thru street close to Star of the Sea, University Liggett School, Montclair, the Hunt Club and the Lake. Newer gourmet kitchen with eating area, replacement windows. The newly paneled library is adjacent to the kitchen. Extensive storage and closets.



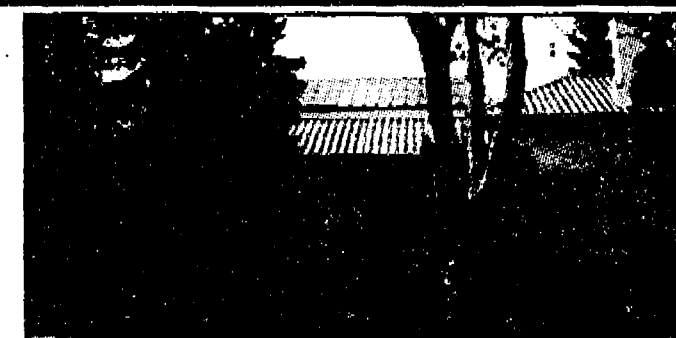
10 DONOVAN PLACE

Listen to the birds sing in the privacy of your own backyard! Located on a quiet and secluded private lane near Lake St. Clair, this elegant 4 bedroom, 3 and one half bath Colonial offers a first floor master suite with newer bath and private patio. Second floor studio/office with skylights. Bright and sunny rooms, gleaming hardwood floors, crown moldings, lush low maintenance gardens.



47 WILLOW TREE

Bright and sunny 6 bedroom Colonial on tree-lined cul de sac in Grosse Pointe Shores. Updated kitchen with cherry cabinets and granite counters and an adjacent family room with granite wet bar. New first floor laundry. Two newer full baths and 2 updated powder rooms. Landscaped grounds with manicured perennial gardens. Tear off dimensional roof new in '04.



189 CLOVERLY

This architecturally distinctive home offers soaring ceilings, a dramatic central courtyard with 27 ft sky lighted ceiling, a gallery with rare bleached limestone columns and stain glass windows, magnificent dining room with carved plaster moldings, family room paneled in walnut, billiard room w/ fountain. Separate carriage house w/kitchen, living room, 2 bedrooms, & bath. Transcend the ordinary. For sale or for lease.



35 PRESTON PLACE

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70 VENDOME

This classic Georgian Colonial is an architectural gem that combines elegance, sophistication & modern conveniences. Inlaid marble & herringbone hardwood floors, crisp dentil or crown moldings, numerous fireplaces. Updated gourmet kitchen w/granite counters, master suite with fireplace, newer marble master bath, Extensive walled gardens with in-ground pool. By appointment.



1015 BISHOP

Located among grand estates, this handsome English Tudor is situated within lushly landscaped grounds and gardens (235x160) and offers a truly spectacular paneled dining room with fireplace and carved mantle. Cozy walnut paneled library with fireplace. Spacious master bedroom with fireplace. Garages for 4 cars.



711 LAKESHORE

Views, Views and Views! Watch the boats go by in this dramatic contemporary home with first floor master bedroom suite with fireplace, dressing room, second story loft office, and of course lake views. The spacious family room features a fireplace, vaulted tray ceiling and wet bar - perfect for entertaining in style. Immaculate grounds. 5 bedrooms & 4 2/2 baths. 3 car attached garage.



273 RIDGE

Magnificent stone Chateau constructed of the finest materials & craftsmanship. Romantic turret encloses dramatic staircase. Each room features handcrafted moldings, trim & fireplaces. Newer gourmet kitchen with fireplace & newer marble master bath. Extensive gardens with fountains and pool and grounds which include a spacious buildable lot. By appointment.



51 KENWOOD

Romance and charm! This classic French Tudor offers European elegance and old world craftsmanship. Cedar shake roof, copper gutters and trim, numerous fireplaces, paneled and coffered ceilings and gleaming hardwood floors. Gourmet kitchen with fireplace and a romantic master suite with fireplace, updated bath and a dressing room. Brick patios and beautiful rose gardens.



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589 Lakeland, Grosse Pointe City. Lovely center entrance brick colonial in prime location. \$549,900. Open Sunday 2-5. (313)885-1343

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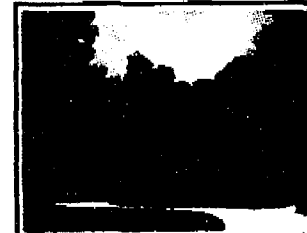
802 Barrington, Grosse Pointe Park. Open Sunday 1-4pm. Completely renovated 3 bedroom brick ranch that recently appraised at \$325,000. is being offered at \$299,900. Carole Kindred, ReMax First, 586-792-8000

GROSSE Pointe Farms. Custom built 4 bedroom home on one of the farms most private streets. 2 story entrance foyer with bridge overlooking great room, cathedral ceilings, Portuguese marble fireplace, hardwood floors, teak parquet, marble entrance floor, library, 1st floor master suite with fantastic bath, his & her walk-in closets, huge formal dining room, lap pool, finished basement, etc. Dee Kremkow/ Century 21 AAA, 586-292-7522.

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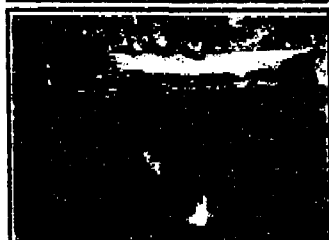
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SHORES- near Lake, 4900 sq. ft. Marble, Terrazzo, \$995,000. (313)882-9431 www.hno.com ID:20206

ST. Clair Shores, 22906 Lincoln St. 3 bedroom ranch, breezeway with 2 1/2 car garage, corner lot, partially finished basement. \$151,000. (586)933-6384

ST. Clair Shores, Custom brick ranch, natural fireplace, formal dining room, all appliances. \$143,900. Make offer. Stieber Realty, (586)775-4900

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CO- op, 9 Mile/ Jefferson, St. Clair Villa, 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Move-in condition, basement, carport, approximately, 1,000 square feet. \$69,900/ cash only, (313)881-6428

CO-OP apartment near Grosse Pointe Woods. 1,000 sq. ft. \$260 monthly assessment. \$50,000 By owner, (313)885-8247

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INVESTORS special! 5639 Gateshead. All redone. 2 bedroom, new roof '03. Rents for \$750/ month. \$59,000/ cash. 313-415-0588

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1130 McKinney	\$109,900	1-3pm	Higbie Maxon Agney	313-886-3400
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589 Lakeland	\$549,900	2-5pm	By Owner	313-885-1343
373 St. Clair	\$554,900	2-4pm	Jill Bommarito/Sine & Monaghan GMAC	313-884-2216

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

177 Earl Court	\$497,000	2-4pm	Higbie Maxon Agney	313-886-3400
253 Lewiston	\$539,900	2-4pm	Jill Bommarito/Sine & Monaghan GMAC	313-884-2216

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1004 Audubon	\$639,000	2-4pm	Ann Sutton/Adlhoch & Associates	313-204-2005
802 Barrington	\$299,900	1-4pm	Carol Kindred/ReMax First	586-306-6811
913 Bedford	\$524,000	2-4pm	By Owner	313-331-2400
1254 Bishop	\$274,900	1-4pm	Sharron Nelson/Century 21 Town & Country	313-580-5987
15834 Lakeview Court	\$2,290,000	1-4pm	Randy Repicky/Century 21 Town & Country	313-530-1710
925 Nottingham	\$249,000	1-3pm	Real Estate One/Eric Goosen	586-771-1100
1048 Somerset	\$250,000	2-4pm	Higbie Maxon Agney	313-886-3400
902 Trombley	\$289,900	2-4pm	Lisa/Sine & Monaghan GMAC	313-300-5931

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

75 Roslyn	\$839,000	2-4pm	George Dwaihy/Adlhoch & Associates	313-882-5200
35 Shoreham	\$649,500	2-4pm	Mark Monaghan/Sine & Monaghan GMAC	313-884-7000

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19775 Ida Lane West	\$254,900	1-4pm	By Owner	586-383-0388
1829 Kenmore	\$221,000	2-4pm	Higbie Maxon Agney	313-886-3400
1995 Littlestone	\$259,000	2-4pm	Paris DiSanto/Johnstone & Johnstone	313-884-0600
635 Moorland Drive	\$379,000	2-4pm	By Owner	313-882-7114
1938 Severn	\$268,900	2-4pm	Dan Gauthier/ReMax in the Pointes	313-881-9020

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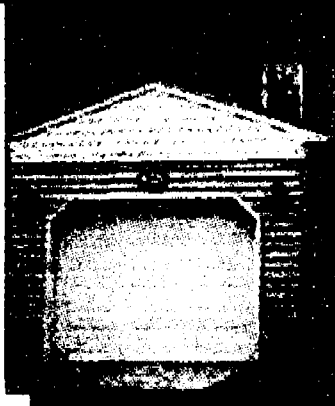
20631 Country Club	\$149,000	2-4pm	Tappan & Associates	313-884-6200
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23002 Gary Lane	\$98,500	1-4pm	By Owner	231-526-5837
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ANITA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS
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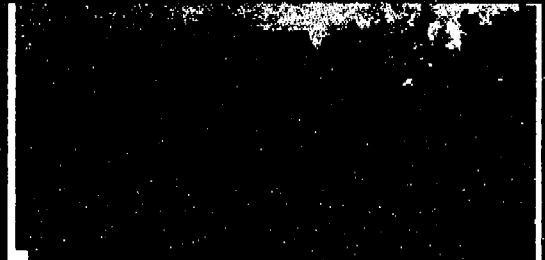
NOT your grandmother's Tudor! Fabulous floor plan provides spacious rooms filled with natural light. Just about everything is new or newer except, of course, the marvelous high quality material used in the original construction! Wide-open floor plan/Wide open to offers! Now \$329,000.

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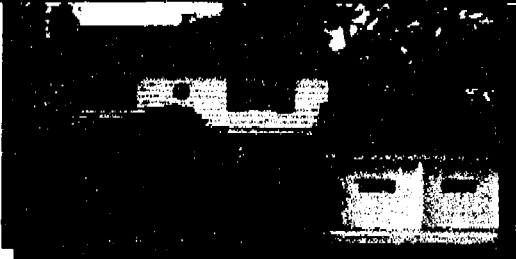
TERRIFIC BUY! Over \$100,000 in incredible improvements has been made to this property. From the interiors new sun/game room with three-sided views of the yard to the extensive landscaping in the huge rear yard and new driveway. Five bedrooms, three and one half baths. Now \$565,000.

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MOTIVATED SELLERS will consider any reasonable offer! Picture pretty Colonial features four bedrooms, two and one half baths, spacious white kitchen with bay, family room with fireplace and French doors and first floor laundry. Brick patio, finished basement and a two and one half car garage. \$339,000.

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OUTSTANDING center entrance Colonial situated on a beautiful street in the Woods. Three bedrooms, two and one half baths, large family room (15' x 30') with fireplace overlook a well-landscaped yard. Kitchen and baths have all been updated. Attached garage. \$369,000.

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS



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1995 Littlestone, Grosse Pointe Woods

1470 Anita, Grosse Pointe Woods

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1466 Lochmoor, Grosse Pointe Woods

15216 St. Paul, Grosse Pointe Park

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